



NYSAAF

NEWSLETTER

New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs, Inc.



From The President

It seems like just only a short time ago that we were meeting in Syracuse for our Spring meeting with all kinds of great ideas as to how to make our County fairs successful in 2011. So much has happened and I have learned so much about the different County fairs in New York State. WOW. The experience has been overwhelming and even though many of our problems are in common with each other, we still have our own private issues with our local governments at some

of our County fairs. All I can tell you is to keep on believing in what you are doing with regards to each of your particular situations at your fair and good things will happen and proper ways will prevail. I know this is easier said than done but we have a great group of dedicated officers and directors who will try and do their very best for their fair and their community. We all realize that local and State governments are trying to find a way to get more funds but what they don't understand is that how much County fair rely on the off season events just to survive for another fair season. Over all, as I look back at the 2011 season, I feel that, putting the bad weather, behind us, we enjoyed a very successful season. Our carnivals seemed to be happy and hopefully made up for the bad weather days with more fairgoers in attendance on good weather days. Concession rentals were up, entertainment this year was outstanding. The exhibitors seemed to have spent more time and caring in setting up their displays and the pride that was put forth by our youth in the livestock showmanship was great.

In closing I would like to thank each and every one of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Association President. I have learned a lot from my experiences this year. I would like to offer a special acknowledgement to all of the Officers and Directors of the County fairs along Eastern New York area because of all that they have been through the past couple of weeks. Between the hurricanes, flooding, power outages and even a tornado, they have dug down deep and emerged stronger.

Congratulations on a job well done.
Thank You

John W. Burr

Ag-Awareness 2011- BRAVO!

Once again the projects undertaken by the 10 respective Fairs in the Ag-Awareness program for 2011 are **AMAZING!**

The projects are true showcases of the vast array of agricultural products and exhibits our State has to offer. The showcases this year, to name a few, featured things like: "the Appealing Apple, the Pig Party and the Chicken Feed". Additional there was a Cranberry Garden, the composting of the food scraps during the event, taking an existing building and refurbishing it into new and exciting attractions in their agriculture exhibit area. I was amazed by the talent of our 4-Hers as they took a hand full of wool fiber; poked it, pulled it, hooked it and stretched it into a beautiful decorative sculpture and pieces of clothing. Demonstration of livestock, horticulture and various educational presentations rounded out the showcases at the various Fairs.

The Board of Directors has voted to continue funding the Ag-Awareness program for 2012-2015. So, **what does it mean for you?** Each Fair will have the opportunity to receive \$1,500.00 to be used for improvements to the agriculture space. Everyone should be thinking about how these funds can be used as 'seed money' for bigger and better improvements at the Fair. I will be contacting those participating in 2012 in the near future with the guidelines and application to acknowledging their participation soon.

I continue to marvel at the sustainability of our New York Fairs and New York agriculture. As we begin a new funding program I look forward to traveling to visit each of the Fairs that make food and fiber a priority in the daily lives of our friends and neighbors.

Lastly, I will again showcase the Fairs of **Ag-Awareness 2011** at the convention as well as combining all the past 4 years into one great big presentation highlighting the importance of the County Fair throughout our great State!

Russ Marquart, CFE
Ag Awareness Coordinator



International Association of Fairs & Expositions Annual Convention and Trade Show

Paris Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
November 28 – December 1, 2011

For information & reservations call 1-800-516-0313
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IAFE's Annual Convention and Trade Show

The IAFE's Annual Convention and Trade Show is coming up November 28 through December 1st in Las Vegas. Several different scholarships are available that will help fairs send someone to the Convention – ranging from free delegate registration to some which include travel assistance! Here's a recap and details for each:

New IAFE Member

Every new fair joining the IAFE between November 2, 2010 and November 1, 2011 will receive one free delegate registration (\$299 value). A coupon and instructions for redeeming are provided when membership is confirmed. Any questions on this should be directed to Steve Siever (steves@fairsandexpos.com or 800-516-0313). This program is sponsored by Coca-Cola!

Existing Members – Small Fairs

For fairs with less than 100,000 in attendance (which is more than 80% of the IAFE membership), and who've not sent someone to the Convention, we are offering complimentary delegate registration. There are application requirements and an application must be submitted by September 23.

