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## **SATURDAY MERLE HAGGARD PERFORMAMCE HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

*Remaining two-day Fan Fest to go on as scheduled including Janie Fricke and Cooter's Garage Band*

**SEVIERVILLE, Tenn.** – Merle Haggard's scheduled appearance headlining the evening portion of this weekend's Smoky Mountain Fan Fest at Smokies Stadium has been cancelled, as announced today by Haggard's organization. The legendary country singer will not be able to perform due to health issues. The remaining scheduled festivities for the two-day event will go on as planned, including performances by Janie Fricke and Cooter's Garage Band that will go on as scheduled beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Only general admission seating will be available.

Tickets to this weekend's Smoky Mountain Fan Fest are still available for purchase. A single-day Fan Fest adult ticket is \$20 (two-day pass is \$35), with children 11-and-under getting in for free with an adult ticket holder. Saturday's Fan Fest festivities will take place from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. with the music beginning at 6:00, Sunday's events will go from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Concert ticket refunds will be processed starting Wednesday, July 22. Refunds will be made back to the credit card used to purchase the tickets and only that card. Those who purchased tickets at the Smokies Stadium box office **and** paid cash will have to bring their tickets back to the box office – otherwise, nothing further is required.

Fan questions regarding today's cancellation announcement can be directed to the Tennessee Smokies front office at (865) 286-2300.

### **ABOUT THE TENNESSEE SMOKIES**

The Tennessee Smokies are the minor league Class AA affiliate of the Chicago Cubs. Members of the 10-team Southern League, Smokies baseball has been entertaining families and fans of America's national pastime in the East Tennessee region for almost 100 years. To learn more about the Tennessee Smokies, visit [www.smokiesbaseball.com](http://www.smokiesbaseball.com) - powered by Comcast.

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