

# CELEBRATE THE RED, WHITE & BLUE IN 2022



★ **AUGUST 16 - 21** ★

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## ★ NEW Foods for You and Past Favorites Too, in 2022! ★



We are excited to *WELCOME BACK* Duke's Poutine, OZ Taffy and Waffle Chicks. We missed you and look forward to having you and your delicious food back in 2022!

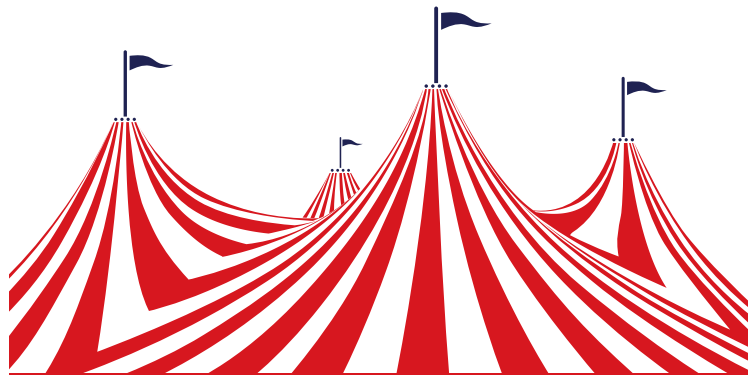
DeAnna's, a longtime fair vendor, is excited to be bringing two NEW FOODS to this year's fair, Donut Dog and Deep Fried Banana Pudding.

*Also, look for the following  
NEW FOODS and  
VENDORS at this year's fair!*

Agave Express: Skirt Steak and more!  
Benny's BBQ: Smoked Pork Belly Bits and more!  
Bryan's Sirloin Tips: Sirloin Tips  
Diventuri: Deep Fried Mashed Potatoes  
Simply Sweet Cheesecake: Cheesecake

## ★ Ready, Set, Grow! ★

What do you get when you combine MN farm facts with magic? You get Ready, Set, Grow, an Agricultural Magic Show featuring Farmer Ed. This fun agricultural magic show for kids of all ages will be NEW at this year's fair. The show features comedic magic, juggling, puppets, audience participation and music all while learning about agriculture. Plan now to enjoy the show during the fair!



## ★ SCFF Office Information ★

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If you would like to receive your Barker Newsletter by e-mail, please contact us and we will be happy to add you to the list.

# Steele County Free Fair Barker



## ★ Save the Dates ★

Summer is upon us and calendars fill up quickly. Be sure to save these dates and make them a part of your summer plans:

**Happening Now:** Tickets are on sale for ALL grandstand shows at [www.scff.org](http://www.scff.org)

**Happening Now:** Renew your membership to the Steele County Agricultural Society by stopping in the SCFF Office. Still only \$5.00 per person. *Membership deadline is 8:00 PM on Sunday, August 21, 2022.*

**Thursday, July 7:** The Steele County Free Fair is partnering with the Owatonna People's Press and Kottke Jewelers to sponsor Branded Hot Country in Central Park from 7:00 – 9:00 PM as part of Downtown Thursday in Owatonna. Matt Herzog and Friends will be playing from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. Look for our booth and stop by to say, "Hi", while enjoying a Thursday night downtown with your friends and neighbors. Food, shopping, music and so much more... hope to see you there!



**Friday, July 15:** MegaRide Tickets, for all rides every day of the fair, go on sale exclusively at Owatonna Hy-Vee, 1620 South Cedar Ave. for \$55.00.



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**JULY 16TH, 2022**

5:30 pm to 10:00 pm

@ the Steele County Fairgrounds Beer Garden



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**NO ENTRY FEE. FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL  
BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.  
THERE WILL BE A FREE WILL OFFERING TO  
SUPPORT THE SERVICES WE OFFER.**

**Tuesday, August 16:** "Celebrate the Red, White and Blue in 2022" at the official opening of the Steele County Free Fair at 5:00 PM in Fair Square Park.

**Tuesday, August 16:** Deadline to purchase MegaRide Tickets is 5:00 PM at Owatonna Hy-Vee.

**Tuesday, August 16 – Sunday, August 21:** Enjoy the sights and sounds of the 2022 Steele County Free Fair! Check out the website at [www.scff.org](http://www.scff.org) for all of the information! The fair has been FREE since 1927 and is Minnesota's largest county fair.

## ★ Fair Fun Facts ★

★ The Steele County Agricultural Society recently became the owner of 1.4 acres of land north of the Four Seasons Building (former Cedarview property) thanks to the generosity of the Allan Radel family. This is the only land owned by the Steele County Agricultural Society. It will be used for vendor parking during the fair.

★ The Owatonna FFA Chapter recognized the Steele County Free Fair Board of Directors at their annual Spring Banquet with a Certificate of Appreciation for encouragement, cooperation and assistance in helping them to accomplish outstanding achievements in agriculture, leadership, citizenship and community development.

