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Noon to 11 p.m. daily
 Skinner's Midway is open from noon to 11 p.m. daily.
 Ride specials on: Wednesday from noon to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Grandstand Shows

Daily
 Tuesday - Queen & Little Miss Pageant
 Wednesday - Monster Truck
 Thursday - Truck and Tractor Pulls
 Friday - Next Level Pro Bull Riding
 Saturday - Scotty McCreery and Greylan James
 Sunday - Demolition Derbys

Ready Go Dog Show

Daily
 South of Big Thunder Road and south of antique tractors
 Tuesday, Aug. 6 through Saturday, Aug. 10, show times are 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 Sunday, Aug. 11, show times are 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
 (Sponsored by UW Health/Swedish American Hospital, Union Savings Bank, Tobin, Ramon & Barber, Hammertime Sports)

Great Lakes Timber Show

Daily
 Located north of Big Thunder Road, east of the administration building
 Tuesday, Aug. 6 through Saturday, Aug. 10, show times are noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
 Sunday, Aug. 11, show times are 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
 (Sponsored by Boone County Family Restaurant, Hydeout Bar & Grill, The Smokin' Coop BBQ, Countryside Fresh Markets & Wild Cherries)

First Bite Fishing Tank

Daily
 Located east of Prairie Road
 Tuesday, Aug. 6 through Saturday, Aug. 10, noon to 6 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 11, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Life on the Farm

Funny Songs & Stories with Farmer Tom Walsh
 Daily
 East of the non-Livestock building in the south side of the Farm Bureau building
 Tuesday, Aug. 6 through Saturday, Aug. 10, 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 11, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
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Demolition Derby

Sunday at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.
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Ranch Sorting Competition

6 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday
 Located in the Pony Arena
 Ranch Sorting pits a team of two

horseback riders against the clock!
 The two riders have to move the cattle one at a time in numerical order starting with a random number called.

Next Level Bull Riding

Friday at 7 p.m.

Horse Shows

Daily - Enjoy the ponies and horses

Queen Pageant

Tuesday
 The pageant is to crown the Fair Queen and Little Miss Boone County Fair

Truck and Tractor Pulls

Plug your ears!
 Thursday, Aug. 8 and Saturday, Aug. 10, at varying times.
 Visit the website, boonecountyfair.com, and select "Tractor Pulls" on the home page for details on the classes and schedules.

Entertainment Pavilion

Opens noon daily
 Free admission
 Located on the east side of Exhibit Hall #1

Antique Tractor Display

Antique tractors and gas engine on

display every day.
 The parade will be on Wednesday at 5 p.m. (grandstand, free). The feature tractor this year is FARMALL. Tractors stay on the grounds until 4 p.m.
 Sunday

Gambler's Choice Races

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 3 p.m.
 Divisions: Miniatures (38 & under); Mules & Ponies (over 38" & under 56"); Mules & Horses (56" and over, excluding drafts & draft cross); and Horses (drafts / draft cross)
 Special performance by the Boone County 4-H Driving Drill Team

Swine Costume Contest

Saturday
 Prizes will be awarded for: Most Creative, Most Humorous, Best Craftsmanship, and Best Team.

Grange Breakfast

6 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily
 Served at the Grange Food Complex by local Granges.
 Menu: pancakes, French toast, biscuits and gravy, toast, sausage, bacon, eggs to order and drinks.

Grange Dinners

Thursday to Sunday
 11 a.m. until the food is gone
 Served at the Grange Food Complex

by local Granges.
 Thursday – BBQ Pulled Pork
 Friday – Fish
 Saturday – Charcoal Broiled Chicken
 Sunday – Charcoal Broiled Pork Chops

Grange Hall and Museum

9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Daily
 Located in a replicated 20th century dairy barn across from the livestock barns on the north side.
 Learn the history of the Grange chapters throughout Illinois and their more than 150 years of community service and leadership in rural America including the local chapters that have owned and operated the Boone County Fair since 1957.

One Room Schoolhouse

Open Daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Come and take a look at a one-room schoolhouse.

Kid's Day Games

Wednesday and Thursday, starting at 10 a.m.
 Located between Gazebo and Wee Farm on North side of Wee Farm
 Featuring games and fun: sack races, balloon blowing, egg toss and more.
 Ribbons, money and trophies sponsored by Midland States Bank.

