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Don't Get Caught Off Guard

I just about got caught giving out the wrong date, and may have even done it a time or two. The Adams County Fair is coming up sooner than I originally thought. I know some of you remember when the fair was held in August, but it has been in July for the last 40 years or so. I looked at the calendar and ASSUMED the fair would begin on July 15. It is not good to assume.

The fair books are out and the first day of the fair is July 8. This will be Adams County Fair number 127 according to the cover on this year's book. We can hope we have weather that will be good for the livestock, exhibitors and all of those that just want to attend the fair. Remember the dates are July 8-14 for the 2018 Adams County Fair. Hope to see you there.

SOACDF Meeting Dates

The Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation has announced the dates for the 2018-2019 informational meetings for opportunities to apply for grants and educational assistance. The SOACDF or better known by some as the "Ag Foundation" or the "Tobacco Foundation" has been providing opportunities for educational assistance, as well as diversification and expansion in farming operations since shortly after the Master Settlement Agreement with the several States and Tobacco Companies in 1998.

If you have looked at this in the past and was not eligible for funding, you may want to check into some of the changes in qualifications. These programs have evolved over the last 20 or so years. At one time you had to have a history of either raising tobacco or owning a tobacco quota. That is one change, but there are more.

To find out about the rules or requirements for applying in 2018-2019 you are encouraged to attend one of two local meetings the first week of July. The first meeting will be in the gym at Cherry Fork on July 3 at 6:30 p.m. The second meeting will be in Georgetown at the Southern Hills Career and Technical Center Board Office on Hamer Road at 10:30 a.m.

If these dates do not work into your schedule call 937-393-2700 with questions. There are also a couple of dates for one on one visits. Those dates are July 18 in Adams County at the FSA office from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and in the Brown County Extension Office on July 19 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Adams County Farmer's Market

The Adams County Farmer's Market is up and running thanks to Anna Adams, SNAP Ed with OSU Extension in Adams County. The market opened a couple of weeks ago and had a very good crowd from what I heard. The market is located next to what was formerly Chamblin Furniture and the People's Defender on St Rt. 41S. The market is open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.



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Know Before You Haul

Next week is the meeting that might have some interest to farmers who haul livestock as part of the farming operation. This is a free informational meeting that will be sponsored by Cherry Fork Farm Supply and Adams County Horseman's Association. The meeting will be held at the Adams County

Fairgrounds in West Union on June 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Mr. Douglass from the Ohio Public Utilities Commission. He will answer questions about laws, enforcement, what to expect in a vehicle inspection, and if you need CDLs and ELDs to legally haul livestock.

The only request is that you RSVP if you plan to attend. You can call or email to let them know you plan to attend or if you have questions. The number to call is 937-798-1209 or you can email to timberhollowstables@yahoo.com or quiverheart@yahoo.com

Dates to Remember

July 8-14 Adams County Fair

July 9 Pesticide Testing at the Old Y Restaurant at noon. Pre-register at 800-282-1955 or <http://pested.osu.edu>