

# COUNTRY MUSIC HIGHWAY TRAVEL GUIDE

Read about the  
Country Music  
Hwy Stars!



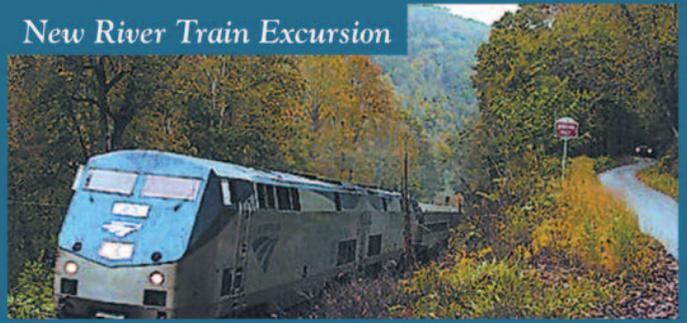
Also find out  
about our  
Future Country  
Music Hwy  
Stars!

Map inside!

[www.CountryMusicHighway.com](http://www.CountryMusicHighway.com)



Camden Park



New River Train Excursion



Museum of Radio & Technology



Blenko Glass Company



Mark Twain Riverboat



Heritage Farm Museum & Village

# **GREATER** HUNTINGTON

and Cabell County, West Virginia

Just across the river from the Country Music Highway



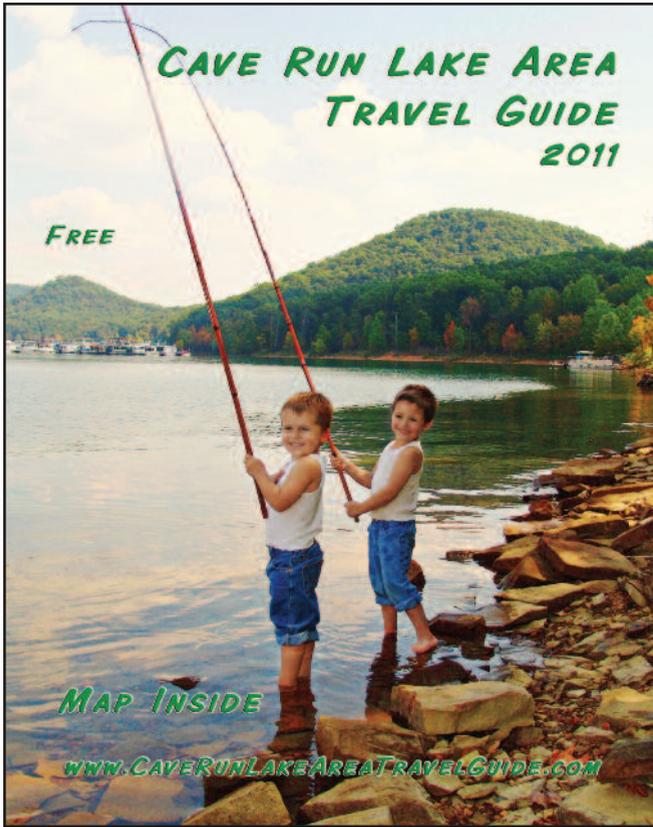
*All Aboard!*

Highlighting Huntington,  
Barboursville & Milton

*Where River & Rail Connect with Majesty & Adventure!*

There's so much to see and do in Cabell County. Whether it's nightly or weekly, we can connect you with great places to stay, unique restaurants, cool shopping, fun things to do and interesting places to visit.

Cabell-Huntington Convention and Visitors Bureau  
1-800-635-6329 | 304-525-7333 | [www.wvvisit.org](http://www.wvvisit.org)



Goodtyme Productions also publishes the Cave Run Lake Area Travel Guide. You can find it in KY State Welcome Centers, and also online at [www.CaveRunLakeAreaTravelGuide.com](http://www.CaveRunLakeAreaTravelGuide.com)

**U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Travel Guide**

is published and distributed by  
**Goodtyme Productions, Inc.**

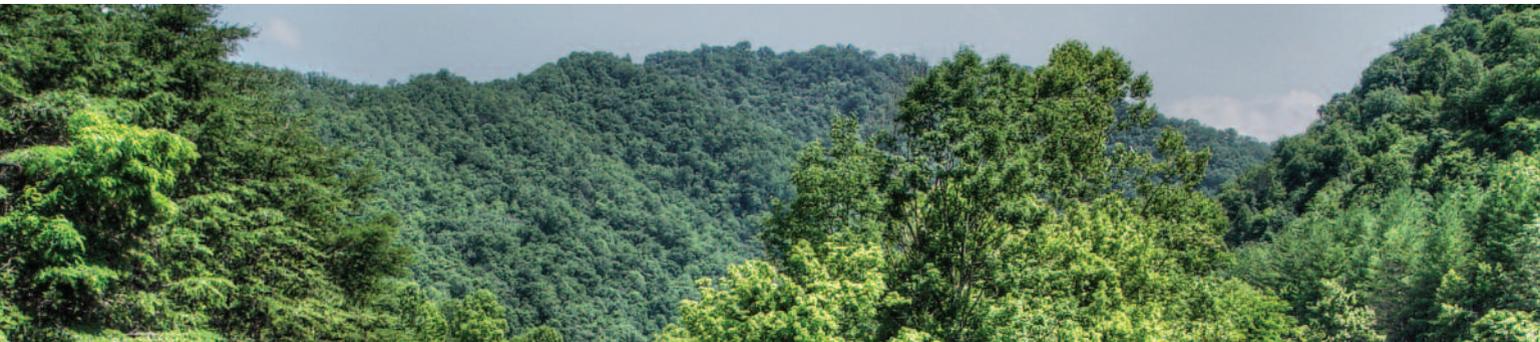
For questions or comments, contact Goodtyme Productions  
1-888-790-2365  
[ken@goodtyme.com](mailto:ken@goodtyme.com)  
[www.goodtyme.com](http://www.goodtyme.com)  
[www.countrymusichighway.com](http://www.countrymusichighway.com)

**Goodtyme Productions**  
**PO Box 1597**  
**Prestonsburg, KY 41653**  
**Owners: Ken & Angie Carriere**

Graphic Design & Layout - Angie Carriere  
Map Design - Goodtyme Graphics  
Contributing Writers - Staci Carriere, Ken Carriere, and various sources  
Photography - Angie Carriere [www.AngelaGracePhotography.com](http://www.AngelaGracePhotography.com), Ken Carriere, Joshua Carriere, and various sources

## What You'll Find Inside

Greater Huntington.....	2
Paintsville Tourism.....	4
Welcome to Kentucky's Country Music Hwy.....	5
Ashland - "Small Town with Big Fun".....	6
Ashland Attractions, Festivals, & Events.....	7
Country Music Highway Museum.....	8
Loretta Lynn's Homeplace.....	9
Mountain HomePlace.....	9
Prestonsburg, the Star City of Eastern KY.....	10
Jenny Wiley Theatre.....	11
Pike County, KY.....	12,13
Morehead Conference Center.....	14
Cave Run Storytelling Festival.....	15
Highland's Museum & Discovery Center.....	17
Billy Ray Cyrus.....	18
Miley Cyrus.....	18
The Judds.....	19
Ashley Judd.....	20
Ricky Skaggs.....	21
Larry Cordle.....	21
Loretta Lynn.....	22
Crystal Gayle.....	23
Hyllo Brown.....	23
Dwight Yoakam.....	24
Patty Loveless.....	25
Gary Stewart.....	25
Kentucky Opry.....	27
Future CMH Stars.....	28
David Appalachian Crafts.....	30
"Driving" the CMH.....	32,33
Lawrence County Tourism.....	34,35
Unique Dining along the CMH.....	36,37,38
Caskey's & Vintage Village.....	39
Letcher County Tourism.....	40,41
Lodging along the CMH.....	42,43
Map.....	44,45
M&S Log Homes.....	46
PCG Artist Development.....	47
Adventure Tourism.....	48

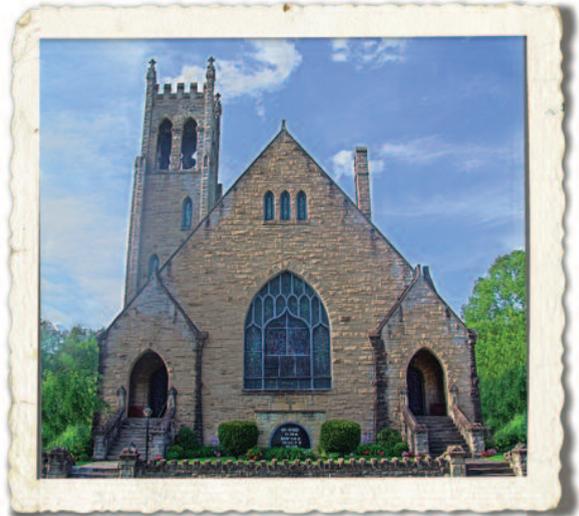


# Paintsville Tourism

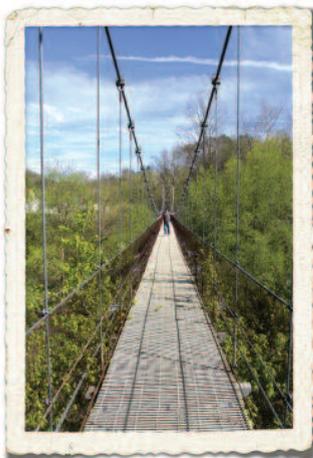
Johnson County, Kentucky  
606.297.1469



John Caldwell Calhoun Mayo came to Paintsville as a teacher but soon became aware of the region's potential in coal. He began buying mineral rights, eventually becoming Kentucky's wealthiest citizen. **The Mayo Mansion**, built in 1905-1912, is three stories with 43 rooms. Today the Mayo Mansion serves as Our Lady of the Mountains parochial school and can only be toured by appointment.



**The Mayo Methodist church**, across the street from the mansion, was also built by Mr. Mayo. It is renowned for the stained glass windows, lovely stone construction, and organ donated by Andrew Carnegie.



While in Johnson County, be sure to stop by the community of "River". River is the home of **Forest and Maxine Preston Memorial pedestrian bridge**. The bridge was constructed from composite plastic fibers, making the 420 foot bridge the longest pedestrian bridge in the world. The lightweight bridge creates a safe yet unique walking experience.



Come and enjoy this interactive experience with the arts where 15 artists throughout the area come together to teach others about the arts. Sewing, painting, stained glass, basketry, pottery, quilting and cake decorating are to name a few of the artistic opportunities here. Artists can also be commissioned for work ranging from murals, to quilt blocks. The **OSCAR center** is 7 miles west of Paintsville on route 40 and housed in the old Oil Springs School. Groups must be scheduled, tours are available upon request.

[www.VisitPaintsvilleKy.com](http://www.VisitPaintsvilleKy.com)

**The Johnson County Ag Loop** is a driving trail of Agriculture related experiences for the tourist to enjoy. From fishing, to grinding corn and feeding the cows, to primitive antiques, handmade goat milk soap, jams, jellies, occasional events such as beef roasts, soup bean dinners and even heritage walks are available, where you can walk the Jenny Wiley path in the fall and hear the saga retold by volunteers in costume. This tour has several stops. A step on guide can be arranged for groups for a fee and tours can include food, live music and interactive activities. Individuals are welcome to drive the tour and may contact the sites that interest them most on their own. See the brochure available at Paintsville Tourism Office 606-297-1469 or contact the Johnson County Extension Office 606-789-8108 for more information.

