From The President

I can hardly believe that we are approaching the end of another year and that our 125th Anniversary Convention is just a very few weeks away. It also seems impossible that my time as President of this great association is coming to an end.

A theme I have stuck with the Board and your Executive Committee this year is that these are not common times. These are difficult and challenging times. I hope we have and will continue to address some of the issues that need our attention now and in the months and years ahead. With our next Board meeting in January, I believe we will have discussed and settled some important issues that will move us forward, accordingly.

While we know, love, and work hard for our fairs, we have to be aware of some serious issues. Two of our county fairs were held this past summer without carnivals. At least one fairground is up for sale and county government in a second is considering the same move. More and more issues, rules and regulations force us to change the way we do our business and run our fairs each year. We no longer have the comfort of “business as usual.”

That dreaded word change is our challenge. We all know that the old pair of shoes fits more comfortably but, I just don’t think we can face current realities walking around in old shoes! I place much credence in the expression, “If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you have always gotten.”

To paraphrase another quote I use often, “I am not necessarily a pessimist because I am not sure it all ends badly. Nor am I an optimist because it may not all end well. I guess I just live with hope.” My hope is that while we have differing opinions, the lack of civility that is far too prevalent in society today does not become a part of our organizational fabric. I hope that we can get along and work together in our individual agricultural societies. It amazes me that with such important work, with such a common purpose, that we just can’t do it amicably. Unfortunately, I hear it far too often that “it just isn’t fun anymore.”

Our problems are not going to go away because we decline to face and acknowledge them. We are not going to grow and remain competitive in attracting new exhibitors, new vendors, new attendees unless we face that dreaded word “change”. President Franklin Roosevelt said once, “Try something new. If it works, do more of it. If it doesn’t, try something else.” We had much nicer weather this past summer certainly than the year before. If your fair had good weather and attendance was flat, it is important for you to spend time looking at that and anticipating some changes. We have needed to and are doing that in your state organization. You may well have to do that back home at your fair, as well.

I am an optimist, so I believe it will all end well. Our goals are too lofty, our work too important, the results of our efforts too significant for it to end any other way. I carry inside a grateful heart. In a lifetime of work in the fair industry, my year as President of this association has certainly been a highlight. In concluding, let me offer the following, “There’s a theory that a person’s civility, his mastery of maturity and the manners that go with it, may be most readily gauged by his ability to simply say, “thank you”.

A heartfelt “thank you” for affording me this grand privilege. Riding a bus from SUNY Oswego back in 1969 to Syracuse and my very first convention, I could never have dreamed that the fair business would ever afford me the life and professional experiences I have enjoyed.

In the spirit of the holidays, my hopes and prayers are with you and yours that this is a blessed season of great joy for one and all. See you in January at our 125th Anniversary Convention.

Robert Grems

Veterans Hall at Schaghticoke Fair

Many fairgoers visited the Veterans Hall to pay tribute to our Veterans and say thank you. Everyone knows and loves a veteran and many came to share that connection. Some came to see a picture, a clipping or perhaps an item donated by family or a friend that served our country.

The Veterans Hall honors all veterans. In addition we are very busy compiling a comprehensive list of veterans names from Rensselaer County. These names are categorized by the fourteen towns and two cities in the county. This will be an ongoing objective for years to come as we feel it is one of our primary goals.

A challenge coin has been created and can be obtained by giving a monetary donation. The coin the represents the five branches of the military as well as Rensselaer County’s Gold Star mom on one side. On the other side is the American flag, an eagle and a ferris wheel which ties in the location of our building at the Schaghticoke Fair.

There is still work to be done on the building and many more names to acquire but the second year at the Veterans Hall was a great success and extremely rewarding for those of us whose goal it is to honor these men and women.
**Bits & Pieces**

**Fair Dues**

Association treasurer, Joan Rowland, reminds all fair treasurers and managers that the dues notices went out in October and are payable by December 10 so that all are accounted for by convention time. Mail your dues payable to NYSAAF to Joan at 451 North Creek Road, Greenfield Center, NY 12833. Note that your dues are determined by your 2011 attendance.

**NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets Officers Information Forms**

2013 Agricultural Fair & Officers Information form listing your current officers has been mailed to you. Please complete so an updated list can be distributed at the January convention. Send to Fax form to: Holly Marchand at 518-457-3080 or email holly.marchand@agriculture.ny.gov

**Premium Reimbursement Report**

Your annual report for premium reimbursement must be sent to the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets. Return to Lucy Roberson, Director of Fiscal Management, 10B Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12235

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**Dutchess County Fair names New Manager**

The Board of Directors of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society announced at their November meeting that Andy K Imperati, 49 has been named the new General Manager of the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

Imperati, an employee of the Fairgrounds for 17 years, held the position of Operations Manager for the last 6 years. He also coordinates and manages the agricultural programs at the fair. He is a past director of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs and is a current member of the Ag Awareness Committee. He has served as Interim General Manager of the fairgrounds since January and is a long standing member of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society.

Andy is a graduate of SUNY Cobleskill and has been involved with the Dutchess County 4-H since his childhood.

He is married and lives with his wife and son in Hyde Park NY.

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**Dates to Remember**

**2013**

January 18 .............................NYSAAF Board of Director’s Meeting-Rochester, NY
January 18-21 .............................NYSAAF Annual Convention & Trade Show, RRCC, Rochester, NY
April 1 ..................................................April Newsletter Articles due
April 13 ...........................NYSAAF Board of Director’s Meeting, State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
April 18-20 ..............................IAFE Zone 1 Meeting, Portland, ME
April 25-28 ..............................IAFE Management Conference, West Palm Beach, FL
September 1 ..............................September Newsletter Articles due
September 28 ..........................NY SAAF Board of Director’s Meeting, Holiday Inn Express, Rensselaer, NY
September 27-29 ..........................NYS Fair Managers’ Meeting, Holiday Inn Express, Rensselaer, NY
December 1 ..............................December Newsletter Articles due
December 9-12, 2013 ..............IAFE Convention & Trade Show, Paris Hotel, LasVegas, NV

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**Obituaries**

**Lucille D. Turner - Chemung County Fair**

Lucille Turner, 91, of Horseheads passed away on Sunday, June 24, 2012 while residing at Maplewood Manor in Ballston Spa, NY. She was the wife of the late Robert Turner who passed away in 1981. Following her husband’s death, Lucille took over his position as secretary/manager of the Chemung County Fair from 1982-86, a position he held for thirty-five years. Lucille attended the NYSAAF Conventions and was the recording secretary for then executive secretary, Gladys Blatchley.

She is survived by her children Barbara and her husband Steve Noll of MD and Beth and her husband Daniel Loewenstein of Ballston Spa along with 4 grandchildren.

**Charles Patrick Slevin “Charlie Slevin”**

Charlie Slevin, 87, of Jupiter, FL passed away on Sunday, November 25, 2012 at Jupiter Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his son Charles in June, 2012.

Charlie was a life long entertainer in the North East starting as a singer then as a comedian. Survivors include his wife Mary, granddaughter Terra Slavin and grandson Charles Slavin.

Charlie through Charles Slavin Attractions worked at our New York Fairs, attended many of our NYSAAF conventions and provided us with his expertise as Master of Ceremonies. He developed friendships in New York who he kept in touch with.
2013 Convention
The 125th Annual NYSAAF Convention will be held January 18-21, 2013 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, Rochester, NY

Registration
The registration desk will be located in the gal- lery, street level. Your registration packets with badges and tickets will be available Friday 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Saturday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
Registration forms have been mailed to you. On December 16th, registration increased to $10.00. List your name on the form as you would like it to appear on your badge.

Saturday & Sunday Breakfast–Advance ticket required
For the 2013 convention the NYSAAF is offsetting the cost of the breakfast on Saturday, January 19 and Sunday, January 20. The menu will include: Sliced fruits, scrambled eggs, bacon, potatoes, sausage, assorted pastries, juices, coffee and tea. Breakfast will be located at the Radisson Hotel in the Grand Ballroom. Advance tickets are required and can be ordered on the registration form mailed to you. The cost is $10.00 per person, $12.00 per person if purchased after Dec. 15.

Badge Requirements
Name Badges must be worn to all functions.
Please wear your registration badge at all times. These badges are important for your identification to attend the meetings, enter the trade show and other functions involved with the convention. These badges indicate that you have registered for the convention; they help the trade show participants put names to faces and the ribbon color identifies fair attendees, associate members, officers and speakers.

