

# Storm Lake Times Pilot



**JULY 10TH THROUGH 14TH**



## Welcome to the Buena Vista County Fair!

We are so excited for this year's lineup of activities and shows. We will have Motocross, a Rodeo, Auto Races, Demo Derby, and Tractor Pull. Come out and check out our two great concerts by Scott Kirkhart and Eastern Heights on the Tyson Fresh Meats/UBI stage. Also check out our children's Ag-Xperience building filled with lots of activities for kids dealing with agriculture.

A magic show, baby contest, inflatables, balloon artist, food trucks, fair queen, little miss and little mister competitions, 4-H livestock and much more will make your trip to the fairgrounds memorable. Come out and enjoy these fun 5 days of summer at the BV County Fair!

*—Dana and Mike Christen, BV County Fair co-presidents*

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# 2024 Buena Vista County Fair Public Schedule

Opening Day of Fair on Wednesday: Daily Admission \$10. Gate admission DOES NOT include the races. Additional \$10 at the Grandstand gate, additional \$30 at the Pit gate.

## ALL-INCLUSIVE ADMISSION ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY:

Gate admission will cover all 4-H activities, inflatables and Grandstand events.

Daily Admission	\$15
Senior (62+) Daily Admission	\$7
5 Day Season Pass	\$50
3 & under	FREE

## MONDAY, JULY 1ST

10:00am-5pm	4-H Static Judging Day	Alta Community Center
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**\*\*4-H Club Booth Decorations Must Be Complete by 6pm\*\***

## TUESDAY, JULY 9TH

9:00am	Dog Show	4-H Show Ring
8:30am-5pm	Open Class Entries Drop Off	Open Class Building
6:00-8:00pm	Livestock Check In- HEALTH PAPERS REQUIRED	Livestock Barns

For Beef, Goats, Sheep, Llamas, Alpacas, & Rabbits- NO SWINE ALLOWED!

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH OPENING DAY OF THE BUENA VISTA COUNTY FAIR!!

Daily Admission \$10 (DOES NOT include the races)

Vet will set time SWINE VET CHECK - this will be the only time Swine will be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds due to African Swine Fever regulations from the Iowa Board of Fairs

7:00 - 10:30am	Livestock Weigh-ins- (Health Papers Required for beef, goats, sheep & swine)	
7:00 - 9:00am	Swine Weigh-in	Swine Barn
7:00 - 9:30am	Small Animal Check-in	Small Animal Buildings
7:00 - 10:00am	Poultry Pullorum Typhoid Testing - Required	Poultry Barn
8:00 - 9:30am	Sheep & Goat Weigh-in	Sheep/Goat Barn
8:00 - 9:30am	Beef Weigh-in	Beef Barn
9:00am	Open Class Judging-Building Closed to Public	Open Class Building
10:00am	Special Swine Selection/Weigh-in	Swine Barn
10:30am	All Livestock in place	Livestock Barns
12:00pm	Ag Xperience Building Opens	Ag Xperience Building
12:00pm	4-H Pet Show	4-H Auditorium
12:00pm-Dark	Meyer Petting Zoo	Fairgrounds
2:00pm	4-H Horse Show	4-H Horse Arena
3:00pm-10pm	Stars & Bars Entertainment Inflatables (Weather Permitting)	Fairgrounds
6:00pm	Crowning - BV Co Fair Queen & King, LI Miss & Mister	Stage
6:45pm	RACES BY TRENT CHINN PROMOTIONS	Grandstand

Hotlaps @6:45pm, Racing to follow

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE, Races are not included in gate admission.**

There is an additional \$10 cost at the Grandstand gate and an additional \$30 at the Pit gate\*\*

