

*Where the Spirit Touches the Soul*  
**Named One of the Top Events in**  
**America for the Third Year in a Row**  
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As seen on RFD-TV  
The Ultimate American Outdoor Musical Adventure  
At the *Birthplace* of American Bluegrass Music

*The 10th Annual*  
**Jerusalem Ridge Bluegrass Celebration 2011**  
**September 27-October 2, 2011**  
**6 Days!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

2011 would have been Bill Monroe's 100th  
birthday, so this one will be *extra* special.



celebrate with all of your bluegrass friends here on Jerusalem Ridge, the birthplace of Bill Monroe, and the birthplace of American Bluegrass Music.

Ray Alingh, husband of the little girl (in the song "Little Girl and the Dreadful Snake"), and several wonderful volunteers are busy building a roof over the antique saw mill that was donated by Glenn Bolick. Karl Shiflett and band are bush hogging the parking areas and helping Campbell in every other way. James Casteel and Bill Stockton and other volunteers are readying the amphitheatre. Julie, Sue, and Andy are answering your calls and emails. Sharon Autry is devising faster ways to process your tickets and speed you to the parking area. Julie and Sharon are also lining up the quality food vendors that you have come to expect on Jerusalem Ridge.

In this issue:

- ❖ **Schedules-** Times of day for your favorite bands will be emailed to you all soon. Keep tabs on our website for updates and feel free to email us!

[www.jerusalemridgefestival.org](http://www.jerusalemridgefestival.org) or  
<mailto:docmercer@earthlink.net>

- ❖ Please see the motel section below
- ❖ **Speedier Ticket Sales-** Last year Sharon and her team moved the ticket booth into the park and had folks drive straight in to entrance road all the way to your parking spot. It made a huge difference in the time it took to get everyone into the parking and seating area. We will employ this method again this year.

- ❖ The Jerusalem Ridge Bluegrass Celebration has been named one of the **Top Events in America** for the third year in a row! Please visit [www.topeventsusa.com](http://www.topeventsusa.com) for more info.
  - ❖ As y'all might remember, more room for parking and camping has been added thanks to the farm next door to the Monroe farm; the farm will be made available for the public to enjoy during the festival! This farm was originally owned by **Uncle Pen's** best friend, **Clarence Wilson**. Clarence played fiddle and banjo, and may have been the first banjo player young Bill Monroe ever heard. Uncle Pen lived on this farm for a couple of years with Clarence and assisted in farm work. The classic and historic picture of Uncle Pen on the front of Bill Monroe's Uncle Pen album was taken behind Clarence Wilson's house in the late 1920's. **It is a vital part of the story of American Bluegrass.**
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## Band Line Up for Jerusalem Ridge Bluegrass Celebration 2011

- Dr. Ralph Stanley** and the Clinch Mountain Boys- Friday
- Melvin Goins and Windy Mountain**- Thur & Fri
- Larry Sparks and the Lonesome Ramblers**- Saturday
- The Cumberland Highlanders**- Tue-Sunday
- Ronnie Reno and the Reno Tradition**- Saturday
- Sammy Adkins and the Sandy Hook Mt. Boys**- Sat. & Sunday
- Big Country Bluegrass**- Friday & Saturday
- Karl Shiflett and Big Country Show**- Wed. & Sat.
- Phillip Steinmetz and his Sunny Tennesseans**- Tue-Sat

