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Commissioners Celebrate Successful 2023 Lake County Fair

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, August 3, 2023– The 168th Lake County Fair held between July 25 and July 30 was a notable success with 99,372 people in attendance. This year set an all-time Sunday attendance record with 39,856 people in attendance, beating the previous record of 37,528 set just last year.

“The Lake County Fair continues to bring more interest each year,” said Commission President John R. Hamercheck. “From kids’ Day to Senior Day to Latino Day, there is something for everyone at the fair.”

Tuesday’s Harness Racing Card was the best in over a decade, with 103 horses trotting and pacing over 18 races. Friday’s Truck and Tractor Pull had its strongest participation in years and in addition to Sunday’s record-breaking attendance, the Demolition Derby sold out for the 3rd consecutive year and broke the grandstand record for total revenue.



"Despite days of stifling heat and in between a number of monsoon type rains, the 168th Lake County Fair was an overall success. Major events posted numerous records including the 4-H Livestock Auction, Sunday's gate attendance and the closing Demo Derby. We want to thank everyone that supported this year's fair. We have already started planning for the 2024 Fair scheduled for July 23- 28, we hope to see you then," said Lake County Fair Board Director, Bob Dawson.

In addition to taking a turn as the Voice of the Fair, Commissioner Plecnik won the 4-H Livestock auction for the Reserve Champion Project Goat that was raised by Alivia Somrak, who is a member of 4-H *Our Gang* and *Jr. Market Livestock*.

“We are so proud of this year’s 4-H youth. They really embody the Head, Heart, Hands, and Health pledge,” said Commissioner John Plecnik. “I am grateful to have once again been a small part of supporting this year’s record-breaking 4-H Livestock Auction and Lake County Fair!”

The 4-H Livestock Auction was a huge success following last year, with the total sales being \$414,000; an all-time record, beating last years at about \$360,000.

“The Lake County Fair brings 100,000 people together from every corner of Lake County and across northeast Ohio. This amazing week of events highlights Lake County’s thriving agriculture industry while also providing great fair food, rides and entertainment for all ages. The largest event in Lake County is a great showcase for the area and this year’s fair was no exception.” said Executive Director of the Lake County Visitors Bureau, Neil Stein.

“The Lake County Fair is truly one of the best events we have in our community and I am honored to be a part of it alongside my colleagues. We are already looking forward to next year’s fair beginning on July 23, 2024,” said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.

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