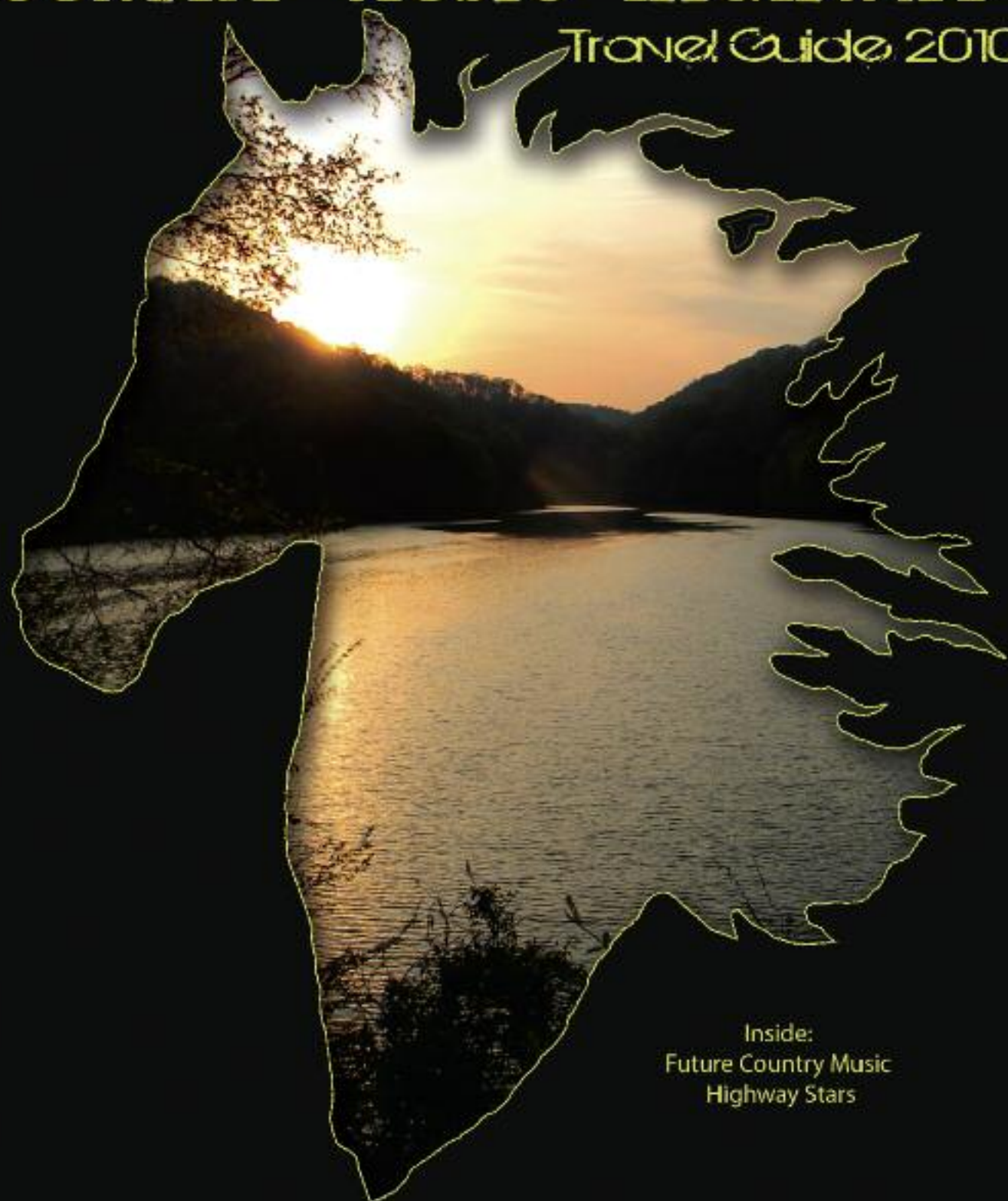


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## Welcome to Kentucky's US 23 Country Music Highway

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 venues along the Country Music Highway. Beginning with the northern part of the highway in Greenup County, you have the beautiful **Greenbo Lake Amphitheater** at Greenbo Lake State Resort Park. Then going south you come to Boyd County, home of the historic **Paramount Arts Center** in Ashland, Kentucky. This venue launched the careers of Billy Ray Cyrus and The Judds. Billy Ray's famous "Achy Breaky Heart" video was filmed there. In Johnson County you have three venues, the **Mountain HomePlace Amphitheater, Country Music Highway Museum, and Memories**. Moving further south to Floyd County, in the city of Prestonsburg, you will find the **Mountain Arts Center**, home of the popular professional entertainment ensemble, **The Kentucky Opry**. In Letcher County, there is a multi-purpose facility, **Appalshop**, with a quaint theater that features many Appalachian and bluegrass concerts. **The Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center** is located in Pike County and is designed as a multi-purpose facility that is available for concerts, conventions and special events. The newest venue in Pike County, is the **Artists Collab-**

**orative Theatre (ACT)** in Elkhorn City. In addition to the above 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-type 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!

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For Season 2010, Jenny Wiley Theatre has something for everyone! We're sure audiences will agree as they anticipate the glass slipper finding the right foot in Rodgers and Hammerstein's CINDERELLA, and learn that sometimes it's good to have your head in the clouds in JACK AND THE BEANSTALK. You'll remember growing old and growing up go hand in hand in MID-LIFE! THE CRISIS MUSICAL, and realize dreamers do make a difference in the Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber biblical extravaganza JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT. And coming this fall, see the frightening new creation, GHOST STORIES.

For more information about Jenny Wiley Theater and its productions, visit [www.jwttheatre.com](http://www.jwttheatre.com) or call toll free 877-CALL-JWT (225-5598).

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Walk the beautiful downtown streets of Pikeville, visit the Pike county Artisan Center, stay at the historic Mansion, tour the Big Sandy Heritage Museum, enjoy some great shopping at Mickey's and Remember Me, or relax with a quiet dinner at Chirico's Italian restaurant.

Hillbilly Days, celebrating its 35th year in 2011 is a tribute to our mountain heritage while raising money for The Shriner's Hospital of Lexington KY. Kick up your heels and get ready for some terrific mountain music, as we celebrate each year in downtown Pikeville, the third weekend of April. Pikeville is proud to host thousands of visitors each year during Hillbilly Days, named one of the state's top events.

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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.

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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.



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Greenup County is home to a variety of attractions, areas of distinct historic and cultural interest, and many unique shopping and dining opportunities. We would love to host you here in Greenup County where you can soak up the spectacular scenery, history, heritage, and hospitality while staying in our top-notch accommodations!

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## **LUCY VIRGIN DOWNS GRAVE**

Location: Oldtown, Ky 1 ( Marker #574)

This was the grave of the first white child born of American parents west of the Allegheny Mountains. Mrs. Lucy Virgin Downs was a resident of Oldtown, Greenup County, from 1807 until her death in 1847.

## **OLD FORT EARTHWORKS**

Location: South Portsmouth

Old Fort Earthworks in South Portsmouth is a Hopewell culture mound site dating back 2,000 years. Nearby is Lower Shawneetown, an important 18th century trade center for the Shawnee Indians, French and English settlers. Also located in the area is Forest Home Farm, a working farm since pioneer days.

