

2026 PROGRAM

BOONE COUNTY FAIR

Owned and operated by the Granges of Boone County
Boone County Fairgrounds Park • 8847 IL Rt 76 • Belvidere, IL 61008

August 11th-16th, 2026

Times are approximate and may be changed since printed.
Check www.boonecountyfair.com for updates and more information.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH

Non-Livestock Bldg. Closed for Judging

- 8:00 am.....**4-H Poultry Show**Poultry Barn
8:30 am.....**4-H Horse & Pony Show** . . .Outdoor Horse Arena
12:00 pm.....**Flag Raising-VFW**Grandstand
12:00 pm.....**Skinner's Carnival Opens**Until 11 pm
12:00 pm.....Commercial Exhibit Halls Open . . .Main Gate Area
12:00 pm.....**Harness & Colt Racing**Grandstand (Free)
12:00-1:00 pm. ****Music By Hallie****Ent. Bldg.
(Milestone Singers)
2:30-5:30 pm. ****Hard Times Band****Ent. Bldg.
(Classic Country)
3:00 pm.....**Weigh-in Swine Jr & Open Show** . . .Swine Barn
6:00-9:30 pm. **Ranch Sorting Competition** . .Pony Arena (Free)
Contestants enter at Gate 4 (*Sponsored by Stillman Bank*)
7:00-10:00 pm. ****Dale Rhode & The Crossroad Band****
.Ent. Bldg.
7:30 pm.....****QUEEN PAGEANT****Grandstand (Free)
(*Sponsored by Byron Bank*)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

Non-Livestock Bldg. Opened from 10 am - 8:30 pm

Skinner's Amusements-Reduced Rides Noon to 5:00 pm

- 7:30 am.....**Open and Jr. Poultry Show**Poultry Barn
8:00 am.....**Open Rabbit Show**Rabbit Show Room
8:00 am.....**4-H Swine Show**Swine Barn
9:00 am.....**4-H Sheep Show**Sheep Arena
9:00 am.....**4-H Horse Speed Events**Pony Arena
9:00 am.....**4-H Dairy Steer Show**Livestock Show Arena
Youth Beef Judging follows Dairy Steer Show
10:00 am. **Kids Day Games**Gazebo/Memorial Park
(*Sponsored by Midland States Bank/Belvidere*)
11:00 am.....**4-H Beef Carcass Show**Livestock Arena
(**Starting upon completion of the Youth Beef Judging**)
12:00 pm.....**VIP Classes**Dairy Arena
12:00-3:00 pm. ****Acoustic Millenium Band****Ent. Bldg.
Contests held during band breaks - ages 15 and up
Watermelon Eating/Seed Spitting/Bubblegum Blowing/
Twinkie Eating/Soda Drinking
Prizes for each contest: 1st \$15.00, 2nd \$10.00, 3rd \$5.00
Hosted by Arnie Pearse. Contestants must pay fair admission.
3:00 pm.....**Gambler's Choice Team Driving**
Obstacle CoursePony Arena
Team Feed Race will follow
3:30 pm.....**4-H Rabbit Show**Livestock Show Arena
3:30 pm.....**Boone County 4-H Driving**
Drill TeamOutdoor Horse Arena
4:00-5:00 pm. **Jung's "Tae Kwon Do"**Ent. Bldg.

- 5:00 pm.....**Antique Tractor Parade**Grandstand (Free)
5:30-6:00 pm. **Step to Grace**Ent. Bldg.
6:00 pm.....**Draft Horse Pulls**Outside Horse Arena
7:00 pm.....****BANDA NUEVA RAZA****Grandstand
7:00-10:00 pm. ****Missing Links Band**** (Classic Rock). Ent. Bldg.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH

Senior Citizens Day (65+) Free Admission to Fair

Non-Livestock Bldg. Opened from 10 am - 8:30 pm

Skinner's Amusements - Reduced Rides 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

