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***Randy Houser to Headline Friday Night at the 2026 Steele County Free Fair  
With Special Guest Cori Kennedy***

**Owatonna, Minnesota, February 11, 2026** – The Steele County Free Fair is proud to announce multi-platinum country hitmaker Randy Houser as the Friday night Grandstand headliner on August 21, 2026, with rising Minnesota country star Cori Kennedy joining as special guest.

With an unmistakable voice *The New York Times* calls “wholly different, thicker and more throbbing, a caldron bubbling over,” Randy Houser has surpassed one billion career streams and delivered a string of country radio anthems including “How Country Feels,” “Runnin’ Outta Moonlight,” “Boots On,” and “Goodnight Kiss.” He earned critical acclaim and a CMA Song of the Year nomination for the powerful Top 5 hit “Like A Cowboy.”

Opening the night is West Concord, Minnesota native Cori Kennedy, a powerhouse country singer-songwriter whose story-driven songs are rooted in Midwest grit and authenticity. Kennedy rose to national attention as a standout contestant on *The Voice* (Season 28), joining Team Reba McEntire and advancing through the Battles and Knockouts rounds. She also delivered a career-defining National Anthem performance for the Minnesota Vikings at U.S. Bank Stadium in front of 66,000 fans.

“Bringing Randy Houser to our Grandstand, along with one of our own Minnesota talents in Cori Kennedy, makes this a truly special Friday night at the fair,” said fair officials. “It’s going to be a powerful evening of country music that fans won’t want to miss.”

Tickets and full event details are available at [www.scff.org](http://www.scff.org)

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