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Friday, August 31 - Monday, September 2

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Come to the 36th annual Popcorn Festival!

The Popcorn Festival starts on Friday, August 30. At 4 p.m., the Beer Garden will open, followed by the food

Matt Poss Band to perform Friday



The Matt Poss Band will be performing at the beer garden 9 p.m. Friday, August 31.

Sounds like Country, Feels Like Rock, Tastes Like Chicken. As per the *Chicago Sun Times* they have..."The grit of a Texas Road House and the soul of a Sunday South-

ern Tent Revival." Matt Poss Band describes themselves as Black Dirt Country Rock. If you like Zac Brown Band, Eric Church, Shooter Jennings, Cody Jinks, Waylon, Blackberry Smoke, Jamey Johnson, Johnny Cash, Dierks Bentley, etc...then you'll love MPB.

stands, carnival and Butterfield Market opening at 5 p.m.

The band Feudin Hillbillies will take the Main Stage at 6 p.m., and XKrush will perform at the Beer Garden starting at approximately 9 p.m.

On Saturday, August 31, the KZ5k Fun Run/Walk will begin at 7 a.m. and at there will be a parade at 10 a.m.

At 11 a.m., the food stands,

carnival and Butterfield Market all open. Also at 11 a.m. will be the Saddle Club Show and the start of the 2nd Annual Jeep Jam. At noon, 2 or 5 p.m., catch Rob Thompson's dazzling Magic Show. The Beer Garden opens at noon, as well.

Saturday afternoon, at 1 p.m. Paddi's Air Filled Fun will perform as well as demonstra-

tions from chainsaw carvers and Amy's Traveling Trivia (80's Trivia) are at 1 p.m. as well.

At 3 p.m., sign-ups will begin for the John Crouch Open Mic.

Platinum Rock Legends will perform on the main stage at 6 p.m. followed by the Matt Poss Band in the Beer Garden at 9.



Megan from Meraki Glassworks displayed her beautiful glass art at the 2023 Popcorn Festival.

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On Sunday, September 1 at 10:30 a.m., a Community Worship Service will be held.

Food stands, carnival and Butterfield Market open at 11 a.m. Beginning at 11 as well will be the Lion's Club Jonah Fish Fry.

At noon, the car show will begin, which is also when the carnival begins and beer garden opens. As was the case Saturday, Rob Thompson will delight audiences with his magic show at 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Paddi's Air Filled Fun performs again at 1 p.m. as do the chainsaw carvers. The John Crough Open Mic begins at 3 p.m.

The main stage music event will be Easton Corbin with Silver Lake at 6 p.m., with fireworks directly following and Silver Lake will perform in the Beer Garden at 9 p.m.

On Monday, the Clark County Sheriffs Association Breakfast will begin at 7 a.m. At 9 a.m., the Kids Fishing Derby will begin. At 11 a.m., the food stands, carnival and Butterfield Market open. At 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Rob Thompson will perform his magic show for the final two times of the festival. The Beer Garden opens at noon. The Kids Pedal Tractor Pull will be at 12:30 p.m.

The Mitch Faulkner Band will play the main stage at 2 p.m. Also at 2 p.m. will be the Rotary Club Bessie Bingo.

The festival closes at 6 p.m.

X-Krush to play beer tent Friday Night

X-Krush will perform in the beer tent on Friday, August 30th beginning at 9 p.m.

For over 25 years, X-Krush has remained a favorite by delivering a high energy performance, excellent musicianship and a song selection that has crowds all over the Midwest singing along, dancing and rocking out start to finish.

Rooted in Rock N Roll, X-Krush does not limit themselves to one genre.

One might hear a punk rock standard and a country classic back to back followed by an old school hip hop tune or a current pop song. Nineties grunge, eighties synth pop and hair bands really get the crowds moving at the X-Krush shows and the heavier tunes that X-Krush is well known for has everyone jumping and screaming along every time.

