

# 2025 Junior Fair Information

## 2025 Stark County Junior Fair Board Members

Gavin	Milosevich	Beech Creek 4H
Alex	Givens	Clover Valley Variety
Jossilynn	Austin	Country Kidz
Aaron	King	County Line 4H
Justin	King	County Line 4H
Reagan	King	County Line 4H
Emmah	Berkley	Hollow Valley Herdsmen
Bryce	Hughes	Hollow Valley Herdsmen
Trent	Norman	Hollow Valley Herdsmen
Aidan	Arbogast	Little Rascals/BS Troop #15
Caitlyn	Arbogast	Little Rascals/GS Troop 60355
Karleigh	Mount	Little Rascals
Emmie	Toussant	Little Rascals
Annie	Rohrer	Marlboro Connection
Elise	Rohrer	Marlboro Connection
Casey	Harbour	North Canton Cloverbuddies
Sydney	Harbour	North Canton Cloverbuddies/GS Troop 60038
Vinny	Dolly	Richville Ranchers
Larry	Johnson III	Richville Ranchers
Logan	McDaniel	Richville Ranchers
Daniel	Peterson	Rowdy Crew 4H
Laney	Hawk	Southern Connection
Lilly	Hawk	Southern Connection
Luke	Hawk	Southern Connection
Andrew	Shahan	Tusci Barnyard Hi-Steppers
Caleb	Walter	Tusci Barnyard Hi-Steppers
Mazio	Exposito	Twitchers
Masion	Whitacre	Twitchers
Tanner	Lebo	Washington Twp Variety
Cora	Wines	Washington Twp Variety



## Stark County FFA Advisors –

RG Drage: Laura Bevington	Minerva: Kyle Lucas
Sandy Valley: Lori Trachsel & Nicki Gordon-Coy	
Marlington: Brittany Scheckler	Glen Oak: Tiffany Woods
Tuslaw: Leah Allen	Jackson: Roy Dria

**Junior Fair Board Advisors/Volunteers:**

Tricia Durkin	Eli Bosler	Alyssa Givens
Ed Meadows	Caryn Arbogast	Kim Blankenship
Rachel Johnson	Tyler Parker	Maria Phillips

**Junior Fair Coordinator:** Julie Pinter, [jrfair@starkcountyfair.com](mailto:jrfair@starkcountyfair.com)

**Junior Fair Committee Members – Senior Fair Directors:** Co-Chairs: Jill McNeil & Kevin King

**Junior Fair Committee - Livestock Barn Superintendents**

Beef	Amber Shoemaker	Justin Durkin
Dairy	Justin Durkin	Dan Farnham
Goat	Jill McNeil	Mikayla Durkin
Horse	Mikayla Durkin	Justin Durkin
Poultry	Julie Nicholas	Justin Durkin
Sheep	Dave Stock	Jill McNeil
Swine	Sarah Yungen	Kevin King
Rabbit/Cavy	Jill Sterling	Julie Nicholas

**Stark County Junior Fair – OVERALL General Rules for ALL Species**

The Stark County Junior Fair operates under the authority of and in conjunction with the Stark County Senior Fair Board. The Junior Fair Board is a department of the Stark County Fair with its own objectives. These objectives in many instances, require rules or guidelines that differ significantly from those of other Stark County Fair Departments.

Any boy or girl enrolled in a Stark County Youth organization is eligible to participate in the Stark County Junior Fair. They must abide by the rules and age limitations of said youth organization (4H, FFA, Grange, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.)

1. To participate in 4H activities, youth must comply with the State 4H membership policy. 4H eligibility begins at age 5 (and in kindergarten as of January 1) and ends December 31st of the year in which they attain the age of 19.
2. Exhibitors in 4H classes must be enrolled in 4H club work in Stark County. Exhibits must be from 4H projects approved by the State or Local Extension office.
3. All members are encouraged to show in open class events.
4. Health rules for the livestock exhibits are the same as those governing all open class exhibits. Health papers must be shown, if requested, to the proper person before an animal is assigned a stall.
5. The Board of Directors of the Stark County Agricultural Society will, to the best of their ability, safeguard persons, livestock and articles on the grounds, but will not be responsible for injury, damage, disease, theft or loss of any kind.
6. Animals released due to illness or injury must have a signed release from the Fair Veterinarian, Junior Fair Coordinator and/or Barn Superintendent. Any animal removed without proper permission will be subject to 1-year suspension for the exhibitor.

