

The 161th Walworth County Fair

September 1st-6th, 2010

is Pleased to Present the

SENIOR IDOL TALENT CONTEST

Sponsored by W.I.S.H. (Wisconsin Illinois Senior Housing)

Holton Manor – Geneva Lake Manor – East Troy Manor

\$500.00 to the Winner & Perform Before THE BEACH BOYS

Auditions: Wednesday, June 23, 2010, 4:00 pm – Pork Chop Dinner – Fairgrounds

Semi Finals: Friday, August 6, 2010, 5:00 pm – Festival of Summer – Downtown Elkhorn

Finals: Thursday, September 2, 5:00 pm – Walworth County Fair – Park Stage

Additional Prizes Awarded:

2nd Place receives \$300.00 – 3rd Place receives \$100.00

Limited to the 1st Sixty Applications Received at Holton Manor

Must be 60 years old by September 2, 2010

Song Selection can be country, or country cross-over, Christian, gospel, adult soft contemporary, soft rock, show tunes, musicals, legends (ie: Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland). We will not allow spoken word, rap and no heavy metal.

ENTRY: Act must submit an entry form along with a \$10.00 entry fee. Checks should be made payable to Holton Manor. Returned checks are subject to a \$15.00 service charge. Entries must be received by Holton Manor or postmarked no later than **June 5, 2010** and is limited to the first 60 applications received.

Due to time and set up, an act is defined as a single or solo (1) person. Refunds will not be issued unless act notifies Holton Manor of cancellation 24 hours before scheduled audition date, and this applies only to the first audition date of June 23, 2010. This contest is for vocalist only, non-vocalist are ineligible. This contest is not affiliated with any other “Senior Idol” or talent competition. Contestants must be able to attend the auditions on Auditions: Wednesday, June 23, 2010, 4:00 pm – Pork Chop Dinner – Fairgrounds; Semi Finals: Friday, August 6, 2010, 5:00 pm – Festival of Summer – Downtown Elkhorn; Finals: Thursday, September 2, 5:00 pm – Walworth County Fair – Park Stage.

DIVISIONS: All acts will compete in one division and must be 60 years of age or older by September 2, 2010.

ELIGIBILITY: The contest is open to all amateur entertainers. Professionals (union musicians or those whose talent is a principle source of income) are not permitted to enter. Persons who have been convicted of a felony and or crimes against people or property are not eligible for the competition. Persons employed by any of the sponsor’s, Walworth County Fair, any W.I.S.H. facility, Kunes Country Ford, or WSLD are ineligible to enter.

AUDITIONS: The contest consists of 3 parts: **AUDITIONS:** Wednesday, June 23, 2010, 4:00 pm – Pork Chop Dinner – Fairgrounds. Upon receipt of the signed entry form and fee, you will be notified by email, mail or phone. You must audition in person. All auditions are in front of a live audience. Audience members are encouraged to observe and positively support all contestants. All lyrics must be memorized no props, prompters, or note cards may be used. Sixty contestants will be eliminated down to 12 in this audition. **SEMI FINALS:** Friday, August 6, 2010, 5:00 pm – Festival of Summer – Downtown Elkhorn. We will have 6 contestants advance. **FINALS:** Thursday, September 2, 5:00 pm – Walworth County Fair – Park Stage. You must sing a different song, not the same one you sang in the semifinals.

General Rules

ADMISSION AND PARKING: The Walworth County Fair operates an All Pay Gate Policy. You are responsible for your gate admission; parking is free on the grounds.

DRESSING ROOMS: Dressing rooms are not available – please plan to use public restrooms for your auditions.

PERSONAL OUTFIT OR CLOTHING: The Walworth County Fair is a family event. Any profanity on t-shirts or inappropriate attire or songs will not be allowed, judges have the right to disqualify.

JUDGING: Judges Decisions are final. Acts will be judged on: Musicality (pitch, timing, phrasing, tone); Vocal Ability (quality, expression, interpretation); Performance (stage presence, style, charisma). The contest will be judged by a panel of three judges.

SELECTION: Song Selection can be country, or country cross over, Christian, gospel, adult soft contemporary, soft rock, show tunes, musicals, legends (ie: Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland). We will not allow spoken word, rap and no heavy metal.

STAGE: the stage is an outdoor covered stage with a concrete floor located in the park on the fairgrounds. Contest is held rain or shine. Exception is August 6th – Semi-Finals, held in park downtown Elkhorn WI, on wooden platform stage.

SOUND SYSTEM: All acts are required to use the sound system and sound technician provided by W.I.S.H.

RECORDED ACCOMPANIMENT: Vocalist must use recorded accompaniment, provided it contains instrumental accompaniment only, some background singing may be allowed on the recording. Only a CD will be used no cassette tapes. If a self made CD will be used, please bring a backup additional CD with you. Because of the quality deviations in CD recorders, not all self-made CDs are readable on all machines.

AWARDS: Each contestant will receive a hat or visor for entering the contest. The second place finisher will receive \$300.00 the third place finisher \$100.00. The winner will receive a trophy, \$500.00, and a season pass for the next year's fair. In addition they will perform Sunday, September 5, 2010, before The Beach Boys. They will also be interviewed by WSLD personalities. There will be no recording contract; this is strictly a W.I.S.H./Walworth County Fair local talent contest.

QUESTIONS? If you have any questions regarding contest please call Heather Bartell at 262.723.4963 or email hbartell@carriagehealthcare.com

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