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A Successful 2012 Linn County Fair Kick Off Event

The first annual Linn County Fair Kick-Off Event and Fundraiser was successful. The event was held last Saturday, October 29th at 5pm at the Prairie Hill Pavilion in Marion. About 130 people were in attendance, the event consisted of live and silent auctions, dinner and presentation. The presentation recapped the 2011 fair and highlighted the events planned for the 2012 fair.



The announcement that the fair dates have moved for the 2012 fair was received with open arms. The fair will run June 27 through July 2, 2012. With the move of the fair dates The Linn County Fair will be affiliated with the Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival. We believe this will bring more involvement from the community to not only the Linn County Fair but also to the Freedom Festival.

The theme for the 2012 fair is “Ridin’ Rockin’ & Livestockin’” to tie in our many grandstand events planned for this year’s fair. We were excited to announce at the event that our Friday, June 29th concert will be national act Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. They are well known for their hits “Fishin’ in the Dark” and “Mr. Bojangles.” Our concert series continues to grow from year to year. We are looking forward to announcing our plans for several other concerts as we get closer to the fair.



We also announced our other weekend grandstand events tentatively schedule for the 2012 fair. They are as follows:

- Saturday, June 30th at noon- Antique Tractor Pull
- Saturday, June 30th at 7pm – Truck & Tractor Pull
- Sunday, July 1st at noon- Draft Horse Pull
- Sunday, July 1st at 7pm- Rodeo
- Monday, July 2nd at 6:30pm- Harness Racing

Stay tuned for more new and exciting events planned for the 2012 Linn County Fair.

Along with kicking off the 2012 fair the event's purpose was to raise money for the Lynn Dunn Memorial Project. We are excited to announce that we raised about \$8,500, which is \$3,500 over our goal of \$5,000 for the first annual event. We want to thank everyone that donated items and participated in the fun filled night!

The Lynn Dunn Memorial Project is in honor of a man whose passion was the Linn County Fair. Lynn served as a board member for many years even holding many leadership positions within the Linn County Fair Association with great pride and diligence. He also served as director of the Association of Iowa Fairs Northeast District before his passing.

Lynn's dream was to take the Linn County Fair to the next level, he helped bring this dream to life when bringing back the carnival, providing concerts, and more grandstand events. His next dream was to have a building on the Linn County Fairgrounds that was an "all year" building. It would include meeting rooms, kitchen and banquet hall. Currently the fairground has to shut down during the months of October-April. With this facility the fairgrounds would be open all year long for 4-H meetings, board meetings, receptions, corporate gatherings, etc. For information on the project and how you can contribute please go to <http://thelinncountyfair.com/lynn-dunn.html>.



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