7. Members are required to clean stalls or pens daily and maintain a neat and presentable area. Failure to keep the area clean or properly feed and water livestock may result in the committee withholding payment.
8. Anyone assisting with showing another exhibitor's animal must be enrolled as a current 4H or FFA or other youth organization member in Stark County.
9. All animals must remain on exhibit at the fair until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, the last day of the fair.
10. All animals sold remain the property of the member and in the member's care until Fair release time, 4:00 p.m., Monday, the last day of the fair. *Please be advised, some market animals may be released to contracted Livestock Brokers prior to the 4pm release time.*
11. Animals sold are not eligible to be shown again by that exhibitor or any other 4H or FFA member in any Junior Show in the County or State or Independent Fair in the calendar year. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animals are terminal\*\*. \*\*Does NOT apply to the Dairy Beef Feeder project\*\*
12. Exhibitors are responsible for their own veterinary bill.
13. Veterinarians assigned to the Fair for check-in will decide all matters of health, presence of disease and stall release.
14. The Fair Board will provide ribbons and/or appropriate awards. If the budget is exceeded, the Fair Board reserves the right to prorate cash premiums.
15. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H (clubs) and Vocational Agriculture (FFA) or be members of either organization. However, those involved in both must carry separate and distinct projects, including different animals and/or products, for each organization. Examples of distinct projects include Sheep Breeding, Market Lambs, Pullets, and Broilers. The same or similar animals or products cannot be exhibited in both organizations, even if classified under different projects or programs. Additionally, an animal or product may not be shown in more than one county in 4-H or FFA classes.
16. Stark County youth programs and the Junior Fair Board will not condone the use of alcohol or drugs by any of its members, volunteers or anyone else associated with the Junior fair. The Junior Fair Coordinator, Junior Fair Board advisors, FFA advisors, Extension office and the Senior Fair Board will contact parents or legal authorities to handle individuals caught using or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
17. In the event that a project animal dies after the designated possession date, members will not be permitted to replace the animal for the purpose of exhibition or sale in any Junior Fair event.
18. **All Entries are Due at midnight By or On The final Friday of July - NO EXCEPTIONS - No Changes will be permitted after entry deadline.**
19. All market animal grooming must be performed by the Stark County Junior Fair exhibitor or their immediate family, as defined by Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 901-19(P). "Family" includes, but is not limited to, the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, sibling, step-sibling, half-sibling, son, daughter, step-child, or guardian. Additionally, a current Stark County Junior Fair exhibitor may assist. This rule applies to all projects entered in the Stark County Junior Fair show during the Stark County Fair from August 26, 2025, to September 1, 2025. Violation of this rule will result in the animal being ineligible for sale.
20. No one may handle a Junior Fair exhibitor's animal(s) without the exhibitor's permission, except in an emergency. Committee members are permitted to handle animals as part of their regular duties, including during the show, sale, weigh-in, photos, loading, and unloading.
21. Judges' Decisions are Final.
22. Any Medical/School excuses must be submitted in writing to Committee Chair and Junior Fair Coordinator.

23. ALL Junior Fair Exhibitors are REQUIRED to attend a QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) CLINIC by JUNE 1 before the fair. Exhibitors who do not complete this requirement will be ineligible to show at the fair or bring a carcass.
24. Exhibitors must complete a DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF) for all market and lactating animals before the show. Failure to comply WILL result in disqualification from showing. This requirement is mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture under Ohio Revised Code 901-19-06 and 901-19-07. All Junior Fair livestock must be free of drug residues on the first day of the fair unless otherwise noted on the DUNF. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their market animals until the fair concludes, the drug withdrawal period ends, or if the animal is placed under quarantine.