Institute of Fair Management Scholarships

Enrollees of the IAFE's Institute of Fair Management are eligible to apply for scholarships of \$500 each, which can be applied to delegate registration for Convention, as well as Symposium and/or CPP workshop fees. The McKoy Scholarships (up to 20 awarded each year) are open to any enrollee. The Bob Williams Scholarship is open to enrollees from Zone 4 fairs (with less than 100,000 attendance). Details and applications for these scholarships can be found at this web page: <http://www.fairsandexpos.com/getinvolved/young/scholarships/>

Bioniche CPP Workshop Scholarships

Bioniche Life Sciences is providing five scholarships of \$150 each to cover the fee for attending the Consumer Protection Program Workshop at the Convention. This very important workshop addresses the situation fairs are facing when guests come in contact with animals and the presence of enteric pathogens such as E.coli O157:H7. An application form for these scholarships can also be found at this link:

<http://www.fairsandexpos.com/events/convention/cpp/>

Marla J. Calico, CFE – Director of Education
International Association of Fairs and Expositions

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Legislative Report

On August 2nd, at the Otsego County Fair, Morris, NY, Fair President Lewis Miller and NYSAAF President John Burr accompanied by 1st Vice-President Bob Grems, 2nd Vice-President Steve Berninger and 3rd Vice-President R. Harry Booth presented a plaque to Assemblyman Bill Magee, Chair of the Assembly Agriculture Committee. Also in Attendance were Past Presidents Mark St. Jacques and Gerry Elthorp, Todd Vandervort, Rick Zimmerman, Wayne Lair, Dick Elthorp and Frank Griffin. The plaque was given to thank Assemblyman Magee for his support of the restoration of Premium Funds and his support of our proposed bills regarding the acceptance of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act section on seasonal employees.

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL FAIRS, INC.

Request for Showcase Consideration

Only booking agencies or individual acts who have been in good standing with NYSAAF for a minimum of two years will be considered for showcasing. Agency or act must have

Association dues paid in full for year in which it showcases.

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NYSAAF/NYSSA 2011 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WINNERS

The ten winners are listed below:

**Katherine Brosnan –
New York State Fair**

Currently attending Cornell University pursuing a dual major in Animal Science and Agricultural Education

**Katherine Elizabeth DeWitt –
Ulster County Fair**

Will attend Cornell University in the fall majoring in Animal Science.

**Elizabeth Goblet –
Schoharie County Sunshine Fair**

Currently attending SUNY Cobleskill School of Agriculture and Natural Resources pursuing a career as an agriculture teacher.

**James Goblet –
Schoharie County Sunshine Fair**

Currently attending Oklahoma State University pursuing a degree in Animal Science/ Biotechnology leading to a field of study in livestock behavior.

**Summer Greenwood –
Jefferson County Fair**

Will attend Jefferson Community College in the fall and plans on continuing at Cornell University in the future with a major in Agricultural Sciences.

**Chelsea Jones –
Cortland Co Fair**

Will attend SUNY Cobleskill in the fall studying animal genetics.

**Thomas Smith –
Monroe County Fair**

Currently attending Cornell University. Completed his Bachelors Degree in May and will be attending Veterinary School in the fall and plans to someday open a private veterinary practice.

**Boonville-Oneida County
Fair Scholarship Winner**



**Megan Vaill –
Boonville Fair**

Meghan is the 18 year old daughter of Milton and Linda Vaill of Vernon, NY. She recently graduated from VVS High School as the salutatorian and will be attending Cornell University to major in Animal science with plans of becoming a large animal veterinarian. This career path has been molded largely by her participation in 4-H and events held at the Boonville Fair since 2003 when she first began showing Holstein cattle.

Outside of 4-H, Meghan works on the home farm and has served as the National Honor Society president, the 2010 Oneida County Dairy princess and the convention and education chairs on the NYS Holstein Association Junior Executive Committee.

Meghan hopes to learn more about agriculture and dairy in college and plans to continue attending the Oneida County Fair for years to come.

She will attend Cornell University in the fall in an animal science program with a pre-veterinary focus hoping to become a large animal veterinarian.

**Steuben County Fair
applaud students for
being fine representatives
for Steuben County**



**Taylor Wade –
Steuben
County Fair**

Will attend SUNY Alfred in the fall.

