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*Fayette County Fair in La Grange Announces an Incredible Line-Up of Entertainment Thursday, August 28-Sunday, August 31*



Chris Rybak



Wayne Toups



Lanky the Clown



Texas Dutchmen



The Triumphs



The Czechaholics



Robbie Wooten Band



Anthony Moreno Band



Kevin Fowler



Merle Haggard

A true celebration of cultures, community, and tradition--the Board of Directors and an "army" of volunteers with the Fayette County Fair in La Grange are in the final states of preparation for an enormous venue of fun for all ages on Labor Day weekend. This includes: loads of entertainment, a parade, loads of children's activities bar-b-que cookoff, carnival, horseshoe and washer pitching contest, loads of food, livestock, culinary, creative competitive venues---and at its' very best for locals and visitors alike. Included in their list of "todo's" is a strong emphasis on getting the right entertainment for all ages and with that, expect to see incredible talented well-known groups and individuals guaranteed to put a smile on your face.

This year, the Fayette County Fair will be held from Thursday, August 28 through Sunday, August 31 (always Labor Day weekend) and spotlighted are hosts of familiar names including:

- On Thursday, August 28--Chris Rybak (4:00 pm), Lanky the Clown (6:00 pm), Texas Dutchmen (7:00 pm), Wayne Toups (9:00 pm) take to the stages.

Chris Rybak, known as the "accordion cowboy", allows your imagination to roam to past and present images of Texas, including those bright starry nights, thundering herds of cattle, galloping horses, dance halls, bluebonnet fields, grazing longhorns, and slow moving rivers winding through the plains. Lanky the Clown (who will be performing each day of the Fair providing comedy walk around acts) has performed at countless fairs and festivals and has toured Russia, Guatemala, Afghanistan, and Cambodia as part of an International Coalition of Clowns put together by renowned Medical Doctor, Patch Adams. Following is

The Texas Dutchmen, who brings excitement, a youthful four horn section, both electric bass or tuba, and a powerful sound to play a wide variety of polka styles, including Texas Czech favorites, landlers, concert style, European style, even a little country and big band. Wrapping up the evening is Wayne Toups, a "Four Time Hall of Fame Recipient" who has been dubbed as the Cajun Springsteen because of his high-energy showmanship mixing Cajun sounds with the rhythms of zydeco, adding elements of soul music and Southern rock, and calling it **“zydecajun”**-- “a Cajun fusion band with a rock ‘n’ roll attitude.”

- On Friday, August 29--Lanky the Clown (6:00 pm), Texas Dutchmen and The Triumphs (7:00 pm), Czechaholics (8:00 pm), and DJ Willy (8:00) are showcased.

Get the dancing shoes ready as The Triumphs (a 9 piece rock n roll legacy) returns to the Fayette County Fair performing those Ole' Tyme songs that made this group so popular throughout the years. A popular Czech Polka band in the South Central Texas area, The Czechaholics will continue the saga of culture and tradition in music and have formed their own unique contemporary style of music to spark interest in the imaginative youth as well as to gratify the traditional sounds for the older generations. And the Fair Pavilion (old Round Up Hall) will feature DJ Willy for those that like to kick up their heels to Tejano music.

- Saturday, August 30 brings--Lanky The Clown (6:00 pm), Robbie Wooten Band (8:00 pm), Merle Haggard (10:00 pm).

The Robbie Wooten Band, another local group (5 piece band featuring steel guitar and fiddle) and reigning from Brenham, Texas is a country and classic rock band playing all the favorite tunes from George Strait to Bob Segar. Gracing the stage for fans old and new is Merle Haggard, a true country legacy, country music's greatest living recording artist and yes, a superstar, scoring 39 #1 country hits, winning various Grammy, CMA, and ACM awards.

- Sunday, August 31 wraps up with--Local Talent Show (1:00 pm), Texas Country Showdown (4:00 pm), Lanky the Clown (6:00 pm), Anthony Moreno Band (8:00 pm), Kevin Fowler (9:00 pm).

The Local Talent Show and Texas Country Showdown reel in fun and entertainment from the entire Fair community--you just never know what to expect! The Anthony Moreno Band brings a repertoire that is mature and tasteful with a blend of old and new featuring popular Texas Country that has exploded across the state while keeping a firm grip on traditional styles. Completing the tradition of great entertainment Sunday evening is Kevin Fowler, who has earned his reputation as one of the most amped-up concert performers to emerge from the modern day Texas country movement with unbridled musical muscle to the platform--cracking jokes, hitting high notes, strumming his guitar and putting each of his fans in two-stepping mode.

Fayette County Fair tickets are available from any of the queen contestants with pre-sale season tickets a nominal \$25.00, daily passes for Thursday, August 28 is \$15.00, for Friday, August 29 is \$15.00, Saturday, August 30 is \$30.00, and Sunday, August 31 is \$20.00. Season tickets after 6 pm Wednesday, August 27th is \$30.00. Children 11 and under are free. Ticket admission, daily or season pass, includes all entertainment, but does not include carnival rides.

Passports to Fun include admission for all four days of the fair and unlimited rides for all four days are \$70.00 each, are on a limited basis, and will be sold until Sunday, August 24. They may be purchased at: the Gardenia Janssen Animal Shelter (979-966-0021), Hatfield Dental Clinic (979-968-5813), World Travel (979-968-6328), or the National Bank & Trust in La Grange (979-968-3136). To contact a contestant to purchase tickets or to obtain more information/registration forms on the Fayette County Fair in La Grange from Thursday, August 28 through Sunday August 31, go to [www.fayettecountyfair.org](http://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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