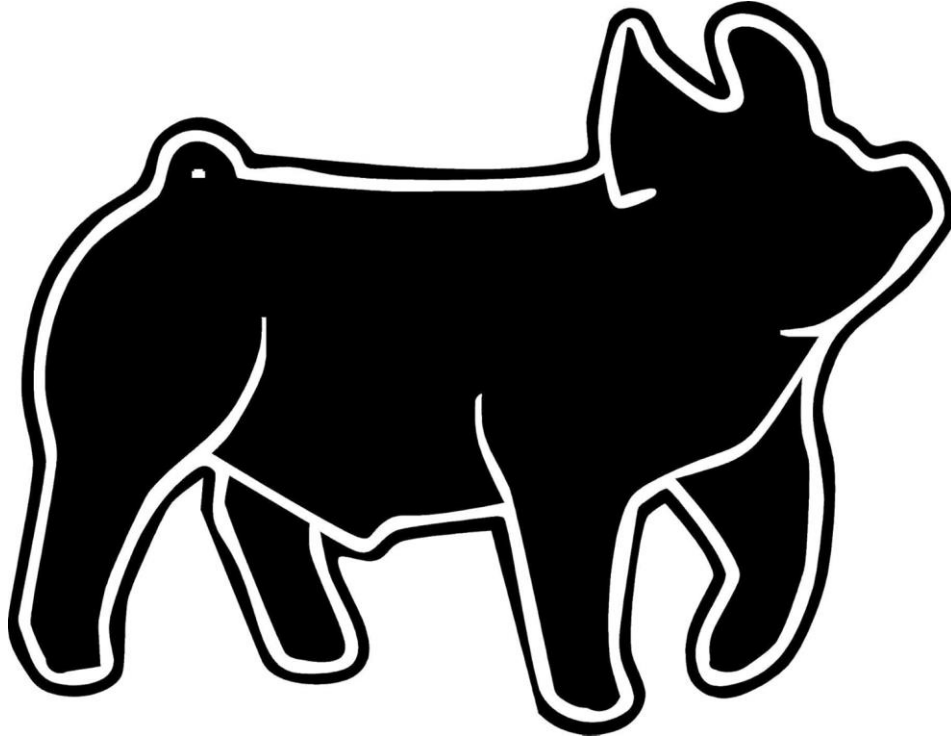


# 2026 STARK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR MARKET SWINE RULES



*Remember: You are responsible for your own entry!!*

**Entry Deadline is July 24th, 2026**  
**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**TAG-IN DATE: JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> 8 am – 1 pm at the Fairgrounds**

THE MARKET HOG SHOW/SALE WILL BE TERMINAL.  
ALL MARKET HOGS MUST BE SENT TO ONE OF THE APPROVED LIVESTOCK PROCESSORS.

**THERE IS NO SELF HAUL OPTION FOR MARKET HOGS.**

**Website: [www.starkcountyjrfair4h.com](http://www.starkcountyjrfair4h.com)**

## SWINE RULES 2026

### **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; "Family" includes, but is not limited to, the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, step-sibling, half-sibling, son, daughter, step-child, or guardian; 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. Any person not specified in paragraph (B) of this rule 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 Committee Chair and Junior Fair Coordinator. 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.
23. 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.

**Junior Fair Coordinator:** Julie Pinter  
 jrfair@starkcountyfair.com - 330.455.7856

Junior Fair Livestock Barn Superintendents (Subject to Change)

Beef		Amber Shoemaker		Danny Schmucker/Sarah Yungen/Justin Durkin
Dairy		Justin Durkin		Dan Farnham/Ashley Royer/Sarah Yungen
Goat		Jill McNeil		Mikayla Durkin/Dave Stock/Jill Sterling
Horse		Mikayla Durkin		Dan McCracken/Justin Durkin
Poultry		Julie Nicholas		Justin Durkin/Ashley Royer
Sheep		Dave Stock		Jill McNeil/Drew Kissel
Swine		Mikayla Durkin		Sarah Yungen/Julie Nicholas
Rabbit/Cavy		Jill Sterling		Drew Kissel/Mikayla Durkin

(Please refer to the Fair Book for contact information or leave a message at [office@starkcountyfair.com](mailto:office@starkcountyfair.com))

