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Our Goal: Promote, Preserve and Foster Bluegrass and Old-Time Music

Good day, Everyone, on a chilly southern West Virginia morning! Don't forget, Folks, to set your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed Halloween night. November 11th is Veterans' Day; please remember those who have served our great nation and who have fallen and those still living who have given so much that we may be free. For those of you who ARE veterans, we thank you with our hearts! Thanksgiving Day falls on November 26th, and we do indeed have much to be thankful for each day that we are given. Let's not forget that as we get bogged down in our daily lives.

Coming up is our November 7th show featuring "Diggin' Grass" and "The Muddy Bottom Boys;" it will be held at the Princeton Middle School auditorium from 6:30 p.m. 'til 10:00 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Concessions will be served in the cafeteria. Both of these bands always give us real fine traditional bluegrass performances, so mark your calendars and plan on being with us...see you then!

Our December 5th show will feature “Everett Lilly & The Songcatchers” and “Five Strings For Jesus.” Both groups always please their audiences with great music; we look forward to seeing these two bands onstage at Princeton Middle School again.

Performing for October’s show were “Appalachian Countdown” and “Adam McPeak & Mountain Thunder.” Both bands gave us outstanding performances; a big “thank you” to both bands for an evening of great entertainment.

>>> It’s that time of year again, Folks! Before our December 5th show, at 5:30 p.m., the election of new members for the Board of Directors for the AHMA will be held in the Princeton Middle School Auditorium. We need members to step forward and agree to be on our Board and help keep the AHMA going strong. We have a member base of over 300, and Folks, a half dozen people can’t do all that needs to be done to keep our wonderful music association running smoothly. WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you can serve on our Board, please see any current Board member any time before the December show and let us know that you are available to serve, or just come on to the December 5th meeting at 5:30. Also, the ladies and gentlemen who have worked with concessions year after year

DESPERATELY NEED some help. If you think you can better serve YOUR AHMA by working with the concessions, again, please let any Board member know. We all have to work together, or we won't have an Appalachian Highlands Music Association...and none of us wants to see that happen! <<<

Our 2010 membership cards will be available at the November show for those of you who want to renew then. Also, if you know anyone who is not a member but is interested in joining the AHMA, tell them that now is a good time to do so, because they will be admitted for the remainder of 2009 as well as 2010 on their new card. We will also have our short- and long-sleeve T-shirts, caps, jackets and sweatshirts available for sale at the November show.

On Sunday evenings, spin your radio dial to 106.3 FM or 107.7 FM and tune in to "J & J Bluegrass Classics" from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Junior and Joe would like to have you tune in and listen to their great selection of bluegrass, old time and bluegrass gospel music. They'll be glad to take your requests, and you can call them at 304-325-2250. Please, only call while the music is playing so they can answer the phone. This program supports the AHMA and our local bands, so please tune in and listen!

WNRV radio station, 990 AM, also known as “The Ridge,” is located in Narrows, VA. This station provides bluegrass music and programming seven days a week 24 hours a day. This station is also online, so if you have internet access, the website is www.wnrvbluegrassradio.com.

Ted Hatfield invites you to join him for “Ramblin’ Ted’s Bluegrass Roadshow” online at www.worldwidebluegrass.com if you have internet access. He broadcasts on Wednesday evenings at 10:00 p.m. and on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. If you feel comfortable doing so, sign in and chat with Ted as he spins the bluegrass tunes.

If you have internet access, check out our website at www.ahma-online.org for information concerning our shows; you can also call 304-384-9807 for information concerning upcoming shows and events.

AHMA Officers: President – Ted Hatfield, Vice-President – Cindy Romano, Treasurer – Peggy Hartman, Secretary – Elizabeth Bailey

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