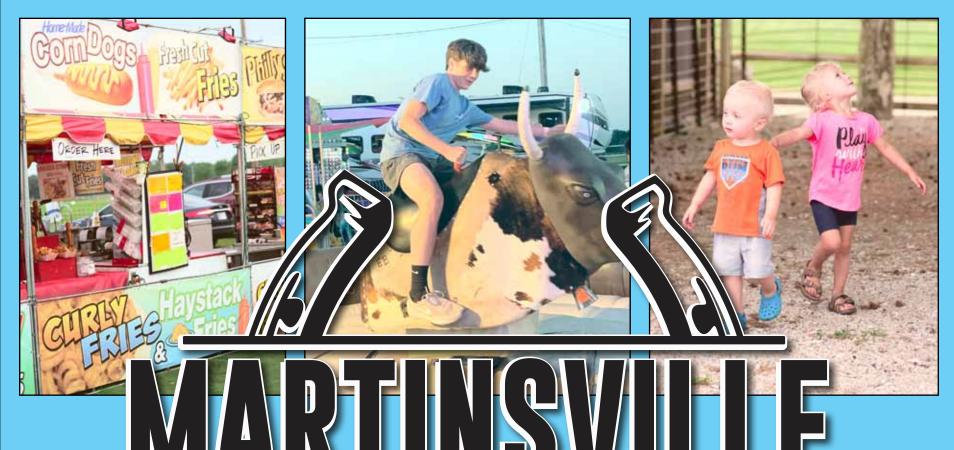
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Martinsville welcomes you to the 77th Ag Fair!

The 77th Martinsville Agricultural Fair is scheduled to run June 25 – July 1. The week will be filled with nightly entertainment in front of the grandstand, livestock shows, special farm fun activities for

children and a spectacular carnival on the midway.

Fair President Bob Zellers said, "The Board of Directors has worked hard to organize another great fair and I'm excited about the week full of

activities for all ages. We are excited to bring back the Rodeo and look forward to the excitement the Whippoorwill Rodeo will bring in front of the grandstand on Thursday and Friday nights."

In following with a long-standing tradition, the Martinsville Agricultural Fair will open on Sunday, June 25 with a Community Worship Service in front of the grandstand. There will be no gate or grandstand admission charged. Pastor Dave Wilson of the Martinsville Bible Church will bring a message and music will be provided by The Coon Holler Kids.

This group of talented young people are well known throughout the Wabash Valley and recently placed third in the Silver Dollar City Youth in Bluegrass Competition in Branson, Missouri.

The Harness Horse Racing program on Monday evening, will include the Great Midwest Trot and Pace races. The races will start at 5:00 p.m. Following the races, trainer Tim Wilson and announcer Kurt Becker will share their vast knowledge of the remarkable history of horse racing on the Martinsville track. This presentation will be held in the Linn Pavilion at the east end

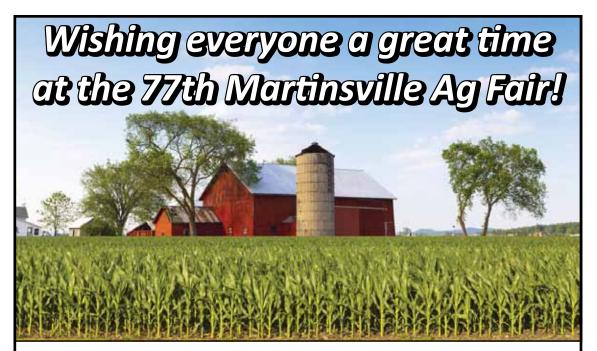
of the midway.

Tuesday night will feature children from the surrounding area as they participate in the Barnyard Scramble. Entries for the Scramble must be made on-line (martinsvilleagfair.com) or in the Fair's Secretary's Office before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26. A spectacular Fireworks show will follow the Scramble.

The roar of the truck and tractor engines will fill the grounds on Wednesday night as they pull for the top prizes in front of the grandstands.

