



"All morning, people wandered past Wilbur's pen. Dozens and dozens of strangers stopped to stare at him and to admire his silky white coat, his curly tail, his kind and radiant expression." - E.B White A fair quote from Charlotte's Web

News from the Farm

Welcome to Week 11! It's the best heirloom tomato year I've ever had. I pulled a record 9 bushels out of the hoop house on Monday. Red slicers like Camen and Cosmonaut are doing particularly well but all the varieties have been larger and faster and have had almost no disease issues. The field tomatoes are coming on as well. I've started my sauce season and will be announcing a u-pick at the end of August once the ripening overwhelms me. On the back this week I've included a schedule for the 113th Athens Fair. I know that every hamlet and town has their fair and festival, and this is probably the parochialism talking but the Athens "World's Fair" is particularly special. Fairs are born out of agrarian celebration and the economy of Athens still has a strong agricultural component and family farm component. It is an agriculturally based fair in the actual tradition of fairs. I love walking through the calf barn, and in my field walks leading up to the fair I always select the finest produce and enter it in to the competition at the Community Hall. I usually win a blue ribbon for the largest tomato, but this has more to do with variety (German Rainbow) than having the greenest thumb in Marathon County. Then there is the parade. Stoney Acres has entered a themed float since 2008 and I'd like to think our effort has increased the overall pageantry of the parade by 15% 😊. Come out to Athens this weekend for what my friend Greg Venne calls: "A little slice of Americana." **Have a delicious week- Tony, Riley, Ted and Maple**

In Your

Box

Broccoli fulls
Swiss Chard
Fennel
Carrots
Cabbage
Cucumbers
Beans
Zucchini fulls
Heirloom Tomatoes
Fresh Garlic
onions

Next Week's best Guess:

greens, onions, , beets ,
basil, swiss chard,
cabbage, potatoes, zucs

Pizza specials of the week – Bluegreen

Veggie – onions, blue

cheese, swiss chard, peppers, basil pesto, **Kim Chi and Steak**- Kim Chi, Grass-fed steak, Sharpe Cheddar **Blue Ribbon Pizza** – Stoney Sausage, Peppers, onions, garlic scape Pesto; **Prize Pig** – Bacon, Sausage, garlic scape pesto

Farm to Table Recipes Gleaned By Ingrid ClarkZavadoski

Roasted Carrots w/ Cumin (with variations) - Mark Bittman

1 to 1 1/2 pounds carrots, cut into sticks, 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, 2 teaspoons cumin seeds, Salt and freshly ground black pepper Heat the oven to 425°F. Put the carrots on a baking sheet and drizzle with the olive oil; sprinkle with the cumin and salt and pepper. Roast until the carrots are tender and browning, about 25 minutes. Serve hot, warm, or at room temperature. Or, substitute fennel seed for the cumin. Or, omit the cumin. Add 1/4 cup pine nuts in the last 3 or 4 minutes of roasting. Or, omit the cumin. Add 1/4 cup each golden raisins and chopped dates in the last 10 minutes of roasting. Garnish with chopped nuts, like pistachios, almonds, or walnuts, and a couple tablespoons chopped fresh mint leaves.

Shaved Fennel Salad

It is so special to get fennel fresh from the fields. You can just slice it and eat it with a little salt and maybe a sprinkle of lemon juice. Or, for a little more of an official salad, combine: 1 med. fennel bulb, shaved paper thin (with a mandoline if you can), 2 Tbsp olive oil, 1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice, 1 Tbsp chopped flat-leafed parsley, 2 Tbsp shaved Parmesan cheese, sprinkle of salt. Sprinkle on some chopped fennel fronds, if you wish.

Athens Fair

113th Athens Fair - August 17th-20th, 2017. **Calendar of Events for 2017**

Thursday - August 17th - Bargain Day!!

9:00am to Finish.....Junior Fair Horse Show-all classes: Showmanship, Halter, Horsemanship, Riding, Games

All open class light horses-between Jr. Fair halter and riding show

5pm.....Miniatures Horse Show

Noon.....Entry Day in the Hall

1:30pm to 8:00pm...Face to Face Judging in the Hall (Jr. Fair Clothing; Knitting and Crocheting; Cake Decorating)

1:00pm to 8:00pm...Exploring and Cloverbuds

3:30pm.....Demonstration Judging

4:00pm.....Clothing Revue

6:00pm.....Earl's Rides - Midway Opens

7:00pm to 8:00pm.....Reduced prices on Midway and at Beer Stand -- Most Food Stands will have reduced prices as well

9:30pm.....Fireworks- Sponsored by Peterson-Kraemer Funeral Home

Friday - August 18th

Entry for all livestock - In place by Noon --Horses by 6:00pm --All Poultry entry from 8am to noon only--

8:00am.....Dog Show -Show Ring

9:00am.....Judging of all exhibits in the Community Hall

12:30pm.....Judging of Sheep Showmanship, Sheep, Beef Showmanship, Beef, Goats in show ring followed by Cats, Poultry, and Rabbits in Park

3:00pm.....Earl's Rides - Midway Opens

6:00pmPlay Bingo in Commercial Building

6:15pm.....Horse Pull under Shelter

7:00pm.....Old Timer's Band performs at the Village Square

8:45pm.....Clothing Revue on the Stage

9:00pm.....Queen Coronation on the Stage

Saturday - August 19th

7:00am to 11:30am.....Entry for Central Wisconsin Gladiolus Show

8:00am.....Dairy Show- Showmanship; Junior Fair Young Stock

10:00am to 10:30pm.....Gladiolus Show (Open to the public)

10:30am.....5K Fun Walk/Run (Registration at 9:30am)

11:30am.....Judging of Gladiolus Show in Commercial Building

1:00pm.....Dairy Show - Open Class - Over the Hill - Junior Fair Cows and Judging Contest

2:00pm to 5:00pm.....Wristband Special on the Midway - \$20

2pm and 6:00pmPlay Bingo in Commercial Building

6:00pm.....Horse Show- Draft Horse Carts & Teams (Sponsored by AbbyBank and Meyer Manufacturing)

Sunday - August 20th

8:30am.....Horse Show - Draft Horse Halter Classes (Sponsored by Athens Vet Service)

9:00am to 5:00pm.....Gladiolus Show (Open to the public)

12-4pm.....Earl's Rides - Midway Opens

1:15pm.....Athens Fair Parade - (Old Timers Band will be in the Parade and concert after parade)

2:30pm.....Play Bingo in Commercial Building

4:00pm.....Release of all Livestock Exhibits

6:30pm.....Awards Program and Raffle Drawings on the Stage

7:00pm.....Release of all Exhibits in the Community Hall

Enjoy lots of Food-Drink-Entertainment on the Grounds throughout the Fair!!! Eat at one of the locally sponsored food stands - St. Anthony's, Trinity Lutheran, Christ United, Colby FFA, Holstein Breeders....St. Anthony's School hosts a fish fry on Friday night (4:30 - 7:30pm) and a charcoal chicken dinner on Sunday (10am -12:30pm). Trinity Lutheran hosts a ham dinner on Sunday in their church basement. Patronize the Legion/VFW Beer Stand in the park throughout the fair - live music provided on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. View the exhibits - animals in the park and produce, flowers and crafts in the hall.