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### **Blackberry Smoke and Stoney LaRue to Headline 2023 Fair**

Blackberry Smoke and Stoney LaRue will headline the Sangamon County Fair grandstand Thursday, June 15. The fair runs June 14-18 this year.

Georgia's Blackberry Smoke brings a high-energy, party atmosphere to their shows, having entertained rock and country fans alike while touring with ZZ Top, Zac Brown Band and Eric Church. The group's last four full-length albums reached the top 10 of the Billboard Country charts, with two of these albums -- 2015's *Holding all the Roses* and 2016's *Like An Arrow* -- landing at No. 1. Their most recent album, *You Hear Georgia*, released in 2021 debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Americana/Folk chart, boasting more than 33,000 copies sold and nearly 1 million streams in the first week. Warren Haynes of Gov't Mule and Jamey Johnson are featured on the album.

Featured artist Stoney LaRue is a shining star in the Oklahoma and Texas red dirt country scene. LaRue has released seven full length albums and has collaborated with artists such as Jason Boland, Cody Canada (Cross Canadian Ragweed), Brandon Jenkins and Miranda Lambert, singing backup vocals on her 2013 single, "All Kinds of Kinds."

"We are looking forward to hosting these two incredible acts at the fair this year," said Roy Pierceall, president of the Sangamon County Fair Board of Directors. "We're working hard to be a destination for high-quality entertainment for our central Illinois audience, and Blackberry Smoke and Stoney LaRue fit that bill."

Early bird tickets can be purchased on the fair's website through Friday, April 7, for \$25. On April 8, tickets go up to \$30 through the day of the show. Tickets do not include the price of fair gate admission, which is \$5. All-inclusive VIP area sponsorships in varying levels are also available for purchase. Check [SangCoFair.com](http://SangCoFair.com) for details.

The Sangamon County Fair, located in New Berlin, Illinois, is a nonprofit organization operated by a volunteer board of directors, serving visitors from Sangamon County and beyond. The board strives to provide the highest quality entertainment possible at an affordable price.

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