## **ANVIL ROCK**

Location: On U.S.23 at the mouth of Greysbranch

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## 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 Tourism Council.



While visiting Ashland, don't miss visiting the Frame Up Gallery, the Ann Davis Gallery, 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 is planning a new riverfront development but 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 Brass Band Festival, 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 second annual U.S. 23 Yard Sale is scheduled for the last weekend in May. Small Town – Big Fun!



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**Jesse Stuart Foundation**  
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**Ashland Central Park**  
17th & Central Avenue, 606-327-2946

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Downtown Ashland, Monthly

## Festivals & Events

**Black History Month**  
Highlands Museum & Discovery Center, February

**Easter Egg Hunt**, Ashland Central Park, April

**Red Bud Festival**, April

**Derby Derby**, Ashland Central Park, May

**US 23 Country Music Highway Yard Sale**, May

**Memorial Day Picnic in the Park**, Ashland Central Park, May

**Annual Brass Band Festival**

Ashland Central Park, June

**NRP Bluegrass Junior Golf Tournament**

Bellevue Country Club, June

**Kentucky Music Trail**, June - August

**Summer Matinee**

Central Park/Riverfront, July

**Independence Day Parade**

Downtown Ashland, July

**Patriotic Fireworks Display**, Riverfront, July

**Boyd County Fair**

Boyd County Fairgrounds, August

**US 23 Road Rally**

Greenup Co. to Leitch Co., August

**Cokesburg's Labor Day Celebration**

Downtown Cokesburg, Labor Day Weekend

**Labor Day Fest**

Ashland Central Park, Labor Day Weekend

**Pouge Landing Days**

Downtown Ashland, September

**Booker T. Washington Festival**

Downtown Ashland, September

**Chili Fest**, Paramount Arts Center, October

**Halloween Festival**, Ashland Central Park, October

**Dining with the Past**

Highlands Museum & Discovery Center, October

**Winter Wonderland of Lights**

Central Park, November - January

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Paramount Arts Center, November

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Highlands Museum & Discovery Center, December

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## Come Home to Bluegrass

Ohio County, Kentucky doesn't seem like a place that visitors from Japan or New York might favor, but they do. They come because they love bluegrass music. Bill Monroe, "Father of Bluegrass Music" was born, began his musical life, and is buried in Rosine. In 2011, the region will be commemorating Bill's 100th birthday and Ohio County is inviting guests to "Come Home to Bluegrass" and celebrate where it all started.

Travelers -- many on a pilgrimage -- head to Rosine's Jerusalem Ridge and ascend the twisting, wooded road to the Monroe family home. Once in ruins, the white and green clapboard house has been lovingly restored and seems to almost sing along with guests pickin' on the porch. The "Homeplace" is filled with cherished family belongings and photos. Since most of the tour guides knew Bill or a member of the family, they are part of this place and love the home that Monroe longed for in his songs. Every fall, thousands of traditional bluegrass fans fill the shady ridge and Homeplace grounds for the Jerusalem Ridge Festival.

The Bill Monroe Birthplace is open daily (except Sunday mornings and major holidays) and closes at 4 pm.

Just down the road, music rings through the air as the Rosine Barn Jamboree offers real bluegrass music every Friday night. The official time to start is 7 pm, but the jamming begins earlier.

Folks wanting to enjoy a soda or meal can head next door to the Rosine General Store. Like the Barn and Bill Monroe Birthplace, the store is on the National Register of Historic Places -- it dates to the 1920's, and still has the genuine feel of that era. Hours are limited. Just around the corner and down the block is the Rosine Cemetery, where Bill Monroe, his famous "Uncle Pen" Vandiver and others of the Monroe family are buried. Bill's marker is an impressive monument to a man who made musical history by creating an art form.

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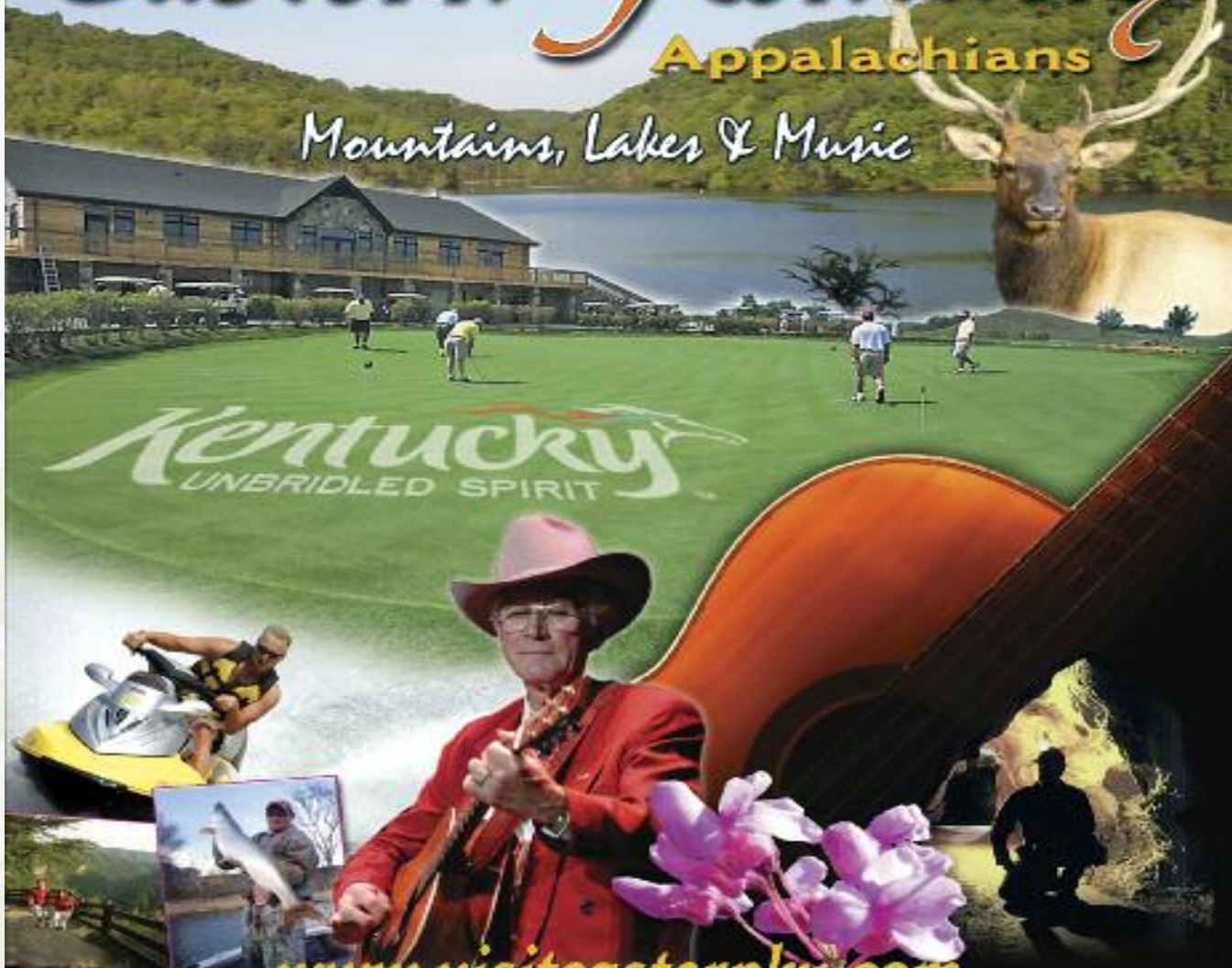


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# Stars along the Country Music Highway



## **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 or-

ganizations. 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



Both Wynonna and Naomi Judd were born in Ashland, Kentucky. Naomi became pregnant, married her high school sweetheart and gave birth to Wynonna all before her high school graduation. In 1968, the family left the deeply-rooted

life they'd known in Kentucky and moved to California, where Naomi gave birth to a second daughter, Ashley. Wynonna was seven, and Ashley only three, when Naomi divorced. They moved from place to place but by 1976 were settled back in Kentucky, living in a small house on a mountaintop with no telephone or television. Naomi recalls, "I wanted my daughters to be close to our family and our heritage. I wanted them to learn where they came from and to be free to develop their imaginations and talents."

