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SUNDAY JULY 14

1:30pm - Open Class Swine Show

6:00pm - General Barn Meeting

MONDAY JULY 15

10:00am - Open Class Market Steer & Beef Breeding Show

10:00am - Chautauqua County Born & Bred Steer & Heifer Classes

3:00pm - 4-H Swine Show

TUESDAY JULY 16

10:00am - 4-H Market Steer Showmanship, 4-H Beef Heifer Showmanship, 4-H Beef Breeding Show, 4-H Market Steer Show

4:00pm - Open Class Market Lamb & Sheep Show

WEDNESDAY JULY 17

9:00am - Open Class Dairy Show

4:00pm - 4-H & Cloverbud Sheep Showmanship & Market Lamb

Class 4-H Sheep Breeding Show to follow

THURSDAY JULY 18

9:00am - 4-H Dairy Showmanship

11:00am - 4-H Dairy Cattle Show

5:00pm - Livestock Judging Contest

7:00pm - 4-H Sheep Lead Line

FRIDAY JULY 19

8:30am - 4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contest

10:00am - FFA Field and Forage Contest

12:00pm - 4-H Meat Animal Sale

SATURDAY JULY 20

9:00am - Holstein Show

3:00pm - 4-H All Animal Fun Show

4:30pm - Herdsman Award Ceremony

4-H BUILDING ACTIVITIES

MONDAY JULY 15

9:00am-8:00pm - 4-H Building Hours

10:00am-1:00pm - Presentations in 4-H Building

TUESDAY JULY 16

9:00am-8:00pm - 4-H Building Hours

11:00am-2:00pm - Presentations in 4-H Building

WEDNESDAY JULY 17

9:00am-8:00pm - 4-H Building Hours

1:00pm-3:00pm - Presentations in 4-H Building

2:00pm - 4-H Fashion Revue in 4-H Building

3:00pm-4:00pm - Mannequin Modeling

THURSDAY JULY 18

9:00am-8:00pm - 4-H Building Hours

2:00pm-3:00pm - Presentations in the 4-H Building

FRIDAY JULY 19

9:00am-8:00pm - 4-H Building Hours

SATURDAY JULY 20

9:00am-8:00pm - 4-H Building Hours

SUNDAY JULY 21

1:00pm-6:00pm - 4-H Building Hours

MOONEY HARRINGTON SHOW ARENA

TUESDAY JULY 16

9:00am - 4-H Poultry Showmanship, 4-H Poultry Judging Contest to follow

6:30pm - 4-H Goat Showmanship Clinic

WEDNESDAY JULY 17

9:00am - 4-H Dairy Goat and Meat Goat Show

THURSDAY JULY 18

3:00pm - Harness & Pack Goat Show

SATURDAY JULY 20

1:00pm - 4-H Dog Fun Show & Demo

TBA - Goat Costume & Halter Show

RABBIT & POULTRY BARN

MONDAY JULY 15

TBD - Open Poultry Show

10:00am - 4-H Rabbit Show

TUESDAY JULY 16

2:00pm - 4-H Poultry Show

WEDNESDAY JULY 17

10:00am - Open ARBA Rabbit Show

THURSDAY JULY 18

1:00pm - 4-H Rabbit Showmanship

HORSE SHOW ARENA

WEDNESDAY JULY 17

10:00am - English/Mini Equine Show

THURSDAY JULY 18

10:00am - 4-H Western/Driving Show

FRIDAY JULY 19

9:30am - 4-H Dressage Horse Show

1:00pm - Mounted Games

6:30pm - 4-H Quad, Drill, and Parade Teams

SATURDAY JULY 20

10:00am - 4-H Gymkhana Showmanship & Show

SUNDAY JULY 21

10:00am - 4-H County Fair Fun Horse Show

Fair Admission tickets get you into the bleacher section of the Demolition Derby and Monster Truck.

Grandstand ticket prices:

Upper Level \$5

Lower Level \$7

Tickets can only be purchased at the fair office and go on sale starting June 17.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND PRIZES ARE AWARDED

JUNIOR TRACTOR PULL

Tuesday July 16 2pm

Registration 1:30 at the Maytum Family Theater
See if your child has what it takes to pull the sleigh the entire 25 feet.

