

2025 Jr. Fair Board Officers



L to R: Riley Baker (Vice President), Erin Hoover (President), Sierra Dolan (Secretary), Cassie Lahrmer, Ava Debolt (SFB Liaisons)

2025 Hartford Jr. Fair Board



Front Row (L to R): Austin Chapman, Elizabeth Baker, Sierra Dolan, Ava Lycans, Lucy McLaren, Mary Schwartz, Averil Smith, Julie Lahrmer

Second Row (L to R): Kayden Ewing, Jorja Valentine, Gracie Stoltz, Mackenzie Holland, Autumn Wampler, Sophia BeVier, Ashley Allerton, Ryan Orr, Hannah Stoltz

Third Row (L to R): Nyah Painter, Haylan Jo Wise, Cassie Lahrmer, Camryn Baker, Madison Smith, Ali Thoman, Haydn Tinsley, Emmie Burgess, Ava Debolt, Addison Wise, Anna Morris

Fourth Row (L to R): Natalie Lyon, Riley Baker, Lane Wampler, Erin Hoover, Karson Ewing, Austin Mauger-Albright, Autumn Elie, Morgan Beaver, Holton Forman, Colin Morrison

Not Pictured: Callie Baker, Gracie Cyphers, Lola Dorsey, Quin Dorsey, Kinsey Duzan, Alyssa Evans, Elena Evans, Lauren Heimerl, Kylie Holman, Sam Raaker, Amelia Savage, Avery Suver

2025 Hartford Junior Advisor Board



Front L to R: Sophia BeVier, Ashley Allerton

Back L to R: Gracie Stoltz, Mackenzie Holland, Autumn Wampler

Junior Fair Board Meetings

Held daily Sunday - Saturday 8:00 AM at the Junior Fair Board Office.

Junior Fair Board Office Hours

Thursday, July 31st	12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM
Friday, August 1st	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Saturday, August 2nd	8:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Sunday, August 3rd	8:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Monday, August 4th	8:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday, August 5th	8:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday, August 6th	8:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday, August 7th	8:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday, August 8th	8:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Saturday, August 9th	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

2025 Junior Fair Board Committees

BREEDING BEEF & MARKET STEER (breeding | feeder calf | market steer & heifer)

Austin Albright-Mauger (Chair), Morgan Beaver, Quin Dorsey, Lauren Heimerl, Averil Smith

DAIRY & DAIRY JUDGING

Emmie Burgess (chair), Morgan Beaver, Avery Suver, Haylan Jo Wise

DAIRY FEEDER STEERS

Kylie Homan (Chair), Emmie Burgess, Ava Debolt, Elena Evans, Cassie Lahrmer

DOG

Holton Forman (Chair), Austin Chapman, Karson Ewing, Madison Smith, Lane Wampler

EQUINE (english | western | contesting | dressage | performance | ranch | versatility)

Sierra Dolan (Chair), Elisabeth Baker, Lola Dorsey, Lucy MacLaren, Anna Morris, Jorja Valentine

FFA BUILDING & STEER POOL

Hanna Stoltz (Chair), Austin Albright-Mauger, Ava Debolt, Autumn Elie, Averil Smith

GENERAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING & SUPER SHOWMANSHIP

Amelia Savage (Chair), Erin Hoover, Cassie Lahrmer, Hannah Stoltz

GOATS (dairy | pygmy | pack | breeding does | market)

Kinsey Duzan/Addison Wise (Co-Chairs), Karson Ewing, Kaden Ewing, Julie Lahrmer, Natalie Lyon, Haylan Jo Wise

JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITOR ACTIVITIES (4-H Center | royalty contest | farm chore Olympics | food contests)

Riley Baker (Chair), Colin Morrison, Madison Smith, Ali Thoman, Lane Wampler

RABBIT & POULTRY (meat | breeding | poster contest)

Mary Schwartz (Chair), Autumn Elie, Natalie Lyon, Colin Morrison, Nyah Painter, Haydn Tinsley

SALES (market hog | large animal | small animal)

Lauren Heimerl (Chair), Austin Chapman, Holton Forman, Kylie Holman, Ryan Orr, Sam Raaker, Avery Suver

SHEEP (breeding sheep | market lamb)

Alyssa Evans (Chair), Elena Evans, Erin Hoover, Ava Lycans, Ryan Orr, Amelia Savage

SWINE

Callie Baker/Camryn Baker/Gracie Cyphers (Co-Chairs), Riley Baker, Sam Raaker, Ali Thoman

Jr. Agricultural Society By-Laws

(Junior Fair Board)

Adopted June 28, 1962

Revised April 25,

2005, Article I-Title

Section I - This Society shall be known as the Hartford Independent Junior Agricultural Society.