## THURSDAY, JULY 11TH

9:00am	4-H Sheep Show	4-H Show Ring
(After Sheep Show)	4-H Goat Show	4-H Show Ring
(After Goat Show)	4-H Llama & Alpaca Show	4-H Show Ring
11:00am- 10:00pm	Stars & Bars Entertainment Inflatables (Weather Permitting)	Fairgrounds
11:00am- Dark	Meyer Petting Zoo	Fairgrounds
12:00pm	Ag Xperience Building Opens	Ag Xperience Building
2:00pm	Rabbit Show	4-H Tent
2:00-8:00pm	Face Painting by Kelsie	Fairgrounds
2:00pm-8:00pm	Professor Von Air- Balloon Artist	Fairgrounds
4:30pm	Livestock Judging Competition	4-H Show Ring
5:00pm	TRACTOR PULL PRESENTED BY WEST CENTRAL PULLERS	Grandstand
6:00pm	Celebrity Showmanship	4-H Show Ring

**\*\*Auction for Wood Carvings & 4-H Barn Quilts during intermission\*\***

## FRIDAY, JULY 12TH

8:00am	4-H Swine Show	4-H Show Ring
11:00am	4-H Special Swine Show	4-H Show Ring
11:00am- Dark	Meyer Petting Zoo	Fairgrounds
11:00am-10:00pm	Stars & Bars Entertainment Inflatables (Weather Permitting)	Fairgrounds
12:00pm	Ag Xperience Building Opens	Ag Xperience Building

12:00pm-6pm	Professor Von Air- Balloon Artist	Fairgrounds
12:00pm-6pm	Face Painting by Kelsie	Fairgrounds
1:00pm	Bacon Buddies	4-H Show Ring
3:00pm	4-H Fashion Show	4-H Auditorium
	4-H Awards and Iowa State Fair Photo to follow	4-H Auditorium
	4-H Pie Baking (if enough interest)	4-H Auditorium
5:00pm	4-H Quiz Bowl	4-H Auditorium
6:30pm	MOTOCROSS	Grandstand
	CONCERT: Scott Kirkhart following Motocross	Stage

## SATURDAY, JULY 13TH KIDS DAY AT THE BUENA VISTA COUNTY FAIR

9:00am	4-H Beef Show	4-H Show Arena
11:00am-Dark	Meyer Petting Zoo	Fairgrounds
10:00am	Baby Contest	Stage
10:00am-8pm	Caricatures by Connie	Ag Experience Building
11:00am	Rondini Magic Show	4-H Auditorium
11:00am-10pm	Stars & Bars Entertainment Inflatables (Weather Permitting)	Fairgrounds
11:30am	4-H Working Exhibits	4-H Building
12:00pm	Ag Xperience Building Opens	Ag Xperience Building
12:00pm-8pm	Professor Von Air- Balloon Artist	Fairgrounds
12:00pm-8pm	Face Painting by Kelsie	Fairgrounds
12:00pm	Pedal Pull Registration	Ag Xperience Building
12:30pm	Pedal Pull Sponsored by Farm Bureau	Ag Xperience Building
12:30pm	Clover Kids Projects & Stuffed Animal Show	4-H Auditorium
1:00 pm	4-H Poultry Show	4-H Tent
1:00pm	Critter Close Ups	Fairgrounds
2:00pm	Clover Kids Animal Walk- Thru- Meet @ 4-H Building	Livestock Barns
3:00pm	Critter Close Ups	Fairgrounds
4:00pm until Sold Out	Pie Stand by Warrior PTO/Alta Community Library	Fairgrounds
4:00pm	Rondini Bombastic Bubble Show	4-H Auditorium
5:00pm	Ag Olympics	Show Ring
5:00pm	Critter Close Ups	Fairgrounds
6:00pm	Rondini Hypnosis Show	4-H Auditorium
6:00pm	DEMO DERBY	Grandstands
BAND: Eastern Heights- following Demo Derby		Stage
8:00pm	4-H Horse Games	Horse Arena

