



SPRING 2025

NEWSLETTER



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC. • 1301 MENTOR AVE., PAINESVILLE TWP., OHIO

Letter from the President

We had another wonderful week at the 2024 Lake County Fair. The weather was very cooperative, and we had very good attendance all week. We had another banner 4-H livestock auction, and we couldn't thank the buyers and auction supporters enough.



I would like to thank the Fair Board members, the contractors and volunteers that helped with the completion of the upgraded electric and water camp sites in the southeast area of the fairgrounds. It looks great and you should reserve a camp site early before the 2025 fair to get one of the 52 camp sites.

I would also like to welcome Kenna Covert, a new Fair Board member from Painesville Township. She will be another great addition to our Fair Board.

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Lake County Matriarch receives special state honor

Judy Parker from Willoughby, Ohio has been the leader of the Lake County Fair Ladies Auxiliary for over 30 years. She is the only president the Ladies Auxiliary has ever known. Because of her timeless service, she was nominated as one of only ten District 9 representatives to be recognized by the Ohio Department Agriculture for outstanding fair service statewide. Judy is selfless in her contribution to the Lake County Fair and all fairs. Thank you for your outstanding service, Judy.

OFMA 100th anniversary evening a good time for all....

Over 1900 directors, sponsors, and guests participated in the OFMA 100TH anniversary Friday evening celebration held in the Columbus Convention Center. Over two years of planning by 100th anniversary chairman Kim Meyers from Lorain County and his committee and with strong financial support of our member fairs, sponsors and other stakeholders, resulted in the largest single event in OFMA history and a memorable event in all ways.

The BBQ dinner, rides, games, prizes provided an atmosphere we typically provide at our events and provide for our communities. It set the stage for the evening's main event, the Jo Dee Messina concert made

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FAIR BOARD DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The Elections of Fair Board Directors will be held prior to the Annual Fair Board Meeting on Thursday, October 2.

The Elections will be held from 3-7 p.m.

There will be a Social Hour from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Annual Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Followed by the Reorganizational Meeting and then the Regular Fair Board Meeting



****A driver's license must be presented to vote!****



Benefits of a Membership

Lake County Agricultural Society Memberships have many personal benefits. Memberships are \$30. This annual fee allows a Lake County resident to vote for Fair Board Directors. This membership also provides daily admission into the fair (more than a 50% savings). Aside from these personal perks, a LCAS membership benefits, as well as sustains, the Lake County Fair.

Money from membership sales go into the general funds account. This account is used for maintaining and improvement of buildings, arenas, and upkeep of the fairgrounds as a whole. Because of the membership sales, we can provide 4-H with use of the grounds, free of charge, for weigh-ins, horseshows, meetings, car washes, and various fundraising events. The purchase of a membership not only benefits the member, but also helps the youth and next generation of fair participants. Consider purchasing a membership for the 2025 season to help maintain and grow our program, as well as maintain success.



2024-2025 FAIR BOARD DIRECTORS

Wade Crofoot	President.....	Perry
Joe Slansky	Vice-President	Concord
Kenna Covert.....	Director	Painesville
Bob Dawson	Director	At-Large East
Todd Demshar	Director	At-Large Central
Jim Farrell.....	Director	Mentor
Ken Hamilton	Director	Mentor
Jeremy Hejduk.....	Director	Madison
Jerry Merhar	Director	At-Large West
Steve Ohmes.....	Director	Leroy
Richard Parker.....	Director	Willoughby
Mike Peplowski.....	Director	Madison
Rob Sidley	Director	Painesville
James Slansky	Director	Concord
Sam Taylor.....	Director	Perry
Rich Van Pelt	Director	Leroy
Dave Wilcox.....	Director	Kirtland
Dave Wilcox Jr.....	Director	Kirtland
Cindy Woodman	Director	Willoughby



SECRETARY NOTES

Michelle Byram

At the writing of this article, it is in the 20's outside and snow is on the ground. Nothing sounds better than the summer and fair season at this time. We had another great fair in 2024 and are hoping for the same in 2025. The Fair Board has been hard at work getting the entertainment lined up for the fair. We will have many of the old favorites returning with a couple new events going on. Stay tuned to see what is to come. We have had many improvements take place on the fairgrounds. The new camping area is something that has been talked

about for years and finally took place after the fair. This will be very beneficial for those looking to have electric and water while camping.

Please remember to support the fair and fairgrounds. We have many different opportunities to offer from memberships, patrons, fence rails, sponsorships and more. All of these help to maintain and preserve the fairgrounds. Your help and support are always appreciated.

*Michelle Byram
Secretary/Treasurer*

A NOTE FROM LADIES AUXILIARY

Another fair is over, and it is time to work on 2025. Ladies Auxiliary has been busy. We had our Reverse Raffle in April and a Clam Bake in October. Both were a success. We held our Queen's Tea in July. Ruby Pealer was crowned Queen for the 2024 Fair. Ruby did a fantastic job representing our fair and represented us in the 100-year celebration of the Ohio Fair Managers Convention in Columbus. We are blessed to have such wonderful young ladies representing our fair. Thank you Ruby.

