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***The Imperial Republican***

A band that has opened for such groups as Emerson Drive, The Boulder Acoustic Society, Jim Salestrom and The Jim Rice Band will be performing for a dance at the Chase County Fair this Saturday night. The Ben Treffer Band will play in the open air auditorium following the grandstand show.

Former Imperial resident Brian Pankonin, son of Mark and Kathy Pankonin of Imperial, is a member of the band, which is based in Scottsbluff.

Ben Treffer, singer/songwriter, was born in western Nebraska. His roots are solid Americana, according to his publicity, and he sings of everyday people, ordinary places and real life events.

His song, "The Football Song," has been adopted by numerous high school and college teams across the country, and remains the unofficial anthem of the Chadron State College football program.

Although he is just a few years into his musical career, Treffer has an impressive resume. He has frequently performed with Martin Gilmore of the Long Road Home Band.

Treffer's musical influences include Chris LeDoux, Darrell Scott, Cross Canadian Ragweed and Garth Brooks.

An independent artist, Treffer's latest CD, "What Would You Do?" was produced by Lunacy Records.

Admission to the dance is \$5.