## 2025 Stark County Junior Fair Schedule

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Swine Haul-in Day 3pm – 8pm**

**Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Haul-In/Check-In Day!**

Decorated Hay Bale Judging 6:30pm

Beef: 1pm – 9pm in the Beef Barn

Dairy Beef Feeders: Weigh-in 8pm – 10pm in the Dairy Barn

Dairy Females: Must be in place by 10am Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Dairy Steer: Must be in place by 8pm

Goats: 9am – Noon and 4pm – 9pm

Horses: 8am - Noon

Poultry: 5pm – 8:30pm in the Poultry Building

Pygmy Goat: Must be in place by 8pm

Rabbits: Noon-8pm in the Rabbit Barn

Sheep: 9am – 1pm and 4pm – 9pm in the Sheep Barn

**Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> - Happy FIRST Day of Fair!**

*Junior Fair Barn Stall Decorations Judging: 10:30am*

**Show Locations:**

**BellStores Arena:**

**9am -** Dairy Beef Feeder Showmanship

Dairy Steer Showmanship – immediately following DBF

**2pm -** Born & Raised Beef Show

Beef Breeding Show (immediately following BR Beef)

Open Class Beef/Breeding Show immediately following

**Sheep & Swine Arena:**

**4pm -** Market & Dairy Goat Showmanship

Market & Dairy Goat Show – (immediately following)

Meat Production Doe Classes (immediately following)

**Poultry Barn:**

**9am -** Broiler (Meat Bird) Show & Showmanship

Market Duck Show & Showmanship

Market Turkey Show & Showmanship

<b>Rabbit Barn:</b>	<b>9am -</b> Open Stark County Rabbit Show
	<b>3pm -</b> Market Rabbit Shows (Meat Pens, Roasters & Single Fryers)
<b>Grange Building:</b>	<b>4:30pm</b> Horticultural Judging
<b>Grandstand:</b>	<b>4pm - Opening Ceremonies and Fair Royalty Coronation</b>
<b>Kissell Pavilion:</b>	<b>7pm -</b> Scholarship and Awards Presentation
<b>Jr. Fair Horse Arena:</b>	<b>6pm -</b> Junior Fair Horse – FUN Show

### Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

<b>BellStores Arena:</b>	<b>9am -</b> Dairy Beef Feeder Show Dairy Steer Show – immediately following DBF
	<b>6pm - Market Rabbit Sale</b>
	<b>6:30pm Market Turkey Sale</b>
	<b>7pm - Market Duck Sale</b>
	<b>7:30pm Market Broiler Sale</b>
<b>Sheep &amp; Swine Arena:</b>	<b>8:30am -</b> Sheep Show
	<b>6pm -</b> Breeding & Market Hog Show
<b>Rabbit Barn:</b>	<b>9am -</b> Junior Fair 4H Breeding Rabbit Show
	<b>9am -</b> Open Stark County Cavy Show

### Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

<b>BellStores Arena:</b>	<b>8am -</b> Market Beef Showmanship
	1pm - Market Beef Show
	<b>6pm - Dairy Sale (Cheese and Dairy Feeders)</b>
<b>Sheep &amp; Swine Arena:</b>	<b>12pm -</b> Pygmy Goat Show
	<b>4pm - Open Market Show **NEW** (Open to Gilts and Barrows)</b>
	<b>6pm -</b> Swine Showmanship
<b>Grange Building:</b>	<b>12pm -</b> Wool Show
<b>Rabbit Barn:</b>	<b>9am -</b> Junior Fair/4H Cavy Show
<b>Jr. Fair Horse Arena:</b>	<b>6pm -</b> Jr. Fair Horses – Fun Show

### Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

<b>BellStores Arena:</b>	<b>9am -</b> Dairy Showmanship
	<b>10:30am -</b> Junior Fair/Open COMBINED Dairy Show
	<b>6pm -</b> Pee-Wee, Old Timer's & Family Throw Down Sheep Show
<b>Sheep &amp; Swine Arena:</b>	<b>10am -</b> Dairy Goat Showmanship
	<b>10:30am -</b> Dairy Production Show

	<b>11:30am</b>	- Fiber Goat, Pack Goat & Harness Goat Show
	<b>1pm</b>	- Peewee & Alumni Goat Show – Sponsored by the Junior Fair Market/Dairy Goat Committee
<b>Poultry Barn:</b>	<b>9am</b>	- Fancy & Exhibition Poultry Show Cloverbud Poultry Show
<b>Rabbit Barn:</b>	<b>9am-8pm</b>	Scavenger Hunt – open to everyone
<b>Jr. Fair Horse Arena:</b>	<b>10am</b>	- Jr. Fair Horses – Western Show

