

**Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association**  
**HALL OF FAME**

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**1987**

Hazel Drake, Drake/Jackson Agency, Overland Park  
Harry "Hap" Peebles, The Harry Peebles Agency KC, Mo

**1988**

Kenton Rife, Labette County Fair, Oswego  
George "Butch" Ostmeier, Rooks County Free Fair, Stockton  
Erhart Tonn, Reno County Fair, Haven  
Judge Harry W. Fisher, Bourbon County Fair, Fort Scott  
Joe W. Cook, Cherokee Co. American Legion Fair, Columbus  
Floyd Souders, Sedgwick County Fair, Cheney  
Wes Gaumer, Decatur County Fair, Oberlin  
Jim Argenbright, Fair Publishing Co., Lee Summit, Mo

**1989**

Glenn Crabb, Thomas County Fair, Colby  
Floyd Coen, Morton County Fair, Elkart  
Irven Lambert, Seward County Fair, Liberal  
Wayne Conrad, Rush County Fair, Timken  
Everett Erhart, Stafford County Fair, Stafford  
Larry Riat, Central Kansas Free Fair, Abilene  
William T. Knouse, Brown County Fair, Horton  
Rose Mary Falk, Atchinson County Fair, Effingham  
Jerry Coffman, Osage County-Overbrook Fair, Overbrook  
Edwin McWilliam, Linn County Fair, Pleasanton  
Wayne "Rocky" Chambers, Greenwood County Fair, Eureka  
Altis Ferree, Woodson County Fair, Yates Center  
Marvin Green, Crawford County Fair, Girard  
Harold Anderson, Anderson Novelty Shows, Inc., Topeka  
Maurice Moran, Staats Mfg. Co., Sedalia, Mo  
Nels Belleau, Graham County Fair, Hill City  
Bing Carter, Johnson County Fair, Gardner  
Bob Ottaway, Ottaway Amusement Co., Derby

**1990**

W.W. "Wally" Hall, Cherokee Co. Am. Legion Fair, Columbus  
Russell Hammons, Bourbon County Fair, Mapleton  
Betty Hill, Reno County Fair, Plevna  
Wilbur S. Krasinger, Pratt County Fair, Pratt  
Toby Nemmers, Toby's Amusements, Arma  
John H Roeckers, Richmand Free Fair, Richmond  
Maxine Todd, Chautauqua County Fair, Sedan  
Evelyn Zerr, The Harry Peebles Agency, Kansas City, Mo

**1991**

Leo S. Brown, Lane County Fair, Dighton  
Fredrick "Sam" Diebert, Jewell County Fair, Mankato  
W.M. "Bill" George, Bourbon County Fair, Fort Scott  
Andrew O. McIntire, Harper County Fair, Harper  
Cora McIntire, Harper County Fair, Harper  
J.W. "Joyce" Romberger, Central Ks Free Fair, Abilene  
Joan Saltel, Buddy Lee Attractions, Kansas City, Mo

**1992**

Herbert Wiebe, Marion County Fair, Marion  
Dr. W.R. Barnard, North Central Ks Free Fair, Belleville  
Nola Bess Atwood, Jewell County Fair, Mankato  
Joe Chambers, Bourbon County Fair, Fort Scott  
Jack Martin, Stevens County Fair, Hugoton  
Bob G. Smith, Morton County Fair, Elkart  
Dean Drennan, Cowley County Fair, Winfield  
Dale Sterner, Central Kansas Free Fair, Abilene

**1993**

K.B. "Bud" Bruce, Marion County Fair, Hillsboro  
Leonard Hawk, Atchinson County Fair, Atchinson  
Glen Pember, Ness County Fair, Ness City  
Bob Teagarden, Linn County Fair, LaCygne  
Jim Bohart, Kansas Fairs Association, Larned  
Don Evans, Evans-Midland Empire Shows, Lathrop. Mo.