## SUNDAY, JULY 14TH SUNDAY FUNDAY!

7:00am	Church Service with Pastor Kiboko	Stage
9:00am	Dog Agility Show	4-H Show Ring
8:00am-10:00am	BBQ Contest Sponsored by Tyson- Meat Pick Up	Fairgrounds
10:00am	Bags Tournament	Fairgrounds
11:00am	Critter Close Ups	Fairgrounds
11:00am	Rondini Hypnosis Show	4-H Auditorium
11:00am-5pm	Caricatures by Connie	Ag Experience Building
11:00am- Close	Meyer Petting Zoo	Fairgrounds
11:00am-5:00pm	Stars & Bars Entertainment Inflatables (Weather Permitting)	Fairgrounds
12:00pm	Ag Xperience Building Opens	Ag Xperience Building
12:00pm	Complementary "Food From a Farmer" Meal	Fairgrounds
12:00pm- 4:00pm	Professor Von Air- Balloon Artist	Fairgrounds
12:00pm-4:00pm	Face Painting by Kelsie	Fairgrounds
12:30pm	Overall Showmanship Test	4-H Auditorium
1:00pm	Critter Close Ups	Fairgrounds
1:30pm	Rondini Bombastic Bubble Show	4-H Auditorium
1:30pm	Overall Showmanship - Home-raised Market Division	4-H Show Ring
2:00pm	RODEO	Horse Arena
2:15pm	Overall Showmanship - Companion Animal Division	4-H Show Ring
3:00pm	Critter Close Ups	Fairgrounds
3:00pm	Rondini Magic Show	4-H Auditorium
3:00pm	BBQ Contest Sponsored by Tyson- Plated & Judging Begins	Fairgrounds
4:00pm	BBQ Contest Sponsored by Tyson- Awards	Fairgrounds
4:00pm-5:30pm	Open Class Entries Pick Up	Open Class Building
4:00pm	Static Release	4-H Building
5:00pm	4-H Animal Release	Livestock Barns



# Buena Vista County Fair Swaps Traditional Carnival for Inflatable Attractions



The Buena Vista County Fair will be featuring a different set of attractions this year. In place of the usual carnival, there will be a variety of inflatable attractions for all ages on the fairgrounds. Due to a scheduling conflict with the carnival company, Stars and Bars Entertainment from Harlan, has been secured as a last-minute replacement.

Despite this change, the Buena Vista County Fair Board has worked hard to ensure a fun-filled fair for everyone. "The carnival company double-booked for this year and chose to attend the other event instead of our fair," explained Buena Vista County Fair Board member Jen Lauderville.

The board reached out to several other carnival companies to fill in. Still, they were unavailable for this year's fair dates. "We hope to have a carnival next year, depending on availability and schedules," Lauderville added.

This year's fair attendees can expect attractions such as a giant slide, axe throw, fire station, Knockerball and arena, arch bouncer, defender dome, and a 75-foot obstacle course provided by Stars and Bars Entertainment. There is even a potential addition of a new attraction called Rapid Fire, which could be the highlight of this year's fair.

Despite the absence of a traditional carnival, the Buena Vista County Fair promises a packed schedule with engaging activities and entertainment. The fair will kick off with a stock car race on opening night and feature a rodeo on Sunday afternoon instead of the usual Friday slot, ensuring that there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Other attractions expected at the 2024 BV County Fair include the Meyer Petting Zoo, daily face painting by Kelsie, a bag tournament on Sunday, and a Dog Agility event on Sunday, July 14.

The entertainment lineup offers various shows, ensuring there's something for everyone. From Critter Close Ups for animal lovers to Rondini's magic and hypnosis shows for those who enjoy a bit of mystery, and the addition of his "Bombtastic Bubble Show" on Saturday and Sunday for a unique experience. Bob Bohm's Family Entertainment will also be present, offering a Comedy Magic Show, FARMily Feud Family Game Show, and Survivor Family Game Shows throughout the weekend.

Many of these events will occur on the BV County Fairgrounds stage, with a new roof completed just in time for the fair.



# SCOTT KIRKHART TO PERFORM AT BUENA VISTA COUNTY FAIR

On Friday, July 12, after the Motocross event, Scott Kirkhart will perform on the UBI/Tyson Fresh Meats Stage at the Buena Vista County Fair.

Scott Kirkhart's music is a mix of classic rock and modern country. His voice captures the essence of classic rock songs with a contemporary twist. His style, often called "Whiskey Sippin' Backroads," includes heartfelt storytelling and soulful melodies.

