

IowaStateFair

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Iowa State Fair Board

Northwest District



Darwin Gaudian, Primghar

Southwest District



C.W. Thomas, Guthrie Center



VerDon Schmidt, Everly



Danny Olson, Red Oak

North Central District



Alan Brown, Hampton



**Jo Reynolds, Indianola
(Treasurer)**



Tennie Carlson, Stratford



Roger Iverson, Grinnell

Northeast District



John Harms, Monticello



**Curtis Claeys, Grand Mound
(President)**



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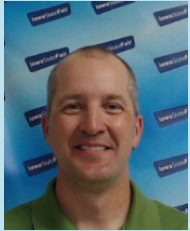


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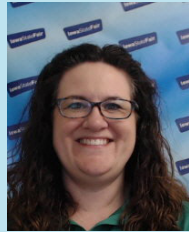
By Office Held



**Governor of the State of Iowa Kim Reynolds –
represented by Lt. Governor Chris Cournoyer**



**Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig –
represented by Grant Menke**



**Iowa State University President David Cook –
represented by Andrea Welchans**

By Appointment



**Jeremy Parsons, Des Moines
(Secretary)**



CEO Office



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Administration Building, Main Level (East Side)

Board of Directors, Legal Issues, Policies & Procedures, Real Estate/Property, Spokesperson



Shelley Doyle, Executive Assistant | sdoyle@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 232

Administration Building, Main Level (East Side)

CEO Schedule, Office Supplies, Professional Development (IAFE), Special Guests, Fair Museum



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General Inquiries, Mail Delivery, UPS/Fed Ex Shipping

Administration Team



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Administration Building, Main Level (West Side)

Budgets, Financial Reporting, Banking, Electronic Payment Systems, Software Contracts

Accounting



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Administration Building, Main Level (West Side)

Payroll, WorkForceGo Administrator, Deposits, Credentials



Cindy Lundeen, Accountant | clundeen@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 230

Administration Building, Main Level (West Side)

Payables, Receivables, Travel/Staff Reimbursements, Purchasing Cards, Credit Card Deposits

Human Resources

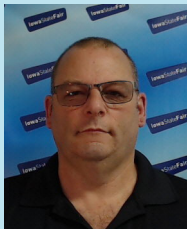


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Administration Building, Main Level (West Side)

Employee Hiring & On-boarding, Benefits, Workers Comp, ADA/Employment Law, Performance Mgt.

Information Technology (IT) - Ext. 214



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Maytag Family Theaters (East Side)

Network, Phones, Servers, Technology Support



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Maytag Family Theaters (East Side)

Data and Phones Infrastructure, Technology Support



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Maytag Family Theaters (East Side)

Data and Phones Infrastructure, Technology Support

Ticketing - Ext. 307



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Administration Building, Main Level (West Side)

Admissions (Fair & Non-Fair), Thrill Parks & Attractions Ticketing, Grandstand Ticketing, Ticket Office



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Administration Building, Main Level (West Side)

Admissions (Fair & Non-Fair), Grandstand Ticketing, Company Orders



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Administration Building, Main Level (West Side)

Admissions (Fair & Non-Fair)

Marketing Team



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Administration Building, Lower Level (West Side)

Media Relations, Trademarks, Research, Presentations, Crisis Communication, Spokesperson, Mascots

Education & Outreach



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Administration Building, Lower Level (West Side)

Education Programs (Little Hands, Animal Learning Center, Avenue of Breeds, The Kitchen, The Garden), Volunteers, Donations, Community Outreach, Tours

Marketing - Ext. 204



Coby Berg, Social Media & Graphics Coordinator | cberg@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 335

Administration Building, Lower Level (West Side)

Social Media, Graphic Design, Grounds Marquees, Official Logo Use, Brand Management



Bob Haines, Advertising & Promotions Manager | bhaines@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 220

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Traditional/Digital Advertising, Grandstand Promotions, Media Credentials, Media Locations



Whitney Long, Marketing & Content Editor | wlong@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 338

Administration Building, Lower Level (West Side)

Website, Text Alerts, App, E-Newsletter, Daily Program, Copy Editing



Printing & Graphics - Ext. 272



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Print Shop (east of Maintenance Building)

Print Shop Operation, Supplies & Order Management; Print Coordination



Kent Daugherty, Graphics/Print Technician | kdaugherty@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 271

Print Shop (east of Maintenance Building)

Signage Production & Installation



Mission Team



Frank Robey, Chief Mission Officer | frobey@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 249

Administration Building, Main Level (East Side)

Overall Fair programming, Youth Inn, FFA Ushers, Contracts, Strategic Projects

Campgrounds - Non-Fair Ext. 284, Fair time Ext. 264



Cody Marsh, Campgrounds Manager | cmarsh@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 221

Administration Building, Main Level (East Side)

Fair Time Camping (Public, Livestock Exhibitor, & Employee), Non-Fair Camping, Event Services

Competitive Events - Ext. 207



Jen Cannon, Competitive Events Director | jcannon@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 245

Administration Building, Lower Level (East Side)

