

2016 LAKE COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM BOOK

The Lake County Fair Board proudly presents this premium book to the Exhibitors and Patrons of the Lake County Fair. We hope that you will take the time to read the premium book, as there are several changes and additions to this year's Fair schedule. Please note that the Fair is open to all residents of Lake County. Special sections in your premium book outline the entry procedures for the Open Class Division. 4-H, FFA and Youth Group members may also exhibit in the Open Class division of the Fair, in addition to the 4-H, FFA and Youth Group division.

We thank all businesses and individuals for their support of all youth and their 4-H projects. Please take the time to visit with the commercial booths and welcome them as part of the Fair program.

The Fair Board would also like to congratulate and salute all of the youth and adults of Lake County for their contributions and participation in the Fair. We hope that it is a very enjoyable and memorable experience for you.

The Fair Board wishes to continue to expand all phases of your Fair. We know that the tremendous support of the volunteer and paid staff, exhibitors and patrons will continue to make the Fair a valuable part of our community.

We appreciate any comments you have to make the Fair a more meaningful and enjoyable event in the future years.

We wish to thank all the volunteers of the 4-H, FFA, Scouts and other organizations who have contributed countless hours into making this Fair a successful and enjoyable event for the youth and adults.

The Origin of the Lake County Fair

The fair, that is now known as the Lake County Fair, was originally started as a local fair, sponsored by the Ronan Kiwanis Club. The first fair was held at the Ronan School in 1938, and one cross-bred beef dairy steer calf was the total of the livestock exhibit. This calf was tied to a portable feed rack in front of the grade school building, which was, at the time, the Ronan High School building. Since this original fair, the county obtained land from the Tribes and has developed the fair facilities that presently exist. Sheds built onto the back of the grandstand and old canvas covered lambing sheds served as housing facilities for livestock for several years. Recognized as one of Montana's outstanding fairs, the Lake County Fair frequently has as many

as 350 individual exhibitors, many of whom have several exhibits. The fair attracts more and more spectators each year. A night show, entertainment and a program of games and races for the exhibitors add variety to the fair.

The Lake County 4-H Council operates the food and beverage concession during the fair and uses the proceeds to pay expenses of the county's delegates for educational events and trips. The Community Center Building was used in conjunction with the fair for the first time in 1969. The Adult Open Class was initially added in 1995, and has been expanded each year thereafter.

Fair Emphasis is on Youth

The annual fair is a big event in the lives of many of our boys and girls and adults. Many adults in Lake County, and adjoining areas, contribute awards and many hours of labor in making this event a success. The citizens of Lake County would like to congratulate the exhibitors of the Fair for participating in the event and for the manner in which they conduct themselves during the Fair.

This is 4-H

4-H is the youth education program of Montana State University Extension Service – a program that offers skills and training to youth. This informal education program is conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, State Land Grant University (MSU) and County Governments. A dynamic growing organization, 4-H has expanded in Lake County to involve hundreds of boys and girls. 4-H is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society. This mission is carried out through the involvement of volunteer leaders in Lake County. These adults like to organize and conduct project experiences in community, club or family settings. The 4-H program is open to all interested youth between the ages of 6 and 19 in Montana. Youth can join established clubs or begin new groups. There is a "Cloverbud" program for kids 6-8 years of age.

What is FFA?

FFA is a dynamic youth organization within agricultural education that prepares students for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. FFA was created in 1928 as Future Farmers of America; however the name was changed to the National FFA Organization in 1988 to reflect the growing diversity of agriculture. Today, more than 500,000 student members are engaged in a wide range of agricultural education activities, leading to over 300 career opportunities in agricultural science, food, fiber and natural resources industry. Student succe