

2016 Allegany County Fair Dedication:

The Allegany County Fair Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the 2016 Allegany County fair is being dedicated to: Jim Young

As a young boy he showed cattle

As a teen he participated in horse events with his horse Toby and best friend Mark Stone in events like calf roping and barrel racing.

As a young father he brought his daughters to the fair

By the mid 80s he was fully involved in competitive antique tractor pulling. His daughter Shannon had her own tractor and pulled competitively as well - a few times at the Allegany County Fair

In the summers of 1988 and 1989 both Jim and Mary worked alongside their daughters, Tracy and Shannon, at the Angelica Senior Stand

In the early 90's he helped his daughter Tracy compete in two Demolition Derbies

In the mid 90's he drove his car off the street and into the demolition derby, winning the Best in Show.

When Jim retired, his involvement with the fair really changed.

- He operates the pull back tractor for the Horse Pull (with Mary on her won seat on the tractor)
- He has prepared the track for various events (worked for horse pull, modified for thrill show & rodeo , loose and muddy for demolition derby and smoothed for concerts)
- He has been called upon to repair the major thrill rides (keeping the children smiling and SAFE)
- Jim works on repair projects around the fairgrounds in the off-season (construction projects like the roof over the Shawmut train cars).
- He helps keep the displays running in the steam area and often enters his antique tractors and projects.
- He is a volunteer Fireman and EMT, which comes in handy during fair week

- Every day at the fair you can find Jim & Mary eating “dinner” and supper at the Genesee Valley Senior Stand

His greatest asset to the Allegany County Fair is his willingness to help with any and all projects, whenever he is called on. In appreciation for all he has done we dedicate the 2016 Allegany County Fair to Jim Young