Wynonna learned to play the guitar and sing. Naomi gave her the guitar to give her something to do. They started singing together for their own entertainment, never thinking of fame or awards. Times were tough, and money and tempers were short, but Wynonna and Naomi found harmony in their music.

In 1979, the girls moved to Nashville to pursue their newfound dream. They began shopping for a producer who could develop the unique sound they had in their hearts and minds. They were determined to maintain the integrity of their music.

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daughter after a car accident.

On March 2, 1983, Wynonna and Naomi were granted an appointment at RCA Records. Their meeting was to be a live audition for the label's executives. Within forty-five minutes, The Judds were RCA recording artists.

Throughout the 1980s, it looked as if there was no end to success for this dynamic duo. But in October of 1990, Naomi learned she had contracted Hepatitis C. The debilitating illness left her no choice; after a lifetime of dreams and eight years at the top, Naomi would have to retire.

The Judd's Farewell Tour began in February of 1991 and stopped in 116 cities across North America. The tour grossed over \$21,000,000.00 and The Judds were named the top grossing concert act of 1991. The tour broke records but it also broke hearts, as the girls said a tearful goodbye to the loyal fans who had loved and supported them for nearly a decade. On December 4, 1991, The Judds performed their final concert. The sell-out crowd and over six million pay-per-view fans watched as Wynonna and Naomi took their final bows. It was the end of an era.

Wynonna, now a mother of two, continues to record and tour. As a solo artist she has sold more than nine million records and has celebrated fourteen top ten hits, including five #1's. The Los Angeles Times proclaimed, "Wynonna may just be the most complete and gifted female singer of her generation, and we're not just talking country music."

Naomi, now in remission, serves as a spokesperson for the American Liver Foundation. She's a best-selling author, radio talk show host, judge on 2003's hit TV reality show, *Star Search*, and a highly sought after motivational speaker, traveling the country sharing her message of healing.

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



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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 (op-

posite 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).

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

Ricky Skaggs was born July 18, 1954, in the small rural eastern Kentucky town of Blaine. Most would easily agree that Skaggs was a child prodigy. At age three he was singing in church with his mother, Dorothy, and by age five his dad Hobert had given him his first mandolin. With no formal instruction, it wasn't long before the young boy had learned his way around the instrument. Soon he was singing and playing with his family at local churches, fairs, and town socials in his native Eastern Kentucky.

It was about this time that Skaggs had a chance to play on stage with the great Bill Monroe. During a personal appearance in Martha, Kentucky, the local audience requested that the Opry star let "Little Ricky, Hobert and Dorothy's boy" play a tune.



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Ricky performed "Ruby," on Bill Monroe's Gibson mandolin. Just two years later Ricky performed the same song on Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs' popular *Martha White* television show. This was to be his first paid performance. He received \$52.50.

Ricky's first major break came in 1970 when he and fellow singer Keith Whitley joined Ralph Stanley's legendary band, *The Clinch Mountain Boys*. As Ralph told the story, "We were late for a show. I think we had a flat tire or something. I walked in and these two boys were singing the Stanley Brothers music better than the Stanley Brothers." After being on the road for four years, Ricky moved to Washington, D.C., where he took a day job for the Virginia Electric and Power Company. By 1974 he signed on as the fiddler with the popular bluegrass band, the *Country Gentlemen*. Following his gig with the *Gentlemen* he worked with banjoist J.D. Crowe before forming his own band, *Boone Creek*, which included dobroist Jerry Douglas.

While in the nation's capitol, Ricky landed a job with Emmylou Harris. He wrote arrangements for the album, *Roses In The Snow*, sang harmony and played mandolin and fiddle.

Ricky released three critically acclaimed records for the independent Sugar Hill Records including *Sweet Temptation* which provided him with his first chart single,



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*I'll Take The Blame* and an album of duets with guitarist Tony Rice, *Skaggs and Rice* before moving to Nashville in 1980. Once in Nashville, Ricky soon signed with Epic Records. He produced his debut album, *Waitin' For The Sun To Shine*. The album produced four chart singles including two back-to-back number ones. Ricky Skaggs was fast on his way to becoming a major country music star.

From that point on, the 1980's belonged to Ricky Skaggs. He joined the world famous Grand Ole Opry in 1982 - at that time the youngest member to be included. More importantly Ricky helped to bring country music back to its roots. He helped to pull country music out of the slick pop sound that had dominated the industry for many years. He blended traditional elements such as bluegrass, gospel, honky tonk, and western swing with state-of-the-art production techniques.

Today, Ricky has gone back to his roots in bluegrass music. Says Ricky, "I always want to try to promote the old music as well as trying to grow and be a pioneer, too."

His record company, "Skaggs Family Records", promotes many of the top performers in Bluegrass music.

### **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 de-

vote 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 was born in Butcher Hollow (pronounced "Holler"), Ky, on April 14, 1934. The second of eight children born to Ted and Clara Webb, Loretta was welcomed

with open arms by the young couple. With her parents blessing and encouragement, young Loretta soon found her voice and a place where it would be appreciated.



During the first twelve years of her life, she sang in churches and at a variety of local concerts.

At age thirteen, Loretta married Oliver "Mooney" Lynn. Within the first few months of marriage, Mooney and Loretta's brother, Jay Lee Webb, Jr., hitchhiked to Washington looking for work. Thirteen year old pregnant Loretta stayed behind until Mooney sent money and a train ticket several months later. Settled into a new state, fourteen year old Loretta gave birth to her first child, Betty Sue, in Custer, WA. As a young mother and housewife, Loretta stopped singing publicly, and shared her passion for music with her young daughter, singing to her regularly.

By the time she was seventeen, Loretta had four children. Inspired by his wife's vocal abilities, Mooney bought her a guitar on her eighteenth birthday, and Loretta began to teach herself to play. Within a few months, Loretta was writing her own music and with her husband's encouragement, she began singing with a local band on the weekends.

Loretta's big break came when Mooney entered her in a local talent contest. Not only did she win, but she also received a personal invitation from Buck Owens to perform on his television show. This was only the beginning of a groundbreaking career for Loretta which included numberless hit records and countless personal appearances.

Today, Loretta is a successful businesswoman who owns her own music publishing company. She also owns and operates a Dude Ranch and campground in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee, which features a plantation-style home and an exact replica of her childhood home.

