

2025 Honor Roll



Jay Ward Flax grew up on a farm in Harmony Township. He was involved in 4-H and FFA and held several state degrees of recognition as well as being a 2-time participant in the National FFA Band. Jay was a 1978 graduate of Northeastern High School and graduate of Southern State College in 1981 with a degree in Production Agriculture and received the distinguished Alumni award in Outstanding Achievement

Jay has been married to his wife Jill for 46 years and they have 3 children- Justin, Jeremy, and Jennifer. They enjoy their 11 grandchildren. They are members of the Plattsburg UCC where Jay is a trustee. Jay and Jill were 4-H advisors of the Premium Strivers 4-H club for many years and were involved in FFA boosters. Jay has been a township trustee for Harmony Twp for 29 years. He is a past president of Clark County Trustees Association and the Clark County Cattleman's Association, a past board member of Farm Bureau, and current Chairman of the District Health Advisory Board. In 1995 Jay and Jill were named the Outstanding Young Farm Couple for Ohio.

Jay has been on the Clark County Fair Board for 25 years and has been President for near 20 years. In the 25 years on the board, many notable things have been accomplished. A "future search" forum was developed with members of the board and community leaders to improve the Clark County Fairgrounds. Out of that journey we have the Champion Center and the purchase of the gravel pit lake property creating more parking and boat racing and the national headquarters of the APBA. Many updates of the fair include a new office and maintenance facility, remodeled sheep barn and Ole Show barn, dog barn, remodeled all restrooms, and a new swine show barn planned for 2025. New roofs on most buildings and A/C added in the 3-building complex. Numerous electrical upgrades and security lighting have been accomplished and security fencing to have all general admission to walk on the ground for added security. Jay has been chairman of the grounds committee for about 20 years and has been on many committees such as security, gates, camping, beef, and sales.

One of Jay's goals from the beginning was to run the fairgrounds as a business and make the fairgrounds self-sustaining. He has a great love of the fair and wants it to continue for many generations. He and his family are very involved in agriculture with their entire life as they also manage a large farm operation in SE Clark County, so he wants to see strength in agriculture not just here at the fairgrounds, but also the entire state and nation. At this point in his life, Jay is still very active but semi-retired allowing more time with their family, their farm, fun at Indian Lake, and of course the Fairgrounds.

It is our honor to add Jay Flax's name to the roster of Honored members of the Clark County Fair Honor Roll, especially along with the name of his late father, Gordon Flax. Please join me in welcoming Jay Ward Flax in his induction at this time.

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Ron and Carolyn Massy, lifelong residents of Clark County and graduates of Northwestern High School, have been dedicated to their community, especially through their involvement in the Clark County Fair. Ron participated in horse shows, and Carolyn was active in sewing, cooking, and various other projects during their 4-H careers. They encouraged their daughters, Meredith and Melissa, to join 4-H and FFA, with Carolyn volunteering for 41 years and serving on numerous committees.

Since 2004, Ron and Carolyn have handled Jr. Fair Awards for thousands of 4-H and FFA members. Carolyn began embroidering sashes for the Jr. Fair Royalty in 2003 and was instrumental in creating the market turkey project. Two decades later, the couple continues to produce sashes, banners, trophies, and plaques, often going above and beyond to ensure awards are ready for every event.

Their contributions go beyond business—they take joy in watching their grandchildren follow in their footsteps by showing livestock and participating in fair projects. Ron and Carolyn Massy are being honored as the 2025 Honor Roll recipients for their long-standing commitment and support of Clark County Fair.