Taylor is the daughter of Lyle and Jeanne Wade and a graduate of Canisteo-Greenwood School. While attending school, Taylor was involved in varsity cross country, National Honor Society, Sr. High Band, peer tutoring, library club, music club and yearbook club. Taylor is very involved on her family farm of registered Holsteins. She has enjoyed showing and judging at the county and state fairs. Through 4-H, Taylor has participated in the Steuben County Fair with many projects including photography, electrical, drawing, sewing, and woodworking. 4-H and the fair have had a profound impact on her life and are a big part of who she is today. She is now attending Alfred State College, majoring in marketing.

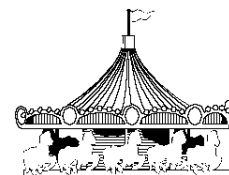


**Issac Oman –
Steuben
County Fair**

Will attend SUNY Alfred in the fall

Isaac Oman, son of Bob and Wendy Oman of Campbell, NY is a 100 year 4-H member of the Campbell "Outsiders" 4-H Club. His 4-H accomplishments include showing dairy and sheep at the Steuben County Fair, woodworking projects, electrical projects and citizenship projects. Isaac in the past years has excelled in his leadership role in 4-H. He was VP and Co President of the Outsiders Club, a junior leader and a mentor to younger 4-Hers. In 2009 he represented

Steuben County in Albany. In 2010 he went to Washington DC as a NYS representative. His most extensive leadership program was a year long program through Cornell University, Dairy Leadership Program. These select group of 4-H dairy delegates traveled to Wisconsin for their National 4-H dairy convention and then toured New York State visiting a diverse group of dairy farms and central schools. Isaac was Jr and Sr Class President, a captain on the varsity basketball team, active member of the student council and attended Steuben County student in government program. He is also the recipient of the Global Technology Scholarship, Farm Credit East Scholarship, Alfred State Alumnus Scholarship, Coming Baron Steuben Chapter NSDAR award, outstanding student council award, the Reg Scott Memorial Award, Campbell-Savona Civic Duty Award, Robin French Memorial Award, Campbell American Legion Award, Austin Construction Award, and the Webster-Hill-Conklin Post #1470 Veterans of Foreign Wars Military Service Award. Issac will be attending Alfred State School of Technology in the Heavy Diesel Program as it will help him with his work on the family farm where he plans to become a farmer advocate for the dairy industry.



Fred Kline Honored



Following the horse races on Tuesday, July 26, at the Boonville-Oneida County Fair, Fred Kline, right, was honored for his 50 years of service to the harness racing program, as Race Secretary. Newell Wagoner, left, former Fair Board president and current secretary, presented him with a special picture depicting harness racing.

(Submitted Photo)



Angelo Nero, Secretary/Manager of the Columbia County Fair at Chatham. Fair was held August 31-September 5 with the theme, "Be A Kid Again". Two by Two Zoo was there with their rescued exotic animals display.



Altamont Fair held agricultural demonstrations daily. Fair was held August 16-21. Farm Machinery, Circus, One Room Schoolhouse, Blacksmith Shop, Carriage and New World Dutch Barn were some of the museums offering a window to the past



Herkimer County Fair treasurer, Gerry and President, Dick Eithorp. The fair in Frankfort ran August 16-21 with the theme, "Enjoy a Holiday at the Fair". Horses, Horses, Horses and Buffalo Barfield's Unheard of Entertainment were a part of the entertainment.



Fran Tepper, CFE and Fair Manager of the Monroe County Fair with future Fair Manager, Jesse McCarthy. Fran will be retiring at the end of the year.



The new Veterans Display was presented at the 192nd Schaghticoke Fair held August 31-September 5. Veterans Committee members Pat Hayes, Jody Luskin, and Ken Luskin are shown with Ernest Blanchet, (98 yr). Oldest living veteran in Rensselaer County and Donald Cushman, Sr.



Bob Commerford of RW Commerford & Sons at the Dutchess County Fair posed for us while working with the miniature horses. In addition to the petting zoo, Bob also had camel and pony rides and an educational elephant presentation.



Washington County Fair personnel were hard at work and stopped for a photo: L-R: Julia Reynolds, Donna Amel, Ralph Getty, Thelma Rymph, Frank Nettle, and Pat Evens. The fair was held August 22-28.