Judi Sprague, one of our members, was inducted in the fair Hall of Fame this year. Judi has volunteered for many years in the concession office during the fair. CONGRATULATIONS JUDI!

As in the past, we again donated turkeys at Thanksgiving and sponsored two families at Forbes House for Christmas.

We are so thankful for all the people who volunteer, our great sheriff's department and fire department, 4-H, plus so many others who help make the fair happen. To our Directors who work so hard and support us in all we do, THANK YOU! Most of all, to the members of the Ladies Auxiliary. I am so blessed to be a part of this group for 33 years.

*Judy Parker, President
Amanda Wilcox, Vice President
Rachel Slansky, Secretary
Michelle Slansky, Treasurer*

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The Lake County Fairgrounds accepts payment by VISA, MasterCard and Discover for any amounts due to the Fair, including exhibitor and membership tickets, entry fees, livestock auction sales and stall and building rentals. Payments can be made in person at the Office. To pay by phone, just call 440-354-3339.



Fair Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Sponsorships are the life blood of small fairs and Lake County is no exception. The individual and corporate sponsor support that our fair has received over the years has financed a number of services that otherwise might not make our regular operating budget.

Ken Ganley, University Hospitals, Lake County Department of Job and Family Services, Laketrans, Lake County Farm Bureau, Excalibur and others have been consistent participants in our annual sponsorship program.

We are in the process of finalizing the sponsorship lineup that will support the 2025 Lake County Fair. We have large, medium and small sponsorships available. One excellent opportunity that remains available is the Day at the Fair sponsorship for Wednesday, which has been designed as Family Day. If you have an interest in this or other sponsorships, please contact the fair office as soon as possible in order to take advantage of the many deliverables that come with this investment.

2025 Fair Parade

The Lake County Fair Parade will be on Tuesday July 22 starting at 6 p.m. We have invited the 2025 OFMA Queen, Amberly Szczerbiak from Fayette County Fair, to be our Grand Marshal. Lineup will start at 5 p.m. at the First Church of Christ and Zion Lutheran Church located on Mentor Ave. across from Lake Erie College. To help with the line-up, if your group has multiple vehicles or a group of participants, please arrive at the same time to insure you will be lined up together in the parade. And please note, there is no room for parking and leaving your vehicles at the First Church of Christ or Zion Lutheran location. If you are planning on being a part of the 2025 Fair Parade, you must fill out an entry form and turn it into the fair office by July 18. The forms are available at the fair office or on-line at www.lakecountyfair.org. I want to thank all the Local Law enforcement agencies and Public Officials for their help and cooperation. We also want to thank The First Church of Christ and the Zion Lutheran Church again for allowing us to use their locations for our parade line



up, as well as their hospitality. We would like to also thank Johnson Funeral Home and Lake Erie College for their support. Thanks to everyone who participates and comes out to see the parade. All of you make it a great start to the Lake County Fair. For any questions you can contact the fair office at 440-354-3339 or Joe Slansky 440-537-3517.

2025 LAKE COUNTY FAIR OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, July 1 thru Thursday, July 3.....	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Saturday, July 19	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday, July 7 thru Friday, July 11	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Sunday, July 20.....	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Monday, July 14 thru Tuesday, July 15.....	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Monday, July 21	9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, July 16 thru Friday, July 18.....	9 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Tuesday, July 22 thru Sunday, July 27	9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

See you at the Fair!



Don't Miss a Minute of This Year's Fair!

Fair Board Inducted two special contributors into the 2024 Hall of Fame Class

On the opening night of the 2024 Fair, Richard VanPelt of Leroy and Judi Sprague of Perry Township were inducted into the Lake County Fair Hall of Fame. 2024 marked the fifteenth class for induction since the Hall of Fame was established in 2010.

Richard VanPelt has served on the Lake County Fair Board for over 31 consecutive years. During this time, Richard served on the 4-H auction, cattle-sheep-swine-goat, finance and budget, government coordination, long range planning and publications committees. Richard also serves a one of the certified scale masters, weighing in the 4-H animals at the beginning of each Fair.

Richard has participated in the Fair nearly his entire lifetime starting as a 4-H youth. Over the years he has had the opportunity to participate alongside his wife Mariann, who is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary and with his children and grand-children. In addition to the fair, Richard serves as a Leroy Township Trustee and is active in his church.

2024 HALL of FAME Inductees

Judi Sprague first began working in the Fair's concession office in 1984 and never stopped! For forty years and counting, Judi has assisted with the administration and operations of the Fair.

Most of Judi's service has been in the concessions department but in the few years she did not work there, Judi assisted in the front office where she used her professional experience gained as a bank teller, to count, wrap and reconcile Fair receipts.

"Richard, Judi and the other members of our Hall of Fame have given their time and talents to make the Lake County Fair the successful event it has become." said Fair Board Director Bob Dawson. "They inspire all of us to help keep the Fair going and growing." Congratulations Rich and Judi.

OFMA

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possible by Variety Attractions. Jo Dee was outstanding singing not only a number of her own songs but covering on several rock songs she mixed in. She stayed after the

concert to greet fans and sign autographs. Vinton County Fair won the evening's \$5,000 table game making their evening extra special.