Regardless of the set list on a given night, you can expect nothing less than great tunes and fun delivered the X-Krush way.

Over the years X-Krush



has been a go-to for talent buyers looking for a professional support act and/or a quality act for events featuring national artists.

Some of the more notable artists X-Krush has shared the bill with include Skid Row, Warrant, David Allan Coe, 30

Seconds to Mars, Saliva, Firehouse, Jackyl, Tone Loc, Sebastian Bach, Jesse James Dupree, Rare Earth, Pop Evil and Sevendust.

Likewise, there has been more than one celebrity join X-Krush on stage while hanging out at a show. Kevin Martin of

Candlebox, Pete Byrne of Naked Eyes, and Franky Ballard, have all rocked the mic with X-Krush.

X-Krush includes Steve Wills on lead vocals, keyboard, and lead guitar, Jeff Markland on drums and vocals and Matt Ellis on bass and vocals.

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Car Show to be held on Sunday

The Casey Popcorn Festival will hold its 31th Annual Car Show at Fairview Park in Casey Illinois on Sunday, September 1, 2023.

The Wabash Valley Rod-

ders Car Club will sponsor the event. Club cars will not be competing. Registration will start at 9 am to 1 pm. The cost to register will be \$15. There will be 75 awards this year,

plus five special ones: Best of Show, Mayor's Choice, Festival Choice, Charity's Choice and People's Choice.



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Rob Thompson magic show

Rob Thompson will be performing a magic show at both 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on September 2.

The magic started for Rob Thompson at age 4 when he got a magic set for Christmas. At 10, he was being paid for his first show. After the show a child of about 5 came up to him, and with a twinkle in his eye, told Rob how much fun that was and how great he felt. Since that moment, Rob has been focused on bringing that kind of joy and child-like wonder to audiences all over.

There will also be a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and dash plaque raffle. The award presentation will begin at 3 p.m.

All the proceeds will go to Casey Community Christian Toy Fund.

If you have questions, contact Donna Busch (812) 466-6462 dkb1221@aim.com or Charlie Tipton (812) 446-2612 justcruisin95@aol.com

He looks forward to bringing it to you, as well.

Rob's performances have been featured in casino showrooms, corporate events, theaters and festivals across the USA.

With well over 200 shows per year, Rob has honed his skills to a level of perfection that is both mystifying and entertaining. He excels at precision sleight of hand performed right in front of your eyes and under your nose.

Often performed for small groups in hospitality events or cocktail parties this is a fantastic way to bring people to-

gether and get them to focus on each other and the magic they are creating. Rob connects with his audiences on a personal level, striving to make everyone feel as though the show is just for them!



Rob Thompson- Magician

Paddi's Air Filled Fun

Who doesn't love balloons shaped as animals? Paddi's Air Filled Fun will be offering

these and other fun creations at this year's Popcorn Festival.

Be sure to check out her creations

and grab a balloon on Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.!

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Feudin' Hillbillys

The Feudin' Hillbillys will play the main stage at 6 p.m. on August 30.

For the past several years,

The Feudin' Hillbillys have taken their unique sound all over the Midwest, opening up for the likes of Luke Bryan,

Neal McCoy, Montgomery Gentry, Mark Chestnut, Tracy Lawrence, Diamond Rio, and several other artists. Their style and professionalism are unmatched.

Extremely hardworking and professional, the Feudin' Hillbillys have something for everyone. A lot of what they play is country music, along with some pop, classic rock, 80's favorites, and a touch of funk; they keep crowds entertained for hours. Every song is authentically performed live--no loops or prerecorded tracks.



Native Nomad Boutique displayed classy women's wear and accessories at last year's Popcorn Festival.

Tot-Rod Pedal Pulls Monday afternoon

Be sure to come up to the Popcorn Festival on Monday to sign up for the Kids Pedal Pull.

