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**DAUPHIN'S COUNTRYFEST 2016:
Biggest names in Canadian Country booked for Canada Day!**

October 22, 2015 (Dauphin MB) -- **Dauphin's Countryfest**, Canada's longest running country music festival, is pleased to announce the first round of artists who will perform in 2016:

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Main Stage

Friday, July 1st – special "all Canadian" line-up for Canada Day!

Autumn Hill
High Valley
Dallas Smith
Dean Brody

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Main Stage

Saturday, July 2nd

Chris Janson
Thomas Rhett

More acts to be announced soon!

"Dauphin's Countryfest is extremely proud of Canada's homegrown artists, so we've put together a special line-up for Canada Day featuring some of Canadian country's hottest acts. Plan to celebrate on July 1st with your friends at Countryfest this summer," says **Eric Irwin**, president of **Dauphin's Countryfest**. "The rest of our line-up for the weekend features favourite acts from across North America. We've released a few artist names today, and are close to releasing more exciting news, so stay tuned."

The **27th Dauphin's Countryfest** takes place **June 30th to July 3rd**. Stay connected with Countryfest all year on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, or by signing up for e-news at countryfest.ca.

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TICKETS ON SALE:

Tickets for Dauphin's Countryfest 2016 go on sale **Monday, November 2nd at 9:00am**. Tickets can be purchased online at www.countryfest.ca, by calling 1-800-361-7300, or in-person at the Dauphin's Countryfest office (28 2nd Avenue NE in Dauphin).

ABOUT DAUPHIN'S COUNTRYFEST:

The 27th annual Dauphin's Countryfest takes place June 30-July 3, 2016. Canada's longest running country music festival has been attracting the biggest names in country music to one of the most beautiful regions of Manitoba since 1990. Situated on the edge of Riding Mountain National Park, the unique outdoor amphitheatre built into the side of an escarpment provides every patron a perfect view from any one of the 14,000 seats in the house.

Dauphin's Countryfest is a not-for-profit organization that consists of a 12-member volunteer Board of Directors and a membership of more than 2000 loyal supporters. Organizers credit over 2000 volunteers who work tirelessly each year providing essential services for the festival weekend, while fundraising for their respective community organizations. In addition to various community contributions, Countryfest pays out approximately \$150,000 each year to community organizations that provide services for the festival.

Dauphin's Countryfest was named a finalist at the prestigious Canadian Tourism Awards in 2013, nominated in the category of Tourism Event of the Year. The festival was also awarded the 2012 Philanthropist of the Year Award from The Dauphin & District Community Foundation, given to individuals or businesses that show the true spirit of philanthropy and giving. www.countryfest.ca

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