JUNIOR DEMOLITION DERBY

Wednesday July 17 3pm

Registration 2pm at the Maytum Family Theater
Bring your power wheel and be the first to pop all the balloons. Power wheels will be provided for those that don't have their own.

BABY PARADE

Thursday July 18 2pm

Registration 1pm at the Maytum Family Theater
Do you think your baby is cute? Prove it in the baby parade.

JUNIOR TRACTOR RACE

Friday July 19 1:30pm

Registration 1pm at the Maytum Family Theater
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TUESDAY, JULY 16

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Figure 8 Racing 7PM



THURSDAY, JULY 18

Empire State Truck and Tractor Pull 7PM



FRIDAY, JULY 19

Bull Riding 7PM



SATURDAY, July 20

Monster Truck Show 7PM



SUNDAY, JULY 21

Demolition Derby 4PM



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Day/Date	Tuesday, July 16, 2024
Time	EVENT
1:30PM	Registration Junior Tractor Pull
2PM	Junior Tractor Pull
5PM	Collage Performing Arts
8PM	Stray Kat Karoke

Day/Date	Wednesday, July 17, 2024
Time	EVENT
8:00PM	Liz Osborne & Bob Campbell-Nash
2PM	Junior Demo Derby Registration
3PM	Junior Demo
6:30PM	Cassadaga Band

Day/Date	Thursday, July 18, 2024
Time	EVENT
1PM	Registration-Baby Parade
2PM	Baby Parade
6PM	Martial Arts Demonstration
7:30PM	Music by Mike Gerholdt

Day/Date	Friday, July 19, 2024
Time	EVENT
1PM	Registration Tractor Race
1:30PM	Junior Tractor Race
5PM	Danza Dance Studio

Day/Date	Saturday, July 21, 2024
Time	EVENT
3PM	Down Town Cloggers
5PM	96th Highlanders Pipes and Drums

