

at the county fair

lege, we'd come home on weekends to sing."

He said his mother played the piano, and his dad played guitar, and felt their parents had steered them in the right direction. He said that other than his kids, the most prized possession he has today is his mother's piano.

"When we were on stage as kids, we understood that when we sang for a group and got applause that we'd done something the crowd enjoyed," he said. "We thought it was pretty neat, what we could do, but if we'd have ever gotten a big head we'd have heard from our mom! We were supposed to entertain, and the music we sang blessed people because the words touched their lives and their hearts and they were just blessed from it. We sang a lot at the Assembly of God church in Fort Worth, and I remember projecting a genuine awareness that we knew we could bless people with our music."

The group loves singing together and over the course of a 40-year career, they have gone from some dusty Texas stages to White House performances, and from doing encores on Broadway to Grammy awards and the very top of the country charts, with music – a language everyone understands.

They've sung with such greats as Dottie West, Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson, Bar-

bra Streisand, and even Elvis.

Although their genre is country, their first love is gospel.

Their number one hits include: "All The Gold In California," the Single of the Year award winner in 1980; "Broken Lady," Grammy winner for best country song in 1977; "I Just Wish You Were Someone I Loved;" and "Houston (Means I'm One Day Closer to You)."

Besides perfect harmony, their stage act also includes some comedy, Gatlin said.

Gatlin said high on the group's list of heroes is Johnny Cash, and he is so important to the brothers that Larry, wrote a song, "Johnny Cash is Dead and His House Burned Down."

He said the song is a story of an incredible lifelong friendship, but to tell the story now, would ruin it for the concert on July 26.

He said their newly released album, "Pilgrimage," is a tribute to their love for Johnny Cash.

Advance tickets are available for \$20 each at People State Bank, F&M Bank at their Dillons location; New Life Christian Bookstore in McCook, The Good Book Store in Hays and all Northwest Kansas locations of First National Bank.

Tickets at the gate will sell for \$25.



The Gatlins will go on stage at 7 p.m. Sunday in the large arena. Advance tickets are available at several area businesses.

World-famous acts



Last year's featured performers, The Oak Ridge Boys, drew a big crowd to the Thomas County Fair. Their act included a fly-over from an Army helicopter which had been parked at the fairgrounds.

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