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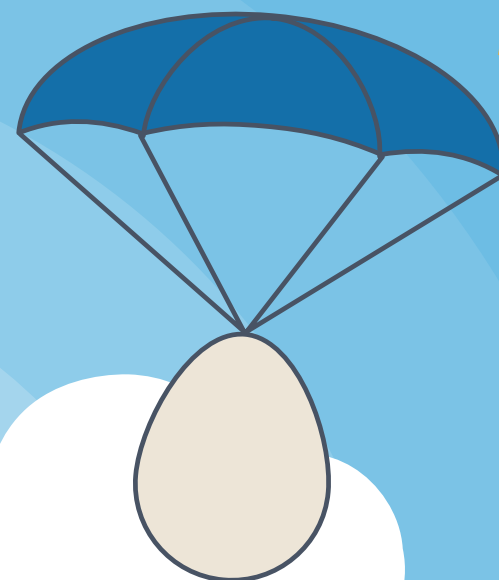
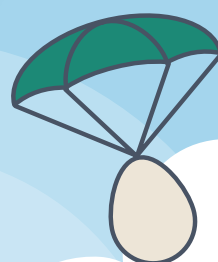
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Friday, Sept. 26, 2025



Registration: 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

at the park beside the CVNB London Main Office

Egg Drop: 10 A.M.

Registration after 9:30 a.m. will not be accepted

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WELCOME TO THE 2025 World Chicken Festival

The World Chicken Festival is egg-cited to welcome you, your family and friends to beautiful downtown London, KY September 25th-28th. We invite you to celebrate our chicken heritage and legacy. All the “egg-citement” and entertainment of four fun filled days makes this one of Kentucky’s largest festivals. The festival is home to the World’s Largest Stainless-Steel Skillet with over three decades of family fun including crazy contests, free music entertainment, vendors from across the country, carnival rides, and delicious food from non-profit organizations. The festival benefits over 50+ local nonprofits and is one of their biggest fundraisers each year.

Colonel Harland Sanders, founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken, is one of the most highly recognized figures in the world. Located in the heart of the beautiful Daniel Boone National Forest, Laurel County is proud to honor the legacy of the Sanders Café and Museum. The Colonel’s first and original restaurant is located in Corbin, Kentucky located in southern Laurel County. Lee Cummings, co-founder of Lee’s Famous Recipe Chicken, also began his career in 1952 with his uncle, Colonel Sanders. The annual World Chicken Festival is a tribute to this chicken heritage.

The World Chicken Festival was established in 1990 as a tribute to this heritage and honoring what would have been Colonel Harland Sander’s 100th birthday. Sanders Café and Museum recently completed in April 2022 a multi-million-dollar expansion of this landmark, which is on the National Register of Historical Places. Experience the new extensive, preservation focused exterior and interior refresh restoration project.

The Stage of Stars, located at Town Center Park, is presented by the City of



The World Chicken Festival was established in 1990 as a tribute to our chicken heritage and honoring Colonel Harland Sanders.

London and The London Tourisms and Parks. This stage hosts national musical artists. The festival’s second music stage is called Sanders Stage, presented by SAM103.9 and Wildcat-Harley Davidson, located on Broad and 6th Street. It is home to local and regional music artists and crazy family fun contests.

The World Chicken Festival is home of the World’s Largest Stainless-Steel Skillet established in 1992. It is located behind the Laurel County Courthouse

4th Street and Long Street. The dining tent for the skillet, will be in the parking lot next to the Laurel County Sherriff’s Department. Delicious fried chicken snacks and dinners are served on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and now Sunday from this benchmark feature of the festival the World’s Largest Stainless-Steel Skillet.

The skillet is operated by World Chicken Festival volunteers are from the Laurel County African American Heri-

tage Center. The skillet has served more than 120,000 fried chicken dinners since the skillet’s inauguration in 1992, The skillet is 10 feet, 6 inches in diameter, and weighs 700 pounds. It takes three days to assemble the skillet construction of 11 gauges, hot rolled stainless steel, divided into four cooking sections; mounted on a steel frame. It requires 300 gallons of cooking oil and can cook



Blackberry Smoke will headline Friday night's musical entertainment at the Stage of Stars in Town Center Park.

WELCOME

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600 quarters of chicken at one time. The skillet can cook 7,000 pieces, requires 375 pounds of flour, 75 pounds of salt, 30 pounds of pepper, 30 pounds of paprika and of course the World Chicken Festival's special ingredients.

The founders of the World Chicken Festival had three goals in mind for the community when creating the mission and vision for this annual fall event. The first goal was to create an opportunity for local and regional entertainment to be highlighted. The second goal

was to provide citizens and out-of-town guests access to enjoy the festival without a high cost. The third goal was to give nonprofit organizations opportunities to raise money for their charitable organization.

The festival is a 501 (c) (4) nonprofit organization, taking pride in giving local nonprofit opportunities to raise funds. All food vendors at the festival are reserved only for local nonprofit opportunities to raise funds. All food vendors at the festival are reserved only for local nonprofit organizations. Nonprofit(s) testimonies declare that the festival produces the largest fundraising event of the year for them.

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WORLD'S LARGEST STAINLESS-STEEL SKILLET

LOCATION: 4TH AND LONG STREET | BEHIND THE LAUREL COUNTY COURTHOUSE



Capacity: Requires 300 gallons of cooking oil to fill. Can cook 600 chicken breasts at one time.

Supplies: Cooking 7,000 pieces required about 375 lbs. of flour, 75 pds of salt, 30 lbs. of pepper, 30 lbs. of paprika, and the World Chicken Festival's special ingredients.

Fuel: About 60 gallons of Natural gas (more than an average family would use in a year) is required to cook 7,000 pieces of chicken at temperatures between 325 and 350 degrees.

LOCATION & TIMES

The Skillet is located at 4th/Long Street behind the Laurel County Courthouse and McKee Lodge. Dinners are served by a local non-profit as a fundraiser. Drinks are provided by local sports team as a fundraiser.

Thursday: 12 noon until 9 pm

Friday: 12 noon until 9 pm



Saturday: 12 noon until 9 pm

Sunday: 11 am to 5 pm

MENU

Drumstick Meal: \$8.00 per meal (one fried drumstick, potato salad, baked beans and a roll)

Drumstick Snack: \$5.00 per meal (includes drumstick and roll)

Chicken Breast Snack: \$8.00 per snack (chicken breast and a roll)

Chicken Breast Meal: \$12.00 per meal (chicken breast, potato salad, baked beans, and roll)

DRINKS: Pepsi Products - \$2.00 each
Delicious fried chicken dinners are served from the benchmark feature of the festival The World's Largest Stainless-Steel Skillet. The skillet is operated by World Chicken Festival volunteers and has served more than 120,000 fried chicken dinners since its inauguration in

1992. The world's largest known frying skillet was manufactured by London Bucket Co., Inc. in September 1991, and donated to the World Chicken Festival. The burners and firing system were manufactured by Bakery Machinery, Inc., operated by Rockwell Industries, "Rocky." In 1999, a new skillet was constructed, manufactured by Logan Steel and Jeff Williams Welding.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE SKILLET

Size: 10ft, 6in in diameter; 8in deep; 8ft handle (on the original skillet, the current skillet doesn't have a handle); and weighs 700 lbs. total.

Construction: 11 gauges, hot rolled stainless steel; divided into four cooking sections; mounted on a steel frame.



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REMEMBERING DOUG HUFZIGER



In London, Kentucky, the World Chicken Festival is more than just a celebration of poultry; it's a testament to the dedication of people like Doug Hufziger. Doug, a long-time member of the festival's board of trustees, passed away, leaving a legacy of kindness, community spirit, and a love for all things bright and joyful.

Doug's passion for the festival was evident in his tireless work, particularly as the organizer of the annual Grand Parade. For many years, he meticulously planned and executed this event, bringing joy to countless families and showcasing the vibrant spirit of the community. His organizational skills and

commitment ensured the parade was a highlight of the festival, a spectacle of floats, marching bands, and local pride.

A LIFE OF SIMPLE JOYS AND DEEP PASSIONS

Beyond his work with the World Chicken Festival, Doug had a rich life filled with diverse interests. He was a nature lover, finding peace and happiness in the simple beauty of flowers and the great outdoors. His kind heart extended to animals, a love that was evident to anyone who knew him. He also had a great enthusiasm for fairs and festivals, seeing them as opportunities for people to come together

and celebrate.

A passionate fan of UK basketball, Doug could often be found cheering on the Wildcats, a shared pastime that brought him immense joy. He was a man who embraced life's simple pleasures, finding happiness in community, nature, and sports.

Doug's greatest passion, however, was his long-time partner, Rick Williams. Their relationship was a testament to his kind and loving nature, a partnership built on mutual respect and affection. Doug's legacy is not just in the parades he organized or the festival he helped build, but in the countless lives he touched with his gentle spirit and unwavering kindness. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

"Doug loved the Chicken Festival. He looked forward to it all year long. He was so proud to be a part of it. Doug was always up for an adventure but we had to coordinate around the Chicken Festival. No matter where I was living, he would always remind me to come. Doug always had a smile on his face. Even toward the end when he was so sick he would smile and ask me how I was doing. He loved playing pranks on people as I sure some of you who worked the festival with him know. On my birthday this year he sent me a dozen red roses and no card. It was driving my husband crazy until Doug finally confessed. Lol. One year he baked a birthday cake for my cousin. She was so excited that he had baked her a cake. When she went to cut it, it popped and water went everywhere. The center was water balloons. Lol. He is missed terribly"

—Charlie Simpson

"I was friends with Doug



Hufziger for over 30 years. He had the biggest heart and love for the World Chicken Festival Program. He would plan from

one year to the next on how he could help. He was a great ambassador for the Program. He loved to invite outsiders to come visit and would love to tell about everything relating to it. He loved the big skillet and the food, the crafts which he always had to buy some of, the carnival, the parade and the people that attended. He loved it all and was always so proud to be asked to volunteer and participate every year. My whole family became avid chicken festival promoters because of him. He was certainly thrilled to be there every year and I will miss the excitement of him being part of it. It would certainly be appreciated by his family to be remembered in some way"

—Sherwin Rader



ARTS, CRAFTS & FOOD BOOTHS

MAIN STREET, THURSDAY-SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 25TH-28TH, 2025



You'll find an array of "eggs-hibits" to enjoy at the festival! The World Chicken Festival offers a variety of exhibitors from arts and crafts to food booths, featuring a taste of local cuisine. Come experience the World Chicken Festival and all the unique artwork, handmade items, delicious food and "egg-citing" products it has to offer. Food vendors on Main Street are local nonprofit organizations.

KIDDIE WORLD

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PARKING LOT
THURSDAY-SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 25TH-28TH, 2025

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"GRANPA CRATCHET"

Granpa Cratchet, a nationally known puppet character will be at Kiddie World, presented by Hometown Bank, appearing in his Shezabiggie Camper. It's an amazing miniature RV that captures the imagination of adults as well as children. People stand and stare as this miniature RV drives by. Its lively driver, Granpa Cratchet, is a crotchety old coot, with the energy of a teenager. Granpa has appeared at hundreds of fairs all around the world and on nationally televised shows like The Today Show, Entertainment Tonight, and Good Morning America.

