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Welcome to the Du Quoin State Fair!



As the Governor of the great state of Illinois, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 104th annual Du Quoin State Fair.

Inspired by this year's theme, **Miles of Smiles**, we are proud to celebrate this time-honored tradition in southern

Illinois. Year after year, the fair brings people together to enjoy the very best of our state — from agriculture and entertainment to family fun and, of course, fair food.

The Du Quoin State Fair continues to grow and thrive, as reflected in the record-breaking attendance in 2025. That success not only highlights the fair's enduring appeal but also reinforces its role as a major economic driver for southern Illinois. To ensure this proud tradition continues for generations to come, we have invested more than \$30 million in improvements to the fairgrounds since 2019, strengthening and preserving this historic venue for the future.

We are grateful to the hardworking men and women whose dedication and resilience keep agriculture, our state's number one industry, strong and resilient. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the staff, volunteers, exhibitors, vendors, and countless individuals who make the Du Quoin State Fair bigger, better, and more enjoyable each year.

Thank you for being part of the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair. We hope your time here is filled with memories that last long after the final fireworks fade.

All our best,

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Greetings from the Du Quoin State Fair!



On behalf of our entire team at the Illinois Department of Agriculture, we are proud to welcome you to the **2026 Du Quoin State Fair**, one of our family's favorite summer traditions and a celebration we look forward to all year long. We are so glad you're here.

Whether this is your first visit or family tradition years in the making, we are excited to celebrate everything that makes the Du Quoin State Fair such a special part of summer in Illinois.

Of course, no fair visit is complete without the classics — a fresh corn dog, a cold lemon shake-up, and a ride on the Ferris wheel. But there's even more to discover around every corner. Feel the excitement of harness racing and USAC and ARCA auto racing on the legendary Magic Mile. Enjoy Grandstand concerts, demolition derby action, truck and tractor pulls, live entertainment and magic shows. Spend time browsing unique treasures at the Rusty Truck Vintage Market and visit the Illinois Product Expo to sample delicious local favorites and shop local.

As the state's number one industry, Agriculture remains at the heart of the Du Quoin State Fair. We invite you to visit the barns and learn more about the hardworking young people and farm families who make Illinois agriculture thrive. From cattle and sheep to goats and swine, the livestock exhibits offer a chance to connect with those who feed our nation.

We are also proud to continue improving the fairgrounds to make your experience even more memorable. Thanks to the Pritzker administration and the General Assembly, over \$30 million has been invested in infrastructure improvements, including \$16.4 million dedicated to much needed road repairs. The results speak for themselves as these 1,400 acres have never looked better.

Thank you for being part of the Du Quoin State Fair story. We hope you experience **Miles of Smiles** and make plans to do it all again in 2027!

Warm regards,

Jerry Costello II
Director

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It is my honor as the Mayor of Du Quoin to welcome you to the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair! The fair holds a special place in my heart and is the source of many great memories dating back as long as I can remember. Today, my two young children are creating their own memories of the fair...they love the Twilight Parade, eating fried Oreos, and visiting me at the Comptroller's tent and playing bags! The 2026 Du Quoin State Fair has something for everyone and has a nice mix of old-time favorites like harness racing (3 nights again this year), three days of The Rusty Truck Vintage Market, which will be held in the 1st & 2nd Heat buildings on August 28th thru August 30th, followed on Labor Day weekend by the ever popular USAC and ARCA car races on the Magic Mile. I again want to commend the fair management team for again having a robust lineup of free activities for everyone to enjoy! There are tractor pulls, a petting zoo, a LEGO competition, a beard/mullet contest and much more. The fair is a major economic engine for Du Quoin and the surrounding region. I encourage you to explore our local restaurants and grab some ice cream at Bianco's Ice Cream Shop, which is temporarily located in the Exhibition Hall to close out your trip to Du Quoin! On behalf of the City Council, our city employees and every citizen of Du Quoin, welcome to our city, enjoy your time here, be safe and most importantly make some lifetime memories of your own!

Josh Downs
Mayor of Du Quoin



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YOUR GUIDE

To the Du Quoin State Fair

Admission Information
Parking Location:

South Gate Lot
(Illinois State Rt. 14 entrance)
\$10 daily

Gate 1 Parking Lot
(U.S. 51 entrance)
\$15 daily

Gate 4 Parking Lot
(Jackson St. entrance)
\$10 daily

Seasonal Parking Pass
Good for 11 days of Fair
Gate 1, Gate 3 and Gate 4
Parking (Best Value) \$30

**No weather-related
reimbursements.**

Theme Days:
August 28
Family Night

August 29
Governor's Day

August 30
Veterans Day

August 31
Ag Day

September 1
Republican Day

September 2
Senior Day

September 3
Sponsor Appreciation Day
presented by
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September 4
Illinois Tourism Day presented
by KBSI

September 5
Coal Heritage Day/SIU Day
presented by WPSD-TV6

September 6
First Responder Day

September 7
Labor Day

Fair Hours:
Fairgrounds Gates Open
8 am – daily

Fair
Weekdays: 11 am –Midnight
Weekends: 10 am –Midnight
Labor Day: 10 am – 10 pm

**North American
Midway Carnival Times:**
POP: Pay one Price (unlimited
rides for one person)
Wristbands are available at the
Midway Ticket Booth. \$35 on
weekends, opening day and
Labor Day; \$30 on weekdays.

Single Tickets \$1.50;
20 Tickets \$25; 50 Tickets \$60

Child under 42 inches must
ride with a PAYING ADULT.

Mon. thru Fri. 5 – 11 pm
Sat. & Sun. Noon – 11 pm
Labor Day Noon – 9 pm



The team at Du Quoin State Fairgrounds is proud to welcome you to the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair. As in the past, we are excited to offer fairgoers an 11-day experience of food, entertainment and carnival fun. Fairgoers who love the nostalgia of past fair experiences will be entertained by the annual tradition of a corn dog and a seat in the Grandstand on race day. Fairgoers looking for something different will see free entertainment in the form of feats of strength, artisanship and live demonstration across the grounds. Livestock exhibiting, a cornerstone component of competitive spirit at the Du Quoin State Fair, showcases the year-round hard work of families and individuals from across the state. Fairgoers will also see additions to our Thank-A-Farmer exhibit, which helps educate visitors on the critical contribution of Illinois farmers to the state's number one industry.

The improvements and upgrades throughout the grounds are a direct reflection of the focused support from Governor JB Pritzker and the General Assembly, with more than \$30 million invested in infrastructure improvements, including \$16.4 million dedicated to much needed road repairs. These grounds serve as an economic engine in Southern Illinois, and investments address long-standing needs and years of deferred maintenance to ensure the fairgrounds' continued growth and success.

In addition, we are thankful for the support and investment of you, the fairgoers, in making the Du Quoin State Fair a tradition passed down from generation to generation. Come out and make new memories and share a few old ones. We look forward to seeing you and hope you enjoy the Du Quoin State Fair.

Luke Davison, Manager
Du Quoin State Fair

Du Quoin State Fair 655 Executive Drive Du Quoin, Illinois 62832

Southern Illinois Welcome Center

Stop by the Southern Illinois Welcome Center located at the cabin on the corner of Main Street and Expo Drive next to our Thank-A-Farmer lot. Tourism representatives from across Southern Illinois will be welcoming fairgoers and providing



information on the many attractions located throughout the greater downstate region. You may learn about food, recreation, historic sites and much more. This is a great opportunity to plan day trips for all seasons. On top of that, the Welcome Center will also have general information about the Du Quoin State Fair. And don't forget to check out the Illinois native plant pollinator plot at the entrance of the Welcome Center. We'll see you there.

Guest Services at the Du Quoin State Fair

LOST CHILDREN

The Illinois State Police Safety Education Tent is located on Midway Drive (south) across the street from the Second Heat Building. Fairgoers with children are encouraged to stop by to obtain a free child ID armband. If a child becomes separated from their parents/caregivers, having an ID armband will enable Troopers to contact the parents/caregivers more quickly.

The carnival also has a Customer Service booth where a lost child/person can be reported.

LOST-AND-FOUND ARTICLES

Lost-and-found items should be turned into the Central Cash office, located inside the Grandstand between the hours of 8 am – 4:00 pm daily. After these hours, items can be turned in at the Illinois State Police Safety Education Tent or to any State Trooper on grounds.

ACCESSIBILITY

Any Fair attendee requiring a reasonable accommodation under the American with Disabilities Act should contact the Administration Office at 618-542-1515 as soon as possible prior to visiting the Fairgrounds so appropriate arrangements can be made.

An accessible tram unit is available on the grounds.

FIRST AID STATION

The First Aid Station is located at the north end of the Grandstand.

TRANSPORTATION TRAMS

Du Quoin State Fair runs trams daily from parking lots and gates throughout the Fairgrounds.

REST STOPS

Fairgoers will find many places to rest throughout the Fairgrounds.

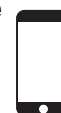
Cooling shelters can be found inside our First and Second heat buildings, located on the north corner of Midway and Hayes, right inside the Walk-In Plaza and Expo Hall located on the north end of the fairgrounds. At these locations you will find an airconditioned environment with restrooms.

Our Free Entertainment tent located on the north side of Midway, offers plenty of room for little ones to move around, in addition to plenty of picnic table seating to enjoy your favorite fair food or get off your feet for a bit.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

The Du Quoin State Fair administrative offices are located in the Grandstand. Fair Office hours are 8 am - 6 pm during the Fair.

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A Quick History Lesson

The Du Quoin State Fair



The Du Quoin State Fairgrounds has been “home” to many things . . . many, many events . . . in its 104-year-old lifetime. Huge camping rallies, national car shows and races, horse events of all kinds, rodeos, livestock shows, reunions, motorcycle races, weddings, tractor pulls. You name it, it’s probably been

held at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. The most popular? By far, the best-known event has been “The Du Quoin State Fair”, now in its 40th year under the ownership of the State of Illinois. It all started back in the spring of 1923 when a group of successful and ambitious Du Quoin business leaders came up with an idea to sponsor an event that hopefully would attract people from all over Southern Illinois. Several owned horses and needed a convenient place for them to compete. Not shy about making big claims, even from the very start, the group called it “The Du Quoin State Fair” because they wanted it to become as nice, as attractive, as well accepted in the area as the Illinois State Fair in Springfield. It didn’t happen overnight. Crowds were somewhat modest in the beginning, in the roaring twenties. Nevertheless the Fair did attract crowds of 50,000 or so, at least as reported by probably biased area sources. Now after reaching the century mark, the Du Quoin State Fair can accurately make many impressive claims. Millions, yes millions, have passed through its gates down through the years as more than an estimated 300,000 do so each year for the Fair itself. For many years -- 1957 through 1980 -- it was “Home of the Hambletonian”, harness racing’s “Kentucky Derby”. Almost equally as important auto racing has been an attraction for years. Other than “Elvis”, Frank Sinatra and Barbra Streisand, one would have difficulty in naming a prominent entertainer who has not appeared on stage at the Du Quoin State Fair. It proudly has become Southern Illinois’ most popular attraction as it has appeal to all ages and fans of all type events. This year’s dates are Aug. 28– Sept. 7.