Tot-Rod Pedal Pulls is a family-oriented entertainment show that provides fun for young and old

alike. The owners' son has competed in this sport since he was three years old and has had many memorable times. It was a natural fit when they started this business and their entire family is thrilled to be a part of it.

They want to expose as many kids as possible to this wonderful sport, giving them a better sense of competing with kids of their own age. We strive to build a positive self-esteem and bring smiles to all the kids' faces. They offer the most fair and enjoyable pedal tractor pull available, while maintaining a safe event for both participants and spectators.





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Carnival pre-sale tickets are now available

Carnival pre-sale tickets are now available for \$20 each per session. You can pick up at the following local businesses or contact any board member!

Tickets are available at the following locations: City Hall, Preferred Bank, First Neighbor Bank, Casey State Bank, Crazy Beautiful Boutique, and Casey Coffee Company.

The pre-sale wristbands are being sold up until Wednesday, August 28. After that, wristband sales will go up to \$25 per wristband. The hours for each wrist-

band are:
Friday - 5 - 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. (1st session) and 5 - 10 p.m. (2nd session) (2 sessions total each day) and Monday -

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 30:

- 4 p.m. Beer Garden opens
- 5 p.m. Food stands/Carnival/Butterfield Market open
- 6 p.m. Feudin' Hillbillies (Main Stage)
- 9 p.m.* XKrush (Beer Garden) *Time is approximate

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31:

- 7 a.m. KZ5k Fun Run/Walk
- 10 a.m. Parade
- 10 a.m. Saddle Club Show
- 11 a.m. Food Stands/Carnival/Butterfield Market open
- noon Beer Garden opens
- 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. Rob Thompson Magic Show
- 1 p.m. Paddi's Air Filled Fun
- 1 p.m. Chainsaw Carvers
- 3 p.m. John Crouch Open Mic sign-ups
- 6 p.m. Platinum Rock Legends (Main Stage)
- 9 p.m. Matt Posse Band (Beer Garden)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:

- 10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
- 11 a.m. Food Stands/Carnival/Butterfield Market open
- 11 a.m. Lions Club Jonah Fish Fry
- Noon 30th annual car show
- Noon Beer Garden opens
- 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. Rob Thompson Magic Show
- 1 p.m. Paddi's Air Filled Fun
- 1 p.m. Chainsaw Carvers
- 2 p.m. Saddle Club
- 3 p.m. John Crouch Open Mic
- 6 p.m. Easton Corbin with Silver Lake
Fireworks immediately following band
- 9 p.m. Silver Lake (Beer Garden)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:

- 7 a.m. Clark County Sheriffs Assoc. Breakfast
- 9 a.m. Kids Fishing Derby
- 11 a.m. Food Stands/Carnival/Butterfield Market open
- 11 a.m. 2nd Annual Jeep Jam Fundraiser
- 11 a.m., 1 p.m. Rob Thompson Magic Show
- Noon Beer Garden opens
- 12:30 p.m. Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
- 2 p.m. Mitch Faulkner Band (Main Stage)
- 2 p.m. Rotary Club Bessie Bingo
- 6 p.m. Festival closes

Platinum Rock Legends on the main stage Saturday night



20 acts.

Will Lackey is the founder and creator of the PRL production. Will is known not only for his vocals, but his over-the-top comedic escapades on stage! His most notable impersonations: Freddie Mercury, Steve Perry, Billy Idol, George Michael, Vince Neil



Devory Newsome brings unmatched energy and talent to the production. He is most noted for his precision dancing and singing with his Michael Jackson impersonation. Other impersonations include Prince, Bruno Mars, Vanilla (Mocha) Ice

acoustic guitar! Other impersonations include AC/DC, David Lee Roth (Van Halen), Kid Rock

Eric Johnson is easily the most famous performer in

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Jamie Bumgarner has an incredible ability to get a crowd excited! He captures everyone's heart with his Bret Michaels impersonation singing "Every Rose Has It's Thorn" with his

PRL having been in the band "Shooting Star" for a number of years and was even on MTV when they still played music videos! He is by far the most versatile musician in the band!

