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Dear Sirs

Ravalli County Commissioners

I write this letter in response to the article in the "Star" about expanding use of alcohol at the Ravalli County fair grounds.

I represent many other residents here who would strongly oppose this proposal. We were not aware until this year that it was already "Oked". We recall that the original owners of the piece of land the fair sits on, made it a gift to the county on this condition - that it would not allow alcohol on the premises. You may need to check the County Courthouse. We think you should respect that. If you allow alcohol to be consumed our fair will rapidly decline. Missoula's fair (w. mt. fair) is & has been a far cry from ours because of the crowd it attracts & the rancous caused by drinkers. Now it's a hang out for druggies. Ours has been a good healthy, family friendly environment - lets be careful to protect that.

Our county law enforcement is already

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Franklin County Commissioners

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understaffed - don't make it harder for them.

Melissa Saville + the fairboard can surely come up with other means of revenue without resorting to this.

We agree with Chilcott - please, the rest of you, be more cautious about this!!

Sincerely

Grace Luskard