Admission/tickets 2024

General Admission

Daily Admission	\$10
Season Tickets	
Advance sale	\$25
At the gate	\$40
Kids (0-9 years)	Free
Seniors 65+ (8/8)	Free
Day Pass 25 pack	\$175
Day Pass 50 pack	\$300
Concessions Pass	\$22
Exhibitor Tickets	\$20

Tickets

Seats in the grandstand may be reserved every evening except Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Aug. 6

7:30 pm Queen Pageant – Free Grandstand

Aug. 7

7 p.m. NEW! Monster Truck Show
 \$25 Grandstand
 \$20 Bleachers

Aug. 8

10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tractor & Truck Pulls
 \$7 Grandstand/bleacher
6:30 p.m. Truck, Tractor & Semi Pulls
 \$15 Grandstand
 \$10 Bleachers
 \$20 Pit Pass each (4 helpers if named on list \$10)

Aug. 9

7 p.m. Next Level Pro-Bull Riding
 (150 Bleacher Seats available at North End of Arena \$40)
 \$20 Grandstand
 \$15 Bleachers

Aug. 10

7 p.m. Scotty McCreery and Greylan James
 \$45 Pit
 \$45 Restricted Seated Only
 \$40 Track (sit or stand)
 \$35 Grandstand
 \$25 Bleachers

Aug. 11

Demolition Derby 1 and 6 p.m.
 (Prices for EACH show)
 \$20 Grandstand
 \$15 Bleachers
 \$30 Pit

Seniors 65+ are free all day
 Thursday, Aug. 8

Children 10 and younger are free all day everyday.

Fairgrounds parking is free.

Designated handicapped parking will be available.

Gates will be open 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday

Show ticket sales

Online Tickets for Scotty McCreery with Greylan James on sale online at: www.boonecountyfair.com

In-person tickets at the main gate ticket office located on Rt. 76, Gate 1 of the Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL 61008. Sales for all tickets including Scotty McCreery with Greylan James have begun. Monday and Tuesday sales are available 9 am to 4 pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Beginning July 29, sales will be available Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Phone orders are also being taken during office hours, call 815-547-4503. Major credit cards accepted.

Office hours starting... Saturday, Aug. 3 the ticket office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 6 thru Saturday, Aug. 10, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11.

All demo tickets will be sold at grandstand ticket building only.



Scotty McCreery to headline at 2024 Boone County Fair

Singer now has five consecutive No. 1 hits

By Jane Charmelo
NEWS COORDINATOR

Editor's note: Portions of this article were first published in the Jan. 4, 2024 Belvidere Republican.

The Boone County Fair Association has announced that Scotty McCreery will be the headline entertainment—and tickets are already on sale.

The 2024 Boone County Fair will take place Tuesday, Aug. 6, through Sunday, Aug. 11, with McCreery appearing Saturday, Aug. 10, according to the fair association.

Tom Ratcliffe, a member of the Boone County Fair Association Board of Directors, said when it comes to entertainment,

“We always have our ears open,” he said, adding that the association has used the Variety Attractions agency of Zanesville, Ohio, since the early 1960s to help book talent for the county fair.

The Entertainment Committee, he continued, “will sit down and brainstorm,” adding that members submit a handful of potential entertainers for consideration around October a year in advance, and “it gets whittled down to about three names.”

About Scotty McCreery

McCreery grew up in Garner, N.C., and went to college at North Carolina State. He currently lives in Raleigh, N.C., according to Scott Stevens of Triple 8 Management.

“His grandmother gave him a cassette tape of Elvis songs when he was young,

and that inspired him to want to become an entertainer,” Stem said. “He was further inspired by his first country music concert (George Strait, Reba McEntire, and Lee Ann Womak) when he was young and later inspired by artists including Garth Brooks, Josh Turner, Randy Travis, Conway Twitty, Ronnie Milsap, Dolly Parton, and Loretta Lynn.”

McCreery made history in 2011 as “both the first country artist and youngest male artist of any genre to debut his first solo album, the Platinum-certified ‘Clear as Day,’ at No. 1 on the all-genre Billboard Top 200 albums chart,” according to Stem. He also won Season 10 of “American Idol” in 2011, at age 17.

The singer’s No.1 hits include “Damn Strait,” “You Time,” “In Between,” “This is It,” and “Five More Minutes.”