**Friday FUN!! Junior Fair Square Dance – held in front of Junior Fair Building – 8pm**

**Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> Sale Day!!**

**Junior Fair Livestock Auctions partnering with Kiko Auctioneers  
(Buyer Registration outside of BellStores Arena – South End)**

<b>BellStores Arena:</b>	<b>9am</b>	- Dairy Judging Contest
	<b>12:30pm</b>	- <b>Market Goat Sale</b>
	<b>2pm</b>	- <b>Market Wool Sale</b>
	<b>2:30pm</b>	- <b>Market Sheep Sale</b>
	<b>5pm</b>	- <b>Market Beef Sale – including Dairy Steers</b>
<b>Sheep &amp; Swine Arena:</b>	<b>9am</b>	- <b>Market Hog Sale</b>
<b>Rabbit Barn:</b>	<b>3pm</b>	- Rabbit & Cavy Costume Class – sponsored by the Junior Fair Rabbit Committee
<b>Jr. Fair Horse Arena:</b>	<b>1pm</b>	- Jr. Fair Horses – English Show – 1pm

**Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Kissell Pavilion: 8am** - Catholic Mass

**Kissell Pavilion: 9am** - Protestant Church Service

**BellStores Arena: 1pm** - *Junior Fair Barn Games*

**5:30pm** - Showman of Showmen Competition (rotating locations)

**Sheep & Swine Arena: 1pm** - Swine Fun Show / Peewee / Alumni Show

**4pm** - Goat Fun Show 4pm – sponsored by the Junior Fair Pygmy Committee

**5:30pm** - Goat Obstacle Challenge – sponsored by the Junior Fair Pygmy Committee

**Poultry Barn: 12pm** - Poultry Costume Class/PeeWee Show

**\*\*Sponsored by the Junior Fair Poultry Committee\*\***

**Jr. Fair Horse Arena: 10am** - Jr. Fair Horses – Gymkhana (Contest) Show

**Sunday FUNday! Junior Fair Square Dance – held in front of Junior Fair Building – 8pm**

**Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>      Last Day of Fair!**

**Junior Fair Building:**      **10am - Pedal Tractor Pull\*\* – sponsored by Knox Ruritans**  
   **12pm - Pizza Eating Contest\*\***

**Jr. Fair Horse Arena:**      **10am - Jr. Fair Horses – Versatility Show**

**ALL JUNIOR FAIR BARNs CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 4PM**

## **Make sure to check out the Junior Fair Feed Mill!** **(located at the front of the Junior Fair Building)**

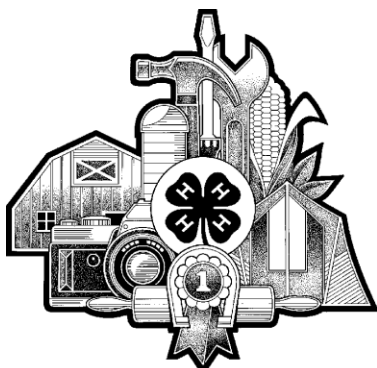
### **The Feed Mill – Affordable Eats for Junior Fair Families & the Public**

The Feed Mill food is a budget-friendly snack and meal option, managed and operated entirely by the Junior Fair Board and Junior Leaders. From inventory and menu planning to shopping, prep, sales, and accounting, the members handle it all!

This initiative serves as a major fundraiser, with 100% of the proceeds reinvested into Junior Fair programming to support future events and activities at the fair.

Stop by, grab a bite, and support our hardworking Junior Fair Board members!

### **Here are just some of our menu options!**



**Hot Dogs, Coney Dogs, Loaded Nachos,  
Daily Specials such as Creamed Chicken  
Sandwiches, Meatball Subs, Pizza and more!**



**Snacks to include chips, popcorn, candy, popsicles, etc.  
Fountain drinks, water, energy drinks, etc.**



**Don't miss out on our tasty breakfast sandwiches, muffins, and fruit!**  
**We have a pancake and sausage breakfast special mid-week that will make your mouth water!**

# MILKSHAKES!

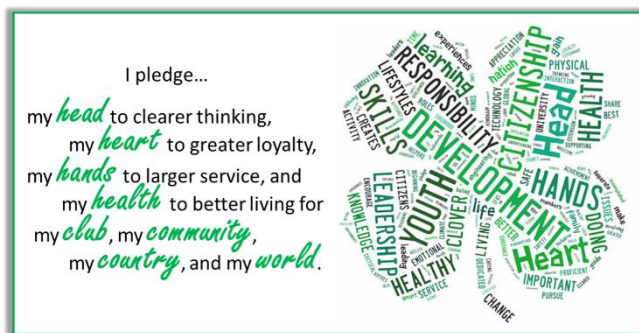
If you haven't had one of our "World Famous" Stark County Junior Fair milkshakes...you're missing out!