## **I. GENERAL RULES - SWINE**

1. **SLICK CLIPPING AND BODY SHAVING ON MARKET HOGS IS PROHIBITED AND WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. THE HAIR ON THE BODY OF THE HOG MUST BE AT LEAST ½ INCH LONG OR THE HOG MAY BE SENT HOME. EXHIBITORS WILL ALSO NEED TO ABIDE BY ALL OTHER STATE RULES. NO OIL OR OIL BASED PRODUCTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO BE USED ON THE ANIMAL DURING FAIR WEEK. ALSO— Please refer to Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules.**
2. It is your responsibility to care for your animal from unload to release. Waterers must remain in the pen until the animal is released. Clean, fresh water must be available to hogs at all times. Committee has the right to water animals if needed.
3. All Feeding and cleaning of your animal(s) must be done by 10:00 a.m. DAILY. Failure to do so will result in your pen being tagged by the committee. In order to have the tag removed, you will need to see a committee member. On your 2nd offense, you may be sent home OR the committee will clean out the pen and charge the exhibitor A FEE of 50\$ per cleaning and that amount will be deducted from your sale check.
4. NO PEN DIVIDERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PENS!
5. At the conclusion of the fair, your pen MUST BE CLEANED OUT within one week of fair end. If pens are not cleaned out, your sales check will be withheld until it is cleaned out.
6. The Committee recommends proper dress and hard shoes are required when showing.
7. Sun shields for pens must not restrict natural airflow.
8. In the event a project animal dies after the designated possession and/or weigh-in date, members will not be permitted to replace the animal for the purpose of exhibition or sale in any Junior Fair event (including carcass classes). Members are expected to report immediately the death of any project animal to the respective committee chairperson.
9. **THE BARN WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the fair.**
10. **VIOLATION OF ANY RULES IS GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.**
11. All animals exhibited must be shown to sell.
12. No bedding will be provided. NO STRAW IS TO BE USED FOR BEDDING.
13. No personal **corded** fans will be permitted.

## **II. PURCHASE/POSSESSION**

- a. **First and Second** year exhibitors may secure and feed up to three hogs. Only one may be exhibited at the fair and one can go to carcass. Carcass must come from the tagged animals. ONLY ONE CARCASS PER EXHIBITOR.
- b. **Third** through Eleventh year may secure and feed up to four hogs. They may exhibit up to two hogs at the fair and one can go to carcass. Carcass must come from the tagged animals. ONLY ONE CARCASS PER EXHIBITOR.
- c. Male hogs must be castrated.

### **Tagging in Your Hog**

- a. IT IS MANDATORY THAT YOU HAVE YOUR MARKET HOGS TAGGED IN ON THE FIRST SATURDAY IN JUNE from TBD at the Fairgrounds.
  - aa. *It is your responsibility to make arrangements to get your market hogs to the fairgrounds if you are not able to get them there yourself.*
- b. All metal and /or plastic tags must be removed prior to arrival at the fairgrounds – EXCEPT EID TAGS
- c. You will be charged a fee of **\$5.00** per hog.

- d. Hogs will be tagged by family (**family = immediate family members**). “Family” means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor’s brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister. Each family is allowed the maximum allowed tagged in as indicated under purchase/possession. See example below.
- e. Exhibitors MUST declare their tag numbers when unloading at carcass and/or at the fair.
- f. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR ANIMAL(S) HAVE TWO ERYSIPELAS VACCINATIONS BEFORE THE FAIR.
- g. You must retain your pink slip for unload at carcass/fair.
- h. If a tag falls out of the ear, you must contact a committee member within 24 hrs for re-tagging.

#### **Family Tag In Example:**

*“John and Jane Doe” family; this is John’s 5<sup>th</sup> year exhibiting market hogs and Jane’s 1<sup>st</sup> year exhibiting market hogs. John can secure and feed 4 market hogs and Jane can secure and feed 3 market hogs. Doe Family can tag in MAXIMUM of 7 market hogs for the Stark County Fair. John and Jane’s Carcass Hog(s) and Market Hog(s) MUST come from these 7 tagged in hogs. John and Jane will declare which hog tag number are their respective hogs at unloading.*

### **III. SKILL-A-THON**

- a. It is **MANDATORY** for **ALL** Junior Fair Exhibitors to participate in the Skill-a-thon prior to carcass. **Any Junior Fair Exhibitor who does not participate in the Skill-a-thon prior to the carcass drop off, will not be able to show at the fair or bring a carcass.**
- b. ALL swine project exhibitors must complete a swine book that may be purchased through the OSU Extension office and the project packet that you receive from the committee at tag-in. Breeding follows all requirements as a market.

### **IV. CARCASS**

- a. All members entered in this class must be enrolled in a market hog project and complete all market animal project requirements in order to participate, sell an animal or to receive awards. You are not required to exhibit a market hog at the fair to enter this class. **(To receive a Junior Fair Carcass premium, exhibitors must make a poster, minimum 12x12, and turn in at carcass haul – in.)**
- b. Members will be permitted to exhibit one animal per species in the Carcass Contest. Each exhibitor will sell carcass as freezer meat. It will be the sole responsibility of each exhibitor to find a buyer, negotiate a price, collect payment, and make sure that the buyers contact the processor with directions for packaging.
- c. Champions will be assessed 6% of the sale price and Reserve Champions 3.5% of the sale price, plus \$15.00 per head for hogs. The commission fee will be deducted from the proceeds of the auction.
- d. Processing charges must be paid upon pick up at the processor’s plant. **The buyer pays these charges.** (Top 5 carcasses will be sold at the live sale.) Processed meat is to be picked up ASAP. After 21 days the processed meat will become property of Don’s Custom Meats.
- e. **Hogs must weigh between 240 lbs. and 300 lbs. to be eligible for placing. All hogs entered and weighed must be slaughtered. (Any animal unloaded must be slaughtered.)**
- f. Carcass evaluations for hogs will be held at Don’s Custom Meats, Waynesburg.
- g. **Animals MUST be clean and have legible ear tags**