You're set for tons of jokes, one liners and tidbits from the good old days all delivered in Granpa's crazy, off the wall, high energy, yet down-home style. There's lots of stories from yesteryear and hugs for everyone. Remember to

bring your camera! Granpa loves to have his photo taken with his long time, close friends, who he says he'll meet as soon as you get there.

SHOW TIMES

Thursday - 6pm, 8pm

Friday - 3pm, 5pm, 7pm

Saturday - 3pm, 5pm, 7pm

Sunday - 2pm, 4pm

MAGIC MIKE



When Magic Mike appears don't expect just another Magic show, expect to hear laughter and gasps of amazement.

Combining clean hilarious humor, amazing magical illusions and audience involvement Magic Mike makes a unique one-of-a-kind experience that the crowd never forgets.

Watch as reality fades and objects vanish, live doves and rabbits appear from nowhere. Magic Mike will thrill you with his magic and kid sense of humor for the entire family.

SHOW TIMES

Thursday - 7pm, 9pm

Friday - 1pm, 4pm, 6pm

Saturday - 1pm, 4pm, 6pm

Sunday - 1pm, 3pm

CASEYS RIDES AND GAMES

BROAD STREET | THURSDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH-28TH, 2025



The World Chicken Festival offers family fun for everyone! Experience the many “egg-citing” carnival rides and games featuring

Caseys Rides.

The midway features a wide variety of rides to accommodate most levels of thrills that festival goers seek.

From a safe and secure Kiddie Land to the high rolling rides for teens and adults, the midway has something for everyone. Casey's Rides was established in the early 60's by Casey and Printha Seneff.

Today more that fifty years later Casey's Rides is owned and operated by third generation grandson J.D. Green and his wife Debra.

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THURSDAY MUSIC



PEGGY INKS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25 | 5 P.M. | SANDERS STAGE

Peggy Inks has been the opening performance for the World Chicken Festival on Thursday evening for years.

Debating each year “I Ain’t No Spring Chicken” Peggy started singing Gospel with her two sisters as the Copper sisters.

Peggy began her solo Gospel career in 1975. “Bless Our Nation” was the first song she ever recorded.

“I’ve been recording out of Nashville since 1975 and I’ve recorded

many times since then — about every two or three years,” Inks said.

In 1977, Inks began exhibiting at County Music Fan Fair, now called CMA Music Festival, where she was able to form several connections with others in the music industry.

Inks was invited to become a member of the Music City Christian Fellowship, a nonprofit organization of Christians involved in the music and entertainment industry with the dedication of proclaiming the gospel.

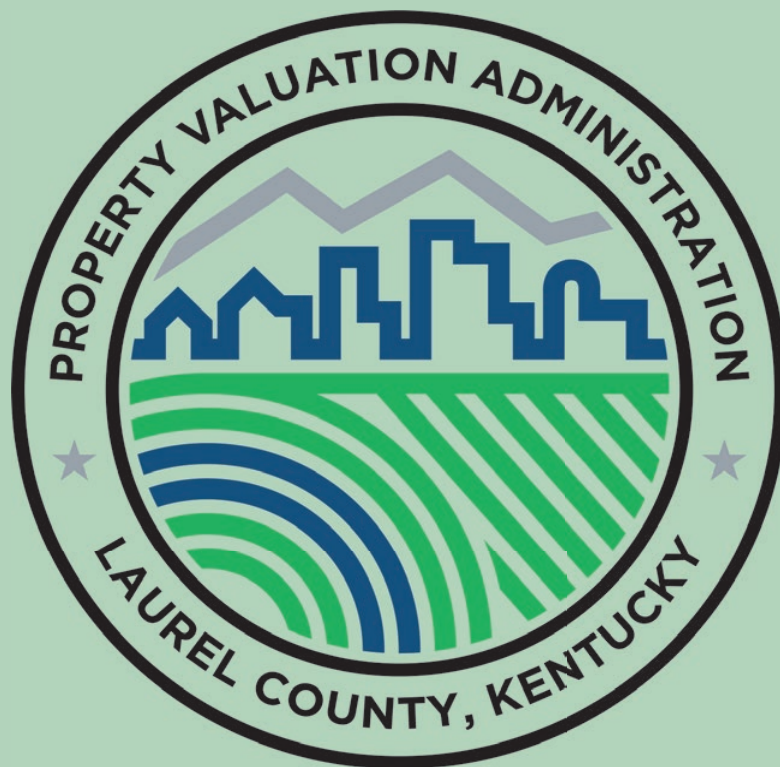
GIGI TURNER “THE ROCK’N ROLL PRINCESS”



THURSDAY, SEPT. 25 | 6 P.M. | SANDERS STAGE

A Kentucky native, GiGi loves to perform! She performs regularly at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, KY. Recently she opened for John Schnieder’s Flood Relief concert in Hazard, KY. She

has performed several times at Black and Gold and Oktoberfest in Whitesburg. After this year’s World Chicken Festival she will be performing “Christmas in a Small Town” in Hazard, KY.



Good news!

The state legislature has increased the exemption from \$46,350 to \$49,100 for years 2025 & 2026. If you are turning 65 this year and own and occupy your home as of January 1, 2025, you are eligible for the Homestead Exemption. Please visit our our website, call or visit our website at www.laurelpva.com to apply. Exemption is also available if 100% disabled.

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THURSDAY MUSIC

SAM 103.9 – OTG KARAOKE CONTEST



THURSDAY, SEPT. 25 | SANDERS STAGE
REGISTRATION AT 6:30 P.M.
CONTEST AT 7:30 P.M.

Do you have a favorite song you rock out to driving the car or singing in the shower?

Bring your talent to the Chicken Festival at the Karaoke Contest.

You can choose your song from our list of nearly 70,000 songs provided by Oasis Entertainment, during the

registration.

The Karaoke Contest is open to ALL ages and is limited to the first 20 contestants.

Contestants 17 years and under will need to have a legal guardian be present during the performance and must sign a waiver to for minor to participate.

SOUTH OF 80



THURSDAY, SEPT. 25 | 6 P.M.
STAGE OF STARS

South of 80 is a rising Eastern Kentucky acoustic group blending rich harmonies, heartfelt vocals, and down-home rhythms. The band features Carlee Whitaker of Hazard on vocals, Kendra Slone of Printer on vocals, Riley Melton of Hazard on acoustic guitar and Shaun Whitaker of Hazard on cajón percussion.

Riley, Carlee, and Kendra have previously performed together on the Mountain Arts Center stage as members of the Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros, honing their stage skills and building a strong musical connection. In April 2025, the trio decided to bring their own

unique sound to life, forming South of 80—a name inspired by their Kentucky roots and shared love of music. The group welcomed Shaun in July 2025, adding a dynamic rhythm section that rounded out their acoustic style.

With influences ranging from bluegrass, classic country and rock, to folk and Americana, South of 80 delivers a sound that's both fresh and deeply rooted in Appalachia. Whether performing heartfelt ballads or foot-tapping favorites, they bring energy, authenticity, and a love for music that shines in every performance.

THURSDAY MUSIC

DEEP SOUTH

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25 | 7:30 P.M. | STAGE OF STARS



Deep South was formed in 1979 by Philip, Bill Ed, and Steve Mobley, Robert Moore, Paul Bowling and Paul Davidson. They played until

1981.

In 1981 some of them left for college and the band abruptly ended. 40 years later, in 2021, they reformed with all

the original members except Paul Davidson, the singer.

They added singer Mike Campbell and have been playing ever since.

They are a throwback to the 1980's southern rock genre.

These southern gentlemen will take you back in time.

THURSDAY ENTERTAINMENT

COL. HARLAND SANDERS LOOK-A-LIKE CONTEST

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH | 5:30 P.M. | SANDERS STAGE



Don't be a big chicken! If you have a white suit, black glasses and a bucket of chicken you might be the next contestant.

The Colonel Harland Sanders Look-a-Like Contest will be turning heads this year celebrating the history and heritage of the original restaurant and museum in southern Laurel County.

The contest is presented by Sanders Café and Museum. Contestants will be judged by who has the most similar Colonel Sanders style, mannerisms, and trivia knowledge.

On-site registration will open Thursday at 5:00pm at the Sanders Stage.

First, second and third place will have cash prizes.

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THURSDAY ENTERTAINMENT

CHICK-A-LYMPICS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH | 6 P.M. | LAUREL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
(BEHIND CARNABY SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER)



Chick-A-Lympics is a Free 4-H event for kids ages 5-7 hosted by the Laurel County 4-H Poultry Club. It's a chance for kids to play games and win prizes. Games include an egg hunt, chicken scratch in flour for cash, and a spoon egg race. There will also be a drawing for additional prizes, including bicycles! Call the Laurel County Extension Office at 864-4167 to register.



FRIDAY MUSIC



JEFF DOWDY

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26TH | 6 P.M. | SANDERS STAGE

No stranger to many in London and Laurel County, Jeff Dowdy will perform for the first time on The Sanders Stage.

Jeff is a long-time member of a praise and worship group at his home church and has performed in numerous Karaoke contests.

One of the songs that Jeff will perform is called “The 16th of May” and commemorates the tragedy and recovery that Laurel County experienced during the tornado on May 16th.

The song was written by London native Michael Mills and recorded at NGP studio in London.

The song is currently available on several streaming platforms, with any and all proceeds being donated to the tornado victims.

The song is also being played on WYGE radio in London.

The hope is to sing this song for all of London/Laurel countians, whether it be at the chicken festival or any other event that is being planned in London.

Copies of the “The 16th of May” will be available to purchase with all proceeds going to the continued tornado recovery and relief efforts.

PRESLEY VAUGHN

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26TH | 4 P.M. | SANDERS STAGE



resides in Nashville.

Her southern roots mixed with her classical training has greatly impacted her ability to bring a fresh and unique element to her songwriting, stage presence, and overall philosophy.

Presley is known for her nostalgic approach to her artistry, musicality, and lifestyle.

Her biggest influences are Elvis Presley (her namesake), Stevie Nicks, Chris Stapleton, and Amy Winehouse.

She has released multiple songs both under her name and as a feature on collaborated songs with artists.

She plans to release more music in the future while continuing to enjoy her life and gather life experiences for new material.

Presley is a soulful folk-rock artist, proudly from London, Kentucky. Cultivating her craft with 18 years of experience, she has performed coast to coast in the United States and currently

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FRIDAY HEADLINER



BLACKBERRY SMOKE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26TH | 9 P.M. | STAGE OF STARS

Throughout their career, Blackberry Smoke have embodied Georgia's rich musical legacy, honoring the people, places and sounds of their home state. Their latest album, *Be Right Here* draws inspiration from Southern rock, blues-leaning classic rock and rootsy vintage country and is full of vivid and relatable characters that ensure the songs often resemble rich short

stories.

Over the past two decades, Blackberry Smoke has amassed the following of a loyal fanbase, leading their last six full-length albums to achieve great chart success, including 2021's *You Hear Georgia*, which reached #1 on Billboard's Americana/Folk Albums chart and 2024's *Be Right Here*, which reached the top 5 on the Top Current

Album Sales chart.

