Stringbean Bluegrass Festival to be held June 20-22

TYNER, KY — The 23nd Annual Stringbean Memorial Bluegrass Festival will be held Thursday, June 20 to Saturday, 22, 2019, at Stringbean Memorial Park in Tyner, KY.

Celebrating its 23rd year, the festival honors Jackson County native and beloved Grand Ole Opry star David 'Stringbean' Akemon. His unique stage attire, traditional claw hammer banjo style, and entertaining stage banter endeared him to fans around the world. 'The Kentucky Wonder' was best known for his musical comedic performances on the hallowed stage of the Grand Ole Opry beginning in the 1940's and on the television series "Hee Haw" until his tragic death in 1973.

With a rich history and beautiful locale at Stringbean Memorial Park, the festival has hosted the biggest stars in Bluegrass including the legendary Ralph Stanley who headlined the inaugural event in 1996. Other celebrated Bluegrass royalty brought in by festival founder Phillip Akemon include the Queen of Bluegrass Rhonda Vincent, Grammy winner Ricky Skaggs, Hall of Famers Del McCoury and Doyle Lawson, and award-winning Blue Highway.

Hall of Famer Larry Sparks will headline the 2019 event, along with Ralph Stanley II & the Clinch Mountain Boys, and Sammy Adkins & the Sandy Hook Mountain Boys.

The three-day event will include bands such as Laurel River Line, Larry Sigmon & Friends, Kentucky Just Us, Felix Brock & Gospel Harmony, Phillip Akemon & Flatlick, the Anglin Brothers, and Larry Sparks on Saturday; Sunrise Ridge, Gary Strong & Hard Times, Sparrow Hawks, Grandpa Jones' great nephew Phillip Steinmetz & His Sunny Tennesseans, and Sammy Adkins on Friday; and Bear Branch Bluegrass, Gray Hawk Boys, Custom Made Bluegrass, and Ralph Stanley II on Thursday.

Ticket prices are $20 per day, or a Big 3-Day Pass for $55 at the Gate. Save $10 on Big 3-Day Passes through May 15 on the festival website. Camping with electric is $25 per day, while Primitive Camping is Free with a festival ticket. Tickets and Camping may be purchased at www.StringbeanPark.com.

A Church Service will also be hosted at Stringbean Park on the morning of Sunday, June 23. Gospel music and a speaker will be featured at the free event, with everyone warmly welcome to attend.

For Daily Schedules, Tickets, Camping, and Official Festival Flyer, please go to www.StringbeanPark.com.

JCPS Ranks 10th in Energy Efficiency

Rank	District	2018 Energy Consumption per Sq Ft	2018 Cost per Sq Ft
1	Nelson County	29.7	$0.82
2	Spencer County	31.1	$0.90
3	Warren County	33.0	$0.99
4	Owen County	33.1	$0.98
5	Butler County	35.0	$0.93
6	Scott County	35.2	$0.88
7	East Bernstadt Ind	36.1	$1.03
8	Walton-Verona Ind	36.1	$0.86
9	Magoffin County	36.9	$1.12
10	Jackson County	37.5	$0.89
11	Oldham County	39.2	$1.06
12	Bullitt County	39.9	$1.15
13	Hardin County	40.0	$1.09
14	Livingston County	40.0	$1.17
15	Jessamine County	40.4	$0.94
16	Marion County	40.6	$1.00
17	Shelby County	40.6	$1.10
18	Corbin Ind	41.0	$1.01
19	Taylor County	41.1	$0.97
20	Anderson County	41.4	$1.04
21	Woodford County	41.6	$1.06
22	Fulton County	42.0	$1.26
23	Hancock County	42.1	$1.24
24	Paris Ind	42.4	$0.85
25	Christian County	42.7	$1.19

In an effort to reduce the rising energy costs that are straining school budgets, the Kentucky General Assembly enacted KRS 160.325 in 2008. This statute required a mandatory annual filing of a state-wide report with the Department for Energy Development and Independence (DEDI) and the Legislative Research Commission on the status and development of energy management plans by boards of education and the anticipated savings to be obtained by those plans.

Each year, school districts are required to complete an energy consumption analysis through the SEMP program with Kentucky School Board Association. This past year, Jackson County Public Schools ranked 10th in the state in overall energy efficiency.

A large part of the energy efficiency effort was due to the district-wide LED lighting projects and the district-wide energy control projects.

Tiny Blessings Daycare

We're located in McKee on 421 across from Family Dollar right beside World Finance.

Open Monday thru Friday
5:30 am to 6:00 pm.

We take Ages 6 Weeks to 12-Years Old

Our Rates:
$100 a Week, $25 a day, or $5 an Hour
Whichever is Cheaper for You!
We do accept Child Care State Assistance.

For More Information Call 606-287-6619
Assistant Director Carrie Sams
Owner/Director Melissa Gabbard

Lady Generals Pick Up Strong Wins

The Lady Generals have had a great week with strong wins against Owsley County and Williamsburg.

