



STAR-B-Q WELCOMES MONTGOMERY GENTRY

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Country Music recording duo **Montgomery Gentry** is coming to the Salem Farmers Market on Wednesday, September 2, for the city's annual Star B-Q Festival. The highly-successful country music stars will headline a night of great music and food that is presented by Salem Parks & Recreation, Wells Fargo, Pepsi and 94.9 Star Country.

Kentucky natives **Eddie Montgomery** and **Troy Gentry** have been one of country music's most popular acts since they emerged on the Nashville music scene in 1999. By effectively blending their unique voices and styles, **Montgomery Gentry** has sold more than five million records, produced five numbers hits and charted 10 more Top 10 singles.

Members of the Grand Ole Opry and the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, the duo has reached number one on the singles charts with "If You Ever Stop Loving Me" (2004), "Something to Be Proud Of" (2005), "Lucky Man" (2007), "Back When I Knew It All" and "Roll with Me" (2008). Their latest album, "Folks Like Us" was just released in June.

The midweek acoustic concert in the heart of Downtown Salem also will feature the popular local group, **Rutledge**, performing an "unplugged" set of crowd favorites and originals as the opening act for the evening.

Montgomery Gentry continues the strong tradition of Music Row stars who have headlined this event in previous years. Clint Black, Billy Currington, John Rich, David Nail, Bucky Covington Lauren Alaina and Frankie Ballard have all performed at Star-B-Q since its inception in 2007.

All tickets for the event are just \$15 and kids three-and-under will be admitted free. Gates open at 5 p.m., the music begins at 6 p.m. and the event will end at 9 p.m. Tickets go on sale August 3 at 10 a.m. at the Salem Parks & Recreation Department, which is located at 620 Florida St. in Salem. Proceeds benefit the Salem Rotary Club's charitable endeavors.

The event also will feature bar-b-q restaurants from around the valley giving out samples of their delicious bar-b-q and selling dinner plates and desserts. For additional information call Salem Parks and Recreation at 540-375-3057.

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