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Interview with Bobby Ray about being the headliner at the annual Lakeway Fourth of July Celebration

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Ray to headline Lakeway's Independence Day festivities

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Family fun is the focal point of the annual Lakeway Fourth of July festivities, and this year will be no different.

After the morning parade and pageant, the festivities will shift to Lakeway City Park at 4:30 p.m. with fun inflatables for the children, good food and live entertainment.

Houston-based singer-songwriter Bobby Ray will headline a night of stellar entertainment. Ray, who formerly lived in Austin, said he is excited to return to the Texas Hill Country.

"I lived in Austin several years ago and played Lakeway events when I lived there," Ray said. "I was very honored to be asked."

Ray is a favorite of the Southeast Texas music scene and performs a variety of music styles including country, blues, gospel, rock, R&B, contemporary adult hits, and more.

Ray was particularly impressed once he learned of Lakeway's dedication to helping serving and wounded veterans.

"That really will make it special," Ray said. "I love performing for veterans and their families and have often done so in the past. To learn of the community's efforts on their behalf is impressive."

Ray is known for entertaining music lovers all over Texas with his soulful singing style performing in bands and singing live with accompaniment music. His friendly, outgoing style, coupled with years of experience interacting with people, make him a true crowd pleaser.

Ray will perform at 8:15 p.m.

Live entertainment kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Kalie Naftzger, a Lake Travis Middle School student who will sing "God Bless the USA" just before the F-14 Fighter Jet flyover. The Carson Brock Group will follow. Brock, also a local high school student, is a guitarist that is increasingly gaining attention for his prowess on the instrument.

Corrie West, a local talent who entertained at Lakeway's "Breakfast with Santa," will perform immediately before Ray.

The festivities' highlight at 9:10 p.m. will feature Perry Smith sharing a patriotic story to be followed by a laser light show and then fireworks, considered one of the best displays in Central Texas.

Patrons are reminded that there is no parking at City Park on July 4. Shuttle busses will take participants to and from the park. Parking and shuttle service will be available at Lakeway Elementary School at 4:30 p.m. and at Emmaus Catholic Church beginning at 5:30 p.m.