

# APPALACHIAN HIGHLANDS MUSIC ASSOCIATION



## NEWSLETTER

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Dedicated to Promoting the Heritage of the Appalachians

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



June 20

**Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM**

***RIDGELINE***

**&**

***GILES MOUNTAIN STRING BAND***

**Show will be held at**

**Princeton Middle School, Princeton, WV**

**Show starts 6:30 pm**

**Doors and concessions open 5:30**

**BE WITH US FOR OUR LAST INDOOR**

**SHOW OF THE SEASON!**

***ANNUAL MEMBER FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC***

***COMING.....JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> WITH:***

**VALLEY BLUEGRASS...COUNTRY  
PRIDE...RIDGELINE...APPALACHIAN  
COUNTDOWN...MIDNIGHT RAMBLERS STRING BAND**



**RIDGELINE**

The band, **Ridgeline**, was formed in 2000 by Robert Clark (lead vocals and guitar). Richard Cox (upright bass) has been with the band since it began. Scotty Phipps (lead vocals and guitar) joined the band in 2001. Mike Rocchetti (mandolin and tenor vocals) and David Worley (banjo) have been with **Ridgeline** for approximately three years. Robert Tiller (dobro and vocals) has been a member for two years.

Each member has unique talents which are showcased by the music selections for each show.

**Ridgeline** is well known for always being available for local benefit performances. Other shows include Mountain Man Music Barn, Little Opry, Lindside Senior Center, Family Bluegrass in Hansonville, VA, and in Ronceverte, WV. Everyone's all-time favorite performance is **Ridgeline's** annual Christmas party held in Rich Creek, VA. **Ridgeline** does apologize for 2009's Christmas show being cancelled, due to (what else?!) weather!

For bookings, contact Robert Clark at 276-326-1016.

## **Giles Mountain String Band**



**Giles Mountain String Band** IS old time music from the mountains of Southwest Virginia. They provide music for dances, shows, reunions, parties, Civil War re-enactments, and other historical events. They play a variety of Old Time Music, and even some older country for the slow dancers.

Bill Blevins has played fiddle for more than 20 years

Dean Reed plays guitar and sings the old songs

Angie Via plays upright bass and sings harmony

Chris Via is the founder and the banjo player; he sings the dance tunes

Janie Trobaugh plays clawhammer banjo and sings harmony

Although it did not come together last month, this month our two latest scholarship recipients, Zachary and Kelsey Wimmer will be performing a couple of numbers onstage with their music teacher,

Melissa McKinney, just before intermission. We also have two new scholarships to present this month. Ashley Nicole Neal will be presented a fiddle; Dakota Sean Salmons will be presented a guitar. Please come and support these young people. You'll see that a part of your membership dues are going to a very worthwhile program, our Scholarship Program.



The annual Camp Creek State Park Foundation's Bluegrass Day will be held June 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is a yearly event that supports the park's foundation, which has done so much for our beautiful state park. Our own **Valley Bluegrass, Ridgeline** and **Appalachian Countdown** will be performing at this event. There will be concessions available. For more information, contact the park office at 304-425-9481.

Summer Begins June 21st

**As mentioned above, our Annual Member Appreciation Fourth of July picnic will be held July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Princeton City Park. Food will be served from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. Music will be provided from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our volunteering bands are Valley Bluegrass, Country Pride, Ridgeline, Appalachian Countdown, Midnight Ramblers String Band. Please bring a covered dish; the AHMA will provide hot dogs with the trimmings, soft drinks, water and coffee. Also, bring your own lawn chairs....come out and join us for a wonderful day of music, food and fellowship!**

**J & J Bluegrass Classics** (106.3 FM and 107.7 FM) features bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, and old time music on Sunday evenings from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

**WNRV Radio** (990 AM) in Narrows, Virginia, features bluegrass programming seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

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JUNE 14th

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