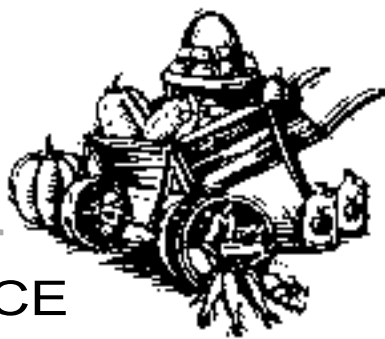


# FAIR

THE SHOW PLACE



# VIEWS

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## *A Letter from Val regarding Fair Funding . . .*

On December 14, 2010, the Governor released her proposed budget. She cuts the Fair Fund from \$4 million per biennium to \$1 million for the 2011-2013 biennium. In her notes she says her intent is to provide funding for youth and community fairs but not County Fairs.

No money for health and safety grants was included in the Capital Budget.

We really need to rally the grassroots, the sooner the better.

Heather and I talked a while back and these were her conclusions. The deficit for the 2011-2013 budget is now pegged at about \$5.7 billion out of a roughly \$33 billion general fund. The \$4 million the Fair Fund is supposed to receive each biennium comes out of that. With a \$5.7 billion deficit, major programs will be cut. Proposals include cutting funding for health care for low income children and subsidies for disabled adults. Funding may be cut for schools and other social programs. Legislators will have to make very difficult decisions. That said, money goes to many programs that are unnecessary. Fairs provide a benefit to society, especially youth. But don't forget that larger fairs (County and Regional Fairs) play host to many more youth than the Youth Fairs do, so to partially fund only the youth fairs is counterproductive in regards to the development and education of a large number of our young people.

We need to tell our exhibitors, parents, superintendents and anyone else that is involved with the fairs that the Fair Fund may be cut due to the budget deficit. Without the fund, many fairs will cease to function. In some cases, premiums may be eliminated. To protect the Fair Fund, it is important they contact their legislators (both State Representatives and State Senator) and ask that the Fund be protected. They should explain in their own words why the fair is important to them.

Please be reminded that we need to be polite to our legislators as they don't like to get yelled at anymore than anyone else does.

The legislature has the power to change the Governor's budget.

This will be a tremendous challenge for all of us especially since the holidays are fast approaching. Once again the grass roots are incredibly effective, but it takes a significant number of people across the state to actually communicate with their legislators.

Don't wait. We need to have you do this now. Be pro-active and get this message out to everyone you know.

We will keep you informed of all outcomes and hopefully we can accomplish great strides with your help!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Val Watson, WSFA President

## Mark Your Calendar for



**February 10, 2011**  
Legislative Day  
Olympia, WA

**October 20 – 22, 2011**  
WSFA Convention  
Yakima, WA

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It doesn't seem possible but another convention is over. Thanks to all of you who made this past convention such a great success. I would like to officially welcome our newest board members; Kathi Mattinen, Cowlitz County Fair; Dick Pulis, Grant County Fair, and Debbie Donk, The Evergreen

State Fair. It will be an honor working with all of you this next year. I would like to say Thank You Jim Baron for doing such a great job this past year and hope this next year will be even better working with you and the legislative committee. A big special thank you to Gale Sobolesky. She is the heart of our organization and we couldn't get any of this done without her. We have a big job ahead for at least the next two years. I said this once and I will say it again; each and every one of us has to call our representatives and senators, take them to dinner or just coffee and express to them how imperative the survival of our fairs will impact the future of our children and our community. I know the board will be contacting their legislators and I encourage each fair to do the same. Tell your friends and everyone else who supports your fair. We need to work on this before the Legislation season begins.

On to something more about myself, by the time that you may read this, I will have graduated from the Institute of Fair Management in Las Vegas at the IAFE convention. I have learned so much about the fair industry that I never in my wildest dreams knew I could. What an impact on my life by taking these courses and what an honorable chance in my life to be able to do this. With this knowledge that I have gained, I hope to help my fair in any capacity that it takes to make it better and become a better leader for all. I also wish to tell my husband LeRoy THANKS! Thanks for all you do for me and I am a better person because of all of your support. Our kids are doing well and our grandkids are even better.