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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Beer Tent Stage Entertainment Schedule

*Located on Main Street***FRIDAY, AUGUST 28**

5 PM – 8 PM

9 PM – 12 AM

**DIRT WATER FOX
MURPHY 500****SATURDAY, AUGUST 29**

1 PM – 4 PM

5 PM – 8 PM

9 PM – 10:30 PM

11 PM – 12 AM

ZACK FEDOR AND THE LONG GOODBYES**ZACK FEDOR AND THE LONG GOODBYES****ZACK FEDOR AND THE LONG GOODBYES****SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**

12 PM – 3 PM

4 PM – 7 PM

8 PM – 11 PM

ALMOST BROKE**CRAIG GERDES BAND****THE REWINDS****MONDAY, AUGUST 31**

6 PM – 9 PM

A1C**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

6 PM – 9 PM

THE HOOT N HOLLER BAND**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

6 PM – 9 PM

THE MISTERS**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

6 PM – 8 PM

9 PM – 10:30 PM

10:30 PM – 11:30 PM

KYLE WOODSIDE**HEAD EAST****KYLE WOODSIDE****FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

6 PM – 8 PM

9 PM – 12 AM

ISACC GOLDMAN**BRAT PACK****SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

1 PM – 4 PM

4 PM

5 PM – 8 PM

9 PM – 12 AM

SHAAD AND THOMAS**BEARD/MULLET CONTEST****KYLE WOODSIDE****IAN FERGUSON****SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

5 PM – 8 PM

9 PM – 12 AM

LUG NUTZ**SOUTHERN GRIT****MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

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2:30 PM

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Free Entertainment Tent Schedule

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

7 PM - 9 PM

CHRIS OWENS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

1 PM - 6 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

BUBBLE BUS
SUBSEED

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

1:30 PM

2 PM

3 PM - 5 PM

PONYTAIL/PIGTAIL CONTEST
SMILE CONTEST
SUBSEED

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

6 PM - 8 PM

JONAH WINTER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

6 PM - 8 PM

JONAH WINTER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

6 PM - 8 PM

JONAH WINTER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

6 PM - 8 PM

CHRIS OWENS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

6 PM - 8 PM

CHRIS OWENS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

1 PM - 6 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

BUBBLE BUS
CHRIS ROBERTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

1 PM - 3 PM

4 PM - 6 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

ETHAN TAYLOR
ISAAC GOLDMAN
JONAH WINTER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

1 PM - 3 PM

4 PM - 6 PM

ETHAN TAYLOR
CHRIS OWENS



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TUESDAY NOV. 3RD 2026

Tamiko "T.C." Mueller is a proven leader dedicated to service and community. As an U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel and business owner, she leads with integrity, teamwork, and results - driving economic growth and opportunity across Southern Illinois.

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FOR STATE SENATOR 59TH DISTRICT

She is an Advocate for

- Economic Development/Jobs
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- Veterans Benefits



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Du Quoin State Fair Twilight Parade Route



DAILY SCHEDULES

Friday, August 28 Family Night



Highlights
Twilight Parade
Marching Band Contest
Murphy 500 at Beer Tent
Free Parking Tonight!

Noon - 11 pm	J & J Gaming <i>Inside Grandstand</i>
During Fair hours	Monster Truck Photo Op <i>Asphalt Pad (next to the beer tent)</i>
4 pm	Show-Me Safari Petting Zoo <i>Expo Drive</i>
5 pm	Dirtwater Fox <i>Beer Tent Stage</i>
5 pm – 8 pm	Luca Chainsaw Carving <i>Expo Drive (Thank-a-Farmer area)</i>
5 pm – 9 pm	Scronce Art Caricatures <i>Grandstand Avenue</i> Wander Community Arts <i>Main Street north – SIU Dome</i>
5 pm – 10 pm	The Rusty Truck Vintage Market <i>1st & 2nd Heat Bldgs</i>
5:30 pm	Ribbon Cutting <i>Grandstand</i>
6 pm	Twilight Parade <i>Inside Fairgrounds</i> Marching Band Contest <i>Inside Fairgrounds</i>
7 pm	Pro Wrestling Epic <i>(following parade) Grandstand Avenue</i>
7 pm – 9 pm	Chris Owens <i>Free Entertainment Tent</i>
9 pm	Murphy 500 <i>Beer Tent Stage</i>



Tamiko Mueller is our Broker/Owner of Exit Realty New BeginningZ. Tamiko has a multitude of experience in her background beginning with her service to our country in the US Army , then onto a bachelor's degree in Political Science plus a Minor in Military Science, then a Double Master's Degree in Work-force Education & Public Administration. Tamiko has been in the Real Estate business since 2004 & has helped thousands of clients purchase or sell their properties. Tamiko has over 32 years of service with the United States Army, Tamiko has served on 2 different tours of duty in the Middle East, stationed in Kuwait in 2002 and in Egypt in 2010-2011 and continues to serve our country every month with the United States Army Reserves where she currently holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. With Tamiko's combined skill set, the desire to succeed comes natural as well as serving our community and most importantly our clients!

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Du Quoin State Fair
Twilight Parade
August 28 at 6pm



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Motocross Racing
Whippoorwill Rodeo
The Band Perry
at the Beer Tent

Highlights

4 pm	Show Me Safari Petting Zoo Expo Drive Agri-Bot Main Street (Thank-a-Farmer area)
During Fair hours	Monster Truck Photo Op Asphalt Pad (next to the beer tent)
11 am – 10 pm	Wander Community Arts Main Street north – SIU Dome
12 pm	Sizemore MX Race Half Mile Track (practice 10:30 am)
12 pm – 4 pm	IDNR Fishing Lake # 1
12 pm – 7:30 pm	Kid's casting Pond by Expo Hall
12 pm – 10 pm	The Rusty Truck Vintage Market 1st & 2nd Heat Bldgs
12 pm – 11:00 pm	J & J Gaming Inside Grandstand

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Pompeyo's Dog Show
Expo Drive

1 pm – 3 pm

Kid's Fishing Clinic
Expo Drive West (near Expo Hall)
(inside Dept Nat. Resources tent)

1 pm – 4 pm

Pity Thy Neighbors
Beer Tent Stage

1 pm – 6 pm

Bubble Bus
Free Entertainment Tent
Luca Chainsaw Carving
Expo Drive (Thank-a-Farmer area)

1 pm – 7 pm

Fisherman Dan's OFF THE HOOK
Grandstand Ave/Main Street (strolling performances)

2, 5, 8 pm

3 pm – 8 pm

Scronce Art Caricatures
Grandstand Avenue

4 pm – 7:30 pm

Kid's Fishing Clinic
Expo Drive West (near Expo Hall)
(inside DNR tent)

5 pm – 8 pm

Zack Fedor and the Long Goodbyes
Beer Tent Stage

6 pm

Whippoorwill Rodeo
Horse Arena

7 pm – 9 pm

Subseed
Free Entertainment Tent



Wiz Khalifa

7:30 PM & Gates

Open 1 Hour Prior to the Concert



7:30 pm

Wiz Khalifa
River Radio Pepsi MidAmerica Grandstand Stage

9 pm – 10:30 pm

The Band Perry
Beer Tent Stage

11 pm – 12 am

Zack Fedor and the Long Goodbyes
Beer Tent Stage

VETERANS ON PARADE



God Bless America 9/12/26



Saturday
September 12, 2026
10 AM

**All First
Responders
Welcome**

Come out and be a part of this Patriotic Event!!

**9:00 am-walkers
& bands meet at Marion
Junior High School
9:00 am-vehicles meet at
Marion High School**

**The parade will end at
Washington School.
The Memorial Ceremony will take
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Sunday, August 30 Veterans Day at the Fair

A special welcome today to our Veterans located in the Expo Hall; and also to SIH in VIP Tent 1. Enjoy your day at the Fair!



**Veterans Day
Festivities
The Rusty Truck
Vintage Market**

Highlights

9 am **Firefighter Waterball Competition**
(registration begins at 7:00 am) Located on Lake Lane,
north of Derby Lane behind Expo Bldg.

During Fair hours **Monster Truck Photo Op**
Asphalt Pad (next to the beer tent)

10 am – 2:30 pm **Veteran's Day festivities**
Expo Hall

11 am **Show-Me Safari Petting Zoo**
Expo Drive
Agr-iBot
Main Street (Thank-a-Farmer area)

11 am – 10 pm **Wander Community Arts**
Main Street north – SIU Dome

12 pm **Sizemore MX Race**
Half mile track
(practice 10:30 am)

12, 3 & 6 pm **Pompeyo's Dog Show**
Expo Drive

12 pm – 3 pm **Almost Broke Band**
Beer Tent Stage

12 pm – 7:30 pm **Kids casting pond**
by the Expo Hall

12 pm – 8 pm **The Rusty Truck Vintage Market**
1st & 2nd Heat Bldgs.

12 pm – 11 pm **J & J Gaming**
Inside Grandstand

1, 4, 7 pm **Fisherman Dan's OFF THE HOOK**
Grandstand Ave/Main Street (strolling performances)

1 pm – 3 pm **Kids Fishing Clinic**
Expo Drive West near Expo Hall
(inside Dept Nat Resources tent)

3 pm– 7 pm

Scronce Art Caricatures
Grandstand Avenue

3 pm – 5 pm

Subseed
Free Entertainment Tent

3 pm – 7 pm

Luca Chainsaw Carving
Midway Ave.