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## Johnson County's Crystal Gayle

Crystal Gayle grew up in Butcher Holler, KY, and is Loretta Lynn's baby sister. Crystal was the youngest of eight children and the only one not born in the little cabin at Butcher Holler. Crystal jokes that her mother sensed she'd have trouble out of her and that's why she decided to give birth to her in the hospital.

Born Brenda Gayle Webb, Crystal changed her name at the suggestion of her older sister Loretta, since there was already a "Brenda Lee" in the music industry. Complete with a brand new name, Crystal began a recording career envied by many.

Her latest project, "All My Tomorrows", contains timeless classics such as "Cry Me a River", "Sentimental Journey", "It Had To Be You", and "Smile". "These are songs any artist loves to sing," stated Crystal in a recent interview.

One of Crystal's most beloved songs, "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue", made her a household name from Louisville to Leningrad. Thanks to this song, Crystal became CMA's "Female Vocalist of the Year", for two consecutive years, and became a Grammy Award Winner for "Best Female Vocal Performance". Crystal also received three "Top Female Vocalist" statuettes from the "Academy of Country Music Awards".

In the mid 1970's, Crystal was seen on her own prime time special on CBS television. This CBS special was followed by a groundbreaking HBO concert special viewed by millions. She appeared in Bob Hope's historic NBC-TV Special, "On The Road To China." She was seen hosting the "American Music Awards," the "Academy of Country Music Awards", and her third network special, "A Crystal Christmas from Sweden." She has toured extensively in the US, as well as Japan, England, Canada, Ireland, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Finland, Holland, Australia and the Far East.

No matter how many television specials or tour dates, Crystal never has forgotten her roots. She remains attached to the area in which she was rocked on the porch and sung to as a child.



## Floyd County's Dwight Yoakam

Respected roots country singer-songwriter **Dwight Yoakam** was born in Pikeville, Ky and spent much of his boyhood in Betsy Layne. In 1956, Yoakam, the eldest of three children, moved with his family to Columbus, Ohio, where he began playing guitar and listening to vintage country and honky tonk at an early age. During his teens Yoakam played in various rock and country bands, but by the time he was in his 20s he had settled on country and moved to Nashville to seek his fortune. At the time (the late 1970s) the country establishment was interested in slicker styles than Yoakam's stripped-down sound, so he relocated to Los Angeles and took refuge in the local punk rock scene, where his raw style attracted country fans and underground rock fans alike. By the mid-1980s Yoakam was played on college radio, and in 1986 he made his full-length debut with *Guitars, Cadillacs*, which attracted both rock and country fans and earned critical praise. Thanks to the Top 5 hits



*Honky Tonk Man* and *Guitars, Cadillacs*, the album went platinum.

In 1984, the release of a mini album on the Enigma label led to him signing for Warner Brothers. Two years later he registered Top 5 US country chart hits with Johnny Horton's *Honky Tonk Man* and his own *Guitars, Cadillacs*. His driving honky-tonk music made him a popular visitor to Britain and gave him some success in the USA, but his outspoken views denied him wider fame. In 1987 he scored with his version of the old Elvis Presley pop hit *Little Sister*. He followed it in 1988 with a US country number 9 hit with his idol Lefty Frizzell's classic *Always Late (With Your Kisses)*, and a number 1 with his self-penned *I Sang Dixie*. He would also make the top of the country charts with *The Streets Of Bakersfield*,

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role as a rodeo clown in the action movie *Painted Hero* (1995), Yoakam earned critical raves for his intense performance as an abusive drunk in Billy Bob Thornton's Oscar-winning drama *Sling Blade* (1996). Yoakam again garnered positive notices (though the movie did not) as a humble safecracking associate of the titular gang in *The Newton Boys* (1998). Sticking with off-center screen fare, Yoakam subsequently starred as one of the detectives that Owen Wilson's serial killer, Van, imagines is stalking him in Hampton Fancher's idiosyncratic crime story *The Minus Man* (1999). Aiming to try more creative pursuits, Yoakam wrote and directed, as well as scored and starred in, his next film, *South of Heaven, West of Hell* (2000). Yoakam returned to acting in David Fincher's thriller *The Panic Room* (2001).

### Pike County's Patty Loveless

*Patty Loveless* was born in Pikeville, Kentucky and spent much of her childhood in Elkhorn City, Kentucky - a small town near Belcher Holler. She, like Loretta Lynn, was the daughter of a coal miner. Eventually the family was forced to leave their eastern Kentucky home and move



to Louisville to seek medical treatment for her father, John Ramey's, black lung disease.


It's hard to say whether it was life in the mountains where everyone knew everyone or the loneliness

duetting with veteran '60s superstar Buck Owens.

In 1997 he released *Under the Covers*, a collection of countrified covers that includes material by Van Morrison, the Beatles, Ray Davies and the Clash, returning to hard country with *A Long Way Home* the following year.

Yoakam played several concerts with Owens, after being instrumental in persuading him to come out of retirement and record again for Capitol. Like Don Williams and others, he seems permanently attached to his stetson, perhaps due to his receding hairline, while the graphic designers of his album sleeves would seem to suggest that his long jean-clad legs and backside are his main selling features. There seems little doubt that Yoakam's songwriting talents and singing style will ensure further major success and some of his honky-tonk music has done much to attract the rock audiences, much in the way that Garth Brooks has done.

Casting an eye on another facet of Los Angeles' entertainment world, Yoakam began acting. After appearing on TV, Yoakam played a truck driver in John Dahl's acclaimed neo-noir *Red Rock West* (1993); he then provided the music score for *Red Rock West* star Dennis Hopper's 1994 comedy *Chasers*. Yoakam played a larger part in the TV docudrama *Roswell* (1994) (not to be mistaken for the 1999 teen series). After moving to a starring



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gling in school and socially after the family moved to Louisville. Recognizing her struggle, her father bought Patty a small guitar when she was 11. While it didn't make the world perfect, it provided an outlet the child truly needed.

"Here I was, a kid that talked funny, and every time I opened my mouth, I was afraid someone would make fun of me," she confesses. "I was very shy and I had been used to having my brothers and sisters around me. Back home, we all went to the same school together and rode the same bus home. There was this little store across from the school where a lot of the older kids would gather. It had an area that had a soda fountain and had a counter with six bar stools for sitting, a juke box and a wooden floor for dancing. I would sneak over during my lunch break and spend all my lunch money in that juke-box. From hanging out around that little store, I heard a lot of music for a dime. All that changed in Louisville."

These days, "when I record music, I do the songs as if they're about me. For the person listening, I let them decide if it's something they could've experienced, too, because music can be as true for the listener as it is for the singer...to do that, I have to really dig down in order to get to any kind of emotion. You can't just sing, you have to feel it.

"Whenever I'm recording or performing a song, I tend to revisit my life - where I've been, what I've done, people I've met. I think about my Mom and my Dad, my brothers and sisters, all the special moments we've had. Because, you know, every day was exciting in its own way because I could fantasize and dream.

"So with this music I do, a lot of my past is the place where it all begins. Revisiting the place where I come from is what lets me make music I can feel. This is the music I grew up on and it's the music that is who I am at the core."

of the big city that burnt the sorrow in Patty Loveless' voice. Either way, the loss and the longing permanently colored the voice that touches so many hearts. Patty used to sit in the kitchen and sing *Sounds of Loneliness* for her father. It was his favorite song, possibly because of his loneliness for the mountains.