Day/Date	Sunday, July 22, 2024
Time	EVENT
10AM	Non Denominational Church Service
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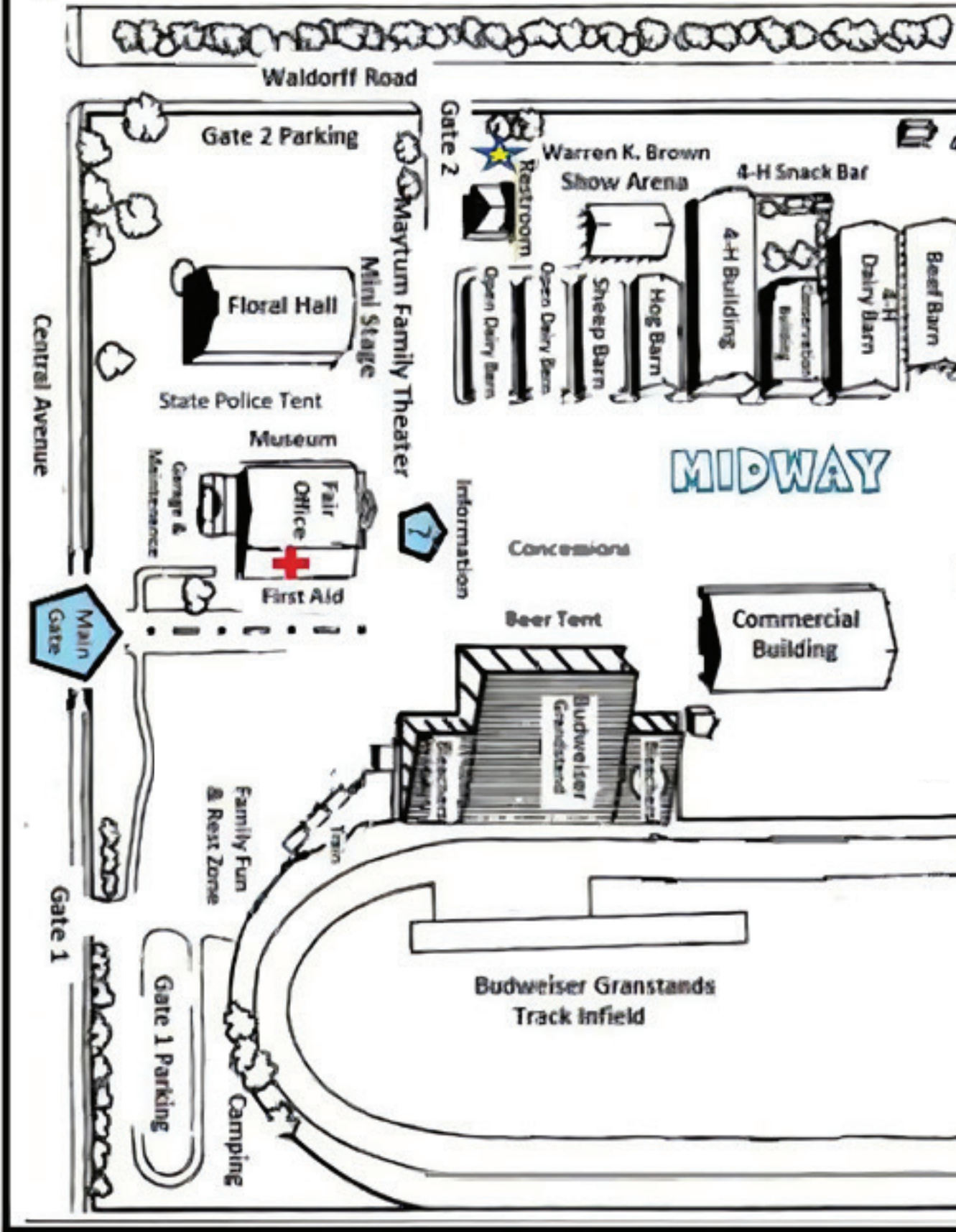
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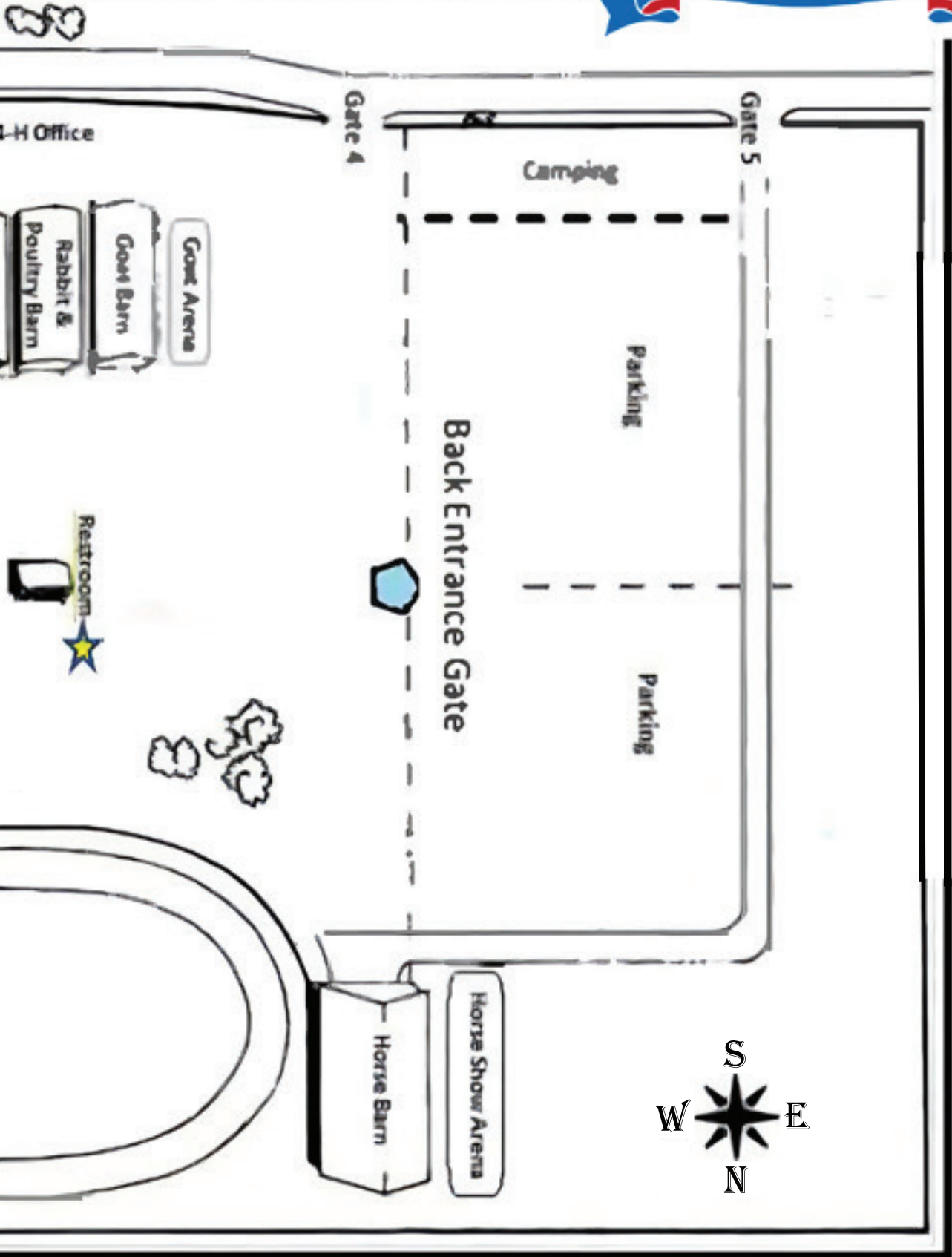
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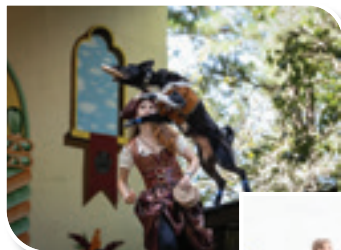
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by Dave Wilson

