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## Country Class' new single scoring big with requests

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Here awhile back, there was mention in this column of a record deal for Wichita Falls' ace country group Country Class. Well, a couple of weeks ago, Joe Brumley and the



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group released a single, "Lovers and Friends," on the B&T Records label.

Brumley said the folks at KLUJ-FM have told him it's one of the most requested songs around the station these days. "We really appreciate the way our fans have supported us and have called in their requests," said Brumley.

It was recorded in Abilene at Castle Sound Production Studios and currently is available at Treasure City. "Lovers and Friends," written by Brumley and Country Class steel player Jimmy Earl Phillips, is backed with "Same Old

Song," penned by the group's guitarist, Ricky Hamilton.

Brumley also said the group has all but finished an album with United Artists records, recorded at Autumn Studios in Garland. It will contain "Lovers and Friends," too, and is due out in about four to five months.

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There's a lot of good music scheduled for our area in the near future. First of all, one of the most-respected singer-songwriters in Texas, Townes Van Zandt, will be doing two nights at the

Flamingo Club beginning Tuesday. Townes is probably best known for his composition "Pancho and Lefty," most recently recorded by Emmylou Harris.

Then come Oct. 20, cosmic cowboy Michael Murphey will be in concert with Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown at 8 p.m. at the Great Plains Coliseum in Lawton.

The Oak Ridge Boys, who dethroned the Statler Brothers for the first time in six years as winners of the Country Music Association's Group of the Year award in 1978 only to see the Statlers

reclaim it this past week, will be in concert at Memorial Auditorium Nov. 18. Although tickets haven't gone on sale yet, they should go fast, especially considering the success of their current single, "Dream On."

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Speaking of the CMA awards, although I wasn't able to see the awards show on television Monday night, I must say I was rather pleased with the results, especially the surprising choice of Willie Nelson as Entertainer of the Year.