The Ramey's house was filled with music - the Opry on the radio, her mother humming and singing around in the kitchen, her brothers' and sisters' records. At age six, the family got its first TV, and the country based programming of the era - "Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs had a show, which Daddy never missed on Saturday, the Wilburn Brothers had a show with Loretta Lynn and various guest artists, also the Porter Wagoner show was always in the background," Loveless recalls.

"When I saw these people doing this, they looked like they were having such a good time," Loveless remembers. "There was such a love there, you could tell. So whenever I would see a movie on TV - and you have to realize I was 6 years old, so TV was like bringing the world into our home - me and my cousins would pick out characters we wanted to be. Whatever character was up on the TV screen, singing and dancing, I'd think, 'That's what I want to be.'"

There's nothing quite like being a kid from the backwoods in the big city. Loveless found herself strug-

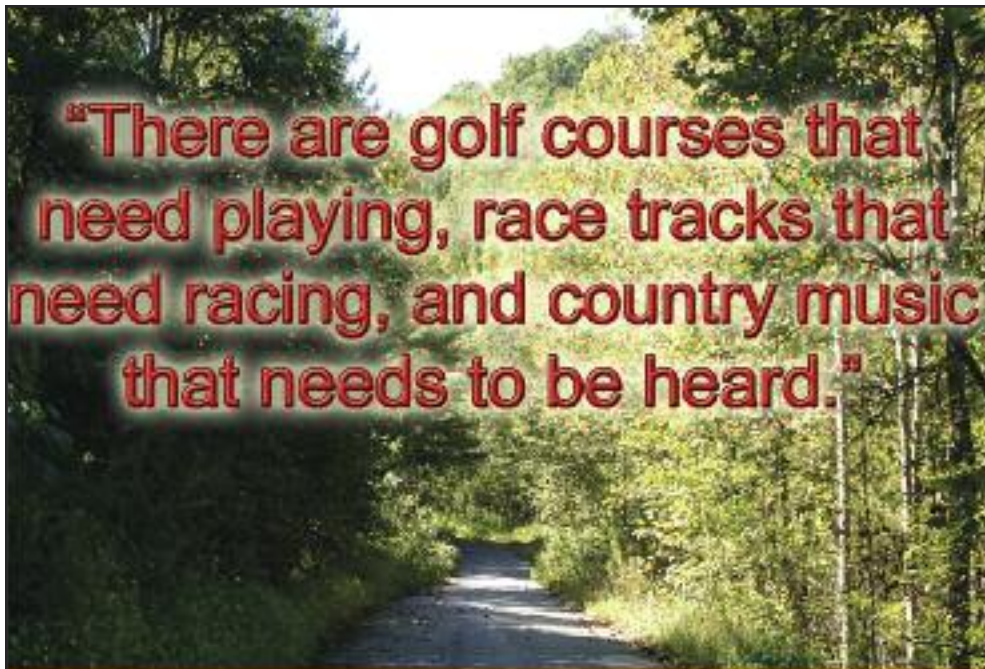


## Letcher County's Gary Stewart

Gary Stewart was born May 28, 1945, in Jenkins, Ky. His family moved to Florida when he was 12, where he made his first record for the local Cory label and played in a beat group called The Amps. Teaming up with a policeman, Bill Eldridge, he wrote Stonewall Jackson's 1965 US country hit *Poor Red Georgia Dirt*. Several songwriting successes followed including chart entries for Billy Walker (*She Goes Walking Through My Mind*, *When A Man Loves A Woman (The Way I Love You)*), *Traces Of A woman*, *It's Time To Love Her*, Cal Smith (*You Can't Housebreak a Tomcat*, *It Takes Me All Night Long*) and Nat Stuckey (*Sweet Thang and Cisco*). Stewart recorded an album for Kapp Records, *You're Not the Woman You Used to Be*, and then moved to RCA Records. He had his first US country hit with a country version of the Allman Broth-



ers' *Ramblin' Man* and then made the Top 10 with *Drinkin' Thing*. For some years Stewart worked as the pianist in Charley Pride's road band and he can be heard on Pride's *In Concert* double album. He established himself as a hard-driving, honky-tonk performer with *Out Of Hand* and a US country number 1, *She's Actin' Single (I'm Drinkin' Doubles)*. His 1977 *Your Place or Mine* included guest appearances from Nicolette Larson, Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell. His two albums with songwriter Dean Dillon were not commercial successes, and Stewart returned to working in honky-tonk clubs. However, drug addiction got the better of him and his life collapsed when his wife left him and his son committed suicide. In the late 80's, he returned to performing, carrying on in the same style as before with albums such as *Brand New* and *I'm a Texan*. He was found dead in his Florida home with a self-inflicted gunshot wound on December 16th, 2003.



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# FUTURE STARS



## STEPHEN SALYERS

From the moment you hear the voice, you know it: powerful and distinct, soulful and passionate, a voice that could belong to no one else. *Stephen Salyers* was born on January 24, 1983 in the small town of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, which sits directly on the US 23 Country Music Highway. Salyers began performing at the young age of 12, playing the fair & festival circuit, civic league events and talent competitions. He is a past winner of the West Virginia State Colgate Country Showdown and

has opened for elite artists like Ronnie Milsap, The Doobie Brothers and Wynonna. The singer/songwriter moved to Nashville, Tennessee in January 2005 and landed a spot in the cast of Tanya Tucker's TLC series "Tuckerville" in August 2005. As a vocalist and entertainer, his ability to stretch out musically, and connect with his audience continues. Stephen performed for Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear's Inaugural Ball and entertained the US Army Rangers Mountain Ranger Open House in Dahlonaga, Georgia. The US Army Reserve tapped Salyers from a list of 40 candidates to serve as an Honorary member of the Golden Knights. He joined the the Golden Knights Parachute Team in May for his skydive at Fort Knox, Kentucky. As a philanthropist, Salyers remains devoted to giving back to a number of charitable organizations including: Billy Ray Cyrus Charities Foundation, CASA, River Cities Food Harvest Drive, Ronald McDonald House and Musicians On Call. Through his charitable endeavors, as a musician, Salyers has been honored as a Hometown VIP by The Independent newspaper; a Kentucky Colonel by past Governor of Kentucky, Paul Patton; the Key to the City of Ashland, Kentucky by past Mayor, Steve

Gilmore and with a special citation presented by the Kentucky State House of Representatives. Stephen's achievements and his commitment to stretch his artistic boundaries will continue to shine with the support of his fans and the music industry. Stephen recently appeared in the "LISTEN UP!" section of Country Weekly Magazine, in November 2009.

Music Videos / Commercials include: "Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off", Joe Nichols, Universal South Records; "Proud Of The House We Built" Brooks & Dunn, Sony BMG; "Good Time" Alan Jackson, Arista Nashville; "Why Don't We Just Dance" Josh Turner, Universal (Promo Video); 2008-09 Country Music Hall of Fame, Tennessee Dept. of Tourism Campaign.

Television / Film Include: "Tuckerville" starring Tanya Tucker, The Learning Channel (August 2005); "Hannah Montana, The Movie" (May 2009); "Love Don't Let Me Down" starring Gwyneth Paltrow (Fall 2010).