A mere \$5 will get you Stark County's tastiest refreshing treat, all the while, supporting the Junior Fair program and providing scholarships and camper sponsorships for the Stark County kids.

The Milkshake stand is managed by our Junior Fair Board/Junior Leaders, but staffed by Junior Fair families and friends.

Milkshake Flavors: (Straight or any combination!)

Chocolate ● Vanilla ● Peanut Butter ● Strawberry ● Banana ● Malt



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Round Bale Decorating Contest

Judging: August 25, 2025 6:30pm

Purpose:

This contest is held to encourage creative art skills and beautification of the fairgrounds. It is open to any youth organization represented at the Stark County Junior Fair.



Theme: “Junior Fair in the Wild Wild West”

Rules:

- You **MUST** reserve a bale. Contact Eli Bosler at [JrFair@starkcountyfair.com](mailto:JrFair@starkcountyfair.com) by **July 1, 2025**
- Each club/organization that wishes to participate will need to reserve one (1) round bale, per club. Bales will be placed throughout the fairgrounds, and net wrapped.
- Design must cover front and back of bale. Decorations must not exceed a 4-foot radius of the bale for space reasons.
- Club/organization name and theme must be displayed on the front of the design.
- All artworks must be completely the work of the club/organization members.
- Each club/organization that reserves a bale will be assigned a bale, bales will need to be decorated prior to judging. After the fair the decorations will need to be removed from bales (excluding paint, of course).
- Entries must be checked in no later than Monday August 25 at 6pm.

**Round Bale Judge(s) Scoring/Rubric:**

Originality (25 points), neatness (25 points), creativity (25 points), and use of the theme (25 points)

The decision of the judge(s) is final!

Premiums will be paid out to the top five bales: \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10, and \$5. All other entries will receive \$2





Junior Fair Board applications are available in the Junior Fair Building during Fair. Interested parties will fill out the application and provide two letters of reference. Interviews are generally held in October.

***A Message from the Junior Fair Board Advisors***

***Serving on the Junior Fair Board is both an honor and a privilege. We are committed to helping you grow by developing your leadership, communication, public speaking, and teamwork skills, all while working together to put on an amazing fair.***

***We work hard and play hard! We genuinely care about you and your success, but we also set high expectations. If you are selected to join, please understand that Junior Fair Board must be a priority—especially during the summer months.***

***Just ask our Stark County Junior Fair Board alumni—many will tell you that their time on the board was one of the most rewarding and memorable experiences of their teen years.***

***We can't wait to kick off another fantastic season!***

***— Junior Fair Board Advisors***

**Requirements:**

- I. Membership is open to Stark County Youth between the ages of 14 and 18 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they are selected to serve
- II. Be in good standing with a Stark County 4-H club, Grange, FFA, Boy Scouts, and/or Girl Scouts
- III. Members should have at least two years of Junior Fair project exhibition experience
- IV. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from adults (not related to you). One must be from the Junior Fair Organization (4-H, FFA, Grange, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts) in which you represent. The second letter can be from another adult (another club/chapter advisor, school teacher/coach, employer, etc). Letters of recommendation should be in a sealed envelope from the adult writing the letter for you
- V. Must be committed to attend and participate in all scheduled meetings and work nights (prescheduled). Must have transportation to meetings and events as needed. Meetings and work nights may be added by advisors and officers as needed with **at least 2 weeks' notice** to be considered obligatory
- VI. Signed Medical Release and signed Attendance Policy and Explanations of Expectations by both member and parent/guardian

**Responsibilities:**

- I. Serve as member of sub committees (one (1) livestock and two (2) project)
- II. Assist in the planning and execution of obligations of said committees
- III. Attend year-round Junior Fair Board and committee meetings and all special events.
- IV. Upkeep of buildings and all preparations needed prior and during the Stark County Fair
- V. Work with the Senior Fair Board as needed
- VI. Maintain active and model membership in the 4-H, FFA, Grange, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts during your term

## Junior Fair Board Overview

Apply here



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The Junior Fair Board is a dedicated group of teens from 4-H, FFA, Grange, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts who are selected to help develop, plan, and oversee all Junior Fair activities and operations for the Stark County Fair.