4 pm – 7 pm

Craig Gerdes Band
Beer Tent Stage

4 pm – 7:30 pm

Kids Fishing Clinic
Expo Drive West near Expo Hall
(inside DNR Tent)

4 pm

Kid's Casting
Pond by Expo Hall

6 pm

Whippoorwill Rodeo
Horse Arena



**Kameron Marlowe
w/ Ashley Cooke**
7:30 PM & Gates Open 1 Hour
Prior to the Concert



7:30 pm

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Sunday, August 30, 2026 ★ Exhibition Hall

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Events at the Exhibition Hall

10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.	Benefits Expo
12:00p.m. – 1:30p.m.	Veterans' Lunch (Free to Veterans and Immediate Family and Gold Star Families)
11:30a.m. – 1:30p.m.	Entertainment
1:35p.m. – 2:30p.m.	Veterans' Day Program

Monday, August 31 Agriculture Youth Day

Highlights



*Harness Racing
A1C at the Beer Tent
FFA Farmyard Follies*

*A special welcome to Farm Credit at the VIP Tent.
Enjoy your day at the Fair!*

During Fair hours

Monster Truck Photo Op
Asphalt Pad (next to the beer tent)

4 pm

Harness Racing
Magic Mile Track
Show Me Safari Petting Zoo
Expo Drive
Agri-Bot
Main Street (Thank-a-Farmer area)

4 pm – 10 pm

J & J Gaming
Inside Grandstand

5 pm – 9 pm

Wander Community Arts
Main Street north – SIU Dome

5:30 pm & 7 pm

Pompeyo's Dog Show
Expo Drive

6 pm & 7:30 pm

Fisherman Dan's OFF THE HOOK
Grandstand Ave/Main Street (strolling performances)

6 pm – 8 pm

Jonah Winter
Free Entertainment Tent

6 pm – 9 pm

A1C
Beer Tent Stage

7 pm

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I Will See You at the Du Quoin State Fair Twilight Parade August 28 at 6pm

Tuesday, September 1 Republican Day

A special welcome today to The Sunshine Picnic in the VIP Tent. Enjoy your day at the Fair!



Harness
Racing
The Hoot &
Holler Band
at the Beer
Tent

Highlights

9 am – 1 pm

Susan Boswell Memorial Sunshine Picnic
VIP Tent 1

11 am

Show Me Safari Petting Zoo
Expo Drive
Agri-Bot
Main Street (Thank-a-Farmer area)

3 pm – 8 pm

Luca Chainsaw Carving
Expo Drive (Thank-a-Farmer area)

4 pm

Harness Racing
Magic Mile Track

4 pm – 10 pm

J & J Gaming
Inside Grandstand

5 pm – 9 pm

Wander Community Arts
Main Street north – SIU Dome
Monster Truck Rides
Half-Mile Track

6 pm – 8 pm

Jonah Winter
Free Entertainment Tent

6 pm – 9 pm

Hoot N Holler Band
Beer Tent Stage

6:30 pm

Pompeyo’s Dog Show
Expo Drive

7:30 pm

Fisherman Dan’s OFF THE HOOK
Grandstand Ave/Main Street (strolling performances)



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Wednesday, Sept. 2 Senior Day



*Senior Prom
w/ The Lug
Nutz Band*

*The Misters
at the
Beer tent*

*Harness
Racing*



11 am	Show Me Safari Petting Zoo Expo Driv Agr-iBot Main Street (Thank-a-Farmer area)
1 pm – 3 pm	Senior Prom (The Lug Nutz Band) Expo Hall
3 pm – 8 pm	Luca Chainsaw Carving Expo Drive (Thank-a-Farmer area)
4 pm	Harness Racing Magic Mile Track
4 pm – 10 pm	J & J Gaming Inside Grandstand
5 pm – 9 pm	Wander Community Arts Main Street north – SIU Dome Monster Truck Rides Half-Mile Track
5:30 pm & 7 pm	Pompeyo’s Dog Show Expo Drive
6 pm & 7:30 pm	Fisherman Dan’s OFF THE HOOK Grandstand Ave/Main Street (strolling performances)
6 pm – 8 pm	Jonah Winter Free Entertainment Tent
6 pm – 9 pm	The Misters Beer Tent Stage



**Welcome to the
Du Quoin State Fair
and to our great
City of Du Quoin!**

*We hope you enjoy your
trip to the Fair
and explore all our city
has to offer!*

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Thursday, September 3 Sponsor Appreciation Day



*Kids Day
at the Fair
Head East
at the Beer
Tent*

Highlights

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Prior to the Concert



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9 am – 1 pm

Kids Day at the Fair
Expo Hall

11 am

Show-Me Safari Petting Zoo
Expo Drive
Agri-Bot
Main Street (Thank-a-Farmer area)

3 pm – 8 pm

Luca Chainsaw Carving
Expo Drive (Thank-a-Farmer area)

4 pm – 10 pm

J & J Gaming
Inside Grandstand

5 pm – 9 pm

Wander Community Arts
Main Street north – SIU Dome
Monster Truck Rides
Half-Mile Track

6 pm

Pompeyo's Dog Show
Expo Drive

6 pm – 8 pm

Kyle Woodside
Beer Tent Stage
Chris Owens
Free Entertainment Tent

6:30 pm & 8:30 pm

Xtreme Strong Man
Asphalt Pad (next to the beer tent)

7 pm

Fisherman Dan's OFF THE HOOK
Grandstand Ave/Main Street (strolling performances)

7:30 pm

Tyler Hubbard
River Radio Pepsi MidAmerica Grandstand Stage

9 pm – 10:30 pm

Head East
Beer Tent Stage

10:30 – 11:30 pm

Kyle Woodside
Beer Tent Stage

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Friday, September 4 Illinois Tourism Day

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Kids Day at the Fair
Illinois Product Expo
The Brat Pack at the Beer Tent

Highlights

9 am – 1 pm

Kids Day at the Fair
Expo Hall area

11 am

Show Me Safari Petting Zoo
Expo Drive
Agri-Bot
Main Street (Thank-a-Farmer area)
SIU Swim Team (Practice)
Long Cut Lake

3 pm

4 pm – 10 pm

J & J Gaming
Inside Grandstand

4 pm – 7:30 pm

Kids Fishing Clinic
Expo Drive West (near Expo Hall)
(Inside Natural Resources Tent)

4 pm

Kids Casting
Pond by Expo Hall

5 pm – 8 pm

Isaac Goldman
Beer Tent Stage
Luca Chainsaw Carving
Expo Drive (Thank-a-Farmer area)

5 pm – 9 pm

Wander Community Arts
Main Street north – SIU Dome
Illinois Product Expo
Expo Hall

5 pm – 10 pm

Monster Truck Rides
Half-Mile Track

6 pm – 8 pm

Chris Owens
Free Entertainment Tent

6 pm & 9 pm

Xtreme Strong Man Show
Asphalt Pad (next to the beer tent)

6 pm – 9 pm

Scronce Art Caricatures
Grandstand Avenue

7 pm

Pompeyo's Dog Show
Expo Drive



Night Ranger
7:30 PM & Gates Open 1 Hour
Prior to the Concert



7:30 pm

Night Ranger
River Radio Pepsi MidAmerica Grandstand Stage

8 pm

Fisherman Dan's OFF THE HOOK
Main/Grandstand Ave (strolling performances)

9 pm – 12 am

Brat Pack
Beer Tent Stage

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Saturday, September 5 Coal Heritage Day/SIU Day

A special welcome today to Knight Hawk at the VIP tent; and SIUC at the 2nd Heat, 12 – 3 pm. Also a special welcome to the Illinois Beef Association at their VIP concert event. Enjoy your day at the Fair!

Presented by WPSD TV-6



Illinois Product Expo
USAC Silver Crown Ted Horn 100 on the Magic Mile Track

9 am – 8 pm	Illinois Product Expo Expo Hall
11 am	Show Me Safari Petting Zoo Expo Drive Agri-Bot Main Street (Thank-a-Farmer area)
11 am – 10 pm	Wander Community Arts Main Street north – SIU Dome
12 pm – 11 pm	J & J Gaming Grandstand
1, 4, & 7 pm	Pompeyo's Dog Show Expo Drive
1 pm – 3 pm	Kids Indoor Fishing Clinic Expo Hall
1 pm – 4 pm	Shaad and Thomas Beer Tent Stage
1 pm – 6 pm	Bubble Bus Free Entertainment Tent
1:30 pm – 4 pm	USAC Silver Crown Ted Horn 100 (featured race) & Dirt car Ump Modifieds Magic Mile Track
2, 5 & 8 pm	Fisherman Dan's OFF THE HOOK Main/Grandstand Avenue (strolling performances)
2 pm – 7 pm	Luca Chainsaw Carving Midway Ave.
3, 6 & 9 pm	Xtreme Strong Man Show Asphalt Pad (next to the beer tent)
4 pm – 7:30 pm	Kids Indoor Fishing Clinic Expo Hall

5 pm – 8 pm

Kyle Woodside
Beer Tent

6 pm

Demo Derby
Half Mile Track

7 pm – 9 pm

Chris Roberts
Free Entertainment Tent



Russell Dickerson
7:30 PM & Gates Open 1 Hour
Prior to the Concert



7:30 pm

Russell Dickerson
River Radio Pepsi MidAmerica Grandstand Stage

9 pm – 12 am

Ian Ferguson
Beer Tent Stage

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Sunday, September 6 First Responder Day



*Illinois Product
Expo
Ducky Derby
ARCA Racing
Series*

11 am

Show Me Safari Petting Zoo

Expo Drive

Agri-Bot

Main Street (Thank-a-Farmer area)

11 am – 5 pm

Illinois Product Expo

Expo Hall

11 am – 10 pm

Wander Community Arts

Main Street north – SIU Dome

12 pm – 11 pm

J & J Gaming

Inside Grandstand

1 pm

Ducky Derby events

Expo Hall area

1 pm – 3 pm

Ethan Taylor

Free Entertainment Tent

1 pm – 4 pm

Jax Dion

Beer Tent Stage

1, 4 & 7 pm

Pompeyo's Dog Show

Expo Drive

2, 5, & 8 pm

Fisherman Dan's OFF THE HOOK SHOW

Main/Grandstand Avenue (strolling performances)

2 pm – 7 pm

Luca Chainsaw Carving

Midway Ave.

