

Stringbean Bluegrass Festival Set Schedules and Promo Released

A special promotion and the Daily Set Schedules have been released for the 25th Anniversary celebration of Stringbean Memorial Bluegrass Festival to be held on Thursday, June 16 to Saturday, June 18, at Stringbean Memorial Park at 1410 Oak Grove Church Road in Tyner, KY.

A special promotion has been announced featuring a new upcoming book about David "Stringbean" Akeman by respected author Dr. Taylor Hagood of Florida Atlantic University. The first 200 purchases of tickets or camping at Stringbean-Park.com for this year's festival will be automatically entered to win one of two autographed copies of the new book. The new work on Jackson County native "Stringbean" Akeman will be published in upcoming months by University of Illinois Press, with the winners' copies being mailed directly from Dr. Hagood.

Dale Ann Bradley is a new headliner for the festival on Saturday, June 18. Dale Ann is a GRAMMY Nominee, IBMA and SPBGMA Best Female Vocalist winner, and was inducted into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in 2018, the same year as David "Stringbean" Akeman. Hall of Famer Larry Sparks and his incredible energized show with the Lonesome Ramblers will appear on Friday, with Blue Highway's Shawn Lane & Sons and their amazing family harmony appearing on Thursday. Local favorites Laurel River Line will also appear on Friday, along with Grandpa Jones' great-nephew Phillip Steinmetz.



The Daily Set Schedule is as follows: Thursday, June 16

3:30 ~ Open Stage 4:00 Anglin Brothers 4:50 Blue Note
5:40 Gary Strong & Hard Times 6:30 Anglin Brothers
7:20 Blue Note 8:10 Gary Strong & Hard Times
9:00 Shawn Lane & Sons

Friday, June 17

2:00 ~ Open Stage 2:30 Buzzard Roost 3:20 Middlefork Grass
4:10 Phillip Steinmetz & His Sunny Tennesseans
5:00 Laurel River Line 5:50 Buzzard Roost
6:40 Middlefork Grass 7:30 Phillip Steinmetz

8:20 Laurel River Line 9:10 Larry Sparks & the Lonesome Ramblers

Saturday, June 18

12:00 Noon ~ Open Stage 1:00 Derrick Shepherd
1:30 Sparrow Hawks 2:00 Sam Thomas & Friends
2:50 Felix Brock & Gospel Harmony
3:40 Phillip Akemon & Flat Lick
4:30 Fenced In 5:20 Kentucky Just Us
6:10 Dale Ann Bradley 7:00 Phillip Akemon & Flat Lick
7:50 Fenced In 8:40 Kentucky Just Us
9:30 Dale Ann Bradley

Tickets are on sale now at StringbeanPark.com, with Single Day tickets only \$20, and a Big 3-Day Pass only \$60. Camping with electric is also available at \$25 per day on the festival website. Primitive Camping is free with a festival ticket. Tickets and camping may also be purchased at the gate with cash only. Kids ages 12 and under are admitted Free with a paid adult.

Celebrating its 25th event in 2022, the festival honors Jackson County native and beloved Grand Ole Opry star David 'Stringbean' Akeman. With a rich history and beautiful locale at Stringbean Memorial Park, the festival is hosted by Phillip Akemon and family, who look forward to welcoming everyone to Stringbean Park.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Lawmakers begin preparing for 2023 Regular Session State Representative Timmy Truett

Since adjourning the 2022 Regular Session, I have used these columns to update you on the legislation we passed and what it means for us here at home. While I plan to continue, last week marked the beginning of the Legislative Interim. The interim can be just as important as session as lawmakers focus on committee studies, oversight, and other legislative functions. Essentially, we use the interim to plan the work and session provides us a chance to work the plan.

For evidence of how important the interim can be, look no further than what we were able to accomplish this session. Many on both sides of the political aisle have described it as the most effective, successful legislative session in modern history. Because of the work we did last summer and fall, we were able to pass a budget that makes historic investments in education and infrastructure, a tax modernization plan that gradually eliminates the personal income tax, and legislation that protects Kentucky values.

During the interim, committees prepare for session by studying issues within their jurisdiction, often hearing testimony directly from stakeholders as they research. In addition, legislators review and approve or disapprove proposed regulations from the executive branch.

While the majority of committees reflect the standing committees that meet while we are in session, during off-session months they include members of the House and Senate and are referred to as Interim Joint Committees.

In addition, this summer and fall legislators will be working in task forces to address temporary issues that require additional focus and study. They include:

Task Force on the Cabinet for Health and Family Services Structure: Created to study the organizational structure, operations and administration of programs within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS). This cabinet administers many of the programs that serve our most vulnerable and account for a large portion of our budget, including Medicaid, child and adult protective services, foster and kinship care, and regulated child care.