As members, you will gain valuable knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations that will prepare you for future success. Membership on the board requires a strong commitment to both the Junior Fair Board and its members, as well as adherence to specific criteria.

## Junior Fair Board Commitment and Priorities

As a Junior Fair Board member, you will actively participate in your sub-committee throughout the year, from brainstorming new ideas to bringing them to life. Dedication to excellence and teamwork should be your top priorities.

Additionally, members will have the opportunity to engage in extra community outreach projects, which will be chosen and voted on collectively.

Our advisors believe in a balance of hard work and fun. They will work alongside you, offering guidance and support to help you succeed. They also organize Junior Fair Board “fun nights,” which may include trips, dinners, lock-ins, or exciting games—providing well-earned rewards for your dedication, commitment, and loyalty to the board. The possibilities are endless!

## Junior Fair Board Sub-Committees

Each member is required to serve on **one (1) animal committee** and **two (2) project committees**.

- **Animal committee members** will attend their respective monthly meetings and provide Junior Fair Board updates.
- **Project committee members** will focus on developing new initiatives and ideas to enhance future programs.

Committee chairpersons are responsible for keeping the board and advisors informed by preparing and presenting a brief report at each Junior Fair Board meeting.

Junior Fairboard Sub-Committees include:

Barn/Stall Decorating	◇	Barn Games	◇	Junior Royalty	◇	Herdsman
Pedal Tractor Pull	◇	Photo Contests	◇	Pizza Eating Contest	◇	Community Outreach
Awards	◇	Showman of Showmen	◇	Square Dance	◇	Feed Mill
Hay Bale Decorating	◇	Worship Services	◇	Social Media	◇	Milkshake Stand

For more information about the youth programs offered in our county, please reference the following resources:

Stark County Junior Fair: <https://starkcountyjrfair4h.com>

Stark County Ohio State Extension (4H): <https://stark.osu.edu>

Stark County Junior Achievement: <https://www.starkcf.org>

Ohio Farm Bureau: <https://ofbf.org/>



Thank you for your interest and continued support of our Stark County Junior Fair program! If you have any additional questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact the Junior Fair Coordinator at [jrfair@starkcountyfair.com](mailto:jrfair@starkcountyfair.com). See you at the Fair!!

Fight the Hunger

**STOCK THE TRAILER**

Presented By  **farmCREDIT**  
MID-AMERICA

To our Community and Friends,

The Stark County Junior Fair is excited to share we will be partnering with Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1<sup>st</sup> to compete in the **Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer** contest. The contest helps county fairs raise food donations for local food banks across Ohio by creating a friendly competition between county fairs. Across the state of Ohio, the **Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer** contest has coordinated over 300,000 pounds of donations to rural food banks.

More than \$10,000 in prizes will be awarded based on the total pounds of food donated to county fairs in our area. All prize money awarded is intended to support our Junior Fair activities!

In 2024, we were able to collect 8500 pounds to donate to FOUR different community food pantries. This year we are looking to build on that success with your help.

Ways you can be involved:

- #1: We will be collecting monetary donations through the spring/summer and using all proceeds to purchase non-perishable items to be added to the trailer during the week of the fair. **Donations can be dropped off at the main office or mailed to: Stark County Junior Fair, Stock the Trailer – P.O. Box 80182, Canton, OH 44708**
- #2 Junior fair board members will be creating donation boxes to collect non-perishable items leading up to the fair week for local businesses to set out. (Let us know if you'd like to be a donation collection spot!)

We will also collect food donations throughout the duration of the fair. Please feel free to call us at 330.452.0621 or contact any member of the Stark County Junior Fair Board if you have any questions or would like to get involved!

Sincerely,

Your Stark County Junior Fair Board