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## Hillbillies In Denial "No Sad Song Guarantee"

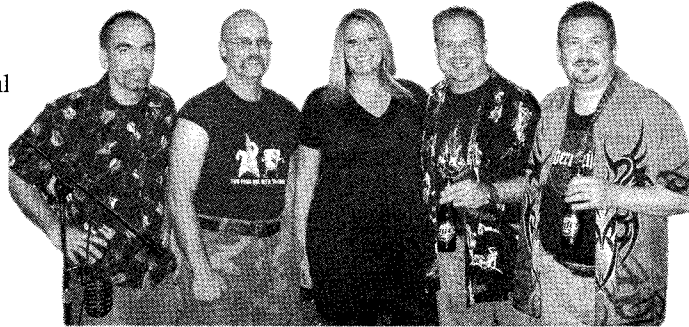
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**W**ith a motto like "Lake County's Most Screwed up Country Band" this gives the band a lot of free reign to be unconventional. They aren't typical but they are fun! The members of the band are; Jason Kuhn guitar and vocals, Tam "The Diva" Kuhn vocals, Ed Kuhar - bass, Marty Kavick - guitar, and Don Harrison on drums.

Hillbillies in Denial have been together about a year and a half. Jason came from a musical family - his Parents were in The Country Masters and he accompanied them on drums for a while. Laughing, Jason says "Now we're playing all the songs my Dad hates." The name transpired because of Jason's background and during their first conversation he and Ed admitted that they really didn't like country music and none of the guys, except Jason, had been in country band. Jason actually was playing metal not to long ago.

In the quest to pull together a band, Ed was the first victim. Jason and Ed met on a plane during a business trip out to California. Ed didn't own a bass anymore and had no desire to join a band.

Jason said "I have a bass and I have an amp." Then he just had to convince Ed to join a country band. Ed had played in a Rush cover band and with orchestras in the past. Jason must have had quite the power of persuasion because Ed is definitely in. Next it was rounding up the rest of the members. Jason's wife Tam found Marty, or shall we say Marty found her at Katie's Pub, and what he thought was a chance at romance turned into being corralled into a band after Jason's arrival that night. Marty is classically trained, but his



out of the band since.

Hillbillies in Denial call their style Cretal - (Country meets metal) or Country on steroids. During the set that we listened to you might say they strayed a bit from the country format. We heard some Buffet, Zeppelin, Rafferty, and even some Nickleback. We also heard Tam do a cool rendition of 455 Rocket originally by Kathy Mattea and Pour Me by Trick Pony. Go to their website and take a look at their song list if you want to see how screwed up they really are. The band does do one original song called "Life at Katie's".

They have no fiddles or steel guitar. "We're not your average country band, we're below average really, but we're probably the most rockin'!" When ask where they want this to go they said that they want just what they have right now, they just want to have fun. Jason has been playing since he was eight years old and he says "This is the most fun I've ever had playing in a band!" They did mention that "If Keith Urban would like an opening band though, we're there." Fun is what they are there for, yours and theirs, the environment of the establishment has to be fun. With laughter "If there is no Jägermeister machine behind the bar we don't book the gig."

For more info check out their website [www.hillbilliesindenial.com](http://www.hillbilliesindenial.com) ▼

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