



The Afton Driving Park and Agricultural Association, Inc.



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Written and Edited by the Board of Directors

121st Afton Fair: July 7 - 11, 2010

A Thank You to Sponsors and Visitors

By Regina Birdsall

The Board of the Afton Driving Park and Agricultural Association, Inc. would like to take this time to thank all of the sponsors of the 2009 Afton Fair, and especially those who visited us this year. Without our sponsors and visitors, our event could not have been a great success.

Those who visited us this year deserve the biggest thanks of all. We couldn't have done it without you. We hope to see you back again next year!

Thank you to the following sponsors of the 120th Afton Fair. The money from these sponsors helped pay for two nights of fireworks and portions of the grandstand and 88 BC/Afton Sertoma Stage entertainment.

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Sponsors for the Youth Dairy Show, Harness Racing, Open Horse Shows and Demolition Derby will be listed with upcoming articles about these events and others, some of which will be available in this newsletter and the rest in the September newsletter and on our website. Stay tuned for more!

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121st Afton Fair Dates

Set

By Regina Birdsall

In the monthly meeting of the Afton Driving Park and Agricultural Association, Inc. on July 27, 2009, the Board of Directors set the dates for the 121st Afton Fair for Wednesday, July 7 - Sunday, July 11, 2010.

Updates to vendor contract, advertising and sponsorship packages, the entertainment inquiry form and event rules and entry forms are being updated and will be posted on the website as they become available.

Skyline with Cassidy Lynn put on an awesome performance on Saturday, July 11 at The Afton Fair despite the storms that rolled through. Thank you to Skyline, Cassidy Lynn and to sound expert Brian Aitkens for keeping everything going through the end of the night!



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2010 Afton Fair Floral Hall Cookbook

By Melanie Mueller

Floral Hall is also working on a cookbook for the 2010 year. We are hoping to have enough recipes entered so that we can print the cookbook for Christmas. To do this we need your recipes! Recipes can be submitted online, by email, or by regular mail.

Visit the Afton Fair Website at www.theaftonfair.com/floral-hall-directory.shtml for complete instructions for online and email submittal.

You can submit your recipe by mail to:

Afton Fair Floral Hall

P.O. Box 15

Afton, NY 13730

Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and # of cookbooks you would like to reserve for yourself and of course your complete recipe.

If you have any questions, please call the Afton Fair Office at 607-639-1525 and leave a message.

2009 Afton Fair Floral Hall

By Melanie Mueller

Floral Hall had a lot of wonderful and creative items entered this year. All the time and work that went into the crafts entered is amazing! This year we had 3 new chairpersons: Cindy Kinsey - Open Sewing, Marge Miner - Youth Sewing, and Maureen Ryan - Open and Youth Photography. These ladies did a superb job through the year and the entries that came in because of their hard work were wonderful!

We had some new judges this year as well as some veteran judges, they all had some tough decisions to make and did a superb job.

There were many people who contributed to the success of Floral Hall this year. I cannot begin to list all the names as the list of wonderful people who gave their time and helping hands is long. I can say that without their help Floral Hall would not have been what it was this year. To everyone who had a hand in Floral Hall this year, a sincere Thank You!

We are still seeking people who would like to volunteer in Floral Hall as Chairpersons, Judges, and Representatives. To the volunteers that we currently have and to those that will come to us in the future I would like to say: "Volunteers are unpaid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless." As always, should you have any questions regarding Floral Hall or the Afton Fair, you can call the Afton Fair Office at 607-639-1525. Email Floral Hall at floralhall@theaftonfair.com, or Check out the website, www.theaftonfair.com.

As for me, this was my first year as Floral Hall Superintendent. Yes, there were a few snags, but we are still learning. To the many people who shared their experience and helped to guide me. Thank you.

Old Farming Technique Displays and Demonstrations

By Barb Niles

We are in search of people to set up displays and do demonstrations of Old Farming Techniques for the 121st Afton Fair. We would like to have demonstrations on blacksmithing, hay stacking or baling, plowing with horses or cattle, milling techniques, steam run tractors and more.

If you can provide these services, please call the Afton Fair Office at 607-639-1525. Please leave a message. You can also email us at fairinfo@theaftonfair.com.

Winter Storage

By Barb Niles

The Afton Driving Park has storage room available for the winter months in various locations of the Afton Driving Park. This storage space can be used for boats, cars, RV's and other items.

You are required to carry insurance for your storage items as well as sign a contract. Cost is based on the square footage of space your item(s) take. Your items will go into storage in October and must be removed in late April or early May.

If you would like more information about winter storage, please call the Afton Fair Office at 607-639-1525.

The Winner is....

By Regina Birdsall

During the 120th Afton Fair members of a local 4-H Club volunteered to help us poll our visitors. The information that we collected included, where they came from, what day(s) they came, age range, children who came with them, what brought them to our fair and what they would like to see at the fair and more. Those who filled out the poll form were entered into a drawing for a \$50 Gas Card. On July 20, 2009 we drew the winning name. Congratulations to Edna Cering who was our winner! Thank you to everyone who filled out our form.

