Bart Crow is headliner on July 18

Bart Crow, known as one of the premier honky-tonkers in Texas, will perform at the Dawson County Fair on Friday, July 18.

The fair is from July 11 to 20 at the fairgrounds in Lexington. Crow will play in front of the grandstand beginning at 8 p.m.

According to bartcrowmusic.com, Crow positioned himself for a breakthrough with the release of “Dandelion.”

On the 14-song CD, publicists say that song writing, vocal prowess and blue-collar believability have made Crow a mainstay in one of the country’s most demanding and respected proving grounds.

Crow grew up in Maypearl, TX, and began taking song writing seriously while in college. Publicists say his dad played in a dance hall cover band and by high school, and while in the Army, Crow was playing the guitar and rediscovered some of the country he’d grown up on as well as learning about classic ’70s rockers and the music of Robert Earl Keen and Jerry Jeff Walker.

Later, he hit the road with his song writing and worked part-time day jobs in Austin until, through CDs and airplay, the money got better and he began opening for bigger and bigger acts, publicists say.

At 7 p.m., the three-man James Lee Band will perform “rockin’ country.”

Four-H events are also part of the 10-day fair and will be listed in a later issue of The Times.