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

Hello, Folks! Daylight Savings Time begins March 8th, so don't forget to set your clocks forward the night before (right after the music show at the Princeton Middle School!). St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated by us Irish folks on March 17th; and the day we've all looked forward to during this long, drawn-out, cold winter: March 20th, the first day of Spring!

Our next show will be held March 7th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Princeton Middle School. Concessions will be sold in the cafeteria; doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Scheduled to perform that Saturday evening will be "Diggin' Grass" and "Valley Bluegrass." "Diggin' Grass" always puts on a good show with crowd pleasing tunes. This will be the first performance by "Valley Bluegrass" as a member band, so please come out, say hi to them, and support both bands on March 7th.

April 4th will bring "B & H Bluegrass" and "Everett Lilly & The Songcatchers" to the same stage. Mark your calendars now to plan on spending that evening with us for some good music.

Our February 7th show featured "Across The Miles" and "The Whites." Both groups gave us super performances, and we'd like to thank them for an evening of good entertainment!

For those of you who were with us on February 21st for our special mid-February show, you probably share my enthusiasm for an outstanding night of just the best music we've heard in a long time! We had a record crowd for an indoor show, and the folks got their money's worth. "Big Country Bluegrass" and "The Hagar's Mountain Boys" both gave us such a musical

treat! Thanks to both bands for sharing their talent with us. Hopefully we can get both groups back soon!

I'd like to say a very special "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers who worked so hard the evening of the 21st, especially the concession workers, our sound man, the folks who helped me at the front desk, the school custodian, the people who brought items for the raffle, and the folks who donated baked goods, everyone who pitched in to help....thanks to you all for making this a very successful night of superb bluegrass music!

At our special show the 21st, two scholarship recipients were recognized and were awarded guitars and three months of music lessons. They are Autumn Frazier and Devon Sibley. Congratulations, kids! The scholarship program is a very positive way to encourage our youngsters to get involved with music; thank you all for helping support this worthwhile program.

Although most of you have already renewed your memberships, there may be some of you who have let it slip your minds. The yearly memberships are \$28.00 per family and \$22.00 per individual, and you can mail your check to the AHMA at the address on this newsletter along with your names, address, and telephone number, or you can pay your renewal at the front desk at the March 7th show. **This will be your last newsletter if you have NOT renewed before the April newsletter is mailed.**

Bluetop Bluegrass will host the well-known "Russell Moore and Illrd Tyme Out" on Friday, March 6th, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15.00; for reservations, call 589-3457.

"Alan Johnston & South 52," along with "Steve Smith" who plays traditional bluegrass, old-time, and Celtic music will be featured at the Bluefield Elks Lodge on Wednesday, March 25th beginning at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20.00, with proceeds benefiting the WV Chapter of Alzheimer's Association. For more information, call 327-9822, ext. 230.

Tune in to Junior and Joe on “J & J Bluegrass Classics” Sunday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on radio stations 106.3 FM and 107.7 FM. They play a great selection of bluegrass, old time, and bluegrass gospel tunes. You can call them at 304-325-2250 and request a song. But please, call them while the music is playing so they can answer your call.

Also if you have internet service, the AHMA website is www.ahma-online.org. You can find information there concerning our shows and performances, as well as reading our newsletters online. You can also call 304-384-9807 for information about our shows.

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