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### Lake County Fair Takes Off on July 26

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, July 25, 2022– The Lake County Fair opens on July 26 and goes through July 31. The Lake County Fairgrounds is located at 1301 Mentor Ave in Painesville Township, Ohio 44077.

The Lake County Fair is an annual event put on by the Lake County Agricultural Society, Inc. which is made up of over 500 Lake County residents. Lake County has a 19-member Fair Board, elected by the society membership. Each of the “original” townships in the county have representation as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

Lake County is one of the only fairs in Ohio that holds a kick off parade on July 26, 2022 at 6 p.m. and begins at First Church of Christ/Zion Lutheran Church on Mentor Ave. to the Fairgrounds. This year’s parade Grand Marshall is going to be former Lake County Commissioner Ron Young, a long-time supporter of agriculture and the Fair.

“We are pleased to be a part of the Lake County Fair and all of the wonderful events. The fair truly features something for everyone with offerings throughout the week like Veterans Day, Family Day, Kid’s Day, Senior Day, and a Triple Crown Horse Show Series and Latino Day.,” said Commissioner John R. Hamercheck.

Each day at the fair will have a different theme:

- Tuesday, July 26: Veteran’s Day
- Wednesday, July 27: Family Day
- Thursday, July 28: Kid’s Day
- Friday, July 29: Senior Day
- Saturday, July 30: Triple Crown Horse Show Series
- Sunday, July 31: Latino Day

Last year’s fair set an all-time record crowd with 133,384 attendees. This surpassed the previous record which was set 20 years prior.

The 2022 Lake County Fair Queen is Miss Paige Veselko, who is also the Arthur F. Warren Scholarship winner. She is a recent honor graduate who attended Riverside High School.

“This will be my 45<sup>th</sup> year being involved with this fair and I have never been prouder of this Fair and the Fair Board. Opening day is July 26 and Veterans Day at the Fair and we will be dedicating our new Armed Services Memorial Wall that is dedicated to the brave men and women who have provided and protected our many freedoms in this great country,” said Lake County Fair Board Director, Bob Dawson.

Harness racing has over a 100-year tradition at the Lake County Fair. This year’s racing card will be a double bill of colts and fillies beginning at noon on opening day, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Even though Lake County is the smallest County in Ohio, it has a large agricultural presence. As many as 200 livestock projects are expected to be in this year’s 4-H auction on Saturday afternoon, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

“Last year’s Lake County Fair was the best attended in history, and it was so much fun to participate in the most successful 4-H auction we have ever hosted. I won the reserve champion goat project last time. I think I might be going for a turkey or chicken this year, but either way, I am hoping we will break the record again this coming Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>,” said Commissioner John Plecnik.

The fair will hold northern Ohio’s first ever school bus demolition feature as part of the Lake County Demolition Derby, scheduled for Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. The school bus feature is made possible with the support of Lake County Visitor’s Bureau’s Arts & Culture Grant Program and the Lake County Commissioners.

“While I have enjoyed the Lake County Fair many times in the past, I am eager to attend for the first time since being appointed a Lake County Commissioner,” said Commissioner Mark Tyler.

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