★ Heading South on I-35? Check out the LED billboard located near Revol. It will be advertising the Maddie & Tae and Joe Nichols concerts.

★ Summer projects are underway on the fairgrounds. Work to be completed this summer includes work under the grandstand, new shingles on the Muckle Building and new doors for the Beer Garden.

## ★ “Celebrate the Red, White and Blue in 2022” at these Steele County Free Fair Grandstand Events! ★

**Tuesday, August 16, 2022:** Classic Antique Tractor Pull at 6:00 PM sponsored by Mike’s Repair, Agroliquid/LG Seeds – Ron Janning. This is a FREE event. No tickets are needed.

**Wednesday, August 17, 2022:** Maddie & Tae Concert at 8:00 PM sponsored by Hy-Vee – Owatonna, Camping World RV & Outdoors, Fastenal, Let’s Ride, Owatonna Motor Company and Northland Farm Systems.

**Thursday, August 18, 2022:** Hairball Concert at 8:00 PM sponsored by Mohs Homes, Mohs Contracting, Baymont by Wyndham – Owatonna, Bosch, CarTime, Sleep City, Tom Thumb Donuts and Camping World RV & Outdoors.

**Friday, August 19, 2022:** Joe Nichols Concert at 8:00 PM with opening act Mason Dixon Line sponsored by Fastenal, Let’s Ride, Olympic Fire Protection, Camping World RV & Outdoors, Cole’s Electric, Inc., Berkshire Hathaway Advantage Real Estate and Owatonna Motor Company.

**Saturday, August 20, 2022:** CBRA Bulls-N-Barrels with Mutton Bustin’ at 7:30 PM sponsored by Plaza Morena Campestre Grill, Lava Burgers and Wings, Kibble Equipment, Wolff & Sons and Owatonna People’s Press.

**Sunday, August 21, 2022:** Southern MN Championship Demolition Derby at 2:00 PM sponsored by Misgen’s Auto Parts, NAPA Auto Parts – Owatonna, Four Seasons Electric, Kibble Equipment and Northland Farm Systems.

Get your tickets online now at [scff.org](http://scff.org)

## ★ Spotlight on Sponsors ★

In this edition of the Barker we are pleased to recognize Baker Tech Services. Baker Tech Services provides the security cameras, phone system and technical support for the Steele County Free Fair. Nolan Baker, owner, and his crew are located at 209 W. Bridge St. in Owatonna. What is truly impressive is that Nolan just graduated with the Owatonna High School Class of 2022! His future plans are to continue to grow his business. Baker Tech Services are currently providing the video updates for the renovation of Downtown Owatonna, too, along with supporting individuals and businesses with their technology needs. They may be reached at [bakerts.com](http://bakerts.com) or 507-414-7800. Baker Tech Services crew includes Jake Ruiter who will be a senior at Owatonna High School this fall and is working on his Eagle Scout project;

Nic Pilcher who will be a sophomore at the University of WI, Madison, in the fall and Jake Seykora who will be a freshman at the University of WI, LaCrosse, in the fall. The Steele County Free Fair is proud to partner with Baker Tech Services.



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## ★ Kozelka's Korner ★



Wow, the 2022 edition of the Steele County Free Fair is less than 60 days away! Our team is hard at work getting everything ready for the many guests that will join us to “Celebrate the Red, White and Blue in 2022” August 16th – 21st. We have had a super busy off season with events happening nearly every week and will continue to be busy on the grounds as we lead up to the fair, the busiest and best days of the year!

Our SCFF webpage, [www.scff.org](http://www.scff.org), and media sites are continually being updated with the latest news as we continue to prepare for the fair. Be sure to check them frequently as the excitement continues to build and we continue to add new events and details for the fair!

I've said it before, but it can never be said enough, THANK YOU to ALL of our SPONSORS. We wouldn't have a fair without them! It is their sponsorship and support that allows us to bring you the wonderful entertainment and many activities that make our Steele

County Free Fair Minnesota's largest county fair. We strive, always, to be the best, too. Please remember to support these fine businesses and, when you do, thank them for everything they do for our fair and our Steele County and area communities.

I look forward to welcoming and visiting with you during the fair. Until then, have a safe and enjoyable summer.

