

### **Fair Opening Comments:**

Good morning and WELCOME to the 165<sup>th</sup> Sandusky County Fair. It is my pleasure to SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT the Agricultural Society's capital campaign, "Preserving Our Fairgrounds for the Future of Our Youth." This campaign is about Fairgrounds enhancement and assuring that the grounds will be here for future generations.

This campaign includes projects for utility upgrades, repaving, roofing, and campsite expansion. It also includes construction of a new Junior Fair Horse Barn on the Main Grounds which will replace the aging Junior Fair horse barn across North Street. It will house the Junior Fair horses and draft horses, freeing up the existing draft horse barn to become a goat barn, the fastest growing species exhibited at the fair.

A subcommittee of the Fair Board of Directors DEVELOPED THE CAMPAIGN GOALS and strategies through numerous meetings and discussions with you in mind. ONE HUNDRED PERCENT of the board members (22 in all) have made a financial commitment to the project, and these directors have begun talking about the campaign with individuals and organizations like you who use and support the fairgrounds.

A "campaign tent" is located near the North Street entrance. We invite you to stop by and learn more about the campaign and how it affects you. The directors look forward to a successful fair and to talking with you about plans for the future.

Thank you and stop by our tent!