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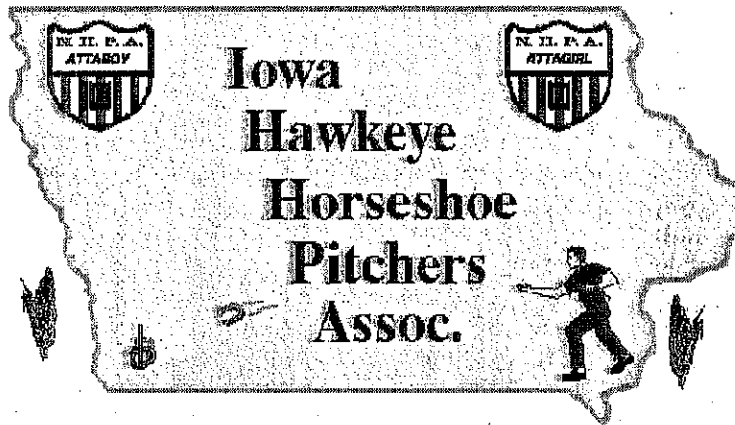
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**STATE FAIRGROUND COURTS**

Grading has been completed and, with weather cooperating, construction appears to be on schedule. The area East of Pioneer Hall that was once a low area is now a large graded piece of land that should develop into a fine horseshoe pitching facility. Full cement walkways with grass between the courts will be a welcome improvement over the HOT blacktop that had deteriorated over time.

The building that sits on our old location is also under construction. It is an impressive structure that reaches from where the courts were to the street in front of the Maintenance Building.

*Right:*

*LeRoy Law at the site of the new courts.*



*President's Message cont'd*

**PITCH & WIN**

Contacts are being made to local and national companies who would like to support the *Pitch & Win* program by donating prizes. Last year was the first year at the Fair for *Pitch & Win*. And with around 700 participants, we were able to introduce horseshoe pitching to many who had never touched a horseshoe before. A big **THANK YOU** to those individuals who donated money to buy prizes last year. If members would like to donate to this year's *Pitch & Win*, that would help also.

**WORLD TOURNAMENT !!!  
CEDAR RAPIDS IN 2009!!!**

We will find out on July 29<sup>th</sup> if we are successful in securing the bid to host the 2009 World Tournament. We will hold the press on next month's Newsletter to hopefully give you the good news!

-- Leroy Law

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**July 1 (Sun) Council Bluffs Council Bluffs Sunset Classic, Sunset Park - Reg. by 12:30 / play 1:00 - Jan Flemming 712/483-2029**

**July 4 (Wed) West Des Moines Holiday Classic - Reg. by 9:30 / play at 10:00 - LeRoy Law 515/224-2000; Cell: 515/681-1937**

**July 4 (Wed) Earlham Freedom Fest (non-sanctioned) Play Doubles at 12:30 / Singles at 2:30 - John Ridgely 515/834-2855**

**July 7 (Sat) Marshalltown Al Burgess Memorial - Moose Lodge Reg. by 9:30 / play at 10:00; Bob McKee 641/753-7311; 641/485-8801(cell)**

**July 12 (Thurs) Hardin County Fair, Eldora - Reg. by 9:30, play at 10:00; Bob Walters, 641/858-3861 - see this page for more details**

**July 14 (Sat) Ames "Iowa Games Open" Brookside Park (Non-Sanctioned). Pre-registration required - June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Dick Carlson 515/232-6603; Cell 515/451-5452 or Jan Warwick 515/292-7343**

**July 15 (Sun) What Cheer Keokuk County Fairgrounds. Be present by 9:00 a.m. - Bob Dugger 641/634-2303**

**July 15 (Sun) Adel (non-sanctioned) Reg. by 12:30 / play singles at 1:00 and Doubles later. John Ridgely 515/834-2855**

