STATE FAIR MUSEUM NAMES TEN ILLINOISAN OF THE DAY WINNERS FOR 2013

(7/15/2013 Springfield, IL)  The Illinois State Fair Museum Foundation has named its ten winners of the Illinoisan of the Day award for 2013. They will be honored at noon on the Farm Bureau stage under the Commodities Pavilion or on the central stage in Ethnic Village each day of the fair, which runs August 9-18.

Yearly the museum foundation seeks nominations of Prairie State residents who volunteer in their communities, work to brighten lives of their neighbors and represent the best of Illinois citizenship. Winners were announced over the weekend at the foundation’s annual fund-raiser, the Corndog Kick-off, held on the fairgrounds in Springfield.

Every Illinoisan of the Day will be a guest on their special day at this year’s fair, where they will be publicly introduced and receive gifts along with a personal proclamation from Governor Pat Quinn.

Here are 2013’s Illinoisans of the Day, their hometowns and the dates on which they will be honored at this year’s Illinois State Fair.

Jean Ferris
Mark and Cheryl Pence
Ron Kirts
Martha Jackson
Orion Samuelson
Lori Oldenettel
Russell and Richard "RJ" Krause
August 15
John W. Durbin
Ed Brozak
Robert Large
Savanna
Springfield
Sainte Marie
Litchfield
Huntley
Jacksonville
East St. Louis

Friday, August 9
Saturday, August 10
Sunday, August 11
Monday, August 12
Tuesday, August 13
Wednesday, August 14
Thursday,
Friday, August 16
Saturday, August 17
Sunday, August 18

The nonprofit State Fair Museum Foundation works to preserve fair artifacts and memories. Its collection will be free and open to the public under the north end of the Grandstand during all ten days of the fair.

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