Extra special thanks goes out to Variety Attractions, Klien Entertainment, and the GOSA that participated in the evening.

LETTER

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As always, I would like to thank the Lake County Commissioners, County Engineers, Lake County OSU Ext., the area township service departments, 4-H families, vendors, exhibitors, Fair

Board employees, Fair Board members and Lake County fair supporters for their help maintaining the fairgrounds and putting on the great Lake County Fair!

THANK YOU
Wade Crofoot
Lake County Fair Board President



Queen Year in Review



As the 2024 Lake County Fair Queen, I would like to express my gratitude to the Lake County Fair Board and everyone within the community that makes the Lake County Fair possible. We had another fantastic and successful year, with 4-H members exhibiting their hard work, community members entering their

exhibits, and royalty members visiting. Throughout my reign, I have traveled approximately 70 hours and 27 minutes and 4,494.2 miles driving to visit other fairs and festivals throughout the state of Ohio.

On June 7, 2024, I was crowned by Gigi Scipione, the 2023 Lake County Fair Queen. As my reign began, I visited fairs across the state of Ohio. When visiting fairs, I make it a priority to visit with the Queen. One thing I have learned throughout this experience is that relationships are essential. Making an effort to meet as many royalty members, junior fair board members, and senior fair board members as possible paves the way to make an impact on more people than one. I will never forget my golf cart tour from the Athens County Fair from a senior fair board member. It was an exciting tour, especially going down the hill!

Just as quickly as the fair season began, it ended. Old projects were sold at the fair, and new ones were being purchased; it gave me time to think about the success that is to come to each fair exhibitor. After the fair season ended, I began preparing for the Ohio Fair Managers Association Convention to run for the Ohio Fairs' Queen. I began interview practice, picked out dresses, and began reaching out to other queens in support. I participated in many social gather-

ings, educational sessions, and the Fair Queens Contest during the Convention. My favorite memory from the Convention is before the Jo Dee Messina concert, we all squeezed into a photo booth, played fair games together, and went on the Carousel. I am grateful for every opportunity the Lake County Fair Board has given me, and I am so excited for the 2025 fair season to begin.



2024 Lake County Fair Queen Audrey (Ruby) Pealer

Miss Ruby Pealer was crowned the 2024 Lake County Fair Queen on July 7th at the thirteenth Queen's Reception held at the Youth & Community Center on the Lake County Fairgrounds. Ruby was one of four candidates that applied for the Lake County Queen position.

Ruby lives in Perry, is 18 years old and a 2024 graduate of Perry High School. Ruby was a member of the National Honor Society, swim team, marching band, concert band, choir, show choir and honors band. Ruby also volunteered in the elementary school.

Ruby is a member of Wings-n-Things and Tail-to-the-Rail 4-H clubs. Ruby's activities in 4-H include livestock (cattle, hogs, goats and chickens), equine, Junior Market Livestock, STARS and camp counselor. Achievements that Ruby has received have been the 2023 Outstanding Youth, 2023 Lake County Fair Queen's Court and 2023 Grand Champion Market Chicken. Ruby has been president of her 4-H club, organized club meetings and community service projects.

Community activities that Ruby has been involved in is Girl Scouts, promotes recycling by collecting cans from friends and family and helping to tutor elementary school students.

Ruby works at Equine Specialty Hospital and attends Lake Erie College.

Congratulations and best of luck to Ruby on her accomplishments and for being crowned the 2024 Lake County Fair Queen!



YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING RENTAL



**THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER,
LOCATED ON THE LAKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS,
IS THE PLACE TO CHECK OUT!**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE FAIR OFFICE OR
OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

Don't Miss a Minute of This Year's Fair!



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FAIR PREMIUMS

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU RECEIVE PREMIUMS AT THE FAIR, THEY CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE FAIR OFFICE AFTER 9 P.M. THE LAST DAY OF FAIR. NO PREMIUMS WILL BE MAILED OUT. CHECKS WILL BE VOIDED AND CONSIDERED A DONATION TO THE LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC. AFTER 90 DAYS FROM ISSUE DATE.

2025-2026 WINTER STORAGE PROGRAM

Store your summer vehicles out of the elements! Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis so call the Fair Office at 440-354-3339 for an application starting in August. We currently have a waiting list for boats and campers.

> Held on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

- > Only Oct. 18, Oct. 25 or Nov. 1
- > \$17 per foot end-to-end
- > Unheated buildings with concrete floors
- > Boats, RVs, cars, pick-up trucks, campers and motorcycles
- > Take out will be on April 18, 2026

ARTHUR F. WARREN MEMORIAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

The Lake County Fairboard is pleased to announce the availability of a \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship. In its twenty-fifth year, it is open to any graduating high school senior residing in Lake County. The senior must be a member of a Lake County 4-H organization or a member of the Lake County Junior Fair Board. The applicant must also prove admission to an institution of higher learning as a full-time student.

The application includes an essay, a high school reference and a community reference.

