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Olmsted County Fair News

New Lease Agreement

The renewal of our fairgrounds lease with Olmsted County was approved by the Commissioners at their meeting, December 13th. The basic terms of the lease are the same as we have had in recent years. The rental fee is set at \$16,520 for the 2012 fair with an increase of \$200 each of the next two years. The dates covered by the agreement begin two weeks prior to the fair and extend through the week after the fair. New for this agreement is the provision that the County will keep the ice in Graham 4 through the fair week if possible. They will let us know by February 1st if the ice cannot be maintained; this will allow us ample time to plan events and/or activities for that facility. We already know that we will not have ice in 2012.

Website Update

We are working on an update of our website, "olmstedcountyfair.com." It is our hope to make it very user-friendly, easy to navigate, and informational for all. If you have suggestions or comments about the site or its content, you can send your thoughts to OCFnews@msn.com. The newsletters will be located on the "About Us" page for those who do not receive them by e-mail. We are working on the vendor information packet and plan to have it ready on the website in January. Other pages will be updated as information becomes available.

Grandstand Events

The schedule of events for the grandstand is taking shape as your Fair Board looks for a mix of old favorites and new attractions.

The Johnny Holm Band is scheduled for Wednesday night. They will be here with their popular "Party Band", a three-hour show that was highly recommended by those who have attended their performance at other events.

Tuesday and Sunday will see a return of the Demo Derby. The MotoKazie event will be back either Friday or Saturday.

Volunteers

There will be many opportunities for you to volunteer during the next months as preparations are being made for the 2012 Olmsted County Fair. We'd like to build a list of people who are interested in helping with planning, simple clerical work, minor fix-it jobs, fair set-up, fair take-down, family events & contests. There are probably other things we haven't even thought of yet. If you are interested in becoming a Fair Volunteer, please let us know by sending a note to OCFnews@msn.com. We'd like to know what jobs interest you and we will need information so we can contact you. This doesn't have to be a big time commitment; you tell us what is best for your schedule. We all know that many hands make the job easier so we hope you can help.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