Doug Cater, President of the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair in Cobleskill is shown with a Provident 2 dial post clock donated to the fair by Paul Palmer. The "Sunshine" Fair ran July 29-August 6.



Glenn Gillespie, Manager; Robert Peryea and Zachary Smart, Directors at the Clinton County Fair July 19-24



Sarah Welch, Treasurer of the Saratoga County Fair was busy with the Seniors Program at the Saratoga County Fair, July 19-24 Saratoga County Fair has a new manager, Jeff Townsen



Steve Harter, Secretary, Jeff Wise, Director, Larry Burnett, Treasurer and Bob Simpson, Pres./Mgr. at the Jefferson County Fair held July 14-19.



Manager, Jim Folts and fair officials stop for a photo at the Yates County Fair in Penn Yan during their July 12-16, 2011 fair.

THE 166TH DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR: A LOOK BACK

By Bob Grems, GM

I am a native of NY State but lived in Florida for nearly 25 years before returning to assume the position of GM of the Dutchess County Fair. While in the Sunshine State, I lived through and experienced the full effects of hurricanes a few times. The beautiful weather we are now experiencing, the Monday following the fair, characteristically follows the destructive forces of a hurricane. This time, however, it comes after causing the loss of two days of operation at Dutchess County Fair. Yesterday, I kept driving around the fairgrounds and it felt almost surreal. I just could not believe the months of preparation were over. The fair had come and gone in an absolute flash. I cannot remember any week of my life passing more quickly.

I absolutely love county fairs. The "affair" started in my youth, growing up across the street from the Boonville Fair. Oh, I know, you are supposed to love people, not things. But, I do have a real love affair with the Dutchess County Fair. It is a privilege beyond words for me to be GM of this wonderful county fair. I am just heartsick that we had to cancel the last two days. THAT JUST NEVER HAPPENS. You always make every effort to try to open and to stay open as long as possible. While agonizing over all of the ramifications of the decision to close, when all of the factors were appropriately weighed, it was a no brainer, it just had to be done.

I feel cheated! We have been deprived of something and lost something at the same time. All of us, everyone who worked so hard and needed the fair this year, maybe just to feel better, lost something. These are troubled times and this county fair has the power to transform. We fulfill our very important mission and obligation to educate about and showcase agriculture but this fair, this fair does so much more. This fair encourages participation and involvement when it is so easy today to stand on the sidelines. This fair gives us the opportunity to show appreciation for work done and services rendered. It is a great fair because of the dedication and contributions of so many. People who participate and help us go beyond, do more, excel on behalf of this fair. The Dutchess County Fair brings out the best in all of us in extraordinary ways. When we put out the call to help, so many, many individuals, businesses and companies, respond and go the extra mile.

So today, I hurt. I hurt for our carnival friends and all of the hundreds and hundreds of individual business operators who needed to do well during the fair in Rhinebeck. With three days of record or near record crowds, this would have been a bonanza had we been able to get it in. The weatherman has been unkind to these hard working people nearly every week of the summer. I hurt for the staff

and the Board and our Ag Society members and hundreds of volunteers who worked so hard and long for this fair. And, I hurt for the tens of thousands of expected fair visitors who planned and needed a day away from the challenges and problems of life today and were looking forward to enjoying a day in the country at a wonderful county fair.

I hurt for little Bobby Grems who now has to wait for another full year, 12 months to realize the dream all over again. I must keep him and his wishes at bay for another fall and Christmas, the long days of winter into the emerging spring of a new year. He will become excited when the fairgrounds opens in the spring and when events return and lives are touched in the rebirth of yet another new season. But today, he just hurts. So many times these past 3 days since I walked him around the fair he loves for the last time Friday night, he has just been really, really sad. He's 12 years old again on the closing night of the Boonville Fair.

Oh, there will be other fairs, at least a few more for me before retirement but, as always, they won't come fast enough and I really don't relish wishing the rest of my life away. This fair proved beyond any reasonable doubt that we have the Dutchess County Fair exactly where we need it to be. Friday night at 9:45 pm, cars were still pouring into the parking lots, bumper to bumper. We remained open an hour and a half beyond our usual closing time. Our fair friends ate and they rode, they took one last lap around the fairgrounds before the lights went out. Far too abrupt an ending, maybe a few less memories than in years past but, still good in so many ways. More than a couple people told me Friday night that the early closing, losing two precious days of this 166th edition made them feel sad, too. A hard ending to deal with after such a happy and successful event in so many ways, except in the length of time we had to enjoy it.