Whippoorwill Rodeo will put on an exciting rodeo on both Thursday and Friday nights (7:30 p.m.). Cowboys and cowgirls will be competing in all of your favorite rodeo events, including: Bull Riding, Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc, Team Roping, Cowgirls Breakaway, Steer Wrestling, Tie-Down Roping, and Cowgirls Barrel Racing. To compete in the events, call Whippoorwill Rodeo at 618-218-0182.

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Saturday, July 1 with an action-packed Demolition Derby (7:00 p.m.). The Derby is one of the long-standing traditions of the Fair and will offer \$17,500 in prize money this year.

President Zellers also shared about the continued focus on family entertainment. "Last year we offered multiple nights of special activities for children. We are partnering with the Clark County 4-H and Martinsville FFA to bring back those activities this year Tuesday through Thursday. They will include the Pedal Tractor Pull, rope making, balloon art, petting zoo, etc.

Lew-E's comedy and circus act will perform two shows nightly, east of the grandstand.

There will be a "touch a truck/equipment" in the infield Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Also on Tuesday will be a Garden Tractor Pull and Exhibition (6:00 p.m.) in the Beef Barn.

An Open Speed Show (Barrel Racing) will be held on Friday evening (6:00 p.m.) in the Horse Arena.

Chicks 'n Chatter, a program especially for ladies, will be held at the Linn Pavilion each afternoon (Monday thru Friday) at 12:30.

Not a part of the official fair schedule, on Saturday, June

Ag Fair opens with Community Worship

The 2023 Martinsville Agricultural Fair will open on Sunday night, June 25 with a Community Worship Service in front of the grandstands.

The Coon Holler Kids, a very popular group of talented musicians from the Wabash Valley will provide music for the service. The Coon Holler Kids recently received third place in the Silver Dollar City, Youth in Bluegrass Competition in Branson, Missouri. Pastor Dave Wilson on the Martinsville Bible Church will provide the message.



The service will start at 7:00 p.m. Gate admission and grandstands are FREE.

Plan to attend this special worship service. For details on all the activities of the 2023

Martinsville Agricultural Fair, go to martinsvilleagfair.com or "Like" them on Facebook.

24 (5:00 p.m.), spectators can enjoy watching a Cattle Sort N Pen, in the Horse Arena.

Livestock Shows are schedule throughout the week as follows: Tuesday – Sheep Show; Wednesday – Swine

Show; Thursday – Dairy Show; Friday – Beef Show; Saturday – Goat Show and Junior Horse & Dony Show. These shows all start at 9:00 a.m.

Luehrs' Ideal Rides will fill

the midway with spectacular rides, food and entertainment. Luehr's, a family-owned carnival since the mid-1950s, is known throughout the Midwest as one of the best carnivals around. Luehr's sets up

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Big variety of free activities to be offered at Ag Fair

Last year, the Martinsville Agricultural Fair offered a variety of free, family entertainment throughout fair week. The 2023 Fair, scheduled for June 25 - July 1 promises to maintain that family focus. Fair President, Bob Zellers, said, "People from the surrounding area have fond memories of

the Martinsville Ag Fair, and we want to provide opportunities for today's young families to make memories too. Our area farmers and individuals have generously donated to support the wide variety of free activities we have planned for this year."

Tuesday night will be the

popular Barnyard Scramble in front of the grandstand. Parents, grandparents, extended family, friends and neighbors are encouraged to come out and cheer for the young children enjoying this event. There will be no admission charged for grandstand seating on Tuesday to watch

the Scramble; however a donation box will be available if you would like to support the event.

On Saturday night (June 24) before the official opening of the Fair on Sunday, there will be a Cattle Sort n Pen Competition at 5:00 p.m. in the Horse Arena. In addition to the traditional Livestock Shows, including Sheep, Swine, Dairy and Beef, and the Junior Horse & Pony Show, this year there will be an Open Speed Barrel Racing Show on Fri-

See you

at the

day, at 6:00 p.m. in the Horse Arena. The kids will also enjoy taking a trip to the barns to see all the livestock. All of the Livestock Shows and Specialty Shows are free to attend.

