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What's New For Tivoli 2009

ELK HORN, IA--Tivoli Fest is gearing up for the big weekend May 23rd and 24th. The two day Danish celebration is filled with all your favorite events that take place every year, along with these new events.

The Elk Horn Fire Department is spicing things up at Tivoli Fest by hosting the First Annual "Tivoli Fest BBQ Cook-off" on Saturday, May 23, 2009 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The entry fee per team is $75.00, with deadline May 13th by 5:00 p.m. The BBQ Cook-off will begin Saturday morning at 6:00 a.m. at the City Park with cookers meeting the night before at 6:00 p.m. at the Elk Horn Fire Hall. Beef brisket will be provided by the EHFD. The Cook-off will continue throughout the day until the meat is turned over to the judges at 3:00 p.m. Official meat judging will be done at 3:30 p.m. (open to the public) with the following cash prizes offered: 1st prize-$300, 2nd - $200, and 3rd - $100. The cookers will then share their "tasty concoctions" with the public served EH-K FFA on the Mill grounds from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. along with entertainment. Also the EHFD will have a BBQ Supper from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the City Park. The EHFD Beer Garden will open at the park at 3:00 p.m. Saturday with DJ Love of Corn-fed Entertainment cranking out everyone's favorite tunes until 8:30 p.m. After that, the headliner band, Diego Garcia--America's Rock 'n' Roll Band, will take the stage until 1:00 a.m. For more information and entry forms, please visit our website at www.elkhornfireandrescue.com or e-mail questions to mail@elkhornfireandrescue.com. The Elk Horn Fire and Rescue Department thanks you for all the support in the past and look forward to serving you again this Tivoli Homecoming! All proceeds will go toward the EHFD, a volunteer organization.

Be a part of the first annual Tour de Tivoli Bike Ride during Tivoli Fest in Elk Horn! Bikers riding the 26-mile loop will be joined by Lisa Thomas of Elk Horn, local Livestrong Army leader and two-year cancer survivor. Greg Roecker, president of Harlan's Huff 'n' Puffers Bike Club will tackle the 52-mile loop for those who want a double marathon. Tour de Tivoli will be a "poker run" with prizes donated by local businesses awarded to the highest-ranking poker hands. Water and refreshment stations will be located along the routes. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning, May 24, at the Danish Inn in Elk Horn. Bikers may also partake of the aebelskiver breakfast at the fire station before the ride officially begins at 9:00. The ride will end in Elk Horn just in time to enjoy the Tivoli festivities and have lunch. A 15" Jeep mountain bike donated by Pepsi Cola will be raffled at the end of the ride. Purchase raffle tickets the day of the tour or at the McDowell Fitness Center, Shelby County State Bank, or Midstates Bank. The $25.00 Tour de Tivoli registration fee includes one aebelskiver breakfast, a Tour t-shirt, refreshment stops, and chances to win prizes along the route. To find information about the route or to preregister online, go to

www.wellness.myrtuemedical.org. Participants can also register the day of the tour. For more information, call 712-755-4417.

This year the craft fair is becoming an Open Air Market filled with vendors that have come to the Danish Village for a one day shopping event, Saturday May 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We have invited vendors to line our street with antiques, primitives, handmade goods, flea market items, cash and carry items and more! The market and the quilt show has been moved from the EH-K High School to Broadway Street, just north of the Danish Inn. Make sure to browse and shop, grab a snack or rest your feet and enjoy the activity of classic Danish Walking Street.

An Alumni Coffee is planned for all EH-K alumni and friends. The event will be held in the Elk Horn Town Hall, instead of the EH-K High School, on Sunday, May 24th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Danish Open Faced sandwiches. Coffee and a cold drink will be served free. A collection of school memorabilia will be on display.

The carnival is coming to town for Saturday and Sunday, a first for Tivoli Fest. Enjoy the carnival on Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Larsen's Pub will be having an outdoor live band, "The Young Guns" on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The rendezvous party will be outside.

Volunteers are still needed for sandwiches and æbleskivers. If you are interested, contact Wayne Hansen, 712-249-1785 or Barb Smith, 712-773-5102 (call in the evening).

Join Tivoli Fest as a friend on Facebook to find out the latest updates and happenings.

For more information call 712-764-7472, email info@danishwindmill.com or check the schedule of events at www.elkhorniowa.com.

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