

In Memory of Joshua Aaron Blomquist November 11, 1978 - January 14, 2022



This year, the Kittson County Fair Board experienced the loss of friend and board member Josh Blomquist. He served as a board member for the Kittson County Fair Board for 8 years plus 14 years prior to that unofficially at his mom, Judy's side who is also currently a board member. The volunteer efforts of both mom and son were often quiet, but never were unnoticed. Judy had his help each year setting up pens and tables in all the fair's small animal barns. When the fair was over, they also cleaned these barns and took down all the pens and set aside for storage. This behind-the-scenes type of work is what Josh was best known for. He often brought his own skid loader to

be used for the fair for many purposes. Every work night at the fair, you can be sure Josh was there helping. When a tool was needed for a repair, Josh was sure to have it along.

Josh also volunteered a lot of time to the fair's committee for race and track events. Over the years, he helped put on many Demo Derbies, Baja and Enduro Races, as well as doing a lot of other prep for the other grandstand shows. He always wore his blue Kittson County Fair t-shirts proudly. He was such a dedicated board member and will be greatly missed.

Our condolences go to his family, Bruce and Judy Blomquist of Lake Bronson, MN and siblings Jason and Karissa.

Josh grew up in Kittson County and graduated from school at Tri County School. Josh was a member of the Jupiter Busy Bees 4-H club throughout his school years, winning many trips to the state fair. The year he graduated from high school, he

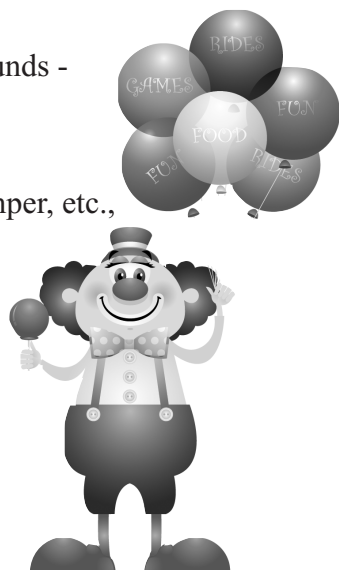
even came home the night before records were due, after college football practice. When asked why he was home so late in the day, his response was that he knew his mom's rules of always seeing things to the end which made his mom very proud.

Josh was incredibly involved in many community and surrounding activities. He was a member of the Two Rivers Sportsmen Club which spurred on his love and strong belief in teaching kids to be safe as a certified instructor through the DNR, with gun safety, ATV and snowmobile. Josh was a fire fighter with the Lake Bronson Fire Department and was an assistant chief for the past few years.

Josh will be missed by all who got the chance to know him for his commitment to help others whenever he could. Josh was often seen as a very quiet and private guy and yet was very friendly, kind and giving. In someone's words, "a gentle giant with a giant heart!"

SUPPORT YOUR COUNTY FAIR YEAR-ROUND!

- Weddings and other special events can be held at the fairgrounds.
- Have your rummage sale at the fairgrounds
- Camp at the fairgrounds - electrical hookups
- Store your boat, camper, etc., at the fairgrounds in the winter
- Free Stage - available for rent.



Contact any fair board member or go to Kittsoncountyfair.org for more information.

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Oh, Dear!
No more farm animals - this is the year of the White-tailed Deer!

No head mounts please

We've honored the chicken in 2015, the hog in 2016 the sheep in 2018 and the cow in 2021. It's time to get serious and honor the White-tailed Deer!

We will be setting up a white-tailed deer display in the Donald Dagen Exhibit Hall and are encouraging exhibitors to bring in any white-tailed deer decorative items or collections. (No live animals)



We will be offering a special People's Choice award selected by fair spectators.



Items can be dropped off during open class exhibit registration on Wednesday, July 6 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.