Touring relentlessly, the band know a little something about hitting the road in order to find a place to belong, and supported by the strong fanbase of Brothers and Sisters, legions of whom travel across the globe to support the band, they in turn give fans a palace to belong.

Over the years the band has appeared across the globe on stages such as Austin

City Limits, Bonnaroo, Summerfest, Glastonbury, Download UK, to name a few, and has no plans to stop anytime soon.

For Blackberry Smoke, embracing the light and finding the silver lining are once again at the heart of what they do best.

Learn more about Blackberry Smoke at BlackberrySmoke.com

FRIDAY MUSIC



EMILY JAMERSON

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26TH | 6 P.M. | STAGE OF STARS

Emily Jamerson is a singer-songwriter from Prestonsburg, Kentucky, whose music beautifully blends Appalachian tradition with a fresh, heartfelt voice.

Influenced by gospel, folk, and artists

like Loretta Lynn, Kacey Musgraves, and John Prine, her songs tell deeply personal stories wrapped in warmth and honesty.

Whether performing originals like “Run, Run Baby” or “Love Song,” Jam-

erson captures audiences with her soulful vocals and intimate stage presence.

She’s appeared at standout venues and festivals such as Laurel Cove Music Festival, Manchester Music Festival, Master Musicians Festival, The Burl,

and Duke’s Indy, steadily growing a dedicated fanbase.

With a style rooted in the mountains but reaching far beyond, Emily Jamerson delivers performances that feel both timeless and deeply personal.

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

LANCE ROGERS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26TH | 7:15 P.M.
STAGE OF STARS



Lance Rogers, a dedicated musician with five years of relentless commitment, has become a driving force in the music scene.

His journey started with an unforgettable break, getting runner up in a regional singer songwriter competition, and opening for Chris Knight at the Bell Theater, followed by sharing the stage with Ward Davis at Southgate House in Newport, Ky.

Lance's passion took him to Appalachia on the Rocks in Colorado at Cervantes, a pivotal moment that propelled his band to play Troublesome Fest and then headline Buffalo Days, both in Colorado, the following two years. Opening Bulls, Bands, and Barrels Rodeo at Altech Arena in Lexington, Ky with Charles Wesley

Godwin and Shane Smith and The Saints was another recent highlight for Lance Rogers band. Direct support for Blackberry Smoke was a dream come true at the '25 World Chicken Festival in London, Ky.

Evolving from a trio to a full-fledged band, Lance aimed to capture the essence of his raw, core-cutting sound showcased in his latest album.

Rooted in the Appalachian foothills, his music embodies the soul of Kentucky, blending local flavor with creative mysticism. Lance's musical gift is nothing short of breathtaking, leaving audiences captivated by the burning spirit of his compositions. With an unyielding work ethic and a dedication to his craft, Lance Rogers stands as a testament to the power of authentic, homegrown music.

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FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

EGG SURVIVAL DROP CONTEST

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH | 10 A.M.

IN FRONT OF CUMBERLAND VALLEY NATIONAL BANK

Area students can test their skills and try to be successful at dropping an egg without breaking it!

This event takes place on Main Street in front of Cumberland Valley National Bank. There are three divisions: Elementary, Middle School, and High School. \$1,200.00 Prize Money will be divided equally among All finalists.

EGG DROP RULES

1. No registrations will be accepted after 9:30am.
2. No parachutes
3. Drop will be from 50 ft
4. Eggs will be provided by the committee and will be placed in your container on site. The committee must be able to remove the egg after the drop.
5. Your entry must be no larger than a 12"x12"x12" container.
6. There must be a place on your



container for judges to write a number with a marker.

7. Contestants must clean up after their drop
8. Survival Egg Drop total prize money is \$1200.00
9. All prize money will be divided equally among ALL finalists.
10. Prize for "Most Original Design" in each division.

CLUCKIN' STRUTTIN' AND CROWIN' CONTEST

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26TH | 1 P.M. | SANDERS STAGE



Don't be a big chicken! Show off your chicken impersonation skills on the Sanders Stage with your best imitation of a chicken by struttin' cluckin' and crowin'!

Open for all ages. The crowd will vote for their favorite contestant, presented by Wildcat Harley Davidson. Prizes: 1st (\$100), 2nd (\$75), 3rd (\$50)

STUDIO LONDON

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26TH | 5 P.M. | SANDERS STAGE

Studio London is a private vocal studio that was founded with the goal of helping every student, regardless of age or experience level, find their voice.

Since its start in 2012, hundreds of local, young singers have learned the fundamentals of healthy vocal technique, song selection, and confident stage presence.

Graduates have gone on to perform in a plethora of venues including American Idol, Broadway Artists' Alliance, Governor's School of the Arts, Belmont Musical Theater Company, and many have received music scholarships at the collegiate level.

London to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in Mount Vernon, KY, where its founder, Amber Hannah Hibbits, serves as resident voice instructor.

At this location students from Laurel County, Madison County, Rock Castle County, Whitley County, and Knox County attend weekly voice coaching sessions in the historic recording studio located in the center of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.

As they are coached in the glass, sound-proof studio, Renfro Valley tourists and artists can observe the lessons live as they tour the museum.

To inquire about signing up for voice lessons contact Amber (859) 618-9484



SATURDAY MUSIC

NIC CASSETTA

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27TH | 11 A.M. | SANDERS STAGE



Nic Cassetta is a classic country/rock musician based in Madison County, KY. He is the lead vocalist/rhythm guitarist/founder of Nic Cassetta music. Along with Erik Botsford, Cassetta founded Night-ShadE Music, KY. He is also the founder of Nic Cassetta & Company including band members: Wess Mills, Austin Mills, Chris Rookard, Travis Smith, and Brian Sparks. Nic has been performing since 2019. His travels have taken him to Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and West Virginia.

His musical journey has enabled him to perform with some incredible talent including Brady Seals, JP Pennington, Ray Scott, Blackhawk, Diamond Rio, and 18-month residency with Blake Shelton's Ole Red franchise.

Striving to make each show better than the last, Nic believes that bringing people together through music is one the daily rewards that life offers him.

TROY CARLOIS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27TH | 4 P.M. | SANDERS STAGE

Troy, a Prestonsburg, KY native, has been entertaining audiences for more than 40 years with the perfect blend of classic tunes and more modern styles.

Troy has entered thousands between appearances at The Bluebird Café, Tootsie's, and The Wild Horse Saloon all in Nashville, as well as RFD TV in Harrisonburg, VA, and Living Faith TV in Abingdon, VA.





THURSDAY, SEPT. 25, 2025



**SANDERS
STAGE**



STAGE OF STARS LONDON
TOURISM & PARKS

5:00

PEGGY INKS

5:30

**GOL SANDERS
LOOKALIKE CONTEST**



6:00

**GIGI TURNER
"THE ROCK N' ROLL PRINCESS"**

6:30

**KARAOKE
REGISTRATION
(LIMITED TO 20)**

7:00

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**KARAOKE
CONTEST**

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WORLD'S LARGEST STAINLESS STEEL SKILLET
4TH/LONG STREET
12PM-9PM THURS, FRIDAY, AND SAT
11AM-5PM SUNDAY



CHICKEN INVASION **COURTHOUSE**
ALL WEEKEND



KIDDIE WORLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH PARKING LOT
ALL WEEKEND



SOUTH OF 80

6:00 PM

DEEP SOUTH

7:30 PM



FRIDAY, SEPT. 26, 2025



**SANDERS
STAGE**



STAGE OF STARS LONDON
TOURISM & PARKS

10:00



**EGG DROP
MAIN STREET**

11:00

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12:30

**CLUCKIN'
STRUTTIN' AND
CROWIN' CONTEST**



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PRESLEY VAUGHN
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STUDIO LONDON
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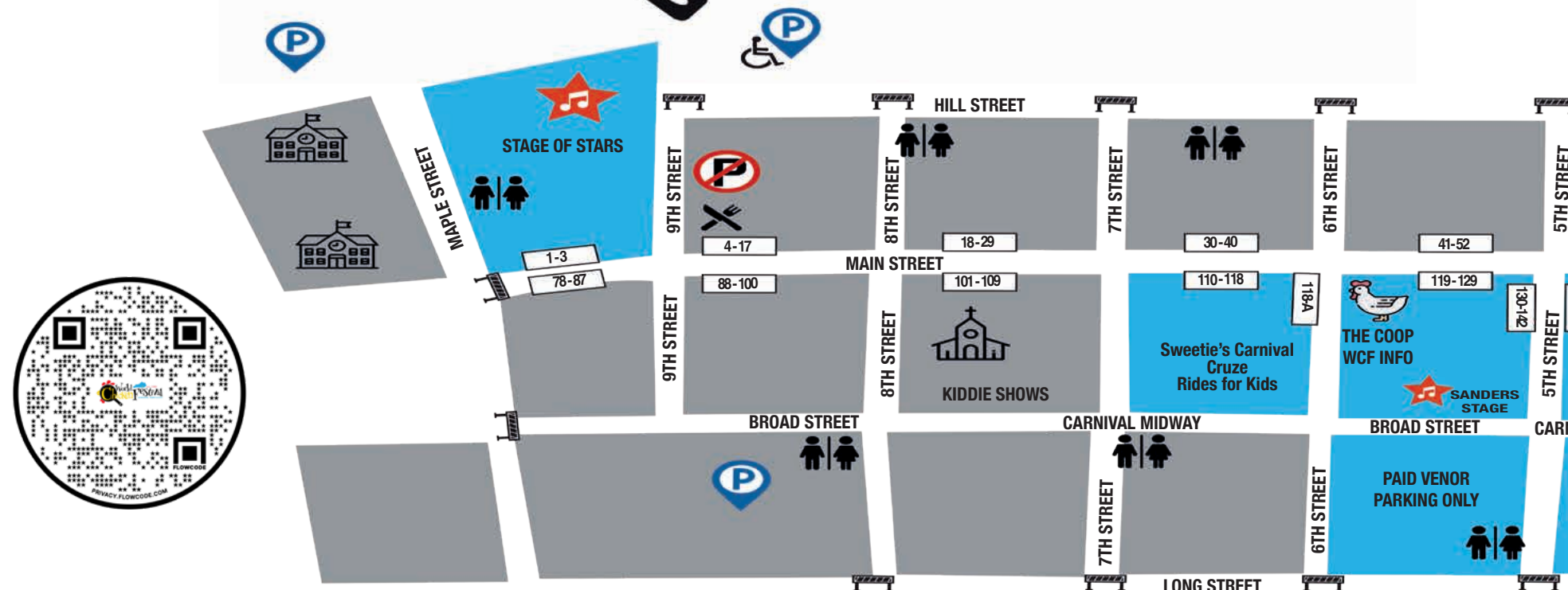
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EMILY JAMERSON
6:00 PM