Michael Henige is known as the Rain Man of guitar players for his incredible capability to reproduce famous guitar solos flawlessly! He's a world traveling musician with the most professional experience of all the PRL performers!

Patrick Cunningham is not only a fantastic drummer, but he's also a great enter-



tainer! He is known for his



stick throwing to and from his band mates and crowd members without missing a beat! A world touring drummer for years with the band "Frontrunner", Patrick brings his power house drum skills to thrill everyone, every time!

Platinum Rock Legends, or PRL, will be playing the main stage at 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 31. PRL specialize in high energy, crowd pleasing rock and roll music from the 70s and 80s with some pop and more contemporary artists impersonations as well. All told they deliver music and impersonations of more than

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About the festival

The Casey Popcorn Festival has run over the Labor Day weekend since 1987.

Held at the 40-acre Fairview Park in Casey, IL, the popcorn festival features three full days of free music, live entertainment, a variety of craft vendors, plus a car show, festival foods, and other activities. FREE popcorn -- Illinois' official snack food -- is available each day of the festival.

A committee of three Casey residents founded the festival based on the idea of good old-fashioned family fun.

The co-founders were Bernie Morgan, John McDaniel, and the late Rube Howe, who passed away in early August 2018, just weeks before the festival's 31st anniversary.

Today, the festival has grown and expanded, adding a full carnival, mainstream entertainment acts, beer tent, and a newly redesigned Butterfield Market. Members of the festival board include Chalin Maulding, Shane Todd, Jeremy Mumford, Jen Baysinger, Kristi Duniphan, and Jenn Reddicks.

2nd Annual Jeep Jam Fundraiser Saturday

The Casey Popcorn Festival will hold its 2nd Annual Jeep Jam Fundraiser on Saturday, August 31 from 11 a.m.

to 6 p.m.

Come and hang out with fellow Jeepers and enjoy the free popcorn, events for all ages and support a great cause! Please bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.



Jeep owners drove their Jeeps, some from Kentucky, to the Jeep Jam Fundraiser at the Popcorn Festival in support of Toys for Tots.

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Popcorn Festival food vendors

Come out to this year's Popcorn Festival and grab a bite to eat or something to drink from one of the 22 food vendors who will be in attendance.

These vendors include: Crazy 8's BBQ, Boba Time,

BHS Inc (Bee Happy Snow), Oriental Foods, Chum Charlot, Cobblers & Cream, Daisy Mae's Treats on the Go, Favorite Cajun Things, LLC, Fry Guys LLC, Jb's Twisted Catfish, Lickin' My Chicken, Pullin' My Pork, Mel's Carou-

sel, Old Time Salwater Taffy, Pepsi Wagon, Pork Producers, Rollin Smoke BBQ, Rosie Jean's Sweet Tea & Jesus, Sati Babi, Deep Dish Cookie Guys, Cilantros Food Truck, Git-R-Done Concessions, Meat Sweats.

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This local couple sold their homemade personalized jewelry at the 2023 Popcorn Festival.

Race Among the Giants

The Race Among the Giants 5K Run/Walk will begin and end at 200 E. Main (next to the World's Largest Rocking Chair) on Saturday, August 31 at 7 a.m.

Casey in Action will also

host a virtual run/walk. The virtual run/walk can be any time from anywhere. You can start the virtual run as soon as your registration is submitted up until August 31.

There is a \$30 entry fee

that must accompany the registration form. Checks can be made payable to Casey in Action.

There will be awards for in person participants in age groups from under 10 to 80 and over.

Easton Corbin to perform Sunday

Easton Corbin will be playing the main stage at 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 1.

During his childhood in Florida, Easton grew up heavily influenced by



classic country artists. Now on the big stage, he has had the opportunity to pay homage to many of his country heroes.