# Kentucky

UNBRIDLED SPIRIT

(800) 225-TRIP

KentuckyTourism.com



## Welcome to Kentucky's US 23 Country Music Highway

On March 1, 1994, an historic bill sponsored by State Representative Hubert Collins was passed and little-known U.S. Route 23 Highway in eastern Kentucky became the "Country Music Highway." This was done to recognize all the well-known country music stars that came from this region. Only eight years later and with the vision and perseverance of Congressman Hal Rogers, the Country Music Highway was recognized as a National Scenic Byway in June, 2002. This 144-mile stretch of highway runs north and south along the eastern part of the state of Kentucky and covers seven counties.

The musical talent that has developed from these Appalachian hills includes Loretta Lynn, Wynonna & Naomi Judd, Billy Ray Cyrus, Tom T. Hall, Ricky Skaggs, Keith Whitley, Dwight Yoakam, Gary Stewart, Patty Loveless, Crystal Gayle and more. Visitors to this area will quickly realize that this entire region is steeped in cultural and musical history.

There are many opportunities to hear the sounds of all types of music at the many venues along the Country Music Highway. In addition to the many venues, there are countless shows and festivals that feature the sounds and talents of the region.

The Country Music Highway is not only about country music. When you travel the Country Music Highway you can also learn about Native Americans, pioneers, the Civil War, and the coal mining industry. The story of eastern Kentucky has been influenced by those who,

early on in the nation's history, began searching for land west of the Appalachian Mountains. Not long thereafter, as a result of being a border state between the North and South, sections of the area became battlegrounds for the Civil War.

As the area began to develop and grow, coal mining became an essential chapter in Kentucky, and still is. This area is well known for a very notable feud - *The Hatfield-McCoy Feud*, which became a nationally-known event. The two families have recently formed a working relationship and have collectively developed the *Hatfield-McCoy Reunion* on the second weekend of June in Pike County.

While on the trail of feuders, pioneers, or miners, the area along the Country Music Highway is full of natural beauty and recreational opportunities. The region is blessed with six beautiful state parks from *Greenbo State Resort Park* in Greenup County to *Kingdom Come State Park* in Letcher County. *Jenny Wiley State Resort Park* in Floyd County also features Broadway-musicals at *Jenny Wiley Theatre*.

Welcome to one of the most beautiful and historic places in the nation. As you travel along the Country Music Highway and meet the friendly folks of this Appalachian region, you will quickly realize that you have found a hidden treasure. We know that you will enjoy the music and crafts that abound here. The key to a successful visit in this region is to make sure you have enough time to see and hear it all!

## Connect with Country Music Highway!



Web:

**CountryMusicHighway.com**

**Facebook: Country Music Highway  
Coming Soon! iPhone/android app!**





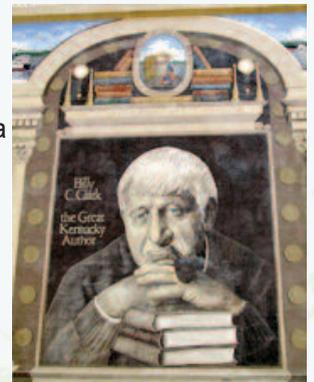
# Kentucky

UNBRIDLED SPIRIT

## Ashland “Small Town With Big Fun”

The main street serving Ashland, “Winchester Avenue”, is home to many arts venues including the historic Paramount Arts Center. The Paramount hosts the Kentucky Music Trail, the Youth Education Series, A Broadway Series, and many other wonderful cultural programs and concerts. During the Thanksgiving season, the theatre is transformed into a holiday extravaganza entitled “Festival of Trees”, which has been named one of the top ten Kentucky winter events by the Kentucky Travel Industry Association.

While visiting Ashland, don't miss visiting the Frame Up Gallery, Central Park, The Highlands Museum & Discovery Center (home to the Country Music Museum), the Upstairs Gallery, Quilt Trail, Floodwall murals, and the Pendleton Art Center (working artisans).



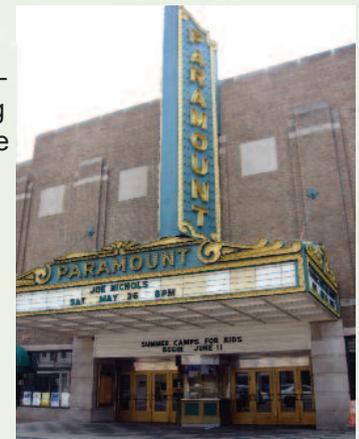
A visit to Ashland would not be complete without stopping by the Jesse Stuart Foundation and Bookstore which includes a wonderful gift shop showcasing Kentucky products.

The city has recently opened the first phase of the new riverfront development. Already in place are beautiful floodwall murals featuring the first quilt block to be painted on a floodwall in the United States. Catlettsburg, Kentucky also has gorgeous floodwall murals and a historic courthouse and many other beautiful buildings.

During the other seasons, visitors can enjoy many other family festivals including the Redbud Festival, Summer Motion, Poage Landing Days, Catlettsburg Labor Day Celebration, the Boyd County Fair, Chili Fest and Youth Fest.

The newly established Ashland-Boyd County Quilt Alley currently has nine blocks on display and is planning to add numerous blocks in the near future. Ashland is rapidly becoming a quilt destination.

Come and enjoy Country Music Highway 23 - you'll hear lots of great music while enjoying our life and culture. The third annual U.S. 23 Yard Sale is scheduled for the last weekend in May. Small Town – Big Fun!



# AFFORDABLE FAMILY FUN.

(800) 225-TRIP

KentuckyTourism.com



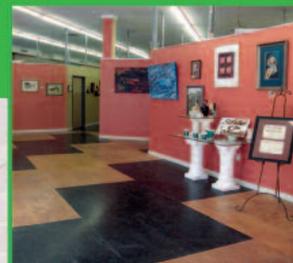
## Area Attractions

## Festivals & Events



- Ashland Main Street**  
1645 Winchester Avenue, 606-325-7692
- Paramount Arts Center**  
1300 Winchester Avenue, 606-324-3175
- Pendleton Art Center**  
1517 Winchester Ave., 606-920-9863
- Fannin Antique Car Museum**  
U.S. 60 W, 606-929-9000
- Highlands Museum & Discovery Center**  
1620 Winchester Avenue, 606-329-8888
- Jesse Stuart Foundation**  
1645 Winchester Avenue, 606-326-1617
- City of Catlettsburg Historic Courthouse and Floodwall Murals**  
26th & Broadway Street, 606-739-5223
- Ashland Central Park**  
17th & Central Avenue, 606-327-2046
- Ashland Floodwall Murals**  
Riverfront, 606-329-1007
- Ashland Tennis Center**  
1300 Oakview Road, 606-329-2245
- Ashland Historical Walking Tour**  
Downtown Ashland, 606-329-1007
- KYOVA Mall**  
10699 US Rt 60, 606-928-3835
- Ashland Town Center Mall**  
500 Winchester Ave, 606-324-1100
- Catlettsburg Antique Mall**  
2606 Louisa St. - Catlettsburg  
606-739-9786
- Diamond Links Golf Club**  
St. Rt. 3 - Catlettsburg  
606-928-5335
- Sandy Creek Golf Course**  
9701 Meade Springer Rd, Meads  
606-329-9093
- Bar W Rodeo**  
Meade Springer Rd, Meads
- ABC Quilt Alley**  
Ashland/Boyd County

- First Fridays Art Walk**  
Downtown Ashland, Monthly
- Black History Month**  
Highlands Museum & Discovery Center, Feb.
- Easter Egg Hunt**, Ashland Central Park, April
- Red Bud Festival**, April
- Donkey Derby**, Ashland Central Park, May
- US 23 Country Music Highway Yard Sale**, May
- Memorial Day Picnic in the Park**  
Ashland Central Park, May
- NRP Bluegrass Junior Golf Tournament**  
Bellefonte Country Club, June
- Kentucky Music Trail**, June - August
- Summer Motion**  
Central Park/Riverfront, July
- Patriotic Fireworks Display**, Riverfront, July
- Boyd County Fair**  
Boyd County Fairgrounds, August
- US 23 Road Rally**  
Greenup Co. to Letcher Co., August
- Catlettsburg's Labor Day Celebration**  
Downtown Catlettsburg, Labor Day Weekend
- Labor Day Fest**  
Ashland Central Park, Labor Day Weekend
- Poage Landing Days**  
Downtown Ashland, September
- Booker T. Washington Festival**  
Downtown Ashland, September
- Chili Fest**, Paramount Arts Center, October
- Halloween Festival**, Ashland Central Park, Oct.
- Dining with the Past**  
Highlands Museum & Discovery Center, Oct.
- Winter Wonderland of Lights**  
Central Park, November - January
- Festival of Trees**  
Paramount Arts Center, November
- Holidays at the Highlands**  
Highlands Museum & Discovery Center,  
December
- New Year's Eve Celebration on the Plaza**  
Judd Plaza - December



1509 Winchester Ave., Ashland, KY • 41101  
 606-329-1007 • 800-377-6249  
 e-mail: aacvb@visitashlandky.com  
 www.visitashlandky.com





# Country Music Highway Museum

U.S. 23 is a designated National Scenic Byway, honoring country music entertainers who were born or lived along route 23. The U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum in Paintsville offers fans an opportunity to see displays created to honor many of the country music entertainers who consider U.S.23 their home.

Visit displays from Billy Ray Cyrus, Miley Cyrus, The Judds, Tom T. Hall, Ricky Skaggs, Hylo Brown, Loretta Lynn, Crystal Gayle, Rebecca Lynn Howard, Keith Whitley, Dwight Yoakam, Patty Loveless, and Gary Stewart.

The museum also has a unique gift shop that is filled with items supplied directly from the various entertainers. There are also items by local Appalachian crafters and artists that reflect the culture of U.S. 23.

## Front Porch Pickin'



Be sure to join us every Thursday night at 7pm for "Front Porch Pickin'". Bring your instrument and/or your dancin' shoes! Admission is only \$1!!

**Kentucky**  
UNBRIDLED SPIRIT

US  
23 MUSEUM



**Paintsville Tourism**

**800-542-5790**

**[www.VisitPaintsvilleKy.com](http://www.VisitPaintsvilleKy.com)**

**SET YOUR  
SPIRIT FREE.**

**(800) 225-TRIP**

**KentuckyTourism.com**

**Kentucky**  
UNBRIDLED SPIRIT



## The Mountain HomePlace...where history comes alive.

The Mountain HomePlace opened in July 1995, with five original 19th and 20th century structures - all of which came from the surrounding area - making up the core of the farmstead. It is located on Paintsville Lake, just west of Paintsville.



The buildings consist of a family cabin which is a double pen cabin, a double crib barn, a one room schoolhouse, and the old Fishtrap United Baptist Church.

Interpreters in authentic period costumes perform daily chores on the farm April thru October.



The farm offers families and groups unique experiences from touring the grounds, to having an old-fashioned wedding at the church. Visitors can also enjoy a concert at the newly constructed "In the Pines" amphitheater. There are always things to see and do at the HomePlace.



For information call:  
Reva Rose @ 606-297-1850  
Supported by Paintsville Tourism

[www.MountainHomePlace.org](http://www.MountainHomePlace.org)

**Kentucky**  
UNBRIDLED SPIRIT



# Kentucky

UNBRIDLED SPIRIT

Prestonsburg — the star city of eastern Kentucky;

strategically located at the hub of 5 major highways. Nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian mountains, it is a city brimming with culture, entertainment, and beauty.

The star also represents the vast amount of entertainment in Prestonsburg. Prestonsburg is home to The Mountain Arts Center, a 1,050 seat theater that presents local talent as well as national headliners. Billie Jean Osborne's Kentucky Opry is our own troupe of talented performers. Jenny Wiley Theatre has been providing "magic under the stars" for decades with its classic Broadway type shows. StoneCrest Championship Golf Course, which is built on a reclaimed mountain top, puts you as close to the stars as you can get. The newest addition to a galaxy of fun is the East Kentucky Science Center & Planetarium with its traveling exhibits, laser shows and 40 foot domed planetarium.



