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***“The Ranch Road Show to feature The Karl Shiflett & Big Country Show and Back At The Ranch in Giddings, TX July 21st”***

The Ranch Road Show is coming to town! The Ranch Road Show is a touring production about life on the Ranch Road where musicians, writers, humorists, storytellers, poets, and other artists meet at the rural crossroads. Nationally touring artists *Karl Shiflett & Big Country Show* and *Back At The Ranch* are coming to Giddings, TX on Friday, July 21st, 2006. Showtime is 7:30pm-9:30pm at the American Legion Hall located at 1502 S Highway 77 in Giddings, TX. Admission is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Advanced tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce. Admission for children 12 yrs. and under is FREE. For more information visit [www.backattheranch.biz](http://www.backattheranch.biz). Saddle up and hang on for a trip down the Ranch Road.

**Karl Shiflett** and his band members look as if they just stepped off the stage at the Grand Ole Opry with Roy Acuff and The Smokey Mountain Boys. They aren't merely imitating that sound and look, it's who they *are*. This band carries on the tradition of country music by writing new material in the traditional vein. Shiflett draws his inspiration for their live act from the early recordings of WSM's legendary radio show, The Grand Ole Opry. The band's vintage sound recalls that pivotal point in musical history just before country music began separate into genres such as "bluegrass", "country" and "western swing". The current line-up of The Karl Shiflett & Big Country Show includes: Karl Shiflett- lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Kris Shiflett- harmony vocals and acoustic upright bass, Jake Jenkins- harmony vocals and 5-string banjo, Randy Lindley- harmony vocals and mandolin, Chuck Westerman- harmony vocals and fiddle, and finally Andy Ruff- harmony vocals and dobro. The International Bluegrass Music Association recently selected The Karl Shiflett & Big Country Show as Emerging Artist of the Year.

**Back At The Ranch** is the latest hot new trio to the Western and Cowboy Swing genre. An amazing trio sure to demand your attention, BATR delivers a swinging blend of music with Clover Carroll on guitar and resophonic guitar, Rachel Carroll on upright bass and Matthew Menke playing fiddle. The effortless ease with which the trio performs their classic selections will, as Red Steagall says, "...knock your hat in the creek!" Their upbeat stage presence and hilarious antics blend seamlessly together with pure harmonies and professional musicianship for a top-notch performance.

All three members of the band are from small towns in Texas and bear the influences of the tradition of music the state is steeped in. Rachel's stunning lead vocals are the magnet that draws the group together. Clover's unique fingerstyle guitar playing is the culmination of the influences of Merle Travis, Eldon Shamblin and Chet Atkins. Matthew Menke, hailed "Ace Fiddle Player" by the Austin Chronicle, plays in a style flavored by Johnny Gimble, Tiny Moore and Kenny Baker.

Don't miss your opportunity to catch these two bands together for a phenomenal evening of entertainment at the American Legion Hall. Seating is limited, so get there early!