3 pm

Duck Derby Race

Expo Hall Long Cut Lake

3 pm – 8 pm

Scronce Art Caricatures

Grandstand Avenue

3, 6 & 9 pm

Xtreme Strong Man Show

Asphalt Pad (next to the Beer Tent)

4 pm – 6 pm

Isaac Goldman

Free Entertainment Tent

5 pm– 7:30 pm

Kids Indoor Fishing Clinic

Expo Hall

5 pm – 8 pm

The Lug Nutz

Beer Tent Stage

6:30 pm

ARCA Racing Series So IL 100 Mile

Magic Mile Track

7 pm – 9 pm

Jonah Winter

Free Entertainment Tent

9 pm – 12 am

Southern Grit

Beer Tent Stage

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Monday, September 7 Labor Day

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*Illinois Barrel Race
Cornhole Tournament
Pro Wrestling Epic
Well Hungarians
at the Beer Tent*

Highlights



RANDY HOUSER
7:30 PM & Gates Open 1 Hour
Prior to the Concert



11 am	Show Me Safari Petting Zoo Expo Drive Agri Bot Expo Drive (Thank-a-Farmer area)	3 pm	Pro Wrestling Epic Across from Grandstand Avenue
11 am – 8 pm	Wander Arts Main Street north – SIU Dome	4 pm – 6 pm	Chris Owens Free Entertainment Tent
12 pm	Washer Tournament Beer Tent	5 pm – 8 pm	Well Hungarians Beer Tent Stage
12 pm – 11 pm	J & J Gaming Grandstand	7:30 pm	Randy Houser River Radio Pepsi MidAmerica Grandstand Stage
12 pm – 2 pm	Kids Indoor Fishing Clinic Expo Hall		
12, 3, 6 pm	Xtreme Strong Man Show Asphalt (next to the Beer Tent)		
12:30 pm	(IBRA) Illinois Barrel Race Horse Arena		
1 pm & 4 pm	Pompeyo’s Dog Show Expo Drive		
1 pm – 3 pm	Ethan Taylor Free Entertainment Tent		
1 pm – 4 pm	Backline 5 Beer Tent Stage		
	Scronce Art Caricatures Grandstand Avenue		
2 pm & 5 pm	Fisherman Dan’s OFF THE HOOK Main/Grandstand Avenue		
2:30 pm	Cornhole Tournament Beer Tent		

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TIER 3										
Sections 1 and 2 Sections 9 and 10 Sections 11 and 12 Sections 29 and 30 Sections A-Q upper level Sections C-O lower level Sections L-M lower level																				

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Sections 1-10, Rows 1-11
Sections 11-30, Rows 1-9
Sections C-MM lower level, Rows 1-10
Sections C-M upper level, Rows 11-21
Sections A-B, N-O, Rows 1-21

Du Quoin State Fair Special Events Schedule

Friday, August 28

6 pm **Twilight Parade**
Inside Fairgrounds
High School Marching Band Contest
Inside Fairgrounds

Saturday, August 29

9:30 am **Lego Contest (ages 5 – 8 yrs)**
Expo Hall
11 pm **Lego Contest (ages 9 – 12 yrs)**
Expo Hall
12:30 pm **Lego Contest (ages 13 – 17)**
(Registration 30 minutes prior to each group) Expo Hall
1:30 pm **Lego Championship**
Expo Hall
5:30 pm **Moo Moo Chug-a-Lug Contest**
Expo Hall

Sunday, August 30

1:30 pm **Ponytail/Pigtail Contest**
Free Entertainment Tent
2 pm **Smile Contest**
Free Entertainment Tent
3 pm **Quarterback Challenge**
Competition Corner
6 pm **Not So Newlywed Game**
Expo Hall Stage

Monday, August 31

4:30 pm **FFA Farmyard Follies**
Horse Arena

Tuesday, September 1

9 am – 1 pm **Susan Boswell Sunshine Picnic**
VIP Tent #1

Thursday, September 3

9 am – 1 pm **Kids Day at the Fair**
Expo Hall

Friday, September 4

9 am – 1 pm **Kids Day at the Fair**
Expo Hall

Saturday, September 5

Noon **Gorgeous Goat Contest**
Open Air Barns (next to horse arena)
4 pm **Beard/Mullet Contest**
Beer Tent
5:30 pm **Jr Mullet Contest**
Competition Corner
6 pm **Backseat Driving Contest**
Competition Corner

Sunday, September 6

Noon **Pedal Pull Contest**
Expo Hall
3:30 pm **Cutest Little Farmer**
Expo Hall
6 pm **Not So Newlywed Show**
Expo Hall

Monday, September 7

12 pm **Washer Tournament**
Beer Tent
2:30 pm **Cornhole Tournament**
Beer Tent



The annual Susan Boswell Memorial Sunshine Picnic at the Du Quoin State Fair is a full day of food, entertainment and rides for individuals with developmental disabilities. Agencies from across Southern Illinois visited the picnic each year. The Sunshine picnic would not exist if it were not for the late Susan Boswell, Job Coach at Our Directions. She began the first sunshine picnic and helped go out and get fair vendors and entertainers to open up for the clients. Verna Webb, Executive Director of Our Directions in Herrin, assisted her in getting the Sunshine Picnic started and Verna continues on each year with the planning of the picnic.

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SI Ducky Derby Dash



On September 6, the 2026 Southern Illinois Ducky Derby Dash to benefit Special Olympics Illinois race day begins at 1pm and the ducks begin their race at 3pm.

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You do not have to be present to win, but it's a lot of fun to attend Race Day! There may also be pop up prizes awarded for anyone who purchases a Quack Pack, a Flock of Ducks or a Derby Donor package.

All activities, entertainment, and give-a-ways are free on Race Day. However, to adopt a duck the cost is \$5.

Cost of Ducks:

Single duck: \$5

Quack Pack (6 ducks for the price of 5): \$25

Quacker's Dozen (12 ducks for the price of 10): \$50

Flock of Ducks (Get 24 ducks in the race for the price of 20) \$100.00

Ducky Derby Donor (Get 60 ducks in the race for the price of 50) \$250.00

Other packages available online.



You can adopt ducks until approximately 2:30 pm. (or when ducks sell out) on Race Day at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. Online adoptions will remain open until 2 pm. (or sooner depending on sales).

Visit www.duckrace.com/southernduck for detailed information.

Du Quoin State Fair Inside the Expo Hall

Expo Hall Information

(Open daily 10 am – 9 pm. and air-conditioned!)

Browse vendor booths for great home improvement and decorating ideas, hand-made items and tasty treats!

This year's Veteran's Day celebration will be held in the Expo Hall on Sunday, August 30 beginning at 10 am.

State and Local Agencies:

Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs will be available for the promotion of state and federal benefits, and other services available for military veterans, family members and surviving family members.

Illinois Department of Corrections will be promoting department initiatives, programs and job recruitment.

Illinois Department of Transportation will have exhibits and free handouts on current construction projects in the area.

Illinois State Treasurer's Office will be on hand to visit you on State Treasurer Programs and on-site unclaimed property searches.

The Secretary of State's office will be on-site to renew driver's license and car registrations.

Do you need help understanding breast cancer resources and patient care? The Jackson County Health Department will be on hand with information and support to help you or your loved one through this difficult journey.

Exhibits and food:

The Du Quoin Middle School advanced art class will create chalk artwork inside Expo Hall, which will remain on display throughout the Fair. Their colorful pieces will showcase the students' unique takes on rides, agriculture, and all the fun the Fair has to offer. Fairgoers can enjoy these vibrant chalk creations each day of the event.

Bianco's hand-scooped ice cream will be available to serve up your favorite flavor.

Visit the Illinois Petroleum Resources Board to try out interactive kiosks and get an up-close look at model oil field equipment.

Join the U of I Master Gardeners for pop-up programming throughout the Fair. Visit the booth for seed packet giveaways to add to your flower or vegetable garden.

Stop at the Perry County 4-H Extension booth to see projects or learn how to participate and find out how you can get involved in hands-on activities, clubs, and events.

Illinois Product Expo will have booths set up on:

Friday, September 4: 5 – 9 pm
Saturday, September 5: 9 am – 8 pm
Sunday, September 6: 11 am – 5 pm

More than 20 vendors bringing their free food samples, as well as kettle corn, birdhouses, wood & gourd crafts, honey, jelly, salsa, seasonings, coffee, herbal tea and many more. Plus, there will be several wineries on board for wine tasting.

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Saturday, August 29

8:00 amHeavy Horse Show

6:00 pm Whippoorwill Rodeo

Sunday, August 30

8:00 am Mule Show

6:00 pmWhippoorwill Rodeo

Monday, August 31

4:30 pm FFA Farmyard Follies

Tuesday, September 1

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Saturday, August 29

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Monday, August 31

6:00 pmFirecracker Spice Challenge
Expo Hall Stage
(Sponsored by Farm Fancy)

7:00 pm.....Blue Ribbon Route 66 BBQ Contest
Expo Hall Stage
(Sponsored by Tomahawk Bar and Grill)

Tuesday, September 1

7:00 pm.....Mystery Sack Cooking Contest
(Sponsored by The W Restaurant)

Wednesday, September 2

6:00 pm.....Patriotic Charcuterie Board Contest
Expo Hall Stage
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Thursday, September 3

6:00 pm.....4-H Floral Challenge Centerpiece Making
Expo Hall Stage
(Sponsored by U of I Extension—Franklin/Jackson/Perry/Randolph/Williamson counties)

Thursday, September 3

7:30 pm.....Red, White, and Blue Dessert Showdown
(Sponsored by Fare Foods)

Friday, September 4

6:00 pmRoute 66 Soda Pop Challenge
Expo Hall Stage
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Saturday, September 5

10:30 am.....Route 66 Waffle Showdown
Expo Hall Stage
(Sponsored by Gurtie’s Goodies)

1:00 pm.....Star Spangled Appetizer Challenge
(Sponsored by Banterra Bank)

2:00 pm.....Generation Showdown: Kids vs Kin
(Sponsored by Kalin’s Café)

7:00 pm.....Patriotic Pie Bake Off
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Sunday, September 6

4:00 pm.....Farmyard Ginger Barn Challenge
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Bubble Bus ... will be here two days spreading joy and bubbles to people of all ages with a continuous sea of bubbles filling the air while playing pre-recorded music.



Make sure to “pop” over to check it out on Saturday, August 29 and Saturday, September 5. It will be in action both days from 1 – 6 pm at the Free Entertainment Tent just off Midway Drive.

Fisherman Dan's OFF THE HOOK Show ... is best known for drawing crowds of all ages with his high-energy routines filled with laughter and lunacy. From contorting his body effortlessly through a tiny fishing net, balancing on his cutting board, straitjacket escape atop a 7-foot unicycle, and the list goes on. Get ready to get “hooked, line and sinkered” with laughter. See Fisherman Dan's OFF THE HOOK Show on Main and Grandstand Avenue throughout the Fair.

