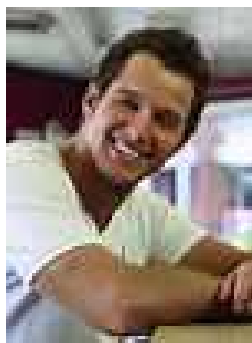


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***Fayette County Fair Reels in Outstanding Musical Venues While
Embracing New Premier Entertainment in Wrestling
Thursday, August 30 – Sunday, September 2***



Easton Corbin



Lucha Libre Wrestling

Bring your boots---AND bring your “outside” voice as the Fayette County Fair in La Grange Texas reels in traditions, cultures, and heritage while having LOADS of fun and activities for all ages Thursday, August 30 – Sunday September 2. With all activities, events, entertainment with headliner Easton Corbin, agriculture, educational exhibits, parade, queen’s pageant, creative arts and so much more, there is no way to cover the Fayette County Fair in one day and that’s why there are season passes available for purchase and awesome food and drinks sold by non-profits throughout the days.

Themed “Back in the Day” and held Thursday, August 30 through Sunday September 2 (always Labor Day weekend), busy days are promised and the ever busy volunteer board of directors has been cooking up something to keep all ages busy throughout the entire

time and you will not be disappointed in the festivities! Friday through Sunday gives you a chance to see a variety of shows, exhibitions, crafts, art, and to learn what Rural Texas is all about as the Fayette County Fair celebrates. Remember, not every county has a fair—this one specifically is geared for all ages with fun, entertainment, and education with a win-win in scholarships for the youth.

The Junior Commercial Heifer Show and Sale has been moved up one week and is scheduled for Friday, August 24 at 2:00 pm and Saturday August 25 at 2:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support this winning event. Scheduled for Wednesday, August 29 at 4:00 pm is Canning and Preserving and Thursday August 30 begins the larger lineup of activities with 4-H, Agriculture, Country Store, Crafts and Arts, Educational Exhibits, Fine Arts, Flower and Plant Show, General Culinary, Machine Sewing Fabrics and Fiber, Memorable Collections, Needlework, Photography, Quilting, and Scrapbook mesmerizing the masses. The Junior Breeding Heifer Show kicks off at 8:00 am and the evening swings into the Blue Sunset Band at 6:00 pm as well as Talley Amusements Carnival. Not to be missed is the Opening Ceremony at 7:00 pm and discovering which delightful young lady captures the title of Queen with the Queen's Scholarship Pageant (a major force of ticket sales for the fair) with proceeds backed into scholarships. Find out who the new Fair Queen as well as Little Mister and Little Miss is for the upcoming year! Earlier in the day is the Senior Citizen celebration with location scheduled for the Knights of Columbus Hall on Brown Street in La Grange.

Chairman Jimmy Rohde at 979-249-7296, rowdyj@cvctx.com is the person to contact on the very serious competition of Barbeque. It's scheduled for Saturday, September 1 through Sunday, September 2 and is sanctioned through the Lonestar Barbecue Society. Rules and Regulations may be found at www.longstarbarbecue.com. The website lists points on meat and beans as well and all cookers (teams) and guests need a season pass to enter the grounds. Come by and enjoy a Texas tradition hard at work!

Friday, August 31, opens with the arts, exhibits, collectibles, crafts, and more being showcased and the Junior Breeding Heifer Show cranks up at 8:00 am. Take time to enjoy the works that folks throughout the county compete against each year and remember many items you are viewing are the result of hours and hours of work by someone's dedicated hands—a force to stimulate everyone's imagination and guaranteed to bring a smile to your face. Friday night carnival rides are tickets only and everyone is encouraged to come by and visit all the other attractions before hitting the carnival at 6:00 pm. Loads of fun around the complex may be found for all ages, but don't forget 7:00 pm spotlights Conjunto Cats and 8:00 pm the Premiere Entertainment of Lucha Libre Wrestling with meet and greet at 6:30 pm.

The term used in Mexico for professional wrestling is Lucha Libre. Introduced in the early 20th century, participants wear colorful masks and have rapid sequences of holds, maneuvers, and high flying patterns, some adopted in the United States and elsewhere. Sometimes the wearing of masks is contested, where the loser must permanently remove it (especially when there is a wager with a high degree of weight connected). Tag Team

wrestling is prevalent, especially with three-member teams or trios. Look for Charley Moret, La Grange's "own". THIS IS A NOT TO MISS EVENT!!!

