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Attendance Highs and Lows at The 2014 Linn County Fair

The 2014 Linn County Fair was another successful fair with the crowds "Back in the Saddle" after mother nature knocked us down in 2013. The Linn County Fair ran from June 25th to 30th this year in Central City. The fair was filled with crowd favorites and fun new events for the whole family. The new grandstand events brought out new people to the fair but the weather kept others away. This can be seen through out the fair with the overall grandstand and fair attendance.

Thursday of the fair is Youth Day, an opportunity for youth of all ages to come to the fair and enjoy the many free events and activities that are on hand. They get to experience a local county fair like no other. The main Youth Day events ran from 9am to 1pm. With mother nature cooperating we had a record attendance of over 5,000 people during the peak of Youth Day. The crowd consisted of families, daycares and camps enjoying all the many free activities and local organizations on hand.

Thursday overall was a record breaking day with a total day attendance of about 11,000 people, the most on record for a Thursday of the fair. The crowd was twice the size we had in 2012 when Youth Day was dampened by excessive heat.

The excitement for the John Michael Montgomery concert held on Friday, brought in the largest crowd for a concert at The Linn Country Fair since the fair started putting on concerts in 2007. Over 2,000 came out to enjoy a great night at the fair while listening to local band Reckless Abandon and kickin' up their boots to John Michael Montgomery. The concert crowd contributed to the largest Friday fair attendance on record of about 7,200 people.

The 2013 rains that caused projected flooding of the fairgrounds were kept away for this year's fair. The fair grounds didn't get the flooding that others were dealing with in the area this year, but the fair didn't luck out on getting hit with rain showers. Saturday is normally the largest daily fair attendance but this year was second to Thursday due to a heavy down pour hitting the fair after 8pm Saturday night. The ECIPA ended up having to cancel the remaining of the Truck & Tractor Pull after only getting in 2 classes in before the storm blew in. The heavy rains also cancelled that night's fireworks.

The rain cleared and dried up to hold many of the Sunday events from 4-H/FFA livestock shows to Impact Pro Wrestling event in the grandstand. The threat of more storms kept some people home Sunday night but the grandstand was still filled with a crowd that got to enjoy the Chuckwagon Races. The next storm was rolling in as the races wrapped up and people headed home for the night. Rain cancelled the fireworks for the second night in a row.

With the heavy rains of Saturday and Sunday night, the 4-H/FFA Horse and Pony Games Show for Monday were already called off Sunday Night. The Game Show was then rescheduled for Monday, July 14th.

Monday morning cancellation of the Harness Races planned for that night came in early, as the track was still drenched and the projected storms would not give it time to dry out before that night's races. There is no rain date for this event.

The only event that was able to take place on Monday was the 4-H/FFA Live Stock show that had to take a few breaks for attendees to take shelter as severe storms blew through the area. The storms continued through out

the day that caused the postponing of the 4-H Dance from that night to Sunday, August 3rd at 6pm.

The Linn County Fair got knocked around again this year by Mother Nature, but the fair still ended up having a record breaking overall fair attendance in 2014 with about 41,000 people enjoying the fair festivities. This record is about 7% higher than the record breaking year of 2012 and a growth of 480% since 2006.

Special thanks to the many volunteers that helped make the 2014 Linn County Fair another successful fair! Many thanks for the continuous support and dedication of our many Community Partners and the Linn County Supervisors, without their support The Linn County Fair Association couldn't continue to provide a free fair and provide a great local county fair for Linn County and surrounding communities.

To take a look back at The 2014 Linn County Fair and check out the many pictures for the week's events at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/thelinncountyfair/sets/>. See you in 2015!