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Record trend continues at fair

By KELLY GERLACH

Perfectly cool temperatures, great daily and nightly entertainment and an empty fair calendar across the state of Iowa combined for record attendance at the Jackson County Fair.

2009 marked the second consecutive year of record attendance at the fair, which wrapped up five days and four nights of family fun in the sun on Sunday, Aug. 2.

“I think it was the good weather and the variety of things that we had that made it such a success, not just the nightly shows,” said Fair Manager Lanny Simpson after finally sitting down for a break late Monday afternoon.

It surely didn’t hurt that Jackson County’s was the only fair going on in the state last week. Nearby competitors Jones County and Dubuque County fought it out for attendance the week before and the Mississippi Valley Fair kicks off this week.

Overall paid attendance added up to 22,759 people during all five days and four nights. That’s an increase of about 2,500 people from 2008.

“How many fairs, little fairs like this – and yes, we like to think we’re a big fair but we know we’re not – how many can say that in four years (their attendance) went from about 16,800 to 22,800? How many can say they’ve done that?”

“We adopted that ‘try it and see if it’ll work’ approach and it’s pay-

ing off,” Simpson said.

Sunday evening’s attendance alone, typically known for drawing less people, increased from 1,713 people in 2006 to 6,083 in 2009. Night of Destruction events had a lot to do with that, but that wasn’t the only draw.

Simpson said attendance numbers and entries in Sunday’s open class horse show were up this year. She said there were entrants from all over Iowa and Illinois who came Sunday to participate in the fair’s first-ever Monster Arm Wrestling tournament. There were also about 18 contestants in the Ultimate Ag Woman Challenge competition that day. Nin Flagel won that competition.

Fairgoers seemed enthralled by the Welde’s Bear Show. The two sets of bleachers were packed at each show and there was barely standing room around the performance ring as passersby stopped to watch the animals play and do tricks. The people learned more about brown bears at the same time.

Other grounds acts like Michelle’s Magic Poodles and Dallas the Fire Guy, coupled with Evans United carnival rides and food vendors and all the other traditional fair entities, made the event a success as well. Fair attendance

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MSP photo by Kelly Gerlach

**The Lost Trailers** revved up the crowd Saturday night at the Jackson County Fair. Starting and ending with the break-through hit “Holler Back,” the country band energized the audience with its up-tempo tunes and slowed it back down with some of their slower numbers.



MSP photo by Kelly Gerlach

**Country music’s bodybuilding** balladeer Keith Anderson rocked audiences Saturday night at the Jackson County Fair. Those who attended the concert couldn’t say enough good things about it.

Myers resigns from city council position

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

Maquoketa voters will have an additional City Council seat to fill this fall.

Marsha Myers, who has represented the Third Ward on the council for the past five years and seven months, has resigned her seat effective Aug. 18.

Myers is selling her house and plans to tour and live in a recreational vehicle with a friend.

City Manager Brian Wagner told the City Council Monday night, Aug. 3, that Myers had sent him an e-mail saying that she has a possible sale pending on her house and she would be resigning.

“It’s been really interesting and a learning experience,” Myers told fellow council members.

She expressed appreciation to the City Hall office staff, city department heads and City Manager Brian Wagner.

Myers said she was uncertain whether or not she would be attending the final regular council meeting, on Aug. 17, before her resignation takes effect the next day.

“We’re on the road,” Myers said. “We’re going to go see the country and enjoy every minute of it.”

Mayor Tom Messerli wished Myers good luck and fun “in your new adventure” and said he enjoyed serving on the council with her.

Myers was elected to the council as a write-in candidate in 2003. She succeeded Jim Bollman, who had been appointed to the seat to fill a vacancy. Bollman, who is now deceased, had declined to seek a full term.

When no one filed nomination papers for the Third Ward seat, Myers stepped forward and announced a few days before the election that she would run as a write-in candidate. She received 18

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