

Diamond Rio heads entertainment the 91st Moultrie-Douglas County Fair

By Doris Elmore

Ninety-one incredible years of fun awaits you at the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair July 5-9 at the fairgrounds in Arthur. It is earlier this year, and follows on the tail of July 4 celebrations, but it just means the festivities just keep on coming.

With much excitement, the Moultrie-Douglas Fair Board is proud to welcome Diamond Rio in concert on Saturday, July 9. They will be on stage at 8:30 p.m. We have known of Diamond Rio for many years, and now we will see them in person, gracing our very own stage. Diamond Rio is an American country music band. They were founded in 1982 as an attraction for the Opryland USA theme park in Nashville, TN, and were originally known as the Grizzly River Boys, then the Tennessee River Boys.

In 1991, Diamond Rio became the first band to top the US country charts with their debut single, the love ballad 'Meet In The Middle'. Their first album went platinum and yielded several more hit singles. They added a powerful rhythm section for their second album, an unusual move for country music. In 1997, Diamond Rio won a Country Music Association Award for vocal group of the year,



a deserved accolade as they blend state-of-the-art modern country rock with high harmonies and bluegrass instruments. This will prove to be an evening of fun, get your tickets today. Advance and online sales are \$20 and \$25 day of the show. The local popular Feudin' Hillbillies will open for Diamond Rio at 7 p.m.

Due to Monday being July 4, the fair will officially begin on Tuesday, July 5. The schedule of events appears in this week's newspa-

pers, and also posted around local towns. This will give you a day-to-day listing of the many events. Don't forget the POP Nights for the rides, it will make you dizzy with fun.

A new Miss Moultrie-Douglas Queen and Little Miss will be crowned on Tuesday, at 7 p.m. and the Junior Miss will be crowned on Wednesday. This pageant also begins at 7 p.m. There are so many other events scheduled throughout the week. Remember to dress

up your beautiful babies and enter the baby pageant on Saturday morning, July 9. It is a hard choice to pick winners, there are so many cute children.

Some of the best livestock in the area will be on exhibit, the ITPA tractor pull will attract tractor lovers from all over, and other entertainment will provide loads of fun. The 4-H members always work hard with their animals and other projects. Please come and support them.

A special thank you to all former board members for their endless hours of labor & dedication to make

Mo-Do Fair a great place to enjoy, a summer must. We would like to mention all the names of these board members, but don't want to unintentionally leave someone out. Some of them are no longer with us, but the memories of their past achievements will live on forever.

Thank you all, directors and fair goers, for your support of the Mo-Do Fair. Also, thanks to the present board members for the time and effort they put into having the fair. This is a year around planning event, for one week of the fair.

What more would you want in a county fair than fair food, entertainment, tractor pull, livestock shows, rides and more? The bright lights of the rides will light up the night sky on July 5 and continue through July 9 welcoming you to the 91st year of the fair. For more information, visit the website at www.moultriedouglascountyfair.com.

Moultrie and Douglas County 4-H'ers invite you to the annual Moultrie-Douglas Fair

With over 300 exhibits to view, our Moultrie and Douglas county 4-H'ers would like to invite the general public to attend the 2019 Moultrie Douglas 4-H Fair! Mark your calendars for the following dates and events:

Moultrie-Douglas General Project Exhibit on June 29, 2022

Otto Center Arthur, IL
Registration begins at 5:15 p.m.
Show at 6-9 p.m.
All General Projects, Sewing & Textiles, Food & Nutrition
Check-in at 5:15 p.m.

Judging at 6:00 p.m.
Judging will be conference style, members with multiple project areas will be judged as project areas are called.

Moultrie-Douglas Small Animal Exhibit on July 5, 2022

Animals on the fairgrounds by 8 am - All shows in the south barn
8:15 a.m. Poultry
9:30 a.m. Rabbits
11:00 a.m. Alpaca
11:45 a.m. Dog, Cats, small pets
All small animals will be release at the conclusion of the days shows

Moultrie-Douglas Large Livestock Exhibit on July 6, 2022

Animals must be on the fairgrounds by 8 a.m. for vet check
All shows in the south barn
Swine Show 8:15 a.m.
Beef Show 9:30 a.m.
Sheep Show 11:00 a.m.
Goat and Dairy Show 11:45 a.m.
Master Showmanship Jr. and Sr. will be held 1 hour after the conclusion of the goat and dairy show.
All large livestock will be released at the conclusion of Master Showmanship

Moultrie-Douglas Extension Foundation Auction on July 6, 2022

Registration 5-6 p.m.
The auction starts at 6 p.m.
If you have any questions regarding the fair or are interested in volunteering, please contact the University of Illinois Extension Office in Arthur at 543-3755.

