



# The Afton Driving Park and Agricultural Association, Inc.

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Written and Edited by the Board of Directors

**July 21 - 25, 2010**

## 2010 Afton Fair Overview

By Regina Birdsall

The 2010 Afton Fair starts on Wednesday, July 21. On Wednesday, rides provided by Gillette Shows, will open at 4:00 pm. Also at 4:00 pm, the Gillespie Pageants contest will be held at the 88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage. The contest will be followed by a performance by Gary Jennings, an international recording artist who is originally from Sidney, NY. He will perform from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. At 7:00 pm, the Firemen's Parade will take place on the harness racing track. We hope to see plenty of school bands, fire departments, auxiliary's, and other organizations take part. The parade will be followed by firematics. Wednesday will be wrapped up by a fireworks display that will begin at around 10:00 pm.

Thursday our annual Harness Racing event begins at 1:00 pm and should finish about 5:00 pm. Be sure to stop by the Grandstand to watch these beautiful and powerful animals and their drivers compete. Entry to the grandstand for this event is free. The rides will open at 4:00 pm on Thursday also. At the 88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage, Mindy Mills and her line dancing group will put on a display from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. T Bar T Rodeo will start their show at 7:30 pm in front of the Grandstand. This is a full rodeo. Advance sale tickets will be available for \$10.00, and day of show tickets will be \$13.00. Information about where and when you can get advance tickets will be listed on our website at:

[www.theaftonfair.com/tbt-tickets.shtml](http://www.theaftonfair.com/tbt-tickets.shtml).

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## Youth Dairy Show

By Regina Birdsall

The 2010 Afton Fair Dairy Show is expected to be bigger and better than ever. Paul Faigle, a local farmer and a director on the Afton Driving Park Board has done an outstanding job of bringing back and improving the program over the last few years.

We were pleased when we were informed this year that the Afton Sertoma Club wanted to provide a large sponsorship for the program. This sponsorship means the prize money for the champion classes will be significantly higher.

The Youth Dairy Show will be held on Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24. Visit the website at: [www.theaftonfair.com/youth-dairy.shtml](http://www.theaftonfair.com/youth-dairy.shtml) for for rules, class lists and to download an entry form.

## 2010 Afton Fair Advertising Sponsors

By Regina Birdsall

We would like to thank the organizations and companies who have become advertising sponsors of the 2010 Afton Fair.

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[www.theaftonfair.com/sponsorship.shtml](http://www.theaftonfair.com/sponsorship.shtml) or call the fair office at 607-639-1525.

**We are in need of volunteers to help out in Floral Hall, the main office and other areas leading up to and during the fair. If interested please call the office at 607-639-1525 to discuss with a board member. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.**

**Become a sponsor of our newsletter and have your business or name listed here. Please contact us at 607-639-1525 or email us at [adp@theaftonfair.com](mailto:adp@theaftonfair.com) for more information. The next newsletter will be released on July 15, 2010.**

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**2010 Afton Fair Overview (continued)**

*By Regina Birdsall*

Friday is day one of the Youth Dairy Show, which starts at 10:00 am by the cattle tents. The rides will open at 2:00 pm. There will be a Kiddie Tractor Pull on vendor row at 5:00 pm. This is a fun event for the younger kids. At 7:15, Racing by the I-88 Speedway will start. This will be a regular race night with the Street Stock, Sportsmen, Modified and 4 cylinder classes. Grandstand admission will be \$5.00 to keep the admission the same as race nights when combined with the main gate admission.

Saturday starts out with day one of the Open Horse Show with the English and Western Classes at 9:00 am and day two of the Youth Dairy Show at 10:00 am. There will be a Chili Cook off Contest sponsored by Pack 51 Cub Scouts. Only scouts can enter the contest, but everyone can try the chili! Rides will open at 12:00 pm. The annual Pony Pull will take place at 1:00 pm. At 4:00 pm, the 2010 Afton Fair Demolition Derby will take place. We are hoping for a repeat of last years great show! There is a \$3.00 grandstand admission fee for this show. From 6:00 to 10:00 pm, the regional country band Jason Wicks and Seven Bridges will perform at the 88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage.

On Sunday we start out with day two of the Open Horse Show with the Miniature, Driving and Senior Games/Driving classes at 9:00 am. Tractors of Yesteryear (TOYS) will hold their pulls at 9:00 am in front of the grandstand, followed by the Catskill Garden Tractor Pullers at 12:30 pm. At 2:00 pm, Cobblestone Crossing will perform at the 88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage.

Daily events at the 2010 Afton Fair include an all day Farm Animal Exhibit, Floral Hall Display, the Children's Activity Center and the Bikes-for-Kids Drawing. The bike drawings will be done at the Children's Activity Center Wednesday through Saturday at 6:00 pm at 1:30 pm on Sunday. First Bite, a fishing tank where children can learn how to fish or just practice what they already know, is a new attraction this year. It will be located in the vendor area. There will be a fee, however we have not yet determined what it will be.

Stay tuned for more information on the performances, contests and displays at the Afton Fair. The July newsletter will include a daily schedule. Please remember that our schedule is subject to change. The most recent updates will be available on the Afton Fair website: [www.theaftonfair.com](http://www.theaftonfair.com).

**I-88 Speedway**

*By Regina Birdsall*

In a last minute meeting and vote in late April, the Board of the Afton Driving Park and Agricultural Association voted unanimously to enter into a contract with Jamie Page and Ron Ford to take over the promotion of the race track at Afton. They held a practice just a couple weeks later with opening night being May 14. In the weeks since they opened they have seen increased car counts in all classes and have had good weather for race nights. They have worked extremely hard and have put a lot of time, effort and money into the facility.

If you haven't already, we encourage you to add racing at the I-88 Speedway to your weekend plans. Admission is \$8.00 for those over 8 years of age. There are many local drivers that are racing, so stop in and cheer them on. For more information about racing, visit their website at: [www.i-88speedway.com](http://www.i-88speedway.com)

We wish Jamie, Ron, their families, their staff and the drivers and their crews continued success and a great year!

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