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## Olmsted County Fair News

The **Annual Meeting** of the Olmsted County Agricultural Association was held November 9<sup>th</sup> with an attendance of 98 members and 14 guests/visitors. Terry Leary, fair board president, gave an encouraging report of the 2011 County Fair. Income over expense was \$64,500; attendance was estimated at 70,000. New events and exhibits like the Miracle of Birth Center are credited with attracting large crowds. Seven directors were elected at this meeting. They are as follows:

3-year terms – Fred Regal, Rochester  
Rick Wussow, Stewartville  
Judy Plank, Rochester

2-year terms – Bob Franke, Dover  
Lonny Hebl, Stewartville

1-year terms – Sue Pries, Byron  
Maxine Fieck, Rochester

The members continuing on the board from last year are Terry Leary, Rich Pagel, Terri DeKok and Dr. Larry Predmore.

After the membership meeting, the new board met to elect the following officers for next year:

President – Terry Leary

Vice-President – Rick Wussow

Secretary/Treasurer – Terri DeKok

Regular monthly meetings of the Fair Board are held the fourth Monday of each month at 7pm. Plans are underway for the 2012 County Fair; if you have suggestions and/or concerns, feel free to contact any fair board member.

**Peoples Co-operative Services** has made plans with our fair board to hold their annual Customer Appreciation Day at the Olmsted County Fair on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012. We are pleased to be working with them on this event.

Contacts have been made with IBM and RPU for similar special days for their employees and/or customers. Sponsorships from businesses like these have a positive impact on the success of our fair. If you know someone who might want to sponsor an event or special exhibit, please let the members of the board know who they are.

**Volunteers** contribute to the success of most county fairs in Minnesota. We have a small group of volunteers who have helped throughout the years and especially during the week of the fair each summer. We would like to encourage more people to become a volunteer for our Olmsted County Fair. Some of the tasks that present opportunities for helping are cleaning, painting, minor fix-it projects, set-up before fair and take-down after the fair. It would be helpful if we could build a list of names for those who are willing to share the work load. If you are interested in joining our volunteer group, please talk to a fair board member or send a reply to [OCFnews@msn.com](mailto:OCFnews@msn.com). If you have a special area of interest or special times that you would be available, tell us what they are.

Happy Thanksgiving

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