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

Hello, Everyone! August is one of the few months with no holidays, so we'll just send our wishes to everyone that you have a continued beautiful summer. If you are going on vacation during August, be safe traveling, and enjoy every moment of the warmth and sunshine while we have it.

Our August show will be held August 1st at Camp Creek State Park Amphitheater, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Please note the time, as it will begin earlier than our indoor shows.** "Ridgeline" and "Midnight Ramblers String Band" will be the bands performing. These two bands have a great time with their audiences and enjoying performing back to back, so please come out and be with us. Each band will play two sets. Concessions will be served from the new kitchen area behind the amphitheater. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs or camp chairs.

I want to caution all the ladies to PLEASE either keep your purses with you or lock them in the trunks of your cars when you are at any of these events. As some of you may know, there have been numerous cars in our area broken into and purses stolen. Although the ladies had their cars locked, the purses were in plain sight in the cars. So as a precaution, please keep your purses safely locked out of sight.

Our annual Fall Festival (or pig roast as we've come to know it) will be held again this year at Camp Creek State Park September 19th and 20th. The event times are Saturday, the 19th, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, the 20th, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Music Saturday will be provided by "Across the Miles," "Sandy River Bluegrass Band," "Country Pride," "Second Generation," and "Bent Hickory." These last two bands will each play two sets. Sunday's music program will be bluegrass gospel with "Five Strings For Jesus," "Appalachian Countdown," and "The Whites" performing. As always, our ladies will be serving pork dinners, as well as other concessions. They surely would welcome some help if any of you would like to bring a dessert or help serve one of those days. And as always at our outdoor events, please bring your lawn chairs/camp chairs with you.

Our July Fourth picnic was one of the best attended we've held, and we'd like to thank all you folks for bringing the good food and sharing with everyone.

We'd especially like to thank the bands who donated their talents to give us the good music we enjoyed. Thanks, "Valley Bluegrass," "Hans Creek String Band," "Country Pride," "Appalachian Countdown," and "Adam McPeak & Mountain Thunder."

And for those of you who were waiting for my rain dance, notice I didn't step foot onstage!

If any of our members has children or grandchildren who might be interested and eligible for one of our music scholarships, please see Dora Earnest or any of the Board members to get information on what the requirements are and how to obtain a request form.

"J & J Bluegrass Classics" is broadcast every Sunday evening from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. The show is aired on radio stations 106.3 FM and 107.7 FM, and Junior and Joe would love to have you with them on Sunday evenings. They always play the very best in bluegrass, old time, and bluegrass gospel music. They'll be glad to take your requests. Call them at 304-325-2250, but 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 (990 AM) in Narrows, Virginia, is sponsoring the New River Jamboree on Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., featuring a local area band performing live from the radio station. Local bands interested in performing for

this, please contact Chris Via at 540-922-2258. The station features bluegrass programming seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

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

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