I look forward to 2011 and I am thankful for the confidence of this board for allowing me the opportunity to serve as President. Please contact me anytime you have an idea or wish to help in some capacity. I will try to get all of your questions answered and take your suggestions for workshops for the next convention. Have a great Holiday Season!

**Val Watson**  
WSFA President

## 2010 -2012 Washington State Fairs Association Board of Directors

### PRESIDENT

**Val Watson 2004 - 2012**

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**Rich Hartzell 2009 - 2012**

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### VICE PRESIDENT

**Paul Nimmo 2007 - 2013**

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Pierce County Fair and Washington  
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Lakewood, WA 98499  
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**Dick Pulis 2010 - 2013**

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**Tammie Ryan 2001 - 2012**

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### WSFA Legislative Liaison

**Heather Hansen**

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Olympia, WA 98501  
Day #: 360-705-2040  
Fax #: 360-705-2018  
[heather@wafriends.org](mailto:heather@wafriends.org)

### DIRECTORS

**Debbie Donk 2010 - 2013**

Position #2

Evergreen State Fair  
14405 179<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Monroe, WA 98272  
Work #: 360-805-6705  
[Debbie.Donk@snoco.org](mailto:Debbie.Donk@snoco.org)

**Kathi Mattinen 2010 - 2013**

Position #4

Cowlitz County Fair  
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Longview, WA 98632  
Phone: 360-577-3121  
Cell: 360-560-2109  
[mattinenk@co.cowlitz.wa.us](mailto:mattinenk@co.cowlitz.wa.us)

**Roylene Crawford 2005 - 2011**

Position #5

Kittitas County Fair  
4290 Kittitas Highway  
Ellensburg, WA 98926  
Phone: 509-925-3484  
Cell #: 509-929-1782  
[crawfords@kvalley.com](mailto:crawfords@kvalley.com)



### Washington State Fairs Association Mission

"Washington State Fairs Association is dedicated to the success of Washington's Fairs through coordination, education, information, legislation and public support."



## Recruitment Announcement for FAIRS COMMISSIONERS

Three **Fairs Commissioner** vacancies will occur March 31, 2011: one position will be filled by a person living east of the Cascades and two who live west of the Cascades. Positions are with the Washington State Department of Agriculture, Fairs Commission Program.

Fairs Commissioners are appointed for three-year terms and serve in an advisory capacity to the Director of Agriculture. Primary responsibilities include evaluating eligible fairs and youth shows, assisting with the allocations made to fairs, and performing other duties that may be required by the Director.

Fairs Commissioners must be available to attend and evaluate participating fairs and attend meetings called by the Department (approx. 30 days a year). In addition, Commissioners must be able to provide their own transportation to visit fairs and participate in official meetings.

To avoid a conflict of interest or the perception of a conflict of interest, Fairs Commissioners should not serve on fair boards or fair management teams while in office.

Fairs Commissioners are entitled to compensation in accordance with state guidelines. Commissioners receive state per diem for their travel and \$50.00 per day for performing assigned duties.

### Desirable qualifications for the position are:

- An Education in Agriculture, Home Economics, Education, Business or other related field.
- Knowledge of Washington's agricultural industry, 4-H, FFA, or other youth programs, and the general scope of the fairs industry.
- Knowledge and experience in the fairs industry as an exhibitor, contestant, superintendent, judge, fair board member, 4-H leader or member, FFA teacher or member, or other related activity.
- Experience that would assist in making comprehensive evaluations of fairs, and communicating findings and ideas with the fair people and general public through writing and speaking.

Anyone interested in applying for a Fairs Commissioner position may do so by submitting a resume and letter of interest to:

Kelly Frost  
WA Department of Agriculture  
Fairs Program  
PO Box 42560  
Olympia, WA 98504-2560

Email: [kfrost@agr.wa.gov](mailto:kfrost@agr.wa.gov)  
Fax: (360) 902-2092  
Telephone: (360) 902-1802

Application packets will also be accepted via electronic mail or by fax, using the information provided above.

**Please submit letter of interest and resume by January 17, 2011.**

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE from Heather Hansen



The election is over, but the results are not quite final. As of this writing, three state legislative races still face recount. Unless the recounts overturn a race, Republicans will net a gain of four seats in the state Senate and five seats in the state House. That means Democrats will retain majorities in both houses, but both majorities will be smaller than during the past several years.