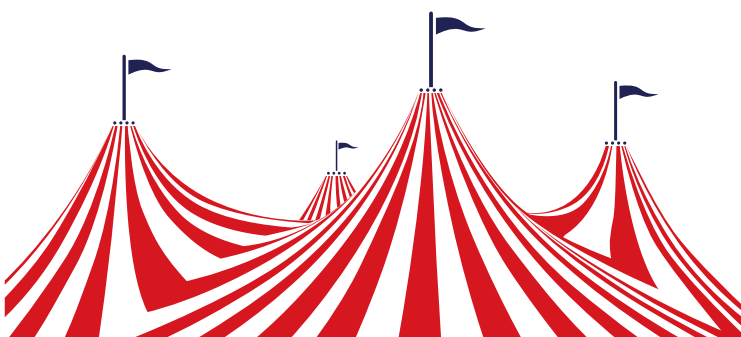
See you at the fair,

Scott Kozelka  
SCFF Manager



## ★ Cutting Horse Shows Held Back-to-Back Weekends ★

The National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) recently brought their competition to the fairgrounds on back-to-back weekends. The Big Sky circuit – Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin – hosted the Amateur and Non-Pro Extravaganza the weekends of June 16 – 19 and 23 – 26 in the Radel Pavilion. This free event was an amazing display of athleticism. Cutting horses date back to the turn of the century. They work livestock like a border collie herding livestock and control the horses without reigns, using only their legs and feet and keeping their hands by their sides. We were proud to welcome this outstanding event to the Steele County Free Fairgrounds.



## ★ Memorials and Donations ★

### Donations Received:

Roger & Pam Heiden  
David & Lois Janke  
Superior Foods & Catering

### Memorials Received:

In Memory of Larry Tande-Longtime Fair Supporter  
Dan & Vickie Deml  
Grant & Denise Duffy  
Sandy Jirele  
Doug & Jeanne Pichner  
Dave & Trudy Severson

In Memory of Margaret Meger-Mother of Glen Meger  
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Dan & Vickie Deml

In Memory of Rita Dietz-Friend of the Fair  
Dan & Vickie Deml

In Memory of Mary Hale-Wife of Todd Hale  
Bruce & Rhonda Bennett  
Bruce & BJ Busho  
Dan & Vickie Deml  
Jim & Sharon Klein

In Memory of Rosemarie Grubish-Friend of the Fair  
Francis & Patricia Deml

In Memory of Tom Luxton-Friend of the Fair  
Jim & Sharon Klein

In Memory of Monica Kruschke-Former Culinary Arts  
Superintendent  
Dan & Vickie Deml  
Jim & Sharon Klein

In Memory of Elmer Reseland  
Alice Reseland

In Memory of Ed Springer  
Bruce & BJ Busho

### Benches

In Honor of Jim and Jo Hartle-Former Fair Board  
President

In Memory of Eugene Rassman-from his family

In Memory of Darlene Schuler-from her family

## ★ Associate Directors to Work with Steele County Free Fair Board ★

At the June meeting of the Steele County Free Fair Board of Directors, the Board appointed Greg Karsten, Ben Olson and Jon DeMars as Associate Directors. Associate Directors work alongside the Board of Directors to gain a better understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the elected board. As Associate Directors, they will attend monthly board meetings with the opportunity to provide input. Associate Directors must be recommended and approved by a majority vote of the Board; must be a member of the Steele County Agricultural Society; and must be a resident of, be employed in, own real property in or have an existing business in Steele County. Associate Directors will serve a 3 year term and do not have voting rights. Should an Associate Director wish to become a member of the Steele County Free Fair Board of Directors, they will need to be nominated and elected as is current practice.

## ★ Live Pro Wrestling Coming to the Fair! ★

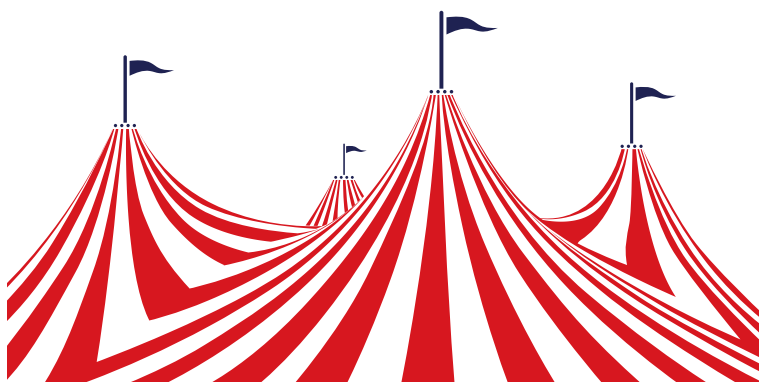


The Steele County Showdown will take place next to the Steele Saloon on Tuesday, **August 16, beginning at 7:00 PM.** This **FREE** Midwest All Star Wrestling (MAW) show for ALL AGES is sure to entertain! Plan now to check out this NEW event! See you at the fair!



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★ Hot Glass Academy to Demonstrate 3000 Year Old Craft ★



NEW to the 2022 Steele County Free Fair will be the Hot Glass Academy. This one of a kind glass blowing demonstration will provide energetic and dynamic entertainment and education through this art form that is over 3000 years old.

★ Otter Adventure to Entertain Young and Old! ★

NEW to the Steele County Free Fair this year will be the Otter Adventure sponsored by Deml Heating and Air Conditioning and House Auto Group, MN! This interactive show will be fun for all as the otters swim, play and provide non-stop entertainment. The adventure will take place Tuesday evening and 3 times daily Wednesday through Sunday of the fair.

