

Country music, dog performances and music throwbacks among the acts scheduled for Arcola's Broom Corn Festival

By Dominik Stallings

Arcola Broomcorn Festival will have a wide variety of entertainment and music this year. Dog circus acts, country music, 1980s hits and "extreme variety" music will provide enjoyment for those attending the festivities.

Country music

This year, Alex Miller will be the headline performer at the Arcola Broomcorn Festival. At 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, he will perform on the Oak Street Stage.

The rising country star first came into the limelight during season 19

of American Idol. He impressed judges with his southern charm and "old-school country soul."

Miller hails from Lancaster, Ky., and has been performing in his hometown ever since he was 7 years old.

He usually plays the guitar, but he also plays the ukulele, bass, banjo and fiddle. His distinctive low voice and songwriting skills have carried him to many stages such as the Dolby Theatre, Lucas Oil Stadium and more.

Miller released his debut album "Miller Time," in 2022.

He's currently working

on his next EP, "Country," which includes his latest hits, "When God Made The South" and "Girl, I Know A Guy."

Miller signed with Nashville-based Billy Jam Records after his appearance on American Idol. He started touring soon after at several state fairs, including Kentucky, Missouri, New York, Washington and Wisconsin.

Even while touring, Miller has kept up his writing and trying to better his music and himself.

From his website, "I'm working to better myself and my music," Alex says. "I'm not walking away from the core of me or the type of music I want to make. That will always be Country ... ain't nothin' gonna change about that."

His producer, Jerry Salley, said that the recording process for his EP Country has grown Miller's art.

"He was born with real Country music in his bones. Now Alex is taking his love for the traditional and exploring new sounds — while staying true to himself. He is realizing there is more to his musical ability with every recording. With that super-recognizable baritone



Alex Miller headlines the festival

and his firm Country foundation, I think Alex's audience will continue to grow by leaps and bounds."

Dog act

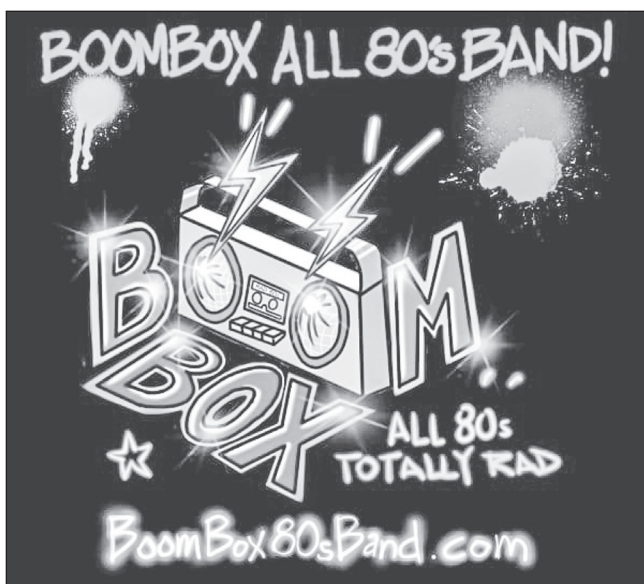
The Pompeyo Family will perform with their

shelter-rescued dogs throughout the weekend. They are an energetic dog act made famous in season 12 of "America's Got Talent," where they reached the quarterfinals.

The family consists of Jorge Niño (Pompeyo),

who was born in Cali, Colombia; Natalya Demino, born in Almaty, Kazakhstan; daughters Katerina and Isabella; and of course, their many dogs, which they have rescued from

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