Full Throttle Monster Trucks . . . offers a thrilling atmosphere for monster truck enthusiasts. There will be a monster truck on display during fair hours for a photo opportunity at no cost on 8/28 – 8/31. This opportunity will be held on the Asphalt Pad on North Main (next to the beer tent). Paid rides will be available on the half-mile track

from 9/1 – 9/3 from 5 – 9 pm and 9/4 from 5 – 10 pm.

Ducky Derby... This program benefits Region K Special Olympics athletes. Special Olympics transform the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to realize their potential in sports and in life. Their programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family and community support. This family event begins at 1 pm. At 3:00 pm, a minimum of 5,000 duckies splash into the pond and waddle their way to the finish line at the Lake near the Expo Hall. Don't forget to adopt your ducky!!



Illinois Product Expo ... will be at the Expo Hall **Friday, Sept. 4, 5 – 9 pm; Saturday, Sept. 5, 9 am – 8 pm; and Sunday, Sept. 6, 11 – 5 pm.** Vendors will be bringing free food samples, kettle corn, soaps, lip balm, essential oil products, birdhouses, wood & gourd crafts, honey, jelly, salsa, seasonings, coffee, herbal tea and much more. Plus, several Illinois wineries will be on board for wine tasting.

IL Dept. of Natural Resources . . . provides many ways to enjoy the outdoors. This year at the Du Quoin State Fair you can enjoy the following:

- **2,800-Gallon Native Fish Aquarium:** See native Illinois fish species and learn about the state's aquatic habitats.
- **Casting Activities at the Lake:** Visitors can enjoy casting each evening during the week from 4:00–7:30 p.m. and on weekends from 12:00–7:30 p.m.
- **Illinois State Parks and Outdoor Recreation:** Learn about state parks, State Recreation Areas,

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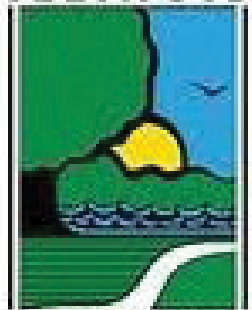
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- **Mines and Minerals:** Explore exhibits highlighting Illinois' geology, mining history, and mineral resources.

- **Natural Resources Information:** Talk with IDNR staff about wildlife, conservation, hunting, fishing, and other ways to enjoy and protect Illinois' natural resources.

- **Indoor Kids Fishing Clinics:** Young anglers can learn basic fishing skills with guidance from IDNR staff. The clinic schedule is as follows:
Saturday, August 29: 1 – 3 pm and 4 – 7:30 pm
Sunday, August 30, 1 – 3 pm and 4 – 7:30 pm
Friday, September 4: 4 – 7:30 pm
Saturday, September 5: 1 – 3 pm and 4 – 7:30 pm
Sunday, September 6: 1 – 3 pm and 5 – 7:30 pm
Monday September 7: 12 N – 2 pm

Luca Chainsaw Carving ... specializes in chainsaw art carvings and a wide range of other services, such as custom carvings, signs and on-site art. These stunning chainsaw signs are sure to catch the attention of passersby and add a touch of rustic charm to any setting. On Aug. 30, Sept. 5 and Sept. 6 Luca will be located at Midway Drive. On Aug. 28, 29 and Sept. 1-4, he will also be at the Thank-a-Farmer location just



off Expo Drive. While at this location he will be using a tree to carve a 12-foot ear of corn. Drop by to see his progress with this project during the fair.



Pompeyo's Dog Show ... is a traveling circus-style performance featuring highly trained rescue

dogs. They were fan favorites during Season 12 of America's Got Talent. These talented pups are bringing high-flying jumps, unbelievable tricks, plenty of personality and entertainment the whole family will love. They will provide two shows a day with three shows on the weekend just off Expo Drive. You won't want to miss these paw-some performers!



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Pro Wrestling Epic ... will be providing high-flying, body-slamming fun on Friday, Aug. 28 following the parade; and Monday, Sept. 7 at 3 pm. You don't want to miss out on seeing this epic entertainment located on Grandstand Avenue (across from the Grandstand).

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The Rusty Truck Vintage Market ... consists of a group of local small businesses that will have their unique items available for purchase. Craft boutiques, handmade signs, tumblers, food, freeze-dried candy, soaps and candles, just to name a few, will be available for your viewing. The "vintage market" will be located at the **1st and 2nd Heat buildings on Friday, August 28 from 5 – 10 pm; Saturday, August 29 from 12 – 10 pm; and Sunday, August 30 from 12 – 8 pm.** Don't miss out on these 3 days to help support local small businesses. You never know what treasure you might find!



Saluki Central at the Fair ... will be located at the south Roundhouse on Grandstand Avenue (across the street from the Grandstand). If you are looking for information about SIU Carbondale, Saluki Central is the place to go. The SIU Alumni Association will provide information and swag; University Bookstore will have Saluki apparel and gifts. Saluki Athletics will feature ticket promotions and sales, as well as



information on the upcoming seasons. Giveaways will be provided by WSIU and the Daily Egyptian student-run newspaper.

The STEM Education Research Center will also host Spaceship Earth, located **next to the Roundhouse, from 11am – 10pm on Aug 29-30 and from 4 – 9 pm on Sept 4-5.** Look for the SIU maroon flags and banners!

Scronce Caricature Art ... will be creating quick 10-minute drawings during the Fair. Stop by and check out her artwork and you could become her next project located on Grandstand Avenue.



Show-Me Safari's Petting Zoo ... is family-owned and provides the public with an opportunity to interact with a variety of animals in a safe, educational environment. The interactive area allows you to meet some wonderful farm animals. Feed is available to purchase. Pony rides are also available for our youngest fairgoers to enjoy. This complete petting zoo is fun for the entire family. Show-Me Safari is located on **Expo Drive and will open at 4:00 pm on August 28 and 11am** during rest of the fair.



Thank-a-Farmer ... is a free educational hands-on exhibit. Children of all ages become farm hands as they are provided the opportunity to experience the agricultural process from



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Xtreme Strong Man ... blends raw physical power with entertainment, i.e. pulling vehicles using a mouth harness, breaking chains with his chest, driving nails and juggling massive tires. This exhibition can be seen three times a day on the Asphalt Pad located off North Main



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Pictured are the new 2026 Du Quoin State Fair royalty. From left, Pre-Teen Miss Du Quoin State Fair Roe Marks (daughter of Rachel and Shawn Marks of Du Quoin), Little Miss Du Quoin State Fair Azle Wintermann (daughter of Eric and Arriane Wintermann of Ashley) and Junior Miss Du Quoin State Fair Bly Marks (also daughter of Rachel and Shawn Marks of Du Quoin).



New 2026 Pre-Teen Miss Du Quoin State Fair Roe Marks of Du Quoin (center) is pictured with retiring 2025 Pre-Teen Miss Du Quoin State Fair Lorelai Hammonds (daughter of Kyle and Abigail Hammonds of Du Quoin) and the other Pre-Teen Miss contestants.



Pictured are the contestants in the Pre-Teen category of the Miss Du Quoin State Fair Pageant. Roe Marks (daughter of Shawn and Rachel Marks of Du Quoin) was named queen, with 1st runner up Daisy Reagan (daughter of BJ and Krystal Reagan of Tamaroa). Photo by Du Quoin State Fair.

Miss Du Quoin State Fair Pageant



Pictured are the contestants in the Little Miss category of the Miss Du Quoin State Fair Pageant with retiring Little Miss Addacy George (daughter of Brandon & Chacy George of Du Quoin). Azle Wintermann (daughter of Eric and Arriane Wintermann of Ashley) was named queen, with 1st runner up Drew Bathon (daughter of Jake and Bailey Bathon of Pinckneyville) and 2nd runner up Aria Rushing (daughter of Dillon and Jessica Rushing of Du Quoin). Photo by Du Quoin State Fair.



Pictured are the contestants in the Junior Miss category of the Miss Du Quoin State Fair Pageant along with retiring Junior Miss Mia Castellano (daughter of Chelsea and Jeremy Castellano of Pinckneyville). Bly Marks (daughter of Shawn and Rachel Marks of Du Quoin) was named queen, with 1st runner up Zoey Searby (daughter of Josh and Amanda Searby of Tamaroa), 2nd runner up Tennyson Logan (daughter of Seth and Liz Logan of Tamaroa) and 3rd runner up McKenna Sparling (daughter of Adam and Megan Reynolds and Adam Sparling of Du Quoin). Photo by Du Quoin State Fair.



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Roe Marks, the daughter of Rachel and Shawn Marks of Du Quoin, waves to the crowd after being named Pre-Teen Miss Du Quoin State Fair last Sunday at the Expo Hall.



New Pre-Teen Miss Du Quoin State Fair Roe Marks of Du Quoin is crowned by retiring Pre-Teen Miss Du Quoin State Fair Lorelai Hammonds.



Daisy Reagan, of Tamaroa,, smiles for the judges. She was later named 1st runner up in the Pre-Teen category.



Bristol Rice, of Du Quoin, smiles for the camera as she walks the stage during the 2026 pageant.



Roe Marks, of Du Quoin, shows off her Route 66 attire during the Miss Pre-Teen competition of the Du Quoin State Fair Pageant last Sunday.



Zoey Searby, of Tamaroa, displays her Route 66 spirit wear. She finished 1st runner up in the Junior Miss category.

Miss Du Quoin State Fair Pageant



Past Junior Miss Du Quoin State Fair queens pose for a photo showing the lineage of the crown.

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Pre-Teen

Queen: Roe Marks daughter of Shawn and Rachel Marks of Du Quoin.

1st Runner Up: Daisy Reagan daughter of BJ and Kyrstal Reagan of Tamaroa. **Miss Congeniality:** Kynslee Perkins daughter of Jacob and Misty Perkins of Benton.

Prettiest Eyes: Roe Marks. **Prettiest Smile:** Daisy Reagan. **Prettiest Hair:** Kynslee Perkins.

Junior Miss

Queen: Bly Marks daughter of Shawn and Rachel Marks of Du Quoin

1st Runner Up: Zoey Searby daughter of Josh and Amanda Searby of Tamaroa. **2nd Runner Up:** Tennyson Logan daughter of Seth and Liz Logan of Tamaroa. **3rd Runner Up:** McKenna Sparling daughter of Adam & Megan Reynolds and Adam Sparling of Du Quoin. **Miss Congeniality:** Eliza Rushing daughter of Dillon and Jessica Rushing of Du Quoin.

