

Las Vegas Sun October 14, 2010



The event is the first of its kind for the 5,500-seat venue. Classic Country is the first night, featuring country stars Kenny Rogers, Glen Campbell and John Ford Coley. Crossover Country is the Saturday theme, with Jason Michael Carroll, Love and Theft, and Lonestar. Sunday is Country Rock, starring Montgomery Gentry, the Eli Young Band and Lee Brice. On Saturday, Jeanette McCurdy of the Nickelodeon kiddie show "iCarly" will meet fans and sign autographs.

Tickets include admission to the event's Wild West Fair, a carnival of rides, games, food and exhibitions. Tickets are \$25, \$45 and \$65 per day; go to nevadawildfest.com for info.

The event is a benefit for the Lili Claire Foundation, which assists families with special needs children, aiding in its quest to open a facility planned for 5.5 acres adjacent to Nevada State College in Henderson. Lili Claire will need to raise \$100 million over five years to fund the center, which is to be the first of its kind for the foundation in the country.

If you need to update your Mike Tyson autograph collection, he's appearing Saturday at Painted by Oil at Miracle Mile Shops at Planet Hollywood. He'll be signing from 1 to 4:15 p.m. Tyson will meet fans, take pictures and sign autographs. Tickets can be purchased for \$100 in advance or at the door, and photos of Tyson are

available for sale separately at the store.

Closing alert: "Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show" at the Sahara has closed. Rival producer Dick Feeney of "The Rat Pack Is Back" sent out this "breaking news" update via e-mail, with the subject line, "fat lady sings swan song."

In NFL, they call this sort of thing "taunting."

Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman has been on fire with appearances over the past several weeks, but one has a personal connection for him. At 1:45 p.m. Friday, he will join dancers from Ballet West, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and Nevada Ballet Theatre to honor Goodman's late sister, Erika Goodman, at the Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign.

Erika Goodman was a member of the Joffrey Ballet who was selected by Twyla Tharp to be featured in what is considered her breakthrough ballet, "Deuce Coupe," in 1973.

NBT performs "A Tribute to Robert Joffrey" this weekend at Artemus Ham Hall. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets range from \$10 to \$75; go to nevadaballet.com for information.

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