The dates of the 167th Dutchess County Fair are August 21st through the 26th. I can't wait!

Note: I wrote this on the Monday following the fair. Since then, many of our sister fairs have suffered similar fates. Maybe they did not have to endure an earthquake like we did on our opening day. Maybe they did not have to pull a star performer off the stage and put her back in her bus for 45 minutes because of rain and lightning as we did Kellie Pickler on Thursday night. Maybe they did not have to shut down completely for two days because of a Hurricane but, they did lose lots of operating time because of bad weather. I don't think there was more than a week, maybe two all summer that enjoyed a perfect week of weather. We work very hard

on our fairs and we deserve better. As we all know too well, there is absolutely nothing we can do to change the weather. We can encourage each other, and redouble our efforts for next year because our county fairs are worth it.

Obituary

Estelle M. Leworthy

Estelle M. Leworthy of Fredonia passed away March 19, 2011. Born on December 13, 1928, she was better known and will be remembered fondly as the "Cotton Candy Lady" at local fairs and events.

Surviving is her husband of 62 years, Henry K. Leworthy, Chautauqua County Fair and past president of the NYSAAF. One son, Henry J (Darlene) Leworthy, Chautauqua County Fair and two grandsons. Also a brother, Ira Dean Fowler of Sarasota, Florida and several nieces and nephews.

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at: www.nyfairs.org**

Newsletter published 3 times a year in April, September & December. Send information for newsletter to Norma Hamilton at carousels4@aol.com Thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter. If you missed this issue, send your fair reports and pictures for the December issue.

New Members

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Fair Reports - 2011

Erie County Fair – Hamburg



Jessica Underberg, CFE Assistant Fair Manager and Denny Lang, CFE Manager of the Erie County had a great run at the 172nd "Red, White and You" Fair held August 10-21 in Hamburg.

"Red, White and You"

Dates: August 10-21
 Attendance: 1,053,150, up 3%
 Gate Admission: adult \$10, children 12 & under free
 Parking: \$5.00
 Weather: high 70's-80's, 2 days of spotty rain
 Carnival: Strates Shows, gross Up 23%
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance:
 8/10, Big Time Rush, paid, 8242
 8/11, Randy Houser, free, 2800
 8/13 Freestyle MX.Com Worldwide Tour, paid, 1692
 8/14 Miranda Lambert, paid, 4841
 8/15 America – 40th Anniversary Tour, free, 6000
 8/16 Terry Fator, paid, 3072
 8/17 Ace Frehley, free, 3000
 8/18, Ultimate Night of Destruction, paid, 3410
 8/19, 8/20 Lucas Oil Truck & Tractor Pull, paid, 7870
 8/18 Ultimate Night of Destruction, paid, 3410
 8/21 World's Largest Demolition Derby, paid, 6328
 Entertainment: Antique carousel organ, Backyard Circus & Puppet Parade, Barney of Mayberry, Bengal Tiger Encounter, Charlie Stron Stilt Walker, DockDogs, Firefighters Parade, Gary the Silent Clown, Historical Building Demonstrations, Jerry Valley-hypnotist, Jerry Ward, chainsaw artist, plus much more
 Attractions: Bear Country, Bonanza Shooting Gallery, Dinosaur Tour, Haunted House & Horror Museum, Lawton's Trout Farm, Micro Reality Stock Car Racing, Nickel City Reptiles & Exotics
 Reported by: Denny Lang, CEO-Fair Manager

Chautauqua County Fair – Dunkirk

Dates: July 25-31
 Attendance: 55,000, down 10%
 Gate Admission: adult & children \$9.00 MTh;
 \$10.00 F-Sun.
 Seniors \$4.50 M-Th; \$5 F-Sun.
 Parking: \$4.00
 Weather: Good – One rainy day
 Carnival: J & J Amusements, Gross: down 10%
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance:
 7/26, 7/31 Demo Derby, driver's pay, 3,000 each derby
 7/27 Star Family Circus, paid, 1,000
 7/28 NYS Horse Pullers, paid, 500
 7/29 Extreme Motorcycle, 1,000
 7/30 Bull Riding, paid, 2,000
 7/31 Bull Riding, 3,000
 2012 Fair Dates: July 23 - 29.
 Reported by: Deb Kuzma, office manager

