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**Biography Booklet**

# Jim Bain

## Served on the Fair Board: 1982-1990

Dr. Jim Bain has served as a livestock veterinarian for 49 years at the Brown County Fair. He is married to Claudia and served on the Fair Board from 1982-1990. Jim enjoyed working with & meeting good people at the fair. This will be his 49th year checking in livestock (started in 1975). He always says "It's a FAIR day."

Some of Dr. Jim's memories of when he started on the fair board in 1982 are that the Fair Board took over the rodeo in 1986 and that prior it was organized by the Y Men's Club. At that time, \$34,000 was the budget for the entire BCF. Two shows were scheduled each night at (7 PM and 9 PM). The entertainment manager wanted \$10K more for the second show, so one fair board member from Dacotah Bank got the money because 3,000 people were waiting to get in the grandstand. Jim wanted to slash the tires of the tour bus and charge \$10K for repairing it, but they found a better solution. Dr. Jim shares that he drove the Vet Truck around to ensure security. One story he shares is that there was mischief and a Port-a-pot was upside down with someone yelling inside. He used a rope to tip it back up. Dr. Jim Bain says the fair board members were all good, and that Larry owned the Westport Bar and he would always pick him up on the way to the courthouse basement for meetings. Fact, there were no post pounders, so all the posts were driven by hand.



# Stan Beckler

## Served on the Fair Board: 1982-1988

Favorite thing about serving on the fair board was meeting people I otherwise wouldn't have probably met. People I served with and people in the county

Most challenging part was change. The fair was dying, it was difficult to get people to attend and we needed to come up with successful ways to get people to the fair.

Married to Jan, children Tammy (Ted), Traci (Brandon), four grandchildren and six step grandchildren.

I've farmed and raised pigs most of my life, being involved in the SD Duroc Association. Currently I serve as the Chairman of the County Zoning Board.

Served in the Airforce for 6 years from '72-78 which meant I didn't see my youngest daughter until she was almost 3 months old. I spent 2 ½ years in Asia, SE Asia, stationed in the Philippines and Taiwan. I was a part of the evacuation of Saigon in April of 1975 and was one of the last fixed wing airplanes to complete missions there.

I grew up showing pigs in 4-H at the fair. We all just got along and had a common interest of building the fair. The first few years there weren't 'friends of the fair', the board members and their families helped make it all happen.



# Joyce Dahme

## Served on the Fair Board: 1985-1990

Joyce shares these memories of the fair. She and her husband Art, worked the fair in front of the grandstands. They helped and served the 4-H banquet. Because they didn't have golf carts, she says they walked all over. Joyce and Art also helped paint inside buildings and made hangers to put up displays, drove the kitty cars, and remembers a very fun time with the bed races! Joyce enjoyed seeing all the exhibits and all the people.



# Karl Eichler

## Served on the Fair Board: 1986-1992

Karl, along with his wife, Val, still work on their family farm and cow calf operation raising crops, and show cattle. They have two sons and seven grandsons who love showing livestock and going to the Brown County Fair!

Karl shares that his favorite part of serving on the Fair Board was working closely with 23 other people and watching the fair grow bigger and better every year. The challenge for him was to give it his all plus keeping up with his family and operating his farm. Karl and his family still attend the fair.



# Shirley Ellwein

## Served on the Fair Board: 1986 - present

Raised on a farm in Brainard Township, my transportation to Barnard Independent School for 12 years was that yellow school bus with those hard green or blue vinyl seats with frosted over windows in the wintertime! My college experience was “life-work experience” with a few college courses inter-mingled over the years.

My passion was business, English and language arts. That passion led me into unique professions that I would describe today as “visiting with a purpose”! Jobs like banking, setting up the business office of what was once known as Dakota Midland Hospital, and 20 years of service with the South Dakota Department of Labor. Most interesting of those years was working as an unemployment investigator. (Yes, I carried a badge-no gun, was threatened and followed). I designed an unemployment insurance survey, that I proved was as effective in-person as over the phone- “visiting with a purpose”. I taught 33 east coast states how to use the survey effectively, and it eventually found its way across the United States.

I vividly remember the late afternoon of Brown County Fair 1985 when I was rushing across the Fair Grounds and Lyle Podoll approached me asking if I'd consider becoming a Fair Board Member. Being assistant-leader with Club Leader, Sally Waltman of the Rural Lads and Lassies 4-H Club, I was already loving and living the Fair and said, “Yes.”