- 8:00 am.....**4-H Goat Show**Goat Barn
(Junior Dairy Goat Show promptly follows 4-H Goat Show)
8:00 am.....**Junior Sheep Show**Sheep Arena
9:00 am.....**4-H Dairy Show**Dairy Arena
9:00 am.....**4-H Beef Show**Livestock Arena
9:00 am.....**Pee Wee Poultry Show**Poultry Barn
9:00 am.....**Pony Classes**Pony Arena
10:00 am.....**Peace Lutheran Worship Service** . . .Ent. Bldg.
10:00 am. . . . **Kids Day Games**Gazebo/Memorial Park
(*Sponsored by Midland States Bank/Belvidere*)
10:00 am.....**Farm Tractor Pull**Grandstand
11:30-2:00 pm. ****Gene Shepherd & Mike Schneider Band****
On The Grounds
12:00-3:00 pm. ****Matthew Wundrow Band****Ent. Bldg.
(*Polka/Classic Country*)
2:00 pm.....**Illini Tractor & Truck Pulls**Grandstand
(**Stock Gas & Diesel ISP Truck Shootouts,
Super Stock Garden Tractors, Altered Trucks,
Hot Street Diesel Trucks, NA Tractors**)
(*Sponsored by Burger King & Alta Equipment Company*)
3:30-5:30 pm. ****Rockford Barber Shop Chorus**** . .Ent. Bldg.
4:00 pm.....**Draft Horses Cart Classes**. Outside Horse Arena
(**Starting w/Open 6-Horse Hitch-Class Series**)
(*Sponsored by Byron Bank*)
5:00 pm.....**4-H Livestock Auction**Livestock Arena
6:00-10:00 pm. ****Kevin Burns-Good Vibrations**** . . .Ent. Bldg.
(Tropical Island Music)
6:00 pm. . . ****Mother/Daughter Look-A-Like Contest****.Ent. Bldg.
Sign up at 5:30 behind Ent. Bldg.-Judging at 6:00 pm
(Casual Wear-Hosted by Arnie Pearse.
Prizes are: **1st-\$50, 2nd-\$40, 3rd-\$30.**
Must pay admission to the Fair. Former 1st place winners not eligible.)
6:30 pm.....****Illini State Pullers & Tri-County Pullers**
**featuring NA Super Stock & Pro Field Tractors,
Pro Stock Diesel Trucks, Too Hot to Farm Tractors,
Super Stock Trucks, Semi's, Limited Pro Stock Tractors,
Econo Mod Mini-Rods, Light Super Stock Tractors,
Light Pro Stock Diesel Trucks**Grandstand

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7:00 pm.....**Father/Son Look-A-Like Contest** . Ent. Bldg.
Sign up at 5:30 behind Ent. Bldg.-Judging at 7:00 pm
(Casual Wear-Hosted by Arnie Pearse.
Prizes are: **1st-\$50, 2nd-\$40, 3rd-\$30.**
Must Pay admission to the Fair. Former 1st place winners not eligible.
(Mother/Daughter, Father/Son Contests Sponsored by Parnell Foods)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH

Non-Livestock Bldg. Opened from 10 am - 8:30 pm
Skinners Amusements - Rides until 11:00 pm

8:00 am.....**Dairy Goat - Open Class** Goat Barn
8:30 am.....**Open & Junior Market Barrow Show**. Swine Barn
9:00 am.....**Open Sheep Show** Sheep Barn
9:00 am.....**Draft Horse Halter Show - Classic and
Junior Cart Classes** Inside Horse Arena
9:00 am.....**Open & Junior Beef Show** . . . Livestock Arena
9:00 am.....**Open & Junior Dairy Show** . Dairy Show Arena
9:00 am.....**Pony Halter & Performance Class** . Pony Arena
10:00-1:00 pm **.ATV Racing** Bleachers (Free)
by KICKABUDA Promos
(Sponsored by Hammertine Sports)

12:00-3:00 pm ****Grass Attack Band**** Ent. Bldg.
(Blue Grass)

3:30-4:30 pm ****Magic by Herb Rosene**** Ent. Bldg.

4:30-7:30 pm ****Gene Shepherd & Mike Schneider Band****
. On The Grounds

5:00 pm.....**4-H Master Showmanship Contest**
. Livestock Arena

5:00-6:00 pm ****Ms. Lemaster School of Dance**** . Ent. Bldg.

6:00 pm.....**Open Wether Show** Sheep Barn

7:00-10:00 pm ****Silver Creek Band**** (Country). Ent. Bldg.

7:00 pm.....****Next Level Pro Bull Riding**** Grandstand
(Sponsored by Bel Rock Asphalt, C.E.S. Inc., Cosmopolitan
Club of Belvidere, Gallano Trucking, Boone County District #2,
Stillman Bank, Twin Towers)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Non-Livestock Bldg. Opened from 10 am - 8:30 pm
Skinners Amusements - Rides until 11:00 pm

7:00 am.....**Weak End Antique Tractor Pull followed by
Rock County Pullers and Amateur Garden
Tractor Pulling** Grandstand (Free)

8:30 am.....**Pee Wee Swine Show** Swine Barn

9:00 am.....**Open Sheep Show** Sheep Barn

9:00 am.....**Open & Junior Steer Judging** .Livestock Arena

9:00 am.....**Open & Junior Dairy Cow Classes**. Dairy Arena
Beginning with Holstein then all breeds

9:00 am.....**Boer Goat Open Show**. Boar Goat Tent

9:00 am.....**Pony Performance & Hitch Classes**.Pony Arena

9:30 am.....****Talent Contest Sign-up**** Ent Bldg.
Open to all Amateur Talent

10:00 am.....**Draft Horse Hitch Classes**. Outside Horse Arena
Starting with 6 Horse Hitch and working down
(Sponsored by Byron Bank)

10:30 am.....**** Junior Talent**** (up to age 14). Ent. Bldg.

