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400 Fairgrounds, La Grange

The Fayette County Fair Showcases **Josh Turner** and an Incredible Line-up of Music and Fun Events Staged Thursday, August 29 thru Sunday, September 1 in La Grange with the Junior Commercial Heifer Sale 1 pm -5 pm Saturday, August 24



Josh Turner

It's been a WOW summer and let's cap it off right by marking your calendars now and get ready to savor those last few days with your season tickets for the incredible Fayette County Fair (that includes headliner Josh Turner) in La Grange, Texas (always on Labor Day weekend). Scheduled for Thursday, August 29 through Sunday, September 1 in the rural scenic countryside explored by the likes of LaSalle,

this venue promises fun features for all ages that include: Senior Citizen Day on Thursday, August 29, bar-b-que cook-off, creative arts, heifer show and sale, canning and preserving, 4-H, agriculture, exhibits, arts, crafts, country store, the traditional opening ceremony with the Queen's pageant, poultry show, pigeon show, Junior dairy, lamb show, goat show, and horse show.

Important to remember--countless hours by the Board of Directors (all volunteers) take up much of their "free" time over the year to make this work—all for scholarships for the area youth. Thursday's price is \$10.00, Friday is \$15.00, Saturday is \$25.00, and Sunday's is \$15.00. With the concerts as part of the ticket price **including headliner Josh Turner** (get them from a queen's contestant or go to www.fayettecountyfair.org), families, friends, groups, and reunions of all ages are able to attend at a very nominal price of \$35.00 for a four-day season pass that includes all concerts. (Trust us when we say you will want all four days!)

Every ear in America has more than likely heard **Josh Turner**, an American country and gospel singer and actor who signed in 2003 with MCA Nashville Records with his debut album "Long Black Train". He is quickly becoming a legend and is one of the country music's most recognizable hit-maker. Turner has sold more than eight million units, is one of the youngest members of the esteemed Grand Ole Opry, and is one of country music's most successful artists. In his sixth studio album, "Deep South", Josh Turner shares his heart about the music, challenges about being a Christian today, and what inspires him to be a better man. His hits include: "Long Black Train", "Your Man", "Why Don't We Just Dance", "Firecracker", "Would You Go With Me", "All Over Me", and "Time is Love", to name a few. Multi-platinum MCA Nashville recording Artist Josh Turner will be spotlighted at the River View Stage beginning at 10:00 pm Saturday, August 31.

Besides Josh Turner, other bands and artists include: Texas Dream Band, Emil Sodolak/Lawrence Padilla, The Lost Cause Band, Smoke Wagon Band, JA Productions with Joe Collins/Art Hernandez, Black Cat Choir, Casey Donahew Band, Trey Marash, The Telstars, and Texas Unlimited Band—more upcoming information on all these talents to follow.

Any clowns or **carnival**? You bet! Talley Amusements returns to the Fayette County Fair with hours from 6:00 pm to closing each night (weather permitting) with passport-to-fun coupon books purchased for \$80.00 and good for unlimited rides all four nights of the fair with fair admission included in the purchase. Passes may be picked up at World Travel, Lone Star Cleaners, and Electric Motor Service. There's only a limited number available so the time is now to get them!

More fun around the grounds--Look for that professional rodeo **clown** in the likes of Craig Bickly 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Friday (returning Saturday and Sunday from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm) as well as **remote control stock car racing** from 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm (returning Saturday and Sunday from 6:00 pm – 12:00 pm) and **hypnotist** Rob Zeke from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm (returning Saturday as well from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm). Saturday kicks off other venues including the **5K Fun Run** (a new 1st to the Fair and held at 8:00 am starting at the Old Masonic Hall) and **Fayette County Fair Parade** (themed “The Kid in All of Us”) at 10:30 am in downtown La Grange, **Ag Adventures** from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (as well as Sunday), and **craft beer and wine tasting** (Saturday 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm). Sunday might be the last day but wrapping it up will be a blast! Plan on enjoying more entertainment as well as the return of the infamous (and we do say infamous) Womanless Talent Show staged from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

The **Junior Commercial Heifer Sale** is held the weekend before the fair on Saturday, August 24 at 1:00 pm at the Leo Wick Barn. Please pass the word on as this is a great way to buy some quality replacement heifers while supporting the youth of Fayette County. This is at the Fayette County Fairgrounds at 400 Fairgrounds (north of La Grange) as well and simply follow the signage.

The phenomenal Fayette County Fair is indeed a menu of tradition, fun, and entertainment that showcases an incredible preserved heritage encompassing this community. Volunteers to the Fayette County Fair work hard throughout the year fine tuning a multitude of projects to ensure that the locals and visitors alike will have a truly memorable time with family and friends (old and new alike). Expect the best when coming to the Fayette County Fair in La Grange (always Labor Day weekend) and you will never be disappointed with the entertainment, parade, children’s activities, bar-b-que cook-off, carnival, loads of food vendors at the German Czech mart, livestock, culinary, creative competitive venues, and so much more —an incredible array of events wrapped in the cultures of the community that promises to keep all ages busy. The spirit of tradition, and competition continues to be the driving force behind the Fayette County Fair, all thanks to an incredible Board of Directors and volunteer base.

To contact a queen’s contestant to purchase tickets or to obtain more information/registration forms on the Fayette County Fair in La Grange from Thursday, August 29 through Sunday September 1, go to www.fayettecountyfair.org or call 979-968-3911. La Grange is 65 miles east of Austin, 80 miles north of Victoria, 125 miles south of Waco, and 90 miles west of Houston with zip code of 78945 for GPS users.

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