

For Immediate Release

Country Concert would once again like to express their sincere concern about people walking out of the event to be picked up along the road or at neighbors' homes.

The Concert has invested a lot of time & money to keep people safe when arriving and leaving the event.

- Installed tunnel under SR 66 (totally at our expense).
- Installed Elk Fence & install 2 miles of temporary fence, great expense to discourage people from walking in or out of our event and keep people out of harms.
- Filled 1.5-acre pond to make room for a FREE drop off and pickup area that is safe and convenient.
- Hire local Fire Departments to work late night hours in the FREE pickup area.
- Many years in a row, we sent letters to the neighbors pleading with them to stop enticing people to walk on or along SR 66 and Cardo Rd.
- 2022 we installed a 80' of culvert to create a new walkway for campers & people getting pick up to reach the tunnel & pick up area safely.
- This year we changed our party bus policy to allow them to pick up their customers in our car parking lot, instead of at the free customer pick up area. This reduced the number of people needing picked up at the pickup location by over 200 people on Thursday alone and made the pickup area safer, easier to enter, with less time to wait.
- Review this issue frequently every year this the Shelby County Sheriff Department, Fort Loramie & Osgood Fire Departments to make improvements to prevent a tragedy.
- This issue is about preventing an avoidable tragedy, not profit or loss.

We are asking for your cooperation and patience. We have made improvements and under normal circumstances our free pick-up lot & parking lots are empty approximately 1 hour after the show under normal conditions & circumstances.

There is no reason to get dropped off or picked up along any of these roads. When the event is over each night, traffic is very heavy and it is extremely dangerous to be walking along or crossing these roads. There have been several very close calls and Country Concert does not want anyone to get injured or killed arriving or leaving our event.

If you are dropping off or picking up people in the Church parking lot or at the 66/Cardo intersection, or along either road you are risking your loved one's lives. We would be heartbroken if some gets hit walking along these roads at night.

Once again, we have a FREE, convenient & safe place for you to drop off and pick up your friends and family. Thank, you in advance for your patience & cooperation with these policies. If we work together, everyone will return home safely.

Country Concert and the Barhorst Family