Below is a full schedule of other FREE activities that will take place in different areas of the fairgrounds during the week:

Monday - After the Harness Races, Kurt Becker and Tim Wilson will discuss the history of Horse Racing at the Martinsville Ag Fair.

Monday thru Friday -Chicks and Chatter - a program for women each day at 12:30 p.m. in the Linn Pavilion featuring different speakers and topics each day (Pottery, Yoga, Make-up Tips, Crafts and BUNCO BASH).

Tuesday - Garden Tractor Pull/Exposition at 6:00 p.m. in the Beef Barn. Touch a Truck/ Equipment in the infield. Fireworks to follow the Scramble.

Tuesday thru Thursday -Farm Fun for Kids (organized by Clark County 4-H) in the Linn Pavilion from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday thru Saturday -Lew-E's Comedy and Circus Act – multiple acts each night; East of the Grandstand

Wednesday & Thursday -Petty Zoo, organized by Martinsville FFA, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Beef Barn.

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Thursday – "Tot Rod Pulls" (Pedal Tractor) at 6:15 p.m. in Linn Pavilion. (Register your child at Linn Pavilion before the competition.)

Friday –Open Mic Night by Cumberland Divide – 6:00 p.m. in the Community Pavilion. Martinsville High School Alumni Mixer with the Class of '68 in the Linn Pavilion.

Come out and enjoy all the Martinsville Ag Fair has to offer!

For details go to martinsvilleagfair.com or "Like" us on Facebook for up to the minute details.

Welcome

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Discounted coupons for wristbands and/or sheets of 22 ride tickets are now available at Casey State Bank and Longview Bank locations. The pre-sale coupons sell for \$20 and offer a savings of \$10. The Pre-Sale Coupons will also be available in the Fair Secretary's Office June 24

26 (until the carnival opens).

Check out the Fair's website at martinsvilleagfair.com or "Like" them on Facebook to keep up with all the latest information and details.



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Arts Hall to feature variety of area talent

The Ag Fair Arts Hall welcomes entries in a variety of categories:

Textiles and Fine Arts: crocheting, embroidery, knit-

ted articles, pillows, machine sewn articles, infants, quilts, needlework crafts, miscellaneous crafts, and much more.

Culinary: yeast bread and

rolls, quick breads, pies, homemade cakes, cookies, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meat, jams, butter, marmalades, jelly, preserves, pickles, and many others.

Arts and Crafts: most unusual hobby or collection, bird-house or feeder, item made with grape-vine, handmade toy, leather craft, photography, painting, sketching and drawing, decoupage, wood craft and

carving, model, ceramics, sun catcher, macramé, candles, sting art and much more.

Fine Arts: acrylics and oil painting, watercolor, pen, pen-

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2023 Chicks and Chatter

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Chicks & Chatter, a fun, free activity designed for women of all ages and interests is returning for a second year at the Martinsville Agricultural Fair. The program is organized for ladies to enjoy an afternoon escape of "chattering" with friends and learning something new.

Chicks & Chatter will con-

vene each afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in the Linn Pavilion (east of the Pork Producers stand). See the list below for the Monday thru Friday programs.

You might want to come early and enjoy some of your favorite fair foods for lunch. Reservations are not required.

Come as you are and enjoy! The schedule is:

Monday, June 26: John Graves Pottery will help each lady make a piece of pottery and John demonstrate the Potter's Wheel. John is a highly regarded potter from Cumberland

special talent of teaching.

Tuesday, June 27: If you've always wanted to try Yoga but not sure it's for you, join in the fun when Patty Hollingsworth will lead the group in Yoga moves that can benefit all ladies. Don't worry if you've never done Yoga; this demonstration will be for all ages and skill levels.

