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NEBRASKA STATE FAIR ADDS TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Grand Island, NE – The Nebraska State Fair added two new Board members to the State Fair Board. Governor Pete Ricketts appointed Tom Dinsdale of Grand Island to serve as the Grand Island representative on the Board. Tom Schellepper of Stanton was recently elected to the State Fair Board, as the District 3 representative, at the annual Nebraska Association of Fair Managers Annual Meeting.

Dinsdale is the owner of Dinsdale Automotive in Grand Island. His childhood days were spent on the farm near Palmer where he learned that hard work was a way that he could make a difference in life. Many hours were spent haying and feeding cattle. Most recently he served on the 1868 Foundation Board, Stuhr Museum Board, and President of the Fonner Park Board. Dinsdale Automotive is the Sponsor of the State Fair Beef Barn. Tom was recognized as the Grand Island Independent Man of the Year in 2010 for his considerable and consistent effort to give back to the community over the years. He brings that same enthusiasm to the State Fair Board where he is excited to help grow the Nebraska State Fair.

Schellepper, a lifelong Stanton native, is extremely excited to be a member of the Nebraska State Fair Board. His father served as a State Fair Board member. Schellepper's term on the Stanton County Fair Board has spanned 15 years. He is Past President of the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers. Tom has grown up with the Nebraska State Fair and understands the Agricultural heritage of the Fair. His involvement with the family farm's diversified livestock and grain operation allows him to bring great vision and excitement to the Nebraska State Fair Board.

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ABOUT NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

Nebraska State Fair is an annual 11-day event that is held at the end of August ending on Labor Day in Grand Island, NE. Celebrating 152 years of entertaining families, the State Fair is home to arguably the finest facilities in the country hosting competitive livestock and draft horse shows, a milking parlor and birthing pavilion, a gift shop and a large indoor shopping experience. The State Fair brings to Nebraska the state's largest carnival, and features more than 60 food stands, competitive exhibits, a wide variety of grounds entertainment, equine shows and motor sports. It is also home to Raising Nebraska, a remarkable agriculture education center operated by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

