

2026 Boone County Fair Program

Owned & 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 have changed since printed. Check www.boonecountyfair.com for updates and more information. Grandstand \$ = Need ticket for Grandstand

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11th

Non-Livestock Bldg Closed for Judging

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12th

7:30am.....Open & Jr Poultry Show.....Poultry Barn
8:00.....Open Rabbit Show.....Rabbit Show Room
8:00.....4-H Swine Show.....Swine Barn
9:00.....4-H Sheep Show.....Sheep Barn
9:00.....4-H Horse Speed Events.....Pony Arena
9:00.....4-H Dairy Steer Show.....Livestock Show Arena
(Youth Beef Judging follows Dairy Steer Show)
10:00.....Kids Days Games.....Gazebo Park
(Sponsored by Midland States Bank/Belvidere)
10:00.....Non-Livestock & Commercial Halls Open.....
11:00.....4-H Beef Carcass Show.....Livestock Arena
(Starting upon completion of Youth Beef Judging)
12:00pm.....VIP ClassesDairy Arena
12:00.....Carnival Opens..... (REDUCED RIDES TIL 5)
12:00-3:30.....Acoustic Millennium Band.....Ent Bldg
(Contests held during band breaks - ages 15 and up)
(Watermelon Eating/Seed Spitting * Bubblegum blowing
Twinkie Eating * Soda Drinking - 1st \$15*2nd \$10*3rd \$5
Hosted by Arnie Pearse * Must pay Fair admission)
3:30.....4-H Rabbit Show.....Livestock Show Arena
3:30.....4-H Driving Drill Team.....Outdoor Horse Arena
4:00 - 5:00.....Jung's Tae Kwon Do.....Ent Bldg
5:00.....Antique Tractor Parade.....Grandstand \$
5:30 - 6:00.....Step to Grace.....Ent Bldg
6:00.....Draft Horse Pull.....Outdoor Horse Arena
7:00 - 10:00.....Missing Links (Classic Rock/R&B).....Ent Bldg
7:00.....BANDA NUEVA RAZA.....Grandstand \$

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13th

Senior Citizens (65+) Free Admission to Fair

8:00am.....4-H Goat Show.....Goat Barn
(Junior Dairy Goat Show follows 4-H Goat Show)
8:00.....Junior Sheep Show.....Sheep Barn
9:00.....4-H Dairy Show.....Dairy Arena
9:00.....4-H Beef Show.....Livestock Arena
9:00.....Pee Wee Poultry Show.....Poultry Barn
9:00.....Pony Classes.....Pony Arena
10:00.....Peace Worship Service.....Ent Bldg
10:00.....Non-Livestock & Commercial Halls Open.....
10:00.....Kids Days Games.....Gazebo Park
(Sponsored by Midland States Bank/Belvidere)
10:00.....Farm Tractor Pull.....Grandstand \$
11:30-2:00.....Gene Shepherd & Mike Schneider Band.....
(on the grounds)
12:00pm.....Carnival Opens.....(REDUCED RIDES TIL 5)
12:00-3:00.....Matthew Wundrow BandEnt Bldg
(Polka/Classic Country)
2:00.....Illini Truck & Tractor 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 Co)
3:30-5:30.....Rockford Barber Shop Chorus.....Ent Bldg
4:00.....Draft Horse Cart Classes.....Outside Horse Arena
(Starting w/ Open 6-Horse Hitch - Classic Series)
(Sponsored by Byron Bank)
5:00.....4-H Livestock Auction.....Livestock Arena
6:00-10:00.....Kevin Burns Good Vibrations.....Ent Bldg
(Tropical Island Music)
6:00.....Mother/Daughter Look-A-Like Contest..Ent Bldg
Sign-up at 5:30 behind Ent Bldg - Judging at 6pm)
(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.....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 \$
7:00.....Father/Son Look-Like-Contest.....Ent Bldg
(Same instructions as Mother/Daughter)
(Both contests sponsored by Parnell Foods)

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 14th

8:00am..... Dairy Goat - Open Class..... Goat Barn
8:30..... Open & Jr Market Barrow Show..... Swine Barn
9:00..... Open Sheep Show..... Sheep Barn
9:00..... Draft Horse Halter Show - Classic and
Junior Cart Classes..... Inside Horse Arena
9:00..... Open & Jr Beef Show..... Livestock Arena
9:00..... Open & Jr Dairy Show..... Dairy Show Arena
9:00..... Pony Halter & Performance Class.... Pony Arena
10:00..... Non-Livestock & Commercial Bldgs Open.....
10:00-1:00pm... ATV Racing (Kickabuda Promos).. Bleachers
(Sponsored by Hammertime Sports - Free)
12:00pm..... Carnival Opens..... Until 11:00pm
12:00-3:00... Grass Attack Band (Blue Grass)..... Ent Bldg
3:30-4:30..... Magic by Herb Rosene..... Ent Bldg
4:30-7:30..... Gene Shepard & Mike Schneider Band
..... On the Grounds
5:00..... 4-H Master Showmanship Contest
..... Livestock Arena
5:00-6:00..... Ms Lemaster School of Dance..... Ent Bldg
6:00..... Open Wether Show..... Sheep Barn
7:00-10:00... Silver Creek Band (Country)..... Ent Bldg
7:00..... NEXT LEVEL PRO BULL RIDING..... Grandstand \$
(Sponsored by Bel Rock Asphalt, C.E.S. Inc, Twin Towers,
Cosmopolitan Club, Gallano Trucking, Stillman Band and
Boone County Fire District #2)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th

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

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

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

9:00.....Open & Jr. Steer Show.....Livestock Barn

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

9:00.....Boer Goat Open Show.....Boer Goat Tent

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

9:30.....Youth Amateur Talent Contest Sign-Up..Ent Bldg

10:00.....Non-Livestock & Commercial Halls Open.....

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

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

12:00pm....Carnival Opens.....Until 11:00pm

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

12:00.....Supreme Grand Champion Dairy.....Dairy Barn

**12:30.....Senior Talent Contest (Ages 15-21).....Ent Bldg
Contact Rick Arwood after Aug 1st at 815-621-9548
Prizes for Jr & Senior - 1st-\$200*2nd-\$150*3rd-\$100
Contestants must by admission to the fair
(Sponsored by Parnell Foods)**

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

3:00.....Fur, Feather Auction.....Livestock Arena

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

3:30.....D&D PRO RODEO.....Grandstand \$
4:30 -7:30...Gene Shepard & Mike Schneider Band
.....On the Grounds
5:00-6:00....Cella's Dance & Education Center.....Ent Bldg
7:00-10:00..Boone Boys 45th Anniversary Show.....Ent Bldg
7:30.....D&D PRO RODEO.....Grandstand \$

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th

8:30am.....Church Service by Gideon's International
.....Ent Bldg

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

10:00.....Non-Livestock & Commerccail Halls Open.....

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

11:00.....Junior Dairy Pee Wee Show.....Dairy Arena

12:00pm.....Carnival Opens.....Until 11:00pm

12:00.....Auction of Zoli's Wood Carvings.....Near Gate 2

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

1:00.....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

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

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

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

6:00.....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 Promoter's Discretion

Grange Food Stand Menu

Food Served by the Granges of Boone County

BREAKFAST: Served daily 6am to 10:30am

DINNERS: Served 11am until gone

Thursday: Pulled Pork

Friday: Fish

Saturday: Charcoal-Broiled Chicken

Sunday: Charcoal-Broiled Pork Chops

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