

Concert cancellation is never an easy decision. The Summer Friday Night Concert Series presented by Clay County Communities Revitalization Association (CCCRA) is a free to the public concert on selected Friday nights during the summer season. The concerts are planned and executed by CCCRA, an all-volunteer organization. As of late, Mother Nature has not been cooperating with us and we have found it necessary to cancel events due to weather conditions beyond our control. While most of the community enjoys and supports the concerts, we recently have received some negative feedback concerning cancellations due to weather.

Rest assured we take canceling a concert very seriously and several factors are considered when making this decision. First and foremost is the safety of our guests, volunteers and entertainers. Secondly, we have to consider the band and how far they have to travel. Some bands and band members travel several hours to get to Hayesville. We also have to consider the sound equipment and how the exposure to rain could damage sensitive electronics.

Of course, we watch the weather forecast as close to the event as possible. Many people may not realize that if we do not cancel the event in advance, CCCRA still has to pay the band and the sound technician and since we do not get 'Red Bucket' donations, we bear the brunt of all expenses.

On Aug. 5, we made the decision not to cancel the concert and we had one of the worst storms in recent memory with lightning, hail and heavy rain for 1½ hours putting everyone in jeopardy. We still had to pay for the band and sound system resulting in a considerable loss and impacting our ability to fund future concerts.

We rely heavily on the 'Red Bucket' and sponsorships to continue to fund the concert series. We would like to thank our guests and sponsors who give generously to help make the concerts possible. Without you there would be no concerts. I hope this provides a better understanding of our decision-making process regarding our cancellation policy. We sincerely hope the community continues to support the concerts and let's all hope for dry Friday nights.

Paul Price President CCCRA Thank you for being a part of my 80th birthday I want to thank everyone who came out to celebrate my birthday Saturday. Thank you to all those who have sent cards, called and sent birthday wishes. I am truly blessed with friends and family. Sincerely, Rita Roach The current disaster: Hey, I'm a never Bidener So you're a never Trumper, I'm a never Bidener. Why, I don't like this 41 year high inflation, by the way that is what Jimmy Carter another Democrat president left us with. I don't like the rise in interest rates, pre-existing home sales down 12.6 percent and new home building down 29.5 percent in the last two months.

I don't like the gas and fuel prices. It's not Putin's fault, it's Joe Biden's fault. His first day in office he shut down the XL Pipeline and stopped drilling on federal and government land, then begs for oil overseas.

Guess what happens then, gas and fuel prices go up which in turn causes inflation to go up, thanks Joe.

I'm a hunter and gun owner. I believe in the 2nd Amendment the right to keep and bear arms. The Biden administration would like to take that right from you. Guns don't kill people, people kill people. Active shooter deaths according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation files in 2021 states 101 killed, 140 wounded; 2022 so far documents 143 killed, 591 wounded. Deaths caused by distracted drivers your cell phone 2, 600 per year, 330, 000 injuries, wonder why they don't want your cell phone?

Roe v/s Wade, "my body, my right" says the left. Then why do I have to wear a seat belt? Why have they forced so many people to get their coronavirus shots? You get the shot or lose your job, get it or you can't fly, get it, get it, get it.

Do you remember what Biden said in a Presidential debate with Trump in 2019? Biden said that if that many people die under a president (377, 883) then you don't need to be president.

Joe promised to stop the virus, as of Aug. 23 this year there have been 1, 041, 141 deaths in the United States. That leaves 663, 258 death's under Joe's belt. Guess he doesn't need to be president. Those numbers are from John Hopkins University.

Now let's get to our global warming problem. According to scientist the earth is 4.53 billion years old, give or take a few years. It's been covered in ice, covered in water, covered in rain forests and covered with dinosaurs. According to scientist the earths crust has warmed.5 F in the last 100 years. Why spend billions of dollars on something we can't change anyway. Personally, I'm sick of hearing the B.S. If global warming bothers you, move to the south pole or call John Kerry, he's in charge of global warming. Now that you have your electric vehicle to help save the planet I hope you realize the mining involved in obtaining the materials needed for your batteries.

Joe has began work on the wall, not the one on the border but a private wall on his Delaware Rehoboth Beach house bought in 2017, of course at the tax payers expense. Now before some of you go vote a straight Democrat ticket in Nov. you still have time to go visit a communist country like China, Cuba and North Korea. If you like it there, stay there, if not come back to the United States and vote Republican.

The Biden administration is pushing this country towards communism. Listen to 95.1 (our local radio station) Brian Kilmeade, Dan Bongino and Sean Hannity; watch Fox News, it's viewed more than all other networks combined. Watch who is Hunter Biden; watch 2000 mules our fair and honest election we had in 2020 you just might learn something you didn't know. To be continued. Perry Reece

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