Fairs lost several good friends in this election. Senator Dale Brandlad, who has ties to the Northwest Washington Fair retired. Rep. Kelli Linville who is a former 4-H'er and 4-H leader appears to have lost her re-election bid. (This close race will be recounted.) Several newly elected legislators have ties to 4-H and will likely be supporters.

Voters clearly rejected taxes and appear to want smaller government that lives within its means. Initiative 1053 passed, again reinstating the requirement that tax increases must be passed by a two-thirds majority of the legislature. The voters have passed similar versions of this restriction four times. The original was I-601 in 1993. The new twist with I-1053 is that it also requires a vote of the legislature for every fee increase. In the past, agencies could increase fees without legislative approval.

Budget forecasts continue to show declining tax revenue, thus increasing the deficit. Voter approval of Initiative 1107 added \$55 million to the deficit by repealing taxes enacted by the legislature last spring on pop, bottled water and candy. The 2011-2013 deficit is now pegged at about \$5.7 billion out of a roughly \$33 billion general fund.

Given the deficit, significant cuts will have to be made in state programs. The Fair Fund comes from the general fund. It is in jeopardy. The best way to protect the fund is to ensure that each and every legislator understands how important your fair is to your community.

Your legislators need to hear from you! If the Fair Fund is lost this year, it may never be funded again. If you have never written to your legislators before, now is the time to start. Send a letter or an e-mail message. Explain how important your fair is to your family and your community. Ask for their support. Be polite.

Contact information for your state legislators is in the front of your local phonebook or online at: [Apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder](http://Apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder)

**Heather Hansen**

Legislative Liaison  
[heather@wafriends.org](mailto:heather@wafriends.org)



## ***Congratulations to Washington State Fairs for your accomplishments at the IAFE Convention in Las Vegas earlier this month.***

Here are the results of the Various Contests where Washington Fairs placed!

### **2010 IAFE Competitive Exhibits Awards**

Category 7: General Competitive Exhibit Display Photo

**Division 2 – Winner – Northwest Washington Fair**

Category 8: Competitive Exhibit Display Photo Series

**Division 2 – Winner – Northwest Washington Fair**

Category 9: General Display Photo or Photo Series

**Division 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Northwest Washington Fair**

### **2010 IAFE Agricultural Awards Winner List**

Category 4: Special or Specific Agricultural Educational Event,  
Exhibit or Program for the Fairgoing Public

**Division 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Northwest Washington Fair**

Category 7: What was Newly Established or  
Developed at your Fair to Promote Agriculture

**Division 2 – Winner – Northwest Washington Fair**

Category 12a: Agriculture Photo – Fair Agriculture Photo

**Division 2 – Winner – Northwest Washington Fair**

Category 12b: Agriculture Photo – Fair Agriculture Series

**Division 2 – Winner – Northwest Washington Fair**

**Sweepstakes Award: Northwest Washington Fair 2010**

### **IAFE Hall of Honor Communications Awards**

Category 1: Newspaper Ad – Black & White

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Division 5 – Western Washington Fair**

Category 5a: Promotional Advertising – Single Outdoor

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Division 5 – Western Washington Fair**

Category 5b: Promotional Advertising – Multiple Outdoor

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Division 3 – Central Washington State Fair**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Division 5 – Western Washington Fair**

Category 7: Printed Promotional Material – Brochure/Flyer

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Division 3 - Clark County Fair**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Division 3 - Central Washington State Fair**

tie with Alameda County Fair, CA

Category 8: Advertising Specialties/Merchandise/Souvenirs

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Division 5 – Western Washington Fair**

Category 11a: Newsletter – Email/Web

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Division 5 – Western Washington Fair**

Category 12: Web Site

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Division 5 – Western Washington Fair**

Category 13: Media Guide/Press Kit

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Division 5 – Western Washington Fair**

Category 16: Promotion Event

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Division 5 – Western Washington Fair**

We will share some of these entries in future newsletters.



