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“BLUE RIBBON FAIR” AWARD TO BREMER COUNTY FAIR

Cresco, IA: The Bremer County Fair, held in Waverly, has received the 2004 “Blue Ribbon Fair” Award by the Board of Directors of the Association of Iowa Fairs. The award was presented to members of the Bremer County Fair Board at the Association’s 2004 Conference and Annual Meeting, which was held December 10, 11 and 12 at the Holiday Inn Airport in North East Region.

“One member fair in each of the Association’s six fair regions in Iowa is presented this award each year.” stated Tom Barnes, Executive Vice President of the Association. “The fair that receives this award must have shown progress in providing service to the 4-H & FFA programs in their community, plus show distinguished service the community in both fair and non fair areas. Sue & I have had the pleasure to visit the fair ourselves and we found it does indeed serve very well the community as outlined in the guidelines of this award. We really enjoyed our day at the fair and would like to thank the Board and others who welcomed Sue and myself. We were shown great hospitality and appreciated it very much.”

“The Board of Directors of the Association of Iowa Fairs would like to extend to its sincere appreciation to the Bremer County Fair Board and their spouses, led by President Ron Leistikow and Secretary Chris Knapp for their commitment to the fair industry in Iowa, and in Bremer County.” Barnes added. “We also extend our appreciation to the entire Fair Board and their spouses, the Bremer County Extension Service, 4-H leaders and members, area FFA Chapters and to all the many other area volunteers that are involved with the Bremer County Fair. They all combined make the Bremer County Fair a *Blue Ribbon Fair*.”

The Association of Iowa Fairs is the organizational body of the fair industry in Iowa. It has as its members not only the 106 county fairs of Iowa and the Iowa State Fair, but also 130 plus associate members such as carnivals, entertainment agencies, festivals, concessionaires, special attractions and suppliers of the industry. Together, the members of the Association work together to promote and strengthen the fair industry in Iowa.

The 2005 officers of the Association are President Richard Smith of West Liberty and the Muscatine County Fair, First Vice President Mike Codner of Bristow and the Butler County Fair, and Second Vice President Erlene Leonard of Colfax and the Jasper County Fair. The immediate Past President is Curtis Sebolt of Cincinnati and the Appanoose County Fair. Tom and Sue Barnes of Cresco serve as the Association’s Executive Vice President and Executive Secretary/Treasurer respectively, and are associated with the Mighty Howard County Fair.