Raising two children did require more income than the state provided. So, I forced myself into the profession of direct sales -a profession where people “buy you” before they ever buy the product you are have to offer. For nine years I worked for both the Department of Labor and direct sales, squeezing in a few college courses and a 2-year manager training program with the SD Department of Labor.

Once I retired from the Department of Labor, my “visiting with a purpose” direct sales business flourished! My devotion and dedication to people with two companies over a 33-year span, earned high sales awards never ranking lower than sixth place in the United States. The second company I joined, I ranked #1 in U.S. and Canada for nine consecutive years and was promoted to national training director.

In 2016, I thought I'd retire because Steve and I have 16 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter! Retirement lasted one summer. I picked up any side-job that interested me, like setting up Hobby Lobby Store in Pierre and worked Legislative Session for 6 years and substitute teaching. Today you will see me with to devotedly loved corgis, working in my yard or garden, playing golf or riding bicycle! My parents were “salt-of-the earth” folks, and my success mirror is a testament to them.



# Ron Gage

## Served on the Fair Board:

Ron served on the Brown County Fair Board during 1986, and was inducted to the SD Association of Fairs Hall of Fame in 2001. Ron gives credit to our Brown Co. Ext. Offices for the work they did for the fair and for the board, and also supports the Girl Scouts. He says the fair was run down and that everything about it are his favorite and most challenging memories. Ron has also served his time for the Brown County Red Cross Disaster Relief.

Ron states he is honored to receive this award and induction to the Brown County Fair Foundation Hall of Fame in memory of friends who are gone but not forgotten.

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# Larry Gerlach (deceased)

## Served on the Fair Board: 1985-1991

Larry and his wife, Susan, have two children. Amy (Troy) Engelhart, and Alvin (Michelle) Gerlach along with grandchildren Andrew and Matthew.

Larry started as a 4-H parent when the Fair Board approached him asking for help with Concessions. He knew about the food business and that began his passion for the fair. Larry served as the Fair Manager for 20 years and owned his own business for 20 years. The best times as his wife now shares were watching the fair grow from 4-H & Demo Derby to a successful county fair. Working with many people with strong ideas was both challenging and rewarding. Larry's love of the fair came from watching people having a good time - especially the little kids. He loved being stopped just to visit and get thank yous. Most challenging memories include - the weather, getting the grounds all ready, setting the equipment up & tearing it all down after the fair. Larry was the budget person and keeping the committees to stay in their budget was always a challenge - some years more than others. Larry died before he had finished his time with the fair, but I'm sure he would still be volunteering in some way. Susan still volunteers and does some projects Larry asked me to help with.

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# Robert Gruman

## Served on the Fair Board: 1986 - present

Robert and his wife, Mary, have two sons, Joe (wife Gina, children Katie & Andrew), and John (wife Amy, and daughter, Avery). He is a Korean veteran and has been involved with Aberdeen National Bank, US Bank - Aberdeen, Board of Directors, Dacotah Bank, First National Bank Minneapolis, Bank of North Dakota Bismarck, Aberdeen Development Corp. Board, Sertoma (Storybook Land), Sacred Heart Finance Committee and Bath Township Board. Robert's Favorite part of serving on the Brown County Fair Board was to help with programming and work with all the board members. He continues to attend the fair and volunteer with staffing and duties and visits annually with brother from Cooperstown, ND.

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# Nancy Hansen

## Served on the Fair Board: 1985-1991

Nancy is the mother of wonderful children and grandchildren. She is a retired County Commissioner, semi-retired Tax Preparer, Farmland Appraiser. Nancy shares that breaking traditions on the Grandstand Entertainment and listening to likes/dislikes of the Public, then helping them to see changes and retaining the likes was something she remembers of her time serving. Getting new faces and ideas on the Fair Board outside of family and friends was challenging.



# Connie Howard

## Served on the Fair Board: 1983-1989, Secretary 1985-1989

Connie served as a 4-H Leader for 20 years before going on to the Fair Board. She retired from her office job at Specialty after working for almost 40 years. She is now keeping busy with family, church, gardening, extension, reading, etc.

Connie states she has lots of great memories! Her favorite part of the fair was the activities and all the people she got to know and work with. The most challenging was starting big name entertainment and selling the week long tickets.

Connie continued to help in the Fair Office during the fair after serving on the Fair Board as well as continuing to exhibit in the home arts and help when needed.