**July 22 (Sun) Winterset Madison County Fairgrounds Reg. by 9:30 / play 10:00. John Pletchette. 515/462-3258 or 515/468-1176**

**July 23 - August 4, 2007 - World Tournament Ardmore, Oklahoma**

**July 26 - Entry deadline for Iowa State Individual Championship, State Team Championship, Midwest Seniors Classic, and Two Player Pro-Am - - entry form attached**

**July 28 (Sat) Boone, Crazy Days Open; Reg. 9:30/play 10:00. Mike McNace 515/230-3355**

**August 5 (Sun) Council Bluffs, State Fair Warm Up, Sunset Park - Reg. by 12:30 / play 1:00 - Jan Flemming 712/483-2029**

**August 9 - 19<sup>th</sup> - 2007 Iowa State Fair, State Fairgrounds, Des Moines - Tournaments everyday on new courts located near Pioneer Hall**



**2007 HARDIN COUNTY FAIR  
HORSESHOE PITCHING TOURNAMENT  
ELDORA, IOWA, THURSDAY, JULY 12th**

Register by 9:30 a.m., play at 10:00. Entry Fee of \$5.00 - - EXTRA CASH!! Trophies to class winners. Food close by. Four clay courts, play in the shade under red oak trees. We hope to show you a great time!

*Sponsored by Hardin County Fair Board and Bob Walters*

**IHHPA HALL OF FAME**  
**W. C. "Bill" Vandegriff**

W. C. "Bill" Vandegriff was born December 10, 1916. He was married to Ruth, and had three children -- Carol, Neil and Gayle. He was a graduate of Selma Consolidated Schools and later became President of the School Board.

Bill started pitching horseshoes at the age of 12 and began competing in tournaments in the 1950's. He threw a right handed, three-quarter turn and pitched Ted Allen Shoes. Several pitchers went to the Ottumwa Coliseum on Monday nights to throw shoes with Bill. He was a great help to many pitchers in Southeast Iowa.

In 1970, he was the Iowa State Champion, and in seven other State Championships, he placed second. He won the Class A Monmouth Open (Illinois) 1975-1977, and the Burlington Corn Belt Open in 1971-72. He played in the World Tournament Championship Division in 1975-1978. His best finish was 15<sup>th</sup> place, high tournament percentage was 78.9%; high game 95.4%. In 1987, he placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the World Senior Championship Class, pitching 58.39%.

Bill was a member of NHPA for 25 years, and served as an NHPA Regional Director. He was also a past President and Vice President of the IHHPA. He was inducted into the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Hall of Fame in 1982.

Bill passed away on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at his home in Fairfield, Iowa.

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**ATTENTION REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND  
TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS**

It is time to get the horseshoe courts in your area checked out for sanctioning. It takes about one hour to check a complex. I must have them checked this year and certify each court complex as a *Conditional Sanctioned Court* or a *Full Sanctioned Court*. Courts that do not receive a sanction certificate cannot have a 2008 sanctioned tournament. There are only 18 courts in the State of Iowa -- 19 with the courts at the State Fairgrounds. So far only five complexes have been checked. Where are the other 13? There are not many more months of good weather left and people will be thinking about football. Most courts are on public land and most cities will pay for the upgrades. All you have to do is ask. The city can also apply

