

A snapshot of State Fair's concert lineup

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Sawyer Brown
When: Sept. 2, 8 p.m.

To call Sawyer Brown's live performances full of energy is an understatement. With the showmanship and intensity of one of the best rock acts, this country group thrives on being on stage. Having been around close to two decades, the group continues to change and adjust in order to maintain its appeal. The group

has won numerous awards for top vocal group and top music video.

Lonestar
When: Sept. 3, 8 p.m.

Lonestar popped into the country music scene in 1996 with the hit single "No News." The song hit No. 1 and earned the group Top New Group of the Year honors by the Academy of Country Music. The group is known for its catchy up-tempo sound.

The Beach Boys

When: Sept. 4, 2 p.m.

Closing the fair is a group that has bridged the musical gap between baby boomers and Generation X.

The Beach Boys' laid-back, beach bummin' tunes first made them famous in 1961. Since then, the group has undergone its share of changes, but the style that made it famous almost four decades ago still lets it tour successfully in 2000.

-Josh Nichols

Fall fare better than lackluster summer

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13) **"Lost Souls"** - This spiritual thriller went on the shelf last fall when "Stigmata" and "End of Days" littered the docket. Winona Ryder plays a scholar who must inform a yuppie lawyer (Ben Chapin) that, well, he's the Anti-Christ. (Oct. 13)

"The Contender" - Election year wouldn't be that without a political drama - this one has a woman vice president (the regal, steely Joan Allen) under fire from Gary Oldman over a past, steamy transgression. (Oct. 13)

"The Yards" - Mark Wahlberg returns to the filth as an ex-con trying to shake his past life as Joaquin Phoenix tries to drag him back. (Oct. 20)

"Numbers" - Based on Nora Ephron's short story about a small-town lottery scam. John Travolta is the shifty lottery chief. (Oct. 27)

"Blair Witch 2: Book of Shadows" - Shadows would be a good way to describe the secretive nature of the "Blair Witch Project," which, with a new director, a big budget and different star, could be a stunning disaster. It opens, aptly, on Halloween. (Oct. 31)

November

"Red Planet" - Nobody ever wants to work with Val Kilmer after this Mars shoot. O.K., kidding. This film will open in fall as an action alternative to the plodding "Mission to Mars" last year. Funny, two movies about Mars, and neither of them ever made summer slate. Sort of stunning, really. (Nov. 3)

"Charlie's Angels" - Drew Barrymore finally got her movie made, though reports of battling on the set were rampant. Cameron Diaz has shed the split ends from her character in "Being John Malkovich," so she's back to the traffic-stopping looks that apparently are supposed to stop crime. Bill Murray is Bosley. (Nov. 3)

"The Golden Bowl" - Nick Nolte returns to his artier roots along with Uma Thurman in this movie adapted from Henry James' novel. Received mixed reviews in Cannes. (Nov. 3)

"The Legend of Bagger Vance" - Robert Redford's spiritual tale about golf and life in the 1930s got shifted to fall. Matt Damon is the golfer; Will Smith is the caddie. (Nov. 3)

"Little Nicky" - Adam Sandler is the son of the devil. He deter-

mines the battle between good and evil. How fun. (Nov. 10)

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas" - Jim Carrey dons green makeup to become the Grinch. (Nov. 17)

"You Can Count on Me" - The most acclaimed film of the Sundance festival finds a brother (Mark Ruffalo) and sister (Laura Linney) on opposite ends of the spectrum when it comes to living. (Nov. 17)

"The 6th Day" - Arnold Schwarzenegger is a clone of himself who lives a life that isn't his, which he attempts to gain back. Modern science is confusing, yes? (Nov. 17)

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