# Marty Huettle (deceased)

## Served on the Fair Board: 6 years

Marty was a beautician for 6-7 years in Westport, then Shopko Sales Representative for 37 years. Marty was married to Richard Huettle and they have three children, Les, Larry & Lynette, seven grandkids and two great grandsons. Marty's favorite job at the fair was as Sheep Superintendent for many years. Roger, Ann, and Richard all helped in those 17 years of her position, it was a family affair. Richard and their family continue to attend and support the fair.



# Derald Holt (deceased)

## Served on the Fair Board: 1985-1990

Derald primarily served on the Livestock Committee helping to facilitate the open and 4-H shows with a strong voice for the beef cattle. He also worked on installing benches for the fairgrounds during his time. During his years on the fair board, Derald also assisted in the entertainment selection working to bring bigger, industry leading names to the fair. Derald's wife, Karen, later joined the Brown County Fair Board serving as Treasurer as well as assisting with various committee's during her tenure.

Derald was born and raised just outside of Brown County in Cresbard, SD, where he work alongside his father Joie raising registered Herefords before selling the ranch to pursue a family owned and operated apartment building in Pierre, SD, with his wife Karen and his parents Joie & Viola Holt. The family moved back to Aberdeen, SD, in 1972 where they reside

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today. Derald's lifetime interest was the cattle industry, and he could be seen volunteering in both Faulk and Brown County 4-H, serving as a leader and mentor. Derald took special pride in watching kids he had worked with exhibit their livestock at the county, state and national level, especially his own two sons, Justin & Jordan.

Although Derald is no longer with us, his legacy lives on through his children and grandchildren who all share his passion for the cattle industry and youth livestock shows. The entire Holt family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the Brown County Fair Foundation for this distinguished honor for their husband, father and grandfather.

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## George Kessler

### **Served on the Fair Board: 1986-1987**

George and his wife, Mary Kay, have three sons, Nate, Jay & Lee. He and his wife are business entrepreneurs, grocery store operators, night club operators, entertainment management and promoters. George's memories of serving on the fair board include arranging, marketing, developing strategy, hiring entertainment, and then selling it to the Commission! He recalls that his name was on the contracts. George continues to attend and volunteer at the fair.

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## Karen Lamport

### **Served on the Fair Board: 1982-1987 (chair 1984-85)**

Karen (Kant) Lamport was born in Watertown, SD. She attended Presentation College and graduated with a degree in Education. Her first teaching position was in Hecla, where she met a cattle rancher and farmer, Orin Lamport. They married in 1966 and later adopted two children (each from birth), Lance and Kara.

After teaching various grades in Hecla for 6 years, Karen decided her true passion was to be a homemaker, dedicating her time to motherhood, the household, and the ranch (tending to cattle and sheep herds).

The Lamport family showed market steers and breeding heifers for many years throughout the United States and Canada. After realizing success in the show ring and with their commercial cattle in carcass contests, the Lamports held club calf sales for many years, both at the ranch in Hecla, as well as in Texas, selling show steers and heifers to youths in 4-H and FFA. They later expanded their herd into the purebred Maine Anjou breeding cattle business and continued to travel to the major national cattle shows.

Karen particularly loved the "people aspect" of the family business and networking, meeting a myriad people who would remain lifelong friends. She felt that raising her children in rural Hecla with livestock, farm ground, and green pastures was significant for teaching them about hard work, empathy, problem-solving, values, resilience, commitment, and an appreciation for nature and animals.

After Karen and her husband parted ways in 2000, Karen moved into the brick two-story national historic home in Hecla that had been in the family since 1920. There, she and her daughter Kara built their business, The Lamport House China Shoppe & Guest Inn.

The guest inn was a haven for hunters of waterfowl, pheasant, and deer, plus travelers or those in the area for family events. Again, Karen's passion was her love of people, hosting some of the same hunters who returned annually for 20 years! True kinships were solidified.

Regarding the china shop side of the business, Karen and Kara painted and kiln-fired



porcelain china, selling it both retail on the Internet and wholesale to stores throughout the United States. The Lamport House was commissioned to customize and paint teapots and teacups for celebrities such as Martha Stewart, Oprah Winfrey, Diane Sawyer, Drew Barrymore, etc. Karen loved the challenges that came with growing a business. She also loved getting to know the business owners who had been repeat patrons.

In 2018, Karen left her longtime Hecla roots behind and moved to an apartment in Aberdeen, both from the necessity to downsize (and slow down), and to be closer to her children and grandchildren.