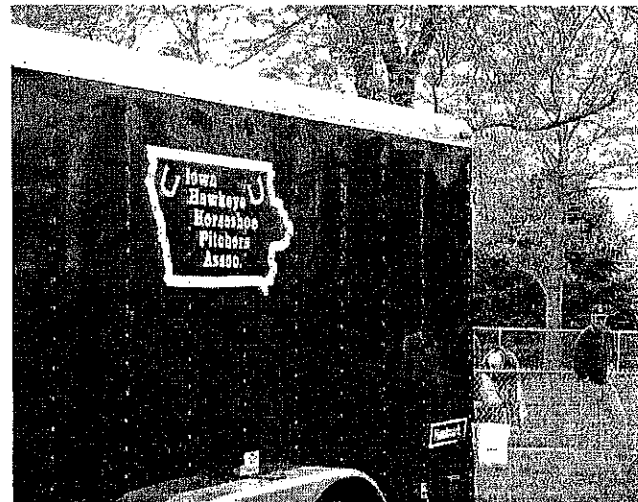
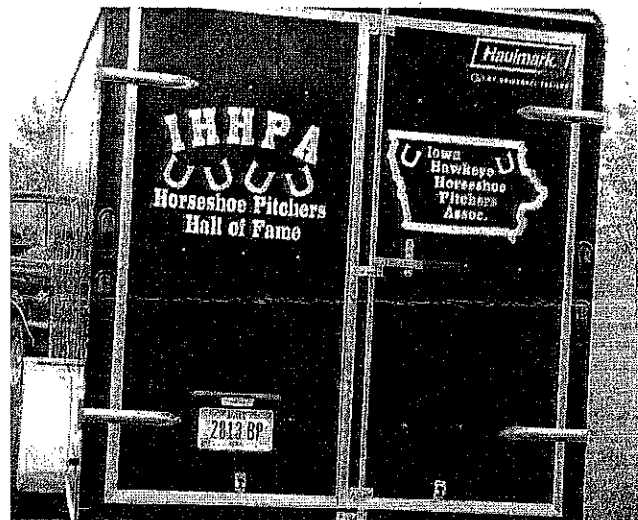
for a grant through the NHPF. I know only a few people in Iowa have donated to the NHPF, but it is there to issue grants to upgrade courts. Let's get those courts checked and the paperwork returned to me. Thanks!

-- C. Leo Buell



**IHHPA Trailer**

The newly painted IHHPA Trailer made its debut at the Indianola Tournament on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please consider a donation to reimburse Harold Garner, IHHPA Hall of Fame Supervisor, who paid for the signage. Harold's address is 1097 250<sup>th</sup> St. Melrose, IA 52569



**REMINDER !!**

THE IOWA STATE FAIR IS LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AWAY - - You must participate in three sanctioned tournaments prior to the July 26<sup>th</sup> entry deadline to play in the State Championship. This year's entry form is attached.

Courts in progress - - Photos courtesy of Danny Sease.



Looking North



Grandfather's Farm in background



Pioneer Hall in background

**TEAM WORLD**

Five of us travelers will go to Danville, Illinois on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Danville brings some of the top pitchers in the Nation, usually Alan and Amy Frances, Walter Ray, Joan Elmore, Marv Kammer, Mark Siebold, Sue Snyder and many others. And of course there are us guys from Iowa: LeRoy; Carl, Charlie, Larry, and Leo. We go to meet people and have fun and we could win a \$100. The big boys could win up to \$600.

-- C. Leo Buell



**GET WELL WISHES**

Stoney Jackson is recovering from a stroke and is currently in the Burlington Hospital taking therapy treatments. He is walking and can raise both arms above his head. Stoney's home address is 1209 North 7<sup>th</sup>, Burlington, IA 52601.



The tournaments scheduled for Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in Sumner, and Saturday, June 2nd, in Dubuque were cancelled due to the weather.

**Summer Sunset, Council Bluffs, June 3, 2007**

**Class A**

Terry Shea	Council Bluffs	1 <sup>st</sup>	3-1	50.0
Don McCance	Nebraska	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2-2	61.2
Lorin Mills	Nebraska	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	52.5
Cathy Carter	Council Bluffs	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-2	51.2
Jan Flemming	Avoca	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	44.3

**Class B**

Kirk VanAusdle	Elliott	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-0	34.3
Cameron Chambers	Exira	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	47.5
Steve Barry	Nebraska	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-2	30.0
Terry Hiatt	Nebraska	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	33.7
Gary Berg	Nebraska	5 <sup>th</sup>	0-4	31.8