McCreery’s accolades also include one Triple Platinum, five Platinum, and four Gold singles; one Platinum and two Gold albums; and he was named ACM New Artist of the Year in 2011. He was inducted this past fall into the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame and was recently invited by Garth Brooks to become a member of the Grand Ole Opry.

Additionally, the singer was awarded Pandora Billionaire status in 2021, and his song “Five More Minutes” was the inspiration for two holiday movies on the Hallmark Movies and Mysteries Network. He was awarded a CMT Music Award and several BMI Awards.

McCreery released his first book, “Go Big or Go Home: The Journey Toward the Dream,” in 2016.

His new single, “Cab in a Solo,” was released in April and is part of his newest



Scotty McCreery will headline this year's Boone County Fair on Saturday, Aug. 10. The fair runs from Aug. 6-11.

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album, Rise & Fall.

Ratcliffe mentioned that McCreery had performed at the Boone County Fair seven years ago, saying, “He’s got a great voice. He’s got some great songs.”

“He’s young and energetic, and he does a great show,” Ratcliffe added. “We’re very excited.”

The Aug. 10 show on the Grandstand Stage will begin at 7 p.m. with up-and-

coming singer/songwriter Greylan James, followed by McCreery.

Tickets can be purchased at www.boonecountyfair.com, or at the ticket office. For details on office hours, which increase in early August, visit the website.

Note that tickets to the show do not include a \$10 cash admission to the fair. Season tickets will be \$25. You can follow the fair on Facebook and TikTok.



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10am - 2pm

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10 am to 12 pm
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Kids can ride rides in the Midway at a discounted rate on Wednesday, Aug. 7 from noon to 5 p.m.

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Caricature artists can provide a fun souvenir from the fair.

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A variety of items are entered in the baking contest at the fair.

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Artists will vie for blue ribbons at the Boone County Fair.

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These are some big bumper cars



The Demolition Derby fills the Grandstand with excited fans while the drivers attempt to hit others more often than being hit themselves.

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And the crown goes to...

Last year's fair royalty included, from the left: (back row) 2023 First Runner Up Emma Cordray, of Belvidere, 2023 Miss Boone County Fair Queen Alivia Malcolm, of Belvidere, and 2023 Second Runner Up Delphine Calabrese, of Belvidere. In front is 2023 Little Miss, Haven Asbury, of Belvidere. The 2024 Queen Pageant and Little Miss Pageant will be held in the grandstand Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 7:30-10 p.m.

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BOONE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS PARK
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS



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above: American bull riding is considered the most dangerous eight seconds in sports by many.
below: Musical entertainment at the fair generally draws a large crowd of fans.

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UP TO 450cc-2 Stroke
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above: 4-H judging is a moment many kids have waited for all year.
below: Many young fair attendees enjoy the Kid's Sack Race.

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'Friend of the Fair'

Ruth Blasingame received a 2024 Friend of the Fair Award from the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs.

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The Granges of Boone County have run the fair since 1957

County fairs are agricultural expositions that were first established in this country in 1841, when agricultural groups organized the first fairs in Syracuse, NY and Naper Settlement (Naperville, IL). Food, both its production and enjoyment, has been the centerpiece of fairs since the beginning.

These local exhibitions promoted modern farming, which included livestock judging; judging of produce, fruits, flowers, grains, and dairy products; exhibits of new agricultural implements and techniques; and various contests such as plowing, which would eventually become tractor pulling competitions. Harness races would become a very popular part of agricultural fairs from about 1875 and on through the mid 1900s. We still feature harness races at the Boone County Fair.

Local county fair history

The first county fair in Belvidere was held in 1855 in Big Thunder Park. In 1867, the fair was relocated to what is now Spencer Park, which happened to be the same year the National Grange was founded.

The Grange (or Patrons of Husbandry) is the oldest agricultural organization in the United States, having been founded in 1867 to help organize the farmers after the Civil War. The Grange today is a family community service organization advocating for agriculture and rural America. There are seven local chapters of the National Grange in Boone County with more than 400 members.

Some members of the seven local chapters meet bi-monthly on a County level at what is known as the Boone County Pomona Grange. The Pomona Grange (or County Grange) has its own set of officers and committees. The Pomona Grange took over the operation of the Boone County Fair at what is now Spencer Park and formed the Boone County Fair Association in 1957.

