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BUSH TENNIS CENTER TO HOST "EAGLES & ACES" CHALLENGE TO BENEFIT FIRST RESPONDERS & ACE OUTREACH PROGRAM *KYLE PARK & THOM SHEPHERD TO PERFORM FREE CONCERT FOR FIRST RESPONDERS*

MIDLAND, TEXAS - AUGUST 28, 2017-The Valor Farm "Eagles & Aces" Challenge presented by Apache Corporation and 99.1 KICK will be held October 27-29 and will be hosted by the Bush Tennis Center located at 5700 Briarwood Avenue Midland, Texas 79707.

"This is just going to be an outstanding event," said Doug Scharbauer, owner of Valor Farm. "What a great way to show our appreciation for our first responders while also helping support the Bush ACE Outreach Program." "The Bush ACE Outreach Program was designed to *Advise-Counsel-Encourage* K-6th graders through the sport of tennis," said Tim Stallard, Executive Director of the Bush Tennis Center. "This year the ACE Outreach Program has provided free clinics and lessons to more than 6,700 MISD students, and with the support of events like this we will be able to expand our outreach programs throughout West Texas."

"We are honored to support the Valor Farm Eagles & Aces Challenge," says Katie Disher, communication representative Apache Corporation, Permian region. "This event provides a great opportunity for Apache to show support for our first responders and the ACE Outreach Program. We are looking forward to this event and are confident it will be a total success."

The event will kick-off on Friday, October 27 with a 1 p.m. shotgun golf tournament at Ranchland Hills Golf Club located at 1600 Wadley Midland, Texas. The golf tournament will include one West Texas first responder in each foursome. On Saturday, October 28 -29 the Bush Tennis Center will host a USTA Sanctioned Adult & Junior tennis tournament. All event participants, along with West Texas first responders and their families, will be treated to a free concert featuring Texas country music stars Kyle Park and Thom Shepherd. The concert will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 28 at the Bush Tennis Center. A limited number of tickets for the concert will be available to the public beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday August 31 by visiting www.bushtenniscenter.org or by calling (800) 514-3849. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 the day of the show.

Kyle Park's new single "Don't Forget Where You Come From" recently reached #1 on the Texas Country Music Charts. The song was recorded in Austin and the music video was filmed in the oil fields of West Texas. In 2013, Kyle released his first #1 hit "The Night is Young" which was followed up by several top 10 hits on the Texas Music Charts. He has opened for country music superstars George Strait, Clint Black

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and Gary Allen. Thom Shepherd is the 2016 CMA of Texas Song Writer of the Year and has written five #1 songs including "Riding with Private Malone," recorded by David Ball, "My Texas" recorded by Josh Abbott and Pat Green, and "Red Neck Yacht Club" recorded by Craig Morgan. Thom Shepherd will open the concert with special guest Coley McCabe.

To sign up for the Eagles & Aces shotgun golf tournament please contact Brandi Burkhardt at the Bush Tennis Center (432) 620-8180 or brandi@bushtenniscenter.org. To register for the tennis tournament please visit www.usta.com. For information regarding event sponsorship or group tickets for the concert please contact Tim Stallard at (512) 576-4796 or tim@prolinklive.net.

THE BUSH TENNIS CENTER is a legacy gift to West Texas honoring President George H. Bush, President George W. Bush and the Bush Family. The mission of the Bush Tennis Center is to provide everyone the opportunity to experience the game of tennis, regardless of physical, financial or geographical barriers. Through BTC outreach programs more than 26,000 children throughout the Permian Basin have had the opportunity to learn the sport of tennis. This year the ACE Outreach Program (*Advise-Counsel-Encourage*) will visit more than 30 schools and provide free tennis and educational programs to more than 12,000 children. Upon its completion, the Bush Tennis Center will be the second largest tennis center in the world with an estimated annual economic impact of over \$43 million per year to the Permian Basin economy. For more information please visit www.bushtenniscenter.org.

VALOR FARM in Pilot Point, Texas grew as a result of a lifelong love of horses shared by its owners, Clarence and Dorothy Scharbauer. Clarence, who passed away in 2014, was former president of the American Quarter Horse Association. He was prominent in the industry for over 40 years and is a member of the breed's Hall of Fame. Dorothy, who passed away in 2005, owned racehorses from a very young age. She learned much about the industry from her father and won her first stakes race, the 1953 Ruidoso Derby, at the age of 22. The couple's interest in Thoroughbreds began with the 1959 Kentucky Derby, which Dorothy's father, Fred Turner Jr., won with Tomy Lee. With the goal of winning another Derby, the Scharbauers began buying Thoroughbred yearlings in 1984. By 1987, Dorothy and daughter Pam had captured the roses with the great Alysheba, who became the all-time leading earner and was later inducted into the Hall of Fame. After Clarence's passing in 2014, the farm was purchased by one of the Scharbauers' sons, Douglas, who continues the family tradition. For more information please visit www.valorfarm.com.

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