Article II - Object

Section I - The object of this Society shall be to promote and encourage the improvement of agriculture, youth development, and family and consumer sciences, to promote general community improvement, with all other educational interests of youth in the district.

Article III - Membership

Section I - Membership in the Society is open to members between 15 and 19 years of age (as of January 1st of the current year) of 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Farm Bureau, Scouts, and any other youth-serving agency living in or attending school in Licking County or the Hartford Fair District including Delaware County (Harlem, Trenton, Porter and Berkshire Townships) and Knox County (Milford, Hilliar/Centerburg Village, and Miller Townships).

Article IV - Members

Section I - The Membership shall consist of 45 members who may represent any or all of the youth-serving agencies listed in Article III. Members shall be active members of the organizations that they represent during their year(s) of service. Members must be junior exhibitors during their year(s) of service.

Section II - The Members shall be selected by application and interview for a term of one year and a maximum of 3 years. A Member may serve additional terms after completing the application and selection process. Interviews are not required for returning members unless requested by either party. An annual member evaluation will be completed by the Junior Fair Committee and Junior Fair Board advisors immediately after the fair. Former members may serve a 4th year as a designated junior advisor at the discretion of the advisory committee.

Section III - The term of office of the Members shall be so arranged that the term of office of one-third of the members shall expire annually.

Section IV - Members shall attend board meetings, serve on departmental committees, and carry out responsibilities before and during the Fair week.

Article V - Election

Section I - Nominations for Members shall be made in writing by November 15 to the Licking County Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development. Members shall be selected by an interview team consisting of 4-H agents and/or representatives of the Senior Fair Board no later than December 31 of the year preceding their term of office.

Section II - Annual election of officers shall be at the January meeting.

Section III - The term of office of the retiring Members shall expire, and that of the elected begin January 1st.

Section IV - Any vacancy of membership will be filled by the organization that the retiring Member represented. All resignations must be made in writing to the Junior Fair Board Secretary.

Section V - Members who fail to perform their duties in a responsible and orderly fashion may be removed from the Junior Fair Board by the 4-H Youth Development Educator in their respective counties or by the advisor of the organization they represent. Also, Junior Fair Board members may be removed from office for inappropriate personal conduct.

Article VI - Organizations and Meetings

Section I - The Members shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and other officers as may be deemed proper. The officers shall serve a one-year term or until their successors are elected and qualified. A majority vote of a quorum of Members must be present to transact business.

Section II - All officers shall be elected or appointed from the membership.

Section III - If any member is absent from three meetings per year, for an unexcused reason, the member will forfeit his/her membership on the board.

Section IV - Membership meetings shall be held from January through August. Additional board meetings will be held immediately before and during the Hartford Fair. The Advisory Committee will determine the time, date, and location. Members shall receive a minimum of one week's notice for all events. Members will also be expected to attend their respective departmental meetings throughout the year.

Section V - The Advisory Committee shall include Extension Educator, FHA and FFA Chapter Advisors, 4-H Advisors in the Fair District, and Senior Fair Board Members on the Youth Committee. Members of the Advisory Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Society. They may be asked to serve as an advisor to the department and/or activities of the Junior Fair. Advisory Committee members are invited to attend all Board meetings.

JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITOR RULES & INFORMATION

1. The Hartford Junior Fair is open to any child in the Hartford Fair District aged 8-18 as of January 1st of the current year who meets the following criteria: Each Junior Fair Exhibitor must be enrolled in youth programs sponsored by Elementary/Middle/ High Schools, OSU Extension, Steer Pool, FFA, Juvenile Grange, Scouts or other organizations recognized by the Hartford Fair Board. Junior Fair exhibitors may participate in the Hartford Independent Fair only if **both** the following criteria are met: **(1)** They are enrolled in a youth organization within either Licking County or in the following townships of Delaware Co. (Harlem/Centerburg Village, Trenton, Porter and Berkshire); or a club in the following townships of Knox Co. (Milford, Hilliar, and Miller) **and (2)** they attend school in, or have residence within the Hartford Fair District as outlined above. All Licking County 4-H members are eligible to participate in the Hartford Fair regardless of residence or school affiliation and therefore relinquish the ability to enter 4-H exhibits in any other county's junior fair show/program.
2. Refer to individual departments for a limit on allowed entries.
3. All exhibits must have been raised by the exhibitor or owned by the exhibitor for not less than ninety days preceding the date of showing, where applicable.
4. No animal or exhibit can be entered in more than one class, except horses, llamas, & dogs.
5. All persons entering the Hartford Junior Fair ages 8-18 as of January 1st of the current year will be required to purchase an exhibitor's ID badge for three dollars (\$3). This does not apply to Cloverbuds.
6. **All entries must be submitted on a fair entry or to the Hartford Fair Office no later than midnight on Friday, June 27th, 2025. Exhibitors are responsible for the accuracy of their entries. Late entries can be made with a \$10 late fee until Friday, July 18th, 2025. No changes can be made after Friday, July 18th, 2025.**
7. All exhibits must be on the fairgrounds and in place by 2 pm **Saturday, August 2nd, 2025.**
8. All exhibits except for hogs may not be removed before 3 pm, the last day of the fair, without the consent of the Sr. Fair Department Chairman. Refer to the schedule for the date & time hogs will be released. All Jr. Fair livestock exhibits must be removed from the fairgrounds by 8 pm on the last day of the fair. (All non-livestock Jr. Fair exhibits remaining on the grounds after 8 pm, the last day of the fair, are deemed abandoned and will be removed at the discretion of the fair board.)

9. Exhibitors making false entries will forfeit all premiums and bonuses. Protests against exhibitors must be in writing and signed by the head of the organization. A fee of \$25 must accompany each protest. (see exception in Horse Department)
10. In those classes not having two or more exhibitors, the judge will award a premium as he/she sees fit.
11. Some livestock will have stall assignments; please respect them. Posted stall assignments are final! There will be NO changes. Tack is NOT to be stored in the stalls, pens, and cages. The Fair Board reserves the right to remove any tack from stalls, pens, and cages not being used to stall animals. Barns close at 11:00 pm every night.
12. Bedding must be straw or pine shavings only. All bedding MUST be removed from the pens before leaving. No floor fans are allowed in any livestock barn.
13. Special Interest, Food & Clothing exhibits will be judged in their respective counties as designated in their project requirements guidelines.
14. Junior Fair premium money will be distributed at the fair. Claims and corrections will be accepted by the Senior Fair Secretary until Friday of Fair week.
15. All exhibits entered by Junior Fair exhibitors must have been a project of the exhibitor during the current school year or current project year.
16. All animals' "Drug Use Notification Forms" (DUNF) must be turned in at the fair before exhibition. The vet will be on the grounds Saturday, August 3rd, 6 am - 2 pm. Livestock staying on the grounds are to be brought on the grounds only during these designated times. Check the health regulations printed in this tabloid.
17. Additional classes will not be considered after the 3rd Monday of January of the current fair year. Each breed must have a minimum of 5 animals and 3 families exhibiting, or the following year the class will be re-evaluated before inclusion.
18. Physically altered livestock will cause exhibitors to be dismissed from the Fair.
19. Each exhibitor is expected to take entire charge of his/her livestock after arriving at the fair. The exhibitor may receive assistance from the following persons: 4-H club advisor, FFA chapter advisor, Steer Pool advisor, immediate family, and other junior fair exhibitors of the Hartford Fair. Eligible 4-H club advisors and FFA chapter advisors must represent clubs/chapters within the Hartford Fair district. Professional groomers are not permitted to work with junior fair livestock at any time during the fair.
20. All Jr. Fair Premiums will be paid daily (Sunday - Saturday) at the Bank located next to the Dairy Director's ice cream stand. Times will be posted at the Bank. The projects displayed in the 4-H Center and FFA building will be paid collectively to the 4-H Club or FFA Advisor for disbursement to the exhibitor. Livestock exhibitors must present their Jr. Fair photo ID to collect their premium(s). A parent or advisor may collect a premium(s) for an exhibitor by presenting a driver's license (Parent) or a Fair photo ID (Advisor) as identification. **Any premium(s) not cashed by the last day of the fair will be void.** Premiums (s) must be picked up only during the hours designated. All Open Class premiums will be paid in cash premiums. **Sale checks will be mailed 30 days after the fair. There will be a \$35 charge to reissue any check with a stale date that is past the 60-day cashing period. Checks will be mailed to the address given to the 4-H Extension Office / School. CHECKS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE PICKED UP.**
21. Watering of animals at the water spigots is prohibited. Water tanks are not permitted in the barn. Manure must be placed in designated areas. Wash racks will be shut down daily from 6 pm to 9 pm.
22. **All livestock weights will be taken/recorded on the Hartford Fair "County Certified Scales" and will be final. No other scales will be allowed on the fair premises.**
23. No livestock or other exhibits are to be removed from the grounds before the close of the Fair without a proper release form signed by the exhibitor and the superintendent of the Department. Violators of this rule will not be permitted to participate in the following year's fair under the division that violated.
24. Any official fair board announcements made the week of the fair will take precedence over any printed material.
27. Our fair will operate under the provisions of Ohio's Department of Agriculture Administrative Code Rules. "Livestock Health Exhibition Rules & Livestock Exhibition Tamping Rules are printed in this publication and can also be found on the Ohio Department of Agriculture website.
28. All 4-H/FFA members are expected to exhibit and sell their animal(s). Exhibitors are expected to accompany their own animal to be weighed. If unable to do so, due to extenuating circumstances, the animal may be shown by a 4-H/FFA member of comparable age. Permission for another member to show the animal must be received from both the appropriate Senior Fair Board Department Chair and the 4-H Educator/FFA Advisor. The injured exhibitor should make every effort to be present during the showing of their animal and should assist with its care and grooming throughout the fair.
29. Jr Fair Dress Code for Show & Sale Ring
 - A button/snap and collared shirt closed within one button/snap from the top. (i.e., western or polo)
 - Shirts may be long-sleeved or short-sleeved. No sleeveless shirts.
 - Shirts must be tucked in all the way around the waist.
 - No logos or advertisements on shirts other than 4-H club/FFA chapter, or family farm name.
 - Long pants, no shorts. Must be neat and clean. No rips or tears
30. All barns close at 11:00 pm every night.