**Class C**

Steve Ronk	Council Bluffs	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	26.0
Boyd Hageman	Nebraska	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	25.0
Bill Vogt	Council Bluffs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	25.0
Larry Hayes	Nebraska	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	25.5
Dave Sidles	Nebraska	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	22.0
Tom Berg	Nebraska	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	20.5

**Class D**

Shelly Hayes	Nebraska	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	18.5
Dick Huitt	Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	15.0
Harold Kennedy	Nebraska	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	17.5
John Podrzao	Council Bluffs	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	16.0
Beth Vannausdle	Elliott	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	9.6

### Charles City, June 9, 2007

#### Class A

Marv Engstler	Garner	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-1	46.0
Leo Buell	Iowa City	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	42.4
Mike Fishnick	Dubuque	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	40.8
Russ Martin	Clarksville	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	37.2
Bob McKee	Marshalltown	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	36.0
Deb Davis	Ankeny	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	30.4

#### Class B

Frank Koehler	Mason City	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	26.4
George Christiansen	Nora Springs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	19.6
Marian McKee	Marshalltown	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	16.8
Bob Walters	Eldora	4 <sup>th</sup>	3-2	11.6
Mike Fishnick, Jr.	Dubuque	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	9.2
Ralph Davis	Ankeny	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	16.0

### Cedar Rapids, June 9, 2007

#### Class A

Joe Smith	Gladbrook	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	64.0
Bob Schaver	Illinois	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	68.0
Vern Kollasch	Iowa City	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	47.8
James Jackson	New London	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	50.4
Walt Behnke	Marion	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	46.1
Ronnie Burgess	Cedar Rapids	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	36.9

#### Class B

Bob Hardy	North Liberty	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	55.3
Larry Purcell	Cedar Rapids	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-2	44.0
Don Marx	Marion	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	35.9
Larry Bolt	Traer	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	34.4
Doug Anderson	Stratford	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	31.6
Leonard Mullnex	Mt Auburn	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	20.0

#### Class C

Ron Stanerson	Marengo	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-0	31.1
Roger Doering	Illinois	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-1	31.0
Roger Tope	Marion	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	32.1
Ken Cook	Cedar Rapids	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	28.3
Vern McGrath	Dubuque	5 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	21.8
Tom Cranston	Parnell	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-5	28.4

#### Class D

Gary Elliott	Muscatine	1 <sup>st</sup>	3-1	23.8
John Peterson	Coralville	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	17.2
Marty Baldanato	Cedar Rapids	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-1	12.0
Leona Gaines	Mt Vernon	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	3.7
Ron Swartzenduber	Iowa City	5 <sup>th</sup>	0-4	11.5

### Mt. Pleasant, June 10, 2007

#### Class A

Bob Hardy	North Liberty	1 <sup>st</sup>	3-1	47.0
Jim Jackson	New London	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	44.5
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-1	44.5
C. Leo Buell	Iowa City	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	38.5
Vern Kollasch	Iowa City	5 <sup>th</sup>	0-4	44.0

#### Class B

Ron Rowley	W.Des Moines	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-2	30.4
Dennis Simler	Illinois	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-3	33.3
Fred Martin	Washington	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-3	25.8
Ron Stanerson	Marengo	4 <sup>th</sup>	2-4	26.2

#### Class C

James Bown	Delta	1 <sup>st</sup>	4-0	26.0
Chuck Kinney	Illinois	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-1	28.1
John Peterson	Coralville	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	27.0
Wade Bengé	Mt. Pleasant	4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	20.2
Steve Jackson	Burlington	5 <sup>th</sup>	0-4	13.5

### Russell, June 16, 2007

#### Class A

Keith Baker	Clive	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-1	47.9
LeRoy Law	W.Des Moines	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-2	50.8
Bob McKee	Marshalltown	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4-2	47.0
Glenn Warden	Mitchellville	4 <sup>th</sup>	4-2	45.4
Jim Jackson	New London	5 <sup>th</sup>	2-4	40.8
Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	6 <sup>th</sup>	2-4	28.7
Darwin Mott	Hartford	7 <sup>th</sup>	0-6	13.1