The deadline is April 2, 2025. The scholarship winner will be announced on April 10. Upon receipt of an official grade transcript showing a 2.5 or above grade point average, the award will then be payable to the student. The scholarship winner must also ride in this year's Lake County Fair parade.



Applications are available through the Fair office at 440-354-3339 or on our website www.lakecountyfair.org.



SCHOOL BUILDING

We are excited for the local students to showcase this year's projects at the Lake County Fair! The school and education building is open to all local schools and is an excellent way to display not only your students' efforts from this year, but also to bring your individual school's spirit. This year we will be awarding the top three displays with cash prizes to your organization.

We have ample space for entire schools, or individual students to display their school projects. These can range from art projects, science projects/experiments, musical themed displays, or any school project that you wish to display to the public during the week of the Fair.

So, teachers, music and art program directors, student government and even athletic program directors get your students ready to show off their efforts! We look forward to seeing the creativity you bring.

All entries will be required to complete a no-cost entry form, which can be obtained at the office or soon from our website.



Entry Forms will be due by:

Friday, July 18th no later than 5 p.m.

Set up times will be available:

Saturday, July 19th from noon-3 p.m.

Sunday, July 20th from noon- 5 p.m.

Monday, July 21st from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Any questions can be directed to the fair office.

Todd Demshar

4-H WRISTBAND POLICY

On or before May 1, an updated complete list of 4-H Advisors and 4-H Members must be submitted to the fair office.

One wristband will be issued to each person on this list.

Wristbands will be available the weekend prior to the fair at the main office of the fairgrounds located at 1301 Mentor Avenue during their office hours.

Everyone will be required to come to the fair office and sign for his or her wristband. You cannot send anyone to get your wristband for you. The wristband will be put on your wrist at the office. This will be done with all wristbands. No wristbands will be issued without being put on the individual.

If, for any reason, the wristband needs to be removed, for example: sports, school activities, etc, a replacement wristband will be issued only when the removed wristband is brought back and exchanged for a replacement wristband at the fair office. The new wristband will be again placed on the individual's wrist at the office. No replacement wristband will be issued unless the old wristband is brought back in.

No taped or partially covered wristbands will be honored at the gate.

Do not lose your wristband. They will not be replaced in the event of loss or theft.











4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION

The 2025 Lake County 4-H Livestock Auction will be held on Saturday, July 26, at the Lake County Fairgrounds Livestock Arena.

Buyer registration will begin at 11 a.m. at the arena and will remain open throughout the auction. An ID is required to obtain a bidding number. The small animal auction will start at Noon (rabbits, chickens, ducks and turkeys). At the conclusion of the small animal auction, we will break until 4 p.m. The large animal auction will begin at 4 p.m. (goats, beef, lambs, hogs). At the conclusion of the sale, winning buyers must present their bidding number at the sales table where paperwork will be completed. The amount owed is due at that time in the form of cash, check or credit card. Animals will be shipped to the processor of the buyer's choice.

If you are interested in participating in this year's Auction or would like further information, please contact the Lake County Extension office at 440-853-2625.

2024 SALES

25		28	
0		36	
80		6	
25		97	

\$441,016.46 gross sales

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



2025 FAIR PARKING



Preferred Parking

The Lake County Agricultural Society will again offer preferred parking at the Fair. This parking area will be located just inside the main gate and run along the fence line on Route 20. Additional spots will be available across from some of these spots. A parking pass can be purchased for \$75 at the Fair office. The vehicle will be allowed access to this lot 24 hours a day for all six days of the Fair. This does not include fair entrance fee for people in the vehicle. Each person in the vehicle must have a wristband, membership pass or daily ticket for fair entrance.

These parking spaces will be sold on a first-come basis. The number of available spaces is limited. If you are interested in purchasing a parking pass, please call the office at 440-354-3339 to reserve your spot.

The parking spaces will be large enough to accommodate a car or pick-up truck. Trailers and oversized stock or box trucks are prohibited.

General Parking

General parking at the fair is still free. All parking lots are located at the south and southwest areas of the fairgrounds and in the infield of the racetrack at certain times and dates. Follow the parking signs and flaggers. Handicap parking is located at the northwest corner of the fairgrounds. We are looking into adding additional handicap parking spaces for this year. The vehicle must have a handicap placard to park there. The parking lot at the Fair office is for fair business only and is limited to 15-minute parking.

Livestock/horse exhibitors are allowed to bring supplies into the fairgrounds through the southeast (draft horse) gate prior to 8:30 a.m. All vehicles must be removed from around the barns by 9 a.m. each day. Because of the draft horse hitch classes, no vehicles will be permitted by the barns on Friday and Saturday of the fair after 8 a.m. Likewise, no vehicles will be allowed through the draft horse gate on Friday and Saturday of the fair after 8 a.m.

Truck and Trailer parking will be limited to the grassy area East of Barn 24 and some spots along Fairdale Road. A \$25 parking fee will be required to park your truck or trailer during fair.

