

Josh Abbott Band to take stage at Wheatstock

Tickets on sale for Aug. 20 music festival

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HELIX — Wheatstock Music Festival board member Dwayne Dunlap said this summer's show is shaping up to be the best yet. The event is on Saturday, Aug. 20 at Quantum 9 Arena.

"We're trying to step it up every year," he said. "We have some great bands coming — it's going to be a great lineup."

Dunlap called the Josh Abbott Band "one of the hottest groups out of Texas right now." Playing country red dirt music, the event's headliner is raking in the hits on the music charts in the Lone Star State, he said.

"They might be the best band



Wheatstock Music Festival/Contributed Photo

The Josh Abbott Band will headline this year's Wheatstock Music Festival on Aug. 20, 2022, at Quantum 9 Arena in Helix. Discounted tickets are on presale at www.wheatstock.org.

we've ever had," Dunlap said.

Dunlap and the Wheatstock board were thrilled to add Micky and the Motorcars to the lineup. Growing up in the musical Muzzie Braun family in Idaho, brothers Micky and Gary motored off to Austin, Texas, to start their own band.

With six confirmed acts, Dunlap said the festival, which

features Americana, country and folk music — offers a full afternoon/evening of entertainment. Presale general admission tickets, which are \$49, are soaring, he said. Also, VIP presale tickets are \$139, which includes a general admission ticket, a limited backstage pass, a meet-and-greet with the Josh Abbott Band and a signed event

poster. Also, shade cabana rentals are available.

The other confirmed traveling acts include Giovannie & The Hired Guns and Carson Jeffrey, both hailing from Texas, and Oklahoma-based group Ragland.

In addition, local alt-folk-country band Imperial Twang will take the stage. Known to go months or more between

live performances, the proverbial party band knows how to ratchet up a raucous and rowdy good time — drawing from their fanbase, known as "The Merry Twangsters."

"We're just really excited about the whole lineup," Dunlap said. "The show is going to be absolutely stellar."

Wheatstock was founded with the purpose of raising money for the Helix School District. It will continue to support that effort by providing a pair of scholarships to graduating seniors. In addition, Wheatstock donates proceeds to Cross the Divide. Formerly known as Divide Camp, the program offers a wilderness retreat for combat veterans in the Wallowa Mountains.

The event includes food vendors, free camping, a beer garden, bouncy castles for the kids and merchandise sales. Admission is free for active military personnel and kids 12 and younger. For tickets or more information, visit wheatstock.org.

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