History of Chautauqua County Fair

The Chautauqua County Agricultural Society was first organized in 1821 in Mayville, NY with Judge Zattu Cushing of Fredonia as President. At this time much of the land in the southern part of the County was still wilderness but farms were developing along the northern and central part of the County and serious interest in agriculture was developing.

The first fair of which we have record was held in 1821. "In July of 1821, a list of premiums to be awarded at the next annual cattle show and fair was published in the Chautauqua Gazette. Among the premiums offered was \$8

for the best cultivated farm of not less than 50 acres; \$5 for the best farm of not less than 25 acres of improved lands; \$4 for the best bull; \$5 for the best merino lamb; \$5 for the best blooded English lamb; \$5 for the best acre of corn; \$5 for the best acre of flax and \$5 for the best one-eighth acre of tobacco."

This organization soon expired in 1886 "due to lack of patronage from the State" but interest in the agricultural society continued.

The Agricultural Society was revived in October 1837 when citizens met at Mayville and elected Judiah Tracy as president and William Pendergast

II as secretary. Adjourned to January 4, 1838 when a new County Agricultural Society was formed with new officers elected. William Prendergast II was chosen president. The design of the society, as expressed in its constitution was "to improve agriculture, horticulture, the household arts, the breeding and improvement of domestic animals and also the improvement of farming utensils and domestic manufactures."

Fairs were held at irregular intervals rather than on a regular annual basis. In 1849 the fair was held in Sinclairville, on September 10-11, 1851 the annual fair of the Agricultural Soci-

ety was held at Panama. In 1874 the Ag Society purchased land on Baker Street, Jamestown for a fair grounds.

In 1880 a number of prominent men of Dunkirk and the vicinity met and organized under the name of the Agricultural Society of Northern Chautauqua with a capital stock of 500 shares at \$10 each. On February 9, 1880 William and Jane Lines sold a 24 acre parcel in the Town of Dunkirk to Francis May of Dunkirk for \$2373.50. On March 10, 1880, Francis May sold the referenced property as recently purchased from William Lines and his wife to the Agricultural Society of Northern

Chautauqua for \$2388.68, \$888.68 to be paid now and \$1500 to be paid in two years with semi-annual interest.

The fair was held on Dunkirk grounds in 1881, the site of the current fair grounds. Francis May sold more land to the Society for \$1500 and improvements were made to the grounds and fairs continued, sometimes alternating between Dunkirk and Jamestown locations by a vote of directors at their annual meetings.