12:00 Noon.....**Swine Costume Show** Swine Barn

12:00 Noon.....**Supreme Grand Champion Dairy** . Dairy Arena

12:30 pm.....**Senior Talent (Ages 15-21)**

Contact Rick Arwood, after Aug 1st at 815-621-9548
Prizes for Jr. & Sr.: 1st-\$200, 2nd-\$150, 3rd-\$100
Contestants must pay admission to the fair.
(Talent Contest Sponsored by Parnell Foods)

1:00 pm.....**Pony Hitch Classes** Pony Arena

3:00 pm.....**Fur, Feather Auction** . . . Livestock Show Arena

3:30 pm.....**D&D PRO RODEO** Grandstand

3:30-4:30 pm ****Main Street Players of
Boone County**** Ent. Bldg.

4:30-7:00 pm ****Gene Shepherd & Mike Schneider Band**** . .
. On The Grounds

5:00-6:00 pm ****Cella's Dance & Education Center****. Ent. Bldg.

7:00-10:00 pm ****Boone Boys 45th
Anniversary Show****. Ent. Bldg.

7:30 pm.....**D&D PRO RODEO** Grandstand

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

Non-Livestock Bldg. Opened from 10 am - 3:00 pm
Skinners Amusements - Rides until 10:00 pm

8:30 am.....****Church Service**** Ent. Bldg.
(Conducted by Gideon's International)

9:30 am.....**Northern Illinois Outlaws Shootout**. Pony Arena

10:00 am.....**Pedal Pullers Pull** Livestock Arena
(Sponsored by The Henninger & Cloyd Families)

11:00 am.....**Junior Dairy Cattle-Pee Wee Show**. Dairy Arena

12:00 pm.....**Auction of Zoli's Wood Carvings**
. Oak Glen Road Near Gate #2

12:30-1:30 pm ****Lip Sync Contest**** Ent. Bldg.
Prizes: 1st-\$75, 2nd-\$50, 3rd-\$25
Conducted by Arnie Pearse
Contestants must pay fair admission at the gate.

1:00 pm.....****ROBO'S EXTREME DEMO DERBY****
. Grandstand

Young Guns Full Size
1st-\$1100, 2nd \$500, 3rd-\$300, 4th-\$200, 5th-\$100

80 New HO BO-Stock
1st-\$1100, 2nd-\$500, 3rd-\$300, 4th-\$200, 5th-\$100

PRO STOCK COMPACTS--"HEATS CONSI FEATURE"
1st \$1600, 2nd-\$800, 3rd-\$400, 4th-\$200, 5th-\$100
****Boone County Resident Highest Place** Trophy & \$1000**

1:30-3:00 pm ****Karaoke Contest**** Ent. Bldg.
Prizes: 1st-\$75, 2nd-\$50, 3rd-\$25
Conducted by Arnie Pearse
Contestants must pay fair admission at the gate.

5:00-8:00 pm ****NOVILLADA NORTENA**** Ent. Bldg.
(Regional Mexican Music)

5:00 pm.....**AIR FLY BY** Over Track Infield
Sponsored by Poplar Grove Airport/Steve Thomas

6:00 pm.....****ROBO'S EXTREME DEMO DERBY****
. Grandstand

OPEN WIRE FULL SIZE CARS--"HEATS CONSI FEATURE"
1st-\$1600, 2nd-\$800, 3rd-\$400, 4th-\$200, 5th-\$100
****Boone County Resident Highest Place** Trophy & \$1000**

Mini Vans/SUV = Open Wire Rules:
1st-\$1100, 2nd-\$600,
3rd-\$300, 4th-\$200, 5th-\$100

3/4 Ton Pickup - Full Size Stock farm
1st-\$1100, 2nd-\$600,
3rd-\$300, 4th-\$200, 5th-\$100

Boone Bone Stock Compact
1st-\$500, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

Classes to Change at Promoters Discretion

ADDITIONAL ATTRACTIONS

READY GO DOG SHOW North of Big Thunder Rd and East of Administration Building

Tues (11th)-Fri (14th) Show times: 2:00, 5:00 & 7:00 pm
Sat 12:00, 2:00, 5:00 & 7:00 pm Sun (16th) 1:00 pm & 2:30 pm
(Sponsored by UW Health/Swedish American Hospital, The DeLong Co., Inc. Summit CPA Group, Union Savings Bank, Tobin, Ramon & Barber, Hammertime Sports, Kunes Auto Group)

ZOLI'S WOOD CARVING Located near Prairie Road

Show times: Wed (12th) - Fri (14th) - 11:00 am, 1:30 & 4:00 pm. Sat (15th) - 12:30, 1:30 & 4:00 pm. Auction Sun (16th) at Noon.