**1994**

Ray Foster, Brown County Fair, Horton  
Eddie Valek, North Central Kansas Free Fair, Agenda  
Bill McKinzie, Labette County Fair, Parsons  
Ted Thummel, Jewell County Fair, Mankato  
Ted & Dottie Cory, Heart of America Shows, Pasadena, Tx

**1995**

William W. Knouse, Brown County Fair, Horton  
Henry E. Ericson, Bourbon County Fair, Fort Scott  
J. m. Frey, Central Kansas Free Fair, Abilene  
Betty Fenton, Reno County Fair, Nickerson  
Merritt C. Atwell, Ness County Fair, Utica  
Wayne Rouse, Ellis County Fair, Hays  
Bob Gottschalk, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson

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Raymond Taylor, Cherokee County  
American Legion Fair, Columbus  
Charles Craig, Jr., Cowley County Fair, Winfield  
Jim Hearn, Pratt County Fair, Pratt  
Nancy Spiegel, Jewell County Fair, Mankato  
James Ochampaugh, Rooks County Free Fair, Plainville  
Elmer K. Denning, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson

### 1997

Everett Becker, Labette County Fair, Oswego  
Don Ewing, Sedgwick County Fair, Cheney  
Robert Rongish, Ottawa County Fair, Minneapolis  
Robert L. Schmidtberger, Ellis County Fair, Victoria  
Lois Schlickau, Reno County Fair, Haven  
Darrell Sutor, Rooks County Free Fair, Zurick  
Wallie Thornburg, Ness County Fair, Utica  
Dave Jackson, Drake/Jackson Agency, Overland Park

### 1998

A. Earl Allen, Johnson County Fair, Gardner  
Amos Blecha, North Central Kansas Free Fair, Munden  
Kent Blakeslee, Ness County Fair, Ness City  
Kenny Cattrell, Atchinson County Fair, Effingham  
J. W. Endicott, Bourbon County Fair, Fort Scott  
Joe Hedrick, Hedrick Promotions, Nickerson  
Boyd Silsby, Jewell County Fair, Mankato  
Joe Stryker, Marshall County Fair, Blue Rapids

### 1999

Joan Brown, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson  
Norman Hazelbaker, Bourbon County Fair, Redfield  
Arlee Phillips, Staats Custom Awards, Hemingford, Ne  
Patricia A Stutz, Ness County Fair, Utica  
Verne H. Woner, Cowley County Fair, Rock

### 2000

Robert O. (Bob) Crowell, Labette County Fair, Oswego  
John Ficken, Rush County Fair, LaCrosse  
Ray L. (Pete) Keener, Rush County Fair, LaCrosse  
Norma Swanson, Johnson County Fair, Gardner

### 2001

Robert (Bob) Miller, Rooks County Free Fair, Stockton  
William H. (Bill) Norris, Johnson County Fair, Gardner  
William H. (Bill) Steenbock, Clay County Fair, Longford  
Bob Swanson, Johnson County Fair, Gardner

### 2002

Charles W. Atkinson, Barton County Fair, Great Bend  
Larry G. Hittle, Cowley County Fair, Winfield  
George Keener, Rush Co. Agriculture & Fair, Rush Center  
Bob Mendenhall, Staats Custom Awards, Mt. Pleasant, Ia

### 2003

Vada Lady, Cowley County Fair, Winfield  
Roger Olson, The Dean Short Agency, Omaha, Ne  
William Charles "Charlie" Weickert,  
Marshall County Fair, Marysville

### 2004

Isabel Adams, Jefferson County 4-H Fair, Oskaloosa  
Marvin Anderson, Labette County Fair, Oswego  
Bobby Baker, Bobby Baker Enterprises, Des Moines, Ia  
Terry Hubenett, Bourbon County Fair, Fort Scott  
Fred McMunn, Labette County Fair, Oswego