Fair Livestock and Iowa Family Competitions, Premium Books, Judges, Animal Health & Care, Sale of Champions, Governor's Steer Show, Livestock Photographers, Butter Cow



Tracy Wiseman, Entry Coordinator | twiseman@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 242

Administration Building, Lower Level (East Side)

General Entry Questions, 4-H & FFA Competitions, Entry Dept. Sponsors, Premium Checks, Show Results, Animal Sale Checks

Entertainment



Tonya Cook, Entertainment Director | tcook@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 215

Administration Building, Main Level (East Side)

Grandstand, Free Stages, Elwell Family Park, Grounds and Strolling Acts, Special Events, Parades, Bill Riley Talent Show, Fair Queen Contest, Pioneer Hall & Heritage Village



Event Services - Ext. 202



Liz Ley, Event Services Manager | lley@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 282

Administration Building, Main Level (East Side)

Non-Fair Events, Non-Fair Building & Grounds Rentals, Fair Time Building/Space Scheduling



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Administration Building, Main Level (East Side)

Non-Fair Events, Non-Fair Building & Grounds Rentals, Fair Time Building/Space Scheduling

Vendor Services & Thrill Parks Ext. 205



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Vendor Services Building (East Side)

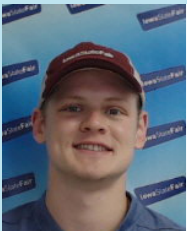
Thrill Parks (rides, games, & attractions), Ice & Feed Sales



Annie Cook, Commercial Vendors & Barksdale's Cookies Manager | acook@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 291

Vendor Services Building (West Side)

Vendors and Commercial Exhibits (Non-Merchandise), Barksdale's State Fair Cookies



Gunner Jorgensen, Vendor Services/Thrill Parks Coordinator | gjorgensen@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 227

Vendor Services Building (East Side)

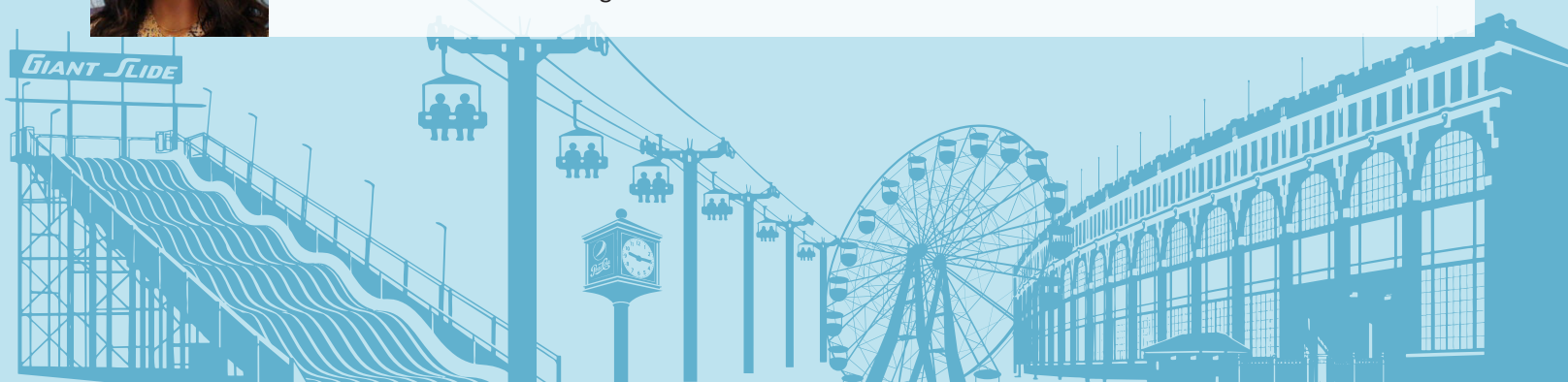
Food Concessions, Vendors and Commercial Exhibits (Merchandise), Attractions, Old Mill, Giant Slide



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Vendor Services Building (West Side)

Varied Industries Building Concessions



Plant Operations - Ext. 250



Scott Worth, Plant Operations Senior Director | sworth@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 200

Maintenance Building (Upper Level)

Grounds/Facilities Operations, Construction Project Management, Architect



Derek Nordhagen, Administrative Assistant | dnordhagen@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 250

Maintenance Building (Main Level)

Maintenance Dispatch, General Maintenance Inquiries

Operations



Clinton Wallace, Operations Manager | cwallace@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 258

Maintenance Building (Main Level)

Buildings & Grounds Logistics



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Varied Industries Building

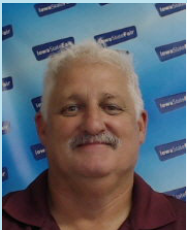
Building Operations, HVAC, Life Safety Systems, Varied Industries Building Event Operations



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4-H Building

4-H Building Event Operations, Fair Time Barn Superintendent Operations Liaison



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Jacobson Exhibition Center

Jacobson Exhibition Center Event Operations



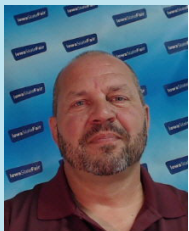
Andrew Arnold, Operations Supervisor | aarnold@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 248

