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NEWSLETTER

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

Letter from the President

The Lake County Agriculture Society would like to thank again all the exhibitor's and patrons that helped with another great 2022 Lake County fair season. The weather was very corporative, we had some record-breaking days and with the support of all the livestock buyers we had a record livestock auction.



Again, I would like to thank all the individuals that made it possible to make the many fairground improvements for the 2022 fair. We were able to improve the footing in the two horse show rings, made improvements to the camping area, made improvements to the restrooms at the west end of the fair grounds and some electrical upgrades.

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Bob and Polly Sidley God's Messengers move on…

Bob and Polly Sidley died together, 2 minutes apart, on November 25, 2022. Both served the Lake County Fair for over 60 years. They were best known to us for running a top-notch racing program, together, for the past 55 years. At the time of passing, Bob had been an active Fair Board Director for 61 consecutive years, the longest record of service in our 167-year history.

Bob and Polly were also known for their tremendous support of the fair and fairgrounds and their generous philanthropy in the surrounding communities.

They, along with the R.W. Sidley Corporation of Painesville, made and funded countless capital improvements to the fairgrounds over 7 decades.

Bob and Polly shared a passion for harness racing and they were monumental figures in the standard bred horse business statewide, nationally and internationally. Polly was the strong woman behind the (very) successful man which led to some of Bob's most notable recognitions including the President's Award from the U.S. Trotting Association, Man of the Year with Harness Horseman International and Citizen of the Year from the Painesville Area Chamber of Commerce. He received many Hall of Fame Awards including the Ohio Harness Horseman Association, Northfield Park, Lake County Fair and the Ohio Fair Managers Association. The fairground's track is named the Robert C. Sidley Raceway in Bob's honor.



Even in their passing, Bob and Polly continued to give, delivering God's powerful message of love and peace. We should draw comfort, knowing that they are together, with God, in his kingdom.

Bob and Polly have "left the grounds" as we say in fair terms, but they will never be forgotten here.

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