



**2014—SANDWICH FAIR**

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**SANDWICH** - The 127th Annual Sandwich Fair will feature Grandstand entertainment, competitive and commercial exhibits, livestock shows, carnival rides, and food stands throughout its September 3rd – 7th schedule of events.

"What's new at the Sandwich Fair this year is that we've contracted with Frontier Communications to update our communication systems," said Nancy Rex, Secretary of the Sandwich Fair Association. "The update will include enhanced WiFi, which will benefit the vendors and the fairgoers."

Grandstand Events include:

**Wed, Sept. 3**

Harness Racing – 11am – (Free)  
**SNAPSHOT** – 7pm – (Free)

**Thurs, Sept. 4**

Harness Racing – 11am – (Free)  
 NTPA sanctioned truck pulls – 6:30pm – (Ticketed Event)

**Fri, Sept. 5**

**Easton Corbin, Back Country Roads** – 7pm – (Ticketed Event)

**Sat, Sept. 6**

NTPA sanctioned tractor pulls – 12:30pm & 6:30pm – (Ticketed Event)

**Sun, Sept. 7**

Demolition Derby – 1pm & 3pm – (Ticketed Event)

Two free entertainment stages – The Ag Land Stage and The Home Arts Building Stage – will feature local bands and groups playing at various times throughout all five days of the fair. There will also be strolling entertainment consisting of magicians, a stilt walker, bagpipe band, and a Dixie Land trio.

Advance Grandstand tickets may be purchased, in person only, at the Main Gate Office starting Mon, Sept. 1 (Labor Day), and Tues, Sept. 2, from 9am – 4pm. Grandstand Tickets may also be purchased during the Fair, Sept. 3-7, at the Grandstand Ticket Office until sold out. Child tickets (12 & under) are available for most events. Children 1 year and older must have a ticket for the entertainment events. All sales are final. No refunds, exchanges, returns or rain checks. Further information may be obtained by calling (815)-786-2159.

"The Sandwich Fair is very family oriented," said Rex. "There are 180-acres of tree enhanced fairgrounds, unique buildings and displays, and many events and things to do here for all ages to enjoy."



**SNAPSHOT** — (left to right) — Don Agler, Mike Mathy, Murph Cater, Jeff Wild, Rick Piontek, and Gary Scofield.

**SNAPSHOT – Wed, Sept. 3 @ 7pm**  
**[www.SnapShotRocks.com](http://www.SnapShotRocks.com)**

SNAPSHOT, a popular regional Illinois based band, will return to the Sandwich Fair to provide a free Grandstand stage concert.

“We played last year on the Ag Land Stage at the Sandwich Fair,” said band member Don Agler, during a recent phone interview with The Times. “It was one of the biggest crowds they had at that stage, so they asked us back this year to perform at the main stage.”

SNAPSHOT – who have performed extensively throughout the Midwest over the years - covers the best of Journey, Bon Jovi, Loverboy, Def Leppard, REO Styx, Queen, AC/DC, Cheap Trick, and much more.

“Sit back, close your eyes, it’s like hearing the real thing,” said Agler.

The six-member band currently consists of Don Agler (guitar/vocal), Mike Mathy (bass guitar/vocal), Gary Scofield (guitar/vocal), Rick Piontek (keys/vocal), Murph Cater (lead vocal), and Jeff Wild (drums/vocal).

SNAPSHOT have shared the stage with national acts such as Eddie Money, Head East, Foghat, Starship, The Guess Who, Atlanta Rhythm Section, and Molly Hatchet.

“We love to entertain and see everyone have a good time,” said Agler. “That’s what it’s all about.”



**BACK COUNTRY ROADS – Fri, Sept. 5 @ 7pm**  
**[www.BackCountryRoadsBand.com](http://www.BackCountryRoadsBand.com)**

Back Country Roads (aka, "BCR") covers new country, older classics, and a few songs from other genres that fit their unique sound.

BCR have opened for such national acts as Phil Vassar, Darryl Worley, David Lee Murphy, Neal McCoy, Steel Magnolia, Keith Anderson, Easton Corbin, and the Country Thunder music festival.



**EASTON CORBIN – Friday, Sept. 5 @ 7pm**  
[www.EastonCorbinFans.com](http://www.EastonCorbinFans.com)

For singer and songwriter, Easton Corbin, country music is about getting real.

“We’re busy completing my third album, tentatively titled, It’s About To Get Real,” said Corbin during a recent interview with The Times. “We don’t have a definite release date for it yet because it’s still in the works.”

Corbin, 32, co-wrote three out of twelve tracks on the upcoming new album, “Like A Song,” “There She Goes,” and “Damn Girl.”

“I get my songwriting ideas from all aspects of life and personal experiences,” said Corbin. “It’s important that my songs can be related to, that they speak to you, and reflect who you are.”

Corbin, who grew up on his grandparents cattle farm in Trenton, Florida, is looking forward to his concert at the agricultural and livestock based Sandwich Fair on Friday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

“It’s going to be a pleasure to perform for the good country folks at the Sandwich Fair,” said Corbin, “because that’s also who and what I am, and what my music is all about.”

Corbin was introduced to country music through such influences as The Grand Ole Opry, Hee Haw, Keith Whitley, Merle Haggard, George Jones, George Strait, and Alan Jackson.

“I could only hope that someday my music would be viewed as being timeless and classic like theirs,” said Corbin.

Corbin, who earned an agribusiness degree from the University of Florida’s College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, also learned a variety of life lessons from his family and farm community upbringing.

“My grandpa told me to always be honest, be upfront with people, do the right thing, and always put the Good Lord first in your life,” said Corbin. “Those are words of wisdom I always fall back on.”

Corbin’s version of being the genre’s biggest torchbearer for the neo-traditional movement has resulted in the release of two studio albums, “Easton Corbin” (2010) and “All Over The Road” (2012).

The 2010 Billboard Top New Country Artist is the first country male artist in 17 years to have his first two consecutive singles reach #1 (“A Little More Country Than That”, “Roll With It”).

Other hit singles for Corbin include, “I Can’t Love You Back”, “Lovin’ You Is Fun”, “All Over The Road”, and “Clockwork.”

“For me, music is simply about getting out on stage, doing what I love to do for the audience, and always being honest and real with myself,” said Corbin.