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# Bronson Bush



Nashville recording artist and songwriter, *Bronson Bush* calls Race-land, KY, his home but knows his heart is in Tennessee. Taking the stage for the first time at the age of 4, Bronson has spent most of his 14 years performing for numerous venues including gospel, barbershop, classic rock and country. In addition to playing

the guitar and drums, he has also mastered the trumpet and is playing some jazz now. Bronson recently

sang on the soundtrack for a Nickelodeon cartoon which will be released November 2010 as well as being a contestant on a Nick, Jr. game show in Los Angeles. Bronson was just named The Daily Independent's Singer of the Year which is voted on by readers in the Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia tri-state area. He just returned from Dalton, Georgia, where he won Best Songwriter, Best Entertainer and Most Promising Vocalist and represented the Georgia Country and Gospel Music Association at a national level in Pigeon Forge in March 2010 where he won in all three categories.

On most weekends, you'll find Bronson either on a stage or co-writing songs for the demo he is working on. His love for writing and singing country music was evident during a recent performance at the famed Bluebird Café in Nashville and it was there that he met his artist management group and is currently in negotiations with them. Bronson will tell you one of his favorite things to do is play at fairs, festivals and benefits because of the friends he gets to make.....once he sees you, you are a friend forever! That is what is so special about Bronson; it's not about fame and fortune, it's about the fans and fun!

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## Brittany Taylor

At 17, *Brittany* pulled her roots from a small town in East Kentucky and brought them all the way to



Nashville to plant a new seed. It's been two years now since the move. Presently a junior at Middle Tennessee State University, she has just one more year of college until she completes her degree in the Recording Industry Major. Aside from school, Brittany has been hosting and performing at various local writers nights in the Middle Tennessee area. As fate would have it, she has recently stumbled

into five amazingly talented local musicians. These five, and Brittany herself, have started a band. Not only are they quickly becoming best friends, they are also constantly shaping one another to better their musical abilities. This group of young musicians likes to call themselves TumbleWeed.

Brittany began performing with the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros at the age of seven. At the age of twelve she was selected to perform for the US 23 artists in Nashville. Such artists as Rebecca Lynn Howard, John Conley, Dwight Yokam, Ricky Skaggs, Billy Ray Cyrus, The Kentucky Headhunters, and Montgomery Gentry were among the many who were in attendance. Brittany continued to be a dedicated performer in the Kentucky Opry until the age of 17, when she decided to fulfill her dream in Nashville.

Her ambition is to become a successful main stay in Country Music as both an artists and a writer. She not only performs and sings, she also writes and arranges her own material. She has a knack for beautiful melodies and catchy lyrics, which seem to captivate the heart of her audience no matter what the age. When it comes to her music, you'll find an array of style, theme and sometimes, even genre. Her songs truly represent all that she is. So, if you want to know her a little better, take a listen. I think you just might like it!

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

## Staci Marie Carriere

*Staci Marie Carriere* is an 18-year-old singer, songwriter, and musician from Prestonsburg, KY. She's been performing since the tender age of 5, making the stage her second home. She's played fiddle and sung with the KY Opry Jr Pros at the Mountain Arts Center, and acted in various musicals at Jenny Wiley Theatre nearly all of her life.

Staci has always been a writer, but it was just recently that she discovered the art of songwriting. By finishing out her senior year of high school at home, she was able to focus on teaching herself how to write music and play the piano, guitar, and ukulele. She's just released her first CD, an EP of 7 original songs. Each song embodies her not only as an artist, but as a person as well.

Staci has a unique viewpoint she hopes to share with as many people as possible through her music. She always retains an optimistic attitude and wishes her songs to be a light to those who hear them.



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# KORY CAUDILL



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# Dave Trippin: Huntington >

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## Blenko Glass

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Blenko is perhaps best known for making the CMA Awards, as well as stained glass featured in the White House and in cathedrals around the globe. There's a free museum upstairs in the spacious gift shop and Visitor Center, and you can take a free tour and watch the five-man glass-blowing teams



during the weekdays. The Visitor Center is open every day. Call 304-743-9081.

## Heritage Farm Museum and Village

A national-award-winning, hands-on museum, Mike and Henriella Perry's Heritage Farm Museum and Village, 3300 Harvey Road, features more than 20 restored log buildings in a pioneer village that houses a blacksmith shop, church, school house, petting zoo, a transportation museum, hiking trails and several log cabin bed and breakfasts.

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

## Hillbilly Hotdogs

Decorated in recent yard-sale style, Sonny and Sharie Knight's two Hillbilly Hotdog locations, 6951 Ohio River Road, in Lesage (about nine miles north of Huntington), and at 1501 3rd Ave., Huntington, are packed with flavor and fun both on the menu and in its redneck decor.

The fun-loving couple's quirky stand of dogs (that includes the 15-inch Homewrecker) and burgers (that includes the nearly 15-pound Doublewide Burger), was named No. 15 in The Travel Channel's 101 Tastiest Places to Chow Down in 2010.



Guy Fieri of The Food Network taped his "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" show here in 2008, then ate a their 5-pound burger, The Singlewide on The Late Show with David Letterman in 2009 and put Hillbilly Hotdogs in his

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Call Hillbilly Hot Dogs in Lesage at 304-762-2458 or in Huntington at 304-522-0044. [www.hillbillyhotdogs.com](http://www.hillbillyhotdogs.com).

**Dave Lavender** is the travel and entertainment writer for *The Herald-Dispatch*, a daily newspaper in Huntington, and author of the cool family-fueled travel book, *"Dave Trippin: A Daytripper's Guide to the Appalachian Galaxy of Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia"*.