Prettiest Eyes: Maisy Graff. **Prettiest Smile:** Tennyson Logan. **Prettiest Hair:** Mackenzie Robinson.

Little Miss

Queen: Azle Wintermann daughter of Eric and Arriane Wintermann of Ashley. **1st Runner Up:** Drew Bathon daughter of Jake and Bailey Bathon of Pinckneyville. **2nd Runner Up:** Aria Rushing daughter of Dillon and Jessica Rushing of Du Quoin. **Prettiest Eyes:** Aria Rushing. **Prettiest Smile:** Azle Wintermann. **Prettiest Hair:** Azle Wintermann

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MONDAY, AUG. 31, 2026

Post Time: 4:00 pm
 County Fair Challenges
 (No Entry Fee)

TROT - 2-Year-Old Filly - \$TBD
 TROT - 2-Year-Old Colt - \$TBD
 PACE - 2-Year-Old Filly - \$TBD
 PACE - 2-Year-Old Colt - \$TBD
 TROT - 3-Year-Old Filly - \$TBD
 TROT - 3-Year-Old Colt - \$TBD
 PACE - 3-Year-Old Filly - \$TBD
 PACE - 3-Year-Old Colt - \$TBD

Aged Division (\$100 EST Entry Fee)
 TROT - Horse/Gelding (4-Year-Old & Up)
 - \$TBD
 TROT - Filly/Mares (4-Year-Old & Up) -
 \$TBD

Illinois Topline Races (No Entry Fee)
 PACE - 2-Year-Old - \$TBD
 TROT - 2-Year-Old - \$TBD
 PACE - 3-Year-Old & Up - \$TBD
 TROT - 3-Year-Old & Up - \$TBD

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1, 2026

Post Time: 4:00 pm
 ICF Stakes (\$200 Entry Fee)

TROT - 2-Year-Old Filly (The Shawnee)
 - \$TBD
 PACE - 2-Year-Old Filly (The Director's
 Award) - \$TBD

TROT - 2-Year-Old Colt (The Darn Safe)
 - \$TBD
 PACE - 2-Year-Old Colt (The Governor's
 Cup) - \$TBD
 TROT - 3-Year-Old Filly (The Windy
 Skeeter) - \$TBD
 PACE - 3-Year-Old Filly (The Time
 Dancer) - \$TBD
 TROT - 3-Year-Old Colt (The Pronto Don)
 - \$TBD
 PACE - 3-Year-Old Colt (The Dudley
 Hanover) - \$TBD

Aged Division (\$100 EST Entry Fee)
 PACE - Filly/Mare (4-Year-Old & Up) -
 \$TBD
 PACE - Horse/Gelding (4-Year-Old & Up)
 - \$TBD

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2, 2026

Post Time: 4:00 pm
 IDOA State Fair Races (ICF)

PACE - 2-Year-Old Filly - EST \$5,000
 PACE - 2-Year-Old Colt - EST \$5,000
 TROT - 2-Year-Old Filly - EST \$5,000
 TROT - 2-Year-Old Colt - EST \$5,000
 TROT - 3-Year-Old Filly - EST \$5,000
 TROT - 3-Year-Old Colt - EST \$5,000
 PACE - 3-Year-Old Filly - EST \$5,000
 PACE - 3-Year-Old Colt - EST \$5,000



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Purchasing Grandstand Tickets:

From June to August 27, the Box Office will be open
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During the Fair, August 28 to September 7, the Box Office will be open at 8am for calls and at 9am the windows will open for in-person sales until 9pm (or later, if there are still people in line to purchase tickets at 9pm).

Ticketmaster

DuQuoin State Fair Grandstand is a NON-SCANNING venue; therefore, none of the following are valid forms of entry into the Grandstand events: Mobile tickets, Print at Home tickets, Bar code/QR codes, etc. Physical Ticketmaster ticket stock tickets are REQUIRED for entry. If you have questions, please contact that Du Quoin State Fair Box office.

Ticketmaster - ALL Ticket Sales will be available through Ticketmaster as of On Sale Date

Online at <https://www.ticketmaster.com/duquoin-state-fair-tickets-du-quoin/venue/57368>

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Du Quoin State Fair Grandstand Box Office - Sales through DSF Grandstand Box office will be available for in-person and phone sales in May. A detailed schedule of times and days it is open will be provided below when available. No online sales are available through the DSF box office.

Telephone - (618) 542-1535

In Person – Du Quoin State Fairgrounds Box Office (inside the Grandstand), 655 Executive Drive, Du Quoin IL 62832

Applicable to all ticket purchases:

Refunds/Exchanges: No exchanges or refunds.

Credit Card Processing fee - 2.25% (min. \$1) fee will be processed on total order for all card purchases through the DSF Grandstand Box Office.

Facility fee - \$3.00, included in price of ticket already

Grandstand Concert tickets DO NOT include parking at the DSF. Parking must be purchased separately.

Accessible seating is available. Accessible seating can be selected when purchasing tickets through ticketmaster, or by notifying the Du Quoin State Fair staff prior to purchasing a ticket that you would like to sit in an accessible area.

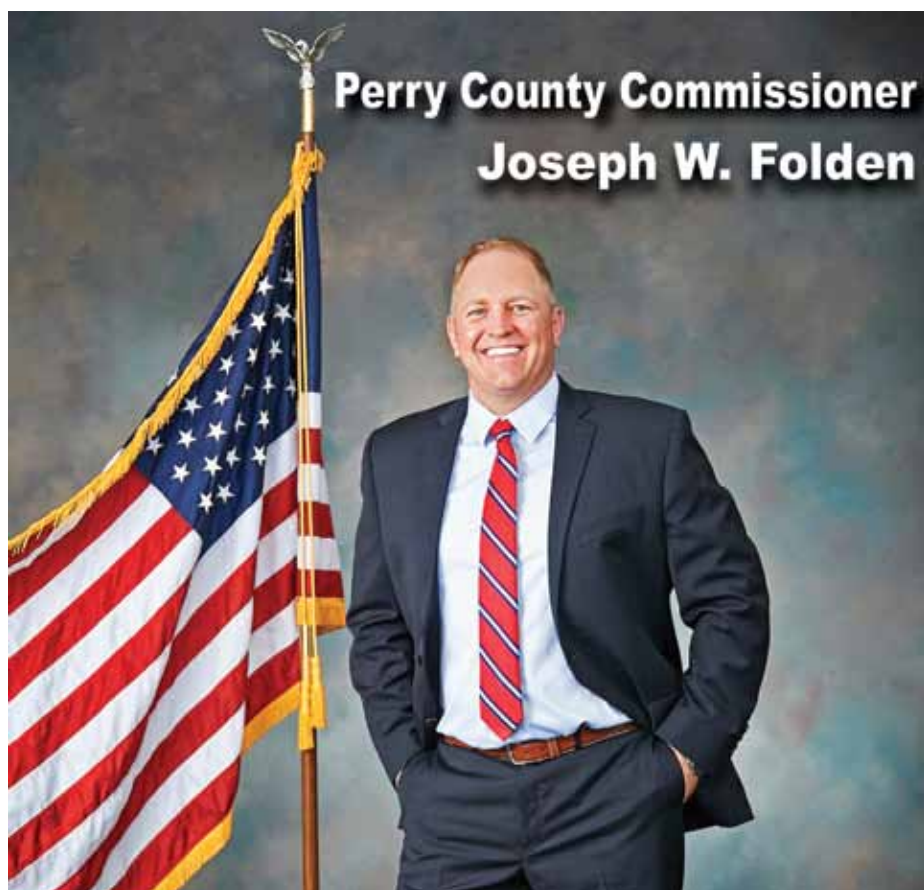
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Tickets CANNOT be purchased online directly from the Du Quoin State Fair. Purchases from the Fair can ONLY be completed in person or by phone through the box office (see above for box office opening date and hours). Online authorized purchases may be completed through Ticketmaster.com or via the Ticketmaster mobile app. When purchasing online, please check that the web address is www.ticketmaster.com; no other websites or vendors are an authorized Du Quoin State Fair ticketing agent.

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All adults and children 3 years and older must have a ticket. Children under the age of two will be allowed entry without a ticket; however, they are required to sit on the lap of a ticket holder.

All patrons must be prepared to produce a valid ticket at the request of State Fair personnel. Retain your tickets until the conclusion of the performance.

Seating

The Grandstand consists of bleacher seating and reserved seating up into the Grandstand. Please see map for Tier 1 and Tier 2 locations for bleacher and reserved seating.

*Note – No chairs are permitted.

The Grandstand is an outdoor venue with a roof that covers only the upper seating locations.

Will Call Information and Policies

Will Call windows are located inside the Grandstand. Will Call windows will open after 5:00 pm the night of the scheduled event. If Will Call windows have not yet opened and you wish to pick up your tickets early, please visit the selling windows of the Grandstand.

Will Call tickets will ONLY be released to the person whose name appears on the Will Call envelope or whose name was provided in the sales transaction. No tickets designated for another person will be released without prior authorization. You will be required to submit your Photo ID to claim the tickets; therefore, your ID must match the name on the Will call envelope. Your order confirmation and purchasing credit card may also be required. If tickets were purchased through the Box Office and a name change is necessary, please call the Box Office in advance. If tickets were purchased through Ticketmaster, the name change will have to be made through Ticketmaster in advance.

Food, Drink and Artist Merchandise

Drinks, beer and artist merchandise (when available) are available for purchase in the Grandstand. Coolers are not allowed.

Refunds/Exchanges

No exchanges or refunds are permitted.

Weather

ALL CONCERTS ARE RAIN OR SHINE.

** The decision to cancel a concert due to severe weather is rarely made in advance, as weather conditions rapidly change. A concert cancellation is a last resort and consequently, may be made at the very last minute. If the headliner performs, there will be no refunds. Rain alone is not a guarantee of cancellation.

In the event that a concert cancellation has been ANNOUNCED by the Fair, ticket holders should retain their tickets and see below for any cancellation event refund instructions.

Customers that purchased directly through the Du Quoin State Fair Box Office (via phone or in person), will be required to fill out a Request for Refund form, attach the original physical tickets to the form and submit to address listed on form – a refund check will be mailed after the Fair to those who submit the Refund form and all required information. Physical tickets are required to be submitted with form for refund to be issued.

