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*Fayette County Fair Welcomes Some of the Best in
Country Western Music to
Touch the Hearts of True Texas
Thursday, August 31-Sunday, September 3 in La Grange*



If the names Clay Walker, Kevin Fowler, Curtis Grimes, Sunny Sweeney, and TUB put a smile on your face, add Dean Seltzer, Jeff Woolsey, Keith Hickle, Spirit Riders, Mark Randall, the Incredible Music Makes, Taylor Mclayne, Red Ravens, and Blue Sunset Band and make their concerts part of the Fayette County Fair in La Grange (besides the loads of other attractions), and you've got a phenomenal showcasing for all ages that is clearly not to miss—all in one price of a ticket! Always held Labor Day weekend (this year from Thursday, August 31 through Sunday, September 3), this fair is an annual culmination of countless hours throughout the year by a group of volunteers that are part of the Board of Directors—with the “win-win” being scholarships for the kiddos. 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!

Spotlighted on Thursday, August 31 is the traditional Queen's Pageant with the Little Mr. & Mrs. Contest (held for the second year). This is an incredible fun event that draws big smiles on everyone attending. Prior to the pageant at 4:00 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. Kicking off Friday, September 1 at 4:00 pm is Taylor Melayne and at 8:00 pm Red Ravens and the ever popular Texas Unlimited Band (TUB). 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.

Saturday, September 2 takes music to a new level at the Fayette County Fair as Los Kolaches perform at 1:00 pm, Jeff Woolsey at 4:00 pm, Dean Seltzer & the Redneck Mothers at 7:00 pm, and Curtis Grimes and Kevin Fowler take stage (Curtis at 9:00 pm and Kevin at 10:00 pm). Grimes clearly takes a trip through the heart of country music. A Texas native (reared on Strait and Jackson music), Curtis charms the audiences with his refreshing voice and in 2011 finished in the top 10 with “The Voice”. Awarded “New Male Vocalist of the Year”, his songs render a spirit to make Texas proud.

Kevin Fowler (another great Texas country singer-songwriter) launches his performance at 10:00 pm Saturday night. Fowler has earned his reputation as one of the most “amped-up” concert performers to emerge with modern day Texas country bringing unbridled musical muscle to the platform. He's a great performer—cracking jokes, hitting high notes, strumming his guitar, and putting all fans in two-stepping mode that has stretched throughout the Midwest up to Chicago. Social media has impacted his career as he boasts more than 270,000 Facebook likes at 34K Twitter followers. Make no mistake, he can relax too as Kevin's hobbies of hunting and fishing sometimes capture “his” center stage.

And that stage for more great music is set on Sunday, September 3, as Spirit Riders kick off their performance at 11:00 am, followed by Keith Hickle at 2:30 pm, the Incredible Music Makers at 4:00 pm, and Mark Randall Band at 6:00 pm. Showcased at 7:00 pm is Sunny Sweeney with Clay Walker capping off the Sunday's performances at 9:00 pm. Sweeney, with Texas honky-tonk roots shows absolutely no mercy in her music. From albums "Heartbreaker's Hall of Fame" and "Concrete" to "Provoked", Sunny has a fearless creative spirit on her songs rendering emotions to marriage, divorce, dying, and living while projecting toughness and vulnerability to a grand style of country music.

Creative and multi-platinum country music artist and East Texas native, Clay Walker rocks the country scene Sunday at 9:00 pm. Diagnosed in 1996 with multiple sclerosis, Clay doesn't allow that to set him back, continuing tours and recordings with his high-energy concerts and performance style radiating his audiences. Since 2003, his Band Against MS has raised five million dollars through performances, tournaments, rides, and auctions. Join Clay Sunday night as he wraps up the Fayette County Fair and you won't be disappointed!

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 cookoff, carnival, washer pitching contest, loads of food vendors at the German Czech mart, livestock, culinary, creative competitive venues, 4-H and FFA heifer sale on Saturday at 5:00 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 31 through Sunday September 3, 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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