Super Showmanship

Jr Fair Committee: Amelia Savage (Chair), Erin Hoover,

Cassie Lahrmer, Hannah Stoltz,

Chairpersons: Lisa McCutcheon & Adam Wampler

Friday, August 9th, - 9am - Grubb Arena

The Super Showmanship Contest is open to one species representative that has been selected for the current year. Expert Showmanship winners in the following species areas:

Beef (Breeding Beef/Market Beef Steer/Dairy Feeder & Steer Pool).

Sheep (Breeding Sheep/Market Lamb)

Dairy Cattle

Goat

Horse (English Tack/Western Tack/Draft)

Market Hog

Rabbit (Meat Rabbit/Other Rabbit)

Poultry (Meat Poultry/Other Poultry)

Super Showmanship winners may not have won Super Showmanship in a previous year, and may no longer compete in Junior Fair Showmanship classes following their selection as the Super Showmanship winner. The Super Showmanship Contest shall consist of Expert Showmanship winners and the animal that they used during their selection (**NOTE:** Exception may be made for swine exhibitor if animals has already sold). The contest shall operate in the form of a "round-robin" with each exhibitor demonstrating their skills with a particular animal for not more than four (4) minutes. A judge will be present with each animal to interview and observe exhibitors during that time. Each exhibitor will receive a perfect score of 200 points in the species in which they advanced to the Super Showmanship Contest. Therefore, the final point tally for each individual will be out of a maximum of 1,600 points. Immediately following the contest, results will be announced with awards being presented.

In Memory of Les Williams - \$75 cash premium and plaque will be presented for 1st place Super Showmanship.

Nuway Incorporated - \$50 cash premium and plaque will be presented for 2nd place Super Showmanship.

Zimmerman Family - Rosettes

GENERAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Monday, August 4, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. – Grubb Arena

The contest will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m., with instructions being provided at that time in Grubb Arena. Contest resource materials will also be distributed to contestants at the beginning of the contest, before classes being viewed. The contest will consist of six (6) classes of livestock: Market Lamb, Breeding Ewe, Market Goat, Dairy Goat, and Dairy Feeder (2 classes). Awards will be given on an individual basis only in two divisions (Junior / Senior) – no teams, and in each of the three species. The junior division will consist of youth ages 8-13 (as of January 1st of the current year), and the senior division will be for those youth ages 14-19 (as of January 1st of the current year). Awards will be presented @ 9:00 am on Saturday, along with skill-athon awards, in Grubb Arena.

