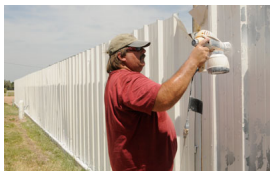


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Ticket sales for this year's concerts at the Chase County Fair & Expo nearly doubled last week with the shows just more than a week away.

Thus far, both shows are selling nearly equal with the Saturday, Aug. 16, country concert at 31 percent and the Friday, Aug. 15, rock concert at 28.1 percent.

This year's concert lineup series includes the Marshall Tucker Band and Starship, featuring Mickey Thomas on Friday, Aug. 15. The Friday concert is sponsored in part by Great Plains Communications.

On Saturday, Aug. 16, the country concert will feature Chris Young. Newcomer Courtney Cole will open for Young.

This year's Christian Family Show on Wednesday, Aug. 13, will feature the group Big Daddy Weave. Tickets for this show are \$10.

The fair board extended their group purchase ticket discount through Thursday, Aug. 14. Standing tickets purchased in lots of 10 or more, in any combination for the Friday or Saturday concerts, can be purchased for just \$30.

Ticket office open on grounds

The fair ticket office on the fairgrounds opened for walk-up business on Monday and will be open through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Next week, the office will be open Monday through Saturday, with extended hours Wednesday through Saturday for events and shows.

Tickets for the three evening concerts, demolition derby and mega-ride passes can be purchased at the ticket window. Mega-ride passes are available through Saturday, Aug. 16.

People can also order tickets by phone at 308-882-5260 or online at www.chasecountyfair.com.

Horse show kicks off fair

Fair events begin Sunday with the 4-H Horse Show. A total of 24 4-H kids will participate in the show that begins at 8 a.m.

Due to changes in state rules, there will be no Clover Kids or open class participation.

The focus of Monday's events will be the barrel races, with exhibition races starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by competition races beginning at 7 p.m. The event will be held in the rodeo arena, which has been expanded to the south this year.

Tuesday schedule

The extension office staff will make their move to the fairgrounds Monday in anticipation of

entry day Tuesday.

Tuesday kicks off with the 4-H dog show at 8 a.m. and the cat show at 10 a.m.

Exhibits in 4-H, FFA and open class can be entered from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the exhibit hall.

All market animals will be entered at 11 a.m.

A livestock judging contest will be held at 5 p.m., along with the ranch rodeo in the arena. Team slots for that event are already filled.

A new event will be held in the arena at 5:30 p.m. with the Catch-A-Calf contest.

The contest is open to youths entering junior high through high school.

The youths will catch five calves. Winners will then receive a calf that they will feed and raise during the next year and show at next year's fair.

Following that event, the barnyard scramble will begin at 6 p.m. This event is open to ages toddler through 12 years old. No pre-registration is required.

Wednesday schedule

Livestock shows for 4-H and FFA members will begin Wednesday morning with the swine show at 8:30 a.m., the goat and sheep show at 11 a.m. and the poultry and rabbit show at 2 p.m.

Youngsters will test their riding skills during the mutton bustin' contest at 3 p.m. in the arena.

The event is open to kids ages 5-7 with a 60-lb. weight limit.

That will be followed by the frozen t-shirt contest, also in the arena area, beginning at 4 p.m.

The carnival opens at 5 p.m. with a \$20 unlimited ride special.

A benefit bratwurst supper for KNGN Christian Family Radio will run from 5-7 p.m., followed by the Christian Family Show at 7 p.m.

This year's show features Big Daddy Weave. In 2002, the group was nominated for a Dove Award as New Artist of the Year. Other awards include a 2010 Dove Award for the album *Christ Has Come*, a 2013 K-LOVE Fan Award for Song of the Year for "Redeemed" and a 2014 K-LOVE Fan Award Song of the Year nomination for "The Only Name (Yours Will Be)."

They hit the top of the Christian radio chart with the third straight No. 1 single, "The Only Name (Yours Will Be)," from *Love Come To Life*.

Prior to that, "Redeemed" spent 11 weeks at No. 1. "Love Come To Life," was the album's first No. 1 radio single.