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Local Resident Honored for Support of Fair *20th Year for Outstanding Fair Supporter Recognition Program*

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Jan. 12, 2007) – Richard Parker was recognized Wednesday for his outstanding support to the Lake County Fair during ceremonies at the 82nd Ohio Fair Managers Association (OFMA) Annual Convention at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Former Ohio Agriculture Director Fred L. Dailey presented Parker with a plaque honoring his work.

“Dick’s leadership and generous donation of countless hours, materials, and service have helped make the Lake County Fair an outstanding event,” said Dailey. “I am proud to honor him for his many years of service to the fair.”

Parker has served as Fairboard Director in Lake County for 37 years, making him the second longest serving, active Lake County board member. He is best known for his leadership as chairman of the Grounds Committee, a position he served in for over 25 years. During this time he accomplished a number of major capital improvements to the fairgrounds, most recently including the planning of a new Senior Fairboard business office. As owner of Parker Brothers Excavating, Parker has also donated labor, equipment, and materials in excess of \$1 million to the execution of fairboard projects.

Parker received one of nine OFMA District Awards from Dailey. He represented the Lake County Fair in District 9, which also includes the Ashtabula, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Summit, and Trumbull county fairs.

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