## **V. HAUL-IN**

- a. Market hogs must weigh between 215 lbs. -300 lbs. to be eligible for any placings.**
- b. All swine market and breeding project animals will be brought to the fairgrounds on Sunday before the fair, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- c. All ear tags must be clean and legible. **Hogs are to be clean and free of mud. If deemed non-presentable, you will be escorted by a committee member to the wash racks and you will be responsible to clean your hog before weigh-in and pictures. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED IN BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER.**
- e. At check in, you must have your pink slip that you received at tag-in; and a **completed Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) online.**
- f. Members Pictures and weigh-in of market animals will be done at load-in. If a member is NOT present during weigh-in, the picture will be taken with the animal ONLY. There will be NO SUBSTITUTIONS OF MEMBERS FOR PICTURES!!!
- g. **WEIGHMASTER DECISION IS FINAL!**
- h. Prospect Class 200-214lbs. These hogs can be shown and sold but NOT eligible for placings. Hogs weighing 199 and under WILL GO HOME.
- i. Market hogs over 300 lbs. can be shown and sold but not eligible for placings.**
- j. Any animal with testicle(s) will be unable to show or sell and must be sent home per Ohio Exhibition Rules.
- k. **UNDERWEIGHT HOGS (199 pounds and under) WILL BE UNABLE TO SHOW OR SELL AT THE FAIR.** You will have to take your underweight hog home immediately after weighing in.

## **VI. BREEDING SHOW**

- a. Members exhibiting Senior Breeding Gilts may secure and feed one or more gilts, farrowed between December 1 and December 31, prior year. Members may exhibit one intermediate, junior gilt and/or one senior breeding gilt.**
- b. Members exhibiting Intermediate Breeding Gilts may secure and feed one or more gilts born between January 1 and January 31, current year. Members may exhibit one intermediate, junior gilt and/or one senior breeding gilt.**
- c. Members exhibiting Junior Breeding Gilts may secure and feed one or more gilts born between February 1 and February 28, current year. Members may exhibit one intermediate, junior gilt, and/or one senior breeding gilt.**
- d. You **will declare** Intermediate, Junior, or Senior Breeding Gilt when it comes off the truck.
- e. **Members exhibiting breeding gilts may only show in two of the three classes.**
- f. Breeding show order will be as follows:
  - Junior Breeding Gilt – Born between February 1 and February 28, current year**
  - Intermediate Breeding Gilt – Born between January 1 and January 31, current year**
  - Senior Breeding Gilt – Born between December 1 and December 31, prior year.**Breeding Champion - Will consist of the winner of each breeding class.

## VII. Market Show

- a. Will immediately show following breeding show.
- b. **Exhibitors are to wear the correct EXHIBITOR number visible from the back upon arrival to the holding pens.**
- c. Prospect hogs (200-214)
- d. Overweight hogs
- e. Market hogs will be shown based on weight.
- f. **Top 5 in class & division.**
- g. **Top 10 overall market hogs.**
- h. Champion and Reserve Champion Market hogs will be drug tested immediately following the announcement. Failed drug test will disqualify for any/all placings
- i. **ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**

## VIII. SHOWMANSHIP

**YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP FOR SHOWMANSHIP AT ENTRY TIME. YOU CAN DELETE YOUR NAME THE WEEK OF FAIR BY TUESDAY IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE. THIS INCLUDES MARKET AND BREEDING**

- a. No breeding project animals are to be shown in market Showmanship classes.
- b. No market projects are to be shown in breeding Showmanship classes.
- d. Exhibitors must show their own animals and **wear the correct exhibitor number visible from the back upon arrival to the holding pens.**
- e. Committee reserves the right to limit the number of animals in the ring at any one time for Showmanship classes.
- f. Classes are by 4-H age as of January 1, current year.
- g. Show order will be as follows:

### a. Breeding Gilt Showmanship

- i. Senior Showmanship                      Ages 14 and up
- li. Junior Showmanship                      Ages 9-13

**\*If you place Grand Showmanship for Senior or Junior you cannot show in your Market Hog Showmanship Class.**

### b. Market Hog

#### Division I

- Class 1              8–9-Year-olds
- Class 2              10-year-olds
- Class 3              11-year-olds

#### Division II

- Class 4              12-year-olds
- Class 5              13-year-olds
- Class 6              14-year-olds

#### Division III

- Class 7              15-year-olds
- Class 8              16-year-olds
- Class 9              17-year-olds
- Class 10              18/19-year-olds

- h. Champion of Champions - final drive/parade will consist of all Grand and Reserve Champion Showman of all Breeding and Market Divisions.
  - a. Previous year's Champion of Champions winner will only participate in the current year's Champion of Champions.



