

2026 Junior Fair Information

2026 Stark County Junior Fair Board Members

Gavin	Milosevich	Beech Creek 4H
Alex	Givens	Clover Valley Variety Club
Jossilynn	Austin	Country Kidz
Justin	King	County Line Kids
Reagan	King	County Line Kids
Chance	Haines	Fowl Friends 4Her's
Knox	Haines	Fowl Friends 4Her's
Trent	Norman	Hollow Valley Herdsman
Emmah	Berkley	Hollow Valley Herdsman
Emma	Zimmerman	Krazy Kritters 4H
Emmie	Toussant	Little Rascals
Isaac	Chellinsky	Little Rascals
Karleigh	Mount	Little Rascals
Aidan	Arbogast	Little Rascals/BS Troop #15
Casey	Harbour	North Canton Cloverbuddies
Sydney	Harbour	North Canton Cloverbuddies/GS Troop 60038
Kelsey	Johnson	Richville Ranchers
Logan	Holderbaum-McDaniel	Richville Ranchers
Lilly	Hawk	Southern Connection
Luke	Hawk	Southern Connection
Andrew	Shahan	Tusci Barnyard Hi-Steppers
Caleb	Walter	Tusci Barnyard Hi-Steppers
Sophia	Nicholas	Tuslaw 4H
Maison	Whitacre	Twitchers 4H Club
Eva	Wise	Twitchers 4H Club
Ava	Ranker	Washington Twp. Variety



Stark County FFA Advisors –

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



Junior Fair Board Advisors/Volunteers:

Tricia Durkin	Eli Bosler	Alyssa Givens
Ed Meadows	Tyler Parker	
Kim Blankenship		

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter, jrfair@starkcountyfair.com

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

Beef - Amber Shoemaker

Dairy – Justin Durkin

Goats – Jill McNeil

Horses –Mikayla Durkin

Poultry – Julie Nicholas

Rabbit/Cavy – Jill Sterling

Sheep – Dave Stock

Swine – Mikayla Durkin

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 July 24th - NO EXCEPTIONS - No Changes will be permitted after entry deadline.**
19. A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show. An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided that the assistance shall be limited to explanation or demonstration provided by the following: Family members (as identified in OAC Rule 901-19-31); Household members; Advisors or adult volunteers of 4-H or FFA in the exhibitor's club or county; Agricultural education instructors; County extension agents; Department representatives; Veterinarians; Members of the exhibitor's 4-H club, FFA chapter, or other youth organizations; and Guest speakers of the 4-H, FFA, or other youth organizations. 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 September 1, 2026, to September 7, 2026. Violation of this rule will result in the animal being ineligible for sale. * Any person not specified in paragraph (B) of OAC Rules 901-19-31 who provides assistance to a junior livestock show exhibitor shall register in writing with the sponsor. The responsibility to register rests with the exhibitor. An assistant may register for more than one exhibitor. Failure to register constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against the exhibitor. Assistance shall be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration.
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 the 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 an online 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.

Stark County Junior Fair Schedule

Tuesday, September 1st - Happy FIRST Day of Fair!

- 9am** Dairy Beef Feeder Showmanship - **BellStores Arena**
Dairy Steer Showmanship – immediately following DBF
- 9am** Broiler (Meat Bird) Show – **Poultry Barn**
Market Turkey Show - **Double Quonset (across from Poultry Barn)**
Market Duck Show
Poultry Showmanship (immediately following Market Shows)
- 9am** Open Stark County Rabbit Show – **Rabbit Barn**
9am “**Breaking Boundaries**” Swine Show – **Small Animal Arena**
10:30am *Junior Fair Barn Stall Decorations Judging*
- 1pm** Born & Raised Beef Show - **BellStores Arena**
Beef Breeding Show (immediately following BR Beef)
Open Class Beef/Breeding Show immediately following
- 3pm** Market Rabbit Shows (Meat Pens, Roasters & Single Fryers) – **Rabbit Barn**
- 4pm** Goat Showmanship – **Small Animal Arena**
Show Order: Dairy Market, Meat Market, Market Production
Market & Dairy Goat Show
Show Order: Dairy Market, Born & Raised, Meat Market Goats
Meat Production Doe Classes (immediately following)

- 4:30pm** Horticultural Judging – **Grange Building**
- 5pm** **Stark County Fair - Opening Ceremonies – Ohio Gratings Grandstand**
- 7pm** Royalty Competition, Scholarship and Awards Presentation – **Kissel Pavilion**

