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Bret Michaels Unable to Perform at Fair St. Clair on Friday, July 31; Headlining Concert Schedule Changes

BELLEVILLE, IL. (July 28, 2026) – Fair St. Clair has announced that **Bret Michaels** has canceled his scheduled performance on **Friday, July 31, 2026**, at Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Park due to a medical issue that requires several weeks of recovery.

Following a recent performance in Spokane, Washington, Michaels experienced severe kidney pain and was diagnosed with a complicated obstructing kidney stone that required immediate surgery. According to his physician, Dr. Abby Borhan, Michaels underwent a successful procedure but has been instructed to refrain from live performances for the next three to four weeks while he recovers. Due to his post-operative condition and underlying health factors, including Type 1 diabetes, doctors have determined that touring and performing pose significant health risks until he is re-evaluated.

"We wish Bret a full and speedy recovery," said Fair St. Clair organizers. "While we're disappointed, he won't be able to join us this Friday, his health comes first, and we appreciate everyone's understanding."

Fair St. Clair appreciates the understanding and support of its guests and joins fans around the world in wishing Bret Michaels a safe and speedy recovery.

As a result of Bret Michaels concert cancelation, the Fair Committee has updated the entertainment schedule to provide fairgoers with an outstanding night of live music.

Goodbye June will now perform on Thursday, July 30, joining Franklin Jonas & the Byzantines and Noah Cyrus for an exciting three-act concert lineup.

To thank our guests for their understanding, the Fair Committee has also announced that all previously purchased concert tickets for both Thursday and Friday shows will be refunded (please allow 5-10 business days for refunds to be processed). Instead, guests will only pay regular fair admission at the gate on the day of to enjoy all three performances on Thursday evening.

Thursday, July 30 Entertainment Schedule

- Gates Open – 5:00 p.m.
- Goodbye June – 5:30 p.m.
- National Anthem and Fly Over – 7:00pm
- Franklin Jonas & the Byzantines – 7:15 p.m.
- Noah Cyrus – 9:00 p.m.

We appreciate everyone's understanding and look forward to welcoming fairgoers to Fair St. Clair.

Fair St. Clair continues July 30 through August 1 with carnival rides, agricultural exhibits, food vendors, family entertainment, and live events throughout the fairgrounds.

- Stock car racing
- Southern Illinois Championship Wrestling
- Carnival rides and midway games
- Agricultural exhibits
- Petting zoo attractions
- Food trucks and local vendors
- Kids pedal tractor pull and family-friendly activities
- Daily vendor exhibits inside Exposition Hall
- AND MORE!!!

“The return of the fair represents more than an event, it’s the revival of a longstanding community tradition,” organizers said. “For generations, the St. Clair County Fair brought families together to celebrate local agriculture, community pride, and summertime fun. We are excited to welcome everyone back in 2026.”

The revival of the fair is expected to generate significant regional interest, attracting visitors throughout the Metro East region and supporting local businesses, tourism, and community organizations.

For updates and event information, visit: www.fairstclair.com

About Discover Downstate Illinois

Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Park in Belleville, Illinois, is a versatile community venue that hosts a wide range of events, from fairs and festivals to athletic competitions, expos, and public gatherings. With flexible outdoor and indoor event space, convenient regional access, and a long-standing role in the community, Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Park serves as a dynamic destination for entertainment, recreation, and special events in the Metro East.

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