**LANCE
ROGERS**
7:15 PM

**BLACKBERRY
SMOKE**
9:00 PM



VENDORS

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 2. LONDON LAUREL RESCUE SQUAD
 3. THE PALACE W/ STATION CENTER
 4. GRANNY PIGS W/ DORTHA E PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
 5. DUSTY DIAMOND BOUTIQUE
 6. FOUNTAIN OF LIFE CHURCH
 7. HD BEAUTY
 8. DIXIE-BELLE BOUTIQUE
 9. RUSTIC CHIC CRAFT BOUTIQUE
 10. OCTOBER'S WIND
 11. CAROLINA PRINTWORX 3D
 12. MAGNOLIA BLOSSOM BOUTIQUE
 13. K'S BARGAINS
 14. GROUPS RECOVER
 15. SAINT JOSEPH LONDON
 16. KEAVY DAV CHAPTER 158
 17. MCKENZIE'S TOYLAND
 18. CRAZY EATZ PIZZA GRILL W/ CORINTH BAPTIST
 19. ZIGGY'S CUSTOM AIRBRUSHING
 20. FOUNTAIN OF LIFE CHURCH
 21. HARVEST TIME PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

W/ 606 LUNKERS
 22. SPARKS 3D
 23. FESTIVAL KING
 24. MARTIN'S MERCHANTS
 25. MOODY COWS
 26. LONDON DOWNTOWN
 27. HEALTH EXPRESS FAMILY PRACTICE & URGENT CARE
 28. KITCHEN CRAFT
 29. LOCAL HONEY
 30. TONY AND MARY
 31. JAYDEN KATES BOUTIQUE
 32. COMFORT FOODS
 33. LOVE FOR POTTERY
 34. SOUTHERN DRAWL ART & TATTOO CO.
 35. SHANNON'S STUFFY STYLE
 36. SCENTSY
 37. BUDDY N BEAST
 38. HERE'S 2 LIFE CUSTOMS
 39. PURPLE DRAGON
 40. KINGS KETTLE KORN & SOUTHERN SIPS & SWEETS W/ LONDON WOMEN'S LEAGUE
 41. RE-WIRED & SOGGY DOGGY

42. SUGAR RUSH TREATS
 43. BLUE GRASS PEST MANAGEMENT
 44. STILL THERE SHINE SAUCE
 45. WOODLAND THISTLE
 46. APPALACHIAN WIRELESS
 47. ELLIE T LIFESTYLE
 48. KEEPSAKES AND FLOWERS
 49. MEK'S HANDMADE CRAFTS
 50. WORKMAN VARIETY
 51. MATT'S NAME RINGS
 52. COCO BONGOS W/ SOUTH LAUREL SOCCER GIRLS & BOYS
 53. KHLOE'S UNIQUES
 54. ALEX'S GREEK FOOD W/ SOUTH LAUREL MARCHING BAND
 55. JACK & SOPHIE'S BOUTIQUE
 56. THE MEDICARE STORE
 57. REDEEMING HOPE
 58. THE FROSTED BUNNY
 59. KINGS PALACE BOUTIQUE
 60. UNREAL EMPORIUM
 61. HONEY BOB SHOP
 62. CUMBERLAND VALLEY NATIONAL BANK
 63. MISTY MOUNTAIN GAMING

64. LOVELY NELLY TEES
 65. OTG W/ LONDON ROTARY
 66. PHILBILLY'S W/ DILLON HAMMONS FAMILY FOUNDATION
 67. DIAMOND CLUB
 68. HOUSE RAWLINGS FUNERAL HOME
 69. CABELAS
 70. BELLA + RAY
 71. DAV #66
 72. CAMPING WORLD
 73. VFW #3302
 74. AMAZING GRACE MISSION
 75. MAD CITY WINDOWS AND BATHS
 76. BIN BOSSES
 77. OLEIKA TRAIN
 78. BELLEWOOD DESIGNS
 79. MARINER FINANCE
 80. FSB, A DIVISION OF Y12 CREDIT UNION
 81. FARMER NATES SAUCE
 82. NASHBREW COFFEE
 83. SIAM SANDALS
 84. MAGICAL MARIONETTES
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DINING AREA



FIRE DEPARTMENT



GOVERNMENT BUILDING



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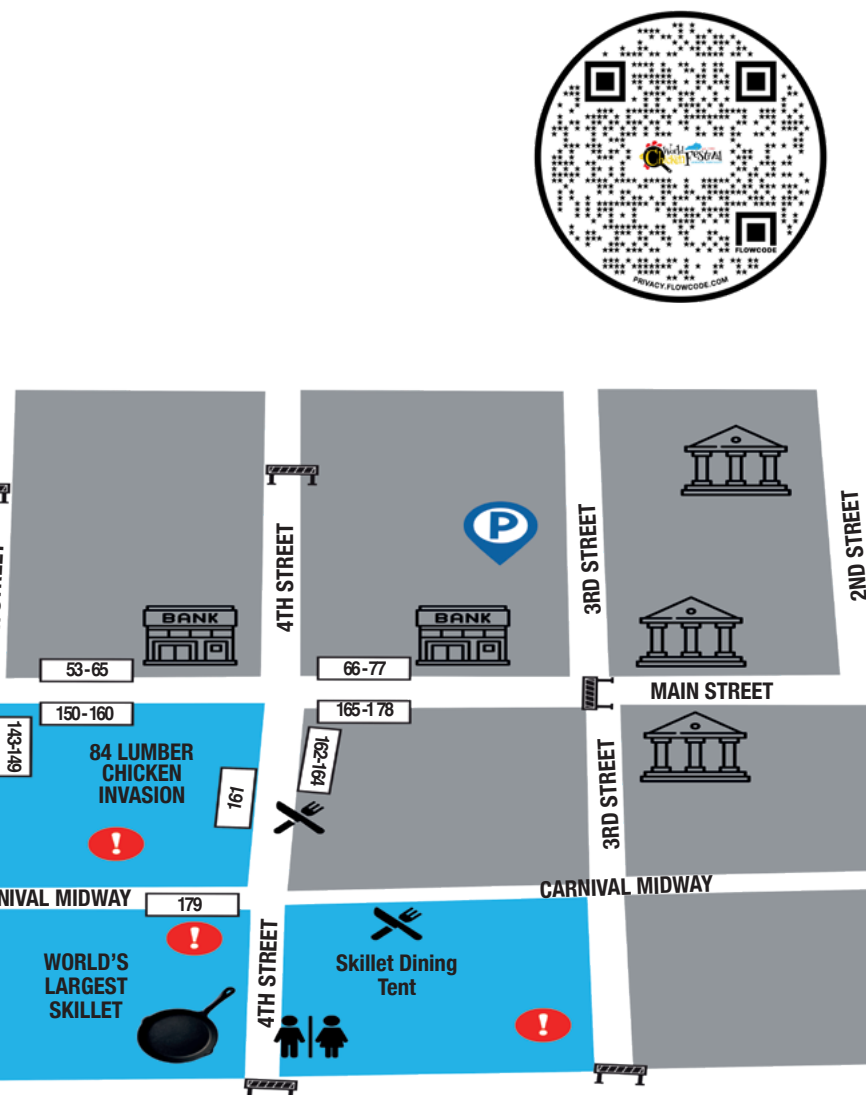
ALLOWED FESTIVAL PARKING HOURS:

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FRIDAY 10 AM - 11 PM

SATURDAY 10 AM - 11 PM

SUNDAY 1-5 PM



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SATURDAY SEPT. 27, 2025



**SANDERS
STAGE**



STAGE OF STARS



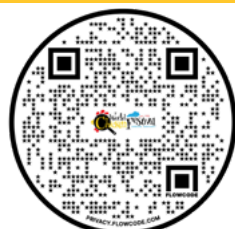
- 8:00 **SIGN UP FOR
RUN FOR THE ROOST 5K**
- 8:30 **FARMER'S MARKET**
- 9:00
- 9:30 **RUN FOR THE ROOST 5K**
- 10:00
- 10:30
- 11:00 **NIC CASSETTA
11:00AM**
- 11:30
- 12:00 **REGISTRATION FOR THE
HOT WING EATING CONTEST
12:00PM - 1:00PM**
- 12:30
- 1:00 **HOT WING
EATING CONTEST**
- 1:30 **WHISKERS & BEARD
CONTEST**
- 2:00 **ROOSTER TAIL
MULLET CONTEST**
- 2:30
- 3:00
- 3:30
- 4:00 **TROY CARLOIS
4:00PM**
- 4:30
- 5:00 **HAILEY NEWMAN & BOP
5:00PM**
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- 6:00 **LAYLA SPRING
6:00PM**
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- 7:00 **NO HANDSHAKES BAND
7:00PM**
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- 11:00



**BROOKS KIDD
6:00PM**

**HANNAH WHEELER
7:15PM**

**MARK WILLS
9:00PM**



SUNDAY, SEPT. 28, 2025

GOSPEL EGG-STRAVAGANZA STAGE STAGE OF STARS

- 10:00 **COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM**
- 10:30 **IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE SERVICE WILL BE HELD
IN THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AUDITORIUM**
- 11:00 **WORLD'S LARGEST STAINLESS STEEL
SKILLET OPENS 11:00AM**
- 11:30
- 12:00
- 12:30
- 1:00 **LOVEWELL 1:00PM**
- 1:30 **THE FRANKLINS 1:30PM**
- 2:00
- 2:30
- 3:00 **FAIR HAVEN QUARTET 3:00PM**
- 3:30 **TODD TILGHMAN 3:30PM**
- 4:00 **KELLY CRABB & THE BOWLING SISTERS 4:00PM**
- 4:30
- 5:00 **WORLD'S LARGEST STAINLESS STEEL SKILLET CLOSSES**



**WORLD'S LARGEST
STAINLESS STEEL SKILLET**
4TH / LONG STREET
12PM-9PM THURS, FRIDAY, AND SAT
11AM-5PM SUNDAY

London
Rotary
Club



CHICKEN INVASION
COURTHOUSE
ALL WEEKEND



KIDDIE WORLD
CHRISTIAN CHURCH PARKING LOT
ALL WEEKEND

SATURDAY MUSIC



HAILEY NEWMAN

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27TH
5 P.M. | SANDERS STAGE

Pop-rock country singer-songwriter Hailey Newman is from a quaint mountain town in Eastern Kentucky just outside of Prestonsburg.

She first realized her desire to become a singer-songwriter after giving a rousing performance of Miranda Lambert's "Mama's Broken Heart" during her Middle School talent show in 2015.

Shortly thereafter her first public performances came during an open mic showcase called Front Porch Pickin at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

Always aspiring to be like other

strong-willed women in music such as Carrie Underwood and Miranda Lambert, Hailey is breaking ground with her own music now, having released five singles independently in 2020.

She is now writing with veteran Nashville songwriters Doug Kahan & Holly Lamar, and native Texan songwriter Drew Womack.

2021 will bring more new music with a series of new singles which continues to build upon her firm foundation of turning her own life stories into music that her fans can relate to, and draw strength from. Learn more at HaileyNewman.net



LAYLA SPRING

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27TH
6 P.M. | SANDERS STAGE

Layla Spring comes from a little town right in the heart of Kentucky! She knew at a very young age that entertaining & music was certainly something that she was going to pursue. In 2018 she was scouted out by the reality television show "American Idol" During her time on the show she became not only a finalist but a fan favorite.