Almost immediately following his breakthrough, he was named Billboard's 2010 top new country artist and started doing tours across the

United States. Easton has had seven top 10 singles and has won three American Country Awards. Before he continues his tour by heading across the country to play in Oregon catch him at the Popcorn Festival along with Illinois country band Silver Lake.



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Kids Fishing Derby to be held Monday

The kids fishing derby will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, September 2 at Fairview Park in Casey.

Registration will begin at 8

a.m. at the campground pavilion. All participants must be registered before the event begins. There will be NO FEE to enter. Awards will be held

directly after. All participants must be accompanied by an adult. There will be three age groups: 6 and under, 7 to 9 and 10 to 12.

Each group will have an overall winner based on the number of fish caught. There will also be a prize for the largest fish caught.

Butterfield Market to feature 40+ vendors

This year's Butterfield Market will consist of over 40 merchants.

There will be something for everyone. Be sure to come and check out these 2024 vendors:

The Traveling mug, Dm Gems, Indiana Flag Man, Handmade Jewelry by CB, Meraki Glass, SK Designs & More, LLC, Strange Crafts, Native Nomad Boutique, Harmony Lavender Farm, Rhialistic Inc., Lil Buds & Blossoms Boutique, Second Verse Photography, JP's Treasures,

Sunno's Dazzlers-Snap Jewelry, Pop's Kettle Corn, Awareness of Trafficking, Pink Zebra, Earth Bird- Plant Powered Fuel, Hurricane Creek Metalworks, A&K Tot Lot, M&M Wooden Flowers and Erin's Essential Elements.

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Chainsaw carvers

On Saturday and Sunday, you can check out the chainsaw carvers, always a favorite at the Popcorn Festival. Come see them in action from 1 to 5 p.m.



Wood carvers show off their skill with chainsaw sculpture carving at the Popcorn Festival in Casey.

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Pit Passes available by night or 3-Day Party Pass

Casey Popcorn Festival presents Feudin' Hillbillies on Friday, August 30; Platinum Rock Legends on Saturday, August 31; and Easton Corbin with Silver Lake on Sunday, September 1. Music starts at 6 p.m. each evening at Fairview Park in Casey.



General admission to each event is free. Pit tickets for Friday and Saturday cost \$10 each with Sunday's pit tickets costing \$20. 3-Day Party Pit Tickets are

available for purchase until Thursday, August 29. Party pit tickets are \$30 a piece and include access to the section in front of the stage, as well as separate restrooms and bars. They also

include a 21+ wristband for the evening and 2 free drink tickets. No chairs are allowed in the party pit. Limited tickets are available. Tickets will increase in price on the day of the event.



Beer Garden returns to festival

Are you ready to celebrate Labor Day Weekend with family, friends and the Casey Popcorn Festival?

We know we are! Here is some information about the beer garden:

The Beer Garden will be open on Friday 4 p.m. to 12

a.m., Saturday and Sunday 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. and Monday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

There is a cover charge. Monday there will be no charge.

Alcohol will be allowed in all entertainment areas (main stage seating area and beer

garden) Beer and mixed drinks will be served alongside with some awesome bands to keep us all entertained throughout the night!

You MUST be 21 to enter and no outside alcohol is permitted.

Lions Club Fish Fry

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meal comes with two sides and costs only \$10.

Money raised will be used for local projects and to help pay for hearing aids and glasses.

The Casey Lions Club will have an all-you-care-to-eat fish fry on Sunday, September 1 from

Rotary Club to hold Bessie Bingo Monday

The Casey Rotary Club will hold a Bessie Bingo 2 p.m. on Monday. 144 total tickets will be available. The cost per ticket

will be \$20.

Club members will mark off 144 1'x 1' squares, and Bessie the cow will be put into the pen. Whichever square she poops on, wins \$1,000. Money raised will go in to the Rotary Scholarship fund.

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