*"Cinderella" at Jenny Wiley Theatre*



*Billie Jean Osborne's Kentucky Opry*



**East KY Science Center**



**StoneCrest Golf Course**

# AFFORDABLE FAMILY FUN.

(800) 225-TRIP

KentuckyTourism.com



For 47 years, Jenny Wiley Theatre has been entertaining Eastern Kentucky travelers like you! Located within picturesque Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Jenny Wiley Theatre is the only professional theatre east of I-75. There's nothing quite like experiencing Broadway quality musicals, comedies and dramas under the stars in Jenny Wiley's beautiful amphitheatre!

Many brilliant stars have graced the Jenny Wiley Stage over the years including Tony Award winner Michael Cerveris, television actress Sharon Lawrence, Broadway star James Barbour, Disney film star Tommy Kirk, funny man Jim Varney and "Trading Spaces" host Paige Davis. Who knows? During your visit you may see the next big star!

In a recent traveler's blog "Backseat Traveler", a Jenny Wiley patron writes, "We were struck by the thought that this must have been what it was like in the days of Shakespeare. We knew this was a memorable night when our 4-year-old wished the play wasn't over as much as we too were wishing it hadn't ended."

As you're enjoying the sites off historic Route 23 this summer and fall, stop by for a visit and experience wonderful productions like, *The Dixie Swim Club*, everyone's favorite musical, *Annie*, the humorous retelling of the classic tale, *The Frog Prince*, and the historic, *The Legend Of Jenny Wiley*. This fall, don't miss our indoor production of *Dracula In Tombstone*!

For tickets and information please call  
1-877-CALL-JWT and make sure to visit [www.jwtheatre.com](http://www.jwtheatre.com) today.

**Jenny Wiley THEATRE**  
Prestonsburg, KY

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat 2010

2011 Season Productions

**Annie**

**THE LEGEND OF JENNY WILEY**

**The Dixie Swim Club**

**HOW 'BOUT A LITTLE KISS? THE FROG PRINCE**

**DRACULA TOMBSTONE**

For tickets call: 1-877-CALL-JWT  
[www.jwtheatre.com](http://www.jwtheatre.com)

Prestonsburg Commission and Visitors Bureau

Kentucky UNBROKEN SPIRIT



**Kentucky**  
UNBRIDLED SPIRIT

*Pike County*  
KENTUCKY

*“Where Beauty Abides and Hospitality Flows!”*



**Live Music**



**Bushwhacking  
the Russell Fork**



**The Eastern Kentucky  
Expo Center**



**Cut-Thru  
Adventures**



**Artists Collaborative  
Theatre, inc.**



**Big Sandy  
Heritage Museum**



**Hillbilly Days**



**Pikeville Cut-Through  
Project**

[www.tourpikecounty.com](http://www.tourpikecounty.com)

[tourpikecounty@setel.com](mailto:tourpikecounty@setel.com)

For a free information packet call Pikeville-Pike County CVB at  
1 800-844-7453 or 606 432-5063



Paid in part by the Kentucky  
Department of Travel and Tourism

**AFFORDABLE  
FAMILY FUN.**

**(800) 225-TRIP**

**KentuckyTourism.com**

**Kentucky**  
THE COMMONWEALTH

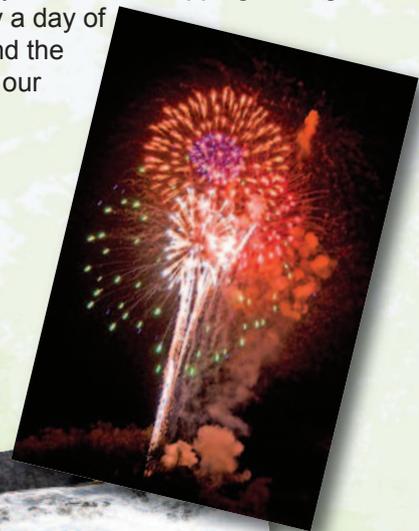


# Pikeville and Pike County

Pike County Kentucky-Learn the history of the largest county in Kentucky by visiting the Hatfield and McCoy sites and hearing the stories surrounding the two families that involved love, triumph and the Civil War. The Heritage Museum where it all comes to life as history reawakening, or visiting the Pikeville Cut Through Project, an immense earth moving project second only to the Panama Canal in size and scope, and is an engineering marvel that must be seen to be appreciated.

Take in an evening performance at the Artist Collaborative Theatre in Elkhorn City or a concert at the East Kentucky Expo Center, where music and arts come to life! Every April you will find homecomers heading back to Pike County to attend the second largest festival in the state, the Hillbilly Days Festival, where we see our old friends and make new ones!

Seeing is believing in Pikeville by taking in an afternoon walk of our Historic City locations, shopping, eating and taking in the beauty of our downtown that so many come and stay for! Or enjoy a day of outdoor adventure of hiking, biking, kayaking, or canoeing. Don't forget to attend the Muscle on Main, where the second Saturday brings the Vroom, Vroom back to our town with cars and more cars. Pike County Kentucky, where beauty abides and hospitality flows!





Small town hospitality.  
*Big city feel.*

1.800.654.1944

MOREHEAD CONFERENCE CENTER

111



Morehead Conference Center  
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

[www.moreheadcc.com](http://www.moreheadcc.com)

**BRING YOUR  
SENSE OF ADVENTURE.**

(800) 225-TRIP

KentuckyTourism.com *Kentucky*  
UNDISCOVERED ADVENTURE



JOIN US FOR THE 13TH ANNUAL  
CAVE RUN STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2011

Enjoy America's best loved storytellers in a beautiful mountain lakeside setting.  
Family storytelling on Friday and Saturday evening.  
Ghost stories by the beach fire on Saturday evening.

**FEATURING:**

Spencer Bohren, Donald Davis, Diane Ferlatte, Dolores Hydock,  
Andy Offutt Irwin, Syd Lieberman and Antonio Rocha.



Twin Knobs Campground, 5195 KY HWY 801 SOUTH, Morehead, Kentucky 40351.  
For more information call 800-654-1944 or visit [www.caverunstoryfest.org](http://www.caverunstoryfest.org).



# Kentucky

UNBRIDLED SPIRIT

OWENSBORO Owensboro Daviess County Convention & Visitors Bureau  
 Kentucky's Festival City 800-489-1131 • visitowensboro.com

## ROMP 28 Acts ♦ Free Camping

**JUNE 23-25**

BLUEGRASS ROOTS & BRANCHES FESTIVAL  
 Yellow Creek Park  
 Owensboro, KY  
 For tickets and info call 270-926-7891 or visit [www.bluegrassmuseum.org](http://www.bluegrassmuseum.org)



Steve Martin with the Steep Canyon Rangers



Emmylou Harris



Punch Brothers with Chris Thile



Carolina Chocolate Drops



Bill Monroe 100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

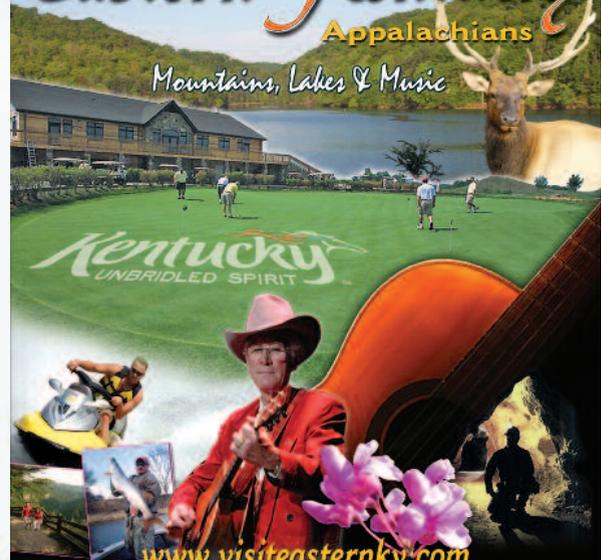
Join us in Owensboro, KY  
 Sept. 12-14 for a musical celebration!

[www.billmonroe100birthday.com](http://www.billmonroe100birthday.com)

## Eastern Kentucky

Appalachians

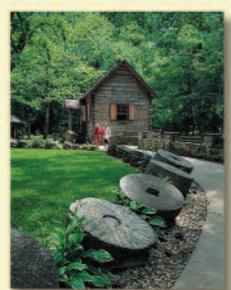
Mountains, Lakes & Music



[www.visiteasternky.com](http://www.visiteasternky.com)

800-225-TRIP, ext. EN2

## LONDON - LAUREL COUNTY



800.348.0095  
[www.laurelkytourism.com](http://www.laurelkytourism.com)

- ♦ Just off I-75, exits 29, 38, and 41.
- ♦ Over 1300 moderately priced rooms and over 60 restaurants.
- ♦ Centrally located to visit many of Kentucky's finest attractions!

Our full-service information center is located just off I-75, exit 41.

## MT. STERLING, KY

Gateway between the Bluegrass and the Mountains

### ATTRACTIONS

- Historic Downtown
- Gateway Regional Arts Center Open Tues.-Sat.
- Old Silo - #1 Public Golf Course in Kentucky for 2010 by Golf Digest
- Ruth Hunt Candy - Official Candy of the Kentucky Derby
- Fun on the Farm - at Bramble Ridge Orchard and Two Sisters Pumpkin Patch and Christmas

For more information or to get your free visitors guide call Toll Free

**866-415-7439**

I-64 at Exit 110

Affordable Overnight Packages!



Visit us on Facebook

[www.mtsterlingtourism.com](http://www.mtsterlingtourism.com)

# HIGHLANDS MUSEUM & Discovery Center

*Celebrate the Past, Explore the Present,  
& Move into the Future!*

1620 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, KY 41101

Tuesday - Saturday hours - 10am to 5pm

Mondays & Evenings by Appointment

Adults: \$5.50 Children & Seniors: \$4.50

Children under 2 & members: FREE!

606-329-8888

[www.HighlandsMuseum.com](http://www.HighlandsMuseum.com)



**Billy Ray Cyrus exhibit**

History and heritage along with energy and excitement come together on the Country Music Highway at the Highlands Museum & Discovery Center. From 6 months to 96 years old, visitors find activity and information that puts the past in perspective and moves the present into the future.

During your visit you'll step into a nineteenth century classroom and become a student of the 1870's. Enter a medical world when late night house calls were made on horseback and payment was in chickens. Immerse yourself in the culture of Eastern Kentucky music and visit the Cyrus and Judd families. Create your own music on our Karaoke Korner stage or at Music Quilt, an interactive sound sculpture. Salute those who served during the wars of the twentieth century and see Hitler's last telephone.

The Discovery Center boasts many areas of interactive exploration, including a special play place for toddlers and a flight simulation station for pilots of all ages. Walk into the



**Flight Simulation Station**

Ohio River town of Poage's Landing and navigate Little Joe, an actual towboat. Role play in the streetscape of a river community. Learn about the natural world around you in the tree house exhibit or rest awhile on the front porch and enjoy games, a puzzle garden and a puppet dog house.

Visitors will also see revolving exhibits that showcase sports, regional art, textiles and quilts.



**American Textile Exhibit**



**World War II Exhibit**





## Stars along the Country Music Highway



### **Greenup County's Billy Ray Cyrus**



*William Ray (Billy Ray) Cyrus* was born August 25, 1961, in Flatwoods Kentucky. Before he was even old enough to go to school, Billy Ray began singing with his father's gospel quartet and his mother's bluegrass band. As a young man, he formed a country duo with his brother. When he was 19 he began playing guitar and performing locally with *Sly Dog*, a band named after his one-eyed pet bulldog. The band started performing in an Ironton, Ohio bar called *Changes*. In 1984, the bar burned to the ground, along with the band's equipment. With not much left in Kentucky, he packed up and headed west. After spending two years in Los Angeles, he ended up with a dead-end job selling cars instead of stardom. His heart turned back to Kentucky, and he returned home to reform *Sly Dog*. The newly formed *Sly Dog* landed a gig at *The Ragtime Lounge* in Huntington, WV. At this point, Billy Ray started making regular trips to Nashville to "knock on doors".