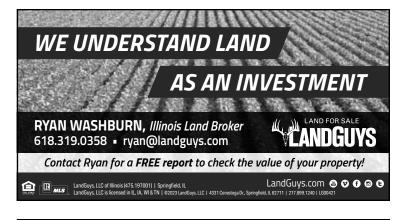
Wednesday, June 28: Beth Baird, of Glow Esthetics, will return this year to share make-up tips with the group. Who doesn't want to look her best! She'll have hints for all ages and skin types. Although Beth's focus will be makeup tips in this session, it will also be a good time to ask some skin care questions too.

Thursday, June 29: Kayla York and Destiny Booth will share their creative skills to lead the group in making some fun crafts. You may not think you're a crafty person, but they will make you see yourself differently. And making crafts along with your friends is always fun!

Friday, June 30: "Chicks and Chatter's Bunko Bash" – Join us for a fun game of Bunko while you visit and laugh

with old and new friends! Those who attended last year are already looking forward to this year's Bash!

Don't miss this opportunity to chatter, laugh, learn and win door prizes! Let's pack the pavilion every afternoon!





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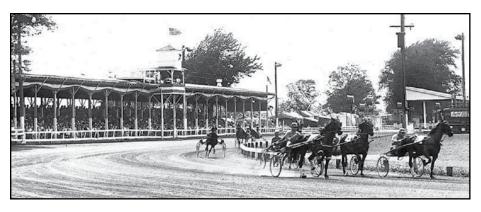
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Enjoy Harness Horse Racing "Great Midwest Trot & Pace"

Monday, June 25, the "Great Midwest Trot and Pace," sponsored by Casey State Bank, will begin at 5pm.

The race announcer will be Kurt Becker.

A brief history of harness horse racing

Harness racing in the United States has a rich and colorful history. From its humble back-roads beginnings to the systemized, standardized, multimillion-dollar business

we know today, Standardbred racing has been an integral part of the American story.

Harness racing emerged on the scene as a fun, recreational activity for neighbors who owned horses (which was nearly everyone) to earn bragging rights and compete against one another. These early races initially took place on country roads and village streets, but as the informal events grew more pop-

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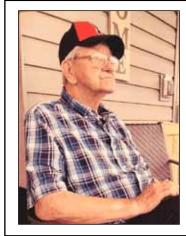
The first harness racing tracks were opened in the

men and fans.

mid-1800s, but harness racing events could be found as early as 1825 at county fairs all around the country. And by the mid-20th century, harness racing was the fastest-growing sport in America.

Today, harness racing can

still be found at county fairs and numerous racetracks across the U.S. The sport is also popular in other countries including Canada, Australia, New Zealand. France and Sweden.



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Rodeo returns to Martinsville Ag Fair

Mark your calendars! the Whippoorwill Rodeo, a NCPRA competition, will be bringing their True American Cowboy Tour to the Martinsville Agricultural Fair for two nights of excitement on Thursday and Friday, June 29 & 30.

Whippoorwill offers a full line-up of everyone's favorite Rodeo events, including:

Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc, Team Roping, Cowgirls Breakaway, Steer Wrestling Tie-Down Roping, Cowgirls Barrel Racing and Bull Riding. Contestant entries will open Monday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. If you're interested in being a participant, call or text 618-218-0182 (called in entries take precedence over texted

entries). For complete information on entry fees, payouts and rules go to martinsvilleagfair.com. You can also "Like" them on Facebook for updateto-date details and announcements throughout Fair week.

Fair Board President Bob Zellers said, "We are excited to bring the Rodeo back to the Martinsville Ag Fair and Whippoorwill is known for bringing an exciting show every night. With this being a sanctioned event where the participants earn points and money toward annual 2023 awards, we expect to see participants from a wide geographical area."