Task Force on Early Childhood Education: Members will conduct a comprehensive review of early childhood caregiving and education across the state – including public, private, in-home, and child care centers. With quality, affordable child care out of reach for many Kentucky parents, a child care industry decimated by the pandemic and the state's shutdown, and almost half of Kentucky children unprepared for kindergarten, this is an important issue.

Task Force on Public Assistance Benefits Cliff: This work group will review the impact of the benefits cliff – a term used to describe when an individual loses eligibility for a benefit like child care or health coverage due to a wage increase or employment – on labor force participation, wages, employment, and benefit duration. Ultimately, we want to know if the benefits cliff plays a role in the fact almost half of Kentuckians who should be working are not.

Task Force on Emergency Medical Services (EMS): Lawmakers on this task force will evaluate how emergency medical services are provided throughout the state. Long wait times, workforce shortages, the certificate of need process, and a need to address mental health issues have weighed heavily on those who work in emergency medical services as well as those who they serve. I look forward to the results of this study.

Task Force on Bourbon Barrel Taxation: This panel will delve into the current ad valorem tax rate structure for Bourbon barrel sales. Bourbon's status as a signature industry is undeniable, with hundreds of thousands traveling here to enjoy the Bourbon trail and other related activities. We want to remove regulatory burdens in order to keep creating jobs and economic opportunities, but we must make sure we adopt the best policies for all Kentuckians.

Task Force on Executive Branch Efficiency: Created to review the effectiveness of the executive branch's cabinet and how effectively and efficiently it provides services to the people of Kentucky, the members on this task force will look for ways to streamline necessary services and bring more accountability. While lawmakers can meet our responsibility to pass strong budgets that invested tax dollars wisely, our role as stewards of your tax dollars and resources continues as we hold state government accountable.

Legislative committee, work group, and task force meetings are open to the public with materials available at legislature.ky.gov. Members of the public may attend in person or watch meetings live on YouTube @KY LRC Committee Meetings or Kentucky Educational Television at ket.org/legislature.

As we continue our work this Interim, I will continue to provide updates each week on the work we did this session and our continued work toward the 2023 Regular Session. In the meantime, I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Feel free to contact me via email at Timmy.Truett@lrc.ky.gov. If you would like more information, please visit the LRC website legislature.ky.gov.

Trade Day & Tack Swap

Following a very successful horse show in May, the Jackson County Wagon and Saddle Club will be hosting a Trade Day on Saturday, June 11th at the Gray Hawk Park beginning at 10:00 am and lasting most of the day. Everyone is welcome to attend at no charge. Anyone is welcome to bring items to trade, barter or sale at a charge of \$10.00 for setup fee. Several local vendors have already committed to setting up, but there is interest from many vendors from the surrounding counties. There will be a variety of items to choose from, custom leathers works, homemade goodies, tack, horses, furniture etc.

If you are wanting to buy or sell a horse or mule, there is a ring that you can use for riding as well as adequate parking. There will be a vet on sight to do Coggins and health checks if you want to bring horses and mules in for testing. Please DO NOT bring sick animals to this event. Only bring animals for their "annual checkup". There should be a farrier on sight also if you are needing a trim or full set of shoes put on. Bowman's Baby Butt BBQ will be on sight as well as Street Treats shaved ice and many others. The flyer is only an example of vendors that will be there, not all are listed.

The club hopes this will be an annual event and needs support from the community by coming out and spending some time and money with these vendors. Stop by for a pulled pork sandwich, do some early Christmas shopping, or bring some items from home that you've been wanting to move to their next home. Hope to see you at Trade Day 2022.



Come Join Us For Equine Coggins Clinic Trade Day & Tack Swap

June 11th, 2022 Starts @ 10:00AM
152 Gray Hawk Park Rd. McKee KY 40447

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***Lots of Room for Parking**

**KYLE CHAMPAGNE
HORSE SHOEING**




Family Friendly Event

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Come Buy, Sell, or Trade

- *Saddles, Tack, Horses & Mules
- *Trucks, Trailers & Tools
- *Food & Baked Goods
- *Paparazzi Jewelry, Crafts
- *Plants & Much Much More

*** A Rink to test ride Horses in.**

Vendors Include:







No Admission Fee

Coggins & Dental Clinic with:




Key Things to Remember:
More Vendors are Welcome to come!!
(There is a \$10 Vendors Set Up Fee).
 Due upon arrival at the Park, gates open @ 8:00 AM
 All Animals brought to this event must be Healthy.

 It is a Mandatory requirement that All Horses
 have a Current Negative Coggins.

For driving directions or more information
 Please Contact: *Lloyd Deaton* (606) 681-6500
 Jackson County Wagon & Saddle Club is Not Responsible for Accidents, of any kind to Persons, Animals or Vehicles at this event.

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