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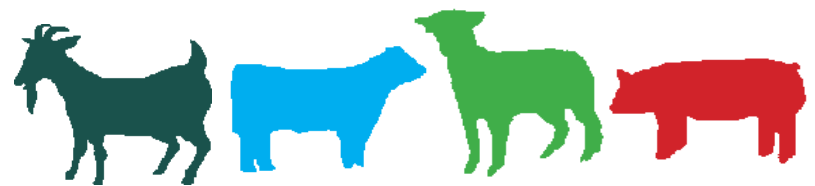
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Jackson Dean to perform at U.P. State Fair Tuesday, Aug. 15



ESCANABA - The U.P. State Fair is pleased to announce the first act of its full line-up of grandstand entertainment this year, presented by Island Resort and Casino. Fast-rising country singer/song-writer Jackson Dean will take the U.P. State Fair Grandstand stage on Tuesday, Aug. 15. Quickly earning a reputation for his old school, gritty, lyric-driven, outlaw style of Country, Jackson Dean is mature beyond his years. He opted to move out to a cinderblock, concrete floor, one-room shack on the back of his grandfather's property with no heat and no plumbing at just 18 years old. An adventurous and carefree spirit, the 22-year-old multi-instrumentalist is also an old soul and skilled artisan whose pastimes include making leather goods, wood-burned art, and disappearing into the woods to sleep under the stars. Bringing that same sense of adventure and down-home vibe to his songwriting, the "modern-day Country rambler" (Taste of Country) burst on the scene, showing people how real music can be with his atmospheric, musically-forward debut album "Greenbroke" (out now via Big Machine Records). The Maryland native's single, "Don't Come Lookin'" was the fastest debut to reach No. one in 2022 and cemented Jackson as the youngest solo male Country artist to reach the top of the charts with a debut. Following an early career of local performances in his hometown, Jackson Dean has joined bills with superstar acts like Toby Keith, Miranda Lambert, Brantley Gilbert, Kane Brown, Jake Owen, Brooks & Dunn, Lee Brice and Brothers Osborne, and found himself on the bill for events like Austin City Limits and Stagecoach. Gold circle tickets for Jackson Dean's performance on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 8 p.m. go on sale on Thursday, May 11 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased from this year's presenting sponsor, Island Resort and Casino, at "http://www.islandresortandcasino.com/entertainment" www.islandresortandcasino.com/entertainment. General seating for all grandstand entertainment is free with admission to the Fair. To purchase advance gate admission for the U.P. State Fair, please visit www.upstatefair.net" www.upstatefair.net.

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Thursday, August 17 - 9:00 am - Jr. Show
Thursday, August 17 - 1:00 pm - Open Show

Beef Cattle - Department 3

Breeding Stock - Thursday, August 17, --8:00 am
Scottish Highland - Friday, August 18 - 10:00 am
Supreme Champion - Friday, August 18 - 4:00 pm

Jr. Beef Cattle - Department 4

Tuesday, August 15, 9:00 am
Showmanship, followed by PeeWee Showmanship,
followed by Market, followed by Jr. Beef Breeding

Sheep - Department 5-6

Wednesday, August 16 - 5:00 pm
Showmanship, followed by PeeWee Showmanship,
followed by Market Lamb, followed by Open & Jr.
Breeding Stock
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Goats - Department 7

Tuesday, August 15 - 6:00 pm
Showmanship, followed by Pee-Wee
Showmanship, followed by Market Goat, followed
by Open & Jr. Breeding Stock
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Swim - Department 8

Wednesday, August 16 - 9:00 am
Showmanship, followed by Market Class

Poultry - Department 10

Thursday, August 17 - 9:00 am
Jr Poultry Showmanship followed by Adult
(Jackpot) Showmanship, followed by Jr Market,
followed by Egg judging, followed by Jr Poultry
Breed judging, followed by Open Poultry Breed
judging

Rabbits - Department 11

Tuesday, August 15 - 9:00 am
Jr. Rabbit Showmanship followed by Junior Cavy
Showmanship followed by Adult (Jackpot)
Showmanship, followed by, Jr. Rabbit & Cavy
Breed Judging followed by Open Rabbit & Cavy
Breed Judging

Horses - Department 12 - Open Show

Monday, August 14 - 1:00 pm Section 1 Miniature
Horse
Friday, August 18 - 12:00 pm Section 2 Speed
Events
Saturday, August 19 - 8:30 am Section 3 Halter &
English
Sunday, August 20 - 10:00 am Section 4 Western
& Trail

