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Viking Hall's 30th Anniversary Celebration Announced

City officials announced today the year-long celebration of Viking Hall as a civic center. Viking Hall opened its doors for the first time in 1981; 30 years later it still stands as the largest events venue in the city with 6,000 seats.

The venue has hosted some of the nation's top acts in their era. Acts such as Kenny Chesney, Johnny Cash, Eric Clapton, KISS, Reo Speedwagon, Styx, Alan Jackson, George Strait, Reba and the list goes on. Family shows, country music concerts, professional sporting events, nationally televised events, religious programming, trade shows, consumer shows, and nationally known speakers, have been presented in the venue. Darlene Cole, Venues Manager for the city said, "It is really hard to believe we have reached this milestone. For me personally it has been quite an adventure." Cole continued, "There are so many people who have come through these doors, not just to perform here, but from our community, to learn, to be entertained, to enjoy and even to work. This building means many things to many people. I am just happy to have been able to be a part of it."

Officials unveiled a commemorative poster that will be given to the first 100 persons in line for each of the anniversary events, beginning with the special on-sale of the Randy Travis concert scheduled for Thursday evening from 4:00-6:00 PM. Other ticketed events on-sale dates will be released later in the year.

A 30-day trivia contest will be taking place on-line at the Viking Hall website www.vikinghall.com with the person submitting the correct answer first will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a meet and greet pass, dinner, and front row seats to the Randy Travis concert.

Many other exciting contests and events are planned for the next 12 months in celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Viking Hall.

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