#### Class B

Jerry Dunkin	New Virginia	1 <sup>st</sup>	5-1	20.8
Eric Ohnemus	Melcher	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-2	32.0
Gerald Weeks	Indianola	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4-2	23.7
James Bown	Delta	4 <sup>th</sup>	4-2	21.6
Mac McKay	Corning	5 <sup>th</sup>	3-3	20.0
Marian McKee	Marshalltown	6 <sup>th</sup>	1-5	8.7
Delbert Pettyjohn	Hamilton	7 <sup>th</sup>	0-6	15.4

#### Class C

Clyde Raines	Leon	1 <sup>st</sup>	6-0	23.0
Wade Bengé	Mt Pleasant	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4-2	22.0
Paul Clark	Marshalltown	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4-2	17.9
Walter Martin	Ottumwa	4 <sup>th</sup>	3-3	19.1
Steve Hatch	Knoxville	5 <sup>th</sup>	3-3	12.5
Ron Moon	Indianola	6 <sup>th</sup>	0-6	6.6



### MITCHELLVILLE OPEN LEAGUE

Join Glenn Warden at the courts in City Park in Mitchellville every Thursday evening starting at 6:00. For more information, contact Glenn at 515/865-4679.



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**Entry Form**  
**2007**  
**Iowa State Fair**  
**Horseshoe Pitching Events**  
Deadline to Enter July 26, 2007

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone # area code (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
NHPA Card number \_\_\_\_\_ \* REQUIRED

**\*Iowa State Team Championship**  
**Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>**  
@ 9:00 A.M. \$24.00 per 3 person team

List Team members \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Iowa State Championships**  
**Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>,**  
**Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup>,**  
You will be notified of your pitching dates and time.

MEN \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ WOMEN \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ JUNIORS (Free) \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAMPIONSHIP MEN \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ ELDERS 30 FT. \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Midwest Seniors Classic**  
**Monday August 13<sup>th</sup>.**  
You will be notified of time of play. \$15.00  
Must be 60 years old

**TOTAL FOR EVENTS MARKED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Two Player Pro-Am Tournament**  
**Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup>**  
@ 9:00 A.M. \$40.00 per team

Required one Non-Member per team \_\_\_\_\_ Average \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable IHPA Treasurer:  
Send to: Ron Rowley 201 36<sup>th</sup> Street, West Des Moines, IA 50265  
By July 26th

**NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED**

For more information you may contact Iowa State Fair Superintendent Danny Sease  
Telephone 515-238-1043, E-Mail [ddsease@msn.com](mailto:ddsease@msn.com), Fax number 515-285-6717  
Or write to Danny Sease, 1229 S.W. Evans St, Des Moines, IA 50315

# Some Pig! A Midwestern Rite of Summer

By Michael Judge

Des Moines, Iowa

In an America where Las Vegas has become the new Disneyland, and being a "winner" is too often about luck and greed rather than grace and hard work, the Iowa State Fair stands out as a truly family-friendly destination—and a great deal of fun to boot.

When I say fun I'm not talking about headliners like Brad Paisley and James Taylor, who sold out the grandstand here last week and by all accounts gave fine shows. I mean, instead, the 10 days of back-to-back livestock and food competitions, a cow sculpted entirely of butter, fresh-squeezed lemonade by the gallon and pork chops on a stick. I mean beer tents and deep-fried Oreos, a 1,199-pound hog named Waldo ("Some pig," indeed!) and men who wrestle rare Bengal tigers.