The Afton Fair - Afton

Dates: July 20-24
 Attendance: 5,000, down 25%
 Gate Admission: \$3.00 for all
 Parking: n/a
 Weather: Hot & dry
 Carnival: Gillette Shows
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance:
 7/21 T BAR T Rodeo, paid, good attendance
 7/22, 7/23, Cattle Show, Free, Fair attendance
 7/24 Demo Derby, paid, good attendance
 All week, Local Bands, free, fair attendance
 2012 Fair Dates: July 18-22,
 Reported by: Dennis C. Fletcher, President

Allegany County Fair – Angelica

Dates: July 18-23, 2011
 Attendance: down 20%
 Gate Admission: \$8.00, Seniors \$5.00 on Monday 8AM-3 PM
 Parking: free
 Weather: Very hot all six days, 90's and 100
 Carnival: J & J Amusements, gross down 20%
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance
 7/18 WNY Pro Farm Pullers, free
 7/19 NYS Lightweight Horse Pull Championships, free
 7/20 Tonny Petersen's Hell Drivers, free
 7/21 Broken B Rodeo, free
 7/22 Mark Lowry/Chouda Pierce, \$32.50 includes gate fee of \$8.00, 908 attendance
 7/23 Demolition Derby, free
 Strolling acts: The Dazzling Mills Family & The Banjo Man
 2012 Fair Dates: July 16-21
 Reported by: Martha Roberts, President

Oneida County Fair - Boonville



Oneida Fair at Boonville personnel were enjoying their 2011 Fair held July 25-31. L-R: Susan LeClair, Dianne Hendrickson, Ashley Fox, Robert Haeger and David Hyatt

Dates: July 23 - 29
 Attendance: 43,292, down 9.3%
 Gate Admission: adult \$5.00, children under 12 free, seniors \$3.00
 Parking: free
 Weather: 3 days of rain; nice weekend
 Carnival: Coleman Brothers Shows Gross down
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance:
 7/26 Painted Pony Rodeo, paid, 852
 7/29 NYS Tractor Pullers Assoc., paid, 1045
 7/30 Tonny Petersen's Hell Driver's Show, paid, 617
 Demolition Derby, (2) paid, 3388
 2012 Fair Dates: July 23-29
 Reported by: Dianne Hendrickson, Fair Office Manager

Chemung County Agricultural Society – Horseheads

Dates: August 2-7
 Attendance: 33,600 Down 18%
 Gate Admission: Adult \$5, Children \$3 (6-12), under 6 free; seniors free until 5PM on Sr. Day
 Parking: free
 Weather: Rain 4 of 6 days, 2 days severe
 Carnival: Strates Shows, down %
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance:
 Two demo derbys, paid
 Monster Truck, paid
 Tractor Pull, paid
 Bull Riding, paid
 Rodney Atkins, paid
 2012 Fair Dates: July 31-August 5
 Reported by: Kermit Bossard, Treasurer

Gouverneur & St. Lawrence County Fair

Dates: August 2-7
 Attendance: 36,000 up 10%
 Gate Admission: 0
 Parking: \$3
 Weather: Warm, sunny, no rain

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Carnival: Coleman Bros. up 8%
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance
 Daily: Free, Grounds Act
 Horses, Horses, Horses,
 Sylvia's Magic Trunk
 8/2, Harold Ford & The Johnny Cash Band ,
 \$10/\$5, 450pp
 8/3 Band Day & Firemen's Parade, free,
 9000
 8/4 Talent Show, \$5, 700 pp
 8/5 Monster Truck Show \$12/\$8, 1400
 8/6 Modified Truck & Tractor Pull, \$12/\$8,
 1300
 8/6 Local Truck Pull, \$5, 450
 8/7 Demolition Derby, \$12/\$8, 1800
 2012 Fair Dates: July 31-Aug. 5
 Reported by: Don Peck, President

