



# Highland County Horse Barn

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## Overview

The mission of the Highland County Chapter shall be the local execution of the mission, as stated in the Bylaws of the Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc.

In addition, the mission of the Highland County Chapter shall be to support Highland County 4-H/Jr. Fair Horse members by fundraising and making improvements to the horse facilities at the Highland County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro, Ohio.

## Goals

1. Raise funds to provide a safe healthy facility for the youth of Highland County to care for, learn about, handle, ride and show their horses to become life long horsemen.
2. Support activities that improve learning outcomes and leisure activities with horses.
3. Grow the interest and skills of youth to improve the horse industry in Highland County.
4. Help students earn skills and awards that lead toward future learning activities.

## Specifications

The Horse Barn at the Highland County Fairgrounds was built in 1960 with the original stalls still in use during the 2025 fair. After more than sixty years many of the stall boards have broken, the floors are uneven, various vermin have to be removed yearly, cleaning and disinfection are difficult and often ineffective and the facilities are not always safe with old splinters or nails hiding in the corners.

## The Plan

The plan to meet goal one is to support 4-H clubs and Jr. Fairboard in the following plan to improve the horse barn. The goal to raise funds to on the inside aisle (Phase one) replace the dirt floor with concrete, replace the stall fronts with wire air flow metal fronts and replace the sides and back of the stalls with tongue and groove walls, reside the barn and reside the exterior of the barn (Phase two), and replace the dirt floors, stall fronts and sides of the outside stall (Phase three). Once the Barn is renovated the facilities improvement will address the arena(Phase four), develop an indoor arena (Phase 5) and improve the warm up area (Phase six).

## Milestones

### I. Completed

1. Reside the North and South Ends of the Barn.
2. The groups have already provided huge in kind donations with removal of the previous stall wood, nails and other debris. The riders are learning valuable skills that will allow them to participate in horse care in the future as well as other carpentry skills that are needed at home and on the farm.

### II. Next Steps

Raise Funds for Phase one to be completed by Fair September 2026:

- 1 \$28,000 Concrete floor for 59 inside stalls. The gravel has been donated as has the machinery and operators to remove the dirt floor and place the gravel in the building.
2. \$55,000 to manufacturer air flow metal stall fronts. The clubs have raised ½ the money which covers the metal for the stall fronts. The fronts will need to be obtained from the manufacturer, transported to the barn and installed by volunteers.
3. \$26,000 for the wood for the tongue and groove sides and back of the stalls. The tools, fasteners and labor will be provided by the organizations involved and friends and family members.