Atchison LakeFest headliner replaced

(KAIR)--Just two days before showtime, the headliner for Atchison's annual Lakefest Concert has been replaced.

That's due to what a release issued Wednesday morning by Amelia Earhart Festival Coordinator Jacque Pregont calls "unforeseen circumstances" which led The Band Perry to cancel their performance Friday.

In the release, Pregont says the committee apologizes "for any inconvenience this may cause," adding that they send their "best wishes to The Band Perry."

Replacing the group at Friday night's concert at Atchison's Warnock Lake is Chris Janson, described in the release as a "breakout country star" who is "a platinum-selling recording artist, high octane entertainer, multi-instrumentalist, and award-winning singer/songwriter."

The Band Perry themselves were added as a replacement in January for the originally scheduled headliner, Gabby Barrett, who was unable to perform "due to scheduling conflicts."

Prior to Janson headlining Friday night's performance will be Michael Ray, followed by opener, and Atchison County native, Erik Dylan.

Tickets remain on sell.

LakeFest is held annually as the kickoff for Atchison's annual Amelia Earhart Festival, held in honor of the late Aviator who called Atchison her childhood home.

Both the concert and festival are returning for 2022 following two years off due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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