

Revival of Cow Days

in Dixon Began Over 30 Years Ago...

35 Years of Udder Bliss started as community event in 1984

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Approximately 34 years ago, an enthusiastic Helen Winters, local business owner at the time, approached the Dixon Pilot with an idea to restore an early 1900's tradition in Dixon called Cow Day.

In the summer of 1984, The Dixon Pilot gathered a small group of business owners to brainstorm events for Dixon that could provide good, family entertainment and fellowship with neighbors and friends. The group decided to bring back the "Cow Day" celebration as an annual event and formed the Dixon Merchants Association, which later evolved into the Dixon Chamber of Commerce in an effort to better serve the area.

That first celebration in October of 1984, which brought back

"Cow Day" after a 50-year lapse, has grown from a few arts and crafts and one cow giveaway (or cash if the winner preferred) to an annual Fall Festival providing multiple activities for young and old alike and the chance to win two cows.

Celebrating over three decades of Cow Days, the third weekend of September, this Blast From the Past has provided thousands with joy and a sense of community pride.

Events like live music, various contests, karaoke, kids' zone, gospel galas, turtle races, frog jumping, car shows, bounce houses, fall festival artisans and crafts, queen contests, parades, lil cowboy/cowgirl contests and more have been hosted by the great citizens of this community.

Congratulations to all who have participated over the years and continue to support small town America events like this. One of the best things about living in the rural midwest is the feeling of "family" that friends and neighbors share. Keep up the Good Work, Chamber of Commerce, Dixon Fall Festival promoters!

MUSIC IN THE BARN



Rebecca & Bill Johnson with Lu Lu

A Brief History!

As you may be aware, "The Barn," owned by Rebecca and Bill Johnson of Dixon, is not what you might imagine. When most of us think about a barn, we think of a hard dirt floor with animals and usually hay. This is different, in fact a lot different.

The Barn was a dream of the Johnsons built in the early 2000's with the idea of having family entertainment and community events available here in Dixon. This "barn" is more like a dinner theater and can seat 400 people comfortably around tables. The Barn is equipped with state of the art sound, lighting and stage. Recent improvements include heating and air conditioning as well as new wall finishes and a huge fireplace.

Whether it is a benefit for someone in our community, a dinner show or your favorite Nashville entertainer, the Johnsons feel that the Barn fills a need in this area. "We are thrilled that so many folks continue to support all of our events and we look forward to many years of providing great family entertainment at The Barn," said Bill who is also a member of a well-known country music group, The Baker Band. And you never know when "Uncle Bill" or his sidekick "Butter Bean" may show up from their home back in the woods to provide a bit of hilarious comedy.

Nashville acts that have played at The Barn include Gene Watson, John Conlee, John Anderson, Pam Tillis, Marty Haggard, T. Graham Brown, Rhonda Vincent, Restless Heart, Teea Goans, Joe Diffie, Narvel Felts, Ken Mellons, Sammy Saddler, Buddy Jewell, Leona Williams, and Ron Williams.

More great entertainment, and family events will be coming up. Check out our web page thebakerband.com or our facebook page, Music in the Barn for upcoming events.

As mentioned before, there are a host of benefits that have already been held at The Barn and the Johnsons have an open door policy to help whenever they possibly can in that area of need. Then there are the Christmas shows, the chili cook-offs and the ham and bean dinners. Some great food and entertainment all offered with a solid heartfelt, humble, graciousness provided by the Johnsons. One can always count on hundreds of smiles on the faces of those attending various events throughout the season. The Johnsons invite all to come and enjoy some great food and entertainment at "Music in The Barn."

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