

Fairest Fair of them all . . .

County Fairs – they’re all alike, aren’t they? Not at all. Although it’s true most county fairs have animals, entertainment, food and a carnival, there is a big difference in fairs. It’s the unique quality of those characteristics that distinguish a truly special fair.

It was the dream of Dick Ames to have a great, family-friendly fair and to have attractions that would develop the Scott County Fair into something to be proud of. Through his gifts, hard work, and graciousness, Dick realized that dream before he passed away in January.

One of the big improvements Dick negotiated for the fair was the addition of Gold Star Amusements in 2015. Dick invited Mike Featherston, the owner of Gold Star Amusements, to bring his first class carnival to the Scott County Fair. Dick had just purchased a restored vintage carousel from Gold Star, which he then donated to the fair to keep company with the beautifully restored Ferris Wheel that Ames had donated in 2012.

Gold Star Amusements is a six-generation family business, with its headquarters in Faribault, Minnesota (city where Tilt-A-Whirl rides were first manufactured). They bring their carnivals to fairs all over the country, but only a handful of Minnesota county fairs are privileged to have Gold Star Amusements. We are very fortunate to have their rides and games at our fair.

Gold Star will be back at the Scott County Fair this summer with many rides, including the popular Ring of Fire, Sizzler and a new fun house attraction: “CooCoo Haus.” Be sure to watch for chances to get your advance ride tickets and for opportunities to win ride tickets and wristbands on “contests on Facebook and Instagram.

When you are at the **Scott County Fair July 24-28**, be sure to check out our first class carnival and the vintage Ferris wheel and carousel. You will be glad that you did!