During his performances, Scott Kirkhart covers artists such as Chris Stapleton and Marshall Tucker and performs his original songs like "Stiff Drink" and "I'll Do Me."

Scott Kirkhart has performed alongside well-known country



music acts like HARDY, Ernest, Jordan Davis, Grainger Smith, Mitchell Tenpenny and Niko Moon, gaining a solid fanbase in Iowa and the Midwest. His genuine sound and captivating stage presence have earned him recognition in the country music scene.

Don't miss the opportunity to experience Scott Kirkhart's unique blend of classic rock and modern country live at the Buena Vista County Fair. It's a chance to enjoy a night of authentic music and engaging performances.

*Scott Kirkhart will perform after the Motocross on Friday, July 12th.*



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## WELCOME TO THE BV COUNTY FAIR



**We salute all of the fair participants for their dedication to the tradition the fair represents.**

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# Five compete for *BV Fair Queen* crown, six for *Little Miss*

## Fair Queen Candidates

**Alexa Kraft** - Alexa Kraft, a Newell-Fonda High School senior, is an active participant in URBA (United Rough Stock & Barrel Association). Kraft, the daughter of Tony and Jess Kraft, is passionate about barrel racing, roping and pole bending.

**April Meyer** - April Meyer is a senior at Newell-Fonda. She is the daughter of Drs. Brent and Leigh Meyer of Newell. She is involved in various activities, including FFA, 4-H, dance, cheer, cross country, golf, NHS, FCCLA, FCA, all-school plays, band, speech, and CYC. Beyond her academic and extracurricular pursuits, April enjoys dancing, reading, running, gardening, crocheting, sewing, golfing, swimming, collecting vinyl albums, creating music, and playing saxophone, piano and clarinet.

**Bryleigh Marshall** - Bryleigh Marshall, a senior from Alta, is the daughter of Jeni and Kevin Marshall. She participates actively in volleyball, 4-H, FFA, and the Kindness Club. In her free time, Bryleigh enjoys shopping, baking and babysitting.

**Harley Doyel** - Harley Doyel, a senior from Storm Lake, is the daughter of Todd and Kim Doyel. She is involved in 4-H, FFA, student council, volleyball, softball, speech, and band. Harley also enjoys disc golfing, fishing, hunting, working with animals, and engaging in agricultural activities and projects.

**Mary Connolly** - Mary Connolly, a senior from Storm Lake, is the daughter of April and Justin Hocking. She participates in the BV County Livestock Judging Team, NHS, FCA, FFA, 4-H, CYC, Youth Development Committee, and student council. Mary's interests include showing livestock, community service projects, working with Clover Kids and spending time with friends.

## Little Miss Candidates

**Sawyer Millard** - Sawyer Millard is a second-grade student from Alta, the daughter of Tyler and Annie Millard. Her favorite aspects of the fair include enjoying the food and admiring various projects.

**Pandora Cortez** - Pandora Cortez, the daughter of Alex and Ana Cortez, is a fourth-grade student from Storm Lake. She loves the fair for its rides, funnel cakes and the opportunity to interact with cute animals.

**Eliana Sievers** - Eliana Sievers, a fourth-grade student from Albert City, is the daughter of Steven and Emily Sievers. Her favorite fair activities include competing for Little Miss, enjoying rides with her brother, participating in the 4-H ring with her dog and spending time with rabbits and horses.

**Evie Reitsma** - Evie Reitsma, the daughter of Molly and Jim Reitsma, is a fourth-grade student from Alta. Her favorite things at the Buena Vista County Fair include seeing livestock, spending time with friends and indulging in delicious fair food.

**Avery Statz** - Avery Statz, a first-grade student from Newell-Fonda, is the daughter of Tony Statz. Her favorite fair activities each year at the BV County Fair include the water table, rides, interacting with animals and enjoying the corn feed.

**Alyson Hartnett** - Alyson Hartnett, a third-grade student from Storm Lake, is the daughter of Samantha Barahona and Charles Hartnett. She loves spending fair week going on rides with her brother, playing with show pigs, eating ice cream with her dad, camping with her grandparents and meeting friends.