We do have a record that in 1887 the Annual Fair and Livestock Exhibition was held and \$4,000 in premiums were offered, an unusually large sum at that time. However, the fair operation was not a financial success and the organization again was abandoned and the property turned back to the original owners who had financed most of

the improvements. On May 16, 1891 a corporation was formed, the Dunkirk and Fredonia Agricultural Association. The object and nature of the business was managing and conducting a general dining and recreational park and agricultural society. The location was the Town of Dunkirk with the business office being in the city of Dunkirk, with a capital stock of \$6000, 120 shares at \$50 each.

On July 17, 1900, certificate of incorporation papers were filed for the Chautauqua County Agricultural Corporation. Ten days later, \$12,000 was given for the land that had been turned back to the original owners. The Central Avenue grounds were purchased and a Board of Directors of 11 persons were elected to manage the organization. Each town in the County had an honorary vice president in the

new corporation. Capital stock was issued, 600 shares at \$10 each. Fairs were held on the Dunkirk grounds continually after the 1900 reorganization until 1916. In May, 1901 water lines were laid across properties to bring Fredonia water to the fair grounds until such time as Dunkirk could bring water to the city line.

The site was expanded by the purchase of additional property. In 1909 the fair was given a first Place rating in the State. The fairs at this time were held in late August.

In 1916 no fair was held due to financial problems. The property was again turned back to the previous owners and the cash (\$2,300) was divided among the investors. In 1917 they reorganized again. Under the state's agricultural laws, in order to claim a refund of premiums from the State, a fair must have been in operation and complied with the laws of the State for at least three years and not more than one year must lapse in holding a fair, so the stockholders still had a equity in their franchise and in July 1917 a meeting was called in the Merchants Exchange rooms in Dunkirk to revive the fair. New stock was issued, increase :from \$6000 to \$40,000 (4000 shares at \$10 each) and the repurchase of the fairgrounds was negotiated in October, 1917. Electric lights were installed around the race track at this time.

In May 1924 the stock increase went from \$40,000 to \$150,000 (15,000 shares at \$10 each) In 1927 and 1934 the fair was awarded an A-rating by the state. In 1927 only

three fairs in the state were given this award.

Among unusual events we might mention that in 1919 an airplane which was performing stunt act during the fair crashed on the baseball diamond killing the pilot. Approximately 10,000 fairgoers witnessed the accident. From 1917 until present, the fair has been held every year except the three years of World War II, during which the grounds and buildings were used by the U.S. Government to house prisoners of war and two years (2020 and 2021) for the global COVID-19 pandemic. Between 1942-1944, the fairgrounds were populated by a mixture of German, Italian and Japanese prisoners. The primary reason POW's were brought into our area was labor. The big concern of the farmers and food processors was manpower to harvest crops and help in the processing of plants due to the military draft.

In July, 1972, the Chautauqua County Agricultural Corporation was reincorporated as the Chautauqua County Agricultural and Fair Association, Inc. as a not-for-profit organization under Section 402 of the not-for-profit corporation law. It still operates under that incorporation today.

All the board members now and for many years past are working members as well as a policy-making and management board. Every board member is on a committee or chairman of a committee responsible for a specific department or activity in the fair.

During fair week all board members are on the grounds most of the time, in an active or supervisory capacity.



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Henry (Renny) K Leworthy Jr.



98, of Sarasota FL died Friday (Dec. 1, 2023) at Brooks Memorial Hospital.

A longtime resident of the Fredonia area, he was born in Dunkirk on October 20, 1925, to Henry K. and B Ruth (Johnson) Leworthy. A US Navy veteran of World War II, he served three years in the south Atlantic as a radioman. After the war, he took over the family carnival business, traveling the east coast, Western New York, and Pennsylvania. It was at Dunkirk fair where he met his wife of 60 plus years Estell Fowler.

He served as secretary manager of the fairgrounds in Dunkirk from 59' to 63', and then again from 73' to 90'. As a member of the board of directors, he helped coordinate improvements at the fairgrounds, adding 11 new buildings, as well as a new grandstand.

On the state level, he worked his way up the chairs to serve as president of the New York State Association of Fairs. He was voted the first "fair manager of the year" by a group of his state peers.

Donald (Don) Crockett Sr.