Olivia Truett led the defense with 11 strikeouts against Williamsburg. Tara Johnson led the offense in both games batting 2 for 4 with 4 RBIs , a double and stolen base against Owsley County and going 4 for 5 with 6 RBIs, 2 doubles, and a stolen base against Williamsburg. Tara is also up for Lexington Herald Leader's player of the week this week.

As a team, the Lady Generals are 3rd in the state for stolen bases and 23rd in the state for batting averages.

This week we have three home games: vs. Model on Tuesday, Senior Night vs. Berea Community on Thursday, and Friday vs. Paris.

Grimes Reminds Kentuckians Deadline to Request Mail-In Absentee Ballot 1 Week Away

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 7, 2019) – Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes reminded Kentuckians today that the deadline to request a mail-in absentee ballot for Kentucky's Primary Election on May 21, is a week away on Tuesday, May 14.

"Kentuckians who cannot get to the polls on Election Day have the option of voting absentee before the election," said Grimes, Kentucky's Chief Election Official. "I am thankful for our county clerks who facilitate absentee voting for voters through the mail and in their offices."

To be qualified to vote by mail-in absentee ballot, a voter must be:

Advanced in age, disabled, or ill

Military personnel, their Dependents, or Overseas Citizens

A student who temporarily resides outside the county

Temporarily residing outside of Kentucky and who maintains eligibility to vote in Kentucky, such as a "snowbird"

Incarcerated, but not yet convicted of a crime

Prevented from voting in person at the polls on election day and from casting an in-person absentee ballot in the county clerk's office on all days in-person absentee voting is conducted because of his or her employment location

A participant in the Secretary of State's Address Confidentiality Program

Voters may request an absentee ballot application from their county clerk in person or via telephone, fax, or email. Qualified military and overseas voters may also use the Commonwealth's online portal at GoVoteKY.com to request and receive their blank absentee ballots.

Applications for mail-in absentee ballots must be received by the clerk's office no later than May 14. The completed absentee ballot must be returned by mail and received by the county clerk by 6 p.m. local time on Election Day.

Individuals who do not qualify to vote by mail-in absentee ballot may still be eligible to vote early in person prior to May 21, Election Day. In-person absentee voting, which is conducted during the county clerk's regular business hours, is currently open statewide and will conclude on May 20.

Persons with questions about absentee voting should contact their county clerk or call the State Board of Elections at 502-573-7100.

Faith and Literacy Summit

Calling All Pastors and Faith Leaders in Jackson County,
Please Join Us

Thursday, May 16th
6:00 PM

At McKee Baptist Fellowship Hall

Understanding the advantages of Early Learning and Literacy on todays children, the connection between faith and literacy and how churches can encourage learning and literacy growth in their community.

Churches who **RSVP** will receive a Literacy Resource Kit/ Gift Basket with:
- Vroom Supplies
- Literacy tips and Activities
- A VBS craft
- Children's Books
- Baby Supplies

Special Guest Speaker:
Dr. Amon Couch
"The Kingdom Connection"

Contact Virgie Moore to RSVP
606-287-7181 or 859-302-1704
vmoore@savechildren.org
Catered Turkey dinner will be provided.
Space is Limited — RSVP SOON!
Please, no more than 2 representatives per church.

Goforth Challenges Bevin to Debate Before Primary Election

LONDON- This morning from his statewide campaign headquarters, Rep. Robert Goforth (R-East Bernstadt), who is challenging Gov. Matt Bevin in the May 21st Republican Primary, issued a challenge to Bevin to stop nationalizing his re-election campaign and to participate in at least one debate before Kentucky Republicans cast their primary ballots. Goforth also had sharp criticism for what he labeled "old time Democrat-style politics" from the Bevin Administration.

Goforth said Bevin should "quit trying to hide behind President Trump, Sen. McConnell, and the Republican Governor's Association and seriously talk about what matters to Kentuckians."

"Instead of talking about the $400 million in taxpayers' money that has been paid out by Kentucky Retirement Systems to pension fund managers, or what we can do to improve infrastructure, or how we can strengthen education, or how we can go about implementing serious comprehensive tax reform, and the many issues that matter to Kentucky, all we are hearing from Gov. Bevin are diatribes about national politics. We know how very badly he wants to be in D.C., but Bevin's running for governor and he owes the voters at least one frank political discussion with his primary opponent before Kentucky Republicans go to the polls," Goforth said.

Goforth also demanded that Bevin "immediately end the old time Democrat-style politics" the Governor's Office is currently engaged in.

"Matt Bevin has always attempted to portray himself as a righteous outsider who is above politics, but his administration is engaged in very worst behavior that we have seen for generations in Frankfort—behavior that should make any respectable Republican cringe. Blake Brickman is shaking down road contractors every day for campaign cash, telling them that a gas tax is on the way in 2020 if they will fill up Bevin's coffers. Meanwhile, after ignoring them for three and a half years, Bevin is doling out discretionary road projects to Republican counties across the state to try and curry favor before the election. It's shameful behavior, and voters must reject it on May 21st," said Goforth.

Goforth also stated that "Matt Bevin has been fundamentally dishonest with Kentuckians from the moment he said he would release his tax returns if elected governor when he knew good and well that the day would never come when he would do that."