Horses - Department 13 - Jr. Show

Tuesday, August 15 - 8:30 am Section 1 Pleasure
Show
Thursday, August 17 - 8:30 am Section 2 Speed
Classes

Draft Horse & Mule Show - Department 14

Wednesday, August 16 - 10:00 am
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Wednesday, August 16 - 5:00 pm Section 2 Cart
Classes
Wednesday, August 16 - 5:00 pm Section 2 Hitch
Classes
Friday, August 18 - Special Events TBA

Draft Horse & Pony Pulling - Department 15

Saturday, August 18 - 5:00 pm Pony Pull
Saturday, August 19 - Followed by Draft Horse
Pull

Needlework - Department 17

Food - Department 18

Art- Department 19

Antiques - Department 20

Photography - Department 21

Folk Art - Department 22

School Exhibits - Department 23

Sunday, August 12 Pre-Fair & Monday, August 14

Agriculture - Department 24

Monday, August 14

Floriculture - Department 25

Monday, August 14

Hobby Craft - Department 26

Sunday, August 13 Pre-Fair & Monday, August 14

Junior Show - Department 27

Monday, August 14

2023 Special Events

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Thursday, August 17 - 6:30 pm

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Friday, August 18 - 9:00 am

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Friday, August 18 - Following Supreme

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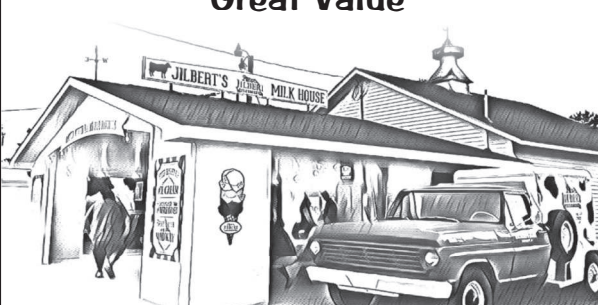
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A staple at the fair, the exhibit is an interactive experience that allows guests of all ages to learn information about forestry, the paper-making process, forest management, and forest animals as they go on a “hike” through the forest-like display.

Along the way, visitors are shown educational videos and participate in fun activities that show the importance of the forest to even the youngest of fairgoers.

The primary goals of the exhibit are to highlight the importance of the forest to the Upper Peninsula by showing how the forest products industry impacts the local economy and to remind visitors that many of the products they use every day come from forests.

The exhibit shows how forest products come from hard-working professional supplying timber or producing products such as paper. Besides showing how to be good stewards of the forest themselves, the exhibit aims to impact to guests that there are good, well-paying jobs available in the forest products industry on many levels and to spark the interest that will raise up the next generation of forest products professionals.

After many years of being a feature of the fair, the Growing U.P. Foresters exhibit found a permanent home in the Miracle of Life Building. The building allows for more exposure to the exhibit - particularly to families that may be visiting the baby animals that share the Miracle of Life Building with the exhibit during the fair - and allows for the exhibit to maintain a more authentic forest feel.

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Night Ranger to perform at U.P. State Fair Friday, Aug. 18

ESCANABA - The band Night Ranger will take the Grandstand stage at the U.P. State Fair on Friday, Aug. 18. Night Ranger is the fourth act announced by the U.P. State Fair in its full line-up of grandstand entertainment this year, presented by Island Resort and Casino. Heavy-hitting rock legends, Night Ranger has sold over 17 million albums worldwide, performed across more than 4,000 stages, and captivated a radio audience that exceeds one billion! The band has transcended the arena rock sound and style well beyond that era

and continues to grow their ever-evolving fan base. Some of their best-selling albums include *Dawn Patrol*, *Midnight Madness*, *7 Wishes*, *Big Life* and *Man In Motion*.

Night Ranger's popularity is fueled by a number of instantly recognizable hit singles and signature album tracks, such as "Sister Christian", "Don't Tell Me You Love Me", "When You Close Your Eyes", and the anthemic "(You Can Still) Rock In America". Over the years, the band's music has also made notable contributions to and been featured in many different areas of global media and pop culture. Night Ranger toured around the globe throughout 2022; their latest album ATBPO (stands for And The Band Played On) was released in

August 2021.

Night Ranger consists of Jack Blades (bass, vocals), Kelly Keagy (drums, vocals), Brad Gillis (lead and rhythm guitars), Eric Levy (keyboards), and Keri Kelli (lead & rhythm guitars). Night Ranger released their first records in the early 80s, so as they celebrate their 40th anniversary, they continue to prove that powerful songs, alongside incredibly talented musicians and most importantly, having such wonderful fans around the world is the perfect formula for continued success.

