

Morrow County Fair & Rodeo seeks ambassadors

The Morrow County Fair & Rodeo Ambassador Program is currently seeking ambassador candidates.

What are Ambassadors? Candidates, each year will be competing for one of the six Morrow County Fair & Rodeo Ambassador positions. The fair is interested in those that are able to commit to service during the dates

of fair. The fair will refer to the ambassadors as an extension of their public relations department. They assist with introductions of entertainers, distribution of special awards/ribbons, media interviews, and serve as hosts / hostesses of special fair competitions/events along with the above activities.

Where do the Ambassadors fulfill their du-

ties? For the most part, all of the ambassadors' duties are fulfilled at the Morrow County Fair. Occasionally, ambassadors may be asked to attend other fairs/festivals within Morrow County and neighboring counties. On these occasions, ambassadors will have transportation provided and will be under a chaperon's care. Activities include parades at county events, Chamber of Commerce events, and community holiday events. Fair events include but are not limited to talent show, ice cream social, pet show, watermelon seed spitting contest, eating contests. Candidates may be required to participate in some Morrow County Rodeo events if needed.

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ties? Once the top six are selected, the reign of the ambassador begins and will continue through Pendleton Round-Up. The majority of their duties will be held to the Morrow County Fair. As mentioned previously, however, a few appearances at other fairs/festivals and media opportunities may be required. Requirements are that an ambassador may be absent from no more than one fourth of the activities. Ambassadors must commit to being on site for five of the seven days of the fair, usually from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. "Granted, that sounds like very long days," said an Ambassador Program spokesperson, "but with all of the 'fair fun', time flies by."

How do I become an Ambassador? The first

step is to complete an application and return it to the fair office prior to September 25, 2011. Once the applications are returned, a committee will review them and call to schedule a personal interview (similar to a job interview). The interview day is set for October 2, 2011, at 1 p.m. The contestants will need to have prepared a short, one-to-three-minute speech about themselves. Then they will answer questions for a panel of judges. Interviews are not open to the public. At the completion of the interviews, the top six scores will determine the 2012 Morrow County Fair & Rodeo Ambassadors. The event is closed to the public but a reception will be held for a meet and greet with Morrow County Fair &

Rodeo Ambassador chaperons before, during and after personal interviews, during which time parents will be asked to review and sign a parent code of conduct.

For more information, contact the program coordinators, Alita Nelson, (541) 377-7300, or Wendy McPherson, (541) 571-4309. "We look forward to hearing from you if you decide to start your quest as a candidate for one of the six Morrow County Fair & Rodeo Ambassador positions," said the program coordinators.

For a complete set of rules, an application, or more information, contact Wendy McPherson at the above number or email her at coffee_mates@msn.com.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Michael Wayne Helfer, 54, was convicted of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to two months in jail, one year post-prison supervision with numerous conditions, substance abuse treatment and ordered to pay, \$208 in fines, fees and assessments.

Large numbers turn out for Boardman pet clinic

The city of Boardman's low cost rabies vaccination clinic had an excellent turnout with over 50 dogs and cats being vaccinated, according to reports. The clinic was held on August 27 at the city park and the vaccinations were given by Dr. Burgess of Country Animal Hospital and his staff for a reduced cost of \$18.25 per pet. The city also supplied free dog licensing that day for any dog who resided within the city limits. In addition, volunteers for the American Cancer Society were at the event taking donations for a hot dog barbecue and doggie wash to raise money for their cause.

Everyone who attended the event expressed their appreciation at being able to vaccinate their pets against rabies at such a reduced cost. Organizer John Russell, the city's code compliance official, said even though the event lasted only two hours he was surprised with such a great turnout. He would like to plan another event next year to help keep Boardman's pet population current on their rabies.

For more information on the clinic or the city of Boardman's dog licensing program, contact Boardman City Hall at 541-481-9252.

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