

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR PRESS RELEASE
"ROCK AND ROLL AT THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR!"

In 1860 the Washington County Agricultural and Manufacturing Society organized the county's first "fair" even tho it was not actually called the Washington County Fair. This celebration and festival had many different names for over 90 years! "Dixie Fruit Exhibit & Festival", "Elberta Day", "Dixie Carnival", and Peach Days were some of the titles mentioned in the Washington County News. However, the name and location was never consistent. Hurricane and St. George went back and forth hosting this event.

In 1950 an emergency meeting was held at the county courthouse in St. George to discuss the future and financial struggles of this annual celebration. Sixty people were in attendance, two representatives from every town in the county made a plea to the county commissioners, Arthur J. Barlocker, Evan J. Woodbury and Ervil Sanders, for financial aid. "Let us have a fair, not to do so will be a step backward", they all stated. The county agreed to subsidize this important event with one request; that they change the name back from Peach Days to the Washington County Fair. The request was granted and it was also decided that Hurricane would become the nucleus for the fair.

Sixty years later we now have our own fair facility and events park. Over 45,000 people attend the fair each year and give its residents opportunities to showcase their talents whether it be entertainment, quilting, crafting, photography, fruits and vegetables....you name it! From the beginning in 1860, there has been a need for a fair to build up morale and to unite the county.

Join us for an Anniversary Party, Wednesday, August 10th, 7:00 PM (following the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony) "Vocalocity" an acapella group from SLC will be the MC for the evening, serve up free cake, prizes every 15 minutes, balloons for the kids, family games to win a trip to the San Diego Zoo from Travel Connection.

LaVerkin City is our Spotlight City and the Grand Marshall is Ardella Heiner and the Pioneer Award goes to Muriel Church, both of LaVerkin City.

Our Miss Washington County Fair Royalty consists of Queen, Krissia Beatty, daughter of Del and Kim Beatty, (\$2,000 scholarship), 1st Attendant is Kelby Tyler, daughter of Mike and Vicki Tyler, (\$500 scholarship), 2nd Attendant is Kaylee Kimzey, daughter of Kyle and Nicole Kimzey, (\$500 scholarship). Miss Spirit (Congeniality) is Tiffany Hall, daughter of Brent and Gina Hall.

New Attractions this year is "Walk On Water" which will be located on the lawn at the fair entrance. Climb inside a giant bubble and walk, crawl, run or just sit on the water! Also, in the same location we will have Camel Rides for everyone! Once in a lifetime experience.....ride a camel and get a photo!

Rock Concerts Thursday and Friday night, August 11th and 12th with bands paying tribute and celebrating two of the most popular bands of the 70's, The Doors and Led Zeppelin! Cost is \$10 per person per show, or save \$5 and purchase both concerts for \$15.00. The resemblance and the sound will blow you away!

Dizzy Hips, the world's most famous hoola hooper will be at our fair doing shows every day. He holds the Guinness Book of World Records for using the most hoops at once. He also hoola's a 90 lb tractor tire!

The traditional Boxing Fights will continue Friday and Saturday night. These fights have been a favorite and have continued at our fair since 1923!

The most popular event is the Demolition Derby on Saturday night. Bigger and better derby ring, more cars and trucks and contests in between! Sells out fast! Get your tickets on line at washcofair.net or IFA and Play It Again Sports. Fireworks will be held after the show.

Top notch entertainment will adorn the three stages at the fair. Kerry Sharp a very entertaining hypnotist will steal the stage on Saturday afternoon.

Painters Sun Country Mitsubishi will GIVE AWAY A CAR this year. Receive an entry form from the parking attendants. Twenty names will be drawn Saturday, August 13th at 5 PM in the Indoor Arena Stage in conjunction with The Planet 94.1 Minute To Win It Competition. Winners will try their keys Right before the Demolition Derby gets started.

Coral Cliffs Stadium 8 in Hurricane is offering four free movies for the fair. "Grease", "American Graffiti", "Mister Roberts", and "Roustabout". Free tickets can be obtained at Maverik Country Stores, Stouts Home Furnishings and Ted & Allen's Restaurant. The actual movies, prizes and food will be given away after the movies.

Our 14' Bubble Tower and Stilt Walking will be back again this year because of popular demand. The Laser Light Show is an event you shouldn't miss! Carnival rides, animals, parade, 5K run, food booths, exhibits, shopping, Yellow Pix free pictures, Matt Sorensen Spray Can Artist, Baby Contest, Junior Rodeo, Arena Sorting events, Newly Wed Game, Contests, Rock Band/Guitar Hero Competition, And MORE!

Traditions and memories are made as family and friends attend the many attractions and events that the Washington County Fair has to offer. For a complete listing of fair events, times and dates, go to the website www.washcofair.net, or pick-up a fair magazine at the grocery store, most businesses or your city office. There is something for everyone...guaranteed! There is nothing that brings a county together like the fair!