### 2005

William "Bill" Ecklund, Wabaunsee County Fair, Eskridge  
Marvin Middleton, Graham County Fair, Hill City  
Bob Barthol, Johnson County Fair, Gardner  
Jim Hamilton, Johnson County Fair, Gardner  
Calvin Wittman, Ness County Fair, Bazine  
Larry Blair, Linn County Fair, Mound City  
Robert W. Knitter, Clay County Fair, Clay Center  
Rosemary Smith, Ellis County Fair, Hays

### 2006

Roger Carbon, Linn County Fair, Mound City  
Ray Rumpel, Trego County Fair, WaKeeney  
Lloyd E Wiley, Bourbon County Fair, Fort Scott

### 2007

Kenny Feldhausen, Marshall County Fair, Blue Rapids  
Jim McClung, Cowley County Fair, Winfield  
Deana K Novak, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson

### 2008

Bill Benne, Johnson County Fair, Gardner  
Jack Colvin, ABC Associates, Kansas City, Mo  
Gale Ritter, Allen County Fair, Iola

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**2009**

Ralph C. (Buck) Bethel, Graham County Fair, Hill City  
Mary Ritter, Allen County Fair, Iola  
John F Reznicek, Marion County Fair, Marion  
Sandy Lee, Sanford Lee & Associates, Concordia, Mo

**2010**

Jim & Opal Flinn, Ellis County Fair, Ellis  
Mary Ann French, Bourbon County Fair, Redfield  
Ron Shivers, Central Kansas Free Fair, Abilene  
Casey Woner, Cowley County Fair, Rock

**2011**

Robert Lindquist, Marshall County Fair, Marysville  
Jean Clarkson-Frisbie, Pratt County Fair, Pratt  
John Pattimore, Johnson County Fair, Gardner  
Steve Karl, Central Kansas Free Fair, Abilene

**2012**

Dave Bergland, Linn County Fair, LaCynge  
Ed Legg, Gray County Fair Board, Cimarron  
Max Loughmiller, Pottawatomie County Fair Assoc., Onaga  
Tony Martin Stevens County Fair, Hugoton  
Loren "Smitty" Smith, Chautauqua County Fair, Sedan  
Elsie Vail, Labette County Fair, Altamont

**2013**

Steve Hammersmith, Barton County Fair, Great Bend  
Jacque Karl, Central Kansas Free Fair, Abilene  
Norman Karlin, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson  
Terry North, Cherokee County American Legion Fair, Columbus

**2014**

R. Allen Warren, Bourbon County Fair, Fort Scott  
Keith Nulik, Cowley County Fair, Winfield  
Charley Johnson, Linn County Fair, Mound City  
Freeman Sanders, Rooks County Free Fair, Stockton  
Rita Habbart, Russell County Fair, Russell

**2015**

Frank Ochs, Barton Co Fair, Great Bend  
Connie Chilcott, Butler Co Fair, El Dorado  
Charles Eubanks, Pratt Co Fair, Pratt  
Wesley Hobbs, Trego Co Fair, WaKeeney

**2016**

Bob Atkisson, Rooks County Free Fair, Stockton  
Greg Dixon, Cowley County Fair, Winfield  
Clarence Linsey, Johnson County Fair, Olathe  
Bob Weickert, Linn County Fair, Pleasanton  
Dave Maygers, AME Entertainment, Kansas City, Mo

**2017**

Angie Clark, Finney County Fair Grounds, Garden City  
Gary Parr, Parr Sound, Great Bend  
Leon Cline, Pottawatomie County Fair Assn, Havensville  
Matt Novotny, Pratt County Fair Association, Pratt

**2018**

William (Bill) McNeill, Finney County Fair, Garden City  
Larry Teichmann, Barton County Fair, Great Bend  
Ed Umphenour, Linn County Fair, Mound City  
Larry Dearden, Scott County Free Fair, Scott City

**2019**

Darrel George, Bourbon County Fair, Uniontown  
Brian Kelley, Cowley County Fair, Winfield  
John Vernie Riedel, Graham County Fair, Morland

**2020**

Joe Hibbert, Gray County Fair Board, Cimarron  
Eldon Lanham, Linn County Fair, Mound City