

HISTORY OF THE KANE COUNTY FAIR

Kane County has a rich history of pioneering spirit, industry, agriculture, farming, ranching, entrepreneurship, food, and fun. For 67 years the fair has been a focal point for families. Youth throughout the years have found lasting memories, opportunities for leadership, and simple fun traditions to pass on to the next generation.

It was around 1946 when the Long Valley Sale began. There were many kids wanting to show and sell their animals but in order them to do that, they had to take them to Cedar City. Instead of traveling to Cedar the residences around Long Valley decided to start a sale and show of their own.

Quite a few of the kids had sows and the FFA club bought a boar. At the first sale they had around thirty to forty pigs. They sold the pigs a few at time in three of four different shows.



The show was first held where Mark Chamberlain's house in Orderville is located. Later the show moved to the Carroll Field. It found a home for a few years at Valley High School and now is located between the Carroll Arena and Kane County North Event Center. After the shows began, a few people decided to include crops, flowers, and visual arts. The event expanded further to a three day show and a parade. After a couple years the entire county was invited to participate and the Kane County Fair began.

There are countless people who contribute their time, talents, and money to make the fair a success. We are a talented and creative group of people here in the largest southern county. Thanks for all you do that makes our county great. So come on out to the fair and celebrate what makes us great!

Thank you for supporting YOUR county fair.



GRAND MARSHALS 2023

Dellas H. Sorensen

Dellas H. Sorensen was born and raised in Orderville and graduated from Valley High School. He then attended CSU (now SUU), went on a church mission to England and was in the army for 2 years, including a year in Vietnam. He then attended BYU, where he met his future wife, Colleen. He graduated and moved to Florida, where he taught Industrial Arts & DCT (job training program) at the local high school for 12 years. He longed for the "small town" schools and moved his family back to the Valley in 1984. After a year, the Industrial arts (shop) job, including FFA, became available, which he held for 20 years! He loved the time spent with his colleagues and the kids! He has a small ranch, where he enjoys raising cattle. He has 8 kids, 33 grandkids, and 6 great grandkids and loves living in the Valley!