The Rodeo will start at 7:30 p.m. both Thursday and Friday (June 29 & 30). Gate

admission is \$5 per person (ages 5 and under are free). Thursday's grandstand admission will be \$5 for ages 6-12 and \$10 for ages 13 and over. Friday's grandstand admission will be \$7 for ages 6-12 and \$12 for ages 13 and over. These nights will be packed full of action, so enjoy the Rodeo and all of the other activities the Fair has to offer.

available Discount coupons still

The Martinsville Agricultural Fair is fast approaching. Luehr's Ideal Rides, a State-Fair quality carnival, will fill the midway and provide thrills from Tuesday, June 27 thru

6:00 each evening. Luehr's is one of the best carnivals in the Midwest and plays many big fairs and festivals, including the Iowa State Fair and Banks of the Wabash Festival

or sheet of 22 ride tickets by purchasing a Pre-sale Coupon before the carnival opens on June 27. The coupons are \$20 and good for one armband or sheet of ride tickets that can be used the night of your choice. Coupons can be redeemed at the Carnival Box Office any day during the Fair. Without a coupon, wristbands or a sheet of 22 tickets will be \$30 during the Fair.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday will be wristband nights, with individual ride tickets also available. Thursday will be Buddy Night, where using ride tickets, two can ride for the price of one. Riders must ride the same ride. Saturday night will be the "Last Blast" with Luehr's using Ride Tickets only.

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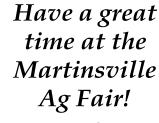
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available at various Bank of Casey locations and the Longview Bank in Marshall and Paris. The Secretary's Office on the Martinsville fairgrounds will offer the Pre- Sale Coupons Saturday, June 24 thru carnival start time on Tuesday, June 27. Coupons are good for carnival rides only; they do not cover gate admission. Gate admission for 5 and under is FREE; 6 and above is \$5 per person.

Be sure and check out all the fair activities at martinsvilleagfair.com and "Like" their page on Facebook.



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Lew-E's Comedy & Circus act to perform on the midway

Now in his 27th year of performing, Lee has quite literally been performer his whole life. When Lee created his clown character. Lew-E, at the age of three, he had idea that it would turn into his career. Lee has been



blessed to be able to travel the world performing in almost ever entertainment venue imaginable! Lee has now found his niche of performing for the fair industry nationwide and performing at libraries across the southeast.

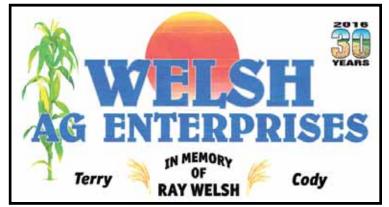
Lee grew up on the carnival lots of

McNair Amusement company. Hugh McNair and his daughter, Lisa McNair, took Lee under their wing to teach him the ropes of carnival business. In 2004, at age of 12, Lee was hired to perform at his first state fair Lew-E Clown. He has since time spent every second on every fairgrounds he has worked, learning ways to make his show one of the most enjoyable experiences fairgoer will have at their fair. Lee doesn't just see a fair

board as a client, Lee views them as partners, and it is his job to make sure his partners get the most out of his services so that patrons return through their gates year after year.

In 2011, after leaving the Circus full-time,

Lee began performing heavily in the Library market during the summer months. Lee has honed in on how to write, create, and perform engaging reading programs that not only children love but the parents love just as much.



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History of the Ag Fair

The grounds of the Martinsville Agricultural Fair have a long, rich history. The Clark County Fair Association was formed in 1897 and the first fair was held in the early fall of that same year. Families came to spend the day, bringing picnic hampers and blankets to spread out while sharing lots of stories and laughs with their neighbors. Today families eat at the variety of food vendors instead of bringing a picnic basket but the fel-

lowship with neighbors hasn't changed.

The Fair flourished until 1912 when it was largely destroyed by a tornado. After four years of recovery, the grounds were once again opened in 1917 and continued until the last Fair run by the Clark County Fair Association was held in 1930.