## Fair Queen Candidates



Alexa Kraft



Bryleigh Marshall



Haley Doyel



Mary Connolly



April Meyer

## Little Miss Candidates



Sawyer Millard



Pandora Cortez



Eliana Sievers



Avery Statz



Alyson Hartnett



Evie Reitsma



# Four Little Mister candidates for the Fair



Jaxyn Larson



Easton Lussman



Lakota Christen



Tripp Millard

## Little Mister Candidates

**Tripp Millard** - Tripp Millard, the son of Tyler and Annie Millard, is a fourth-grade student from Alta. He enjoys the food, animals, races and various projects at the county fair each summer.

**Lakota Christen** - Lakota Christen, the son of Mike and Dana Christen, is a third-grade student from Storm Lake. His favorite fair activities during the BV County Fair include rides, camping, and attending shows, which he considers the highlight of his summer.

**Easton Lussman** - Easton Lussman, a second-grade student from Storm Lake, is the son of Jeff and Angie Lussman. He loves the fair for the demo derby, rodeo, pedal pull, and spending time with cousins and fair friends in the cattle barns.

**Jaxyn Larson** - Jaxyn Larson, a first-grade student from Alta, is the son of Alex Speers, Tiffany Speers, and Joey Larson. His favorite fair moments include watching events like barrel racing and admiring the animals.

# LET'S ALL GO TO THE FAIR!!

## Admission Prices

**All-inclusive pricing means your gate admission will cover all 4-H activities, carnival rides and grandstand events!**

- **Daily admission: \$15**
- **Seniors (62+): \$7**
- **Five-day season pass: \$50**
- **Ages three and under: FREE**



# Grandstand Entertainment on tap at the Fair

**Thursday, July 11th**

**Western Iowa Pullers**

**Tractor Pulls**



**Friday, July 12th**

**Motocross presented by**

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**Saturday, July 13th**

**Demo Derby presented by**

**448 Promotions**



**Sunday, July 14th**

**Rodeo**







# EASTERN HEIGHTS

*Eastern Heights performs on the stage following the Demo Derby Saturday night.*

## **EASTERN HEIGHTS TO PERFORM AFTER DEMO ON SATURDAY, JULY 13TH**

Eastern Heights will perform right after the Demo concert this Saturday, July 13. Lead Singer Rob Blackburn and Lead Guitarist/Musical Director Grant Moody are central to the group, known for their lively performances, tight harmonies, and exceptional musicianship.

Hailing from the Midwest, Eastern Heights is a musical chameleon, showcasing its versatility

across a spectrum of genres. From rock to pop, disco to funk, and classic country to today's country, their playlist features popular hits from a variety of artists, ensuring a diverse and enjoyable musical experience for all listeners.

Eastern Heights is a frequently chosen act for various events, including college functions, fairs and festivals. Their performances have proven

to resonate with diverse audiences, establishing them as a preferred option for event planners. Whether delivering their act in intimate settings or on grand stages, The band's capacity to incorporate a personal touch into their shows enhances the depth and authenticity of their performances, resulting in captivating and enduring experiences for all attendees.

## **Come Enjoy Some Great Music Friday & Saturday Night!**



# Introducing a new addition: the Dog Agility Show

The BV County Fair and the area 4Hers are introducing a fresh addition to the BV County Fair: the inaugural Dog Agility show.

This year's Buena Vista County Fair will introduce a thrilling new event: the Dog Agility show, scheduled for Sunday, July 14. The show, which coincides with the BV County Fair Family Fun Day, will kick off at 9 a.m. in the 4-H Show Ring.

"We just started the program last year, and this is the first year we are actually having a contest," says Melissa Fahr, the dog superintendent for the BV County 4-H. Last year, the 4-H programs featured a dog agility demonstration, but they are ramping it up to a full-fledged competition this year.

## What is Dog Agility?

So, what exactly is dog agility? According to Fahr, it's an exhilarating sport where dogs showcase their skills by performing various tasks within a set time limit. "Some of the different tasks are jumps, a teeter-totter, weave poles, a tunnel, a pause table, an A-frame and a dog walk," Fahr explains.