Convention Program
You can download the 2013 Convention Program at www.nyfairs.org

Hotel Reservations
Reservations should be made directly with the Radisson Riverside Hotel and the Hyatt Regency. Be sure to tell them you are with the NYSAAF to get the proper room rate.
It is very important for everyone making reservations, (whether individually or one person making the reservations for the whole group) to be sure they are identified by name and to verify to eliminate any repetitions. We receive credits on the convention expenses from the Radisson and the Hyatt depending on the number of rooms used. Therefore, it is most important that all of our registrants stay at one of the two hotels and that they know you are part of our group. Deadline for room reservations is December 31st. If you are tax exempt you must present the necessary paper work at the time of registration. If your fair is paying with a corporate card, please read the following instructions:

Group Credit Card Instructions–Radisson Riverside Hotel
In effort to assist with previous billing issues we suggest the following procedures to assist in smoothing out the process. If you are a group that is looking to have all the rooms from your fair or organization billed to one credit card the following will enable you to do so:
1. Have one main contact for your group call the hotel 585-546-6400 and ask for Linda Donoghue the reservations manager.
2. Tell Linda that you are with Ag Fairs and you would like to create a "group master" for your fair. Linda will then create a "group master" for your billing purposes.
3. You will need to have the credit card and fill out a credit card authorization form.
Once that group master is created you can then either give Linda the list of names to go on your “group master” or you can have the individuals from your fair call in.
If you are going to have individuals call in on their own please let them know that they will need to make a reservation under ABC fair part of the Ag Fairs block. That way all reservations will be under the correct fair. Linda will also take care of any payment or billing issues that you may have. Her email address is donoghuel@ghhotels.com
The Riverside Convention Center is connected to the hotels by skywalks. Note that there is a NO SMOKING policy at the convention center.

Directions
The parking garages for the hotels can be reached from Interstate 90 to:
WEST – From I-90 take exit 47 to route 490 east (stay in left-hand lane), then take Plymouth Avenue exit. Make a right onto Plymouth Avenue, then a left onto Main Street.
EAST – From I-90, take exit 45, follow route 490 west to Plymouth Avenue, exit ramp. Go straight to Main Street and take a right onto Main Street. After crossing the Genesee River, make a left into driveway from Main Street to Radisson Riverside Hotel, 120 E. Main Street.
Make a right into driveway from Main Street to Hyatt Regency Hotel, 125 E. Main Street.

Presidents’ Reception
The President’s reception will be held in the Riverside Ballroom at the Radisson Hotel on Friday, January 18 from 9 PM until midnight.

Auction
Saturday following the Past President Reception, our annual scholarship auction will be held with an added silent auction and entertainment. Donations can be left at the registration desk. Be sure your name is on each donated item. It is requested that the item have a minimum value of $25.00. The Association will again be accepting credit cards for auction purchases. In addition to benefiting the Scholarship Fund, 25% of the proceeds, by action of the Board of Directors at the April meeting, will go to the General Fund to support convention activities.

Door Prizes
We request only one per fair and it can be left at the registration desk. Label each item with the name of your fair and distinguish between door prize and auction item.

Banquet
The NYS Association of Agr. Fairs is offsetting the cost of the banquet ticket. The cost will be $34.00 for either choice of Chicken Fontinella or Sirloin Steak, if purchased by December 15th. On December 16th the cost of the banquet tickets will increase to $39.00. This offer is being made available to you by the Association in the hope that you will join us for the 125th annual banquet and entertainment showcase on Sunday in the Empire Hall North of the Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

Memorial Display
Memorial forms were mailed to you. If you have someone you want remembered, please send completed form to Dr. Marilyn Trainor, 436 Harris Dr., Watertown, NY 13601 by January 1, 2013.

Trade Show Booth & Hours
Exhibit will be open Saturday, January 19 from 11 AM to 5 PM and on Sunday, January 20 from 11 AM to 4 PM. Booths are 8 ft. x 10 ft. Contact Norma Hamilton at 518-753-4956 for further information on obtaining a booth. A lunch buffet (on your own) and seating area will be available on both days in the trade show for your convenience.

