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Five Honored with Heritage Awards

LAS VEGAS, NV — November 30, 2011 — Today at the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) 121st Annual Convention, Heritage Awards sponsored by Haas & Wilkerson Insurance were presented to five exceptional individuals in the field of fair management, according to IAFE President and CEO Jim Tucker. The convention is taking place Nov. 28-Dec. 1 at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

Carol Porter of Haas & Wilkerson Insurance announced and presented the awards to the recipients, who were nominated by their fairs' staffs. The awards recognize the achievements of outstanding volunteer fair managers. Each winner received a plaque and \$1,000, and each fair nominating the winners received \$500. The nominees were required to have at least 10 years of fair management experience and could receive no more than \$2,500 remuneration annually for serving in the position. The nominees' fairs were also required to be current members of IAFE.

The 2011 recipients are Margaret Boilanger of the Shelby County Fair, Shelbyville, Ind.; William "Bill" Jennings of the Richland County Fair, Olney, Ill.; Jessica Klumpp of the Florence County Fair, Florence, Wis.; Steven Kruger of the Washington County Fair, Arlington, Neb.; and George Stanchfield of the Fond du Lac County Fair, Fond du Lac, Wis.

Ms. Boilanger was shy as a child, not attending her local fair very often. That all changed when the Family Arts department needed help and she volunteered to serve on the committee. This lasted nine years and was the start of a long career with the Shelby County Fair in Shelbyville, Ind. She has served in every capacity, including director, secretary, treasurer, first and second vice president, and president. In fact, she was the first female to serve as president of a fair in Indiana.

In addition to serving on the board, Ms. Boilanger has also served as chair of many of the fair's committees, including advertising, cheerleading, style show, budget, baby contest, and queen. She was office manager for the fair for 20 years, and even after retiring in 2009, she came back a month before the 2010 fair to work in the office as secretary and consultant.

Ms. Boilanger has attended 16 IAFE annual conventions and 12 IAFE Zone 3 meetings. She has served as a round table moderator at both. She has been involved with the Indiana Association of Fairs, Festivals and Events, where she has served as president, district director, and secretary/treasurer.

Ms. Boilanger's other activities include serving as president of the Shelby County Fair Foundation, president of the Shelby County Extension Homemakers, president of the Shelby County Home & Family Arts Board of Control, president of the Local Extension Homemaker Club, and president of the Indiana Association of

Extension Homemakers. She has also served as treasurer of the Flat Rock Christian Church for five years.

Jennings entered the fair industry at age 8 with the purchase of an imported Canadian Ayrshire heifer as a 4-H project. He started attending other fairs not long after that, and by age 20, had three show strings on the road most of the summer. Shortly after he and his father sold the Ayrshire herd and left the dairy industry, Jennings became dairy superintendent at the Richland County Fair in Olney, Ill. In 1975, he was elected president of the fair, where he served 33 of the following 35 years.

Jennings has also served as dairy cattle superintendent for 14 years at the Du Quoin State Fair in Du Quoin, Ill., and assistant dairy cattle superintendent at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield for 12 years.

Jennings has attended two IAFE annual conventions, where he served as a round table moderator in 2007, and six IAFE Zone 5 meetings. He participated in the IAFE Consumer Protection Program in 2006. He has served the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs (IAAF) as a director, vice president, and president, and has also served 20 years on the IAAF Showcase Committee.

Jennings has a Bachelor of Science degree in dairy science and agricultural engineering from the University of Illinois and his Registered Nursing degree from Olney Central College. He has been a nurse in the emergency room since 1994. Jennings has been involved with the Masonic Lodge, Shrine Ainad Temple, the Illinois Nurses Association, and the Trinity Lutheran Church Council. He has been a Dale Carnegie instructor since 1986.

Ms. Klumpp has been working at the Florence County Fair in Florence, Wis., since the age of 12 when she was hired to enter the Fair Book data. After receiving her check, she told her mother she didn't want to get paid - she wanted to volunteer. Over the last 17 years, Ms. Klumpp has been involved in every single aspect of the fair, including serving as office manager, fair manager, Entertainment Committee chair, board secretary and treasurer, Technology Committee chair, and Fairest of the Fair coordinator.

Ms. Klumpp has attended two IAFE Zone 4 meetings, one IAFE annual convention, and the IAFE Consumer Protection Program. She is involved with the IAFE Young Professionals Initiative and is enrolled in the IAFE Institute of Fair Management.

Ms. Klumpp is also involved in the Wisconsin Association of Fairs, and has attended numerous district meetings and annual conventions. She has also presented workshops for the Wisconsin Association of Fairs and has served on many of its committees, including Special Projects, Audit, Legislative, Technology, and Credentials.

Ms. Klumpp's other activities include participating in her church as a Vacation Bible School teacher, youth group leader, Sunday School teacher, choir member, and secretary. At the Florence High School, she has served as drama director, Forensics coach, music/drama set designer, musical theater director, and National Honor Society advisor. In addition, she has been involved with the Florence County Chamber of Commerce and the Human Services Mentor Program, and has served as a 4-H leader.

Kruger started his fair career as a child showing livestock in 4-H. He began volunteering at the Washington County Fair in Arlington, Neb., in 1983, as horticulture superintendent and was elected to the fair board in 1989. For the last 16 years, he has served as president. He also served on the Nebraska State Fair Board for 12 years and was superintendent of agriculture products there for four years.

Kruger has attended five IAFE annual conventions and 11 IAFE Zone 5 meetings.

Kruger is involved with the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers, where he was a director for four years

and later served as vice president and president. He has attended the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers annual convention 17 times, where he received the Fair Person of the Year award in 2010.

Kruger is an operator with his brother of Kruger Livestock Inc., where they raise dry land corn, soybeans, and alfalfa. He is also a field reporter for Farm Services Agency in Blair, Neb. He has served as president of the Telbasta School Board, the Sheridan School Board, and the Logan View High School Board. He has been involved in the Nebraska Hunter Education Program, and has been a 4-H Leader since 1997. He was given an Honorary FFA degree in 2000 and received the Marian Wilkins Community Servant award from the Arlington High School in 2009. He is a lifetime member of the First Methodist Church in Fremont, Neb., where he has served on many committees and as a trustee.

Stanchfield began exhibiting cattle at the Fond du Lac County Fair in Fond du Lac, Wis., nearly 70 years ago, while growing up on his family's dairy farm. In 1978, he was elected to the Fond du Lac County Fair Board, where since then he has served as a director, treasurer, manager, and currently, president. He has been involved in all aspects of the fair, including managing all operations while manager.

Stanchfield has been attending IAFE annual conventions since 1995, and has attended 12 IAFE Zone 4 meetings. He has participated in the IAFE Consumer Protection Program.

Stanchfield is also involved with the Wisconsin Association of Fairs, and has attended every convention since 1978. He has served the Wisconsin Association of Fairs as a director for eight years and as president for two, and has been a member of the Credential and Grievance Committees.

Stanchfield worked full time as an electrician for Mercury Marine for over 40 years after serving in the Navy and starting his own farm with his family. He has been involved with the Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corp, has served as president and supervisor of the Fond du Lac County Board, and as Fond du Lac County Pork Producers president.

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