

# Country music artist's album features toe-tapping tunes

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**A&L4** a lot of people come from other places and there's always new exciting things happening here."

Over the last three years, he lived in Michigan, where his wife is from, and then moved back to Tennessee last September.

Some may consider his hike to Nashville as chasing a dream, but Rivers wouldn't change a thing.

"As far as the music business goes here, country is still the main draw, but there's so many different musicians here too... lots of really cool pockets. It really has become Music City.

"Things are going well," laughed Rivers. "It's been a lot of fun the last few years.

"I've been opening up for some big acts such as Trace Adkins, Eli Young Band, Frankie Ballard, Eric Paslay, and Gregg Allman."

In fact, he'll join Adkins at the Ionia Country Jam August 29, with proceeds from that show benefitting the Wounded Warrior Project and the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument.

He said he's been focusing more on broadening his fan base of late.

"I kind of knew what I was doing was catching fire," said Rivers, who packed up his bags to head for Nashville after graduating from Fanshawe College's Music Industry Arts program in 2009. "There's been a lot of positive feedback."

On *No Boundaries*, he wrote six out of the seven tracks. Track four, *Where There's Smoke There's Whiskey*, was pitched to him by some big writers in Nashville, so he decided to record it and, he says, he's glad he did.

He calls the album a compelling collection of high-energy, toe-tapping and thought-provoking songs about real life, bar life, love life and being on the road.

The first track, *Born for the Highway*, is more rock than anything. "I come out hitting the guitars pretty hard," he laughed. He said it's about a chance hello at a gas station at 1 a.m. on a drive back to Nashville. He met a trucker who held the door for him at the truck stop, and Rivers

said thanks 'and asked how he was doing.

"Born for the highway," said the trucker to Rivers, who immediately snapped that into his memory bank as a future song.

As a songwriter, his work has been picked up by several artists, including Drew Gregory's chart-hitting *Truck. Beer. Girl*.

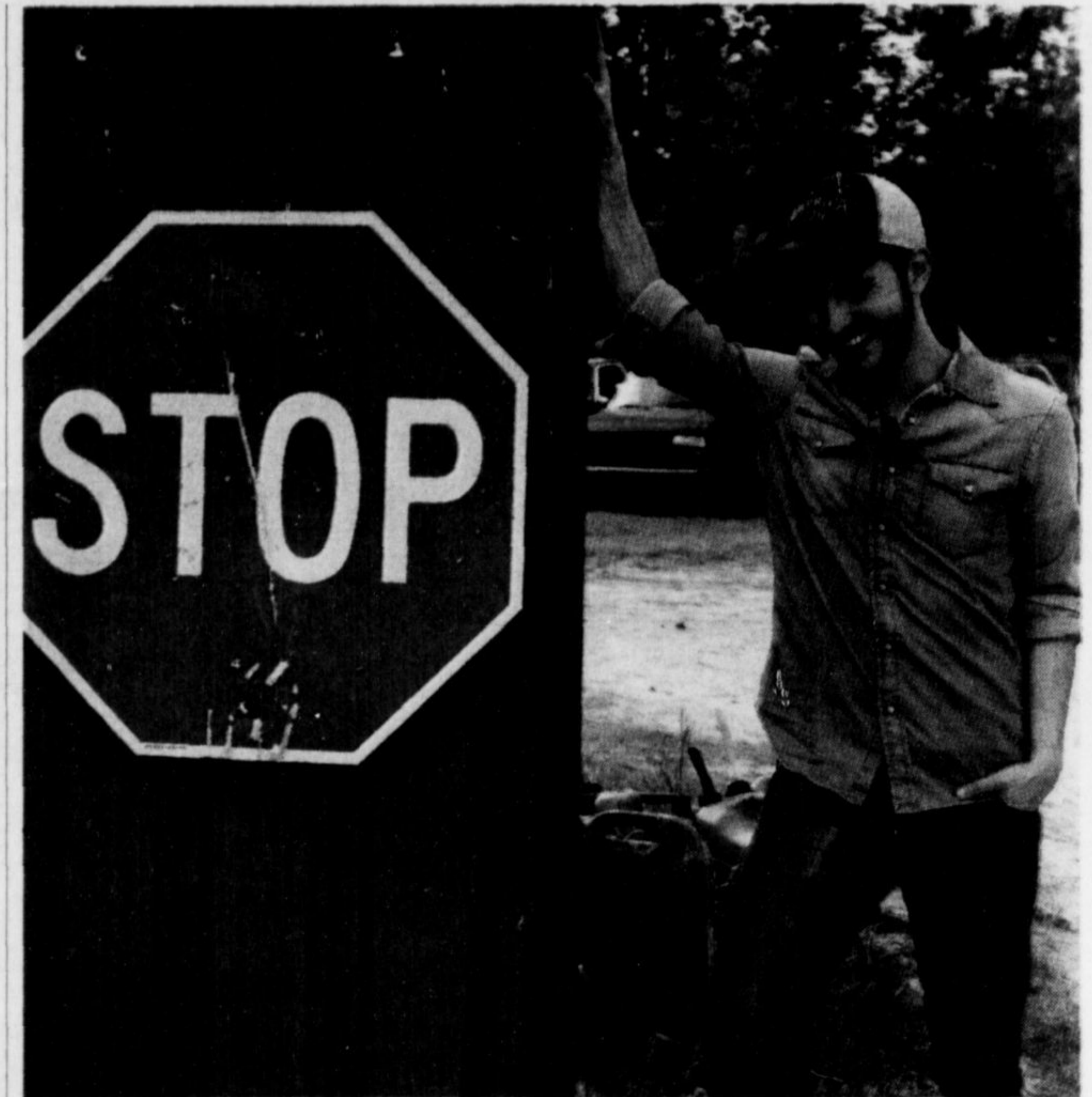
Meanwhile, he still manages to get back home to see his family in Campbellville, as often as possible, but as a small-town boy, he's still doing small-town things.

Most recently, he was planning on taking his wife to the Tomato Festival in Nashville.

"I try to take her out to explore the town. Nashville has a lot to do on the weekends and there's always things to do at the park."

His CD can be ordered on iTunes at <http://itunes.apple.com/album/id1024187894?ls=1&app=itunes>.

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Steve Rivers, who lives in Nashville with his wife, returns home to Campbellville as often as possible. *Eric MJ Ellis / Special to the Champion*

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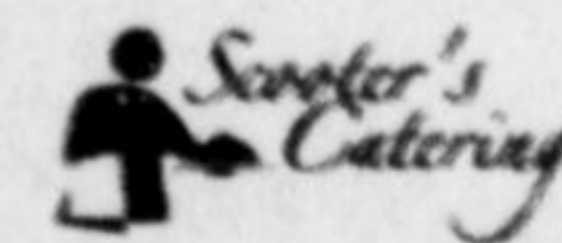
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Steve Rivers: 9:30 pm

Saturday

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Retro Boogie: 1:30 pm  
The Groovy Brothers: 3:00 pm  
Alessia Collarile: 4:30 pm  
Selective Soul: 5:45 pm  
The Masters of Rock Show: 6:45 pm  
Coda (Led Zeppelin Tribute): 6:45 pm  
Thunderstruck (AC/DC Tribute): 8:15 pm  
Sonic Boom (KISS Tribute): 9:45 pm

Sunday

Where's Willie?: 12:00 pm  
Terrie Wheeler: 1:30 pm  
Uncorked: 3:00 pm  
The Urban Legend: 4:30 pm  
Rib Announcements: 5:30 pm  
Not My Dog/Daniel Meehan: 6:30 pm