



## ***Marion County*** OREGON

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### **Marion County Fair Announces “A Night of Country Music”**

The Marion County Fair announces the entertainment line up for “A Night of Country Music” for Saturday, July 12 on the Main Stage. Get ready to dance the night away to Rockabilly Country Blues on the State Fairgrounds in Salem.

Local favorite Joe Stoddard opens the night at 7:00 p.m. with his high-energy music and comedy stage act. Joe reaches out and grabs the audience with his own unique blend of music and comedy.

Salem-based J.R. & Th’Farm, winner of last year’s Jubitz Battle of the Bands, will wow the crowd with their rock-n-roll country blues. This “Crunchy Western” band is re-arranging the face of country music wherever they go.

The show closes with the Willamette Valley’s own Smokin’ Trainwreck. “Loaded and Rollin!” they’ll finish the night out strong playing their own hits, including their most recent big hit “Taken” that’s currently playing on Clear Channel radio stations. They have connections to several well-known national musicians and open for many big-named talent acts.

“J.R. & Th’Farm is fun for all, both my 11-year-old son and my 74-year-old mother say they are the greatest live band they have ever seen and Smokin’ Trainwreck will give the mom’s something to listen to and more to look at while the kids enjoy the fair,” says Monte Mensing music promoter.

The Marion County Fair runs July 10-13. For information on all the activities, events, and entertainment, visit the website at [www.mcfair.net](http://www.mcfair.net) or call 503-585-9998.

**THE BANDS:**

**Smokin' Trainwreck, Rock / Country / Blues, "Loaded and Rollin!"**

This 4-piece band is made up of veterans of the Central Oregon music scene and has recently relocated back to the Willamette Valley. Currently you can hear their recent big hit "Taken" playing on most Clear Channel radio stations. With connections to several well-known national musicians, they open for many big-named talent acts. Music influences: Allman Brothers to Led Zeppelin---Hank Sr. to Hank III---Albert Collins to Robert Johnson.

**J.R. & Th'Farm, Roots Music / Americana / Rockabilly, "The Ultimate Crunchy Western Band"**

"This is CRUNCHY WESTERN! Loud, proud, rowdy and ready to rumble, JR and TH' FARM are re-arrangin' the face of "Modern" Country Music wherever they go. They like their music, they like their cars and their fans. Fast, fun & on th' edge! Ask ANYONE who's seen 'em!! If'n you don't find yerself Hootin' an' Hollerin' during one of their shows, yer dead from the neck up!" They recently won the Jubitz Battle of the Bands in Portland, Oregon. Jesse Ruggles (The J.R. in the group name) is well known amongst the "No Meth" community for his participation and support in their mission.

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