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Revival of Cow Days in Dixon began over 30 years ago...

25 Years of Udder Bliss started as community event in 1984
(Headline from 2009)

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Approximately 25 years ago (now over 30 years), 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 or three 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 arm wrestling contests, karaoke, kids' zone, gospel galas, turtle races, frog jumping, car shows, bounce houses, fall festival astisans 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 Dixon Fall Festival!



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