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Ohio Tobacco Museum

You may recall the Ohio Tobacco Museum Raffle held last year in order to keep the museum open. With the Ohio Tobacco Festival no longer taking place in Ripley, funds were getting low for paying the water, electric and heat bills. The raffle last year was able to take care of those issues and make a start on some other things to turn the situation around.

The raffle was a huge success and the committee decided to do the raffle again this year to continue to make some necessary changes and improvements to keep the history of tobacco alive and allow others to see what an important part of economy it once was in Southern Ohio.

The raffle this year will be on Saturday, April 14 at the Ripley Elementary School on US 52 near the old tobacco warehouses and the museum. The format is the same as last year. The raffle is a dinner and reverse raffle with 300 tickets sold for \$100 each. There will only be 300 tickets sold, placed in a hopper, and drawn out one at a time. The first ticket drawn out will win \$100. The tenth ticket and every tenth ticket after that will also win \$100 until there are only 5 tickets remaining. The last 5 tickets will win, in order, \$250, \$500, \$750, \$1000 and the last ticket is the Grand Prize of \$8000.

In addition to being in the drawing for the cash prizes, every ticket will include dinner. The dinner will be catered by the Scioto Ribber starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by the drawing at 7:30 p.m. The dinner will include your choice of a Ribeye Steak, Ribs or Chicken. An additional meal is available with each ticket for an additional \$25.

Tickets are still available until all 300 are sold. If you would like to purchase a ticket you can call any of the following numbers: 937-371-5622, 937-725-2416, 937-470-2578 or 937-515-2881.

Sign up for GAP

Tobacco contracts seem to come out later and later each year. By the time producers know if they have a contract, or how many pounds they can sell, the seeded trays should already be floating in the beds.

GAP or Good Agricultural Practices continue to be a requirement to sell tobacco with a contract. I realize it is the same thing year after year, but it is required. I have one training still available locally. Hopefully you will know if you need the training by the time it takes place. The training will be on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Southern Hills Career and Technical Center in Georgetown. Please call the Brown Co. Extension office (378-6716) and register with Cindy by noon on March 27.



Clermont Perennial School

This year will mark 24 years of the Clermont County Perennial School held at the OSU Extension Office located on the Clermont County Fairgrounds in Owensville. The school is full of information and usually very well attended. Do not miss this opportunity to learn and find the stuff gardeners dream of all in one place.

The Perennial School will be on Thursday, April 12, 2018. You need to register in advance to get the discounted rate. The day includes a continental breakfast, a buffet lunch, resource materials, and a trade show with garden equipment, plants, ornamentals, resource materials and more.

There are a number of presentations that include information on growing mushrooms, a farmer florist, landscape design ideas, and more throughout the day. Register before April 1 for \$40. After April 1 the cost is \$45.

For more information contact Gigi Neal at 513-732-7070 ext. 102 or by email at neal.331@osu.edu. The Clermont County OSU web address is <http://clermont.osu.edu>

Dates to Remember

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| Mar. 15 | Brown Co. Master Gardener Monthly Program at SSCC in Mt. Orab. |
| Mar. 16-18 | Ohio Beef Expo in Columbus at the State Fairgrounds. |
| Mar. 16 | Agriculture is Everyone's Business at Southern State Community College Patriot Center in Hillsboro. Tickets are required. |
| Mar. 19 | Long Range at Ponderosa in Hillsboro, 6:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 20 | Banamine Meeting at Union Stockyards. Dinner 5:45 and meeting at 7:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 24 | Adams Co. Cattlemen Banquet at Adams Co. Fairgrounds. |
| Mar. 28 | GAP for Tobacco at Southern Hills CTC in Georgetown at 7:00 p.m. Call Cindy at 378-6716 to register by noon on March 27. |
| Apr. 4 | Highland Co. Cattlemen Banquet at Ponderosa in Hillsboro. |
| Apr. 14 | Ohio Tobacco Museum Raffle, Ripley Elem. School, meal at 6:30, draw 7:30 |