

## 2009 Stark County Fair News

Did you make it to the fair this year? Well we did and so did thousands of others. With the beautiful weather, many people took advantage of the free admission on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Of course Stark SWCD was there for the hay and grain contest on Tuesday which was judged by Dennis Weilnau, a retired OSU Extension Agent. Entries were up this year and Denny had a tough time picking the best out of so many great entries; however he did and here are the first, second and third place winners of each category/class:

**Wheat**—Danny Schmucker, Pam Haley, and Kirk Beaber; **Oats**—Scott Zimmerman, Beth Eicher, and Matt Wentling; **Barley**—Scott Zimmerman, Jeff Dawson, and George Dawson; **Spelt**—Vivian Baier, and Beth Eicher; **Yellow Corn**—Pam Haley, Cullen Maxhimer, and Matt Wentling; **Popcorn**—Linda Randles, Gary Randles, and Matt Wentling; **Ornamental Corn**—Gary Randles, Linda Randles, and Russell Thorn; **Shelled Corn**—Matt Wentling, Pam Haley, and Cullen Maxhimer; **Tallest Stalk of Corn**—Kirk Beaber at 12'1", Linda Brahler at 11'11", and Chris Thomas at 11'8.5"; **Longest Ear of Corn**—Linda Randles, Gary Randles, and Russell Thorn; **Alfalfa (first cutting)** - Kirk Beaber, Ben Ream, and David Swartz Jr; **Clover (first cutting)** - Pam Haley, Matt Wentling, and Cullen Maxhimer; **Mixed 50% or more of Legume (first cutting)** - David Swartz Jr., Ben Ream, and George Dawson; **Mixed 25% or less of Legume (first cutting)** - Pam Haley, Matt Wentling, and Sabrina Kegley; **Alfalfa (second cutting)** - Kirk Beaber which was also named the **Best Hay of Show**, George Dawson, and Josh Brown; **Clover (second cutting)** - Cullen Maxhimer; **Mixed 50% or more legumes (second cutting)** - David Swartz Jr., Ben Ream, and Kirk Beaber; **Mixed 25% or less legumes (second cutting)** - David Swartz Jr., Cullen Maxhimer, and Kimberly Katich; **Grass Silage**—Kirk Beaber, George Dawson, and Mike Schmuki; **Corn Silage**—Jeff Dawson, George Dawson, and Mike Schmuki; **High Moisture Ground Corn**—Jacob Shammo, Jeff Dawson, Mike Schmuki; **Soybeans**—Laura Bevington, C Rohr Brennan, and Leo Brahler; and **Soybeans on stalk**—David Swartz Jr., Joyce Brahler, and Linda Brahler.

Stark SWCD also gave fair goers the chance to vote for their favorite painted rain barrel. This year's entries were all painted by Girl Scout Troops from the area. If you had a chance to see the rain barrels in the Grange Building, you saw the barrels that these talented girls painted and hopefully were able to cast your vote for your favorite. We had over 600 votes this year and have counted all the votes. The winner is the barrel painted by the DYAMI Neighborhood. The barrel was a collaborative effort of the Girl Scouts Associates with the DYAMI Neighborhood Girl Scouts representing the Plain Township area. Brian Prunty coordinated this contest and Stark SWCD supplied all the materials used. Brian has also agreed to purchase \$25 worth of Girl Scout cookies from the winning troop. Way to support the Girls Scouts, Brian.

Congratulations to all our winners and we will see you next year at the Fair!