In early 2019, Karen battled breast cancer, but was confirmed cancer-free six months later – and remains in remission today. Currently, Karen spends her time playing Bingo, card games, attending her daily light exercise classes, and watching football (when in season). Karen's heart is the happiest and most fulfilled when she is spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

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## **Jerry Lehman** (deceased)

Jerry passed away at his home at the age of 65 on May 21, 2010, after a 2 year battle with cancer.

Gerald Eugene Lehman was born on Jan. 5, 1945, in Aberdeen to Reuben E. and LaVerna I. (Wilke) Lehman. He attended school in Groton, graduating in 1963. After graduation, he attended N.D. State College of Science in Wahpeton, N.D. He was drafted into the Army in 1965; serving 1965-1967 with one tour of duty in Vietnam as a helicopter crew chief.

Following his honorable discharge from the military, he was united in marriage to Linda (Graf) Stephens in December 1967. To this union a son, Chad, was born and Jerry adopted a daughter, Jennifer (Jenny).

On Oct. 21, 1975, he married Janet (Ball) Dirksen and added two more children to the family, Janelle Dirksen and Ward Dirksen.

Jerry and Janet farmed northwest of Groton growing wheat, corn and soybeans plus feeding cattle. He enjoyed tractor-pulling for many years at fairs and celebrations in the area, winning many trophies. As a member of the Groton Jaycees, he helped start the first tractor-pulling contest in Groton and the first one at the Brown County Fair.

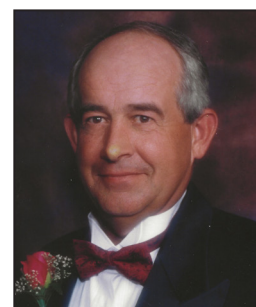
Jerry was a past Sunday school teacher and past 4-H leader, with his children being very involved in 4-H. The family enjoyed many outings with each member driving their own snowmobile. He served on the Brown County Fair Board and was president of the South Dakota Association of Fairs and Celebrations being inducted into their Fairman's Hall of Fame in 1993.

In addition to farming, Jerry and Janet also owned and operated the Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream Store in Aberdeen for 19 years. They traveled to many fairs, festivals, city celebrations and farm shows with their ice cream through the years.

He also helped with many state youth talent contest finals, which were sponsored by the South Dakota Association of Fairs & Celebrations, as their stage manager.

Jerry was a motorcycle enthusiast and belonged to the Freedom Riders Motorcycle Club. He and Janet took many trips on their motorcycles to Washington, D.C.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Colorado; and of course, to Sturgis for many rallies.

Jerry retired from farming in January 2007 and was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer in November 2007.



# Gayle Osman

## **Served on the Fair Board: 1985-1991**

Gayle was so glad to serve as a Brown County Fair Board member. She really enjoyed all the board members and the committees she served on including the Grandstand Entertainment committee in 1986 and 1991. Gayle was very excited about the people and all the changes coming about, with the big name entertainment. She enjoyed personally meeting the entertainers.

Gayle also served as chairman of the Special events and enjoyed working with members of this committee planning activities and the people she worked with. One of the events she was instrumental in starting was the Kids Stick Horse Contest and Balloon Chase, asking the Hitch'n Post to partner. This event still happens at the fair.

Gayle mentions that she is very happy that the fair does not expect people to pay to attend, that was never wanted. As secretary of the board in 1989-1991 she says she worked with a wonderful group of people and learned a lot about putting on a great fair!

Gayle still enjoys helping with the BBQ and Pie/Cheesecake Contest.

One of Gayle's favorite experiences was when Marie Osmond said she wanted a picture of Gayle's whole family. A challenging part for Gayle was when the fair board put buttons on the show tickets and worked the lines of people coming into the fair and had to check and make sure they were wearing their buttons. Another challenge was not having golf carts to move supplies and get to several activities.

This will always be a special time in her life.





# Lyle Podoll

## Served on the Fair Board: 1984-1989

Lyle and his wife, Cathi, have four children, 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was the 1986 President. Lyle shares what was most rewarding was the complete dedication of the entire board to promoting 4-H and the willingness to try something new to accomplish that goal. The entire 1986 year was a challenge culminating the week of the fair. Probably the greatest challenge he shares was after the fair, when he and the board found out that there were a handful of people working secretly against the fair in hopes it would fail. That was extremely disappointing to say the least. With this fair board, the rewards far outweighed the negatives. Lyle states he was so proud to have served with this group for the benefit of the Brown County Fair.

Lyle is a friends of the fair member and continues to serve and attend the fair.



