

Country singer Chris Cagle cancels Jefferson County Fair concert; replacement being sought

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JEFFERSON — Country singer Chris Cagle has canceled his grandstand show for this Friday night at the Jefferson County Fair.

Jefferson County Fair Park director David Diestler confirmed Wednesday afternoon that Cagle — a country artist with a redneck rock-and-roll style — will not be performing at the 163rd annual fair.

“He has canceled due to some medical issue,” Diestler said. “We are looking for a backup.”

Diestler said the entertainment company that books entertainment was trying to hire two well-known country performers to fill the 7:30 p.m. show spot; however, one of them can not attend.

“We’re trying to find someone comparable, well known in the same vein musically,” Diestler said. “We will announce who will be performing as soon as we know.”

He said Gunnar and the Grizzly Boys still will be the opening act for the Friday grandstand show. The up-and-coming country band has recorded songs such as “Pedal to the Floor” and “Standard American.”

Seating in the grandstand is free, but tickets for reserved seating and the Party Pit in front range in price from \$20 to \$25.

Diestler said the fair has a no-refund policy on tickets, even in light of the performer’s cancellation.

Jefferson County Fair officials apparently were not formally informed of Cagle’s concert cancellation, and they followed up only after learning of it being mentioned on the singer’s Facebook page.

Cagle’s professional credits include two gold albums, and some fan favorites are “Let There be Cowgirls,” “Laredo,” “Chicks Dig It” and “Got My Country On.”