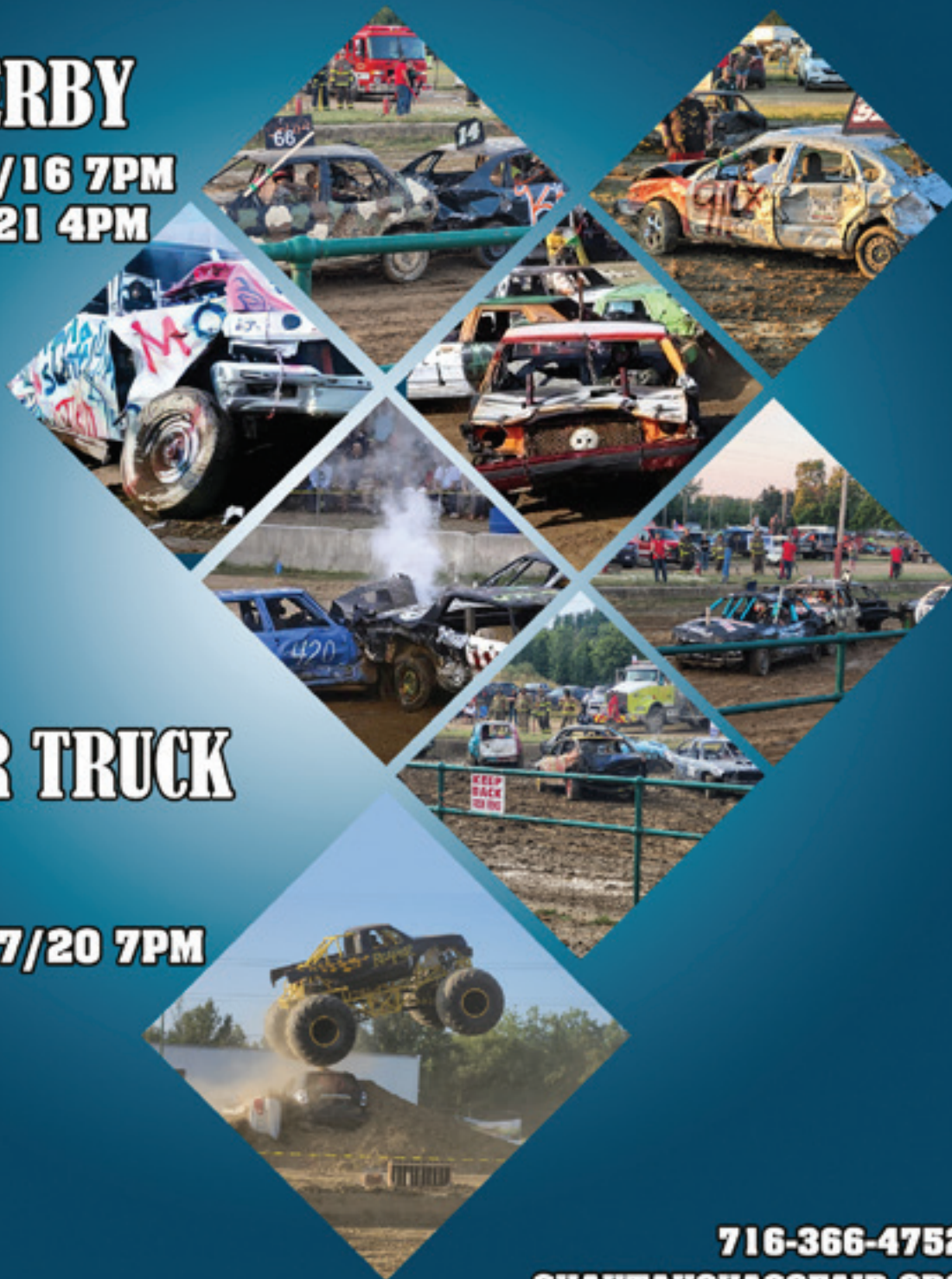
It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of Donald Crockett Sr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, who left us on May 13, 2024, at the age of 86. Surrounded by his loving family in his final days, he was a man of faith, humor, and wisdom, and cherished every moment spent with his loved ones.

Donald served as a board member for the Chautauqua County Fair for over 50-years, two of them as President. A member of the Western New York Harness Horsemen's Association for over 5 decades, Donald was also recognized as a leading trainer in the state.

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