

Welcome to the Delaware County Fair

The Delaware Agricultural Society was founded in 1833. The group organized “an exhibition and show of domestic animals and manufactures on the first Friday in October next (1834)”¹ with monetary awards for premium cows, oxen, pigs, horses, woven fabrics, and woolen socks. It was such a

1886 Fair Ticket



success that even more awards were given the following year. In the 1840s the fair was not held but was reorganized and came to life in a different version.

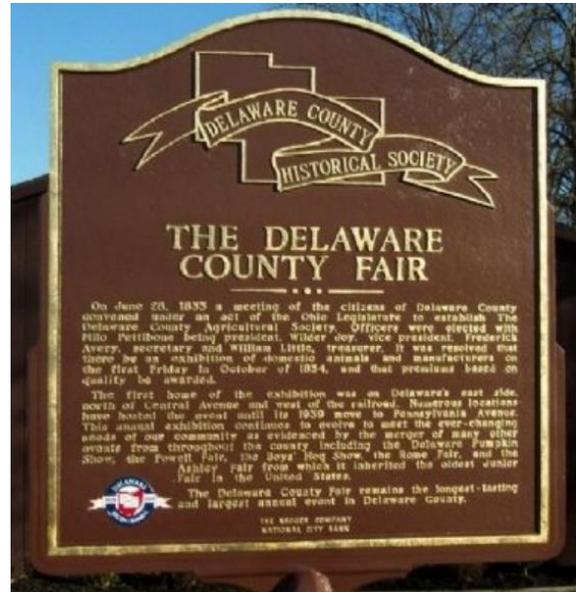
Though the fair continues to evolve, County citizens continue to be able to participate in the fair by showing animals, art, crafts,

samples of homegrown vegetables, baked goods, and more. Young people. Adults and seniors have separate divisions for each contest. What would you like to submit for a “Best of” contest?



Typically, fair goes stroll through the animal barns, art, craft, and food expos, concessions, and rides. The Little Brown Jug showcases harness racing on Thursday of fair week.

Numerous county locations have hosted the event until its 1939 move to Pennsylvania Avenue. In fact, the Delaware County Fair was held in Powell until 1937. The Delaware County Fair remains the longest-lasting Delaware County event.



The fair will look different this year due to social distancing. **In 2020, we will be able to view some exhibits but will not be able to be in the stands during the races.



Have a Fair in your Neighborhood!

If you are unable to attend the fair, you might like to have a neighborhood fair. Invite your neighbors to set out displays of their handiwork, pets, baked goods, etc. Ask a group of three people to judge the work and give out ribbons for *Best of Show*. One yard might be set up with games for families to play such as limbo, jump rope, hopscotch, or basketball to play instead of games on the Midway. **In 2020, we will be able to view the exhibits but will not be able to be in the stands during the races.



Make posters for the fair promoting the activities and hang in the neighborhood.

Have Fun!



1 <http://www.delawarecountyfair.com/aboutthefair/history.cfm>