



# St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association Newsletter May 2021



## Message from the Fair Board President

We are moving full speed ahead preparing for this year's fair. As we continue to deal with some of the lingering challenges we faced in 2020, we are hopeful that we will be able to bring you some of the exciting new changes we had planned for last year's Fair. Such as, the new ride company and the new layout for the fairgrounds. Everyone's safety will be first and foremost as we plan for a fun and exciting fair.

I am looking forward to a great 2021 Fair!  
Jerry Waltke

## Welcome our New Fair Venue Coordinator

The Board of Directors is very pleased to introduce Melissa (Missi) Tefft as our Fair Venue Coordinator. We are excited and pleased to have Missi join our staff. She brings 32 years of experience working at the Fair office, completing many different tasks. Missi also has a wealth of knowledge with computer applications and organizational skills. She has worked the past ten years for GT Independence in the Quality and Compliance department as a Project Specialist. Missi displays excellent customer service skills and will be a positive force for our Fair. All these skills will be an asset to the inner workings of our Fair. Please welcome Missi to her new role.

## **DIAMOND RIO IN CONCERT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 AT 7 P.M. WITH SPECIAL GUEST CASH O'RILEY**

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!! Ticket prices are \$20 for the Grandstand plus \$2.54 for service and handling fees. Track tickets are \$25 plus \$3.16 for service and handling fees. After September 1, 2021, all tickets will be \$30 plus \$3.46 for service and handling fees. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.sjcgfdiamondrio.eventbrite.com](http://www.sjcgfdiamondrio.eventbrite.com). The concert is being sponsored by Skerbeck Entertainment Group.

## Association Meeting

(Quarterly meetings will start at 6:00 pm)

Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm (Potluck)

## Annual Meeting

Monday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

## Up Coming Events

### K-9 Fanciers Dog Show

-May 14<sup>th</sup> – May 16<sup>th</sup>

### MIHA Jr. High Equestrian Show

-May 16<sup>th</sup>

### Antique Motorcycle Show Wolverine Chapter

-May 21<sup>st</sup> – May 23<sup>rd</sup>

### ASPC/AMHR Club Horse Show

-May 28<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>

### Horse Racing Gate Training

-May 30<sup>th</sup>

For a complete list of  
events, please visit our  
website

[www.centrevillefair.com](http://www.centrevillefair.com)



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## Committee Updates

### Draft/Pony Committee:

The Draft Horse and Pony Show committee is forging ahead with plans for a 2021 Show at Fair. The Premium Book has been updated with new times for the Draft Horse Show. The next step in the planning process is for us to start obtaining sponsorships and the hiring of judges.

**Kristine Kirsch- Committee Chair**

### Medical/First Aid Station Committee:

I invited Covered Bridge Healthcare to head up our First Aid Station during Fair week. They have created a partnership with Nurse Betty and Life Care Ambulance to provide medical services during fair week. Covered Bridge Healthcare will bring their mobile office unit to provide health care on site. This should be a plus for our ride company staff to provide physicals and such. Covered Bridge Healthcare will also cover the liability for these services.

**Kristine Kirsch- Committee Chair**

### 4-H Extension Liaison:

Everyone is wondering about 4-H this year for our 2021 and we as a Board are wondering as well. Julie Pioch was present at our April Board meeting. The good news is that the superintendents of the livestock are ready to forge ahead with a youth fair. We will continue to work with 4-H and will keep everyone updated as plans unfold. Eva Beeker retired March 30, 2021. The search for her replacement is still ongoing.

**Kristine Kirsch- Committee Chair**

## Emails Wanted:

We have some members email addresses and we are asking if you have an email address and currently do not receive the Newsletter via email, we would be happy to have it. We will be using members emails to send announcements about upcoming events on the Fairgrounds, volunteer opportunities, and of course the Newsletter. If you would like to be added to the email list, please email Missi at [mtefft@centrevillefair.com](mailto:mtefft@centrevillefair.com)

## Camping Superintendents Needed Fair Week

We are in need of Camping Superintendents Fair Week. This job would include running the camping office, overseeing all campgrounds, parking of campers, and a lot of additional duties. This is a paid position. If you are interested or know someone that would be interested, please contact the Fair Office at (269) 467-8935 or email Missi at [mtefft@centrevillefair.com](mailto:mtefft@centrevillefair.com)

## 2021 Fair Board Members

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