



Outstanding Local Seniors To Be Honored

Recognizing the accomplishments of local folks of every age is a huge part of the Clay County Fair. Local seniors are, of course, contributing every day to the health and welfare of our area.

On Sunday, July 15, the fair will host several award programs

recognizing individuals for their contributions and achievements. One in particular pays tribute to senior citizens who go above and beyond the call of volunteering within their communities.

A ceremony recognizing

all Clay County nominees will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds' band shelter. The county winners, one man and one woman, will be announced at that time.

These two individuals will represent Clay County and be recognized for their volunteer service at an award ceremony at the Minnesota State Fair.

The Outstanding Senior Volunteer award ceremony recognizes the diverse accomplishments of individuals who are 70 years of age or older.

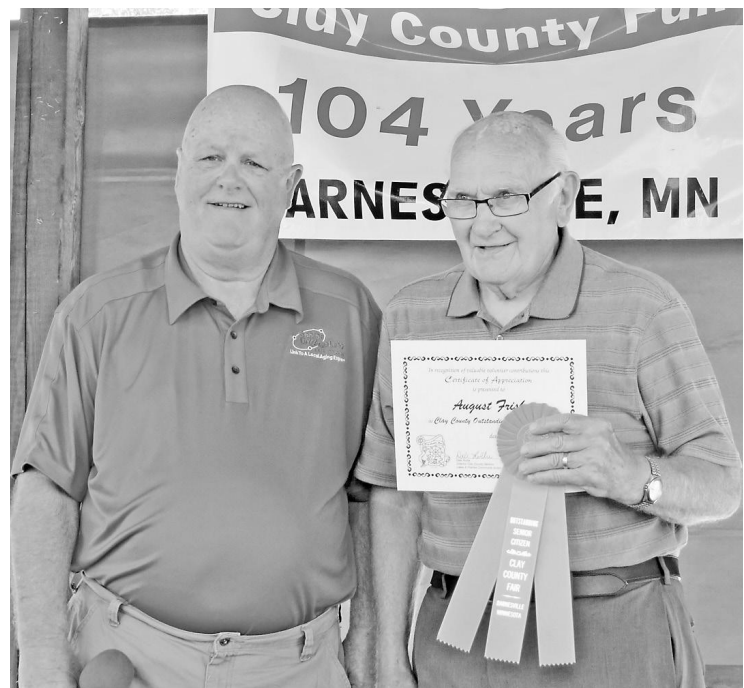
Many seniors go out of their way to help others, volunteer, organize, or help out with a variety of community-oriented projects.

The Outstanding Senior Volunteer award recognizes individuals who touch the lives of others within their community. Only volunteer services performed after reaching the age of 65 are considered for this award.

This year's Clay County Outstanding Senior Citizen's



At the 2017 Clay County Fair, Dale Rollie presents one of the two Outstanding Senior Volunteer awards to Pearl Ostwick.



August Friske received the other Outstanding Senior Volunteer award for 2017.

program is being sponsored by UCare, an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health coverage and services to thousands in Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

The event is coordinated by Dale Rollie, who recently retired from the Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership.

Since the 1960s, the Minnesota State Fair,

Minnesota State Fair Foundation and the Federation of County Fair have honored outstanding senior citizen volunteers.

The Outstanding Senior Volunteer award was established to recognize the vital role of volunteers in their communities. Volunteers carry out the mission of providing programs and services that older adults need to maintain their independence.

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