Tuscola track and field teams add another trophy in 2022 season

By Lenny Sementi

Tuscola's track program overall boys and girls has been one of the strongest in central Illinois for a lot of years delivering team trophies in both. This year's squads didn't miss a beat, each qualifying individual track athletes, field athletes and a pair of relay teams.

Coach Drew Sterkel and the Lady Warriors added another to the trophy case at TCHS. Sterkel the News Gazettes Girls Track Coach of the year leaned on his star Alyssa Williams but also looked to his youth. He utilized all parts putting the third team trophy in the case at TCHS and the programs first ever State Title.

Senior Alyssa Williams led the way for the state champs adding three more golds and a bronze medal to her personal collection at the Big Blue Oval at EIU. Williams, the WCIA Female Athlete of the year and News Gazette female athlete of the year, won the 100 and 200-meter sprints for the second consecutive year.

The team's MVP, Outstanding Track and Outstanding Field performer joined up with teammates freshman Lia Patterson, junior Mia Hausmann, and sophomore Jillian Alexander in the 800-meter relay for a gold medal outing breaking a long time school record touring the track in one minute 44.11 seconds. The Jamaican Native secured her fourth state medal of the year and the eighth of her career with a third place in the long jump.



Patterson collected four medals as well in her first go round. The News Gazettes first team Hurdle/Sprint honoree won gold in the 800-relay, took second in the 200-meter dash, finishing behind only Williams while posting the second fastest time in school history, third in the 300-Low hurdles, and fifth in the 100-low hurdles. She owns school records in both hurdle races after just one season in the black and gold.

Even with Williams, a Murray State commit moving on to college next fall Patterson and the Lady Warriors will still be a favorite to add yet another trophy to the collection. Hausmann and Alexander were both second team News Gazette All Area recipients for the part in the team title and the relay gold in the 4x200. Junior Harley Woodard and freshman Kenna Clodfelder landed on the News Gazette Honorable mention squad. The duo joined with Hausmann and Alexander on the state qualifying 4x100-meter relay

team. Sophomore thrower Natalie Hastings accepted News Gazette Honorable mention accolades as well.

Boyd, a First Team All Area News Gazette athlete, was the rock on a young boys track team. The junior thrower took home state hardware for the second consecutive year finishing in the runner-up spot in the shot put a few weeks back. The senior-to-be qualified in both throwing events collecting the squads MVP and Outstanding Field Performer at the end of the year awards banquet.

Joining Boyd at the state track meet were seniors Connor Lewis, Krish Patel, Logan Wallace and Riley Nolan along with juniors Hunter Branca and Ben Hornaday as well as sophomores Will Foltz, Jackson Barrett and Josiah Hortin. Hortin, the teams Outstanding Track Athlete award winner and Barrett both toured the Blue Oval in 1600-meter run and took part in the 4x800-meter relay earning them News Gazette Honorable Mention All Area middle/long distance nods.

Nolan and Wallace, this year's Warrior Spirit award winner, linked up with Hortin and Barrett in the 4x8 for a twelfth place finish overall just missing the podium. Branca, Lewis, Hornaday and Patel were strong in the prelims but came up short in the 4x200-meter relay. Foltz, an Honorable Mention News Gazette athlete, qualified and competed in the pole vault in just his second season in the black and gold.

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July 5-9, 2022
Arthur, IL

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TUESDAY, JULY 5

8:15 a.m. - 4-H Small Animal Exhibit
6-10 p.m. - Carnival Rides
7 p.m. - Miss & Little Miss Fair Queen Pageants
North Grand Stand - \$7 each

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

8:15 a.m. - 4-H Large Animal Exhibit
6-10 p.m. - Carnival Rides - POP Night - \$20
6 p.m. - 4-H Project Auction - South Livestock Bldg.
7 p.m. - Junior Miss Pageant
North Grand Stand - \$7 each

THURSDAY, JULY 7

6 p.m. ITPA Tractor Pull
(South Grand Stand)
Gate \$15.00 each - Children 6-12 \$5.00 - 5 & under FREE
6-10 p.m. - Carnival Rides POP Night - \$20
7:00 p.m. - Sisters and Company FREE - Midway Stage

FRIDAY, JULY 8

5 p.m. - Hog Show
5 p.m.-1 a.m. Beer Garden Open (9 p.m. Krash Course)
6-11 p.m. - Carnival Rides POP Night - \$22
7 p.m. - Battle Creek (Country)
FREE - Midway Stage

SATURDAY, JULY 9

9:30 a.m. - Baby Pageant Registration
10 a.m. - Baby Pageant - Main Stage - \$5 each
10 a.m. - Beef Cattle Show
11 a.m. - Sheep Show
5 p.m.-1 a.m. Beer Garden Open - Feudin' Hillbillies - Following Concert
DIAMOND RIO IN CONCERT
7:00 p.m. - Feudin' Hillbillies
8:30 p.m. - Diamond Rio
\$20.00 (Advance & Online Sales) \$25.00 Day of Show

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