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

Hello, Everyone! Spring is finally here, and April will bring some beautiful flowers, the sounds of tillers being started to plow up garden plots, and the sounds of lawnmowers being started for the first time this season! April 1st is my day...April Fool's Day; beware of friends with smiling faces that day. Palm Sunday falls this year on April 5th, Good Friday is April 10th, and April 12th is Easter Sunday. Please let us take time to reflect on God's Great Gift to us during this special season.

Our next show will be held Saturday, April 4th, 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 evening will be "Alan Johnston & South 52" and "Everett Lilly & The Songcatchers." "Alan Johnston & South 52" always give a good performance, often with their original tunes, and we're always glad to have this band with us and enjoy their good music. This will be the first performance by "Everett Lilly & The Songcatchers" as a member band, so please come out, say hi to them, and support both bands on April 4th.

Our May show will be held at the same location on May 2nd and will feature "Black Diamond" and the "Back Porch Pickers." Again, "Back Porch Pickers" is a new band to the AHMA, so please come and make them welcome. Of course, we all know that "Black Diamond" will give us one fine performance, as they always do!

Our March 7th show featured "Diggin' Grass" and "Valley Bluegrass." Both these bands gave us outstanding performances. We were glad to meet the

folks with “Valley Bluegrass” and to hear their music. “Diggin’ Grass” did their expected great job for the folks!

Amos Bailey, who schedules our bands for us and is doing a great job, has asked that a note be included in this month’s newsletter to our bands. We will have our annual member Fourth of July picnic on July 4th at the Princeton City Park, and we need bands to volunteer to play for that date. The times for bands to play will be 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is always a fun time for our members and for the bands; so if your band is free that afternoon, give Amos a call at 304-467-7666.

If you have internet access, Ted Hatfield invites you to stop in and visit him for “Ramblin’ Ted’s Bluegrass Roadshow” online at www.worldwidebluegrass.com. He broadcasts on Wednesday evenings at 10:00 p.m. and on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. He’d love to have you join him and listen to some good bluegrass music. And if you feel so inclined, you can log into the chat room and talk with other folks who have common interests in the music.

On Sunday evenings, tune in to “J & J Bluegrass Classics” on radio stations 106.3 FM or 107.7 FM to start your week right. Junior and Joe broadcast Sundays from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and have a great selection of bluegrass, old time and bluegrass gospel tunes. If you’ll call them while the music is playing at 304-325-2250, they’ll take your requests. They support the AHMA and our local bands, so please support them by tuning in and listening to their Sunday show.

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 now online, so if you have internet access, the website is www.wnrvbluegrassradio.com.

Check out our website at www.ahma-online.org for information concerning our shows. You can also call 304-384-9807 for information about our shows.

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