2025 Campers

We have some exciting news to share! We have completed our camper site renovation and now have 52 new camper spots with 30-amp electric service and water provided. No waste or grey water will be available. However, there is a waste dump station just west of the campgrounds, behind barn 28. The fee for camping at the Lake County Fair

this year will be \$200. A membership to The Lake County Agricultural Society, season pass or an exhibitor pass is also required. No golf carts, side by sides, or other such type of motorized vehicles are permitted on the fairgrounds/campgrounds during fair. Primitive camping will no longer be available.



FARM & GARDEN DOMESTIC & CULINARY

As the harsh extremely cold winter is behind us and we soon will be starting seeds to get out plants ready for spring planting. Hopefully by the time this newsletter arrives we can start laying out the gardens and starting to break up the soil. We had a nice display of vegetables and fruits at last year's fair and a good competition for the Arthur Warren Master Gardener Award won by Mark Soeder. We would like to encourage our gardeners to plant vegetables in these categories to compete for this year's award:

Book 2, Class 6 green round beans

Book 5, Class 12 early girl tomatoes

Book 8, Class 3 slicing cucumbers

Book 12, Class 1 bell peppers

Book 14, Class 19 longest zucchini

Book 17, Class 1 red beets

Book 18, Class 7 yellow globe onions

Get started and good luck!

Our culinary display at last year's fair was again great due to the great efforts from our outstanding local bakers who provide us with a bounty of baked goods that fuel a very nice Baked Goods Auction on Tuesday night. Last year's auction set another sales record that provides for upgrades on our fairgrounds, so for that we thank everyone who provided baked goods and attended last years auction. I also would like to congratulate our Supreme Baker, Pat Wilson, on her fine work.

Our local wine makers put on a very nice display of fine home-grown wines for competition, with Howard Pfeiler winning the Best of Show. Congratulations!

Dave Wilcox



LAKE COUNTY FAIR PATRONS

We would like to invite you to become a Patron of the 2025 Lake County Fair. Your generous support will help keep the great tradition of Ohio's fairs going in Lake County.

Contribution forms are available through the office at 440-354-3339.

- Patron's name will be listed in the 2025 Fair Premium Book
- Now accepting patron donations from individuals
- Any size donations are accepted
- Cash, checks or credit cards accepted



LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC. MEMBERSHIPS

- **Now on sale through September 18, 2025**
- **Must be a Lake County resident**
- **Must be 18 years of age or older**
- **Cost: \$30**
- **Includes daily Fair admission**
- **Does not include rides**
- **Permits holder to vote in the annual Board of Directors election which will be held prior to the Oct. 2, 2025 Annual Fair Board Meeting between 3-7 p.m.**
- **PHOTO ID MUST BE PRESENTED TO PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP AND TO VOTE!**

TRACTOR DISPLAY AT THE LAKE COUNTY FAIR



The Tractor Display is held in the Commercial Building during the Lake County Fair.

If you would like to display a tractor of yours, you can contact the fair office. We will be happy to pass along your information to the group that handles the display.



**Want to help
plan for the
upcoming fair?**

**Do you have a
creative mind?**

**Want to become
a leader?**

**Interested in
running the
Milkshake Booth?**

**Become a
member today
and join the FUN!**

**IF INTERESTED PLEASE
CONTACT EITHER:**

**JOE SLANSKY
440-537-3517**

**JOHN SLANSKY
440-251-0066**

LAKE COUNTY JR. FAIRBOARD INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

