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Monroe County Fair Singer/Songwriter Contest: July 6th, 2019

SINGER/SONGWRITER RULES:

- All ages, genres, and skill levels of songwriters are welcomed to participate.
- Songwriters will be paired with a randomly selected co-writer on the day of the contest.
- Songwriters are to sign up in the Auditorium on the day of the contest between 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Co-writers will then be assigned at noon on the day of the contest.
- Songwriter-participants agree to give area radio stations and the Monroe County Fair the right to use their song for future promotion(s) without compensation other than prizes set forth below.
- Songwriters must not be under contract with any organization that would negate their ability to enter a song contest without written permission from such organization (this would be like ASCAP –BMI/*that sort of thing*).
- Songwriters understand that all songs must be written on the day of contest while at the Fair.
- Songwriters will be available to perform their entry for the judging panel in the Auditorium beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the day of the contest.
- Songwriters must be able to accompany themselves musically for performances.

SONG CRITERIA:

- Songs cannot exceed 4 minutes. Songs may be disqualified for excessive length.
- Songs must be 'Family-Friendly' (i.e., containing NO profanity or other questionable content)
- Songs will be judged on:
 - How well the lyrics reflect the topic assigned to songwriters at sign up on the day of the contest.
 - Musical composition.
 - Audience reaction / engagement (*Songwriters: feel free to fill the room with your fans! ☺*)

PRIZE(s):

- The top three winning singer/songwriter teams will each split a cash prize between the team members.
 - 1st place splits \$700 (i.e., each person receives \$350), plus the opportunity to record their winning song – courtesy of Artist Partners USA, LLC. The winning song will be given air time on at least three radio stations, including WCLS (and affiliate stations).
 - 2nd place splits \$200
 - 3rd place splits \$100