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## Adams County Fair Announces 2015 Star Concert Performers

The Adams County Fair Board is proud to announce country music artist **Eric Paslay** will headline the 2015 Star Concert at this year's fair. Paslay will take the stage rocking the crowd with hits like "Friday Night," and "Song about a Girl," coming up on Saturday, August 1.

The Fair Board is also proud to announce this year **Craig Wayne Boyd** will perform as the opening act for the Star Concert. Boyd is well-known across the United States as a winner of NBC's 'The Voice' in 2014.

Entry into grandstand seating for the concert is free with \$10 admission to the fair that evening. Track seating tickets are an additional \$10 and can be purchased beginning Saturday, June 6, 2015 at the Fair Board office inside the fairgrounds or at Farm and Home Supply in Quincy.

The 2015 Adams County Fair runs from Wednesday, July 29 to Tuesday, August 4 at the fairgrounds located 15 minutes north of Quincy on Highway 336. Find the latest fair information 24 hours a day at [www.adamsfair.org](http://www.adamsfair.org) or on Facebook at "Adams County Fair."

Eric Paslay began playing guitar and writing songs at the age of 15. While he's been writing number one hits for performers like Jake Owen, Rascal Flatts, Love and Theft and the Eli Young Band for years, these days his songs are just for him. He's center stage now with songs like "Friday Night," which reached number one on the country charts. You'll also recognize songs like, "She Don't Love You," and "Deep As It Is Wide."

On making the move from songwriter to performer Paslay says, "It's like someone flipped a switch on and people know what I do now." With a smile he added, "but the coolest thing is when you have a hit song and you can stop singing and the audience keeps singing it. With 'Friday Night,' that's started to happen. I'll sing 'I want to be your...' and I'll point to the crowd and they'll go 'Friday Night! That's one of those moments that every kid dreams about – singing a song and the crowd knows it so well that they sing it back to you. You get to sing it together. I'm glad I'm getting to experience that as a performer. To have a hit that radio has played so much that people are singing back to you, it's pretty cool."

Texas-born Craig Wayne Boyd came to fame by way of the seventh season of The Voice in 2014. He moved to Nashville to try for his dream of a career in the music business in the early 2000s, and soon had a publishing deal with EMI. Things looked promising. Yet Boyd, after ten years of songwriting, local gigs, national support touring, and trying everything he could to further that dream in Nashville, was on the verge of quitting music because of financial and other pressures. All that changed when he auditioned for the seventh season of The Voice. Ending up on Blake Shelton's team, Boyd's singing voice, playing, and easy musical versatility made him a fan favorite, and eventually made him the overall winner.

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