## **IX. Market Sale**

- a. The Swine Sale is **TERMINAL**. All hogs will be sent to a fair approved slaughter facility. There is no self-haul option for market hogs.
- b. All eligible market animals must be sold through the sale.
- c. No breeding stock will be permitted to be sold through the sale
- d. Sale order will be as follows:
  - a. Grand Champion
  - b. Reserve Champion
  - c. Grand Champion Carcass
  - d. Reserve Champion Carcass
  - e. Remaining **top 10 market**, carcass, and Division winners
  - f. Grand Champion Showmanship
  - g. Reserve Champion Showmanship
  - h. Sell by committee discretion
- e. A charge of \$16.00/head for hogs will be assessed. The monies will be used by the Swine and Livestock Marketing Committees to cover promotion, advertising, and operating expenses. Champions will be assessed 6% of the sale price and Reserve Champions 3.5% of the sale price.
- f. Addressed Thank you notes for buyers must be turned in to the Swine Committee in the designated box in the barn by Sunday at 5pm.**
  - a. All exhibitors must turn in a thank you note. No exceptions.
  - b. Without a thank you note, checks will be held until a thank you note is received.

## **X. LOAD OUT**

- a. **ONLY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL are allowed in the barn during designated time. NO CLEANING OF PENS DURING LOAD OUT!**
- b. During load out on Monday, **Water and displays must remain in place** until ALL animals have been removed from the barn.
- c. ANIMALS MUST BE FED ON SUNDAY BY 9PM.**
- d. All hogs will be loaded in and out of area designated by the Committee.

## **2025 Jr. Fair Hog Champions**

Grand Champion Market Hog	Corah Rohr
Reserve Champion Market Hog	Grant Eberhardt
Grand Champion Carcass Hog	Tripp Gantz
Reserve Champion Carcass Hog	Gracie Haines
Champion Showman of Showman	Corah Rohr
Reserve Champion Showman of Showman	Chris Aukerman

## Important Dates 2026

May 16-17	*Tentative Date* All Species Skillathon (more details to follow)
May 31	*Tentative Date* Showmanship Clinic 3:00pm in Swine Arena
June 1	Last Day for Quality Assurance Credit
June 6	Tag In from 8am – 1pm – Fairgrounds <b>MANDATORY ON SITE</b>
July 24	Jr. Fair Entry Deadline - Junior Fair Office
Aug 24	Carcass Weigh in 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm – Fairgrounds/Don's Custom Meats
Aug 26	Cooler evaluation at 5pm - Don's Custom Meats, Waynesburg
Aug 30	Hogs arrive at Fairgrounds 3-8 pm
Sept 2	Breeding /Market Show starts at 6 pm.
Sept 3	Showmanship 6 pm
Sept 5	Market Sale 9am
Sept 6	No changes after 10 am for Processors Fun Show/ Peewee/ Alumni Show at 1pm Thank You Cards are due by 5pm
Sept 7	Barn Closed 4pm

## **2026 JUNIOR FAIR SWINE COMMITTEE**

John Stubblefield, Jr.	2548 Miday St. NE	E. Canton	44730	330-904-7642
Lacey/Nick Aukerman	7428 Mapleton St. SE	E. Canton	44730	330-704-0544
Adam Boyce	16250 Salem Church	Alliance	44601	330-206-1110
Colleen Essig	8350 Burkey Rd NW	N. Canton	44720	330-603-8678
Marie Kiplinger	11623 Forty Corners Rd NW	Massillon	44647	330-465-1520
Justina Rohr	2108 Ben Fulton Rd.	N. Lawrence	44646	330-418-1259
Jason Helms	9300 Georgetown Ste	Louisville	44641	330-618-7966
Kyle Lewis	5356 Eshelman St	Louisville	44641	330-205-2895
Paul McCarty	7400 Nimishillen Rd	Louisville	44641	330-353-0294
Jake Samblanet	6316 Shilling Ave	Louisville	44641	330-705-9339
Megan Brosey	5876 Nickel Plate Ave	Louisville	44641	330-280-3450

### **2026 COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

Co-Chairmen	John Stubblefield/Nick Aukerman	Secretary	Marie Kiplinger
Vice Chairman	Paul McCarty	Treasurer	Colleen Essig

### **Junior Members**

Reagan Samblanet  
Chloe McCarty