# Election Results from October

## Three new director elected to the WSFA Board of Directors

**Kathi Mattinen – Cowlitz County Fair**  
**Debbie Donk – Evergreen State Fair**  
**and Dick Pulis – Grant County Fair**

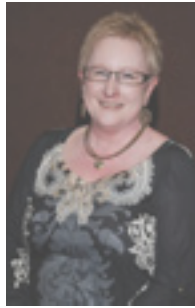
### **Kathi Mattinen**

**WSFA Director Westside Position #4**

**Kathi was re-elected to the position she was appointed to in Spring of 2010.**

**Kathi is the Fair Coordinator from the Cowlitz county Fair in Longview and has been there for 12 years.**

**Congratulations Kathi we are excited to be able to continue to work with you.**



### **Debbie Donk**

**WSFA Director Westside Position #2**

**Debbie was elected to fill the Westside Position that was held by Mark Campbell, who move to Montana to Manage the Northwest Montana Fair (in Flathead County Montana).**

**Here are a few words from Debbie . . .**

*I was honored to be elected to the Board at the recent convention. I have enjoyed attending the conventions for 20 years and have met many fair friends. My job as Programs Specialist at the Snohomish County Evergreen State Fair for the last 21 years, has included entertainment, special displays, events, production, administration and marketing. I believe fairs of all sizes can network and benefit from each other. We must remember fairs of the past, but work toward the future by educating the community about the economic and social benefits of fairs. I am looking forward to working with the Board for the betterment of the Fairs in WA State. I have been on the Monroe Chamber of Commerce Board, Monroe Parade Committee, a Royal Ranger Commander, a Big Sister for Big Brothers & Sisters, a team coach and team mom. My husband Larry and I have been married for 24 years and live in Lake Stevens with our three sons.*

**Congratulation Debbie and welcome to the WSFA Board of Directors.**

### **Dick Pulis**

**WSFA Director Eastside Position #8**

**Dick was electd to fill the Eastside Position that was held by George Clary of the Benton Franklin Fair. Dick is a Board Member from the Grant County Fair in Moses Lake, WA.**



**Here are a few words from Dick . . .**

*I have a lifelong love of fairs and have worked intensively with all aspects of the fair industry. I have attended all Washington State Fair Conventions since appointment on the Grant County Fair Board in 1991 and over half of the IAFE conventions since that time. While serving on the Grant County Fair Board I have held the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of the Grant County Fair Board from October 1999 – October 2002.*

*I have my own real estate appraisal business, specializing in agricultural appraisals, covering eastern and central Washington. Although my work schedule is heavy, it does allow me to participate in other activities.*

**Congratulation Dick and welcome to the WSFA Board of Directors.**

### **Paul Nimmo**

**WSFA Director Westside Position #3**

**Paul was elected to his 2<sup>nd</sup> Term as a WSFA Director. Paul is a director of the Pierce County Fair and is actively involved in the Washington State 4-H Fair. He is the WSFA Webmaster and was elected by the WSFA Board of Directors to serve as Vice President for the coming here.**



**Congratulations Paul and thank you for your service to WSFA with our Website.**



# RESULTS FROM CONVENTIONS

## POSTER CONTEST - ARTISTIC

CATEGORY	PLACEMENT	FAIR
A	1st Place	Castle Rock Fair
B	1st Place	North Central Washington District Fair
	2nd Place	Okanogan County Fair
	3rd Place	Clallam County Fair
C	1st Place	Grays Harbor Fair
D	1st Place	Kittitas County Fair

## POSTER CONTEST - INFORMATIONAL

CATEGORY	PLACEMENT	FAIR
A	1st Place	Wahkiakum County Fair
	2nd Place	Castle Rock Fair
	3rd Place	Ferry County Fair
B	1st Place	Skamania County Fair
	2nd Place	Island County Fair
	3rd Place	King County Fair
C	1st Place	Stanwood-Camano Community Fair
	2nd Place	Cowlitz County Fair
D	1st Place	Southwest Washington Fair
E	1st Place	Spokane County Interstate Fair
	2nd Place	Benton Franklin Fair
	3rd Place	Clark County Fair

## SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

CATEGORY	PLACEMENT	FAIR
A	1st Place	Castle Rock Fair
	2nd Place	Lacamas Community Fair
	3rd Place	Wahkiakum County Fair
B	1st Place	Island County Fair
	2nd Place	Clallam County Fair
	3rd Place	Pierce County Fair
C	1st Place	Grant County Fair
	2nd Place	Thurston County Fair
	3rd Place	Cowlitz County Fair
D	1st Place	Kitsap County Fair
E	1st Place	Benton Franklin Fair