I mean foot-long corn dogs slathered in mustard and the roar of stock-car races, tractor and truck pulls. I mean pie-eating, marble-shooting, barrel-racing, arm-wrestling, rooster-crow-ing, chicken-turkey, hog-and (ouch!) husband-calling contests. I mean hour upon hour of banjo and mandolin, yodeling, whistling, joke telling, checker playing, nail driving and, last but by no means least, cow-chip throwing.

Since 1854, when local farmers first entered their recipes, crafts, produce and livestock in a statewide contest, the Iowa State Fair has grown into a world-renowned and increasingly hard to come by slice of unadulterated Americana, attracting more than a million visitors annually and earning a well-deserved spot in the New York Times bestseller "1,000

a household name, giving the American songbook a few gems like "It Might as Well Be Spring" and "It's a Grand Night for Singing."

It's hard to imagine that either Rodgers or Hammerstein ever visited this particular state fair—or any other event involving large amounts of manure, for that matter—but their decision to focus on the inner lives of the fair's exhibitors was a good one. While there is plenty of comic relief to the story—Mr. Frake is there to win the "prize hog" contest, while his wife wins the "best pickle contest" with some

note leadership and citizenship through individual and group projects ranging from ag-business to Web design to public speaking.

While touring one of the exhibition barns here, I met a family that really brought home the importance of 4-H, FFA and the projects they support. Gary Puls drove his 13-year-old daughter, her pony T.J. and quarter horse Rosey down from Jewell, Iowa, so Meredith could compete in two 4-H-sponsored riding competitions: Pony Pleasure and Western Pleasure. "I won Reserve Grand Champion in Pony Pleasure this year," says Meredith. "They gave me a purple halter as a special prize."

Meredith, her father explains, has been riding since she was five and used to ride on her mother's lap when she was just three. "Tell him about Rosey," her father prompts. Meredith says Rosey was a gift from her mother, who died when Meredith was nine. "Her mother thought Rosey would be a good 4-H project for her," explains her father. "Paula had cancer and died just four weeks later.

Meredith's been training Rosey ever since."

Meredith's going to be in eighth grade this fall. She says she's just happy to be here but wouldn't mind being Iowa State Fair Champion one day. "I'll keep working hard," she says. "We'll see what happens." As I say goodbye, her father shakes my hand and thanks me. "Her mother would be proud," he says, smiling. "So proud."

Before I leave, Meredith tells me that when she outgrows the 4-H events, she'll start riding in FFA horse shows. The FFA's motto is straightforward: "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve." Compare that to "What Happens in Vegas Stays in Vegas," and you begin to see why 4-H and FFA events and the state and county fairs where they're held are so important—for parents and children alike.

Mr. Judge, a writer and Hoover Institution media fellow, teaches at the University of Iowa School of Journalism and Mass Communication.



help from a boozy "special ingredient" that ends up pickling the judges—the film, for the most part, portrays them as loving Midwesterners who want what's best for their children.

This, I think, is the real value of the state fair, a place where parents and children can come to compete, meet other families, and reap the rewards of years of hard work. Beyond the amusement park rides, the fun foods and silly contests, the big-name music stars and state-of-the-art farm equipment, lie a way of life and a work ethic that is handed down from generation to generation, a respect for the land and the animals and crops raised on it.

Nowhere is this better exemplified than in the scores of 4-H and FFA (Future Farmers of America) competitions at this year's Iowa State Fair and elsewhere across America. For city dwellers unfamiliar with these organizations, 4-H is a youth education branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the four H's stand for "Head, Heart, Hands and Health." Both 4-H and the FFA pro-

IOWA STATE FAIR  
Through Sunday

Places to See Before You Die."

Impending doom or not, the Iowa State Fair has long been a favorite of Midwesterners, inspiring Philip Stong's 1932 novel, "State Fair," which follows the adventures of the rural Frake family in their quest for blue ribbons, respect and romance. In 1933, Stong's novel was made into a nonmusical motion picture starring Janet Gaynor and Will Rogers. But it wasn't until 1945 and the release of

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