Layla had much success on her first run of Idol, gaining millions of views overnight. America was crushed when she got sent home. So, Spring then went on to be voted back onto the show in 2020 by America! Spring has performed with many icons in her short years. Including the spectacular Sugarland, the wonderful Leann Rimes. Her music has caught the attention of country music's favorite guy Luke Bryan, the

legendary Lionel Ritchie, the iconic Katy Perry, Lauren Alaina, Scotty McCreery & more!

Layla Spring has performed over 1000 shows in her career. She has been on the road for many years, kicking off the show for incredible artist that include: Montgomery Gentry, Colt Ford, Easton Corbin, Exile, Leann Rimes, Terri Clark & so many more. Spring has also been on multiple tours of her own. Layla Spring is very grateful for all of her endeavors & opportunities that she has been blessed with! She doesn't meet a stranger & loves to sing to anyone that will listen. Her biggest dream is to inspire the world that anything is possible, if you just believe in yourself.

After all... she's just a small-town girl from Kentucky!

SATURDAY MUSIC



NO HANDSHAKES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27 | 7 P.M.
SANDERS STAGE

No Handshakes is a rock band from Corbin, Kentucky. Consisting of members; Dylan Anders (Guitar, Vocals), Logan Begley (Bass, Vocals), and Bradley Hacker (Drums, Mandolin, Vocals). While all growing up together, the band didn't form until late 2019.

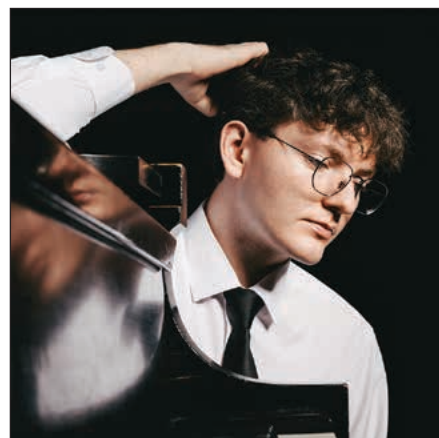
Self releasing their debut EP, "It

Won't Ever Be The Same" in 2022 and debut album, "Noises From The Attic" in 2024 produced by Top Stair Records.

No Handshakes' music has a unique blend of influences and styles ranging from classic rock, modern alternative, Americana, pop punk and heavy metal.

BROOKS KIDD

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27 | 6 P.M. | STAGE OF STARS



After competing on American Idol Season 20, he became known for his cover of "Mad World," going on to release his debut original album, juxtaposition, featuring songs like "when elvis left the building" and "embers & ashes."

In addition to his music career, he graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a Bachelor's of Music, and is currently studying at Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Brooks Kidd is a Kentucky-based singer/songwriter who has performed across Kentucky and beyond in music festivals and live music venues.

He plans to continue performing, recording, and writing as he studies music business, law, and intellectual property.

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SATURDAY MUSIC



HANNAH WHEELER & THE HEARTACHES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 7:15 P.M. | STAGE OF STARS

Hannah Wheeler & The Heartaches is a Country band consisting of members ranging from 22-25 years of age (including guitar, drums, bass, and pedal steel guitar). Young, eager, and energetic, the band

is fronted by Miss Hannah Wheeler. Hannah is a 24-year-old singer/songwriter from Clay City, KY. Hannah is often described as a “firecracker.” She is not afraid to put her personality on display. Her fun and energetic spirit

lights up the stage, complimenting her raspy, soulful and powerful vocals.

Hannah & The Heartaches have traveled across KY, OH, WV, VA, IN, and TN playing over 75 shows just last year. Hannah has over 2 hours of

original material as well as a setlist of over 10 hours worth of cover songs. Spanning from classic country to today’s hits and classic rock favorites, the band is sure to have a song everyone will love.

SATURDAY HEADLINER

MARK WILLS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 9 P.M. | STAGE OF STARS

It was “19(90) Somethin’” when Grand Ole Opry member Mark Wills went from singing at Atlanta’s infamous Buckboard to releasing his first of 19 Billboard- charting singles across seven albums. While climbing his musical “ladder,” he has recorded Gold and Platinum albums and released some of the most enduring and recognizable Country Music hits of the last 25 Years.

“Wish You Were Here,” “Jacob’s Ladder” and “I Do (Cherish You)” cemented his country status in the late ’90s and at the ‘dawning of a new decade’ in the early ’00s. “Jacob’s Ladder” was released via Mercury Nashville in May 1996 as Wills’ debut single, and it became the singer’s first of eight Top 10 hits. His debut self- titled album followed “full of rambunctious good-time songs teeming with sly wit and bittersweet ballads — all in a baritone that throbs with emotion” per Entertainment Weekly. Billboard Hot Country Songs chart Top 5 hits: “Places I’ve Never Been,” “I Do (Cherish You),” “Don’t Laugh at Me,” and No. 1 single “Wish You Were Here” hit the airwaves between 1997-1999. Fittingly, Wills’ early chart success earned him an Academy of Country Music Award for Top New Male Vocalist in 1998. One of his biggest hits to date is the RIAA Gold-certified “19 Somethin’” – a six-week No. 1 on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart.

In 2022, Mark rerecorded and released his hit “Don’t Laugh at Me” with the acapella recording group, Home Free featuring Mark’s daughter, Macey. In conjunction with this release, a new music video was filmed starring 21 Pineapples’ Nate Smith and JennaLee Wasserman earning the collaborators 3 Gold Telly Awards.

He also has taken more than a dozen trips to entertain U.S. troops in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Korea, and Italy. Wills continues to hit the road with his high- energy show full of hits that were the soundtrack to so many people’s lives.



SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT



"RUN FOR THE ROOST" 5K RACE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | SIGN UP 8 A.M.
EVENT STARTS 9 A.M. | FARMERS MARKET

The Run for the Roost 5K is ready for all you chickens, roosters and hens to take on. The course has been revamped this year with

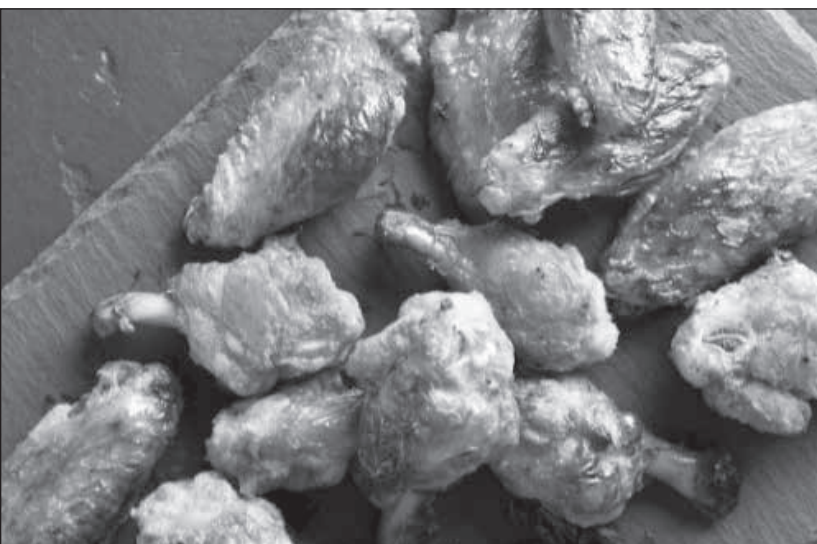
a flat, quick PR course that starts and ends at the London Farmer Market on Race Day. Register at [https://chickenfestival.com/run-for-](https://chickenfestival.com/run-for-the-roost-5k-race/)

[the-roost-5k-race/](https://chickenfestival.com/run-for-the-roost-5k-race/)

This year's race benefits South Laurel High School's Track and Field and Cross-Country teams.

OTG HOT WING EATING CONTEST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | SIGN UP 12 P.M. | EVENT STARTS 1 P.M. | SANDERS STAGE



Do you like it HOT? The Hot Wing Eating Contest has been a long tradition at the World Chicken Festival.

Who will be crowned champion this year and be able to crow about it?

Contestants are limited to the first 20 registrants ages 18+ so make sure you arrive early.

This contest is presented by SAM 103.9 and Old Town Grill



SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT



WHISKERS AND BEARD CONTEST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
2 P.M. | SANDERS STAGE

Can you compete with a chicken's wattle and beard?

Open to all ages as you show off your long facial hair.

Special thanks to our panel of judges from Somerset Community College Cosmetology School.

They will be choosing the most impressive style of beards.

Wildcat Harley Davidson is egg-cited to see those flock of hair flow on a future Harley-Davidson.

PRIZE (WATTLE) BEARD DIVISION

1st place \$100 | 2nd place \$75 | 3rd place \$50

PRIZE (WHISKERS) MUSTACHE DIVISION

1st place \$100 | 2nd place \$75 | 3rd place \$50

Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025

Location: Sanders Stage

Registration: 1:30pm

Start Time: 2:00pm

ROOSTERTAIL MULLET CONTEST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 3 P.M. | SANDERS STAGE

Business in the front, party in the back! The mullet hair style is back. Let your "Rooster Tail" spread its wings at the World Chicken Festival. We want to see the coolest Roostertail Mullet Hair-styles.

Somerset Community College Cosmetology pro-

gram will be the panel of judges.

DIVISION CATEGORIES

5yrs and under Division: 1st \$100; 2nd \$75; 3rd \$50

6-12 yr Division: 1st \$100; 2nd \$75; 3rd \$50

18yrs and up: 1st \$100; 2nd \$75; 3rd \$50



SUNDAY WORSHIP

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 10 A.M.

GOSPEL EGG-STRAVAGANZA (TOWN CENTER PARK)

The Community Church Service will be at Town Center Park and the Gospel Egg-stravaganza Stage. First Christian Church and First Methodist Church will be leading the community church service with praise and worship and a message. Bring a chair or blanket. Stay for the Gospel music entertainment that begins at 1 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the auditorium of First United Methodist Church

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SUNDAY MUSIC

LOVEWELL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

1 P.M.

GOSPEL EGGSTRAVAGANZA
(TOWN CENTER PARK)

With roots in Corbin, Kentucky, Lovewell's smooth, seamless harmonies blend Southern Gospel with Bluegrass and a little bit of soul to create a homegrown sound that will take you to church. And that is as it should be, since they have spent many of their collective years in church together.

North Corbin native, Veronica Watkins Prewitt resides there still with her husband David. Veronica comes in high with svelte soprano. While Lauren Prewitt Ballard, Veronica's daughter, brings velvety alto tones and a signature high, lonesome flip to the trio. Lauren lives in Richmond, Kentucky with her husband, Dylan and young son, Cooper. And hailing from South Corbin with that rich low sound, is powerhouse baritone, Jacob West. Jacob certainly feels like family and so does this trio's vocal blend.

You might have seen these three on local television, in London Downtown or surrounding churches or heard songs on the radio from their Timeless project, acapella Star Spangled Banner and Christmas EP entitled Joy.

For booking see lovewellmusic.com and be sure to follow Lovewell on social media for updates and upcoming appearances.