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

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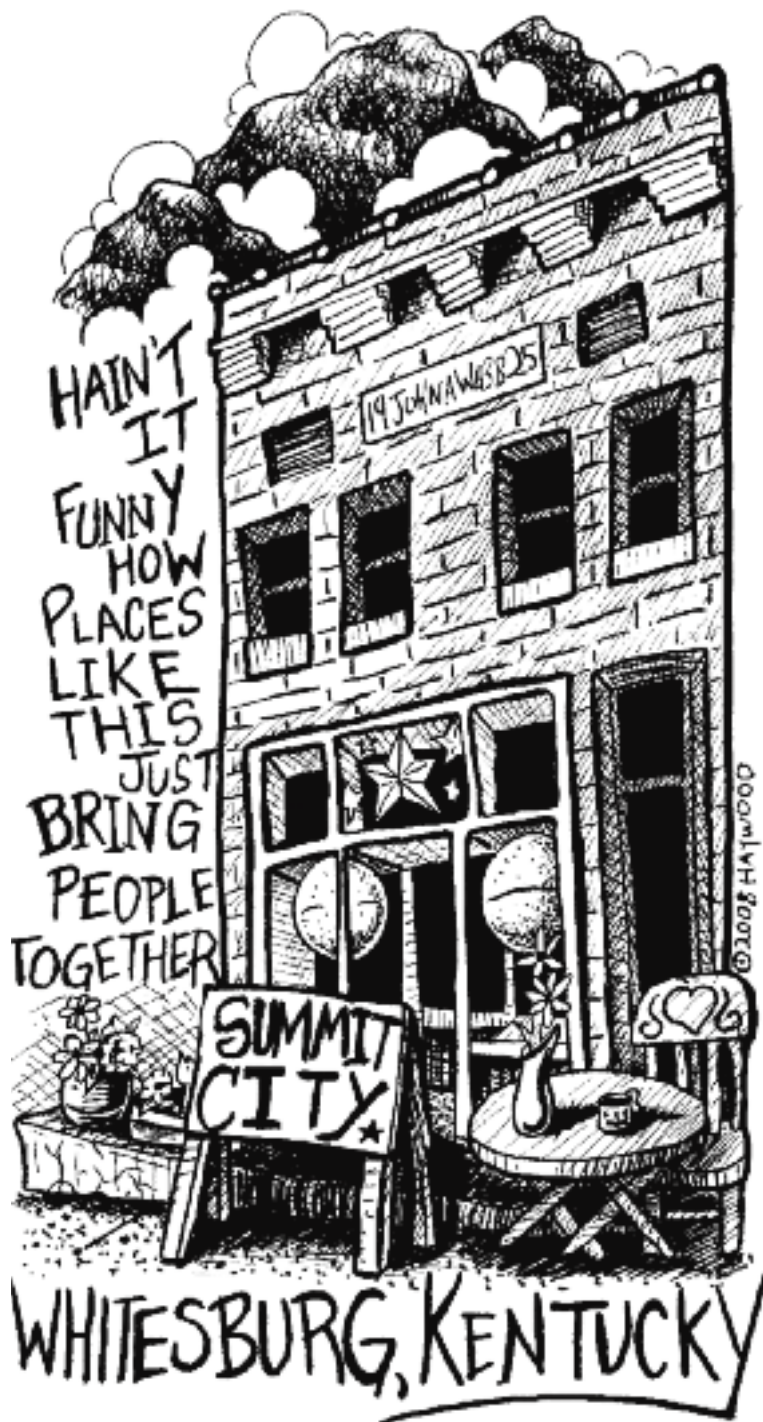


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#### Cinco De Mayo Celebration

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#### Third Time Out, Bluegrass Express Live

Thursday, May 6, 7 p.m., Appalshop, Whitesburg, KY  
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#### SKATE-OFF

Saturday, May 8, 12:00 p.m., Letcher County Skats Park, Whitesburg, KY  
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Saturday, May 15, at 2:00 p.m.  
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#### Strawberry Festival

Saturday, May 15, 10:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m.-McRoberts Elementary School,  
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Contact: Jim Scott 606-632-4780

Letcher Coal Miner's Memorial Organization Candlelight Ceremony  
Saturday, May 29 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Hemphill Community Center,  
Hemphill, KY  
Contact: Mike or Helen Short 606-856-4432

### JUNE

#### American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Friday, June 4, Riverside Park, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: Alberta Perry 606-636-7902



#### Kids' Day

Saturday, June 5, Jenkins City Park, Jenkins, KY  
Contact: Martha Watts 606-633-3146

#### Bluegrass Festival by the Creek

Saturday, June 5, Campbell's Branch School, Corbinville, KY

Contact: Darlene Campbell 606-633-7929

#### Seedtime on the Cumberland

Thursday-Saturday June 10-12,  
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#### Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come Drama

Saturday, June 19, 8:00 p.m., Little Shepherd  
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#### City of Whitesburg Fourth of July Celebration

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#### Back to School Bash

Friday, July 23, 2010, River Park, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: Martha Watts 606-633-3146

### AUGUST

#### McRoberts' Reunion Days Festival

Friday-Saturday August 6-7, McRoberts Elementary School, McRoberts,  
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Contact: Jim Scott 606-632-4780

#### Thunder on the Mountain-

The Return of General John Hunt Morgan  
Saturday-Sunday, August 7-8, Little Shepherd  
Amphitheater, Jenkins, KY  
Contact: Richard Brown 606-633-2226



#### RIVERSIDE DAYS

Thursday-Saturday, August 12-14, River Park, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: Ernestine Flint 606-632-0090  
website: [riversidedays.com](http://riversidedays.com)



#### Jenkins Homecoming Days

Thursday-Saturday, August 26, 27, 28  
Contact: City of Jenkins 606-632-2141 or 606-632-2142  
[www.cityofjenkins.com](http://www.cityofjenkins.com)

### SEPTEMBER

#### City of Whitesburg Labor Day Celebration

Saturday, September 4, Details to be announced, Riverside Park, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: City of Whitesburg 606-633-3700

#### Isom Days

Thursday-Sunday, September 2-5, 2010  
Contact: Tracey Reedy 606-633-8861

#### 2KX CAR SHOW and METALFEST

Friday/Saturday/Sunday September 10/11/12, 2010  
Contact: Lee Michael Caudill  
[www.heritageshow.net](http://www.heritageshow.net)



# Letcher County 2010 Event Schedule

## Neon Area Days

Friday-Saturday, September 10-11, 2010  
Contact: Jeff and Charlene Potter 606-855-7703

## Grape Stomping-Highland Winery- TBA

Jack or Sandra Looney 606-856-7968

## Mountain Heritage Festival

Monday-Saturday, September 20-25,  
Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: Le Anna Mullins 606-633-9644



## OCTOBER



### Indian Summer Folk and Craft Days

Friday-Saturday, October 1-2, Little Shepherd Amphitheater, Jenkins, KY  
Contact: 606-832-1453

### Haymond Homecoming

Saturday, October 2, Skyview Park and Recreation Center, Haymond, KY

Contact: Randy Hall 606-633-2182 or Charles Whitaker 606-855-0212

## Blackey Day

Saturday, October 9, 10:00 a.m.  
Contact: Doris Adams 606-632-3777 frogpond2@live.com

## Alltech Fortnight Festival presents String Band Day

Saturday, October 9, Appalshop, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: Appalshop 606-633-0108

## American Chestnut Festival

Saturday-Sunday October 16-17, 2010 Kington Core Elementary School, Letcher, KY  
Contact: Larry Jones 606-671-0396

## ARTWALK

Saturday, October 16, 2010 5-9 p.m.  
Downtown Whitesburg Shops and Galleries  
Contact: David Narramore 606-633-4854



## Haunted Forrest

Friday-Saturday October 15-16, Little Shepherd Amphitheater, Jenkins, KY  
Contact: Gift Shop- Box Office 606-832-1453

## Haunted Hayride

Friday-Saturday, October 15-16, Fishpond Lake, Jenkins, KY  
Contact: Fraternal Order of Police, Mike Dings 606-855-7900



### Battle of Leatherwood

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 22, 23, 24, Cometsville, KY  
Contact: Kerry Crutcher  
www.battleofleatherwood.com

## Haunted Forrest

Friday-Saturday October 22-23, Little Shepherd Amphitheater, Jenkins, KY  
Contact: Gift Shop- Box Office 606-832-1453

## Haunted Hayride

Friday-Saturday, October 22-24, Fishpond Lake, Jenkins, KY  
Contact: Fraternal Order of Police, Mike Dings 606-855-7900

## City of Whitesburg Halloween Safe Night

Saturday, October 30, Riverside Park, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: City of Whitesburg 606-633-3700