# Allen Ringgenberg

## Served on the Fair Board:

Allen graduated from Columbia, SD High in 1960. He entered the Navy after graduation & was honorably discharged on August 30, 1966. Allen worked as an electrician in Columbia/ Aberdeen area until starting his own business, Ringgenberg Electric in 1971. His son, Dana, took over the business after graduating from SDSM&T, and Allen gradually retired. Allen Served on the Fairboard in 1986 and enjoyed seeing the fair grow, and still attends the fair.



# Earl & Twila Ruden (deceased)

## Served on the Fair Board:

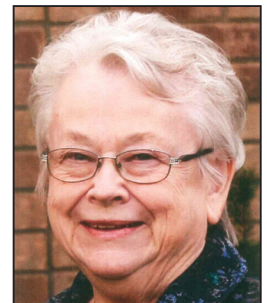
Earl and Twila Ruden were long time volunteers at the Fair. Twila volunteered many years as a clothing judge for 4-H and was heavily involved in the home economics/home living activities. Earl loved his time serving at Centennial Village (could talk all day about it) and with operations of the Fair, especially the people movers. They were excited to see the fair grow and change each year and knew the addition of big name entertainment was a great way to make this happen. They were proud to be a part of making the fair the premier Brown County event!



# Trudy Schaunaman

## Served on the Fair Board:

Trudy and her husband, Lyle, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this year. Their children are Jeff and Jen Schaunaman and daughters Claire and Ava; Julie and Greg Milbroadt and sons Eric and Ashley and great grandchildren Everett, Parker and Rory, and Jacob and Bre and great granddaughter Avery. Judy recently retired from being a Realtor after 20 years.



During Trudy's time serving on the Fair Board, she states that her favorite memories are being involved with the start of big-name entertainment. She also mentions she wasn't quite prepared for the long days and evenings that being on the fair board required. She and Lyle were involved in many aspects of the fair, not just the areas they were assigned to.

Trudy and her family still serve and attend the fair. They volunteer through Friends of the Fair, to make homemade ice cream, and are responsible for the barrel train. Trudy also helps with exhibits in the Home Arts Building.

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## Jerry Schley

### Served on the Fair Board: 1984-1990

Jerry has farmed and fed cattle all of his life. Jerry is married to Jacie and they have two children, son Dusty who is married to Brittany with children Clay and Rylan and daughter, Haley, who is married to Brandon with children Devin, Avery and Preston.

Hi! I'm Jerry Schley. I spent my 4-H years with the Rondell Rascals 4-H club exhibiting beef steers, pen lot cattle, public speaking and demonstrations, and livestock judging. I have always loved the fair. It provided a challenge for me in agriculture - which I loved.

After many years in 4-H, it was time to give back. After marriage to Jacie, I wanted to do something with the fair before our kids Dusty and Haylee got too involved. So I decided to accept an invitation to join the Brown County Fair Board in the fall of 1984. The fair year of 1984-1985 was the last year of the small fairs. Gary Sharp was the president of the fair board and this was the year to prepare for the big fairs starting next year. This is also a year that the Brown County Commissioners gave the fair board \$41,500 (I think this amount is right) and said "give us a fair". The reason I mention the \$41,500 is because in the years that follow, sometimes some people forget that the county has always put in that amount to have a fair.

In the year 1985-1986, we had our first big fair. Lyle Podoll was the fair board president. Lyle and the rest of the fair board showed the world how to put on a fair! The fair was still a county fair that featured young 4-H'ers and open class participants. That is what I consider a county fair.

But there was more. The fair board teamed up with the Don Romeo Agency to book "class A" talent for the evening entertainment. This would be something to get people out from in front of their TV's and get out to the fair for an unheard of price. \$7 was quite a deal for a week-end of first rate entertainment.

And yet, as I was walking from the grandstand to the beef barn one afternoon, a woman saw my fair board name tag and came running up to me yelling that I owed her some money. She claimed that she had other commitments the evening before and could not use her button that night. Even though she had only paid \$7 for the button for a week's worth of entertainment, and she was the one with a different commitment for one of the nights, she insisted that I owed her \$1.30 for missing the previous night's performance. I couldn't believe it, but gave her the \$1.30. I wish I would have asked her name!

It was a great fair. Not without it's problems here and there - but it was a great fair. Reminds me of the Kevin Costner movie "Field of Dreams" where they said "Build It and they will come!"

In the fair year of 1986-1987, Nancy Hansen was the president. We had a smoother year, mainly because we had last year under our belt and we had a better idea of what needed to be done. We had some trouble with finance accountability, but I think the politicians just liked to hear themselves talk.