BUSINESS / SERVICES

Accounting Firm: Abner & Cox, PLLC
 Agriculture Store: Southern States
 Attorney: Brittany N. Riley Esq.
 Attorney's Office: Cessna & George
 Auction Company: Ford Brothers
 Bank: First National Bank of Manchester
 Bank Customer Service: CVNB
 Bank Drive Thru: Hometown Bank
 Bank President: Lucas Shepard,
 First National Bank of Manchester
 Bank Teller: Abbie Pickett, CVNB
 Banking/Checking Services: CVNB
 Best Bank Customer Service: Hometown Bank
 City/Co. Office or Department: Laurel Co PVA
 City/County Official or Employee: Roger Schott
 Church: First Baptist Church of London
 Coach: Jeff Davis, SLHS Basketball
 College: University of the Cumberland
 Commercial Printer/Print Shop: Minuteman Press
 Computer Store/Needs/Products:
 The Computer Place
 Dance Studio: Rhythm Dance Studio
 Dry Cleaners: London Dry Cleaners
 Elementary School: Cornerstone Christian
 Environmental Company: C2G Environmental
 Employment Services: The Job Shop
 Farm Equipment: Martin's Equipment Group
 Southeastern Farm Supply
 Finance (Not a Bank): Laurel Financial
 Financial Advisor: Jonathon Hibbard,
 Edward Jones
 Fitness Center: Believe Fitness Studio
 Floral Designer: Ian Helton, Sweet Peas & Petal
 Floral Shop: Sweet Peas & Petal
 Funeral Director: Barkley Bowling
 Funeral Home: House Rawlings Funeral Home
 Garden Nursery: Creekside Gardens
 Grocery Store: IGA, E.C. Porters
 Gun Shop: Center Target
 Haunted Forest: Fariston Haunted Forest

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Laurel County's 2025 Best of the Best

voted by the Readers of The Sentinel Echo

High School: South Laurel High School
 Hunting Supplies: N/A
 Insurance Agency: KY Farm Bureau
 Insurance Agent: Stan Owens - KY Farm Bureau
 Landscaping: Dusk till Dawn Lawn
 Liquor Store: Buddy's Liquor Store
 Loan Officer: Jake Beckner, FMBM
 Local Talent: McKane
 Manager Boss: Lucas Shepherd, FMBM
 Middle School: South Laurel
 Monuments: Hampton Monuments
 Mortgage (Not a Bank): Alliance Mortgage
 Mortgage Loan Officer:
 Paula Hall - Alliance Mortgage
 Motel/Hotel: Hampton Inn, Handy Hotels
 New Business: Miss Betty's Furniture Store
 News Source: Sentinel Echo
 Pastor: Jesse Armstrong, First Baptist
 Pawn Shop: Wildcat Pawn
 Photographer: Keisha Amburgey
 Place to Work: First National Bank of Manchester
 Preschool: Cornerstone Christian
 Principal: Dr. Jeremy Kidd, SLHS
 Radio Announcer: Broadcast Brothers
 Radio Station: Classic Hits 96.7
 Real-Estate Agency: Watkins Realty
 Real-Estate Agent: Daniel Carmack
 Real Estate Auctioneer: Devin Ford
 Restoration Company: C2G Environmental
 RV Dealership: Day Brothers RV
 RV Sales Person: Camping World Sales team
 School Band: South Laurel
 School Choir: South Laurel
 School Sports Team: South Laurel Baseball team
 Secretary/Receptionist:

Pam Cox, The Frame Shop
 Security Guard: Donnie Bushelman, St. Joseph
 Security Systems/Company: Silent Guard
 Self Storage: K & K Storage
 Social Media Consulting: Julie Ross Rea Media
 Tax Office: Grigsby Tax Service

Tax Preparer: Beverly Grigsby
 Teacher: Ms. Ramsey, Cornerstone
 WebSite Design: Hotwire-Productions.net

HEALTH CARE SERVICES & NEEDS

Audiologist: Hunter Harvey, Five Star Hearing
 Cancer Center: Baptist Health
 Gastroenterologist: Robin House, St. Joseph
 Chiropractor: Tony Combs, Tri-County Chiropractic
 Dentist: Dowell Family Dentistry
 Doctor: James Bastin, London Women's Care
 Doctor Office: Grace Health, Levi Jackson
 Elderly Care Facility: Laurel Senior Living
 Eye Doctor: Melissa Ball, Professionals in Eye Care
 Eyewear: 20/20 Eyewear
 Family Practice: Jarrod Jones, St. Joseph
 Hearing Aid Store: Five Star Hearing
 Heart Doctor: Nellie Goodin, St. Joseph
 Home Health Care Needs: Home Helpers
 Hospice: Bluegrass Care Navigator
 Hospital: St. Joseph, London
 Internal Medicine Practice: Shelley Stanko
 Massage Therapist: Gabby Getz, Michaels
 Medical Spa: Esteem Aesthetics, A Wellness Spa
 Mental Health Provider: Cheyenne Hamblin, Fuse
 OB-GYN:

Dr. Kristy Preston, London Women's Care
 Orthodontist: Fisk & Huffman Orthodontic
 Orthopedic Surgeon:
 Giriraj Gupta AdventHealth Manchester
 Pediatrics: London Women's Care
 Pharmacist: Ben Vice, Grace Health Levi Jackson
 Pharmacy: Plaza Drug of London
 Pharmacy Tech: Ashley Bishop - Plaza Drug
 Physical Therapist:

Eddie Valentine, Revolution Therapy
 Podiatrist: Dr. Heather Jones, Total Foot & Ankle
 Urgent Care: First Care - London

BEAUTY CARE & NEEDS

Barber: Donnie Lee Philpot, The Shop
 Barber Shop: The Shop
 Nails: Venus Nails



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Salon: Beauty Works Salon
 Stylist: Ora Eldridge: Beauty Works Salon
 Tanning Salon: Sun Tan City

SHOPPING

Appliance Store: Bundy Maytag
 Bridal Store: The Copper Penny
 Children's Clothing: Proper Paisley
 Christmas Decorations:
 Southeastern KY Pools & Patio
 Department Store: Kohl's
 Flea Market: Flea Land Flea Market
 Formal Wear: Silver Spoons Formals
 Gifts: Uptown Florist
 Jewelry: Benqueil's Fine Jewelry
 Mattresses: Kemper Home Furnishings
 Men's Clothing: Farmers's Pro Hardware
 Pool Supply: Southeastern KY Pools & Patio
 Shoe Store: Shoe Inn
 Sporting Goods Store: Hibbetts
 Teen Clothing: Posh Boutique
 Women's Clothing: Posh Boutique

RECREATION

Best Non-Downtown Event: Christmas on Main
 Kids Entertainment: The Palace
 Campground: Levi Jackson Wilderness Road Park
 Club/Organization:
 London Laurel Chamber Ambassadors
 Community Festival/Event:
 World Chicken Festival
 Downtown Event: Honeybun Day
 Entertainment: The Palace
 Golf Course: London Country Club
 Motorcycles/ATV's: Wildcat Harley - Davidson
 Place to Meet Friends: Moody Cows
 Place to hold Banquet: The Hemlock Venue

HOME & HOUSE IMPROVEMENT/REPAIR NEEDS

Builder/Contractor: Tri-State
 Buildings: Premier of London
 Building Supplies: 84 Lumber
 Cabinets: Surplus Sales

Electrical Contractor: Mr. Electric
 Electrical Supplies:
 Hibbitts Brothers Plumbing & Electrical Supply
 Exterminator: Shawn-Kingston Pest
 Floor Coverings: Curry Flooring & Tile
 Furniture: Kemper Home Furnishings
 Heating & Air:
 Leo Jones & Sons Heating & Cooling
 Home Décor: Maple Leaf Furnishings
 Mobile Home Dealership: Red Rock Homes
 Mobile Home Salesperson:
 Dewayne Perkins, Red Rock Homes
 Paint: W.D. Bryant
 Plumbing Supplies:
 Hibbitts Brothers Plumbing & Electrical Supply
 Replacements Windows: Lowe's
 Tools & Supplies: Farmer's Pro Hardware

AUTOMOBILE CARE & NEEDS

Auto Auction: Ford Brothers
 Auto Auctioneer: Joe Gill, Ford Brothers
 Auto Detailing Shop: N/A
 Auto Body Repair Shop: The Frame Shop
 Car Wash: Lickety Split Car Wash
 Dealership New Car:
 Tincher-Williams Chevrolet GMC
 Dealership Used Car:
 Tincher-Williams Chevrolet GMC
 Mechanic: Jake Bill, Bills Body Shop
 Oil Changes: Valvoline
 Sales Person: Jeff Stidham, Tincher Williams
 Tires: London Tire Center
 Truck Dealership: Martin's Peterbilt of Eastern KY
 Wrecker Service: Floyd's Wrecker

FOOD & DRINK

Appetizers: Old Town Grill
 Bar & Grill: Texas Roadhouse
 Bartender: Roxxie Curry, Dino's
 BBQ: Durhams Pit BBQ
 Best Cook: Brandon Owens, The Kitchen
 Best Over All Restaurant: The Kitchen by Brandon

Best Waiter/Waitress: Ashley Elliott, OTG
 Breakfast: Frisch's Big Boy Restaurant
 Wings: Slim Chickens
 Burgers: Old Town Grill
 Caterer: Golden Corral
 Chicken: KFC
 Chili: Dairy Dart Food Truck
 Chinese: Great Wall
 Coffee: Sacred Grounds
 Coffee Shop: Something's Brewing
 Decorated Cakes: The Bluegrass Baker
 Desserts: The Bluegrass Baker
 Dining Atmosphere: Old Town Grill
 Drink Shop: Southern Sips & Sweets
 Fast Food: Wendy's
 Fast Food Drive Thru: Hardee's on Main
 Fish & Seafood: Captain's D's
 Fries: Frisch's Big Boy Restaurant
 Home Cooking Restaurant: BP Station
 Hot Dog: Hibbard's Concessions
 Ice Cream/Shakes: Moody Cows
 Italian: Dino's Italian Restaurant & Lounge
 Kids Meals: Slim Chickens
 Mexican: Habanero Mexican Grill
 New Restaurant: Burrito's & Bowls
 Outdoor Dining: Habanero Mexican Grill
 Pizza: Sauced: Craft Pizza, Pasta, Salad
 Produce: Spring Valley Farms
 Restaurant Manager:

Ben Oberholzer, Golden Corral

Sandwich Shop/Deli: Spring Valley Farm
 Salad: The Kitchen by Brandon
 Sports Bar: Texas Roadhouse
 Steak House: Shiloh's Steakhouse