While opening for Reba McEntire in Louisville, KY in 1990, Billy Ray was discovered by Mercury talent scouts. Of course by then he was a seasoned pro. Two years later he blasted the music world with *Achy Breaky Heart* and his hit album, *Some Gave All*.

Billy Ray has a deep and profound connection to his fans. Few artists have given as much of themselves. His devotion to the community is outstanding, and the amount of charity work he does has been staggering. Because his early hits were so catchy, he became an

instant favorite with children. As a result, Cyrus has been seen holding many dying and crippled children in his arms. Cyrus' first four albums for Mercury Nashville put his sales in excess of 13 million units. He has earned multitudes of awards from the Country Music Association, the American Music Awards, Billboard, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), TNN/Music City News Awards and numerous other organizations. In early 2001, Cyrus took his starring role in the dramatic series, *Doc*, on cable network PAX-TV. More recently, Cyrus has teamed up with daughter Miley for the Disney Channel's highly popular series "*Hannah Montana*".

### **Miley Cyrus**

*Miley Cyrus* grew up on the family farm near Nashville with two siblings and three half-siblings. She was passionate about acting from a young age, appearing in her father's TV series *Doc* and in Tim Burton's *Big Fish*.

In 2004, Cyrus beat out 1,000 hopefuls to land the starring role of Miley Stewart in the hit Disney show *Hannah Montana*. The tween series features a young pop superstar (Montana) who hides her celebrity identity to be an everyday teen in real life (Stewart).

To accommodate filming, the entire family moved to Los Angeles, California, in 2005; Billy Ray plays her fictional dad-manager on the show. Cyrus released a successful *Hannah Montana* soundtrack album in 2006.

In 2007, her double album *Hannah Montana 2: Meet*





Miley Cyrus launched a Best of Both Worlds tour. The concerts sold out in record time, and the show was extended by 14 dates to help placate disappointed fans. Her successful 3-D concert film collected \$31.3 million in its opening weekend in February 2008. Cyrus is also a spokesperson for Daisy Rock Guitars and has her own clothing line, and it has been reported that she earned \$18.2 million in 2007.

Cyrus changed her legal name to Miley Ray Cyrus in 2008. That same year, she found herself in the midst of a controversy for posing for revealing photographs taken by famed photographer Annie Leibovitz, which appeared in *Vanity Fair* magazine. The resulting criticism and media frenzy did little damage to her career, however. Her album, *Breakout* (2008), was a huge hit, reaching the top of the pop album charts.

In early 2009, Cyrus provided a look into her life with the autobiography *Miles to Go*. The book features previously unseen photos, family stories and "a look at her inner circle of loved ones." "I am so excited to let fans in on how important my relationship with my family is to me," Cyrus said in a statement. "I hope to motivate mothers and daughters to build lifetimes of memories together and inspire kids around the world to live their dreams."

Enthusiasm for her television alter ego remains strong as well. In April 2009, *Hannah Montana: The Movie* scored at the box office, bringing in more than \$79 million.

### ***Boyd County's Wynonna, Naomi, & Ashley Judd***

When *The Judds* burst onto the country music scene in the early 1980's with their unique sound – part bluegrass and traditional Appalachian music, part rockabilly and blues – some looked at them as overnight successes. But the road to Nashville fame began for Naomi – born Diana Ellen Judd in 1946 in Ashland, Kentucky – with childhood dreams of a glamorous life far away from her Kentucky home. An unplanned pregnancy, early marriage and the birth of her first daughter, Christine, in 1964, propelled her into a life as wife and mother.

A divorce in 1971, three years after the birth of her second daughter, Ashley, left her to begin again. She became a nurse, changed her name to Naomi, and discovered that Christine – who legally became Wynonna shortly after her mother's name change – shared more than a name and a life. They also shared a love of singing and the talent to go with it.

Following an appearance on Ralph Emory's show, their musical career skyrocketed. As a mother-daughter duo, The Judds sold over 20 million albums during eight years together. They won five Grammys and were named the CMA's Duo of the year eight times. They had fifteen number one hits.

Their work as a duo ended for Naomi when she contracted a life-threatening form of hepatitis. Their Farewell Tour was the top grossing tour of 1991.

Wynonna continued a solo career, achieving even greater success. She demonstrates a wide range of singing styles; from country-pop to rock, blues, gospel, adult contemporary, folk and southern R&B. She has authored a book and continues to expand her performance possibilities.

Naomi moved in new directions, too, as an author, inspirational speaker and continuing supporter of charities in her native Kentucky and throughout the nation. She and Wynonna reunited for 2000 sold-out reunion tour and occasionally perform together for special events.



Born *Ashley Tyler Ciminella*, on April 19, 1968, in Los Angeles, California. Her father, sports broadcasting producer Michael Ciminella, left the family before she was four years old; Ashley moved with her mother, Naomi Judd, and older sister, Wynonna Judd, to her parents' native state of Kentucky soon after. She was 15 when her



mother and sister signed their first record deal, with RCA, as the country-singing duo the Judds. While Naomi and Wynonna were away on tour, Judd often stayed with her maternal grandmother and paternal grandparents; she sometimes lived with her father, who was based in Louisville. She also traveled with the Judds, reportedly earning \$10 per day to clean the duo's tour bus.

The studious Judd attended college at the University of Kentucky, where she majored in French and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. Judd considered joining the Peace Corps but was encouraged by Wynonna, among others, to try her luck in Hollywood. She moved to Los Angeles in 1990, where she began studying acting at the prestigious Playhouse West school. After two years of study, Judd won a small role in the disappointing Christian Slater vehicle *Kuffs* (1992), which was enough to earn her a Screen Actor's Guild card.

In 1991, Judd had a recurring role on the TV series *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. From 1991 to 1994, she appeared on the popular television drama *Sisters*, as the daughter of one of the lead characters, played by Swoosie Kurtz.

Judd made her big-screen breakthrough in 1993, when she played the title role in the well-received independent film *Ruby in Paradise*, which won that year's Grand Prize at the Sundance Film Festival. She then turned in critically acclaimed supporting performances in *Smoke* (1995), starring Harvey Keitel; *Heat* (1995), starring Robert De

Niro, Al Pacino, and Val Kilmer; and *A Time to Kill* (1996), starring Matthew McConaughey and Samuel L. Jackson. In addition to starring roles in the little-seen *Normal Life* (1996) and *The Locusts* (1997), Judd also played Norma Jean Baker (opposite Mira Sorvino as Baker's legendary alter ego, Marilyn Monroe) in *Norma Jean and Marilyn*, which aired on cable TV in 1996.

Ashley put her reputation as "the other Judd" behind her for good with the release of the hit 1997 thriller *Kiss the Girls*, co-starring Morgan Freeman. The film made over \$60 million and established Judd as a credible action heroine. Though the low-key drama *Simon Birch* (1998) met with a mediocre reception, Judd cemented her status as a box office draw with the 1999 action thriller *Double Jeopardy*, in which she played a vengeful housewife and mother who is framed for the so-called murder of her treacherous husband. Though *Double Jeopardy*, which co-starred Tommy Lee Jones, got terrible reviews, it stayed atop the box office for a number of weeks and grossed a total of \$116 million.

Though both of her next efforts - the thriller *Eye of the Beholder* (2000) and the sentimental *Where the Heart Is* (2000) - were greeted with far less than an enthusiastic reception, Judd's star is continued to rise. In 2001, she starred in *Someone Like You*, a romantic comedy for which she reportedly received a career-high salary of \$4 million. She has also starred in such films as *The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* (2002), and *Bug* (2006).

**Kentucky Music Trail**

**Thursday June 16 8 PM**  
**Darius Rucker**

**Sunday July 31 8 PM**  
**Merle Haggard**

**Saturday October 22 8 PM**  
**Loretta Lynn**

**Paramount arts center**  
 box office 606.324.3175  
 Paramountartscenter.com

KMT is sponsored by: Mrs. Margaret Adkins, Eagle Distributing, Fannin Automotive Family, Judy Jennings, Marathon Petroleum Company, Teresa Wright Powers/ReMax, Bob Powers/Merrill Lynch, Texas Roadhouse, Time Warner Cable, WCHS and Fox 11

### **Lawrence County's Ricky Skaggs**

Born in 1954, *Ricky Skaggs'* musical talent was obvious as early as age 3 when he began singing in church with his mother, Dorothy. By age 5, he had his own mandolin. While still in elementary school, he made his first paid appearance on the popular Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs television show. He was paid \$52.50.



He dropped out of high school, promising his mother someday he'd get his diploma. He began a bluegrass career playing with such legends as Ralph Stanley and then unknowns Keith Whitley, Larry Cordle and Vince Gill. He became part of Emmylou Harris's hot Band, serving as arranger and bluegrass resource on several albums.

With her encouragement and that of others in the industry, he began a career as a soloist that led to gold albums, association awards and instant name recognition. He received an honorary degree from Morehead State University in 1997, fulfilling that long-ago promise to one day have a diploma to show his mother.

A self-taught musician who never abandoned his bluegrass roots, Skaggs returned to his familiar melodies during the late '90's. Recently, his numerous television appearances and five Grammy nominations have propelled Skaggs to be one of bluegrass' most personable and effective ambassadors.

He says that he is "just trying to make a living" playing the music he loves. But his enthusiasm and expertise in bluegrass brings this distinctively American form of music into the mainstream.

With a close-knit family, talent that continues to develop, and the Kentucky Thunder band backing him up,

Ricky Skaggs is certainly one of the greats of bluegrass.

### **Lawrence County's Larry Cordle**

*Larry Cordle* was born and raised on a small family farm in eastern Kentucky. At a young age, he was introduced to bluegrass, country, and gospel music by his great-grandfather. Cordle fondly remembers this early influence by pointing out, "we lived so far away from everything, that we had to make our own entertainment. Music was just a way of life me, for all of us actually."

After graduating from high school, Larry spent four years in the Navy and after being honorably discharged, attended Morehead State University, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. "I just didn't see how I could ever make a living doing only music," he explains, "so I worked for a CPA firm during the day and played in clubs at night."

All the while, Larry desperately wanted to devote to music completely, but his commitments would remain divided until he wrote a song that changed everything. Cordell, Kentucky was not only home for Larry, but also for his childhood friend and neighbor, Ricky Skaggs.

Upon hearing Larry's new song, "Highway 40 Blues," Ricky promised that he would one day record it. In the summer of 1983, it was the number one song in the nation, helping to launch Larry's songwriting career and Skaggs' country music career.

In 1985, at Ricky's urging, Larry gave up the stability his office job offered and moved to Nashville to be a full-time staff writer for Amanda-Lin Music.

At last count, Cordle's songs had appeared on projects that had sold a combined total of more than 50 million records, by artists such as Alison Krauss, Rhonda Vincent, Garth Brooks, George Strait, Trisha Yearwood, Reba McEntire, Diamond Rio, Alan Jackson, and many others.



## Johnson County's Loretta Lynn

Loretta Lynn is proud of her past as a child of an Eastern Kentucky coal miner. Coal Miner's Daughter became the title of an autobiography, the name of one of her best known songs, and the title of a biographical movie.

Her life began in Butcher Holler in 1934, just outside the mining town of Van Lear, Kentucky, one of a family of eight children. Her legendary career began as she sang before her first audiences in church.

She married Oliver "Mooney" Lynn at the age of 13 and soon moved to the state of Washington. Children arrived in rapid succession, and on her eighteenth



Conway Twitty, and was the first woman to be named Entertainer of the Year by the Country Music Association.

