

Singing, guitar-playing brothers to play

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It's almost a sure bet that anyone who hears the name "The Gatlin Brothers" will immediately think of the song "All The Gold In California," a song made so popular by the three famous brothers, that it won "Single of the Year" record by the Academy of County Music in 1980.

In an interview with the *Colby Free Press* on Wednesday, July 14, Rudy Gatlin said the group of three brothers loves to entertain. They will be in concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 26, at the Thomas County Fairgrounds grandstand in Colby.

"Our intention, from the time we were small boys, was to sing rather than become famous," said Rudy Gatlin. "We started singing when I was two and a half years old, brother Steve was four and Larry was six. We were singing little Sunday School songs, and some gospel, when our Aunt Nell noticed we sounded pretty good together, and she said so to my mother. Man, that was 55 years ago."

Gatlin said that in March, 1955, when he was only three years old, the brothers entered a contest in Abilene, Texas, and won.

"Of course we were the only contestants that age," he laughed, "but I guess that was our actual start. We sang for church things, and at school, and by the time we were in col-



The Gatlin Brothers, Rudy, Larry and Steve, began singing together when Rudy, the youngest, was only 2 1/2 years old. They went on to perform together throughout the 70s, 80s and 90s, retiring briefly in the 90s before forming up recently to record again.



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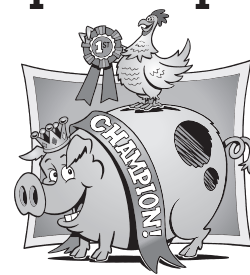
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