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Brown Co. Fair Time

The countdown on the sign out front of the Brown Co. Fairgrounds went down to zero, and it is fair time in Georgetown. Of course, it began raining overnight on Monday and Tuesday morning has seen some light showers throughout the area. The rain is not enough to hamper the fair so come on out the fair.

The week is jammed packed with events. Check out the entire schedule of events at www.thelittlestatefair.com/

Soil Health and Cover Crop Field Day

The use of cover crops is becoming more and more popular with the ideas of improving the soil, reducing erosion and reducing the loss of nutrients and fertility in the soil, not to mention improving water quality. There are several different crops that can serve as a cover crop and there are several growing on the plots that will be part of the field day on Wednesday, October 7. The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. and is scheduled to last a couple of hours.

To register for the program contact the Adams Co. Soil and Water Conservation District at 544-1010. The field day will be located on Peterson Road which is on the south side of SR 32 about 3 miles west of Peebles. There will be signs posted to assist you in finding the plots. Please register by October 6.

Presentations will be given concerning the use of cover crops and some of benefits that different crops can provide. The cover crops include radishes, crimson clover, rape, cereal rye, rye grass, and many more. Plan to attend and bring a lawn chair. Soup and sandwiches will be provided.

Black Walnuts

Every year at this time people begin to call about where they can take walnuts to sell. As has been the case for over 40 years, the town is Seaman. The location Seaman Farm, Garden and Pet Center and the phone number is 386-2134. The store on SR 247 near the railroad tracks.

This year the hours are Monday – Friday from 9:00 am until 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. until noon. The starting date is Monday October 5 and they plan to buy through the month of October. This the price is \$14 per hundred, but is subject to change. Call for current price.

Brown Co. Tire Collections

There are several dates planned to collect used tires in Brown Co. The dates that I am aware of are all in October. There will be more details on the number of tires and exact locations in the coming weeks, however here are some dates to put on your calendar.

The collection in Ripley and Aberdeen will be on October 10, Fayetteville will be on Oct. 17, and Georgetown on October 24.

Master Gardener Training

If you have ever thought you would like to become a Master Gardener Volunteer, the opportunity for training is upon you. The classes will be offered during the day from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting October 7 and running through November 19 (14 sessions offered, you must attend 13 to obtain the 50 hours of training required). The Wednesday sessions will be in the Mt. Orab Library and the Thursday sessions will be at Southern State Community College in Hillsboro. There will also be an opportunity for evening training using distance learning. The evening classes will begin on October 6 and be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 6:00 p.m. Note: if you miss a day or evening session you have the opportunity to make it up in the opposite time slot.

Charge for the course will be \$150 on or before Oct. 2, after that it is \$160. Once trained and if you complete the 50 hours of volunteer time within a year, \$100 will be refunded. To sign up for the day classes call the Brown Co. Extension Office at 378-6716 and for the evening class contact the Ross Co. Extension Office (classes will be offered locally depending on participation) at 740 702-3200.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 28- Oct. 3 Brown Co. Fair

Oct. 7 First Day of Master Gardener Training Class.