In the 1980's she was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame and continued to focus her efforts on performances.

Loretta was married to Mooney until his death in 1996. Loretta is a successful businesswoman who owns her own music publishing company. She operates a Dude Ranch and campground in Tennessee, featuring a plantation-style home that is an exact replica of her childhood home.

Loretta continues to perform across the United States, and has released several singles.



birthday, husband Mooney presented her with a guitar. She began performing locally in a band backed up by her brother Jay Lee Webb, and eventually cut a record with Zero Records.

Loretta and Mooney then drove across the country stopping at radio stations and personally asking disc jockeys to play this first label release, "I'm a Honky-Tonk Girl."

Soon, concert tours and Grand Ole Opry appearances sent her career soaring in an industry dominated by men.

In the 1970's, she was one of the nation's most sought-after performers. She began singing duos with

**PRECIOUS MEMORIES**  
MINI-MALL

Home Decor  
Collectibles  
Shabby Chic  
Antiques  
Glassware

405 Main Street  
Paintsville, KY  
606.789.1661

Tuesday - Saturday  
10am - 5pm

## Johnson County's Crystal Gayle



*Crystal Gayle* was born Brenda Gail Webb in 1951, the youngest sister of Loretta Lynn who had already left home when Brenda was born. She was five years old when her family moved to Indiana. Her father was already suffering from black lung disease.

Although her early listening was pop, rock and roll, and Broadway along with a little gospel and country, a country song written by sister Loretta brought Crystal success. She was still in high school when she signed her first record contract.

In signing a record deal, Brenda needed a name change so she wouldn't be confused with Brenda Lee. As she and Loretta drove past a sign for Krystal hamburgers, Lynn said, "That's your name. Crystals are bright and shiny, like you."

The 1970's brought songs that were crossovers from country to pop. In 1976, Gayle was voted Female Vocalist of the Year by the Academy of Country Music. The next record was "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue." It won Grammy awards for the Best Female Country Vocal Performance and for the Best Country Song. The album in which it appeared became the first album by a female country artist to sell over a million copies.

After awards for Female Vocalist of the Year for both the Academy of Country Music and the Country Music Association, Crystal became the first United States country artist to perform in China. Although petite in stature, her stage act was mesmerizing with her trademark hair swaying back and forth.

In 1980, Crystal branched out to work in other styles

and with various artists. Singles, duets, an album for children, country roots and inspirational works brought her into the twenty-first century. She regularly returns to Eastern Kentucky for concerts and tourism events, and also operates a gift and crystal shop in Nashville.

## Johnson County's Hylo Brown

Johnson County's Frank "Hylo" Brown was a bluegrass and country singer whose nickname "Hylo" came about thanks to the considerable vocal range that was his trademark.

Brown was born in 1922 and early learned the music of the Appalachians. He sang on area radio broadcasts, including WCMI in Ashland, Kentucky, and broke into the ranks of Nashville stars in 1954.

His signature song, "Lost to a Stranger," was part of his first album and is in the collection at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. He released popular songs throughout the '50's and in 1957, joined Flatt and Scruggs' Foggy Mountain Boys. Flatt and Scruggs soon formed a second band, called the Timberliners, with Hylo as the front man.

He began his Timberliner mid-south road travels alternating live regional shows with Flatt and Scruggs on radio and television for the Martha White Show. With the advent of videotaping, Flatt and Scruggs no longer had to be in two places at once. The Timberliners were dissolved and Hylo re-joined Flatt and Scruggs as a featured singer.

Hylo continued to perform on television shows and additional concerts throughout the '60's and '70's. He put out albums on small labels and sang throughout the country and Canada.

During his later career, Hylo was mainly a songwriter, although he still performed nationally on occasion. His songs remain standards on many bluegrass compilations.

A gradual diminishment in his vocal range, the same amazing voice that originated his nickname "Hylo," caused his eventual retirement from performing. Brown passed away January 17, 2003.



### *Floyd County's Dwight Yoakam*

*Dwight Yoakam* is known for his unique sound, a blend of Eastern Kentucky heritage, rhythm and blues, soul, pop and rock.

Although Dwight was born in Pikeville Kentucky, his family was from the small town of Betsy Layne, in Floyd County. In 1977, Dwight moved to Nashville to pursue a career in music.

At the time, Nashville was moving away from the traditional country sound that Dwight was playing. After a brief time there, he moved to California, which was more receptive to the music he was performing.

Financial backing for his first high quality recording came from his sister and brother-in-law; an insurance check that was meant to fix his El Camino, and money raised from a benefit classical music concert. With the funds, a group of musicians produced an extended play record that captured the "Dwight Yoakam sound." In 1984, Dwight released the EP, hitting the road with such artists as Los Lobos and The Violent Femmes. Playing traditional country music, Dwight now gained a following among country fans plus punk rockers and rockabilly fans. This eclectic base brought him to the attention of many record labels.

In 1991, Dwight set his sights on his second love,



acting. Throughout the 1990's Dwight developed his acting career. He continued his albums and year-long tour schedule. In 1994, he received his first Grammy with a second to come in 1999. As a member of the cast of *Sling Blade*, he was nominated for a Screen Actors Guild Award for best ensemble performance in 1996.

Still active with recording, tours and filmmaking, Dwight Yoakam continues to prove that he is able to successfully combine careers in both film and music, without either profession suffering.

**Floyd County!**  
A great place to live, and a great place to visit!  
[www.floydcountyky.com](http://www.floydcountyky.com)

Be sure to visit all our communities while in the area...

- ◆ Allen ◆ Martin
- ◆ Prestonsburg
- ◆ Wayland ◆ Wheelwright

Come on down and enjoy our Down-Home Hospitality!  
Please help keep Floyd County clean and put litter in its place!

### ***Pike County's Patty Loveless***

*Patty Loveless* was born in 1957 in a miner's hospital in Pike County and began her career singing in a gospel group with her mother, Naomie Ramey. One of her early idols was Loretta Lynn, another coal miner's daughter, who shares a grandmother with Patty.

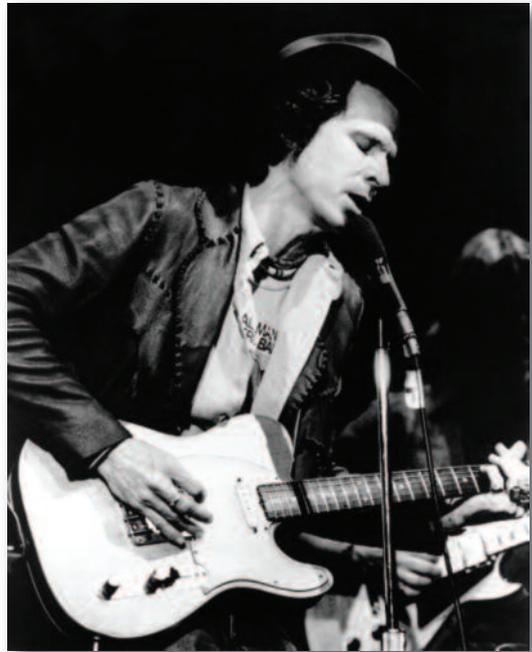
Her family moved to Louisville where she began high school, so that her father, disabled from his years in the coal mines, could receive medical treatment. She continued singing and eventually moved to Nashville, where she broke into the business by writing and performing with the Wilburn Brothers.

Musically, her career bloomed during the 1990's. In the years following that, Loveless had three number one hits along with popular duets with Vince Gill.

A new century saw Patty return to her Appalachian roots. In 2002, Loveless revisited the Appalachian music of her youth when she released *Bluegrass and White Snow*. This bluegrass emphasis melded with a resurgence of bluegrass across the country. Loveless received critical acclaim and performed at many bluegrass festivals.

She next blended mountain music and bluegrass with a nod to the country music of her Nashville dreams. The "Loveless code," and unshakable faith in the power of music itself, continues to drive her music.

More recently, Loveless was inducted into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in April of 2011.



### ***Letcher County's Gary Stewart***

*Gary Stewart*, born in Letcher County near the Virginia border in 1945, was known both as a singer and a songwriter. Although his family moved to Florida when he was young, Stewart retained a love for country music that led to his own unique blending of sounds as a Southern rocker. After honing his skills in local Florida bands in the 1960's, he moved to Nashville where he first wrote songs and then began his own recordings.

Stewart worked as the pianist in Charley Pride's road band and can be heard on Pride's *In Concert* double album. He was among the first to use electric slide guitar in country music, and became known for the bluesy versions of his songs that he performed during concerts. His solo music career included a number one hit, "She's Actin' Single (I'm Drinkin' Doubles)." He established himself as a hard-driving, honky-tonk performer.

After leaving the music scene for personal reasons in the 1980's he began recording again in 1990 and wrote songs until his death from a self-inflicted gunshot wound on December 16, 2003.

*Molly O'Day*, 1923-1987, of Pike County, was inducted into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in April of 2011. For more information and bio visit: [www.CountryMusicHighway.com](http://www.CountryMusicHighway.com)

# The Crooked Road Means Music!



Virginia is for Lovers 



Photos by Cameron Davidson

At major festivals and impromptu jam sessions, in concert halls and country stores, sample the music and culture of a region that has had an indelible impact on America and the world.

Be sure to visit the Crooked Road Store at Heartwood



## HEARTWOOD

Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway

[www.thecrookedroad.org](http://www.thecrookedroad.org)

276-492-2085

ReDiscover Family.  
ReDiscover Breaks Park.



[www.BreaksPark.com](http://www.BreaksPark.com)



Billie Jean Osborne's  
**Kentucky  
Opry**

For a taste of  
Eastern Kentucky's  
entertainment  
& hospitality -  
visit the  
Mountain Arts Center  
in Prestonsburg  
Home of  
Billie Jean Osborne's  
Kentucky Opry

*Ticket information:  
1-888-MAC-ARTS  
or locally  
606-886-2623*



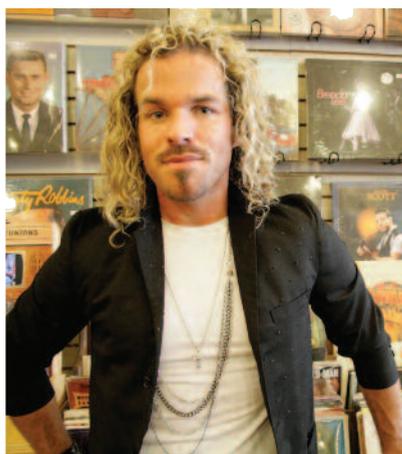
*With Special Guests  
The Kentucky Opry  
Junior Pros!*

[www.macarts.com](http://www.macarts.com)

# FUTURE STARS



We *do* have many singers and musicians from the Country Music Highway who made it big in the music business. Are there any more here? You bet! The Country Music Highway – this beautiful National Scenic Byway – is loaded with musical talent. The Country Music Highway Travel Guide highlighted a few of them last year and we decided to add a few more in this issue. Unfortunately, we could not feature everyone here but check out [www.CountryMusicHighway.com](http://www.CountryMusicHighway.com) to see what the Future Stars of The Country Music Highway are doing and where they are playing. Maybe one or more may be performing at one of the many musical venues situated along Kentucky's Country Music Highway.



**Stephen Salyers** is a native of Catlettsburg, KY in Boyd County. The singer/songwriter moved to Nashville TN in 2005 and landed a spot in Tanya Tucker's TLC series "Tuckerville" in August of that same year. Stephen has appeared in numerous commercials and music videos, along with several film/television accolades. Stephen can be found

nearly any night of the week performing in venues around Nashville.



Nashville recording artist **Bronson Bush** hails from Raceland, KY in Greenup County. Bronson is an award-winning singer/songwriter at only 15 years old! Bronson can be found playing many fairs and festivals in the region, and can also be found singing at all the hot spots in the Nashville area.



