

**APPALACHIAN HIGHLANDS MUSIC  
ASSOCIATION**

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**Dedicated to Promoting the Heritage of the Appalachians**

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

**Easter Blessings**

**Saturday, April 3, 2010 – 6:30 PM**

***ACROSS THE MILES & COUNTRY  
PRIDE***

## **ACROSS THE MILES**

**Across The Miles** is a family group with a leaning toward bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music. The band features Morgan Richardson, Sr. (Surveyor, WV) on banjo; Morgan's wife, Rose (also Surveyor, WV) singing lead and harmony; sons Morgan, Jr. (Glen Daniel, WV) on lead guitar, who sings lead and harmony; and Robert (Stuart's Draft, VA) on rhythm guitar, also singing lead and harmony; Robert's wife, Karen (also Stuart's Draft, VA) is an excellent lead and harmony backup vocalist.

The band is rounded out with Charles Withrow (Clear Creek, WV) playing a solid bass, both acoustic and electric; Donnie Mayhew (Russelville, WV) doing a super job on the mandolin; and Dennis Brown (Russelville, WV) on guitar/fiddle and vocals. Although not related to the Richardsons, the last three members of the band mentioned are as much a part of the family as are the others (whether they want to be or not!).

**Across The Miles**, an AHMA charter member band, was formed in 1994 and has played many shows in West Virginia and surrounding states.

## **COUNTRY PRIDE**

**Country Pride** consists of members Jim Croy, bass and vocals, and also the emcee of their performances; Patsy Croy, vocals; Kenneth Gene Croy, vocals; Stanley Bragg, guitar, mandolin and vocals; Eddie Keaton, banjo; and Zachary Alvis, mandolin and vocals.

Jim and Patsy Croy started the band, **Country Pride**, about 2001. The band got its name from the song of the same name by the late Mel Street. **Country Pride** was founded on the members' belief in God, our great nation, our veterans and our military personnel. They entertain their audiences with a variety of bluegrass, gospel and country music; they appreciate everyone's support of their music. For information about **Country Pride**, contact Jim or Patsy at 304-425-1009.

They'd like to invite everyone to be with them at the "Little Opry" in Glenwood, WV, on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. Due to a "little" snow, they had to cancel their annual Valentine's Day show there and are going to be crowning a Valentine king and queen, as well as a prince and princess on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be 50/50 door prizes, lots of music, and good clean fun. Admission for the event is \$5.00

**Want more great bluegrass music? Check out these upcoming shows in the area:**

J.R. Billings is sponsoring a program at PikeView High School on April 10<sup>th</sup>, featuring **Ralph Stanley II**. Opening for Ralph II is our own **Valley Bluegrass** Band. Show time is 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$12.00; concessions are available. For more information, please call JR at 276-326-2942. If you like good, solid, bluegrass music, join JR for an evening of fine entertainment. **Valley Bluegrass** will be there to greet you. And then for even more great bluegrass, old-time and bluegrass gospel tunes, tune into **J&J Bluegrass Classics** on FM 106.3 or FM 107.7 on Sunday evenings from 7:00 p.m. 'til 11:00 p.m.

**But wait.....there's MORE!**

Join **Hans Creek String Band** for "Bluegrass Saturday Night," April

24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., at James Monroe High School in Lindside, WV. **Hans Creek** will be performing along with **Gold Heart** and **Carrie Hassler and Hard Rain!** The night's event is sponsored by Monroe County Shriners, and all proceeds will go to the Children's Hospital. Advance tickets are \$15.00; online (<https://monroe-county-shrine-club.ticketleap.com/>) \$18.00; \$20.00 at the door. Tickets are available at Conncert Music World, Bluefield, WV; NAPA Auto Parts, Rich Creek, VA; First Community Bank, Hinton and Lindside branches; and Peterstown Bank. For more information, contact Joel McGuire at 304-646-4359, 304-772-5877, or 304-772-5210. This is such a worthwhile cause, folks, and the musical talent being presented is outstanding. Please help support the Children's Hospital and our very own **Hans Creek String Band!**

I've had some of our members suggest that they'd like to get together with other pickers and do some jammin'. But they really don't know folks well enough to ask. If you might be interested in getting together occasionally with other pickers and just having some fun time with music, feel free to contact me, and I'd be glad to put together a roster of names and phone numbers that could be made available to jammers!

AHMA website: [ahma-online.org](http://ahma-online.org)

Contact via phone: 304-384-9807 (Peggy) or 304-325-9414 (Cindy)

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**Show will be held at  
Princeton Middle School, Princeton, WV  
Show starts 6:30 pm**

**Doors and concessions open 5:30**  
**Admission \$6.00 or**  
**AHMA Membership**  
**Annual Dues:**  
**\$28.00 Family**  
**\$22.00 Individual**

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**Thank you folks who have renewed your**  
**memberships!**

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