## HATS CONTEST

CATEGORY	PLACEMENT	COUNTY/FAIR
B	1st Place	Island County Fair
	2nd Place	North Central Washington District Fair
D	1st	Southwest Washington Fair
E	1st Place	Western Washington Fair
	2nd Place	Evergreen State Fair
	3rd Place	Benton Franklin Fair

## T-SHIRT CONTESTS

CATEGORY	PLACEMENT	COUNTY/FAIR
A	1st Place	Castle Rock Fair
	2nd Place	Columbia County Fair
	3rd Place	Ferry County Fair
B	1st Place	Clallam County Fair
	2nd Place	Skamania County Fair
	3rd Place	North Central WA DistrictFair
C	1st Place	Stanwood Camano Comm Fair
	2nd Place	Grays Harbor Fair
D	1st Place	Southwest Washington Fair
E	1st Place	Benton Franklin Fair
	2nd Place	Spokane County Interstate Fair
	3rd Place	Northwest Washington Fair

# 2011 WSFA Director's Assignments

## WESTSIDE

### Jim Baron Position 1

Enumclaw Jr. Dairy Show, Evergreen State Fair  
Northwest Washington Fair  
Puget Sound Junior Livestock Show  
San Juan County Fair, Silvana Community Fair  
Skagit County Fair, Stanwood ~ Camano Community Fair  
Whatcom County Youth Show

### Debbie Donk Position 2

Island County Fair, Lewis County Youth Fair  
Southwest Washington Fair, Thurston County Fair  
Washington Junior Poultry Expo  
Western Washington Fair, Clark County Fair  
Mason County Fair, Grays Harbor County Fair  
Skamania County Fair

### Paul Nimmo Position 3

Castle Rock Fair, Lacamas Community Fair  
Northwest Junior Livestock Show, Pacific County Fair  
Pierce County Fair, King County Fair  
Washington State FFA Exhibition, Puyallup Spring Fair  
Rose Valley Community Fair\*, Washington State 4-H Fair  
Washington State FFA Spring Fair

### Kathi Mattinen Position 4

Camas-Washougal Community Fair\*, Cowlitz County Fair  
Kalama Community Fair, Key Peninsula Community Fair  
Wahkiakum County Fair, Kitsap County Fair  
Clallam County Fair, Jefferson County Fair

## EASTSIDE

### Roylene Crawford Position 5

Chelan County Fair, Ferry County Fair  
Grant County Fair, Kittitas County Fair  
North Central Washington District Fair  
North Central Washington Junior Livestock Show  
Northwest Junior Sheep Exposition  
Northeast Washington Fair, Okanogan County Fair

### Rich Hartzell Position 6

Colton Community Fair, Ferry County Fair  
Garfield County Fair, Lincoln County Fair  
Palouse Empire Fair, Pend Oreille County Fair  
Southeast Spokane County Fair, St. John Community Fair  
Spokane Interstate Fair, Spokane Junior Livestock Show  
West Plains Community Fair

### Val Watson Position 7

Adams County Fair, Asotin County Fair  
Central Washington State Fair, Clayton Community Fair  
Columbia County Fair, Hunter's Community & 4-H Fair  
Klickitat County Fair, Valley Community Fair, Wheatland Communities Fair

### Dick Pulis Position 8

Benton~Franklin Fair & Rodeo, Central Washington Junior Livestock Show  
Central Washington State Fair, Kittitas County Fair  
Waitsburg Junior Livestock Show, Walla Walla Frontier Days  
West Valley Community Fair, Yakima Valley Junior Fair

\*currently not holding a fair event



## Snapshots from Convention



Erik Haines One Man Band



Birthday cake for WSFA



Margaret Fulks receiving photo awards from Betty Backstrom



Cindy Diamond from Regalia



Frog Town



Washington Fair Commission



Jules Bamberger - Atlas Robotics



President Jim on a bike

# Meet our New WSFA Service Members

(some you have known, some you met at convention and some are even newer)