I was able to take an airplane over the fairgrounds right before a performance and get a



picture of people waiting in line both directions from the grandstand ticket booth. There were 2 blocks long of people both directions waiting for the grandstand to open. That blown-up picture is still on the wall of the annex in the Brown County courthouse by the assessor's office.

The 3rd year of the big fairs was 1987-1988. Stan Beckler was the fair board president and all were worried about the drought conditions that we were experiencing. But people came to the fair in droves.

They spent their vacation-dollars at home at the fair. The fair was the biggest in history. We had exhibits for 4-H and open class everywhere. We also had 3 Dog Night, Tanya Tucker, Sweethearts of the Rodeo, Highway 101, and Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers Band. All for a \$10 button!

The 4th year of the big fairs was 1988 -1989. Larry Gerlach led the charge as president of the fair board. Buttons stayed at \$10 each and \$25 for reserved seats. And Charlie Pride and Sawyer Brown were there!

Kids were everywhere with all kinds of events and judging going on. The carnival was getting bigger and the food vendors were getting more numerous.

And I miss my friend Larry Gerlach very much...

The fair year of 1989-1990 was a special year for me. I was the president of the Brown County Fair Board. What an honor. Bob Pfaff was vice president, Gayle Osman was secretary, and Nancy Hansen was treasurer. Dwayne Storley was the fair manager again. What an honor it was to work with-Dwayne. He was a big reason the fairs worked so well.

By the way, Captain 11 was at the Brown County Fair in 1990!

And the Fantastic Convertibles were at the Beer Gardens.

The fair just seemed to get bigger and bigger every year. The carnival keeps getting bigger and better. The food vendor numbers keep increasing. And the 4-H and open class exhibits just keep coming. I think the Brown County Fair is developing a reputation.

The fair buttons cost \$12 for advanced tickets and reserved seats cost \$25 - for a week's worth of entertainment. That year we had Lorrie Morgan, the Bellamy Brothers, Highway 101, and my favorite, the Oak Ridge Boys. This was also the year that during the Oak Ridge Boys concert, I was able to give an award to Lyle Podoll for his tireless work to get the big fairs going. This was done in front of the evening concert crowd. Congratulations Lyle! What a wonderful tribute to a great guy.

We had a great run those first years of the big fairs. It was a bunch of work and we all stuck our necks out there a bit to try something new. I can't explain to you how close of a group we became as a Fair Board. When there were problems, we had each other and we fixed the problems. That's how things are supposed to work.

The last part of my presidency was to go before the Brown County

Commissioners for the fair financial report. I remember taking a

tongue-lashing from them for being very much over the spending budget. Spending was very much over-budget, but revenues were historically very high. At the end of the scolding, I was thanked for the wonderful fair. If I remember right, they said it was the first fair in history to be in the black financially WITHOUT using the \$41,500 the commission usually gives to the fair! I hope I remembered that right.

Thank you my good Brown County Fair Board friends and thank you Brown County.



## June Schliebe

### Served on the Fair Board: 1980-1990

June's husband, Kurt is deceased, sons Scott (Anchorage, AK) and Mike (Richland, WA). She enjoyed working with the Board and others to promote a common goal of growing and expanding the Brown County Fair for the public's enjoyment.



## Gary Sharp

### Served on the Fair Board: 1982-1987 (chair 1984-85)

Gary and his wife have a family corporation (5 generations) east of Aberdeen. Sharp's Inc. where they farm and raise livestock. His wife, Donna, sons, Brian (Gretchen) and Brad (Angie), daughter, Kristin (Dean) Johnson. They have nine grandchildren and Gary is presently a commissioner on the SD State Fair Commission. Gary's memories of serving on the Fair Board are recruiting new members from throughout the County, developing the Button concept, initiating the Round Robin, starting all of the "open" Livestock shows, bringing back all the machinery exhibits, building the Expo Addition, and numerous fund raisers.

Gary and his family remain active at the fair by running the "Dairy Booth" and showing livestock. Gary's wife Donna and son Brian have also served on the Fair Board.



## Dwayne Storley (deceased)

### Served on the Fair Board: Served in the 1980s

Dwayne and his wife served on the Fair Board in the 1980's.

They have three children; Daughter Ann Salzer lives in Aberdeen; Son Mike Storley lives in Dickinson ND and is a Business owner; Son Reed Storley lives in Watertown and is the Service Manager at Eastside Equipment.

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