

Naperville Ribfest Welcomes Country Stars Kellie Pickler, Kristian Bush July 4

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NAPERVILLE, IL, USA, March 4, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Naperville Ribfest will present a star-spangled celebration as popular country music artists Kellie Pickler and Kristian Bush of the famed country duo Sugarland take the stage July 4.



The 28th Naperville Ribfest, a popular sizzling summer fest destination, draws many visitors with its family activities, award-winning rib vendors from across the country and crowd-pleasing musical entertainment.

Influenced by the songs of Tammy Wynette, Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn and Dolly Parton, Kellie Pickler grew up immersed in country music in Albemarle, North Carolina. At 19, she gained fame as a contestant on the fifth season of "American Idol." In 2006, Pickler signed with 19 Recordings/BNA Records and released her debut album, *Small Town Girl*, selling more than 900,000 copies worldwide. In 2008, she followed her debut with her self-titled sophomore record, scoring several country radio hits. Her third studio album, *100 Proof*, in 2011 received huge critical acclaim and was named the No. 1 Country Album of The Year by Rolling Stone. In 2013, Pickler and dance coach Derek Hough won on "Dancing with the Stars." Also that year, she released her latest album, *The Woman I Am*, on Black River Entertainment. For more information, please visit www.kelliepickler.com

For a decade, Kristian Bush built his reputation as one half of the multi-platinum, Grammy-winning country duo Sugarland alongside singer Jennifer Nettles. Founded by Bush in 2002, the duo has sold more than 22 million albums, launched five No. 1 singles including "Want To," "Settlin'," and "Stuck Like Glue," earned a well-deserved induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame and taken home from the Grammys, AMAs, ACM Awards, CMT Music Awards and CMA Awards. Bush recently launched his solo career with the feel-good Top 20 hit "Trailer Hitch," and on April 7, he will release his debut solo album, *Southern Gravity*, on Streamsound Records. For information, please visit www.kristianbush.com

For more information and to purchase tickets online, go to ribfest.net. Also, to keep up to date on what's going on at Ribfest, download the Ribfest app on the iTunes store and like us on Facebook.

About Naperville Ribfest:

Ribfest is run by the 140+ members of the Exchange Club in cooperation with its partners including the City of Naperville and the Naperville Park District. More than 4,000 volunteers and hundreds of sponsors support the event with 100% of the proceeds from Ribfest going to support the elimination of child abuse and domestic violence. The event's Grand Sponsors are Miller Lite, Coca-Cola, CBS Radio, ABC 7 Chicago, D&J Amusements, Navistar and Naperville Bank & Trust/Wintrust Community Banks.

About Naperville Exchange Club

The Exchange Club of Naperville chartered in 1987; its 140 members dedicated to the elimination of child abuse and domestic violence. Through Ribfest, the Exchange Club has donated more than \$14 million to more than 50 local charities. Check us out at www.ribfest.net and www.exchangeclub.org.

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