**Kory Caudill** is an extremely talented pianist from Prestonsburg, KY in Floyd County. Kory is a graduate of Belmont University in Nashville, where he has received well over 100 standing ovations. He is currently touring with Justin Moore, and will have a cut of his own arrangement of "Spider Fingers" on a soon to be released Bruce Hornsby 25th anniversary tribute album.

***You can read full bios and find out more about our future Country Music Highway stars on our website***

***[www.CountryMusicHighway.com](http://www.CountryMusicHighway.com)***

***Just click on the "Future Stars" link!***



**Brittany Taylor** was born in nearby Knott County, just off the Country Music Highway. Brittany is a recent graduate of Middle Tennessee State University with a degree in “The Recording Industry”. Brittany is a talented singer/songwriter now living in Nashville, and can be found singing with her band, Tumbleweed at venues throughout Nashville.



**Staci Marie Carriere** was born in Canada, but reared in Floyd County, KY. Staci has been performing in front of live audiences since the tender age of 5. Staci is currently living in Nashville, Tennessee. She has recently made an association with the prestigious talent development agency, PCG Nashville, and can be found performing in venues around the Nashville area. You can also find Staci performing with the Kentucky Opry during the summers in Prestonsburg.



**Coaltown Dixie**, a rockin’ group of female bluegrass musicians, consists of Kristen (mandolin), Stephanie (upright bass), Kalyn (guitar), and Melanie (banjo). With the obvious limited number of female bands in the bluegrass world, Coaltown Dixie fills a unique niche, performing their own brand of “High-Heeled Bluegrass” with beauty and class.

**Did you know Tom T. Hall, Keith Whitley, and Rebecca Lynn Howard are from right off the Country Music Highway? It must be in the water!!**



**Nicole Pennington**



**Jerica Blair**

Two of Country Music Highway locals, Nicole Pennington of Pike County, and Jerica Blair, of Floyd County were featured on American Idol during Hollywood Week. Jerica is a member of the Kentucky Opry in Prestonsburg, and Nicole performs with the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros. You can see both of them perform on weekends this summer at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, KY.

# David Appalachian Crafts

David Appalachian Crafts, a program of St. Vincent Mission, Inc. was started in 1972 with the goal of preserving our Appalachian heritage through the hand-crafted creations of their 60 plus crafters and artists. In an effort to help ease the poverty of the people living in Appalachia, the store supports and encourages the work of local artisans by showcasing their work in the craft store and online, selling to wholesale customers and taking their creations to craft shows around the country.



All of the items carried in the craft store are hand-crafted by local artists. These items include heirloom quality quilts, pottery, hand - painted gourds, coal statues, wood carvings, baby items, jewelry, jellies and other food items, photography, books, paintings and much more. Custom orders for specialty quilts of their own design, color scheme and size are welcome. Many of the artisans showcased through David Appalachian Crafts are members of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen, Kentucky Crafted and The Kentucky Artisan Heritage Trails.

Next year, 2012, will mark a milestone in the history of David Appalachian Crafts- the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the craft center's service to local crafters and artists. Plans to celebrate this momentous achievement are currently underway.

David Appalachian Crafts is nestled in the hills of David, KY a short 15 minute drive from the Middle Creek Battlefield in Prestonsburg, KY on KY Rt. 404. The hours of operation are 9am-6pm Monday through Friday and 9am-4pm Saturday. For more information contact the craft center at 606-886-2377 or send questions to davidappalachiancrafts@yahoo.com. The craft center always welcomes purchases made through their website:

**DavidAppalachianCrafts.com**

## Kentucky State Parks along the Country Music Highway Create Your Own Experience!



Paintsville Lake State Park



Jenny Wiley State Resort Park



Yatesville Lake State Park



Greenbo Lake State Resort Park

[parks.ky.gov](http://parks.ky.gov)

1-800-255-PARK





Steve Ratcliff,  
Luthier  
606-784-8627

ratcliffviolins@yahoo.com

Find Ratcliff Violins on  !



## Silverangel Mandolins

*Hand-crafted in Kentucky*

*Ken Ratcliff, Luthier*

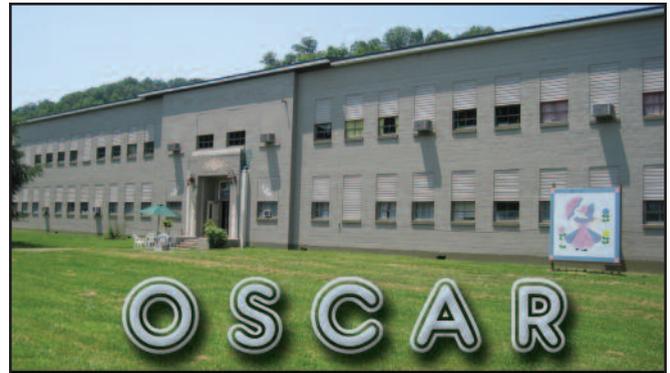
PO Box 76

Elliottville, KY 40317

606-286-8530

cell: 606-356-4988

[www.silverangelmandolins.com](http://www.silverangelmandolins.com)  
[silverangelmandolins@yahoo.com](mailto:silverangelmandolins@yahoo.com)



The OSCAR center stands for Oil Springs Cultural Arts and Recreation Center. It used to be the Oil Springs School and has been utilized for the arts since 2000. It is available for rentals for group meetings, weddings, receptions, parties and other gatherings. It has workshops on a variety of arts throughout the year, a Festival of Artists, and a number of events ranging from music to heritage fairs, plays and more. Contact **606-789-8108**, or **606-297-1469** for more information on booking an event, attending an existing one, bringing a group for a tour or interactive experience.

# Kentucky Market Pavilion



*"Take home a memory  
of Kentucky"*



Kentucky Proud Food Products,  
Handmade Crafts, Deli/Bakery

2914 East Highway 60  
Owingsville, KY 40360  
I-64 at exit 123

In the Bath County  
Agricultural Education  
and Marketing Center

**606-674-6121**

# “Driving” the Country Music Highway

We are pleased to inform all golfers that we have some of the most outstanding golf courses available right here along The Country Music Highway. The scenery and the layouts of each of these courses are unique and breathtaking. You will also be amazed at the affordability of each golf course featured here. It would be well worth spending a few days in the region to see how many of these golf courses you could visit. While you are here, enjoy all the other sights and sounds available across this beautiful National Scenic Byway.



Floyd County



## 18 Hole Championship Course

Owned and Operated by the

**City of Prestonsburg**

- ◆ Fully stocked Pro Shop
- ◆ Driving Range
- ◆ Practice Greens
- ◆ Restaurant
- ◆ Lessons Available
- ◆ Full Club Repair

For Tee Times Call 606-886-1006

918 Clubhouse Drive

Prestonsburg, KY 41653



[www.StoneCrestKy.com](http://www.StoneCrestKy.com)

Johnson County

## Paintsville Golf Course



[www.PaintsvilleGolfCourse.com](http://www.PaintsvilleGolfCourse.com)

Established in 1929, the Paintsville Golf Course was one of the first 18-hole courses in the Kentucky Highlands. The course architect was the late Dr. Paul B. Hall, a member of the Kentucky Golf Association Hall of Fame.

3000 Ky Rt 1107, Paintsville, KY  
For tee times call:  
**606-789-4234**

Letcher County



## RAVEN ROCK GOLF COURSE

586 Golf Course Lane, Jenkins, KY

606-832-2955

[www.RavenRockGolf.com](http://www.RavenRockGolf.com)

Welcome to Raven Rock Golf Club... We offer the finest golfing experience for you and your group. You can relax in our new clubhouse, use our driving range to practice and take some lessons with us here should you need to improve your game. We look forward to seeing you soon at Raven Rock!

*Brett Richards* PGA Head Professional

Greenup County

## RIVER BEND GOLF CLUB



6333 State Route 1  
Argillite, KY 41121

606-473-6773

The 18-hole "River Bend" course at the River Bend Golf Club facility in Argillite, Kentucky features 5,987 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 70. The course rating is 69.6 and it has a slope rating of 118. Designed by Ron Lucas, the River Bend golf course opened in 1992.

Lawrence County

## EAGLE RIDGE GOLF COURSE

Yatesville Lake State Park, Louisa KY



PGA Professional: *Missy Kennedy*

18 hole masterpiece with dramatic tee to green elevation changes.

♦Driving Range ♦Practice Green  
♦Cart/club rentals

606-673-4300 866-906-7888

[parks.ky.gov/golftail](http://parks.ky.gov/golftail)

# Explore Lawrence County Kentucky

**Recreation - Unique Shopping - Cultural Events**

## Yatesville Lake State Park



**Campground**  
**606-673-1490**

**Eagle Ridge Golf Course**  
**606-673-4300**

**Marina**  
**606-686-2361**

### Parks/Recreation

Lawrence County Riding Stables - Pleasant Ridge Road 673-1166

Lawrence County Park at Pleasant Ridge-Cabins, picnic shelters, camping, putt-putt golf, playground, conference center, and amphitheatre  
Call 606-673-1166 or 606-638-4102

Stella Moore Athletic Complex-lighted ballfields, playground, concessions, and basketball court Call 606-638-4102

Fallsburg Community Center - Basketball court, picnic shelter/gazebo.  
Call 606-686-3344

Kentucky Dept of Fish & Wildlife - Manages all huntin and fishing regulations and the Yatesville Lake Wildlife Management Areas  
Call 606-673-3643 or 686-3312

City of Louisa Pool and Recreation Area - Muncipal Pool complex with picnic shelters and basketball court. Private parties available.  
Call 606-638-4050 or 606-638-9038 (seasonal)

City of Louisa Main Street Park - Picnic shelter, park benches, and gazebo in downtown Louisa. Call 606-638-4050

Blaine City Park/Community Center/Picnic area City of Blain, C-KY  
Call 606-652-9175

### Lodging/Cabins/Campgrounds

Super 8 Motel  
Us 23, Louisa  
800-800-8000 or 606-638-7888

Best Value Inn  
117 E Madison St. Louisa  
606-638-9417

Lawrence Co Park  
Pleasant Ridge Road  
606-673-1166

Creek Side Cabins  
5461 N Hwy 3  
606-686-2915

Falls Campground  
State RT 3 - Fallsburg  
606-686-3398

Yatesville Lake State Park  
Pleasant Ridge Road  
606-673-1490/673-1492

Creek Side RV Park  
5461 N Hwy 3 - Fallsburg  
606-686-2915

**Lawrence County Tourism Commission**  
**PO Box 267 Louisa, KY 41230**  
**606-638-4102**

[www.LawrenceCoKyTourism.com](http://www.LawrenceCoKyTourism.com)  
[www.Parks.ky.gov](http://www.Parks.ky.gov)



# Events

## Country Music Highway Yard Sale

Last weekend in May  
Rt. #23 from Ashland to Jenkins

## Yatesville Lake Kid's Fishing Derby

Yatesville Lake State Park Marina  
June 4th, 2011  
(Free Fishing Weekend)  
606-686-2412 or 606-686-2361

## Lawrence County Farm & Home Field Day

June 24, 2011 606-673-9495

## City of Louisa July 4th Celebration

Music, Parade, Fireworks  
606-638-4050

## Lawrence County Fair

August 5-6, 2011  
Lawrence County  
Extension Office Grounds  
Contact Paul Jobe 606-686-2255

## Lawrence County Septemberfest

Old-Fashion Street Festival  
Downtown Louisa  
Sept. 9-11, 2011  
606-673-3387

## Appalachian Bike Tour

Yatesville Lake State Park  
Sept. 24, 2011  
www.appalachianbiketour.com



Adkins Mill, Farm & Dairy  
142 Chapel Rd, Five Forks  
Louisa KY 606-483-3801

Ambience Gifts, Food City Plaza  
433 Highway 2565, Louisa, KY  
606-638-0266

Country Music Highway Welcome Center  
Falls Creek Pavilion  
US 23 North, Louisa KY

Farmhouse Memories  
Florist & Antiques  
75 Highway 32, Louisa, KY  
606-638-7800

Fred M Vinson Welcome Center  
315 E Madison St, Louisa KY  
606-638-0078

The Hay Barn  
East Clayton Lane  
Louisa KY 606-483-3153

Hometown Florist & Gift Shop  
111 East Madison St, Louisa KY  
606-638-9228

Jenny Lynn's Boutique  
219 E Madison St, Louisa KY  
606-638-9455

Just Robin and Me, Handmade Crafts &  
Unique Primitive Gifts  
6581 Hwy 201, Webbville, KY  
606-652-4192

Marketplace Flea Market  
US 23 - Catalpa  
5 Miles N of Louisa, KY

Painted Cow Art Gallery  
103 S Main Cross St. Louisa KY  
606-638-1313

T-Rayes Donuts  
118 S Vinson Ave  
606-483-9113

Urban Farmhouse  
Antiques, Home Décor, Primitives  
115 S Main Cross St. Louisa KY  
606-826-3276

Yatesville Bait & Tackle  
1220 Hwy 1185, Louisa KY  
606-686-3350

Wellman Hardware  
309 E Main St Louisa KY  
606-638-4185

# Unique Shops/ Attractions



Louisa Coca-Cola Bottling Co.