HARTFORD INDEPENDENT FAIR SUPER SHOWMANSHIP

Super Showmanship

Friday, August 8, 2025, | 9:00 a.m. - Grubb Arena

The Super Showmanship Contest is open to one species representative that has been selected from the current year's Expert Showmanship classes in the

following species areas: Beef (Breeding Beef / Market Steer / Dairy Feeder), Sheep (Breeding Sheep / Market Lamb), Dairy Cattle, Goat (Meat / Dairy / Pygmy), Horse (English / Western), Market Hog, Rabbit (Meat Rabbit / Other Rabbit), and Poultry (Meat Poultry / Other Poultry). Super Showmanship participants may not have won Super Showmanship in a previous year and may no longer compete in Junior Fair showmanship classes following their selection as the Super Showmanship winner. The Super Showmanship Contest shall consist of Expert Showmanship winners and the animal that they used throughout the selection process, which must be their project animal. (Note: Exception may be made for swine exhibitors if the animal has already been sold/left the grounds.) The contest shall operate in the form of a "round-robin" with each exhibitor demonstrating their skills with a particular animal for not more than four minutes. A judge will be present with each animal to interview and observe exhibitors during that time. Each exhibitor will receive a perfect score of 200 points in the species in which they advanced to the Super Showmanship Contest. Therefore, the final point tally for each individual will be out of a maximum of 1,600 points. Immediately following the contest, results will be announced with awards being presented.

Expert Showmanship

The Expert Showmanship class is comprised of current year Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship class winners, as well as previous Senior and Expert Showmanship winners who remain age-eligible and junior fair exhibitors within that species/department. Previous Super Showmanship winners are not eligible to compete. The exhibitor selected as the winner of the Expert Class will represent that species in Super Showmanship. (Note: Some species have an additional contest/class to determine which Expert Showmanship winner will represent their species: i.e., Beef (Dairy Feeder / Market Steer / Breeding Beef), Goat (Meat / Dairy / Pygmy), Horse (English / Western), and Sheep (Market Lamb / Breeding Sheep).

In the event that an exhibitor is chosen as a species representative to Super Showmanship in more than one species during a given year, that exhibitor will be given the opportunity to choose which one species they represent in the contest. The species that they do not choose will then be represented by the next highest-ranking exhibitor from the Expert Showmanship/selection class of that species. Each exhibitor is only eligible to represent one species during Super Showmanship, and each species should be represented.

Showmanship Division Winners

When an exhibitor wins their respective division (Junior / Intermediate / Senior) in a given species, they must move up to the next division the following year (i.e., Junior would move up to Intermediate, Intermediate would move up to Senior, Senior would move up to Expert). Once an exhibitor has won Expert Showmanship within a species/department, they must remain eligible only in the Expert division until they are no longer eligible to show or win Super Showmanship. Once an exhibitor has won Senior Showmanship in a species/department, they are only eligible to return in the Expert division.

NOTE: Exhibitor's age on January 1st of the current year is to be used when signing up for the appropriate showmanship class. Exhibitors must show their own project animal, which is appropriately entered in junior fair classes, and must use that same animal in their age division, followed by Expert (should they advance), and Super Showmanship (should they advance). The only exception that will be made is for the designated swine exhibitor participating in Super Showmanship in the case that their market hog has been sold or has already left the grounds at the time of the Super Showmanship contest. In this case, the hog showman must secure another animal to use in the contest that is of a similar and appropriate showmanship quality.

HARTFORD FAIR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2004	Marlena Hosler and Jenna Smith	2017	Lindsay Cooperrider, Madison, Layman, Samantha Jo Edwards
2005	Molly Lauglin and Randee Russell	2018	Chelsea Graham, Morgan McCutcheon, Jordan Aronowitz
2006	Christina Harper and Jena McLaughlin	2019	Creta Buckenberger, Caroline Liggett, Malia Jones
2007	Nicholas Higgins and Jared McLaughlin	2020	Cole Foor, Ethan Gum, Sarah New,
2008	Ryan Edgington and Stephanie Sherburn	2021	Madeline Frasure-Lauth, Shala Graham, Jarrett Pfister
2009	Candance Higgins and Kristen Twork	2022	Allison Beekman, Silas Buckenberger, Ryan Schmechel
2010	Cathryn Clark and Alaina Schraufnagel	2023	Alicia Graham, Cassie Orr, Darla Dorman, Marcus Ryan
2011	Keilah Ketron and Stephanie McDougal	2024	Travis Allen, Natalie Jungers, Lily Swearingen, Kenzie Giffin
2012	Hanna McLaughlin and Tamara Melrose	2025	Kyle Gilbert, Kaylee Goodwin, Arthur Hollenback
2013	Austin Campbell and Caillyn Tullos		Grace Humphrey
2014	Madison Blair, Jana Choberka, Molly McDougal		
2015	Kierra Braskie, Travis Higgins, Torrie Purdy		
2016	Tyler Day, Michaela Graham, Emily Hayes		

As of 2022, there will be a maximum of four (4) \$1,500 "non-renewable scholarships" awarded annually in June. We are grateful to the following donors for making it possible to award these scholarships:

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