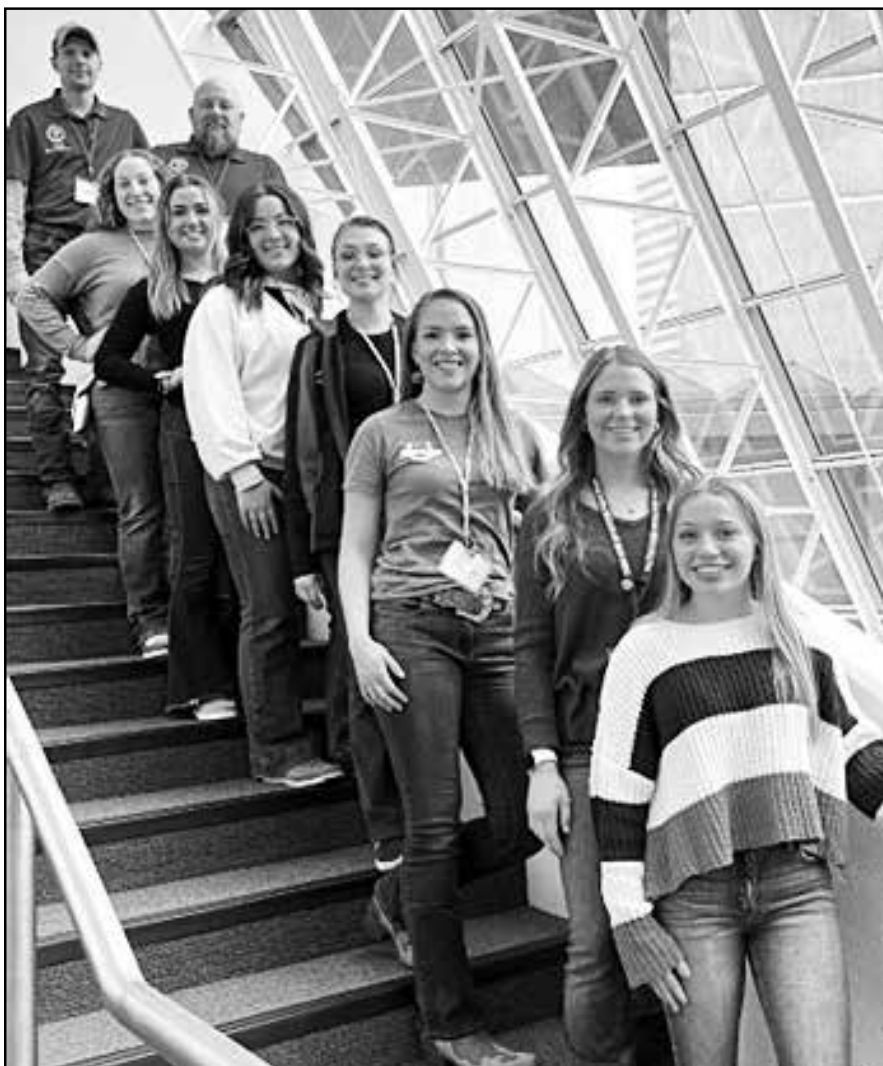


The purpose of Jr. Fair board is to get the youth of Lake County involved in the activities during the Lake County Fair and the Lake County Agricultural Society.

Activities and responsibilities include Kids Day, Milkshake Booth, Coloring and Prince and Princess Contests and much more!

The Lake County Jr. Fair Board is comprised of youth ages 12 and up, elected officers and advisors. Members do not need to be involved in 4-H to participate. We welcome anyone who has an interest in getting involved and are willing to dedicate their time to the Lake County Fair.

We meet the fourth Thursday of every month at the Lake County Fair Office at 7 p.m.





LAKE COUNTY JR. FAIR BOARD YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The purpose of Jr. Fair Board is to give our community youth a place to grow, develop and truly learn what it takes to plan, organize and successfully operate a Jr. Fair, as well as many other activities during the

Lake County Fair. This gives youth the ability to work alongside Senior Fair Board, staff of the Lake County Agricultural Society and 4-H Volunteer Advisors.

The Lake County Jr. Fair Board is comprised of youth ages 12 and up, elected officers, various advisors, as well as Senior Fair Board Directors. Do I need to be in 4-H to become a member, or have livestock experience? No, our members can be from various organizations, such as the

boy/girl scouts, 4-H members, or any community youth interested in volunteering, all while building a strong resume for the future. We welcome anyone who has an interest in getting involved and are willing to dedicate their time to the Lake County Fair.

Activities and responsibilities include planning and running Jr. Fair Livestock and Saddlehorse shows, Kids Day Events, operating the Milkshake Booth, the Prince and Princess Contests and so much more!

If you are interested in more information, or have any questions, please feel free to contact the fair office. Todd Demshar, Jim Slansky, or Dave Wilcox Jr will be glad to answer any of your questions. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to a great opportunity to get involved.



**INTERESTED IN
JOINING OR
SIMPLY WANT TO
KNOW MORE?
CALL THE FAIR
OFFICE AT
440-354-3339**



Jr. Fair Board Scholarship

The Lake County Jr. Fair Board is proud to offer the Inaugural Jr. Fair Leadership Scholarship. The applications will open in May and available on our website, or at the fair office. The winner will be announced the week of the fair and displayed for all to see at milkshake booth



2025 FAIRGROUNDS CALENDAR



Mark Your Calendar!

- Jan. 9 Fair Board Meeting, Fair Office, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6 Fair Board Meeting, Fair Office, 7:30 p.m.
- March 6 Fair Board Meeting, Fair Office, 7:30 p.m.
- April 3 Fair Board Meeting, Fair office, 7:30 p.m.
- April 19 Winter Storage Take-out (By Appointment)
- May 1 Fair Board Meeting, Fair office, 7:30 p.m.
- May 14 THE GREAT GARAGE SALE, Sponsored by the Lake County Fairgrounds and the News Herald 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., RAIN OR SHINE
- May 31 Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- June 5 Fair Board Meeting, Fair office. 7:30 p.m.
- June 7 Breaking the Stigma Classic Car Show
- June 20-22 Ohio Viking Festival
- July 3 Fair Board Meeting, Fair office, 7:30 p.m.
- July 10 Fair Board Meeting, Fair office, 7:30 p.m.
- July 13 Johnnycake Jog
- July 17 Fair Board Meeting, Fair office, 7:30 p.m.

*** JULY 22 - 27 - THE 170th LAKE COUNTY FAIR***

- Aug. 7 Fair Board Meeting, Fair office, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 4 Fair Board Meeting, Fair office, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 13 THE GREAT GARAGE SALE, Sponsored by the Lake County Fairgrounds and the News Herald 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., RAIN OR SHINE
- Sept. 20 Hazardous Waste Collection, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Oct. 2 Fair Board Director Elections, Youth/Community Center, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 2 Fair Board Meeting, Youth/Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 18 Winter Vehicle & Boat Storage
- Oct. 25 Winter Vehicle & Boat Storage
- Nov. 1 Winter Vehicle & Boat Storage
- Nov. 6 Fair Board Meeting, Fair office, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 5 Fair Board Meeting, Fair office, 7:30 p.m.