After six years of operation, the Pomona Grange found itself with a fair that needed new buildings and more land if it were to grow and succeed. With no prospects or money for either in November of 1962, the Pomona Grange members voted to make the 1963 fair their last one.

A month or two later, the Taylor sisters came forward with a reasonable offer to sell the Pomona Grange 84 acres on Route 76, about a mile north of Belvidere. A few Grange members came forward and offered their farms as collateral so the purchase of the land could be made.

What it is today

Flash forward to 2014, and we have 153 acres with many buildings, barns, and arenas making up Boone County Fairgrounds Park, owned and operated by the Granges of Boone County. The four executive officers of the Boone County Fair Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, are elected by members of the Pomona Grange, with each of the seven local chapters selecting four members to be on the fair board.

As you can see, the Boone County

Fair has been a big part of the county for a long time. I can't speak for all fairs, but at Boone County, we are still a good place to do business with vendors of all types of equipment and supplies for agricultural purposes. But even urbanites can do business, such as buying a car, landscaping services, water softeners, a new hat, or whatever.

The fair is also one large community fundraiser. Nearly every civic organization has a booth or provides a service at the fair to raise money. The 4-H clubs, The Lions, Cosmos, Boy Scouts, Church groups, County Fire departments, and yes, even the Granges are all here raising money for their various projects for the community.

However, the centerpiece is still the livestock and non-livestock (home arts, fruits, vegetables, flowers, grains). We will have about 3,000 head of livestock, everything from rabbits to draft horses, and 6,000 non-livestock entries, everything from quilts to corn to cakes to photos.

Our superintendents do an outstanding job promoting participation in their various departments.

For the 4-H members, it's a chance to show their talents, learn to carry through on a project, learn to raise and care for an animal, and show that animal and have the animal and themselves judged for their showmanship abilities.

The fair is a place where people from the city can learn about agriculture. They can see a cow being milked, a chick being hatched, a sheep being sheared, and a team of six draft horses being hitched to a wagon. It's all up close and personal, and they can ask the farmer or rancher questions. And the farmer or rancher will be more than happy to answer. It's probably more important than ever that people understand where their food comes from and how it's raised. The fair is a place where you can see agriculture in action, firsthand.

The Boone County Fair is also a grand social event - a once-a-year, six-day, community family reunion - where you can just go and sit and see old friends and make new ones. And of course, we like to have some fun too.

There is plenty of free entertainment all through the park all day long, and some thrill rides and games if that's your thing. Plus some great grandstand shows for a night out with your friends.

We've been very fortunate in Boone County to have such a successful county fair.

The fairgrounds are a great asset to the community as a venue for almost any event from weddings, to concerts, to flea markets and swap meets, to auctions and a place to store your boat or camper for the winter.

The fairgrounds have something going on almost every weekend from April 1 to Nov. 1. This fair exists because of the hard work, sweat, and sacrifice of hundreds upon hundreds of volunteers who strived since 1957 to make the Boone County Fair the best in Illinois.

It's a fair we can all be proud of. The bottom line is, you don't have to be a farmer or rancher to be interested in agriculture or county fairs, or to even be

a member of The Grange.

As long as we all eat food, we are all interested in agriculture. And a good place to eat food is the county fair or a Grange potluck.

Citation: The Boone County Fair from Rock Valley Publishing, Thursday Aug 6, 2015.

Celebrating our journey

In 1855, Boone County Agricultural Society formed to organize the first Boone County Fair. Allen C. Fuller was principal organizer. An area of flat land north of the courthouse was purchased, and the first fair was held Oct. 25-26. Stock was exhibited and admission was free. Domestic articles and manufactured wares were to be exhibited at Union Hall, with Thursday's attendance at roughly 3,000 and Friday's at approximately 5,000. There were 50 horse entries in addition to mares and colts. Local talent performed in the evening at Union Hall.

1863-1865 No fairs were held during the Civil War.

1867 Old fairgrounds were sold (by courthouse) for \$675. Land purchased at the west end of Lincoln Ave for \$1,200 (now Spencer Park). Racetrack and judges stand were built.

1877 Fair had 1,048 entries.

1906 Belvidere Amphitheater Company formed to erect the amphitheater as fair association felt they couldn't pay to have it built. A group of men paid \$1,200.

