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*True Texas Heritage Welcomed as the
Fayette County Fair in La Grange Embraces Some
of the Best in Country Western Music
Thursday, August 30-Sunday, September 2 in La Grange*



Easton Corbin



Bellamy Brothers



TUB

If you are True Texas, the names of TUB, Blue Sunset Band, Conjunto Cats, Lonely Roads Band, Czechaholics, Snake River, Dean, Bellamy Brothers, Flatland Cavalry, and Main Act Easton Corbin more than likely bring a big smile on your face. Image all of these in a concert setting at one venue along with the Opening Ceremony with the Queen's Pageant, Karaoke, and Lucha Libre Wrestling and you've got a perfect setting for the Fayette County Fair in La Grange—all for the price of one ticket running from Thursday August 30 through Sunday, September 2 (always held Labor Day weekend).

Obviously, this incredible lineup of entertainment along with creative arts, livestock, parade, BBQ cook-off, carnival and so much more doesn't happen overnight. 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. With the concerts as part of the ticket price (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. And, it becomes very clear that these music notables lined up bear a "Texas Theme" giving the Fayette County Fair center stage to a country music extravaganza with Texas pride!

Traditionally showcased the first evening (and this year is no exception) is the traditional Queen's Pageant with the Little Mr. & Mrs. Contest (held for the third year). All locals get involved with the non-profit organizations sponsoring each contestant with loads of fun culminating at the Marge Rosenberg Main Stage on Thursday, August 30 at 7:00 pm.

Prior to the pageant at 6:00 pm, Blue Sunset Band hits the stage until 11:00 pm performing the timeless classics that the original four Kalbas brothers from Paige performed decades ago (starting off in their garage). The performance will be held at the German-Czech Mart and expect oldies like "Waltz Across Texas" as well as Elvis.

Kicking off Friday, August 31 at 7:00 pm is Conjunto Cats (from Seguin). They'll be sharing the cultural sound of Conjunto music (and Tejano/Tex-Mex) at the German-Czech Pavilion. Premiere Entertainment "Lucha Libre Wrestling" follows from 8:00 pm to 10:45 pm at the Marge Rosenberg Main Stage. Lucha libre is the term used in Mexico for professional wrestling. Introduced in the early 20th century to the United States, it has developed into a unique form of genre, characterized by colorful masks, rapid sequences of holds and maneuvers, as well as "high-flying" maneuvers adopted in the U.S. and elsewhere.

Saturday, September 1 is a "do not miss" day as well as Michael "Boxer" Dean kicks off the entertainment at the German-Czech Mart Wrought Iron Stage from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm. When you're looking for a Czech Polka band in South Central Texas, the Czechaholic Band does not disappoint. Make sure your dancing shoes are on from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Marge Rosenberg Main Stage. Formed in November of 2002, this band has formed its own unique style of music that sparks interest in the imaginative youth as well as seniors. Showcasing more great music at 6:00 pm at the German-Czech Pavilion is The Lonely Road Band, a country-variety venue claiming Cypress as their hometown. They have become one of the top groups in recent times hitting the "local" scenes with their music.

TUB (Texas Unlimited Band) returns to the Fayette County Fair Saturday, September 1 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Overlook Stage. Formed in the 1980's, TUB has become one of the most requested country and variety bands in Texas and across the southwest United States. Comprised of 5 musicians and 2 road crew members, this group has shared the stage with the likes of George Strait, Garth Brooks, Brooks and Dunn, Trace Adkins, Toby Keith, and many others. Their original music has gained great acclaim over Texas and Oklahoma radio stations.

Charming the audience from 10:00 pm – 11:30 pm will be headliner Easton Corbin who kicked off his singing career by entering the Annual Suwannee River Jam in 2005 and the rest was history. In 2010, he went on tour as an opening act for Brad Paisley's H2O World Tour. His growth is apparent on *About to Get Real*, the mark of an artist who was able to capture the lightning-in-a-bottle success of his self-titled debut and its two Number One singles—"A Little More Country Than That" and "Roll With It"—and channel it into a career. He was the first solo male artist in 17 years to have his first two singles go Number One. If 2012's *All Over the Road* and its Top 10 singles "Lovin' You is Fun"

and the title track showed Easton furthering his reputation as a promising singer, the 12 tracks of *About to Get Real* paint a picture of a likely future Male Vocalist nominee.

Sunday, September 2 might be the last day of the Fayette County Fair, but that last day brings in more incredible talent to the stages. Karaoke with DJ Eric kicks off from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the German-Czech Mart-Wrought Iron Stage. Spotting local talent right down the road (College Station) will be Snake River Red at 6:00 pm at the German-Czech Pavilion. Their music is natural and polished and a mixture of Texas Country, alternative country, and rock. More great music follows as the Bellamy Brothers grace their talents at the Overlook Stage from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Howard and David's trail for the last 40 years started on the pop music scene in the '70's and took a winding turn to country music in the 80's, paving the way for others in the music industry. They hold the record in both the Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association Awards for the most duo nominations. Their latest project is a new album "40 Years". Topping off the Fayette County Fair celebratory weekend is Flatland Cavalry from 9:00 pm – 10:30 pm at the Overlook Stage. Formed in 2012, the quintet was rounded up by Cordero after stretches of acoustic outings around the Panhandle town of Lubbock—guitar, fiddle, bass, and percussion all encompass the Flatland Cavalry's band—a "not to miss"!

The phenomenal Annual Fayette County Fair is indeed a menu of tradition, fun, and entertainment while showcasing an incredible preserved heritage that has encompassed this community. Volunteers to the Fayette County Fair work hard throughout the year fine tuning a multitude of projects ensuring 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, petting zoo, children's activities, bar-b-que cook-off, carnival, washer pitching contest, loads of food vendors at the German Czech mart, livestock, culinary, creative competitive venues, 4-H and FFA heifer sale the weekend before the fair on Saturday, August 25 at 1:00 pm (great way to buy some quality replacement heifers while supporting the youth of Fayette County)—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 30 through Sunday September 2, go to www.fayettedcountyfair.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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