The previous fair site was purchased in 1944 by a group of interested people and shares were sold in the Mar-

Community Club. By 1945 the Club

decided to deed the fairgrounds, about 29 acres, to the newly formed Martinsville Agricultural Fair Association. Under this new management the Fair opened once again on July 15, 1946. The Association continues to be the governing body of the Fair today and has been expanded to include 48 acres.

Horse racing has always been a major part of the Fair. The half-mile track was redesigned and resurfaced in

1965 and remains one of the premier facilities in the state for harness racing. The track is home to the first mile in two minutes (or faster) in Illinois county fair history for both trotters and pacers. Fifteen individuals have been involved with the Martinsville racing program and then subsequently inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Trotter in Goshen, IN. The Great Midwest Trot and Pace remain the fair's signature events, having been held annually since 1953. Because the Fair Association maintains a winterized racing track, thoroughbred and harness horses are boarded and trained on the grounds year

around. The Martinsville track was where Dale Baird, Winningest Thoroughbred Trainer in History, got his start.

Throughout the years, the Board of Directors has upheld the founders' pledge in the Articles of Incorporation: "To encourage, promote and conduct civic, patriotic, athletic, education, agricultural and horticultural enterprises and events, and in furtherance to same but not in limitation thereof to furnish facilities for and to conduct an Agricultural Fair with exhibits of farm products, livestock, poultry and products

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Letter from Ag Fair President

As we strive to be the best back riding and bull riding. fair around, we are continually looking for new programs and vendors. We are exited to Welcome Luehrs' Ideal Rides on the midway this year. Luehrs is a well-known. Midwest carnival that plays large event, including the Iowa State Fair. They will be offering specials throughout the week for your entertainment.

We are also happy to bring back the Rodeo this year, not just one night but two. Whippoorwill Rodeo will feature all the fan favorite events including bronc riding, barrel racing, roping, steer wrestling, bare-

Check out the 2023 Schedule for all the free activities for families, grandstand programs, and livestock shows.

Improvements to the facilities and grounds are another priority of the Board. We have completed a renovation to a second restroom facility and improvements to our Arts Hall facility.

We are finalizing plans to renovate our nearly 80-year -old grandstands. When you attend the 2024 Fair, you'll have new seating to enjoy the grandstands programs.

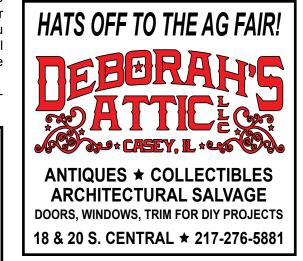
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mitted to keep the Martinsville Agricultural Fair moving forward and we have lots of ideas and plans for future improvements.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we look forward to seeing you at the 2023 Fair!

> **Robert Zellers President**









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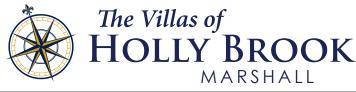
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The Board has always been committed to maintaining and improving the grounds. There are five horse barns, a dairy barn, beef barn, hog barn and

sheep barn to use in racing and livestock shows. In addition there is a horse arena that is used throughout the year by various horse clubs and an Arts Hall, used to promote agricultural and cultural education. Over the last few years two new pa-

> vilions and a handicap accessible area to the grandstands have been added; electrical upgrades to the midway area have been completed; the roof of the Arts Hall has been replaced and other buildings been maintained

painted. In addition to the 4-H Fair, other events utilizing the grounds have included the Martinsville Heritage Days Festival/Draft Horse Show; Farm Safety Program; Livestock Judging Program; the Firemen's Auxiliary's Haunted Barn; Firemen Training Programs, the circus, the Antique Power Club Show, the Clark County Health Department's used tire disposal collection point, reunions, auctions and more.

The Martinsville Agricultural Fair is known as a fair that promotes "Family Night, Every Night" by offering top entertainment and a State Fair quality carnival for families to enjoy at affordable prices. The Fair is one of Martinsville's greatest assets and the Board of Directors will continue to build on the rich heritage while partnering with organizations throughout the area to fully

utilize what the grounds can

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