## ***Welcome to WSFA***

### **Alex Zerbe – Comedy, Juggling and Awesomeness**

Alex Zerbe

5225 Aspinwall Court NW, Olympia, WA 98502

Phone: 206-409-9004 Fax: 360-705-2899

Email: [alex@alexzerbe.com](mailto:alex@alexzerbe.com)

Website: [www.AlexZerbe.com](http://www.AlexZerbe.com)

Alex Zerbe's high-energy comedy show spotlights a variety of mind-blowing maneuvers like chopping celery with a thrown playing card and harpooning vegetables launched from a giant slingshot. Alex is a two-time Guinness World Record Holder who was voted Seattle's Funniest Prop Comic. He has appeared on television in three countries including the hit TV shows, "America's Got Talent!" and "Last Comic Standing."

### **Amazing Hypnotist: Russ Peak**

Russ Peak

P.O. Box 207, McMinnville, OR 97128

Phone: 971-241-3879

Email: [russpeak@gmail.com](mailto:russpeak@gmail.com)

Website: [www.HypnotizeMe.com](http://www.HypnotizeMe.com)

Russ Peak presents his award winning comedy stage hypnotist Act at fairs, festivals and universities across the nation. Every show is high-energy, hilarious and always 100% clean – guaranteed!

### **A Walk on the Wild Side**

Steven Higgs

294 NW 2nd Suite 329, Canby, OR 97013

Phone: 503-737-4917 Fax: 503-263-6814

Email: [allevents-1@msn.com](mailto:allevents-1@msn.com)

An incredible display of exotic cats or reptiles or both. Lions and tigers, bobcats, caracals, lynx, several coatimundi, porcupines, lemurs and more. Reptile exhibit has the deadliest snakes in the world, monitors, tortoises, snapping turtle, scorpions, Tarantula's and more. We provide everything just need the space. To get a reference for A Walk on the Wildside check with the Clark County Fair.

### **The Amazing World of Brad Byers**

Brad Byers

603 North Adams, Moscow, ID 83843

Phone: 208-882-2674 Fax: 208-882-2674

Email: [bradbyers@bradbyers.com](mailto:bradbyers@bradbyers.com)

Website: [bradbyers.com](http://bradbyers.com)

### **The Daily Band**

Vince Strano

32315 NE Parcel Ave., Yacolt, WA 98675

Phone: 360-907-2627 or 360-608-8467

Website: [www.thedailyband.com](http://www.thedailyband.com)

We are a band that plays current country, classic country, classic rock and rockabilly. We play night clubs, fairs, festivals, casinos, weddings and private parties. In addition to hot cover tunes, we also write and perform our own original music.

### **Eric Haines, Comedy Rocket.com**

Eric Haines

5424 151<sup>st</sup> Place SE, Everett, WA 98208

Phone: 206-948-4462

Email: [eric@comedyrocket.com](mailto:eric@comedyrocket.com)

Website: <http://comedyrocket.com>

Comedian Eric Haines is truly a one stop entertainment package. His high energy comedy stage show includes juggling, six foot unicycle funny songs on banjo and guitar, a hilarious monkey marionette and a grand finale song and dance by the 10 foot tall cowboy. Roving with different characters in the same day, includes a One Man Band, Rocket Man, Jester and Juggler. Stilt characters: Cowboy, Pirate, Pterodactyl, Jester, Ringmaster, Uncle Sam and more!

### **The Guilty Pleasures**

Russ Bright

13400 Dumas Road Unit # D-1

Mill Creek, WA 98012

Phone: 206-427-9663

Anything but typical, A Cover Band that plays songs from the 70's until today. We play Radio hits that other bands wouldn't Dare! Always an Eclectic and Fun mix of Favorite Songs.

Email: [THEGUILTYPLEASURES@LIVE.COM](mailto:THEGUILTYPLEASURES@LIVE.COM)

Website: [www.guiltypleasuresrock.com](http://www.guiltypleasuresrock.com)

### **Hidden Valley Insurance, Inc.**

Cheryl Blair

7879 Mountain Oaks Drive

Salt Lake City, UT 84121

Phone: 360-607-6992 Fax: 877-687-4940

Email: [tshirley@hiddenvalleyinc.com](mailto:tshirley@hiddenvalleyinc.com)

Website: [www.hiddenvalleyinc.com](http://www.hiddenvalleyinc.com)

Full Line Insurance Agency



**The Jon Clark Show**

Jon Clark

5477 South 5475 West , Kearns, Utah 84118

Phone: 801-637-2882

Email: [jonclarkshow@yahoo.com](mailto:jonclarkshow@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.jonclarkshow.com](http://www.jonclarkshow.com)

Specializing in walk around entertainment. Balloon artist, juggling and stilt walker.