Fred M. Vinson  
Home/Welcome Center/  
Museum  
Madison Street  
Fred M. Vinson Gravesite  
Pinehill Cemetery  
Louisa, KY  
606-638-4185



Painted Cow Art Gallery  
103 S Main Cross  
Louisa, KY | 606-638-1313



Wellman Hardware  
309 East Main Street  
Louisa, KY  
606-638-4106

# Country Music Highway Lodging



Boyd County

*"We cater to the savvy business professional."*



- Indoor Pool ♦ Free Breakfast
- Government Rates
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Dry Cleaning/Laundry
- Free Local Phone Calls
- Business Center ♦ Facsimile Service
- Copying Service

**Free High Speed Internet!!!**

[www.qualityinn.com/hotel-ashland-kentucky-ky154](http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-ashland-kentucky-ky154)

4708 Winchester Ave. Ashland, KY 606-325-8989

Floyd County

**"There are golf courses that need playing, race tracks that need racing, and country music that needs to be heard."**



51 Hal Rogers Drive  
Prestonsburg, KY  
606-886-2555  
Adjacent to the  
Mountain Arts Center

- ♦ Newly Remodeled Rooms
- ♦ Free High-Speed Internet
  - ♦ Indoor Pool
  - ♦ Free Deluxe Hot Breakfast (Savory Starts)
  - ♦ Whirlpool Suites



BY CHOICE HOTELS  
1-800-4CHOICE  
[choicehotels.com](http://choicehotels.com)

The power of being there. Go. Go. Go.

Boyd County



# Ashland Plaza Hotel & Convention Center

*"The Jewel in the Crown of Ashland"*

1441 Winchester Ave., Ashland, KY 41101  
606-329-0055

*Meeting Rooms, Banquets & Catering Services*

### *Accommodations:*

- ◆ 142 rooms & suites
- ◆ Presidential & Honeymoon Suites
- ◆ All balcony suites come with Hot Tub
- ◆ Fitness Center - featuring 2 Saunas
- ◆ Complimentary Local Airport Shuttle
- ◆ Room Service (hours may vary)
  - ◆ Free HBO
  - ◆ Web TV
  - ◆ Pay-per-view Movies
- ◆ Free High Speed Internet, both Ethernet & Wireless
  - ◆ Free Continental Breakfast
  - ◆ Free Local Calls

### *Alexander's Restaurant*

offers fine dining as well as meals with a home-cooked feel.  
Live Music on select evenings



*www.AshlandPlaza.net*

Pike County



## Hampton Inn

831 Hambley Boulevard  
Pikeville, KY 41501  
Phone: 606-432-8181  
Fax: 606-432-4971

[Pikeville.HamptonInn.com](http://Pikeville.HamptonInn.com)

Located in the heart of the business district - nearby to all the Festivities & Activities of the area.

Featuring all the Standard amenities you have come to expect from





509 Depot Rd Paintsville KY 41240

- ◆ Live Music on select evenings
- ◆ Greek Specials Every Day
- ◆ Cappuccino & Espresso
- ◆ Large Dessert Case

(606)789-7759

Monday - Thursday: 11am-10pm  
Friday - Saturday: 11am-10pm



[www.BluegrassBarbeque.net](http://www.BluegrassBarbeque.net)

a.b.c. licence 058b15262,058rd3840

# Summit City



- ◆ Gourmet Food
- ◆ Cappuccino and Espresso
- ◆ Fine Art ◆ Live Music

Housed in the historic John A. Webb building in downtown Whitesburg, Summit City is a restaurant, coffee shop, art gallery, live performance venue, and cocktail lounge. From the hardwood floors and original tin ceilings, to the steaming cappuccinos and extensive bourbon menu, Summit City is both elegant and homey, lit with corner lamps and dangling ceiling lights illuminating the regional art on the walls. Couches and oversized chairs are strategically placed among traditional table seating. Many bring their laptops, connect to a wireless signal and surf the Web.

Summit City's music scene is unique in the region. Their performance series features Open Mic nights every Wednesday, acoustic showcases most Thursdays, and rock, Americana, and country from around the nation every Saturday. From the best of the traditional Appalachian old time to nationally renowned touring musicians, Summit City's stage has seen a remarkable progression of outstanding performers and is achieving a national reputation as a notable venue. Americana artist Jordan Davis, sums it up, "Summit City is and has been our number one place to play. This place is a little hidden jewel in the mountains."

Hours are Monday-Friday 7:30am-12am  
Saturday 11am-12am

[www.SummitCityLounge.com](http://www.SummitCityLounge.com)

606-633-2715



# CASKEY'S

2500 U.S. 60 East, Morehead KY 40351

606.784.2782 ♦ 606.784.4242

# VINTAGE VILLAGE

102 West Main, Morehead, KY  
606.780.0271

and



CASKEY family roots run four generations deep in Morehead business. First, Alf Caskey owned the Caskey Hotel; second, Lester ran a bus line on Main. Third generation business owner, Sonny Caskey, got his start on HWY US 60 just east of Morehead. Fourth generation Cindy Caskey was cutting her business teeth by age ten, cleaning cars and going to auctions with her father. Fifty years have seen numerous changes since Sonny got his start in 1960.

CASKEY'S GUN AND PAWN once ran entirely out of a small office, expanded into making cash loans, adding a good selection of guns and guitars, collectible coins and knives, both modern and antique, and buying and selling gold, silver, platinum, diamonds. In the late 1980's a new wing was added to the building to house CASKEY'S JEWELRY which would become one of the largest independently owned Jewelry stores in eastern Kentucky.

VINTAGE VILLAGE, Caskey's antique store, is currently on West Main, housed in the old Pierce Blair building with a history stretching back to the building of the Morehead and North Fork Railroad. Cindy's vision saw sixteen rooms with themes such as the traditional French Country and Primitive Country Rooms and less

traditional, "Vegas" room. Each is tastefully decorated with items that contribute to the theme and the whole is a well thought out harmony.

In the very back is the Library, featuring thousands of old to antique volumes gathered from years of buying estates and traveling to auctions. A school desk and an old typewriter serve as accents, along with a bust of Adrian Doran and a portrait of Andrew Jackson. Lining the walls are fiction, poetry, plays -everything from the Bobbsey Twins to Tom Wolfe.

It's a pleasant surprise to walk into what is probably the oldest commercial building remaining in Morehead, and see it made over in such an elegant fashion. The public is encouraged to drop in and browse. You will, most likely, find Cindy's mother, Anne, greeting you with a friendly smile, conveying her many years of knowledgeable service.

WHAT'S COMING? The vision is ever changing and still growing: a second antique store is set to open the summer of 2011. As the business expands, the roots grow deeper. Be sure to make CASKEY'S stores part of your Cave Run experience!



# Letcher County, Kentucky



## Events

- ◆ **Save Our Memories Sharing Day**  
May 3, 2011, Letcher County Historical Society  
Harry M. Caudill Memorial Library  
220 Main Street, Whitesburg, KY 41858  
Contact: Lee Anna Mullins 606-633-9644
- ◆ **Cinco de Mayo Celebration**  
Summit City Lounge, Thursday, May 5th, 7pm  
Contact: Summit City Lounge 606-633-2715
- ◆ **Remembering the Heroes of 1944  
(World War II Reenactment)**  
May 7, Registration begins at 9am  
Contact: Johnny P. Back 606-633-9463
- ◆ **Coalfield Nationals**, May 7-8, Isom Fairgrounds  
Contact: Tyronne Caudill 606-634-7555
- ◆ **Stephen Adams Productions, Inc. presents Rock  
Concert featuring Harm's Way, Venia, Expire**  
Wednesday, May 9, 2011, 7pm, Admission \$8  
229 Main Street, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: Stephen Adams at 606-335-3871
- ◆ **Kid's Day Event, Featured: Horseback Riding**  
Saturday, May 14, 2011, 10am-2pm  
Calvary Campus, HWY 7 Letcher, Kentucky  
Contact: Martha Watts 606-633-3146
- ◆ **Letcher County Drama presents: "Happy Days"**  
Friday-Saturday, May 20 and 21, 2011  
Letcher Central Auditorium, Cecilia Smith 606-633-2339
- ◆ **Sugar Grove Opry Mountain Coal Bluegrass Festival**  
Saturday, May 21, 2011, 12pm-midnight  
Contact: Larry Jones 606-633-4432 or 606-589-6668
- ◆ **Festival of Quilts**, Thursday, May 26, thru Monday,  
June, 27, 2011, Harry M. Caudill Memorial Library  
220 Main Street, Whitesburg, KY  
Trenda Kincer 606-633-0121
- ◆ **Coal Miner's Memorial**, May 28, 2011 6pm  
Contact: Diane Bentley 606-855-0155
- ◆ **Memorial Day Celebration**  
Letcher County Veterans Memorial Museum  
360 Main Street, Whitesburg, KY 41858  
Contact: Darrell Holbrook 606-633-9020
- ◆ **4-H Camp**, May 31 – June 3, Levi Jackson State Park,  
Contact: Jason Brashear 606-633-2362
- ◆ **Spring Yard Sale**, Shamarra's Dreamland and Maggie's  
Memories at 7941 HWY 931 North will be Open.9am- 5pm
- ◆ **Kid's Day Event, Featured Event: Magic Show**  
Saturday, June 4, 2011, 10am To 2pm  
Jenkins City Park located in Downtown Jenkins  
Contact: Martha Watts 606-633-3146

**Art Opening**, Summit City, 208 Main Street, Whitesburg, KY 606-633-2715

May 6, 2011 - Cretia Barker & Eve Boggs Goins, July 1 - Chuck Clisso,  
September 9 - Debra Kloop Kersey, November 4 - TBA

**Bike Night, Hobo's Dinner**, 7-11pm Contact Ernie Bradley 606-633-5321  
May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, Sept. 3, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 9.

**Carcassonne Community Square Dance**, Caller Erin Cokonougher-Stidham  
Carcassonne Community Center, Carcassonne, KY - Dale Johnson 606-633-2092  
May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10

**Little Shepherd Drama**, all shows 8pm, Little Shepherd Amphitheater located just off  
U. S. 23 on 3086, Parking available on site. 606-832-1453  
June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Sept. 3.

Visit the place where Kentucky began.