Maintenance Building (Main Level)

Non-Fair Event Setup & Teardown, Fair Time Barn Logistics



Max Allen, Operations Leader | mallen@iowastatefair.org



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Custodial



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Maintenance Building (Upper Level)

Custodial Services, Contracted Custodial Services



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Shannon Thomas-Valadez, Custodial Worker | sthasvaladez@iowastatefair.org



Vacant, Custodial Worker

Electrical



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Electrical Building

Electric needs, Underground Utility Locates, Fire & Entry Alarms, Vendor Electrical Connections



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Maintenance



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Maintenance Building (Upper Level)

Trades and Repair Services, Fair Time Grandstand & Elwell Family Park Operations



Ben Robey, Maintenance Supervisor | brobey@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 252

Carpenter Shop (east of Maintenance Building)

Carpentry, Locksmith, Maintenance & Repairs, Fair Time Grandstand Stage Production



Tim Vander Pol, Maintenance Supervisor | tvanderpol@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 252

Carpenter Shop (east of Maintenance Building)

Carpentry, Maintenance & Repairs, Heavy Equipment, Fair Time Elwell Family Park



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Maintenance Building (Main Level)

Landscaping, Flowers & Plants, Trees



Aaron Sudbrock, Nursery Worker I | asudbrock@iowastatefair.org

Maintenance Building (Main Level)

Landscaping, Flowers & Plants, Trees



Chris Sinclair, Painter III | csinclair@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 253

Paint Shop (east of Maintenance Building)

Painting, Fair Time Ice & Water Deliveries



Mark Dunham, Painter II | mdunham@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 253

Paint Shop (east of Maintenance Building)

Painting, Fair Time Deliveries

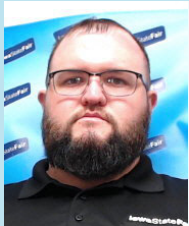




Lukas Onstot, Mechanic | lonstot@iowastatefair.org | 251
Maintenance Building (Main Level)
Mechanic Shop, Vehicle Fleet, Shuttle/Tram & Tractor Service



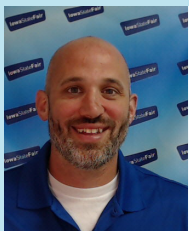
Mick Echer, Plumber III | mecher@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 259
Maintenance Building (Main Level)
Plumbing



Brady Eilers, Plumber II | beilers@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 259
Plumbing



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Safety Team

Emergency - Ext. 311

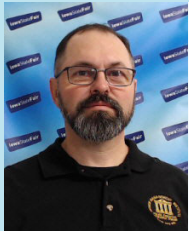
Non-Emergency - Ext. 327



Randy Jones, Chief Safety Officer | rjones@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 226

Administration Building, Main Level (West Side)

Shuttles/Trams, Parking, Law Enforcement, Risk Management, DART, Golf Carts, Police Administration



Darin Van Ryswyk, Police Commander | dvanryswyk@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 299

Public Safety Building

Law Enforcement Needs, Grandstand Security, Livestock Security, Police Scheduling and Administration



Brian Albright, Administrative/Telecommunications Officer | balbright@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 325

Public Safety Building

Radios, Communications/Dispatchers, Police Scheduling, Police reports, Employee ID Issuance



Ken Hargis, Administrative Officer/Parking Supervisor | khargis@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 312

Public Safety Building

Parking, Traffic Roadway Signs, Building Key Access, Employee ID Issuance



Jeremy Stevenson, Police Corporal | jstevenson@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 326

Public Safety Building

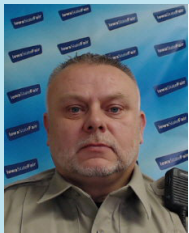
Law Enforcement Needs, Building Alarms and Access, Suspicious Activity, Damage or Theft Reporting



Todd Evans, Police Corporal | tevans@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 333

Public Safety Building

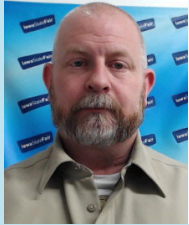
Law Enforcement Needs, Building Alarms and Access, Suspicious Activity, Damage or Theft Reporting



Richard O'Dell, Police Corporal | rodell@iowastatefair.org | Ext. 334

Public Safety Building

Law Enforcement Needs, Building Alarms and Access, Suspicious Activity, Damage or Theft Reporting



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Public Safety Building

Law Enforcement Needs, Building Alarms and Access, Suspicious Activity, Damage or Theft Reporting



Blue Ribbon Foundation

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Foundation Headquarters (underground home north of Fun Forest)

Overall Foundation Management, Foundation Spokesperson



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Foundation Headquarters (underground home north of Fun Forest)

Accounting/finance, Merchandise, Corndog Kickoff Auction



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Foundation Headquarters (underground home north of Fun Forest)

Fair Sponsorships



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Foundation Headquarters (underground home north of Fun Forest)

Membership Programs, Giving Programs, Bench Program, Communications, Event Planning, Corndog Kickoff



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Foundation Headquarters (underground home north of Fun Forest)

Volunteers, Database Management, Planned Giving, Corndog Kickoff Auction

