

News release . . .

WHO: Villa Rica Parks & Recreation Department  
646 Industrial Boulevard, Villa Rica, GA 30180

WHAT: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fireworks Display

WHEN: Saturday, July 3, 2010

WHERE: Villa Rica Civic Center & Sports Complex (V-Plex)  
1605 Highway 61, Villa Rica, GA 30180  
770-459-7011

TIME: 5:30pm until fireworks end

COST: FREE Admission

As part of the city's Family Fun Initiative, The Villa Rica Parks & Recreation Department invites you to come be a part of this colossal fireworks display. The fireworks presentation will be conducted by none other than Zambelli -- proudly known as the "First Family of Fireworks". Zambelli is one of the oldest and largest American fireworks companies. Today, the family name is synonymous with quality, creativity and safety. The magic of Zambelli pyrotechnics has been televised around the world, on "MSNBC Investigates", the Odyssey Network, the Discovery Channel, The Learning Channel and the British Broadcasting Company.

Our opening band is a regional act from West Georgia. Dallas is a dynamic group of musicians whose members consist of Chad Rhodes, Justin Kelley, Beth Defoor, Stephen Adams, Chris Hembree and Chris Kittredge. They are a local country band whose influences stretch from Waylon Jennings to .38 Special with a modern day throw back to the "outlaw" sound, with a twist of southern rock and modern country thrown in. You can't help but get hooked on their catchy southern anthems! The group is currently working on their self produced debut album due out by the end of the summer. They have already obtained a large local underground following; they are now set to start beating down the door at the national level!

Our special guest, Little Texas, will perform from 7:30pm until the fireworks begin. Little Texas was conceived in Nashville, Tennessee by a handful of guys in their early 20's who were willing to do just about anything to bring their brand of rockin' county to the forefront of the music industry.

Before hitting the big time, the band crisscrossed America for three long years, playing bar and honky-tonk from Myrtle Beach, S.C., to Los Angeles, Calif., all the while writing songs that were destined to change the sound of modern country and perfecting a stage show that has been critically acclaimed worldwide.

Known as "the hardest-working band in country music," it was uncommon for the band to play more than 300 shows a year without a bus, without a driver, without tour support from a label. They simply made it on their own, and that seasoning is evident even today.

Their first radio release, "Some Guys Have All The Love," became a Top-10 hit, as did their next single, "First Time For Everything." After the album First Time for Everything was released, five singles reached the top of the charts. The second album, Big Time, truly was the big time for Little Texas.

The sophomore release, which has sold more than three million copies to date, spawned three No. 1 singles – “What Might Have Been,” “Gold Blessed Texas” and “My Love” which captured the group’s first CMT Award, a Billboard, a Radio & Records award and Grammy nod.

Soon they signed on as an opening act on an arena tour headlined by Clint Black. Later they traveled with Travis Tritt and Trisha Yearwood on tour. They’ve played a part in Common Thread: The Songs of the Eagles, which later earned their first Country Music Association trophy for “Album of the Year.”

Little Texas released their Kick A Little album and their first true arena-headlining tour began, supported by Keebler and newcomer Tim McGraw with opening act BlackHawk. The tour and the album were huge successes, highlighted by shows in Detroit and Minneapolis, where they sold-out the arenas just days after their heroes, The Eagles, had played the same venues. The tour continued on through 1995, finishing as the fifth largest-grossing tour of the year and over the course of ‘94 and ‘95, the band received two more Grammy nominations and released Little Texas Greatest Hits.

After the self-titled Little Texas album was released, Little Texas, the players, needed a break following years of performing a relentless concert schedule. Thus, at the end of that year, each member went his separate way, opting to spend time with family and friends and work on individual projects.

Says bassist-vocalist Duane Propes: “At that point it was time for our loved ones to have us back for a while. It all happened for a reason.”

Today, though, Little Texas is back! The multi-platinum band’s four original members: Propes, Porter Howell (lead vocals and lead guitar), Dwayne O’Brien (vocals and rhythm guitars) and Del Gray (drums) have rebuilt the franchise with a completely new sound. And with two recent albums under their collective musical belt, they couldn’t be happier to be back on tour and bringing fans what they do best.

Everybody still has a ‘What Might Have Been’ and there’s always a ‘First Time For Everything,’ and folks still want to ‘Kick A Little,’ shares Propes, referring to the group’s continued rotation at radio and generations of both old and new fans that keep the band playing their classics and putting out new music.

In the summer of 2007, Little Texas returned to the airwaves, country charts and music video play lists with an album titled Missing Years. In typical Little Texas style, the band broke the rules yet again, choosing to unleash two new albums within the same month, including the band’s Live album, The Very Best of Little Texas: Live & Loud, released on May 15, 2007.

Currently, the lineup’s on the concert circuit celebrating its official 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary tour (1989- 2010).

“The four of us appreciate each other and still have a ball on stage,” says drummer Gray of the band’s chemistry on stage after all this time. “There is a comfort level that happens to us when we play together that can only happen with 20 years of experience.

Highlights of this event will include three (3) hot air balloon tether rides, skydiver ascension unfurling the U.S. flag around 5:30, arrival of a Black Hawk helicopter around 5:45, face painting, inflatable slides, the full Atlanta Braves Mobile Experience and so much more. Delicious food and cold drinks will be available for purchase through our concession stand and numerous vendors throughout the park. This event offers great activities and experiences for the whole family. The crowd is expected to reach

10,000 +, so get there early. Limited parking is available at the park; however, there are several large parking areas in the vicinity.

"We are tremendously excited about being the stage sponsor at the V-Plex again this year," Dawn Cook, West Georgia Technical College Vice President of Institutional Advancement, said. "The July 3 event at the V-Plex has become one of the premiere community events in Carroll County. It is a great opportunity for us to interact with thousands of people who love our communities as much as we do."

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