Saturday, September 1 kicks off with all departments open including Junior Dairy, Lamb Prospect, Open Meat Goat Show, Poultry Show and Junior Breeding Heifer. The iconic parade downtown (themed "Back in the Day") starts up at 10:30 am with entry forms accepted up to Wednesday, August 29 and judging promptly at 9:00 am on location. Parade headquarters may be found in front of City Hall at 155 East Colorado and entries must be checked in that morning. Back at the Fayette County Fairgrounds, the afternoon brings Michael "Boxer" Dean at 3:00 pm, Czechaholic Band at 4:00 pm, Pigeon Show at 5:00 pm, Talley Amusements Carnival at 6:00 pm, The Lonely Road Band at 6:00 pm, Texas Unlimited Band at 7:00 pm, and headliner Easton Corbin at 10:00 pm.

Corbin, who has been on tour as opening act for Brad Paisley, has had a remarkable growth from his singing career kickoff at the Annual Suwannee River Jam of 2005. Easton has been the first solo male artist in 17 years to have his first two singles go Number One. From "A Little More Country Than That" to "Roll With It", and "Lovin' You is Fun", Easton Corbin has continued to further his reputation as a very promising singer—clearly another one of the "good guys" to enjoy!

Be prepared for another great day at the Fayette County Fair as Sunday, September 2, all departments are opened once again for your viewing pleasure and fun around the fairgrounds is a guarantee. The Junior Breeding Heifer Show opens at 8:00 am, Horse Project Show at 2:00 pm, Karaoke with Sounds DJ Eric Tillery at 3:00 pm, Pigeon Show at 5:00 pm, Snake River Red and Talley Amusements Carnival at 6:00 pm, Bellamy Brothers at 7:00 pm, and Flatland Cavalry at 9:00 pm. It's the last day to view the works that everyone has placed so much effort in and truly is worth one last walk through to gaze at the great creations.

Stop in at any of the vendors on site and you'll be delighted with the generous helpings of food and drink from these non-profit organizations that strive year after year to get those scholarship monies for the kiddos: Fayetteville Show Fund-chicken fried steak burgers, fries, and drinks, Lerma's Tacos-chicken on a stick, gorditas, cheese enchiladas, fajitas, tacos, flauta plate, hot dogs, fruit cups, Papa Loca and fruit drinks, Pizza Hut-personal pan sized pizza and drinks, La Grange Optimist Club-canned beer, La Grange Rotary Club-hamburgers, cheeseburgers, tea, Schulenburg Lions Club-keg beer and wine coolers, Old Time Funnel Cakes-BBQ sandwiches, corn dogs, nachos, soft pretzels, turkey legs, deep fried cheesecake in chocolate, funnel cakes, curly fries, soft drinks, tea, fried Twinkies, Oreos and snickers, Bodega Wine Market-red and white wines, mini cheeseboard, cupcakes, salads, sandwiches, Gloria's Roasted Corn & More-roasted corn, mango sherbet, churros, lemonade, drinks, Beyer's Shaved Ice-12 flavors of shaved ice, tea, soft drinks, and water, Dave's Kitchen-sausage wraps, sausage on a stick, baked potatoes, Belgian waffles, Ko's Cookout-pork sandwiches, patty melt, pulled pork/brisket, grilled cheese, pork and brisket quesadillas and cowboy nachos with Fritos, meat, beans, and cheese, Doc's BBQ-ribs, brisket and sausage, BBQ tacos, brisket sandwiches, turkey legs, doughnuts, kolaches, pigs in the blanket, chips, coffee, orange

juice, water, and soft drinks (at the Livestock area), Domino's-Hot wings, chicken Alfredo pasta, Italian sausage marinara pasta, brownies, soft drinks and water. Don't forget, your purchases go back to scholarships!

One last word on the arts & Agriculture--if you can grow it, bake it, make it, or raise it, there's probably a category for it. What to see includes a myriad of livestock exhibits, poultry, game birds, pigeon horse, goat, lamb, and heifers from the area on exhibits depicting the rural farming and ranching communities that have shaped this County for the last 175+ years.

Parking is free Thursday with a \$5.00 vehicle charge on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with the exception of VIP, member, and vendor sponsors (who are asked to please tape the parking permits to the passenger side of the windshield for the parking attendants). Free air-conditioned shuttle is available from the covered sidewalk at Prosperity Bank in downtown La Grange to the Main Gate beginning at 6:00 pm Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening with returns until closing each night. There are no shuttle buses on Thursday. Additional bus parking will be at the St. Mark's overflow lot.

Fayette County Fair tickets are available from any of the queen contestants with pre-sale season tickets a nominal \$35.00 (good for ALL concerts), daily passes for Thursday, August 30 is \$10.00, for Friday, August 31 is \$20.00, Saturday, September 1 is \$30.00, and Sunday, September 2 is \$30.00. Children 11 and under are free. These passes are general admission to the grounds and all activities offered within, carnival tickets and wristbands are sold separately.

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