

## Chase County Fair finalizes lineup for 2012 shows

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This year's Chase County Fair will uphold its tradition for great concert shows with this year's lineup of country and rock performers.

The Friday, Aug. 17 show will feature a pair of country music entertainers.

Travis Tritt will headline the country show with special guest, new sensation Hunter Hayes.

Saturday's Aug. 18 rock show will feature music for several generations with Bad Company's former lead singer Brian Howe and one of today's hot bands, Theory of a Dead Man.

Alex McNair, entertainment chair for the fair board, said they are excited about this year's lineup.

As for the country night, he said Travis Tritt represents a tried-and-true country superstar with a string of platinum albums and Top Ten singles, including three number one hits during the 90s. This will be a show full of hits, McNair added.

He noted the Chase County Fair has provided a stage for many rising country stars and this year will be no different with Hunter Hayes, who was up last weekend for New Artist of the Year at the Academy of Country Music Awards.

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Saturday's rock show, McNair said, will be like getting two different shows on the same ticket.

The fair booked Bad Company's former lead singer Brian Howe, representing classic rock 'n roll.

This year's wildcard in the mix will bring today's contemporary rock music front and center on the stage with Theory of a Deadman.

McNair said the combination of the two will provide a real variety of styles for rock music fans.

This year's concert tickets will go on sale Friday, June 23 at 10 a.m.

Before then, he encouraged fans to visit the fair's web site, [www.chasecountyfair.com](http://www.chasecountyfair.com) for more information and to enter for a chance to get discounts, win tickets and win backstage passes at the concerts.

### Travis Tritt

Country super star, Travis Tritt has had seven of his albums certified platinum with his 1991 album, *It's All About to Change*, certified triple-platinum.

Tritt has also charted more than 40 times, including five number ones — "Help Me Hold On," "Anymore," "Can I Trust You With My Heart," "Foolish Pride" and "Best of Intentions" — and 15 additional top 10 singles.

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He has received two Grammy Awards, four awards from the Country Music Association, and has been a member of the Grand Ole Opry since 1992.

### **Hunter Hayes**

Young Hunter Hayes began his musical career at age two when his grandmother gave him a toy accordion. At age four, he began making appearances on national television, including Maury, Rosie O'Donnell, Nickelodeon and "America's Most Talented Kids."

In 2008, he moved to Nashville, signed with Universal Music as a songwriter, then co-wrote "Play" for Rascal Flatts, signed to Atlantic Records and released his debut single "Storm Warning" in 2011, on which Hayes played every instrument and co-produced.

### **Bad Company's Brian Howe**

Bad Company's former lead singer, Brian Howe kicked off his role with the band with great success. The band's 1988 'Dangerous Age' spawned three songs that made the top 10 on Billboard's rock chart: "No Smoke Without A Fire," "One Night" and "Shake It Up."

The band's next album, 1990's "Holy Water," attained platinum status, selling more than one million copies. It produced five top 15 singles, including the #1 hit "Holy Water," "Boys Cry Tough," "If You Needed Somebody" and "Walk Through Fire."

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### **Theory of a Deadman**

Theory of a Deadman is a platinum-selling Canadian rock band with a total of six top 10 hits on the Hot Mainstream Rock Tracks chart, including two #1 hits, "Bad Girlfriend" and "Lowlife!"

This post-grunge and alternative rock band includes traits of other music styles, such as country and acoustic.

Shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. each night.