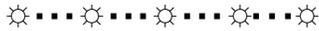


# RAVALLI COUNTY FAIR POEM & DEPARTMENT INDEX



## County Fair Memories

It was Saturday afternoon  
at the RC Fair.  
I watched the livestock auction,  
and now strolled without care.

I passed the antique tractors  
and vendors under tents.  
There was a glass blower  
and fresh pork barbecue scents.

There was a loud-mouth mayor  
getting dunked in a tank,  
and a wheel-a-fortune game  
by a local bank.

Lion's Bingo was in full swing  
when I got in line.  
I was thinking a lamb burger  
would be mighty fine.

I placed my order  
and found a seat in the food court.  
I leaned my head back  
and entered a trance of some sort.

The September sun was hot,  
a warm breeze washed my face.  
I returned to Dawson County-  
how I loved that place!

Twenty five miles northeast  
of Montana's Glendive,  
was our family farm,  
where as a child I did thrive.

Dawson County had a fair  
where ribbons we'd tally.  
My childhood 4-H Club  
was named, Peaceful Valley.

"Robbie, what are you entering  
in the fair this year?"  
"Well, Sis, a Hereford, an Angus  
and a Shorthorn steer."

I raised those farm-fed steers  
and worked hard for ribbon blues.  
Nights were spent in the main row  
with a pillow of shoes.

I ran the thrasher  
competing in driving tractor.  
Training on our farm  
was a determining factor.

I did well in tractor,  
also in displaying grain.  
Each kernel was chaff free,  
hand picked by taking great pain.



In between our farm work  
there was always time for fun.  
'Tween fair exhibits,  
on carnival rides we were spun.

"Number 78!"  
the 4-H child shouted.  
My Memory Lane trip  
was 'bout to be rerouted.

"Are you 78, Sir?"  
she asked touching my arm.  
"Yes. Sorry, I was living my past...  
down on the farm."

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## SECURITY

The grounds will be policed from Tuesday through Saturday and every precaution possible will be taken to ensure the safety of items and animals on display. However, the Management will not be responsible for any loss by theft, vandalism or fire.