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### Commissioners Celebrate Successful 2025 Lake County Fair

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, August 7, 2025– The 170<sup>th</sup> Lake County Fair, held July 22–27, drew 102,728 attendees. Even amid record-breaking heat, the fair was a vibrant celebration of community spirit and another remarkable success.

The fair kicked off Tuesday with Veterans Day, offering free admission to all veterans. That evening's annual Fair Parade featured over 200 entries, led by Ohio Fairs Queen Amberly Szczerbiak of Fayette County and Lake County Fair Queen Leigh-Ann Milo, a recent Riverside High School graduate. Later that night, Fair Board Director Mike Peplowski of Madison was inducted into the Lake County Fair Hall of Fame, and the Baked Goods Auction broke records, raising over \$8,000.

"The Lake County Fair continues to bring our community together for a week of fun, tradition, and celebration," said Commission President Richard J. Regovich. "From Senior Day to the Demo Derby, this fair had something for everyone. We're proud to support such a safe, inclusive, and well-run event."

"As Voice of the Fair and a proud supporter of our 4-H youth, I was honored to win the Grand Champion Chickens this year," said Commissioner John T. Plecnik, who purchased the Grand Champion Chicken Pen raised by Josie Goldy. "The dedication and talent shown by Josie and her fellow participants truly embody the values of Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. I'm grateful to support them and be part of this incredible tradition."

"I'm always proud to support our 4-H kids," said Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III. "It's incredibly rewarding to help raise so much money for their hard work and future through the livestock auction. These young people represent the best of Lake County."

Auction highlights on Saturday featured \$424,870 in total sales at the 4-H Livestock Auction, where Lake County Commissioners strongly supported local youth exhibitors:

- **Commissioner John T. Plecnik:**
  - Grand Champion Chicken Pen – Josie Goldy
- **Commissioner Richard J. Regovich:**
  - Reserve Champion Chicken Pen – Erin Platz
- **Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III:**
  - 5th Overall Chickens – Kiera DiFranco



- Additional Chicken Lots – Sarah Dixon, Leigh-Ann Milo, Marissa Szeker
- Grand Champion Duck Pen – Alexis Godek
- Reserve Champion Duck Pen – Hailey Godek
- Grand Champion Beef – Quinn Doles
- Grand Champion Beef Carcass – Caiden Knight
- Beef Lots – Caiden Knight, Macy McDonald, Trent Taylor
- Grand Champion Lamb – Bobby Wyant
- Lamb Lots – Heidi Wyant, Grayson Bezdek
- Reserve Champion Hog / Grand Barrow – Trent Taylor
- Reserve Champion Gilt / 4th Overall – Olivia Somrak
- Grand Champion Carcass – Caiden Knight
- Hog Lots – Judah Mettler, Lilly Pealer, Harper Knight

The fair also featured:

- Wednesday's Kissell's Kids event, treating 356 special needs guests to free rides and lunch, followed by Family Day and Dirt Night Motor Mayhem.
- Thursday's Kids Day with free youth admission and Motocross Racing.
- Friday's Seniors Day, sponsored by Laketrans and the Lake County Council on Aging, offered boxed lunches, giveaways, music, and KOI Drag Racing.
- Saturday also helped launch Lake County's America 250 Celebration with General Edward Paine bobblehead giveaways in the Log Cabin.
- Sunday's Latino Day, Draft Horse Pulls, and a record-setting Demo Derby capped the week.

Crowds also enjoyed fan-favorite on-grounds entertainment including Jungle Terry, the Sky Circus Cleveland Variety Shows, and the All-American Pig Races.

Planning is already underway for the 171<sup>st</sup> Lake County Fair, to be held July 28–August 2, 2026.

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*From the left: Dale Fellows, Commissioner John T. Plecnik, Jerry Merhar as Voice of the Fair.*



*Commissioner John T. Plecnik's Grand Champion Chicken Pen – Josie Goldy.*



*Commissioner Richard J. Regovich and Clerk of Courts Carl DiFranco as Voice of the Fair.*





Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III with the  
2025 Fair Queen, Leigh-Ann Milo.



Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III with Caiden Knight who  
had the Grand Champion Carcass.