Wednesday, September 2nd

- 8:30am** Sheep Show – **Small Animal Arena**
- 9am** Dairy Beef Feeder Market Show - **BellStores Arena**
Dairy Steer Market Show – immediately following DBF
- 9am** Junior Fair 4H Breeding Rabbit Show – **Rabbit Barn**
- 9am** Open Stark County Cavy Show
- 6pm** Breeding & Market Hog Show – **Small Animal Arena**

2026 Market Rabbit & Poultry Auction

Held in the BellStores Arena – powered by Kiko Auctioneers

New this year! We are operating out of two rings simultaneously!

Ring One:

- 6:00pm** **Market Rabbit Sale**
(immediately following Rabbit Sale)
Market Duck Sale
Market Turkey Sale

Ring Two:

- 6:00pm** **Market Broiler Sale**

Thursday, September 3rd

- 8am** - Market Beef Showmanship – **BellStores Arena**
- 9am** - Junior Fair/4H Cavy Show – **Rabbit Barn**
- 12pm** - Wool Show – **Grange Building**
- 12pm** – Pygmy Goat Show – **Small Animal Arena**

1pm - Jr. Fair Horses – Fun Show – Infield – Junior Fair Horse Arena

1pm - Market Beef Show – BellStores Arena

4pm - Open Swine Show – Small Animal Arena

6pm - Swine Showmanship – Small Animal Arena

Friday, September 4th

9am - Dairy Showmanship – BellStores Arena

9am - Fancy & Exhibition Poultry Show – Poultry Barn

9am-8pm Scavenger Hunt – open to everyone – Start in Rabbit Barn

10am - Dairy Goat Showmanship – Small Animal Arena

10am - Jr. Fair Horses – Western Show – Infield – Junior Fair Horse Arena

10:30am - Junior Fair/Open COMBINED Dairy Show – BellStores Arena

10:30am - Dairy Goat Production Show- Small Animal Arena

11:30am - Fiber Goat, Pack Goat & Harness Goat Show – Small Animal Arena

1pm - Pee-wee & Alumni Goat Show – Sponsored by the Junior Fair Market/Dairy Goat Committee

6pm - Pee-Wee, Old Timer's & Mutton Busting – BellStores Arena

**Friday FUN!! Junior Fair Square Dance – held in front of Junior Fair Building – 8pm
With Legendary Square Dance Caller and Fun Guy – Dan Kirk!**

Saturday, August 5th

9am Dairy Judging Contest - BellStores Arena

1pm Jr. Fair Horses – English Show – Infield – Junior Fair Horse Arena

3pm Rabbit & Cavy Costume Class – sponsored by the Junior Fair Rabbit Committee

2026 Market Livestock Auctions

Two Locations: Small Animal Arena and BellStores Arena

Powered by Kiko Auctioneers[JP1]

New this year! We are operating out of two rings simultaneously in the BellStores Arena!

****ALL Registrations and bidder numbers can be picked up at the Junior Fair Buyer's Barn outside the South end of the BellStores Arena****

9am Market Hog Sale – Small Animal Arena

BellStores - Ring One Sale Order:

**12:00pm Market Wool Sale
Market Lamb Sale
Market Goat Sale**

BellStores - Ring Two Sale Order:

**12:00pm Market Cheese Sale
Dairy Beef Feeder Sale
Dairy Steer Sale
Market Beef Sale***

***(Immediately following Dairy Steer Sale)**

****Approximate time for Beef – 3pm****

****New for this year – Junior Fair Karaoke in the Small Animal Arena (after the Sales – Time TBD) ****

Sunday, September 1st

8am - Catholic Mass – Kissel Pavilion

9am - Protestant Church Service – Kissel Pavilion

10am – Beyond Barriers – Building Champions Specialty Show – Small Animal Arena

12pm - Poultry Costume Class – Poultry Barn - Sponsored by the Junior Fair Poultry Committee

1pm - Junior Fair Barn Games – BellStores Arena

1pm - Swine Fun Show / Peewee / Alumni Show – Small Animal Arena

1pm - Jr. Fair Horses – Gymkhana (Contest) Show – Infield Junior Fair Horse Arena

4pm - Goat Fun Show 4pm – sponsored by the Junior Fair Pygmy Committee – Small Animal Arena

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

6pm - Goat Obstacle Challenge – sponsored by the Junior Fair Pygmy Committee

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

Monday, September 2nd Last Day of Fair!

