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Iowans of the Day Selected for the 2016 Iowa State Fair

DES MOINES, IOWA - The Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation and Cookies Food Products are pleased to announce the recipients of the *Iowan of the Day* award for the 2016 Iowa State Fair.

Each winner will have their own day at the Iowa State Fair. He or she will be recognized on the Anne and Bill Riley Stage and presented as an *Iowan of the Day*. Along with accommodations at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown, they will each receive a cash prize, Grandstand and Iowa State Fair admission tickets and use of the *Iowan of the Day* golf cart.

The Blue Ribbon Foundation began the *Iowan of the Day* award in 1997 to honor those Iowans who have truly made a difference in their communities. This year, the judges reviewed dozens of nominations and selected those that demonstrate integrity, Iowa pride, hard work and dedication to their community.

“We are pleased to recognize these tremendous individuals as *Iowans of the Day*,” said Peter Cownie, Executive Director of the Blue Ribbon Foundation. “Their volunteerism, dedication and service to their community, and to the state of Iowa, make each deserving of this honor.”

The 2016 *Iowan of the Day* recipients are:

Randy Duncan of Des Moines – Thursday, August 11
Aubrey LaFoy of Arnolds Park – Friday, August 12
Cheryl Wessels of Anita – Saturday, August 13
Steve Smith of Algona – Sunday, August 14
Curt Schwanebeck of Knoxville – Monday, August 15
Richard Vorthmann of Treynor – Tuesday, August 16
Edna Schrandt of Decorah – Wednesday, August 17
Willard Larsen of Camanche – Thursday, August 18
Bob Clark of West Des Moines – Friday, August 19
Rosemary Beach of Cedar Falls – Saturday, August 20

The Blue Ribbon Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Since 1993, the Foundation has generated more than \$118 million for renovations and improvements to the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

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