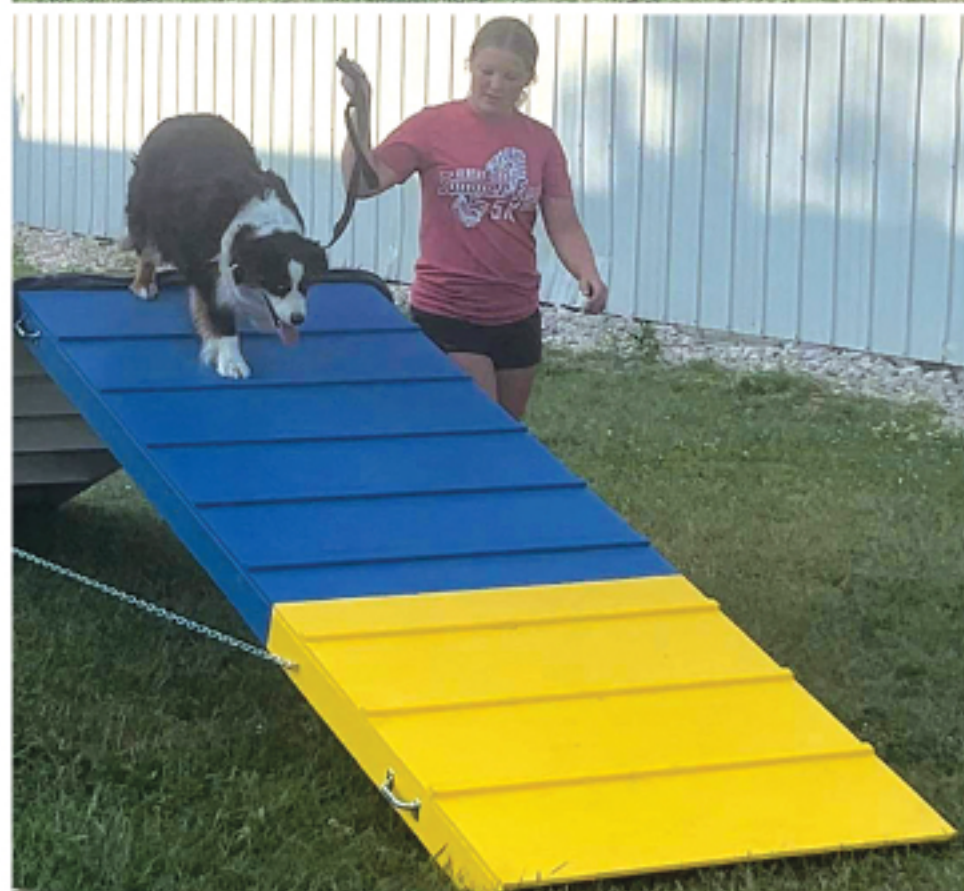
While the BV County Fair doesn't yet have all the specialized equipment required for a traditional dog agility contest, it is gradually building its collection. "We currently don't have all the equipment," Fahr notes. But we are adding to what we have as we go along."

Dog agility is a popular event sanctioned by the American Kennel Club (AKC), and many counties in Iowa host agility competitions. "Dogs love to perform this, especially working dogs, so it's usually something fun for them to do," Fahr says. "The kids have to be in dog obedience to do agility. We had one of our 4-H members learn how to do this in Pocahontas County and brought back the idea to our county."

## Ready to Take the Stage

Despite the challenging weather conditions in the area over the last few weeks, the competitors of the 4-H dog agility contest are eager to enter the ring and show off their hard work. The anticipation builds as the fair approaches, promising an event that will delight both participants and spectators.

Don't miss out on the debut of the Dog Agility Show at the BV County Fair. Head to the 4-H Show Ring at 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 14, to cheer on the talented dogs and their dedicated handlers. It's sure to be a highlight of Family Fun Day.



*Top right and right: Ava McCarthy and her dog Molly train on some agility equipment.*



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