

Eric Rudh Faces Cancer With Help Of Friends And Family



Eric Rudh has played guitar in live bands for 35 years. He stayed in contact and remained friends with many of those who he played with in the various bands. Music will be a large part of the benefit being held for Rudh on Saturday, July 20, titled Band Against Cancer.

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but didn't have the strength to do," commented Rudh.

Jim Berger, a long time friend of Rudh, drove up from Florida and did three jobs for him. "I can't say enough about what that means to me and my family. Jim taught me this business 10 years ago and him and his family have been beyond supportive," Rudh explained.

Rudh has played live music in clubs, street dances and other venues since college. Rudh and Berger played together in three different bands over the years.

"I am still friends and in touch with most everyone I've played in bands with," said Rudh. "Paul Peterson and I have played together as well for almost 20 years in different bands," continued Rudh.

Paul Peterson's band "Asking For A Friend" will be playing for the benefit for Rudh on Saturday, July 20 at the Rothsay Event Center.

"I'm currently working with three other old friends that I've played

with in the past to put something together to continue playing on a smaller scale and not as often as we once all did," stated Rudh.

"Members of the band include John Lamb, Brent Schiefert, and Dane Peterson. Hopefully we will be ready to play a few songs at the benefit as well. We are calling the band Sonic History."

Going through the cancer process forces one to take a good look at what is really important in life. Often, words of wisdom come from someone who has come through the process.

"Not sure what advice I would have for others in this situation other

than to put your head down and barrel through it," Rudh commented. "There are no short cuts and hopefully you have the support I've had because it would be daunting alone.

"I wish I could say there were any benefits to this journey but it's really just a slog. I guess I can say I enjoy the trips to Fargo with my brother most days even if much of the time I'm sleeping," laughed Rudh.

The benefit for Eric Rudh will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 20 with a bean bag tournament.

Other events include a silent auction, food and lots of live music. Free will donations will be accepted.

"I'm not really up on what all the benefit will include," said Rudh. "I know that my terrific friend Shawn Christ as well as many other friends and family have been meeting one night a week to put it together.

"The theme will be 'Band Against Cancer'. The idea came from the fact that I played guitar in many bands over the last 35 years and make so many friends.

"My buddy, Paul's band, will perform and there will probably be guests sitting in from over the years. Hopefully I'll feel up to joining in as well!" concluded Eric Rudh.



Eric Rudh is a Rothsay native. His siblings and mom all live in the area and have been a big help while he has been undergoing cancer treatments. The family gathered for a holiday photo. Pictured, left to right, are Eric's sister Kirsten Danielson, Eric, his mom, Janice Rudh, sister Emily Zender and his brother, Pete Rudh.

Annual Potato Days Festival Set For August 23 And 24

By: Theresa Olson

Food, family fun and many events make up the Potato Days Festival, held again this year on Friday and Saturday, August 23 and 24 in Barnesville.

Well known for its potato production, Barnesville draws on their potato heritage for two days of "spud"rific fun. Each year, an estimated 20,000+ tater lovers from across the country descend on this town of 2,500 to enjoy bushels of FREE fun for the entire family.

Anyone that has attended the festival raves about the good food court that serves up the best of potato pancakes, dumplings, Norwegian lefse, french fries, mashed potatoes and gravy and potato sausage. There are non-potato items such as pork or beef sandwiches, hamburgers, macho nachos, ice cream and smoothies served as well.



The main-stay of the festival is the potato peeling and potato picking contests but family fun continues with such events as the mashed potato wrestling competition, strong man contest, sculpting contest, street fair, stage entertainment and the ever-growing car show. Also the cooking contest consisting of making the best lefse entry is a popular event.

Looking for athletic competition? Jaynie (Herbranson) Halvorson

Memorial 5k/10k/Fun Run is one not to miss as you run through the beautiful streets of Barnesville!

Other activities include the whist and pinochle tournaments, horseshoe contest, and Miss Tater Tot Contest. There are dances for all ages as well! Friday night is a teen dance and on Saturday night a street dance for the over 21 crowd featuring Jacked Up!

Whether "spuds" are part of the activity or not, combine all the food and events and you've cooked up a "spud"tacular Friday and Saturday while attending the Potato Days Festival in Barnesville on August 23 and 24, 2019.

For more information check out the festival's website at www.potatodays.com or for a free brochure including a complete schedule of events call the "spud" line at 1-800-525-4901

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106th Clay County Fair Opens Thursday



Back again this year is ever popular demolition derby. There will be four classes with a payout of over \$5,000.

It's nearly mid-July, which means Clay County Fair is on the way with four days of great entertainment. There are activities galore for every age and interest at the 106th annual fair, which is held at the fairgrounds in Barnesville beginning Thursday, July 11 and continues through Sunday, July 14.

Since it started in 1914, the Clay County Fair has been a venue for exhibitors to showcase their talents, reconnect with neighbors, promote agricultural products and offer family-fun events. It's a time for 4-H and FFA members to showcase projects they have worked on in the past year. The fair is also an occasion to recognize individuals who help make the fair and community a viable place to play, work and live.