1911 Fair association now owns grandstand.

1913 Season pass cost \$1.25 and covered man and wife, while a season pass for children 6-12 years old cost 25¢.

1925 New entrance complete - located about 1,000 feet east of the former gate.

1931 Adams Rodeo added to lineup and replaced harness racing.

1945 Fair canceled in an effort to reduce infantile paralysis epidemic.

1957 Granges took over fair operations under the management of Pomona Grange.

1963 Last fair to be held at old fairgrounds (Spencer Park). Eighty-four acres was purchased on Route 76 for a third fairgrounds.

1964 First fair to be held at current location.

1965 Cattle barn and grandstand (minus roof) were added.

1966 Dairy barn was added.

1967 Hog barn was added.

1968 Sheep barn was added.

1970 A Home Economics building was added.

1972 Two additional buildings were added.

1981 Large horse barn & grandstand roof added.

1991 Seventeen additional acres were acquired for a total of 101 acres.

1993 Fifty-two more acres were acquired for a total of 153 acres.

1994 Beaver Valley Grange Hall, which was founded in 1916, was moved to the fairgrounds.

1999 Goat barn was added.

2005 Swine building was extended and many new cement sidewalks were added.

2013 50th anniversary at the Route 76 location.

A closer look at The Grange

The Grange (officially known as The Order of Patrons of Husbandry) is a fraternal organization with a rich history and a highly visible community presence in the United States. (For historical information, see Birthplace of an American Treasure)

The organization is a perfect example of a grassroots, bottom-up group. The backbone of the Grange is the more than 3,000 local "subordinate" Granges, which are located in more than 30 states.

These Granges offer a wide range of locally-oriented programs and activities for children, youth, and adults. Each holds regular meetings where issues of community concern are often discussed. There are social events, contests, and community service projects sponsored by the Granges.

On the county or regional level, these local Granges band together into units known as Pomona Granges, primarily for discussion of concerns which affect a larger territory. On the statewide level, Granges cooperate by supporting a State Grange organization, which oversees the activities of all subordinate Granges as well as conducts lobbying and other activities on behalf of all members in the state.

The National Grange is situated in its own office building just a couple of blocks from the White House. National programs are headquartered there, and lobbying staff is active on Capitol Hill.

At each level, the Grange is guided by 16 elected officers. The officer slate at each level is led by a master. This title, which refers to the position functioning as the organization's president or chairperson, is one of several officer names dating back to the feudal English estates.

The vice president is called the overseer, and there are people assuming the duties of secretary, treasurer, chaplain, and an executive committee. A lecturer is responsible for the short programs at each meeting and, often, the Grange's community service program.

The Grange - like the Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks, and Moose - is a fraternal organization. One distinctive feature of fraternal orders is their emphasis upon traditional procedures for conducting their meetings.

These procedures, often called rituals, employ members who have specific parts to play in opening and closing ceremonies. The Grange, like other fraternities, has levels or "degrees" of membership, and a member advances from one level to the next by participating in or observing the rituals for that level.

Joining a local Grange is a positive step, which can bring many personal rewards. Prospective members are recommended by current members, but anyone interested in joining merely needs to approach a member and ask for an application.

The Grange has the historical distinction as being one of the first major national organizations, besides the church, that sought the membership and involvement of everyone in the family.

Grange members have an equal voice and an equal vote at meetings, regardless of their age, sex, or position within the

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Grange. Children ages 5 through 16 are eligible to belong to a junior Grange, whether or not they come from a Grange family.

The Grange provides numerous benefits for its members. Among those are insurance programs provided exclusively for Grangers' by Grange companies. Grange Advantage, a program of the National Grange, offers credit card, college selection services, and other money-saving programs.

But perhaps more than anything else, the Grange's interest in legislative action sets it apart from all other fraternities, services, and family organizations. Since its earliest years, the Grange has included legislative involvement - from a strictly non-partisan position - as one of its distinctive characteristics.

All policies - which the Grange fights for on the local, state, and national levels - are decided upon by the grass-roots membership. Much Grange policy reflects the predominantly rural and small-town composition of its membership, and therefore deals with topics of concern to those people: rural quality of life issues, farm programs, rural economic development, environmental and consumer issues, taxation, transportation, and similar topics.

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Gentle Giants move in tandem

Shown here in a unicorn hitch during the Boone County Draft Horse Classic, draft horses will return to the fairgrounds in August for the Boone County Fair.

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Owned and operated by the Granges of Boone County. Below are the 2024 fair officers, directors and superintendents.

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