

Music

Center makes changes for concertgoers

More beverage service, food and elbowroom to be offered

WENATCHEE — Spokane's popular band Too Slim and the Taildragers, with Kelly Thibodeaux and The Etoufee Band opening, performs at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Wenatchee Center in a new and improved format, said promoter Robert Sandidge.

Sandidge's R.L.S. Entertainment Enterprises brought Swamp Mama Johnson to town earlier this winter and packed the center with 650 to 700 people. Sandidge said problems with limited beverage service and an inadequate sound system have been improved.

Instead of just two beverage locations, this show will have five. The bands will be heard from a larger, 180-degree sound system. Seating will be available on the sidelines for those who just want to listen to the band and not dance. Light-food stations and an espresso bar also will be oper-

ating.

"Kelly Thibodeaux and The Etoufee Band will open the show with their unique style of music that combines the soul of Cajun music, the shuffle of rhythm and blues and the kick of Southern rock to create an exciting new sound known as Swamp Rock," Sandidge said.

"Too Slim and the Taildragers will wrap up the show with their established and proven rhythm and blues that has earned them the Best Rhythm and Blues Band title three years in a row from the Inland Empire Blues Awards," he said.

The band, comprised of Tim "Too Slim" Langford, John "Midnight" Cage and Tom "The Stomp" Brimm, has won 24 other regional and national blues awards. The three have been performing together for 10 years and have five releases with European distribution.

The Etoufee Band is a five-piece show band that features electric fiddle, slide guitar, piano, bass and drums. The group has shared the stage with the likes of



Kelly Thibodeaux leads when The Etoufee Band opens Saturday's show.



Tim "Too Slim" Langford, right, and his Too Slim and the Taildragers cohorts come to the Wenatchee Center Saturday.

p.m.

Advance tickets, which are \$12, are available at Avalon Music, The Rock 106.7 radio station, WestCoast Wenatchee Center Hotel, Sun Dog Bead Co., Bellmore's Owl Drug Co., and Killer Kolor, all in Wenatchee, and The Prop Shop of the Columbia and The Tanning Co., both in East Wenatchee, or by calling R.L.S. Entertainment Enterprises at 662-6872. Any remaining tickets will be sold on show day for \$15 at the hotel. For information on availability that day, call 662-1234.

Buckwheat Zydeco, John Hammond Jr., Elvin Bishop, The Marshall Tucker Band, Charlie Musselwhite, Joe Louis Walker, Curtis Salgado and Diamond Rio.

Only 600 tickets will be sold, to make handling the crowd more manageable. Doors will open at 7

Too Slim's sound to fill Center

WENATCHEE — Too Slim and the Taildragers, with Kelly Thibodeaux's Etoufee Band opening, performs for an R.L.S. Entertainment Enterprises show starting at 8 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Wenatchee Center.

The show is the second for R.L.S. Entertainment Enterprises' current concert series. The first was last month's Swamp Mama Johnson/King Biscuit Blues Band show which drew a sellout crowd of 600 people.

Robert Sandidge, R.L.S. owner, said only 600 tickets will be sold for each show. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and there is no reserved seating. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at Avalon Music, The Rock 106.7 radio station, WestCoast Wenatchee Center Hotel, Sun Dog Bead Co., Bellmore's Owl Drug and Killer Kolor, all in Wenatchee, and The Prop Shop of the Columbia and The Tanning Co., both in East Wenatchee, or by calling 662-6872.