Customers that purchased their tickets via Ticketmaster directly (web/mobile

purchase) will be refunded by Ticketmaster against the card used to purchase the ticket(s) automatically.

Sign Language Interpreters

Sign language interpreters are available upon request for all paid Grandstand shows with at least a 14 day notice required. Please call 618-542-1535(voice/TDD) to request a sign language interpreter.

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

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- Laser Pointers
- Professional-style cameras, tripods and audio/video recording equipment of any size, aside from personal phones and cameras
- Fireworks and/or flammable materials
- Coolers
- Any items that may cause harm or disrupt the event.

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Livestock Schedule 2026

Show/Date & Time	In Place By	Release Date & Time
BEEF CATTLE		
Jr Showmanship 9/5 @ 8:00 am	NA	NA
Jr Show Breeding Beef 9/5 @ 12:00 pm	9/4 by Noon	9/6 after Open Show
Jr Show Steers 9/5 following Jr. Beef (1hr after Jr. Beef Ends)	9/4 by Noon	9/6 after Steer Show
Open Show Breeding Beef 9/6 @ 9:30 am	9/4 by Noon	9/6 after Open Show
DAIRY CATTLE		
Jr Show Animals 8/29 @ 9:00 am	8/27 by 6:00 pm	9/6 after Open Show
Open Show Animals 8/30 @ 9:00 am	8/27 by 6:00 pm	9/6 after Open Show
DAIRY GOATS		
Jr Show Dairy Goats 9/5 @ 9:00 am	9/4 by 6:00 pm	9/6 after Junior Show
Open Show Dairy Goats 9/6 @ 9:00 am	9/4 by 6:00 pm	9/6 after Open Show
MEAT GOATS		
8/29 @ 2:00 pm	8/29 by 8:00 am	8/29 after Show
SHEEP		
Jr Breeding Sheep 9/5 @ 9:00 am	9/5 by 9:00 am	9/6 after Breed Show
Jr Market Lambs 9/4 @ 4:00 pm	9/5 by 9:00 am	9/6 after Breed Show
Jr Showmanship 9/5 after Breeding	N/A	N/A
SWINE		
Jr Gilts 8/29 after Showmanship	8/28 by Noon	8/30 after Barrow
Jr Barrows 8/30 @ 9:00 am	8/28 by Noon	8/30 after Barrow
Jr Showmanship 8/29 @ 1:00 pm	N/A	N/A
DRAFT HORSES, PONIES & MULES		
Horse & Pony Halter 8/29 @ 8:00 am	8/28 by 6:00 pm	8/30 after show
Teams & Hitches 8/24 @ 12:00 pm	8/28 by 6:00 pm	8/30 after show
All Horse/Pony/Mule Parade 8/24 after last class	N/A	N/A
Mule Halter Classes 8/25 @ 9:00 am	8/28 by 6:00 pm	8/30 after show
Carts & Hitches 8/25 @ 1:00 pm	8/28 by 6:00 pm	8/30 after show

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Travel south on the rolling hills of Route 127, along the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail. Enjoy the distinctive character of several wineries as you explore the scenery of the Shawnee National Forest with a short hike at the Pomona Natural Bridge or a more in-depth adventure at the Little Grand Canyon area.

At Alto Pass, take the drive up Bald Knob Mountain for spectacular views of the forest. Back on Route 127 continue south to Route 146 east to Jonesboro, where one of the historic Lincoln and Douglas debates was held. Lincoln Memorial Park offers easy paths to stretch

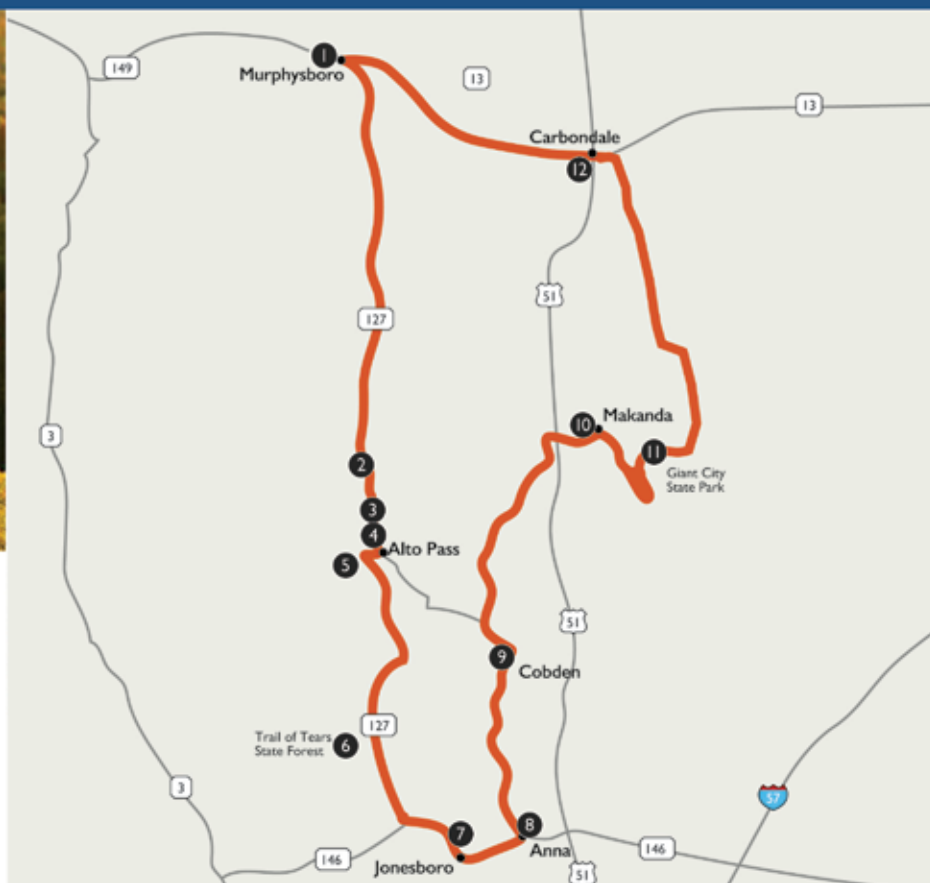
your legs, and get your photo with Lincoln and Douglas.

Continue east to Anna, where you will find a variety of shops and restaurants. After you cross the railroad tracks, at the four-way stop, turn left and follow Old Highway 51 north to Cobden. Old Highway 51 travels through the countryside where it leads to new Highway 51 and crosses over to Makanda Road, into the village of Makanda—the gateway into Giant City State Park. While in Makanda, see if you can find the secret garden.

Named for unique impressions made by its massive sandstone structures, Giant City State Park is home to the “Giant City Streets”—huge bluffs of sandstone formed twelve thousand years ago. The Visitor Center provides interpretive displays and area information, and the Lodge offers dining and cabin options.

Continue north on Giant City Road to Carbondale, which offers a variety of shopping, dining and lodging options.

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6. Trail of Tears State Forest
7. Lincoln Memorial Park
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10. Makanda Boardwalk
11. Giant City State Park
12. Southern Illinois University



Du Quoin State Fairgrounds Camping Information

DU QUOIN STATE FAIR CAMPING POLICIES AND RATES BEGIN AUGUST 1, 2026

Camping on the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds is at the camper's own risk. The Illinois Department of Agriculture shall not be responsible for any damage or loss to camper's personal property.

APPLICATION – RATES – PAYMENT PROCESS:

Camping is on a first come first served basis.
Reservations will not be accepted for the 2026 Fair.
Camping rate is \$30.00 per night for tent/non-tent; \$25.00 60/older and Veterans with ID.
Campers must check in at the Campground office prior to parking camper.
Visa, MasterCard, Discover, check or cash are the only acceptable forms of payment.
Your campground charge will appear on your credit card statement as Illinois Department of Agriculture. A convenience fee of 2.25% will be assessed.
No refunds will be issued.

ADMISSION & PARKING POLICIES:

One vehicle parking placard will be provided with each campsite. Additional vehicles must purchase a parking placard upon arrival at GATE 3 or the campground office and park in designated parking lot.
Every vehicle at the campground, excluding motor homes, will need a paid seasonal parking placard. Starting August 28, 2026, all vehicles will be inspected for appropriate parking placard. Those not displaying the appropriate placard will be subject to tow at the owner's expense.
Camping placard must be displayed in camper.
Lost or stolen parking placards will not be replaced.

CAMPING POLICIES:

Campers will be checked for length upon arrival.
Campers must enter Gate 3.
Supply vehicles are not permitted in the campgrounds.
All pets must be on a leash and confined to the

campground area. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after them.

Disabled camping sites are limited. Campers requiring a disabled location must show proof of disability plates or disability placard.

Parents are responsible for their children and their behavior.

No swimming in the lakes. No boats on the lakes.

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A dump station, showers and restrooms are located in the campgrounds.

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ONLY above ground fire pits are allowed.

All vehicles, (golf carts and side by sides) must obey rules of the road and be driven by a licensed driver. Proper permit must be purchased at the credentials office located under the grandstand. Vehicle permits must be clearly displayed at all times. No golf carts or side-by sides allowed on main fair loop during fair hours. This will be strictly enforced

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During the fair enter the campground through Gate 3 off of Route 51. In the off-season, enter through the Main Gate off of Route 51.

Du Quoin State Fair 2025 Kick-Off Memories



Above Left: Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker talks during the ribbon cutting ceremony. Above Center: 2025 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Johnna Fulcher speaks during the ribbon cutting ceremony. Above Right: Junior Miss Du Quoin State Fair Mia Castellano acknowledges the crowd. Right: Miss Pre-Teen Du Quoin State Fair Lorelai Hammonds rides in the parade.