# One Mountain Soars, Three Rivers Start, And your Journey begins in LETCHER COUNTY

- ♦ **Bluegrass by the Creek**, June 4th  
Campbell's Branch Community Center,  
3104 HWY 1103, Hallie, KY 41821  
Darlene Campbell 606-633-7929 or 606- 632-1001
- ♦ **Relay for Life**, American Cancer Society Fundraiser  
Friday-Saturday, June 3-4, 2011  
Riverside Park, Whitesburg, KY - Alberta Perry 606-855-7962
- ♦ **Summer Artwalk**, Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 4-9pm  
Memorial Day to Seedtime Festival  
Exhibit will hang from Friday, May 27 to Saturday, June 11.
- ♦ **Skate-off & BMX "Event of the Year"**  
Saturday, June 18, 2011 begins at 5pm  
Whitesburg Skate Park, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: Derek Barto 606-633-2129
- ♦ **10th Anniversary of Cowan Creek Music School**  
Monday-Friday, June 20-24, Cowan Community Center  
81 Sturgill Branch Road, HWY 931, Cowan, Kentucky  
Contact: 606-633-3187 or visit at [www.cowancreekmusic.org](http://www.cowancreekmusic.org)
- ♦ **4-H Forestry Camp**, June 23, 2011  
Youth Age Group: 4th Grade through High School  
478 Extension Drive, Whitesburg, KY, Jason Brashear 606-633-2362
- ♦ **Summer Kick-off: Party by the Pond**  
Saturday, June 25, 2011, Contact: Nick Whitaker 606 821-5625  
5K Run/Fishing Tournament/Trail Ride/Horseshoe Tournament
- ♦ **City of Whitesburg "July 4th Celebration"**  
Riverside Park, Whitesburg, KY, Eleanor Caudill 633-3700
- ♦ **Seventh Sons Christmas in July Benefit Ride and Swap Meet**  
July 8 - Family Movie Night, July 9 - Seventh Sons Christmas in July  
Run, July 10 - Christian Motorcycle Association Service and Singing  
Ernie Bradley 606-633-5321
- ♦ **4 H Project Day Camp**, Tuesday - Friday, July 19-22  
478 Extension Drive, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: Jason Brashear 606-633-2362
- ♦ **4-H Forestry Camp**, July 26, 2011  
478 Extension Drive, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: Jason Brashear 606-633-2362
- ♦ **Kid's Day Event: Back to School Bash**  
Saturday, July 29, 2011 10am - 2pm  
Riverside Park, Whitesburg, Kentucky, Martha Watts 606-633-3146
- ♦ **4-H Yard Sale** - Wed - Friday, August 3-5, 2011  
478 Extension Drive, Whitesburg, KY Contact: Jason Brashear
- ♦ **McRoberts Reunion**, August 5 and 6, McRoberts Ball Park, Begins  
at 10am each day
- ♦ **Riverside Days**, August 11-13, Riverside Park, Whitesburg, KY,  
Ernestine Flint 606-832-0090 [www.RiverSideDays.com](http://www.RiverSideDays.com)
- ♦ **Isom Days**, September 1-4  
Isom Fairgrounds located off HWY 15, Tracey Reedy 606-633-5961
- ♦ **Seventh Sons Annual Bike Show**, Saturday, September 17, 2011  
River Park, Whitesburg, KY
- ♦ **A-N-A presents 2nd Annual, "Kids Bluegill Fishing  
Tournament"** September 17, 2011 - 9am-11am, Kids 15 and under  
Fishpond Lake at the Dam Hwy 119 North, Jenkins, KY  
For entries contact: Bill Vanover: 335-1724 or 606-637-3165
- ♦ **Letcher County Recreation Grand Opening**, September 21, 2011  
1505 Jenkins Road, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: Derek Barto 606-633-2129
- ♦ **Mountain Heritage Festival**, September 19-24  
Contact: LeAnna Isom 606-633-9644
- ♦ **Fall Yard Sale**, Shamarra's Dreamland and Maggie's Memories at  
7941 HWY 931 North will be Open. 9am - 5pm
- ♦ **Kid's Day Event** Fall Festival, Featured Event: Pumpkin Carving  
Contest, Saturday, October 1, 2011  
Neon Football Field, Neon, KY Contact: Martha Watts 606-633-3146
- ♦ **Haymond Homecoming**, Saturday, October 1, 9am  
Skyview Park and Recreation Center, Haymond, Kentucky  
Randy Hall 606-633-2182 or Charles Whitaker 606-855-9212
- ♦ **American Chestnut Festival**, Bluegrass Music-Food-FUN  
October 7 & 8, 2011, Contact: Larry Jones 606-633-4432
- ♦ **Blackey Day**, October 15, 2011, 10am  
Contact: Doris Adams 606-632-3777 or [frogpond2@live.com](mailto:frogpond2@live.com)
- ♦ **Fall Artwalk**, Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 4-9 p.m.  
Exhibit hangs from Thursday, September 22 and will kick off the  
Mountain Heritage Festival, and end Sunday, October 23, 2011.
- ♦ **Halloween Masquerade Ball**, October 29, 7pm  
Summit City Lounge, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: Summit City Lounge 606-633-2715
- ♦ **City of Jenkins "Safe Night"**, October 31st, 5pm  
Jenkins City Park, Jenkins, KY 41537  
Contact: City of Jenkins 606-832-4142
- ♦ **City of Whitesburg "Safe Night"**, October 31, 5pm  
Riverside Park, Whitesburg, KY Contact: Eleanor Caudill
- ♦ **Veteran's Day Memorial Celebration**, November 11, 2011, 1pm  
Letcher County Veterans Memorial Museum and Park  
Contact: Darrell Holbrook 606-632-9020 or 606-855-4726
- ♦ **City of Jenkins Christmas Parade**, Dec. 3, 6pm  
Main St., Jenkins, KY Charles "Chuck" Anderson 606-832-4937
- ♦ **City of Whitesburg Christmas Parade**, Dec. 9  
Main Street and Veteran's Memorial Park, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: Eleanor Caudill 606-633-3700
- ♦ **Kid's Day Event, Christmas in our Hometown**, Dec. 9  
Downtown Whitesburg, Contact: Martha Watts 606-633-3146
- ♦ **Christmas Artwalk**, Dec. 9, 4-9pm
- ♦ **Lighting of the Night**, Contact: Shirley Sexton 606-633-2519
- ♦ **Christmas Ball**, Dec. 17, 2011, Summit City Lounge, 208 Main  
Street Contact: 606-633-2175 or [www.summitcitylounge.com](http://www.summitcitylounge.com)
- ♦ **New Year's Eve Bash**, Dec. 31, 2011, Summit City Lounge, 208  
Main Street, Whitesburg, KY 606-633-2175 or [summitcitylounge.com](http://summitcitylounge.com)

[www.TourPineMtn.com](http://www.TourPineMtn.com)

# Country Music Highway's Unique Dining Experiences

Letcher County



**Book your next event with us!**

Wedding Receptions • Company Events  
Meetings • Private Parties

pine   
mountain  
GRILL

**HWY 119 • Whitesburg • PineMountainGrill.com • (606) 633-1183**

Martin County



*Located at Big Sandy Regional Airport*

Open 7 days/week

Monday thru Thursday: 10am to 8pm

Friday and Saturday: 10am to 9pm

Sunday: 11am to 6pm

Daily Lunch Specials

Prime Rib & Baby Back Ribs on Weekends

606-298-2799

[www.bigsandyregional.com/cafe](http://www.bigsandyregional.com/cafe)

Floyd County



101 N. Front Street • Prestonsburg, KY  
606.886.1744

Sit back and enjoy some delicious home cooking!!  
From our "Famous Pool Room Hamburgers" to the most  
tasty Prime Rib you have ever eaten!!!  
And don't forget to save room for one of the many  
homemade desserts made fresh daily!

*Candle Light Dinner every  
Friday and Saturday night.*

Letcher County



## The Courthouse Cafe & The Cozy Corner

Located in an historic building (circa 1911)  
127 Main Street, Whitesburg, KY

- ◆ Lunch and Dinner Specials
- ◆ Homemade Soups, Salads, & Desserts
  - ◆ Sandwiches
  - ◆ All made fresh daily!!
- ◆ Homemade Mountain Quilts
  - ◆ Kentucky Appalachian Heritage Books
  - ◆ Crafts ◆ Folk Art
  - ◆ Kentucky Collection
- ◆ High Quality Local & Regional Art

Monday-Thursday: 11am-8:30pm  
Friday: 11am-9:30pm  
Saturday: 4:30pm-9:30pm

Courthouse Cafe: **1-606-633-5859**  
Cozy Corner: **1-606-633-9637**

[www.CozyCornerQuilts.com](http://www.CozyCornerQuilts.com)

Lawrence County

# Brad's Pit



Best BBQ in the region!

606-638-0287

355 East Public Way  
Louisa, KY

Johnson County

## Wilma's Restaurant

Since 1964

Specializing in

- ◆ Home Cooking
- ◆ Catering
- ◆ Homemade Pies



Operated by Wilma Elridge

212 Court Street  
Paintsville, KY 41240

606-789-5972





**Accommodations**

- 1. Ashland Plaza Hotel
- 2. Quality Inn
- 3. Comfort Suites
- 4. Hampton Inn - Pikeville
- 5. Breaks Interstate Park
- 6. Ramada Conference Center
- 7. Greenbo Lake State Resort Park

\*\*Please note: All locations are approximate, not exact. For more detailed information, refer to the ads for phone numbers and addresses.

# M&S Log Homes

*Sawmill Lumber*

418 Hosscat Lane, Pine Ridge, KY 41360

*“Specializing in Long Timbers, Custom Planing and Millwork, Railroad and Landscaping Ties”*

606.668.6282

David “Hoss” Spencer: 606.495.7901

Charles Masters: 606.791.2442

Nestled in the hills of Wolfe County, a few miles east of Stanton, once home of the largest sawmill in these United States, M&S Log Homes is a supplier every potential builder or owner of a new log home should seek out. Owners Charles Masters and David “Hoss” Spencer have over forty years of experience between them. Together they produce a unique, to-order product, log homes sawn from native Appalachian timber, white pine, poplar and hemlock. Over the years they have sawed well over 200 homes, some erected locally, some sent to such widely dispersed sites as Tennessee, Michigan, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia.

Because they saw and mill their own logs, their prices are very competitive, a fact that assures their company’s financial strength in these interesting times, when many major log home builders are struggling. Local contractors, often with years of experience with M&S, proudly erect their product in eastern Kentucky. In more distant markets logs are shipped via flatbed

truck, and the buyer finds their own builder. All logs are sawn and milled on a per order basis, assuring that the entire home will begin the weathering or staining process at the same time.

M&S offers several varieties of log planing, including flat or rounded sides. Double round logs (round surface on the inside of the home as well) are available. Depending on the style ordered, chinking is a further option. They have the capacity to saw logs 6 inches by 12 inches, in sizes up to 45 feet long. Seven or eight of their homes can be seen in nearby Cliffview Resorts; four or five more are peppered throughout the Red River Gorge on private lands.

The six foot wide, two inch thick, poplar boards of yesteryear are things of the past, but the pride and professionalism that fired the mills that produced them lives on at M&S, where a tradition of excellence and customer satisfaction keeps the astute buyers returning.





The  
**Science of  
Artist  
Development**

[pcgnashville.com](http://pcgnashville.com)

UNBRIDLED  
**KY**  
ADVENTURE



# Race

to where what's on your back isn't your boss.

There's nothing like a Kentucky adventure to rejuvenate your mind, body, and Unbridled Spirit! To learn more about all the exciting things there are to do in Kentucky, visit [GetOutKY.com](http://GetOutKY.com).

[GETOUTKY.COM](http://GETOUTKY.COM) • [ADVENTUREBLOG.KENTUCKYTOURISM.COM](http://ADVENTUREBLOG.KENTUCKYTOURISM.COM)

*Kentucky*  
UNBRIDLED SPIRIT