Gold circle tickets for Night Ranger's performance on Friday, Aug. 18 at 8 p.m. go on sale on Tuesday, June 13 and can be purchased from this year's presenting sponsor, Island Resort and

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Ashley McBryde to perform at U.P. State Fair Thursday, Aug. 17

ESCANABA - Grammy, CMA and ACM Award winner Ashley McBryde will take the Grandstand stage at the U.P. State Fair on Thursday, Aug. 17. Ashley McBryde is the fifth act announced by the U.P. State Fair in its full line-up of grandstand entertainment this year, presented by Island Resort and Casino.

Ashley McBryde cut her teeth playing country songs in rural biker bars — and it shows. The Grand Ole Opry member's 2018 major label debut "Girl Going Nowhere" (Warner Music Nashville) charmed The New York Times, NPR, Rolling Stone, Paste, The Washington Post and more, all en route to landing a Grammy nomination for Best Country Album. McBryde closed out 2019 with ACM New Female Artist, CMT Breakout Artist, a New Artist of the Year win at the 53rd Annual CMA Awards and two nominations for the 2020 Grammys for Best Country Song and Best Country Solo Performance for "Girl Goin' Nowhere." Her follow-up "Never Will" was tagged by Rolling Stone as one of the most anticipated of the year alongside NPR, who also ranked her Top 10 RIAA Platinum-Certified single "One Night Standards" as one of the best songs of 2019. The album earned McBryde a 2021 Grammy nomination for Best Country Album, making "Never Will" the only album nominated for Country Album of the Year by the ACMs, CMAs and the Recording Academy in the same award season. Her Grammy-winning duet with Carly Pearce, "Never Wanted To Be That Girl," went all the way to No. 1 and earned McBryde and Pearce the ACM and CMA award for Musical Event of the Year. McBryde was also honored with the 2022 CMA International Artist Achievement Award for the most significant creative growth, development and promotion of the country music industry outside of the United States.

For more information, visit www.ashleymcbride.com/ AshleyMcBryde.com or follow her on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @AshleyMcBryde and TikTok @AshleyMcBrydeMusic.

Gold circle tickets for Ashley McBryde's performance on Thursday, Aug. 17 at 8 p.m. go on sale on Monday, July 3 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased from this year's presenting sponsor, Island Resort and Casino, at islandresortandcasino.com/entertainment. General seating for all grandstand entertainment is free with admission to the Fair. To purchase advance gate admission for the U.P. State Fair, please visit upstatefair.net.



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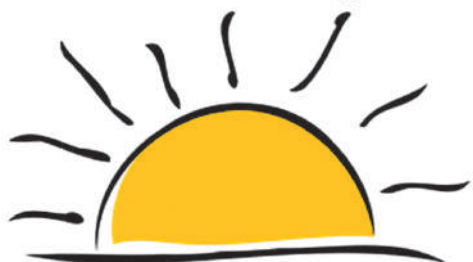
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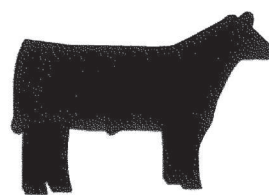
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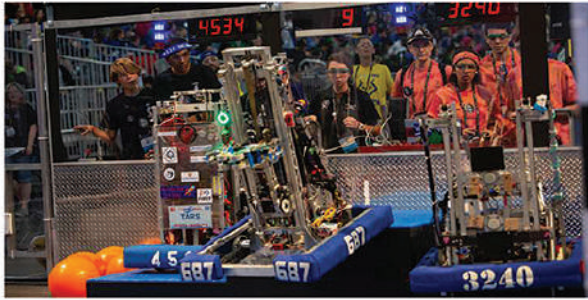
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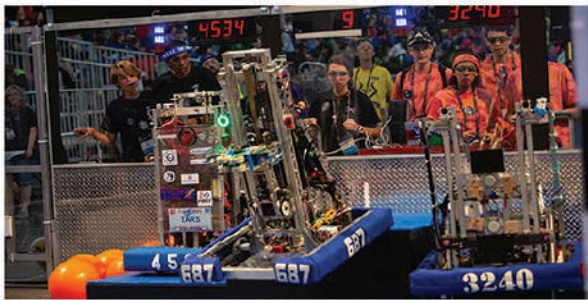
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