



**August 2021  
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## 2021 Calhoun County Fair – "there's magic in the Air"

It's almost time to come together, see your neighbors and your friends while we celebrate the 2021 Calhoun County Fair. Join us August 15<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup> as we celebrate with "there's magic in the Air". The Calhoun County Fair has been a gathering place in the community since 1848. We are the longest continual running County fair and offer events all year round. While we all know 2020 hit us hard and many of us have different comfort levels, please know we are following guidelines to keep everyone safe. There will be plenty of hand washing stations, hand sanitizer and space to enjoy livestock shows, fair food, grandstand entertainment and the carnival rides. Please let us know if you have any questions!

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### Special Days at the Fair -

**Monday August 16<sup>th</sup> – Hero's Day** – All active duty, veterans and emergency service personnel receive free gate entry.

**Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup> – Kid's Day** – Activities in the Belcher building 9am-1pm. Frog Jumping 10:30 at Houston School. Bike give away 1pm at the Firekeepers Casino Hotel Community Stage.

**Wednesday August 18<sup>th</sup> – Senior Day** – Seniors 65 and older receive free gate entry. Activities in the Belcher building 9am-1pm

### GRANDSTAND EVENT SCHEDULE

**Sunday Aug 15<sup>th</sup>- 3pm & 5 pm**

Lawn Mower Races- \$15 infield, \$5 for kids (5-12)

**Monday August 16<sup>th</sup> – 7pm**

Lost Nations Rodeo- \$15 infield, \$12 grandstand, \$5 kids (5-12)

**Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup> – 7pm**

KOI Drag Racing - \$15 infield, \$12 grandstands, \$5 kids (5-12)

**Wednesday August 18<sup>th</sup> – 7pm**

Truck Pulls - \$15 infield, \$12 grandstand, \$5 kids (5-12)

**Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> – 7pm**

Combine Derby - \$15 infield, \$12 grandstand, \$5 kids (5-12)

**Friday August 20<sup>th</sup> – 7pm**

Big Equipment Soccer Game - \$20 infield, \$15 grandstand, \$5 kids (5-12)

**Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> – 7pm**

Demolition Derby - \$20 infield, \$15 grandstand, \$5 kids (5-12)

Fireworks immediately following the Derby

## Trivia:

What year was Floral Hall built on the fairgrounds? What was the purpose it was built for?

Answer: 1860 – it was used as barracks for the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

## Office Hours:

Our staff is available to assist you in the office or by phone:

Monday thru Friday  
9am – 5pm

Call - 269-781-8161

## Calhoun County Commissioner's -

When considering options for improvements, the CCAIS board met with representatives from Calhoun County to discuss the impact covid had on the Calhoun County Fairgrounds. The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners voted Aug 5, 2021, to approve a \$200,000 Covid Relief Grant to the CCAIS. Areas being considered for improvement are infrastructure, electrical, water and building maintenance. The County Commissioners are working with us to develop a masterplan for the future. The CCAIS Board and membership would like to thank everyone for their continued support and commitment to the Calhoun County Fairgrounds.

## Livestock Show Schedule -

### Sunday August 15:

8am – Rabbit Show – Covered Arena  
9am – Poultry Show – Poultry Barn  
9am – Mini Horse & Donkey – Covered Arena  
9am – Hitch Show – Grandstand

### Monday August 16:

8am – Open Horse & Pony – Grandstand  
8:30 – Goat Show – Covered Arena  
9am – Youth Horse Show – Koster Arena  
12 noon – Youth Dairy Starter Show – Covered Arena  
2pm – Sheep Show – Covered Arena  
5pm – Beef Fitting – Covered Arena

### Tuesday August 17:

8am – Youth Draft Horse Show – Covered Arena  
9am – Youth Dog Show – Infield  
9am – Youth Horse – Koster Arena  
10am – Beef Breeding – Covered Arena  
5:30 – Youth Swine Show – Covered Arena

### Wednesday August 18:

9am – Youth Horse Show – Koster Arena  
9am – Youth Swine Show – Covered Arena  
2pm – Youth Beef Show – Covered Arena

### Thursday August 19:

9am – Youth Horse Show – Koster Arena  
9am – Open Horse Halter Show – Covered Arena

### Small Animal Auction –

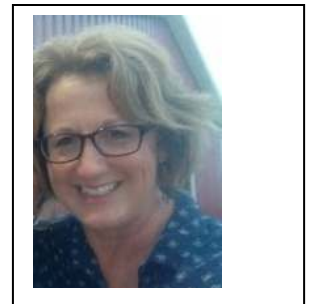
Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm – Covered Arena

### Large Animal Auction –

Friday August 20<sup>th</sup> 11am – Covered Arena

## Welcome Cathy Combs to Our Staff!

We are excited to welcome Cathy Combs as the Interim Fair Manager! Cathy has extensive fair experience, serving on the Board, the Emergency Response Team, as a 4-H Leader and in various volunteer roles. Cathy is excited to join our team and we believe she will be an excellent addition to make our fairgrounds a wonderful place to visit. If you see her around the fairgrounds please say hello and help her feel welcomed!



## Beer Tent

New location!! Located on the main food court area (Old Tyme Photo location) The beer tent will also be accessible from the grandstands.

Join us: 2-10pm  
Monday – Saturday

## CCAIS Membership opportunities.....

Membership has its perks. Being a CCAIS member supports the Calhoun County Fair, gives you voting rights at the annual meeting and a pass to the fair. At the annual meeting the membership voted to change the membership year to match the calendar year Jan-Dec. Become a member today and receive a 2021 fair pass and voting rights at the Annual Meeting in November. Base membership \$25, Patron membership \$100, Patron Plus \$175. Contact the Fair Office if you have questions.