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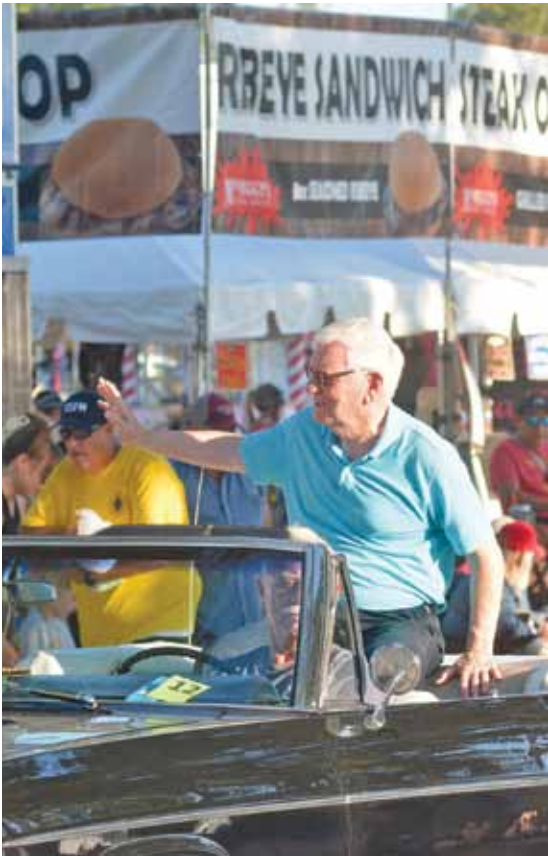
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Above: The Perry County Fair Queens participate in the 2025 Twilight Parade through the fairgrounds. Below: Little Miss Du Quoin State Fair Addacy George waves at parade goers.



Du Quoin State Fair 2025 Kick-Off Memories



Above Left: Twilight Parade Grand Marshal Glenn Poshard waves to the crowd. Above Right: Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker applauds as Department of Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II speaks during the ceremony.



Above: Du Quoin State Fair Manager Luke Davison delivers remarks. Below: Du Quoin Mayor Josh Downs delivers remarks during the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Above: Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker and Twilight Parade Grand Marshal Dr. Glenn Poshard cut the ribbon on the Du Quoin State Fair.

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Mikayla McFarland (right) and Hallie McFarland (left) perform the national anthem during ribbon cutting festivities.



2025 Miss Du Quoin State Fair Pageant Memories



2025 Miss Du Quoin State Fair Pre-Teen Lorelai Hammonds-Daughter of Kyle & Abigail Hammonds of Du Quoin stands with the Miss Pre-Teen contestants and other winners last Sunday. Other winners include: First Runner Up: Daisy Reagan-Daughter of BJ and Krystal Reagan of Tamaroa, Miss Congeniality: Daisy Reagan, Prettiest Hair: Lorelai Hammonds, Prettiest Eyes: Daisy Reagan, and Prettiest Smile: MacKenzi Hale. Photo by Jessica Holder for the Weekly-Press.

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2025 Miss Du Quoin State Fair Pageant Memories



Competing in the 2025 Junior Miss category are Alivia Leeper, McKenna Sparling, Tennyson Logan, Mia Castellano, Maisy Graff, Zoe Searby, Loryn Dorsey, Taven O'Shea and Octavia Wise. Photo by Jessica Holder for the Weekly-Press.



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2025 Miss Du Quoin State Fair Pageant Memories



2025 Little Miss Addacy George-Daughter of Brandon & Chacy George of Du Quoin stands with the contestants. Other winners include: First Runner Up: Eliza Rushing- Daughter of Dillon and Jessica Rushing of Du Quoin, Prettiest Hair: Eliza Rushing, Prettiest Eyes: Margot Williams and Prettiest Smile: Prudence Salee. Photo by Jessica Holder for the Weekly-Press.



2025 Junior Miss Mia Castellano-Daughter of Jeremy and Chelsea Castellano of Pinckneyville stands with the Junior Miss contestants and other winners. Other winners include: First Runner Up: Tennyson Logan-Daughter of Seth & Elizabeth Logan of Tamaroa, Miss Congeniality: Zoe Searby, Prettiest Hair: Tennyson Logan, Prettiest Eyes: Maisy Graff and Prettiest Smile: Mia Castellano. Photo by Jessica Holder for the Weekly-Press.



Above: Competing in the 2025 Miss Pre-Teen category are (L to R) MacKenzi Hale, Paige Marcy, Daisy Reagan, Brynley Niedbalkski and Lorelai Hammonds. Right: 2025 Miss Pre-Teen Lorelai Hammonds is crowned as Miss Du Quoin State Fair Pre-Teen last Sunday. Photos by Jessica Holder for the Weekly-Press.



2025 Miss Du Quoin State Fair Pageant Memories



Above: Competing in the 2025 Little Miss competition are (L to R) Addacy George, Isla Pettit, Elizah Rushing, Margot Williams, Drew Bathon, and Nahla Musielak. Right: Visiting royalty Jr. Miss Perry County Fair Queen 2025 Roe Marks speaks, alongside Ryan Wildermuth Miss Perry County Fair Queen and Princess Flame 2025 Raylee Carroll. Photos by Jessica Holder for the Weekly-Press.



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Veterans were honored at the Du Quoin State Fair with a free lunch, entertainment and program. Left: Army SSG Jeremy Weaver sings the National Anthem at the beginning of the program. Below: Patrick Haskell gave a 250 year rendition honoring Lafayette.



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- Alabama (1982-85, 1987-88, 1995, 1997)
 - America (1975)
 - Louis Armstrong (1967)
- The Beach Boys (1983, 1986, 1988,
 - Pat Boone (1956, 1973)
 - Garth Brooks (1991)
 - George Burns (1962)
 - Carrot Top (2002)
 - Johnny Carson (1964)
- Johnny Cash (1967, 1971-72, 1976)



Tesla returned to the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds last year for a great performance. Do you remember seeing them in 1989?

- Roy Clark (1965-1966, 1986, 1970, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1982, 1991, 2004)
 - Nat "King" Cole (1964)
 - Alice Cooper (2007)
 - Bill Cosby (1978)
 - Billy Ray Cyrus (1997, 2001)
- Charlie Daniels Band (1977, 1981, 1985, 1999, 2003, 2009)
 - Sammy Davis (1951)
 - Doobie Brothers (1999)
 - Foreigner (1995, 2014)
 - Jeff Foxworthy (1999-2000)
 - Gallagher (1987, 1990)
 - The Gatlin Brothers (1980, 1986)
 - Crystal Gayle (1977, 1985)
 - Andy Griffith (1962)
 - Merle Haggard (1969, 1982, 2013)
 - Hootie and the Blowfish (1999)
 - Bob Hope (1950, 1958, 1972, 1979)
- Waylon Jennings (1969-70, 1982, 1987, 1991)
 - George Jones (2001, 2006)
 - Toby Keith (1994, 2000)
 - Kris Kristofferson (1978, 1986)
 - Def Leppard (1999)
 - Jerry Lee Lewis (1969)
 - Liberace (1970)
 - Loretta Lynn (1966, 1971, 1974, 1980)
- Barbara Mandrell (1971-72, 1975, 1983, 1988)
 - Rebecca McEntire (1985, 1991)
 - Tim McGraw (1994, 1996)
 - Willie Nelson (1979-1982, 1985-87, 1991)
 - Wayne Newton (1970, 1984)
- Oak Ridge Boys (1976, 1979, 1982-83, 1985, 1997)
 - The Osmonds (1997)
 - Dollie Parton (1969, 1975, 1979)
- Kenny Rogers (1978-1980, 2000, 2014)
 - Diana Ross (1970)
 - Red Skelton (1963, 1977, 1980)
 - Lynyrd Skynyrd (1998, 2003, 2005)
 - Sonny and Cher (1973)
 - Hank Williams Jr. (1966, 1981, 1993)
 - ZZ Top (1997)

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The Expo building is always a great place to explore during the fair.



4-H members walk in the Annual Twilight Parade that travels through the fairgrounds to kick off the fair.

Fighting for Our Values!

Fighting for Our Communities
Rep. Scott Doody stands strongly opposed to the closure of Choate Mental Health Center in Anna and is fighting to make critical improvements for our residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The State of Illinois should be protecting the most vulnerable by investing in Choate Mental Health, not shutting down these services to residents and families.

Standing for Life
Scott stands for Life and opposes the vast expansion of taxpayer funded abortions in Illinois. Scott believes it is unacceptable to use our tax dollars to pay for the destruction of innocent life. Scott will advocate for life-affirming Pregnancy Resource Centers and supports legislation to protect human life, at ALL stages.

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Defending Our 2nd Amendment Rights
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Left: Gold Star mother Marla Uhles receives a hug from Du Quoin Mayor Josh Downs and a rose in honor of her son Marine Lance Corporal Drew M. Uhles during the rose ceremony. Above: Sherry Goldman receives a hug from Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Jerry Costello in honor of her nephew U.S. Army Cavalry Scout Wyatt D. Eisenhower during the Gold Star family rose ceremony during the 2025 Du Quoin State Fair.

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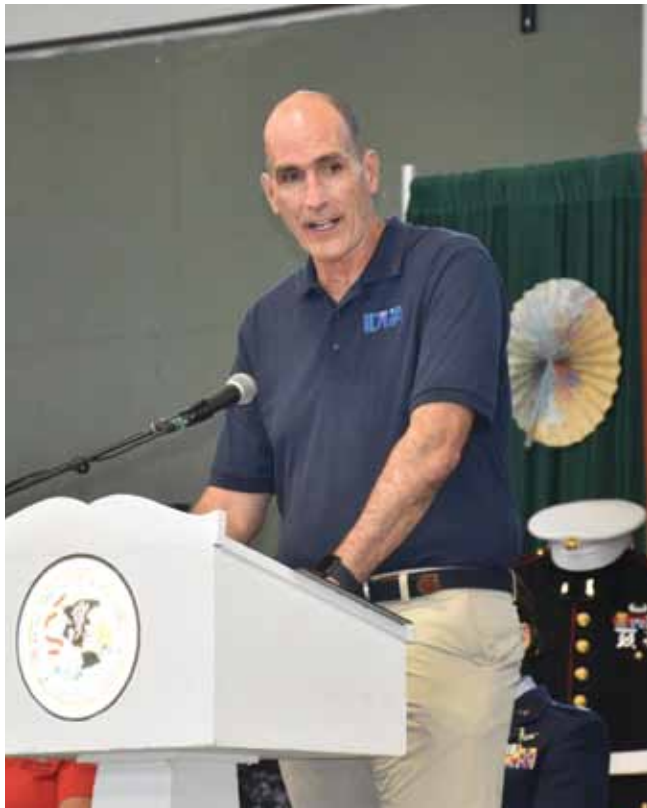
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Left: Ag director Jerry Costello Delivers remarks about veterans and his time in military service. Above: Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Johnna Fulcher recites the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the veterans day program.



Left: Director Terry Prince of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs speaks during the event. Above: Army CW03 Keith Shasteen plays Taps at the ceremony. Right: Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Tara Worley delivers remarks about the history of the military during the Veterans day program at the Du Quoin State Fair.



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