Orleans County 4-H Fair, Albion

Dates: July 25-30
 Attendance: estimated 25,000 same as
 2010
 Gate Admission: \$5 per vehicle
 Weather: Very nice, sunny mid 70's, a
 couple afternoon showers
 Carnival: Fun for Everyone Amusements
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance
 8/25-30 Chee Chee the Clown
 7/27-30,
 Chainsaw Chic
 Josh Knotts and Leah Extreme Illusions
 Magical Genie Comedy Show
 8/29 Kid Kurry Band
 8/30 Julie Dunlop & High Maintenance
 Kareoake Contest
 2012 Fair Dates: July 23-28
 Reported by: Robert Bott, Fair Chair

Ulster County Fair – New Paltz

Dates: August 2-7
 Attendance: 39,981 (paid), down 12.8%
 Gate Admission: Adult \$15, POP children
 under 5 free, seniors free on Thursday
 10-4
 Parking: free
 Weather: 2" rain Wednesday night, heavy
 rain Saturday
 Carnival: Dreamland Amusements, gross
 down 12.8%
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance
 8/3, Justin Moore, free 4414 (rain)
 8/4, Joe Diffie, free 8287
 8/5, McClymonts, free, 8185
 8/6, Greg Hanna, free, 5557
 8/7, Joey & Rory, free, 5150
 2012 Fair Dates: July 31-Aug. 5
 Reported by: Gary Newkirk, Fair Manager

IAFE Certified Fair Executive

Fifteen applicants in the IAFE certification program were designated Certified Fair Executives (CFE's) during the Annual IAFE Management Conference held in April in Louisville, KY. Each CFE received a plaque from IAFE Chair Jim Sinclair of the Minnesota State Fair.



Gary Newkirk, CFE with his grandson Jonathan at the Ulster County Fair August 2-7.

New York's Gary Newkirk of the Ulster County Fair, New Paltz, was one of the recipients. CFE designation follows the successful completion of a program in which applicants must meet certain criteria in education, fair related management skills, community programs and participation in IAFE activities. The primary purposes of the certification program are to promote personal improvement and recognize achievement in fair management.

Hemlock "Little World's" Fair

Dates: July 19-23
 Attendance: 30,752 up 9%
 Gate admission: adult \$11.00, children
 \$8.00, seniors \$6.00(1 day only)
 Parking: POP
 Weather: Hot, humid, no rain. Several days
 in the high 90's
 Carnival: Powers Great American Midways
 Gross: up 5%
 Entertainment//Fee/Attendance:
 7/19 Demo, free, 5408
 7/20 Fire Fighters Comp.free,4009
 7/21 semi-truck pull, free, 4022
 7/22 tractor pull, free, 6821
 7/23 Demo, free, 10492
 2012 Fair Dates: July 16-20
 Reported by: Wendy Parsels, Admin.to
 President

Delaware County Fair-Walton

Dates: Aug. 15-20
 Attendance: 79,102 down 2%
 Gate Admission: adult \$7.00, children 12&
 under free, seniors \$3.50
 Parking: free
 Weather: Rain all day Monday & Tuesday
 Morning
 Carnival: Reithoffer Shows
 2011 Fair Dates: August 13-18
 Reported by: Gary Tweedie, President

Oswego County Fair – Sandy Creek



Mr. Roof: 82 year-old Sr. Citizen Spelling Champ

Dates: June 30-July 4
 Attendance: Approx. 30,000 same as
 2009
 Gate Admission and Parking: Free
 Weather: very good hot & sunny with rain
 only once during the night
 Carnival: Hawkins Amusements,
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance:
 6/30,7/2 Fireworks, free, good crowds
 7/1,3 Demo Derby paid, grandstand full
 7/2 Tractor pulls, paid, fair crowd
 7/2 Racing Lawn Mowers, paid
 2012 Fair Dates: June 30-July 4
 Reported by: Anne Gibbs, Secretary

Dates to Remember

2011

- October 1 NYSAAF Board of Director's Meeting, Cortland
- October 1 Trade show applications due
- October 20 Convention showcase applications due
- Nov. 28-Dec. 1 IAFE Convention & Trade Show, Paris Hotel, LasVegas, Nev.
- December 1 2012 Associate Member applications due
- December 15 Pre-Registration for NYSAAF Convention
- December 15 Reservations for January banquet
 (Price of registration & banquet & breakfast tickets will increase after 12/15)
- December 31 Deadline for Hotel Room Reservations, NYSAAF Convention

2012

- January 13-16 – NYSAAF Annual Convention & Trade Show, Rochester



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