COME TO THE 170TH LAKE COUNTY FAIR JULY 22 TO JULY 27



2025 GREAT GARAGE SALE



The Lake County Fairgrounds Great Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will also be another sale in the Fall on September 13. This sale is co-sponsored by the Lake County Fair Board and The News-Herald.

Pre-registration is required for a vendor space. Outside spaces cost \$25 per space and measure 20 x 30. Inside spaces are approximately 10 x 30 feet and are available for \$30 per space. Spots are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please note we do not provide tables or chairs, and no electricity is available. No food or beverage sales are permitted.

The Great Garage Sale is held regardless of the weather. Concessions are on ground with delicious snacks, beverages and sandwiches. As always, parking is free!

Now is the time to start sorting through your belongings to decide what you would like to try to sell! Applications are available on our website at www.lakecountyfair.org or through the Fair office at 440-354-3339 starting April 3rd. Once you receive the form, fill it out and send it back ASAP because the spaces sell out quick.

If you are in the market for shopping instead of selling, we have over 125 vendors selling everything imaginable! Bring the family to the Fairgrounds on May 17 and see what treasures you can go home with.

LAKE COUNTY FAIR FOUNDATION

Please consider becoming a partner in promoting and preserving the Lake County Fair and our agricultural heritage.

Your donations to the foundation:

- > Are tax deductible
- > Promote the agriculture industry
- > Preserve our agricultural heritage
- > Improve and maintain 79 acres of property and over 50 buildings
- > Support special projects and needs beyond the Fair's operating budget
- > Support Lake County's youth and teach them about positive qualities and a strong work ethic
- > Give youth and adults a forum to display the results of their labors with pride
- > Provide a showcase where over 100,000 people can annually come together in wholesome, family fun
- > Educate an increasing suburban population about the values of agriculture, horticulture, pomology and the mechanics of household arts and their importance to our county, state and nation
- > The foundation graciously accepts donations from the estate.

Donations can be made by contacting the Fair Office at 440-354-3339.



2025 HAZARD WASTE COLLECTIONS



The Lake County Fairgrounds will hold the following special collections on Saturdays sponsored by the Lake County Solid Waste Management District.

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection – May 31 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Sept. 20 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information on what items are acceptable, contact the Lake County Solid Waste District at 440-350-2645 or the Ohio State University Extension at 440-853-2625.

You may also visit their website: lakecountyohio.gov (look under County Departments, Utility Department and special collections information)

Please check their website, Facebook, Instagram, your local paper or call 440-350-3645 for other collection dates.

FINE ARTS NEWS

We received positive responses to the changes in Fine Arts last year. Thank you to all that participated.

The deadline for entries will be Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 5 p.m.

Drop offs: Drop off times will be as follows:

Saturday 7/12 - 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. ALL BOOKS

Sunday 7/13 - 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. ALL BOOKS

Monday 7/14 - 3-7 p.m. ALL BOOKS

Tuesday 7/15 - 3-7 p.m. ALL BOOKS

Weds. 7/16 - 3-8 p.m. ALL BOOKS

We will continue to have a book for Diamond Art as well as keeping prior additions:

Pallet Art, Jewelry Art, Button Art, Upcycled Pieces and Refinished Furniture. Christmas items and Antique will now have their own book, Christmas - Book 37 and Antiques - Books 115, 116 & 117. This year we have added a Junior (17 & under) book as well as a number of "Best of Show" categories. We have also combined classes (see bigger premiums below).

***Bigger Premiums:** By combining classes and eliminating classes that have a history of no entries, we can raise premiums from \$3/2/1 to \$5/4/3.

***Friendly Competition:** We will again have two categories in which our Fine Arts exhibitors can use their

creative talents.

1. Fireplace Mantel Decorating

2. Christmas Tree Decorating

Five entries for each division.

Rules: \$10 entry fee / Winner will receive \$50 based on five entries.

Mantel and trees will be provided by the Fair Board. Contestant supplies all materials and decorations used in the display. They can be decorated according to any theme.

Decorating will be done during the same hours as drop off (refer to drop off hours).

Entries are taken first come, first serve. Only one entry per person.

Special arrangements for removal of the exhibit can be made after the fair.

And finally, a friendly reminder that all items must be clean, dust free, laundered and tagged BEFORE it is checked in at the building.

We are very excited about the upcoming changes, combined with old traditions in our department and look forward to seeing you at the fair!

Cindy Woodman
Fine Arts Chairman

2025 Flower Show

We are looking forward to another great flower display at this year's fair. The theme for this year's fair is "Rodeo/Cowboy Boots Fair Roots."

There will be two flower shows again this year for participants to enter. The first show will go from Tuesday, July 22 through Thursday July 24, and first entries can be placed Monday July 21 from 5-9 p.m. Completed paperwork for entries must be filed at the fair office by 8 p.m. that same day.