Discount Coupons
Lunch: Check your registration packet for a Luncheon Discount Coupon being offered by the NYS Association of Agr. Fairs and The Rochester Riverside Convention Center redeemable for a savings of $1.50 off any concession purchase of $5.00 or greater at the trade show.
This will offer you the opportunity to have lunch and also to conduct business. Tickets for the special drawing will be included in your registration packet. You must deposit the ticket at the trade show to be eligible. There will be a box where the prizes are displayed. Five qualifying tickets will be drawn Saturday at 4:30 and five Sunday at 3:30 PM. Qualifiers must be present to win. On Sunday, a drawing of the qualifiers will determine the winner. The winning registered delegate must be present to win. The prizes will be displayed in the trade show at the convention.

Trade Show Parade
The theme for 2013 is “Happy Birthday”. The “Little Red Wagon Parade” will be held Sunday at 2:45 pm in the trade show area. Rules to participate were mailed to you with your registration information. Return your entry form by January 1 to: Nelson Eddy, 31571 Peck Road, Black River, NY 13621. If you need further information, contact Nelson at 315-773-5133.
NAME BADGES MUST BE WORN TO ALL FUNCTIONS
For 2013 Convention Program download at home page on www.nyfairs.org
 Convention Showcasing 2013  
Saturday, January 19, 2013  

In Jest  
Performing before the scholarship auction at 7:30 PM. A comedy variety entertainment from Amherst, NY. Side-splitting, gravity-defying comedy Juggling.  
As Chief Executive Oddball of In Jest, Inc., Nels Ross works solo and with others to provide uplifting shows, keynote, and more in the United States, Canada, and abroad. His ability to customize programs and connect with any group has made Nels a favorite of corporations, organizations, and celebrations of all kinds.

Fritz Polka Band  
Performing immediately following the scholarship auction  
Jagermeister-sponsored, Fritz’s Polka Band (FPB) was formed in 1978 by lead accordionist, the late Fred Scherz Sr., and his eight-year-old son, Fritz, for whom the band was named. Sadly, Fred passed away on November 14, 2009, but FPB has vowed to carry on his legacy! Playing everything from modern-style polka to country to rock and even blues, FPB performs an eclectic mix of musical styles! FPB is NOT an oomp pa band or the stereotypical “polka” band. In fact, FPB is known for breaking the “polka” stereotype. FPB is the first polka band which have achieved international airplay. In conjunction with the scholarship auction, Sex & Violence magazine (which has achieved international airplay) has selected the 2013 anniversary edition of sex and violence magazine to present a special edition, “The Lost Trailers”.

Sunday, January 20, 2013 – Immediately following the banquet  
Klein Entertainment – “The Lost Trailers”  
The Lost Trailers accolades include snagging 3 ACM Nominations and several Top 20 hits on country radio while opening for Sugarland, Taylor Swift, Jaron Johnson and many others. The Lost Trailers are currently preparing a new release for radio and retail which was partly recorded in Abbey Road with legendary producer Eddie Kramer.

Variety Attractions – Hillbilly Way  
A Modern Country Music group based in Southwest, PA on Rhythm House Records

Love Shine Agency - The Moogician  
Billy Bob Steinberg’s funny and educational magic and music that promotes values of milk and the dairy industry

Steve Juffe, The Concert  
Manager- Chris Higbee  
When’s the last time you heard a high-energy lead singer blow you away on the fiddle? If your answer is Charlie Daniels, great! ...Then you definitely need to see the one and only Chris Higbee in concert!

Keynote Speaker:  
Joie Chitwood III  
President, Daytona International Speedway  
Joie Chitwood III serves as president of International Speedway Corporation’s flagship motorsports facility -- Daytona International Speedway (DIS). As president of DIS, Chitwood oversees all speedway activities including event entertainment, fan amenities and ticket sales. He assumed this role in August 2010.  
Chitwood was previously the Vice President of Business Operations for International Speedway Corporation (ISC), a motorsports entertainment company based in Daytona Beach, Fla. In this role, Chitwood lead strategy development and business execution across the Company’s 13 motorsports facilities and American Service Corp., ISC’s catering, concessions and merchandising subsidiary. Chitwood has received several industry honors and professional accolades throughout his career, including:  
SportsBusiness Journal Forty under 40 in 2009  
Indianapolis Business Journal Forty under 40 in 2007  
University of South Florida College of Business Celebration of Free Enterprise Honoree in 2005  
Prior to joining ISC in August 2009, Chitwood served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS), overseeing daily operations for IMS, including overseeing daily operations for IMS, including  
Brickyard Crossing Inn and Brickyard Crossing Golf Course. He joined the staff of the IMS as Senior Vice President, Business Affairs on Oct. 1, 2002. Chitwood was also Vice President and General Manager of Raceway Associates, LLC, which oversaw construction of the 1.5-mile Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill., from 1999-2002. In 2001, the track began to host Indy Racing League- and NASCAR-sanctioned events. During his tenure at Chicagoland, Chitwood also served on the board of directors of several Joliet-area economic development organizations.