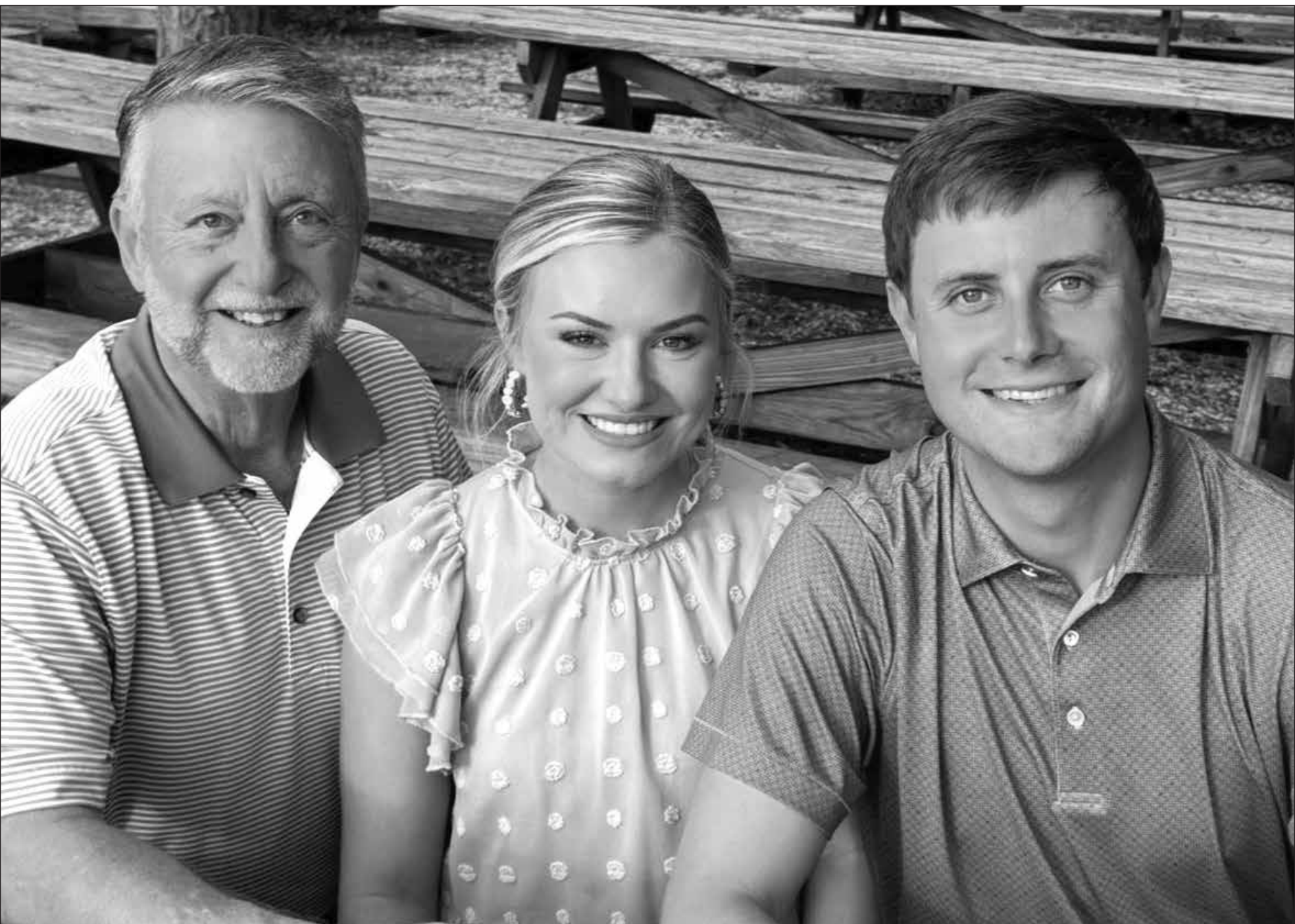
PET

Boarding Kennel: Gone to the Dogs
 Pet Clothing: Paws & Claws
 Pet Groomer: Paws & Claws
 Pet Store: Adventure Pets
 Pet Supplies: Paws & Claws
 Veterinarian: London Veterinary Clinic

SUNDAY MUSIC

THE FRANKLINS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 1:30 P.M. | GOSPEL EGGSTRAVAGANZA



We are The Franklins - a family Southern Gospel trio blessed to share the Gospel through song. God has given us a love for Southern Gospel music and a desire to encourage His people and reach the lost. Every time we sing, our prayer is that hearts will be lifted, lives will be touched, and Jesus Christ will be glorified.

SUNDAY MUSIC

FAIR HAVEN QUARTET

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 3 P.M. | GOSPEL EGGSTRAVAGANZA



Since the beginning of their music ministry in 2004 the Fair Haven Quartet has traveled extensively to churches throughout Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee while appearing on

national programs such as The Gospel Greats with Paul Heil, Southern Gospel Music's #1 radio program heard coast to coast, and a featured artist on the syndicated gospel music television show, The

Brush Arbor Jubilee as well as currently appearing on America's Gospel Music on the RFD network.

They have also performed numerous times at the historic Renfro Valley

Theaters and Dollywood Theme Park in Pigeon Forge, TN during their October Harvest Festival. They have enjoyed hosting the World Chicken Festival in London, Kentucky for several years!

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SUNDAY MUSIC

TODD TILGHMAN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 3:30 P.M. | GOSPEL EGGSTRAVAGANZA



Blending the sounds of Country, Gospel, Worship and Classic Rock, Todd Tilghman's raspy, soulful voice, contagious enthusiasm, and tangible authenticity all definitely stand out in a crowd.

Todd has been married to his high school sweetheart, Brooke, since 1998. The couple have eight children. Todd is most well known as the winner of the 18th Season of NBC's "The Voice."

Todd describes his music as "slice of

life." He shares real lyrics about real life and faith, often finding it challenging to squeeze inside a particular genre.

"I just want people to hear the music and immediately remember experiences in their own lives. I want it to have meat,

you know? I want to do what I can with my music to share with the world those things that are universally important to us all: love, and family, and faith, and the passing of time, and I'll throw in a little soul and some fun too."

KELLY CRABB AND THE BOWLING SISTERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 4 P.M. | GOSPEL EGGSTRAVAGANZA



Kelly Crabb and the Bowling Sisters combine talent, sincerity and experience to create a night that YOU will never forget!! Their goal for the evening is to usher in the presence of God and remind you that YOU too will make

it!! Candor, truth, and stories of hope are the focus of the evening at any concert/service.

The group consists of Kelly, her daughter Hope, Katelanne, and Gracie. The youthful sound that these girls bring

will be embraced by all, young and old. What a breath of fresh air!!

This family is no stranger to the Christian music world, with Kelly having a long list of accomplishments during her vocal career. She spent more than 15

years with her family, The Crabb Family. During that time they were the recipients of three GRAMMY nominations, 11 Dove Awards, 16 number one songs and numerous other accomplishments. Kelly's unmistakable voice could be heard on the family's hits "Don't You Wanna Go," "Good Day," "Jesus Will Do What You Can't," "Trail Of Tears," as well as singing harmonies on all the others.

Kelly and her daughters truly bring a sound all their own to any stage. The addition of the three Bowling girls brings a refreshing youthful sound that is a bit reminiscent of early Crabb Family days.

Kelly is one of a handful of Christian artists that can say she's been on a bus her entire adult life. She and her siblings became a touring entity when she was only seventeen. She's never earned a single dollar that wasn't a ministry dollar. Kelly frequents the speaking circuit as well. She's a sought after speaker for ladies events, as well as evangelistic services. The music is fresh, the anointing is the helper, and authenticity permeates the atmosphere when these women of God take the stage.

Kelly's oldest daughter Hope officially joined full-time, about eight years ago. Things change, life happened, and Katelanne and Gracie have moved into the line-up in a major way in 2021.

In this season of life the Bowling Sisters are front-and-center with Mom, blessing us with their amazing vocal ability. However, their sweet spirits match the talent, and their love for people is their calling card.

To quote Kelly: "God called me before I was. So, as long as I have breath in my body, I will be found telling of the goodness of Jesus. In the good seasons, in the rough seasons, in the healthy seasons, in the not so healthy seasons, I will tell of His faithfulness."

84 LUMBER CHICKEN INVASION

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, SEPT. 26-29, 2025 | LAUREL COUNTY COURTHOUSE



Flock on over to the 84 Lumber Chicken Invasion to see the most colorful art display of wooden themed artistic chicken. Local businesses, non-profits and schools have painted their version of an “egg-citing” chicken that will be viewed by thousands of visitors. The public will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite decorated chicken for \$1.00 and proceeds will benefit the London Rotary Club.



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OPEN

Deadline: September 5th, 2025

World Chicken Festival

Friday, Sept 26, 2025 3pm

Women Doubles 3.5 and Below
Women Doubles 3.5 and Above

Saturday, Sept 27, 2025 9am

Men Doubles 3.5 and Below
Men Doubles 3.5 and Above

Sunday, Sept 28, 2025 9am

Mixed Doubles 3.5 and Below
Mixed Doubles 3.5 and Above

\$40 1st Event

\$30 2nd Event

Per Person
includes T-shirt

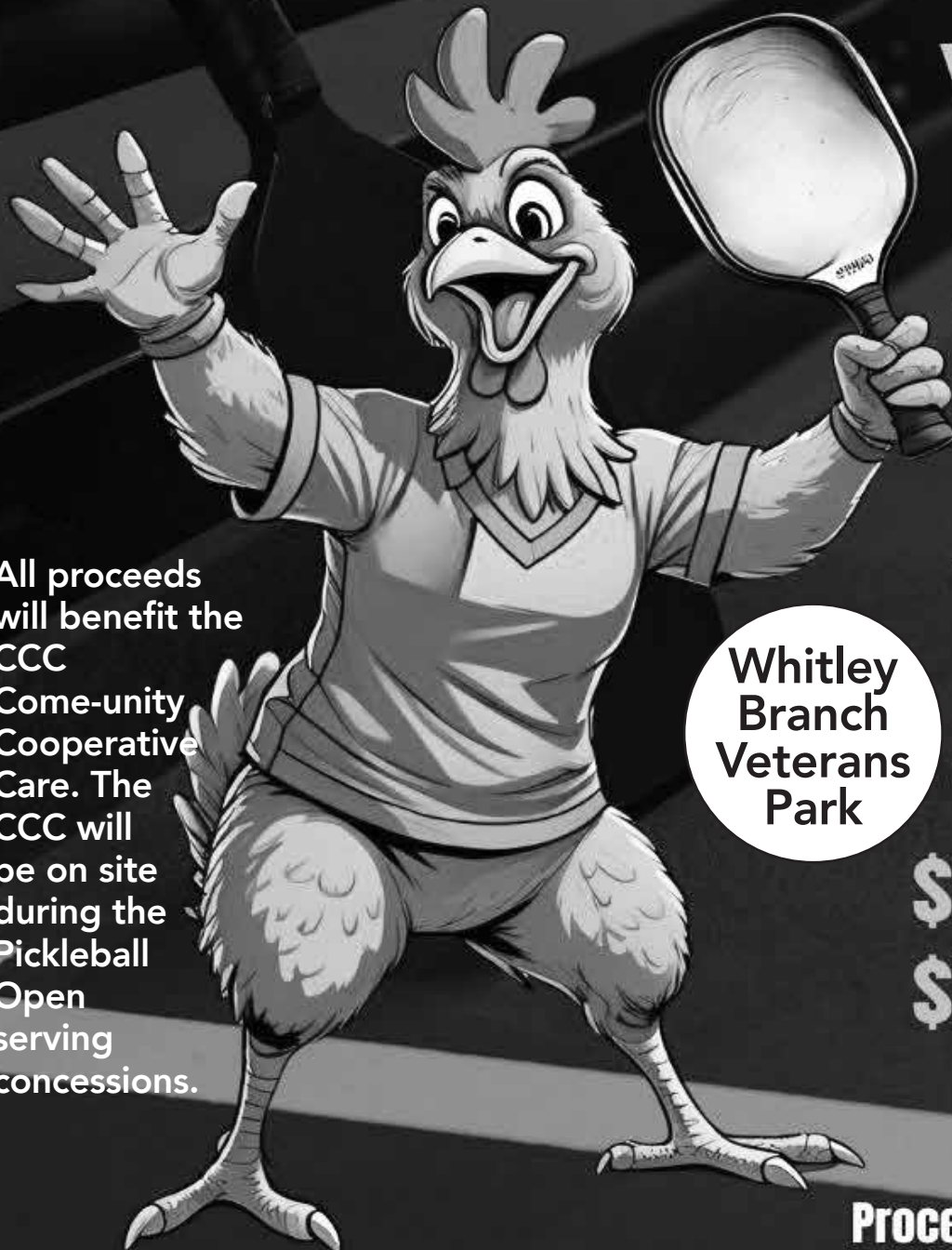


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Proceeds benefit Come-Unity Cooperative Care

All proceeds will benefit the CCC Come-unity Cooperative Care. The CCC will be on site during the Pickleball Open serving concessions.