(Sponsored by Lee Auction Service, Area Services Inc., Minnihan's Tree Service, R.P. Lumber, Watson & Son Excavating)

TIMBERWORKS LUMBERJACK SHOW Located North of Big Thunder Rd., East of Admin. Bldg.

Show times: Tues (11th)-Fri (14th)-1:00 pm & 3:00 & 6:00 pm.
Sat (15th) 11:00 am, 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Sun (16th) - 11:00 am & 3:00 pm

(Sponsored by Boone County Family Restaurant, Hydeout Bar & Grill, The Smokin' Coop BBQ, Countryside Meats, Solutions Bank, Wisconsin Cheese)

FIRST BITE FISHING TANK Located South of Antique Tractors, and South of Big Thunder Road

Tues (11th) thru Sat (15th) - 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm; Sun (16th) - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

(Sponsored by Belvidere Collectible Coins, DQ of Belvidere, Ultimate Car Wash & Express Lube, Tilford's Towing)

MISS MAKE BELIEVE located West side of

Flora Rd near Gazebo

Shows: Tues (11th) - Fri (14th) 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm;
Sat (15th) 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm;
Sun (16th) 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm

(Sponsored by Culvers of Belvidere, First Mid Bank, Frank & Kay Bullard, C.E.S. Inc., J&M Plating, Boone County Shopper)

Magic Mike-Strolling the grounds Wed thru Sunday

Daily-Skinners Amusement and Carnival-Opens at noon unless previously stated

Daily-Wee Farm

Daily-The New Grange Building-Open 9:30 am until 8:30 pm

Daily-Reed One Room Schoolhouse-

Open 10:00 am until 6:00 pm

Daily-Antique Tractor and Antique Gas Engine Display-
County Line Road

GRANGES FOOD STAND MENU

Food served by the "Granges of Boone County" with

Thursday Pulled Pork Sandwich/Dinner;

Fish on Friday;

Charcoal-Broiled Chicken on Saturday; and

Charcoal-Broiled Pork Chops on Sunday.

2026 DAILY ADMISSION

Tuesday-Sunday - \$10

25 tickets in a pack - Cost \$175

50 tickets in a pack - \$300

SEASON PASSES

Exhibitor Pass \$20.00

Season Pass \$25.00 - at Gate \$40.00

CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER ARE FREE!

TICKET OFFICE HOURS

No Sun/Mon/Tues hours until the week of the fair

In-person tickets at the main gate ticket office located on Rt. 76, Gate 1 of the Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL 61008.

Ticket sales start **July 11th** from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Weds-Fri (**July 15-Aug 7**) from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sat (**July 18 - Aug 1**) 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sat & Sun (**Aug 8-Aug 9**) from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mon (**Aug 10**) from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Tues-Sat (**Aug 11-Aug 15**) from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sun (**Aug 16**) 9:00 am (Demo tickets sold at Grandstand ticket building ONLY)

Phone orders taken only during office hours at

815-547-4503

Major Credit Cards Accepted

TICKET PRICES FOR 2026

SEATS IN THE GRANDSTAND MAY BE RESERVED
EVERY EVENING EXCEPT TUESDAY

Tuesday (11th) 7:30 pm - **Queen Pageant** - Free Grandstand

Wednesday (12th) 7:00 pm - **Banda Nueva Raza Band**

- Grandstand & Bleachers - \$10 General Admission Seating/No Assigned Seating
- **Track is the Dance area** - No Pit Passes sold

Thurs (13th) 10:00 am **Truck & Tractor Pulls**

2:00 pm **Trucks & Tractors**-\$9.00 Grandstand/bleacher

Thurs (13th) 6:30 pm **Truck, Tractor & Semi Pulls**

\$15.00 Grandstand

\$10.00 Bleachers

\$20.00 Pit Pass (each tractor allowed 4 helpers if named on list \$10.00)

Friday (14th) 7:00 pm **Next Level Pro-Bull Riding**

- Grandstand - \$20
- Bleacher Seats available at North End-\$40
- Bleacher Seats available at South End - \$40

Saturday (15th) **Pro Rodeo 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm**

Price for each show:

- Grandstand - \$20
- VIP Stage Bleachers - \$40 - Infield Entrance for Meet & Greet 3 pm & 7 pm

Sunday (16th) - **Demolition Derby 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm**

Price for each show:

- Grandstand - \$20
- Bleachers - \$15
- Pit Pass - \$30