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## **Clay Walker set to perform at the Santa Barbara County Fair**

SANTA MARIA— This summer get set to stay up late and dance under the stars at the Santa Barbara County Fair. As part of the Bud Light Concert Series, country singer Clay Walker will take to the stage on Thursday, July 11, singing hits like “What’s It to You,” “Live Until I Die,” and “If I Could Make Living.”

In addition to some old favorites, Walker will share a few fresh singles off his latest album, “Long Live the Cowboy.” The album dropped just last week and it’s already burning up the charts with songs like “Napkin,” “Right Now,” and “Working on Me.”

A fierce work ethic, energetic stage presence, and an innate sense of knowing what it takes to please an audience has helped Walker carve out a long and successful career with a string of hits. He first topped the Billboard country singles chart in 1993 with “What’s It to You,” followed by his second No. 1 hit, “Live Until I Die.”

Since then, the man who once persuaded a radio DJ to play his tape back when he was just a 16-year-old working the night desk at a Super 8 Motel, has placed 31 songs on the Billboard’s singles chart. Those songs like, “Dreaming with my Eyes Open,” “If I Could Make a Living,” “This Woman and This Man,” and “Rumor Has It,” have shaped his career and created fond memories for many country music fans.

“Clay Walker is a country music classic. With his energy and those songs-you-know-by-heart, we can’t wait to see the outstanding show he delivers for Fair attendees,” said Santa Barbara County Fair CEO Richard Persons.

Walker is known for never putting less than 100 percent into everything he does. The same dedication that the Houston resident puts into recording his music and his live performances he’s put toward his health since he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1996. In fact, one of his proudest accomplishments includes having placed seventh in the cutting horse competition at the Houston Livestock Rodeo, the largest rodeo in the United States.

Walker founded Band Against MS (BAMS) to fight the disease and has raised more than \$2 million for the cause. His philanthropic endeavors extend toward the men and women who served in the armed forces. He co-founded Military Warriors Support Foundation (MilitaryWarriors.org). The organization awards mortgage-free homes to wounded heroes injured during combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Clay Walker will perform Thursday, July 11, at the Santa Barbara County Fair as part of the Bud Light Concert Series on the KCOY Main Stage. The concert is free with paid admission.

The Santa Barbara County Fair runs July 10-14. For more information, visit [www.santamariafairpark.com](http://www.santamariafairpark.com) or Like us on [Facebook](#).

### **About the Santa Maria Fairpark**

The Santa Maria Fairpark serves as the hub for major events and community activities on California’s Central Coast. The state-owned facility hosts the annual Santa Maria Valley Strawberry Festival, which attracts more than 70,000 people and is home to its headlining event the Santa Barbara County Fair, which is attended by more than 150,000 people each year.