**Matt Baker Comedy Stunt Show**

Matt Baker

4141 ½ California Avenue South

Seattle, WA 98116

Phone: 206-909-3506

Email: [info@comedystuntshow.com](mailto:info@comedystuntshow.com)

Website: [www.comedystuntshow.com](http://www.comedystuntshow.com)

Matt's show is nothing short of amazing. A perfect mix of hilarious comedy and one of a kind stunts, Matt's show was called, "The Total Matt Baker Package" by Piers Morgan on America's Got Talent. His hip show is filled with great jokes, awesome tricks and in every show audience members feel like rock stars.

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## **Greg Stewart Inducted into IAFE Hall of Fame**

LAS VEGAS, NV — November 29, 2010 — Today at the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Greg Stewart, general manager of the Central Washington State Fair, Yakima, was inducted into the IAFE Hall of Fame. The IAFE convention is taking place Nov. 29-Dec. 2, at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. The highest honor bestowed by the IAFE, the Hall of Fame Award is presented annually in recognition of an individual's distinguished achievement in, or contribution to, the fair industry.

Stewart was named assistant general manager of the Central Washington Fair Association in 1972. After longtime Fair General Manager Hugh King retired the following year, Stewart was appointed general manager. He took over a five-day fair and a full-time staff of three individuals. Under his leadership, the fair has grown to a 10-day event with 22 full-time employees. The 120-acre fairgrounds, known as State Fair Park, accommodates more than 300 annual events a year. Since Stewart became general manager, the State Fair Park has undergone major changes including construction of the SunDome, the Deccio Administration Building, and Yakima County Stadium. He has also overseen renovations to the historic agriculture building, modern living building, Pioneer Hall, and Expo Hall. Stewart oversees management of the Yakima Valley SunDome and the Yakima County Stadium, which hosts the Yakima Warriors Arena Football team and the Yakima Bears minor league baseball team, respectively.

Born and raised in Olympia, Wash., Stewart graduated from Washington State University with a degree in Agricultural Economics. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966-1969, including a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Stewart has been an active member and leader of the fair industry. He received Certified Fair Executive (CFE) designation in 1984. He served as IAFE Zone 8 director for six years. He served as IAFE treasurer for three years, second vice chair in 2000, first vice chair in 2001, and chair in 2002. Stewart received the Western Fairs Association (WFA) Diploma for College of Fair Management in 1977. He served as director and vice president of WFA from 1979-1981. He became the first person not from the state of California to serve on the WFA Board and receive the WFA Hall of Fame award. He has served on several WFA committees and is currently active in the Professional Development Committee. Stewart served as president of the Mid-West Fairs Association in 2006. He has memberships with the Northwest Showman's League, Outdoor Amusement Business Association, International Association of Auditorium Managers, and is a gold card member with the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association.

Stewart is a member of the Yakima Kiwanis Club, the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce, and the Yakima Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau.

Stewart and his wife Karen reside in Selah, Wash. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, boating, horses, and fishing.

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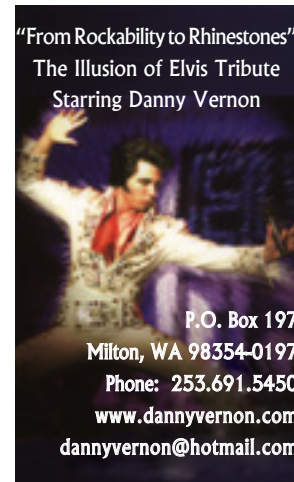
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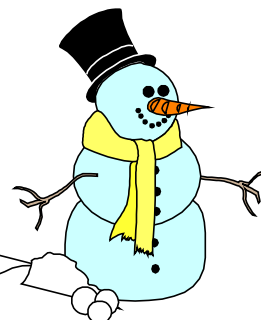
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