The fair officially kicks off on Thursday, July 11. Exhibitors living in and around the county will enter livestock, crops, garden produce, flowers and domestic goods for judging and display. The fair is the climactic summer event for members of Clay County 4-H clubs and FFA chapters. Free for the viewing are projects from members of these

youth organizations in the 4-H and Natural Resource buildings.

The Clay County Fair features several events that preserve our county's agricultural heritage. Those include the livestock judging contests. Over the course of the fair, there are rabbit, poultry, cattle, swine, horse, goat and sheep shows. Refer to the fair's schedule for times and location of the livestock judging.

A Modified Tractor Pull will be at the grandstand Friday, July 12. Action begins at 6:30.

Speaking of big-wheeled farm equipment, the popular tractor parade rolls in about 2:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, July 13, owners of antiquated tractors and equipment proudly drive their farm machinery giving a nostalgic look from the past.

Stop by the Natural Resource Building and check out the tractor simulator. Sit in a cab and get a feel for what it is like to drive a tractor and plant a field. This building is also home to crop displays, a wildlife exhibit, a TIP trailer and vendors that promote agriculture.

Anything can happen at the ranch rodeo on Sunday, July 14. All of

the action begins at 1:30 p.m. at the horse arena just to the north of the midway.

Four-person teams compete and demonstrate skills that are used in everyday cattle operations. Whether a horse decides to buck off its rider when preparing to rope a steer, or a contestant gets his winning lasso throw tangled in a horse's tail, the audience is well entertained. No animals are hurt during the competition. However, the same cannot be guaranteed about those participating.

The demolition derby made a smashing return to the fair in 2017. Come out for an evening of crunches, and metal to metal crashes on Saturday, July 13.

This year the demo derby will feature four classes: welded full size, limited wild full size, welded compacts and chain compacts. Total payout for the event is \$5,850.

Back again this year is the "Power Wheels Derby" for kids 4-8. Participants are to bring their own car and helmet. For more information on the Power Wheels Derby visit mnclaycountyfair.com.

The revving of engines and smashing of vehicles will begin in front of the grandstand at 6:30 p.m. This exciting event will include compact cars and pickups. Come and cheer your favorite driver.

New this year for the grandstands is the beer garden. It will be on the north end of the grandstand. A ticket much be purchased to the grandstand to be granted access to the beer garden.

Ticket price for each grandstand show is \$10 for those 12 years old and over and \$5 for children 11 years old and younger.

Besides all of the grandstand entertainment, the Clay County Fair offers much enjoyment at other places on the fairgrounds.

As always, Clay County Fair officials do their utmost to bring top-notch entertainment for all ages. The live performances begins on the first night of the fair, Thursday evening, with the talent show. Stoneridge Road takes the stage later that evening.

You'll have ample opportunity to enjoy magician Tom Anderson's show on Friday. He performs at 10 a.m., noon and 3:30 p.m. at the band shelter.

Sherwin Linton has been dazzling audiences for more than half a century. On Friday, July 12, Sherwin and his wife, Pam, will present two free performances, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., at the grandstand's main stage.

An area family favorite, Penny & Pals, returns to the Clay County Fair on Saturday, July 13. The fun and music begins at 11:00 a.m. at the band shelter.

Clowning Around with Kim will start at 2:00 p.m. under the tent by the 4-H Annex Building.

The Red Letter Band will bring its chart topping sound to the band shelter on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Tap your toes and sing along as six musicians sing classic country hits, inspirational songs and original tunes.

Test your ability when participating in a spelling bee at the old school house. Of course, the tradition continues with activities for the kids, such as 4-H Day Camp, ag olympics, nickel scramble, pedal

pull, pre-school fun corner and bike giveaways.

Chainsaw carving demonstrations will be at the Conservation Building Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday at the fair begins with two different church services and continues with award ceremonies. A Sunday awards program begins at 1:00 p.m. at the band shelter. Ron and Jane Salber and Gene Prim will be inducted to the Clay County Fair Hall of Fame. There will be recognition of the Clay County Senior Citizen and any century farms in the county.

A Best of Show Parade wraps up the summer festival.

The Mighty Thomas Carnival comes to the fairgrounds and will entertain boys and girls of all ages with their thrilling rides and enticing midway attractions. Six different

times are designated over the four days of the fair.

Advance tickets can be purchased at businesses throughout the county through Wednesday, July 10 to save money on the rides. A buddy day special will take place on Saturday, July 13 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Additional highlights at the Clay County Fair include Government Day, Learn By Doing Center, FFA barnyard, Daisy May, Pioneer Photography and bingo, among many, many other things.

There is something for everyone at the Clay County Fair. Come and experience all of the action, excitement, thrills and family fun that the fair offers in its four day run, July 11, 12, 13 and 14 in Barnesville.

Check out the website for more information about the fair at www.mnclaycountyfair.com, or like us on Facebook.



Magician Tom Anderson is always a favorite among young and old alike. Tom always pulls at least a couple of willing participants from the audience to help with his tricks.