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MEDIA ADVISORY

Pigeons exhibit April 3-5 at The Youth Fair to show how messages traveled before the digital age

What: History of Pigeons exhibit is where fair patrons will have the opportunity to learn about communication before the digital age. The exhibit will display different breeds of pigeons, how to read a pigeon's message band, what to do if a pigeon is found with a band and other activities.

Where: The Youth Fair, 10901 Coral Way, Miami, Fla. 33165

When: Friday-Sunday, April 3-5, 2015

Who: The Youth Fair's emphasis on STEM related topics includes the perspective of communication before telephones and even telegraph wires. History notes that homing or racing pigeons were used to carry messages as long ago as 3000 years, when ancient Greeks used them to announce Olympic winners. More recently in the last century, hundreds of homing pigeons flew risky missions during WWI and WWII.

Why: The Youth Fair's student exhibits reflect the priority being placed on STEM – science, technology, engineering and math – education. The Youth Fair's programs were established to encourage and reward student achievement through a variety of educational and informative exhibits and competitions. The Competitive Exhibits Department successfully combines the rich tradition of education, art, horticulture, agriculture, livestock, entertainment and athletics.

The Youth Fair awards more than \$300,000 annually in college scholarships, cash premiums and awards to local public, private, charter and home school students. To date, The Youth Fair has awarded more than \$10 million to Miami-Dade students to help them achieve higher education. The Youth Fair is the only venue where students can showcase their educational, art and science achievements all in one place and be rewarded for their efforts. More than 40,000 student projects are exhibited annually to more than half a million families, friends and fairgoers. Please visit http://fairexpo.com/thefair/fairinfo-about_us.php