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*Fayette County Fair Welcomes Headliners
Charley Pride, Gary Allan, Randy Rogers Band,
Wade Bowen, Six Appeal, and
The Triumphs with Special Guest BJ Thomas
(Kicking off Thursday, September 1 - Sunday, September 4)
mark your calendars!!*



Save the dates (tickets go on sale July 11) and get the dancing boots ready--the Fayette County Fair Board of Directors in La Grange have announced the scheduled line-up for the annual fair to be held from Thursday, September 1 through Sunday September 4 and it clearly is a "who's who" of toe-tappin' best! And a reminder--the concerts are part of the ticket price (get them from a queen's contestant or go to www.fayettecountyfair.org) of the Fair itself with a wide range of music to capture the spirit of young and old.

Capturing the hearts of all is the traditional Queen's Pageant to be held Thursday, September 1. And this tradition is bringing a special new addition to the stage with a Little Mr. & Mrs. Contest. Performing on stage during the pageant is yet another treat--an a cappella group "Six Appeal" guaranteed to put a smile on everyone's face! Six Appeal is a professional six part male group from Minnesota that has become a world class vocal ensemble infused with impeccable comedic timing, energy and vitality of a rock band with absolutely no musical instruments. Expect an experience of classic oldies, current top hits, and catchy originals all in that hometown atmosphere that the Fayette County Fair has brought for decades.

Showcasing the evening on Friday, September 2 is the return of The Triumphs with special guest BJ Thomas and Roy Head joining the evening festivities. The Triumphs (a Fort Bend County Texas based band) has roots going back to early rock 'n roll and launched the career of five-time Grammy award winner BJ Thomas. This 1959 band originated in a garage in Rosenberg and has continued to entertain all ages for decades rekindling the era of fond memories and those old historic Texas dance halls. Classics will include those of Elvis, Eagles, Wilson Pickett, Chicago, Beatles, George Strait, Pink Floyd--the list is endless and clearly a "not to miss" act.

BJ Thomas (who has won the hearts of millions with his music) will be showcased as a special guest with The Triumphs. Thomas was raised in and around Houston and his record is impeccable--from his best known "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head" to "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry", "Mama", "Hooked on a Feeling", and many, many more. This ageless icon continues to draw on the beauty of music thus creating his amazing legacy.

Another show-stopping performer, Roy Head is joining The Triumphs and BJ Thomas Friday night. Roy Head and his group the Traits were known in the 1950's and 1960's as one of the most successful rock and roll bands to come from Texas. Their song "Treat Her Right" climbed to #2 behind the Beatles "Yesterday". "Treat Her Right" held the spot for 16 weeks, longer than any other song in history, sold over a million copies, and was featured in the movie "The Commitments." The performance with The Triumphs, BJ Thomas, and Roy Head joining on Friday, September 2 is clearly yet another not to miss event. Get ready for some true rock and roll!

Communicating Red Dirt and independent spirit to country music at large with a baritone dense and concentrated will bring a smile to the reader's face as the name Wade Bowen sculpts out command of his songs with true country, pedal steel, and emotion. Bowen is

scheduled at the Fayette County Fair Saturday, September 3 and rest assured, the listener will be left with a true musical memory. The changing person credited in Wade's life was legendary Robert Earl Keen and it led to the band West 84. Wade broke away with "Try Not to Listen" and "God Bless This Town" and they led to 10 Number 1's and 15 Top 5 Singles on the Texas Music Chart.

Topping off Saturday evening is the ever popular Randy Rogers Band: Trouble. Diving headfirst into songs of loss, love, and truth that has touched this group personally, they have managed to turn an assortment of calamities into critical acclaim in the music industry. Their range of talents and genius has been expanded to using wrenches and cooking equipment to add texture and layers to the sound of "Fuzzy" and they credit their deep Texas roots to their soul and passion in their songs.

Charley Pride, a trailblazing Country Music superstar for decades (thanks to his exposure to blues, gospel, and country music at an early age) will grace the stage Sunday, September 4. Signed to RCA Records in 1966 (after determining a major league baseball career was not for him), Pride amassed 52 Top-10 Country hits and sold tens of millions of records between 1967 and 1987. Winning Country Music Entertainer of the Year and Top Male Vocalist in 1971 and 1972, this icon continues to perform 30 to 40 concerts a year throughout the world and performs at the Grand Ole Opry several times each year. He enjoys playing golf, spending time with his family, and annually hits the Texas Rangers spring training.

Creativity and emotions fuel the joys of parenting, heartache of loss, disagreements, and unpredictable love when it comes to the enlightenment that Gary Allan's music provides. Gary follows Charley Pride Sunday, September 4 and showcases his profound talent and depth he's discovered from within with his music. His album "Set You Free" embodies his own evolution toward personal "creative" freedom while drawing this talent from the music of the "Highwaymen"--Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, and Kris Kristofferson (e.g. drawing from the dangerous side of life).

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, children's activities bar-b-que cookoff, carnival, horseshoe and washer pitching contest, loads of food, livestock, culinary, creative competitive venues—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 contestant to purchase tickets or to obtain more information/registration forms on the Fayette County Fair in La Grange from Thursday, September 1 through Sunday September 4, go to www.fayettecountyfair.org or call 979-968-3911. Tickets go on sale July 11. 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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