Judging for the first show will be Tuesday morning July 22 at 9 a.m. The first show entries that need to be removed can be picked up Thursday July 24 between 6 and 8 p.m.

The second show will be Friday July 25 through Sunday July 27. Set up for the second show will be Thursday July 24 from 6-9 p.m. with all entry's paperwork being filed in the fair office by 8 p.m. that day.

Judging for the second show will be Friday morning July 25 at 9 a.m. All entries can be removed on Sunday July 27 after 9 p.m.

We have a wide variety of classes and age groups for all to enter to participate in this year's show, with skill levels from the beginner to the more experienced gardeners.

Please check out the fair website or pick up a fair premium book from the fair office to see the many different books and classes you can enter in. We would encourage anyone who is interested in showing off their gardening skills to bring their flowers and enter the many different classes. Come be a part of this year's 2025 flower shows. You may even win some money!

Thanks to everyone who has been a part of the Flower Show Display and supported our fair. If you have any questions, please call the fair office at 440-354-3339 or contact Joe Slansky at 440-537-3517.



ENTERTAINMENT

We are excited about this year's Lake County Fair. We will have harness racing at the main grandstands on **Tuesday July 22** in the afternoon. Then later, our annual Fair Parade that will step-off at 6 p.m. from the First Church of Christ and Zion Lutheran on route 20. It will head west towards the fairgrounds and finish in front of the main grandstands.

New this year, we are adding another demolition derby on Tuesday night, put on by Derby Dog Productions.

Wednesday July 24 in the evening we will have "Dirt Night Motor Mayhem" a thrilling event at the main grandstand featuring tough truck competitions, half car races and more! You won't want to miss it.

Thursday July 25 we will have motocross racing put on by Fair-Cross Promotions LTD. Come watch all the competitive riders from around the area compete in different classes and age groups.

KOI Drag Racing will be on **Friday July 26**. Come and see the side-by-side racing action featuring everything from snowmobiles to trucks. They will be racing against each other and the clock to see who is the fastest.

The Truck and Tractor Pull will be on **Saturday July 26** at 6:30 p.m. put on by CS Pulling Promotions. Featuring modified tractors, super stock 4x4, light limited super stock tractors, the 8500 open street diesel and much more.

Sunday July 27 is our Latino Day, featuring music and different foods. Sunday evening is our big demolition derby, put on by Derby Dog Productions. Come watch your favorite drivers and all the exciting, hard-hitting action.

Besides all the grandstand entertainment, there are many other fun things to see and do at the Fair. Pig Racing will be back at the fair this year. They will be doing multiple shows every day throughout the week. Jungle Terry, a crowd favorite, will be back to entertain with multiple shows.

We are still working on other free family fun entertainment, so be sure to check out the entertainment schedule and website as we get closer to fair. The entertainment tent will be featuring a wide variety of music and local talent all week long as well. The "Pawn Band" will be back to perform former classic rock and party songs. They are a very good band that you won't want to miss.

Don't forget to walk through all the building to see all the displays from fine arts, flowers, and more. There is also the merchant building, in which you will see a variety of businesses displaying their products or services. And in the commercial building, you can see an antique tractor and farm equipment display.



Be sure to check out all the 4-H animals and projects that our youth have worked hard on all year. We are excited about this year's 2025 Lake County Fair, and there is a lot to see and do. So be sure to visit the website at www.lakecountyfair.org and watch for the schedule of event for all the fun activities at this year's, 2025 Lake County Fair.



You can be a Fair Sponsor for only \$125!

Have you been to the fair when it seems like those darn golf carts go anywhere and everywhere? Well they do. Again this year, you can use that to your advantage by showing your support for the Lake County Fair when you sponsor one of those golf carts.

For the price of only \$125 you can have a sign displaying your name, the name of a company or an organization on the front of a fair golf cart. The black on white signs will be 5" high by 42" wide. Each fair director and official is being asked to secure a sponsor for the cart assigned to them.

So, don't delay... sponsor a cart and show your fair spirit.

Signs can be reserved with any director or from the Fair Office.



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JR. FAIR BOARD

Junior Fair Board is looking for new members between the ages of 12 - 19 years old. If you want to learn more about how the fair is run and help to run the Milkshake Booth, contact the Fair Office for more information. We have a lot of fun!



ON-LINE ENTRIES

The online entry is the quickest and easiest way to make your fair entries.

Go on the Fairs website, www.lakecountyfair.org, beginning Tuesday, July 1.

There is no charge to you to use the online entry system.

- Access the Blue Ribbon Online Site.
- Set up a profile page with your name, address and phone number.
- Browse through the Fair Premium Book at your leisure.
- "Click and pick" the departments, books and classes you want to enter.
- Add any admission, membership, exhibitor or season passes you want to your shopping cart.
- Check out.
- Pick up and pay for your tags and tickets at the Fair Office during office hours.

This convenience is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week until Wednesday, July 17. After that date, entries can still be accepted at the Fair Office. Enjoy the advantages of "one-stop shopping" at your convenience for the Lake County Fair!