Chitwood was also an integral part of his family’s entertainment business, the well-known Chitwood Thrill Show, beginning at age 5. He began his career as a stuntman and later specialized in precision driving.

In 1992, Chitwood earned a business administration and finance degree from the University of Florida. He also studied at Cambridge University in England and earned a master of business administration degree from the University of South Florida.

Chitwood sits on the board of trustees for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America. He also serves on the boards of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Central Florida Partnership, and is a member of the advisory committee for the Sports Executive Leadership Conference. He was previously a member of the Indianapolis 2012 Super Bowl bid committee and the 500 Festival board of directors, and was an adjunct professor at Marian College in Indianapolis.

In discussing the selection of this year’s keynote, President Bob Grems said, “It has taken three years for Joie to be able to clear his schedule to join us. It will be great having him back with us. He and his family played the vast majority of our NY fairs for decades. Joie was just 5 years old when I announced my first show and our friendship continues to be one of great value. I know his remarks will be appropriately selected and his message will be one we will all benefit from hearing.”
Rensselaer County Agricultural 
& Horticultural Society

Schaghticoke Fair
Dates: Aug. 29 – September 3
Attendance: 101,674, Up 22%
Gate Admission: adult 10.00 & 11.00,  
Children 13 & under free
Seniors $5.00 on Senior Citizen’s Day
Parking: -0-
Weather: Perfect
Carnival: Reithoffer Shows, Gross: up 18%
Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: All FREE
Aug. 31 New York State Tractor Pullers
Sept. 1 Double M Pro Rodeo
6 Days: R.W.Commerford & Sons Petting Zoo
6 Days: Cirque Zerbini Circus
2013 Fair Dates: August 28-September 2
Reported by: David Moore, Secretary

Herkimer County Fair-
Frankfort
Dates: Aug. 14-19
Attendance: 65,995  Down 5%
Gate admission: Adult: $7.00, children:  
$3.00 under 5 free
Parking: $ free
Weather: No rain/no humidity –Beautiful 6 
days
Carnival: Gillette Shows
Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: FREE
8/15 Vandells – full seats
8/17 Carl Acuff Jr.- full rodeo
Daily: Star Family Circus – full crowd
Daily: Great Bear Act – full crowd
2013 Fair Dates: Aug. 13-18
Reported by: Gerry Elthorp

Schoharie County Sunshine Fair-
Cobleskill
Dates: July 27-Aug 4
Attendance: Down 6%
Gate Admission: adult $12.00, children:  
under 12 free, seniors $10.00
Wednesday 13 years & older $6.00
Parking: free
Weather: First 3 days rain, last 3 days very 
hot & humid
Carnival: Powers Great American Midways
Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: FREE
7/27 Harness Racing
7/27 Hell Drivers
7/27 Drifters

Allegany County Fair
Dates: July 16-21
Attendance: 20,500 down a small amount
Gate Admission: Adults $8.00; children:  
under 3 free, all others $8.00
Seniors $5.00 on Monday only from 8 AM till  
3 PM with ID and 65 yrs of age
Parking: Free
Weather: Hot everyday and rain on Friday, 
day of concert
Carnival: Midway Rides of Utica-New this 
year & well received by the public
Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Free with 
Admission
7/16 WNY Pro Farm Pullers, 2216 pp
7/17 Light Weight Horse Pulls, 1200 pp
7/17 Heavy Weight Horse Pulls, same
7/18 Tonny Petersen’s Hell Drivers, 1500
7/19 Mini-Horse Pull, 300
Boys&Bulls Rodeo, 3000
7/21 Demolition Derby, 4000
Paid entertainment:
7/20 Craig Campbell & Craig James, 
$32.50 437 tickets sold
2013 Fair Dates: July 16-21
Reported by: Martha Roberts, President

Allegany Co Fair
Robert Foster being presented award as 
Exhibitor of Year for many years supporting 
the Dairy program at the fair. He has a 
registered ayrshire dairy and has exhibited 
at the fair for over 60 years. One of his cows 
with newborn calf was at the fair.