## Halloween Masquerade Ball

Saturday, October 30, 2010  
Summit City Lounge 606-633-2715 www.summitcitylounge.com

## Haunted Hayride

Friday-Saturday, October 29-30, Fishpond Lake, Jenkins, KY  
Contact: Fraternal Order of Police, Mike Dings 606-855-7900

## NOVEMBER

Carcassonne Community Square Dance Caller Erin Cokenough-Stidham  
Saturday, November 13, Carcassonne Community Center, Carcassonne, KY  
Contact: Dale Johnson 606-633-2092

## DECEMBER

### Jenkins Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 4, at 6:00 p.m.  
Contact: City of Jenkins, 606-832-2142

### ARTWALK/ Regional Christmas Craft and Gift Market

Friday December 10, Main Street, Whitesburg, KY 5-9 p.m.  
Contact: David Narramore 606-633-4854



### Whitesburg Christmas Parade, 5:00 p.m.

Friday December 10, Main Street, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: City of Whitesburg 606-633-3700

### Christmas in the Park, 6:00 p.m.

Friday December 10, Riverside Park, Whitesburg, KY  
Contact: Marthe Watts 606-633-3146

## 2010 Upcoming Events/ Future Attractions

Golf Tournaments (Scrambles)  
Raven Rock Golf Course, Jenkins, Ky.  
Contact: Brett Richards 606-832-2955  
www.ravenrockgolf.com



### Movies In the Park

Friday Nights throughout the Summer June-August  
Jenkins City Park, Jenkins, KY  
Contact: Brenda DePrest 606-832-4020

### Old Time Jam

First Saturday of the month, October-May,  
Appalshop, Whitesburg, KY  
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Contact: Beth Bingman, Appalshop 606-633-0108



### County Businesses with Rotating Art Exhibits:

- **Appalshop, Whitesburg, KY**  
Current exhibitors will be listed on [www.appalshop.org](http://www.appalshop.org)
- **Summit City, Whitesburg, KY**  
New Exhibit Debut Dates: May 7, July 2, September 3 and November 5.  
Current exhibitors will be listed on [www.summitcitylounge.com](http://www.summitcitylounge.com)
- **Courthouse Café, Whitesburg, KY**  
Current exhibitors listed on [chcafe@aol.com](http://chcafe@aol.com)

### Pioneer Horse Trail

Scheduled to open Summer 2010  
Contact: Derek Bano 606-633-2129

### ATV Trail

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Contact: Derek Bano 606-633-2129



### RV Park

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Contact: Derek Bano 606-633-2129

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# US 23 Country Music Highway Map

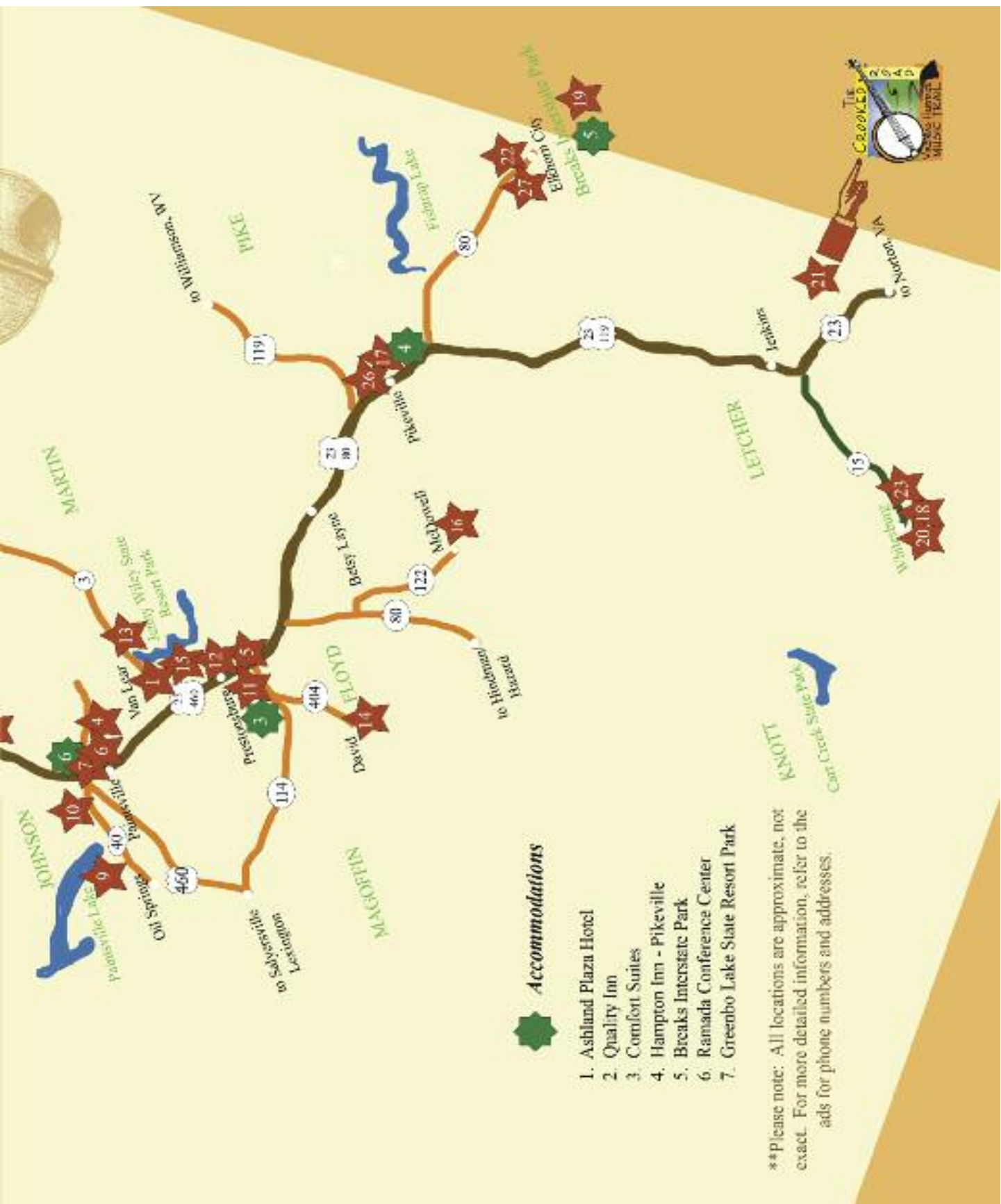
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3. \*Paramount Arts Center
4. Paintsville Golf Course
5. Country Treasures & Prestonsburg Travelube
6. Wilma's Restaurant
7. Precious Memories
8. Black Barn Produce
9. \*Mountain HomePlace
10. \*\*Country Music Highway Museum
11. \*\*Mountain Arts Center
12. Sandy's Restaurant
13. StoneCrest Golf Course
14. David Crafts
15. Jenny Wiley Theatre
16. The Perfect Setting
17. \*East Kentucky Expo Center
18. Courthouse Cafe
19. Breaks Interstate Park
20. Pine Mountain Grill
21. The Crooked Road
22. Elkhorn City
23. \*Summit City Lounge
24. Greater Huntington, WV
25. Cave Run Lake Area
26. \*\*Hatfield-McCoy River Raft Bob Amos Park
27. \*\*Artists Collaborative Theater (ACT)
28. McConnell House

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