In order to continue collecting information, we will be setting up a poll on our website that will be accessible from a link on our homepage. This poll will be available in early September. Once available, stop by to complete and submit the poll to let us know what you would like to see at the 2010 Afton Fair. There is no drawing connected to submitting this poll on our website at this time. If we do decide to do one, all completed polls from the date it is first available will be included. Duplicate submittals will be void.

We look forward to your input!

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2009 Afton Fair Harness Racing

By Georgia Baker

Harness racing at this year's Afton Fair was a huge success. Seventy-five horses competed for a total of \$28,135 in County Fair, Billings and overnight races. Fourteen races kept everyone busy cheering for their favorite horse.

The track was in good condition and we were hoping for a new track record or two but that didn't come to be. Winning owners were able to purchase professional photos of their horse crossing the finish line and in the Winners Circle.

Our ninth annual pick the winner game was fun for all and awarded \$140 in prizes to several spectators who were lucky enough to choose the race winner and be drawn at random from all those who did. We are hoping to have more people attend our races next year to see what harness racing is all about. It is an awesome show put on not only for the participants but for the public at no extra charge. Please come out next year to support our harness racing program.

The Afton Fair Harness Racing Staff extends a resounding thank you to our special sponsors!

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2009 Afton Fair Youth Dairy Show

By Paul Faigle

The 2009 Afton Fair Youth Dairy Show took place on July 8, 9, and 10 of 2009. There were 25 exhibitors who had a great time and did a great job of showing and caring for their dairy cattle.

The winner of the Grand Champion of all Breeds prize was Timothy James and the winner of the Reserve Champion prize was Dalton Walley.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the sponsors who helped make the show a success.

2009 Youth Dairy Show Sponsors

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2009 Afton Fair Demolition Derby

By Rhonda Barriger

The weather was sunny and the crowd was standing room only making the perfect setting for a great 2009 Afton Fair Demolition Derby with thirty-four cars that ran in five heats.

After months of worry and wanting to put on a better show than The Afton Fair has had in a long time, we know we couldn't have done this without the help of everyone involved. Bill and I want to extend a special thanks to all our officials, the tractor operators who helped clear off the cars so quickly and the drivers that helped to give the spectators a perfect derby.

Winners List

1st heat: 1- Steven Mattson, Downsville, 2- Guy Reynolds Jr, Apalachin, 3- Adam Buteau, Deposit, 4- Nate Sramek, Sidney Center

2nd heat: 1- William Reynolds, Oxford, 2- Micheal Reynolds, Smithville Flats, 3- Robert Vanhorn, Oneonta, 4- Charlie Holdrege, Afton

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2009 Afton Fair Youth Dairy Exhibitors



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3rd heat: 1- David Smith, Mt Upton, 2- Kevin Eric Eberling, Oneonta, 3- Mike Green, Davenport 4- Tracy Armstrong, Bainbridge

4th heat: 1- Tracy Armstrong, Bainbridge 2- Rick Englehardt, Walton, 3- Mark Kendrick, Unadilla, 4- Jerrod Stanton, Walton

5th heat: 1- Shawn Beers, Florida, 2- Pete Green, Walton, 3- Chris Alvarez, Walton, 4- Cody Scofield, Walton

A special thanks to Paolettis Community Lounge and Victoria Pinney Gregory for sponsoring the feature winners at New York State Fair. The following feature winners will be competing at the New York State Fair: 1- Mark Kendrick and 2- Dave Smith.

We also want to extend our thanks to Pit Stop Auto of Afton, Dags NAPA Auto Parts of Bainbridge and Sidney and the sponsorship "In memory of Pete Robinson" for sponsoring our trophies as well as Hillside Body and Collision LLC. for donating our officials tee-shirts.

Afton Fair Firemen's Parade 2009

By Regina Birdsall

Walton Central School Band

We had a great turn out for the Firemen's Parade on opening day. Thank you to all of the Fire Departments, Auxiliary's, Schools and other organizations for turning out.



Winners were as follows:

DRESS

1st - Greene Fire Department, 2nd - Afton Fire Department, 3rd - Brisben Fire Department.

SPORT

1st - Coventry Fire Department, 2nd - Genegantslet Fire Department.

LADIES AUXILIARY

1st - Afton Auxiliary

BANDS - Class A

1st - Walton Central School

BANDS - Class B

1st - Harpursville Central School, 2nd - Milford Central School

We are hoping to see some floats and more school bands and fire departments at the parade in 2010.

2009 Afton Fair Pony Pull

By Regina Birdsall

Despite the shower that came through Saturday afternoon during the Afton Fair Pony Pull this year, the Ponies and their handlers continued on and completed their competition.

The 1st place winner of the 1450 lb class was Mary Shay and the 1st place winner of the free for all was Brian Allen.

If you missed it please be sure to join us next year for the 2010 Pony Pull.

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