Delaware County Fair - Walton
Dates: August 13-18
Attendance: 75879, down 4%
Gate Admission: adult $8, children 12 and 
under free; seniors $3 on Thursday
Parking: free
Weather: Nice weather with some rain 
Tuesday morning & Friday afternoon
Carnival: Reithoffer Shows, gross same
Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: $6.00
8/13 Derby, 4178 pp
8/15 NYTPA modified truck pull, 2285 pp
8/16 Street Legal 4x4 pickup pulls, 2387 pp
8/17 IBR Professional Bull Riding, 2069 pp
8/17 Derby, 4597 pp
Paid entertainment:
8/18 Thompson Square/Aaron Kelly $30, 
$25, $15 Attendance 2311
2013 Fair Dates: Aug. 12-17
Reported by: Dan Hodges, President

Dutchess County Fair - Rhinebeck
Dates: August 21-26
Attendance: 397,162 Up 92%
Gate Admission: Adults $15, Children under 
12 free, Seniors & military $10
Parking: Preferred parking available $10

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Dutchess Co. Fair ............... from Page 5

Enjoying the rides at the 2012 Dutchess County Fair

Weather: Six bright, sunny days; High 80’s
Carnival: Powers Great American Midways, up 28%
Entertainment/Fee/Attendance:
8/21 Justin Moore – track paid/grandstand free, 3179 pp
8/22 Chubby Checker – all seats paid, 700 pp
8/23 Lonestar – track paid/grandstand free, 1673pp
8/24 Starship – track paid/grandstand free, 827 pp
8/25 FMX – All seats free, 4500 pp
8/26 Bull Riding – Adults $10/children $5, 3200 pp
2013 Fair Dates: August 20-25
Reported by: Vicki Imperati, Administrative Asst.

Franklin County Fair - Malone

Dates: August 4-12
Attendance: down 10%
Gate Admission: Adults $10 to $15 children 12-under free, seniors Aug 9 & over $2
Parking $5
Weather: Some rain, hot, humid
Carnival: Amusements of America, pd by contract
Entertainment/Fee/Attendance:
8/5 Truck & Tractor Pull, $10, 3037 pp
8/8 Rhonda Vincent & The Rage, $10, 3000 pp
8/10 Travis Tritt, $15, 4563 pp
8/11 Kellie Pickler, $15, 4573 pp
8/12 Allstar Weekend, $12, 1000 pp
2013 Fair Dates: August 2-11
Reported by: Patricia Maneely, Secretary

Chenango County Agricultural Society, Inc. - Norwich

Dates: August 7-12
Attendance: 35,000 down 8%
Gate Admission: Adult $5; children $3; seniors $5, 8/9 free until 5 PM
Parking: n/a
Weather: Very hot-8/8, Rain 8/9 for 2 hrs in the PM.
Carnival: Coleman Brothers
Entertainment/Fee/Attendance:
8/7 Terrence Simien Zydeco Experience, free, 3000 pp
8/9 NYTPA Tractor Pull, paid, 2200 pp
8/11 NYTPA Tractor Pull, paid 2000 pp
8/8 Local Concert, paid, 600 pp
8/12 Demolition Derby
R & R Productions, paid, 4200 pp
2013 Fair Dates: August 6-11
Reported by: Mary Weidman, President

Essex County Fair - Westport

Dates: August 8-12
Gate Admission: Adult, Children & Seniors $10
Parking: 0
Weather: Rainy 4 days
Carnival: Amyland Amusements (first fair for them ever)
Entertainment/Fee/Attendance:
Free Entertainment: Aug 9 Tractor Pulls
Aug 10 Johnny Cash Impersonator
Aug 12 Tractor Pulls
Paid Entertainment:
8/8 Rollover 500 pp
8/11 Demo Derby, 1600 pp
2013 Fair Dates: To be determined
Reported by: Bridget Brown, Treasurer

Tioga County Fair - Owego

Dates: July 10-14
Paid Attendance: 1070, down 82%
Gate Admission: Adult $2.00, children $2, seniors $2
Parking: Free
Weather: Hot & dry

Congratulations! Craig Wilkins of C.W. Singer Enterprises was inducted into the New York State Country Music Hall of Fame on October 28 in Cortland, NY. Craig is shown here with Hall of Fame director, Merle Matts
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