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EXPANDED FAIR LINE-UP OFFERS MORE
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A great mix of music and comedy will be awaiting fans at this year's Central Washington State Fair. A diverse group of well known entertainers will be performing during the ten-day Fair including: the blues rocker *George Thorogood*; 70's rock group *Kansas*; country stars *Joe Nichols* and *Neal McCoy*; rock band *Trapt*; rock artist *Joan Jett* and comedian *Louie Anderson*.

The Fair will also be presenting two days of Latin music featuring *A.B. Quintanilla and the Kumbia Kings* and a performance by Mexican/Tejano artist *El Coyote*.

The headline performers will be playing at the Budweiser Stage as part of the U.S. Cellular® Concert Series.

Another group of new entertainers will be performing during the Fair at the Pacific Power Community Stage. Scheduled to perform as the headliners on that stage this year are: musical dance group *Street Beat*; Eagles tribute band *Hotel California*; AC/DC tribute band *Hells Belles*; and Aerosmith tribute band *Draw the Line*.

"We've stepped up our entertainment budget to provide even more for people to enjoy at the Fair this year," said Fair president and general manager Greg Stewart. "Our patrons will definitely notice the difference."

Blues rock guitarist **George Thorogood** will appear on Friday, September 19 at 7:30 p.m., the opening night of the Fair. The popular musician has had several hit singles including "*Bad to the Bone*", "*Move it on Over*," among others.

On the opening Saturday of the Fair, the pop rock band **Kansas** will perform at 7:30 p.m. on the Budweiser Stage. For more than 40 years the band has been performing their hits such as “Dust in the Wind” and “Carry On Wayward Son.”

Latin musical group **Kumbia Kings** are set to perform at the Fair on Sunday, September 21 at 4 p.m. This eight piece band has had a number of hits and has won four Billboard Awards and 17 Tejano Music Awards among others.

Country star **Joe Nichols** will perform on the Budweiser Stage on Tuesday, September 23 at 7 p.m. Some of Nichols hits include “Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off” as well his latest hits “Sunny and 75” and “Yeah”.

The Fair stays country on Wednesday, September 24 when **Neal McCoy** plays at 7 p.m. McCoy will be playing all of his hits including “No Doubt About It” and “Wink” among others.

American rock band **Trapt** plays the Fair on Thursday, September 25 at 7 p.m. Best known for their hit “Headstrong” the group has had other hits such as “Stand Up” along with others.

Then, on Friday, September 26 the legendary **Joan Jett** will perform at the Fair. The popular leader of the hard rocking “Black Hearts” has had nine Top 40 hits including “I Love Rock ‘N’ Roll”, “I Hate Myself for Loving You” and others. Her concert on the Budweiser Stage begins at 7:30 p.m.

Well known comedian **Louie Anderson**, will perform his family friendly brand of comedy at the Fair on Saturday, September 27 at 7:30. The multi-talented performer has been on TV and in movies, but is best known for his stand-up comedy and was recently selected as one of the 100 greatest stand-up comedians of all time by Comedy Central.

On the final Sunday of the Fair Mexican/Tejano artist **El Coyote** and his band **Banda Tierra Santa** will be performing on the big stage at 4:00 p.m. The Mexican born El Coyote, has performed all over Mexico and the U.S. and has a number of albums to his credit.

At the Coca-Cola Grandstand, motor sports, monster trucks and a demolition derby will be back and entertaining fairgoers throughout the Fair. On the opening Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20, the **American Sprint Car Series Northwest Region Races**, along with **late model tour championships**

will hit the dirt for some wild racing action on the clay racing oval at the grandstand. Racing action will begin at 6:00 each evening.

Monster Truck Madness is set for Friday, September 26. The show, which will start at 7 p.m. in the Coca-Cola Grandstands, will feature some popular monster trucks along with some freestyle motocross action featuring professional riders on a track built just for this event.

On the final Saturday of the Fair, September 27, the always-popular **Demolition Derby** will return to the Coca Cola Grandstands, with all the car-crashing action starting at 7 p.m.

Along with the unique and new entertainment on the Pacific Power Stage, the Fair will feature some other new free entertainment and attractions include the **Racing Pigs** and the walk around entertainment of **Maxx the Robot**.

Fair favorites returning again this year include **Walk on the Wild Side**, an exhibit which features a number of exotic animals and reptiles at the Pepsi Plaza. Also returning to Oak Park is the popular interactive display called **Barnville**, where children can milk a cow, see chicks hatching and experience other barnyard animals. These will be part of the Fair for the entire 10-day run

The Fair is also bringing back the favorite mega exhibit "**Candy Nation**" to Pioneer Hall. This huge exhibit brings back a historical look at all the favorite candy we knew as kids, and they will have many of those favorites on sale during the Fair.

Of course all the great fair foods will again be awaiting fairgoers this year as will rides, exhibits, displays, animals and other attractions that make the Central Washington State Fair the single largest entertainment event in Eastern Washington.

The Fair is selling reserved seating for all entertainment in the U.S. Cellular® Concert Series and at the Coca-Cola Grandstand and those tickets will go on sale on Friday, June 13 at 10 a.m. Once again this year there will be some no charge seats for each performance, but those seats are limited. The prices for the reserved seats vary depending on the artist. Fair admission will be sold separately from any reserved seating for the shows. To purchase any **reserve seats call 1-800-325-SEAT**.

For more information on this year's Central Washington State Fair and the 2014 entertainment line-up, go to the Fair's website at www.fairfun.com. This year's Fair runs from September 19 through September 28 in Yakima.

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