Whitley Branch Veterans Park



A PROCLAMATION HONORING LINDSAY SHARP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

Whereas, Lindsay Sharp graduate of South Laurel High School in 2002 and graduate of Lindsey Wilson College in 2006 is the World Chicken Festival's biggest fan, while meeting strangers who ask "Where are you from?" Lindsay always responds with London KY, Home of the World Chicken Festival.

Whereas, Lindsay's love of the WCF began on day one of the first festival in 1990. She spent every single minute of every single day watching parades, visiting vendors, eating lots of food while wearing her signature Hee Haw overalls. The last pair of overalls were originally purchased at Bob's Ready to Wear.

Whereas, dedication of displaying all of her collectible WCF shirts as an advent calendar anticipating the countdown to her number one anticipated "holiday" out of the 12 months of the year, the World Chicken Festival.

Whereas, Lindsay has only missed one festival over the past thirty years. She moved to Springfield Missouri following graduation from Lindsey Wilson College and worked for Camp Barnabas, a camp for children with special needs. She cried the entire weekend and vowed to never miss another one. While fighting cancer in 2019, her only request was for the Doctors to schedule her



treatments around the World Chicken Festival.

Whereas, Lindsay believes in traditions, each year she enjoys

fried snickers on the Laurel County Courthouse steps, sharing a bucket of mini donuts with friend, buying her official

festival t-shirt eating at the World's Largest Stainless Steel Skillet, visiting each vendor booth numerous times an walk-

ing the entire WCF venue to meet and greet everyone with a smile.

Whereas, Lindsay passion for promoting London and Laurel County by sharing her memories and WCF stories. A couple from Alabama after hearing of Lindsay's Festival Memories, visited two consecutive years. They were impressed with the beautiful town and the festival. Lindsay says she just cannot understand how anyone couldn't love it as much as she does.

Whereas, There are many who enjoy the festival but few who are as obsessed, as Lindsay Sharp is definitely one of a kind and once you've met her, you will remember her spunk and sparkle. If you see a little lady in chicken festival overalls stop and say hi. Don't ask her to sell them... they are a tradition and traditions are priceless.

Now Therefore, I, David Westerfield, Judge Executive of Laurel County Fiscal Court in the State of Kentucky, ask all our county residents to join me in proudly honoring and celebrating Lindsey Sharp for her profound dedication and inspiring example of commitment to excellence in promoting London/Laurel county by emphasizing the World Chicken Festival.

On the 5th day of January in the year 2020. Declare the last Saturday in September as Lindsay Sharp Day.

IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY (SWEETIE) SMITH



Shirley (Sweetie) Smith was a fixture in downtown London her entire life. Her parents ran the Hob Nob restaurant on Main Street. She went to London High School. She walked from her house on 5th Street to school to the restaurant most days when she was young. She shared many stories with friends and family about her time growing up in London, Ky.

She loved the many events and activities that London offered. She enjoyed Thursday Night Live, loved frequenting downtown restaurants and attended every parade. She would walk to the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings

to buy items and to visit with friends and attended most events held at the Farmers Market.

Sweetie loved all events in London, but she especially loved the World Chicken Festival. She had been to every Chicken Festival from the beginning. She would drive her golf cart when they would begin setting up for the festival and would talk to people setting up rides and booths. She became friends with the ride companies, and some would send her Christmas gifts and she would send their children graduation gifts.

She passed her love of the festival to

her children Bobby and Jeanne, and her granddaughter, Lily. She would go to the festival every day and loved visiting with friends and family while she was there. She enjoyed eating at different booths, watching Lily ride almost every ride, listening to the musical acts, and most every activity offered during the festival. She would drive by the set up with Lily before school and would take her back in the golf cart after school.

Sweetie always let the festival use her parking lot to set up the kiddie rides known as Kiddie World. She would let them start setting up on Monday before the festival. Because they used her lot, she was a sponsor of the festival. She received World Chicken Festival sponsor shirts each year that said sponsor

on them. She was upset one year that “sponsor” was smaller than previous years and made sure to let them know she preferred for sponsor to be larger. She was so proud to be a sponsor of the Chicken Festival.

Unfortunately, Sweetie passed away a few weeks before last year’s festival. It won’t be the same not seeing her on her red golf cart going to and from the festival and visiting with people she loved. Rides will still be in her parking lot and we know that would make her very happy.

In honor of Sweetie Smith and her many years of love and support for the World Chicken Festival, Kiddie World has been renamed to Sweetie’s Carnival Craze!





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EVENTS

OCT

KENTUCKY

Oct 3-4	Fall Fun Collie Buddz	Corbin, KY Corbin, KY
Oct 3-5	Mopar Muscle Dragfest PINK out the Farm 2025 SKFA Fire School	London, KY London, KY London, KY
Oct 4	Bittersweet Festival AMG Lady Riders/BOA Fourth Annual “Ride for the Cure 2025” with Wildcat Harley Davidson Zombie Run to the Fire Tower Roots and Boots - 90’s Electric Throwdown Aaron Tipton	Mt. Vernon, KY London, KY Corbin, KY Mt. Vernon, KY Mt. Vernon, KY
Oct 11	Trek-a-Thon to Wildflower Loop Trail #10 Pints & Paint	Cumberland Falls State Park London, KY
Oct 17	3rd Annual National Opossum Day	Tractor Supply Co, London, KY
Oct 17-19	Battle of Camp Wildcat Reenactment Halloween Spooktacular Kick-Off	East Bernstadt, KY Southern States, London, KY
Oct 18	Gary Allen Honey Bun Day Makers Market	Corbin Arena London Downtown
Oct 19	Dash for a Cure 5K	London, KY
Oct 19-25	Halloween Spooktacular Event	Southern States, London, KY
Oct 25	Boo On Main Hot Rod Halloween/Wildcat Harley Davidson	London, KY London, KY

Nov 7-9	Veteran’s Day Weekend	London, KY
Nov 7-8	X & Los Lobos 99 Years of Rock N’ Roll	Corbin Arena
Nov 8-11	Veteran’s Day Celebration	Corbin, KY
Nov 22	Dustin Lynch and Scotty McCreery Jeremy Zeller and The Otherside	Corbin Arena The Train Station, Corbin, KY

NOV

DEC

Dec 5	Randy Smith’s Christmas on Main Parade The Polar Express Trek-a-Thon to Wildflower Loop Trail #12	London, KY Stearns, KY Cumberland Falls State Park
Dec 6	London Community Orchestra Christmas Concerts	London, KY

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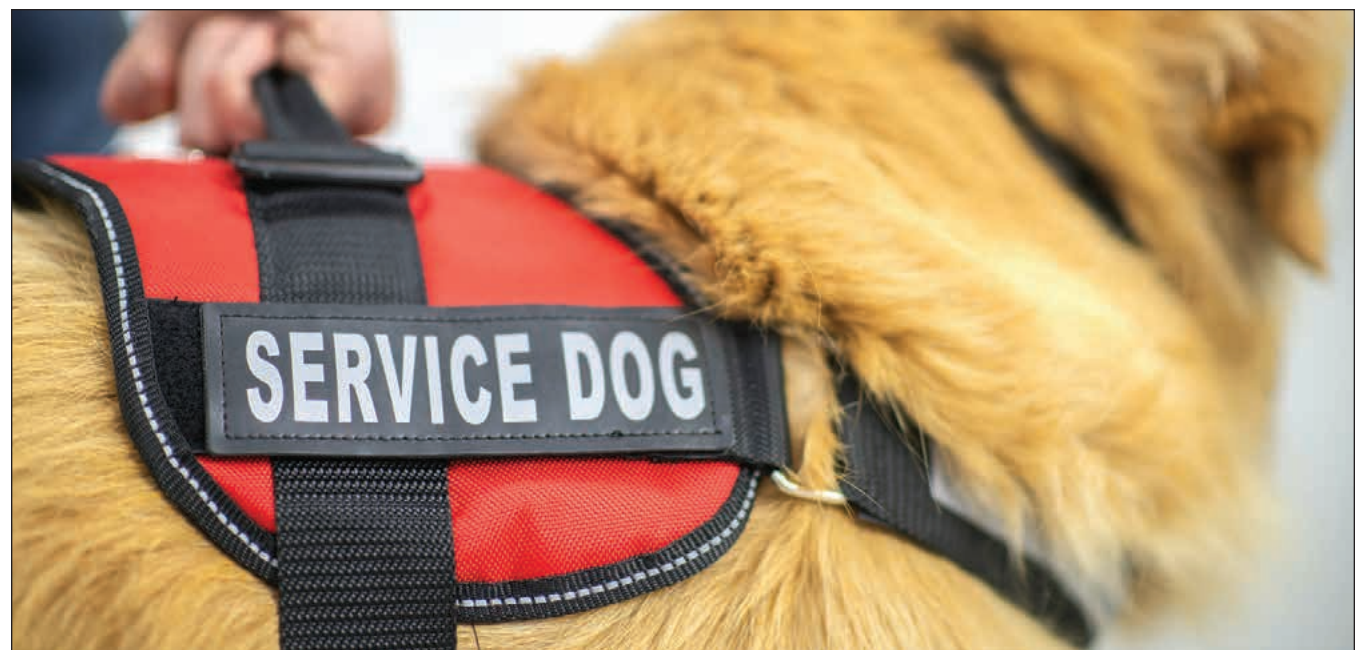
We love our four-legged friends, but we kindly ask you to leave them safely at home during the World Chicken Festival.

The City of London, Ky has an ordinance against allowing pets within the event.

Ordinance NO. 2012-01 (13): No person, other than a licensed exhibitor of the Chicken Festival, shall have in any area of the chicken festival, during the time of the Chicken Festival, any animal. Service animals are always welcomed.

Kentucky does not recognize emotional support animals (ESAs) for public access rights as it does service animals.

This means emotional support animals can be denied access to public places. <https://theservicedogs.com/emotional-support-animal-laws-kentucky/#a-quick-snapshot-of-esa-laws-in-kentucky> Last updated March 13, 2023.



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