10am - Jr. Fair Horses – Versatility Show – Infield – Junior Fair Horse Arena

10am - Pedal Tractor Pull – sponsored by Knox Ruritans – In front of the Junior Fair Building**

12pm - Pizza Eating Contest - In front of the Junior Fair Building**

2pm – Junior Fair Milkshake Stand Closes for the Season!

ALL JUNIOR FAIR BARNES 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)
Operating Hours: 8:00am – 9pm**

The Feed Mill offers an affordable snack and meal option for our Junior Fair families and the public. Managed and operated by the Junior Fair Board and Junior Leaders, this hands-on experience allows youth to take responsibility for every aspect of the operation—from inventory and menu planning to shopping, food preparation, sales, and accounting. This effort serves as a major fundraiser, with all proceeds directly supporting and enhancing Junior Fair programming.

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!



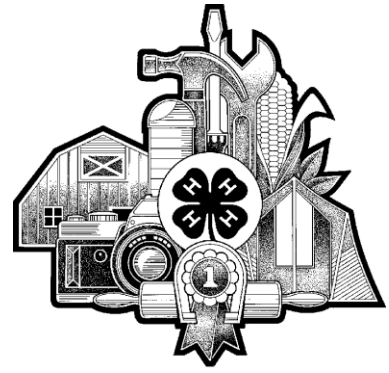
**Snacks to include chips, popcorn, candy, popsicles, etc.
Fountain drinks, water, energy drinks, etc.**



**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!**

Watch for those Daily Special Deals! More Info to Follow!

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. Operating Hours: Tuesday – Sunday 10am-10pm, Labor Day: 10am-2pm (unless product runs out!)

Milkshake Flavors: (Straight or any combination!)

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



We hope we'll see
YOU
at the Dairy Bar!

Heads up, milkshake fans!

We know the shakes were a hit last year — so much so that we ran out earlier than expected in 2025!

But don't worry: if you still have unused milkshake coupons, you can absolutely use them at the Dairy Bar/Milkshake stand this year.

Want to skip the line or treat someone ahead of time? Prepaid coupons are available for anyone who'd like to purchase before the Fair kicks off!

Round Bale Decorating Contest

Judging: August 31, 2026 - 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: "Stark County Junior Fair Celebrates America's 250th Birthday!"

Rules:

- You **MUST** reserve a bale. Contact Eli Bosler or Julie Pinter at JrFair@starkcountyfair.com by **July 1, 2026**. Please put "**ROUND BALE RESERVATION**" in your subject line.
- 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 31 at 6pm.

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.



Serving on the Junior Fair Board is a great privilege and honor. We invest a lot of time in developing your leadership, communication, public speaking, and teamwork abilities while also helping to put on a great fair. We work hard and play hard! We care about you and we also expect a lot of you! If you choose to be involved and are selected, please know that we expect Junior Fair Board to be a priority, especially in the summer months. Most Stark County Junior Fair Board Alumni will tell you their time on the board was one of their favorite parts of being a teen. We can't wait to get started for the new 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 1st 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

Stark County Junior Fair Board

Junior Fair Board is a group of 4-H, FFA, Grange, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts teens selected to assist in developing, planning, and finalizing all Junior Fair activities and operations for the Stark County Fair. Members will develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for adult success. Membership on this Board requires the following criteria and a **commitment** to the Junior Fair Board and members.

Commitment and Priority

Junior Fair Board members will work on their respective sub-committees year long. This includes everything from developing new ideas to executing them. Dedication to making the best better and teamwork should be a priority. We will have some extra community outreach projects in which members will decide upon and vote to complete. Advisors are not “all work, no play”; they will work right beside you to assist as needed and guide you to success. They will also help plan and coordinate Junior Fair Board “fun nights” where we may travel, go to dinner, have a lock in, or do fun games. The options are limitless, and they like to reward members for their diligence, commitment, and loyalty to the board.

Junior Fair Board Sub-Committees

Members are required to be on one (1) animal committee and two (2) project committees. Animal committee members will attend and give Junior Fair Board updates at their respective meetings monthly. Project committee members will help create new initiatives and ideas to continue for upcoming years. Chairmen of each committee will be responsible to keep the rest of the board and advisors up to date by submitting and presenting a small report at each Junior Fair Board meeting.

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. See you at the Fair!!