**Darrell Winkleman and Mountain Echoes-** Thursday  
**Ricky Prater and the Midnight Travelers-** Friday  
**The Flint River Boys-** Thursday  
**The McCormick Brothers-** Friday  
**Junior Sisk & Ramblers' Choice-** Saturday  
**David Davis and the Warrior River Boys-**Tuesday & Wednesday  
**Danny Paisley & the Southern Grass-** Thursday  
**Clarence Kelly and Nu Cut Road-** Thursday & Saturday  
**David Leatherman and Stone County-** Tuesday & Wednesday  
**Ralph Stanley II & Mountain Tradition-** Thursday  
**Tommy Brown and County Line Grass-** Wednesday-Sunday  
**Larry Gillis & His Hard Driving Bluegrass Band-** Thursday  
**Eddie Pennington- Thumb Picking Guitar-** Wednesday  
**Junior Blankenship Band-** Sunday  
**Gary Brewer and the Kentucky Ramblers-**Friday  
**Alan Sibley and the Magnolia Ramblers-** Tuesday  
**Don Stanley and Middle Creek-** Wednesday  
**Wildwood Valley Boys-** Wednesday  
**Shane Adkins- Thumb Picker-** Saturday & Sunday  
**The Dancin', Singin' Chunn Family-** Friday  
**King's Highway-** Wednesday-Sunday  
**Bressler Brothers-** Saturday & Sunday  
**David Parmley & Continental Divide-** Friday  
**Carolina Rose & the Bluegrass Girls-** Friday & Saturday, with Gloria Belle  
**Goldwing Express** Wednesday  
**Glenn Bolick-** Wednesday-Friday  
**Mike Webb Band-** Thursday  
**Midnight Flight-** Sunday  
**Kody Norris & the Watauga Mountain Boys-** Saturday & Sunday  
**Dwayne Patterson and the River Ramblers-** Saturday  
**Elvis Doolin and his Magan Square Dancers-** Saturday

**Frank Ray and Cedar Hill-** Wednesday  
**Montgomery & Stephens-** Tuesday & Wednesday  
**Tina Adair Band-** Friday  
**Lilliemaie and the Dixie Gospelaire**s Sunday  
**Marge Sullivan Family** Sunday  
**Bill Junior & the Montana Ramblers** Sunday

**Bill Monroe Graveside Service at Rosine Cemetery**  
**Sunday Morning Church Service - Main Stage - Brother**  
**Mike Taylor**  
**Ohio County Grade School Bluegrass Band**  
**Cumberland Highlanders and Friends - Finale-** Sunday Night

Workshop Schedule, Home Place Stage Schedule & Self-Guided  
Tour of the Monroe Home Place available at the Monroe Foundation Booth

MC's – Dave Rousseau, Tommy Brown, Doc Mercer, Monroe Rice, Cliff Johnson, Evan Carl  
Main Stage Manager- Don Coppage

Produced by the  
Jerusalem Ridge Foundation, Inc. also known as the Monroe Foundation  
and Campbell & Julie Mercer

For updated scheduling information visit  
[www.jerusalemridgefestival.org](http://www.jerusalemridgefestival.org) (Be sure to click the "refresh" button on your  
browser)  
or call 1-270-274-9181

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**JRBC 2011**  
**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

1. When where is the Jerusalem Ridge Bluegrass Celebration held?
  - A. It is held once a year. In 2011 it will be held September 27<sup>th</sup> -October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Bill Monroe Home place in Rosine, KY
2. Is camping permitted at the festival?
  - A. Rough camping (No hookups) onsite is free with ticket purchase. A water hydrant is available to fill water tanks and a truck is available to empty waste tanks for a small fee. No reservations are required.
3. Where can I camp if I need RV hookups?
  - A. The closest campground with hookups is the Ohio County Park in Hartford, about 9 miles west of the Ridge. They can be contacted at 270-298-4466. Rough River State Park is 25 miles away and their number is 270-257-2311. West KY RV park is also 25 miles away and their number is 270-757-0345.
4. Are generators allowed in the camping area?
  - A. The general rule regarding generators is that they not be a bother (fumes, noise, etc.) to neighboring campers. Campers are in close quarters so after hours operation of a generator may not always be possible. The quiet kind of generators are the only kinds allowed.
5. Are campfires allowed?
  - A. Only in enclosed cookers, or hibachis. Be sure to put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave camp.
6. Is food & drink available at the festival?
  - A. There will be a number of quality food vendors onsite that cater to most any taste.
7. Is there assistance available to the mobility impaired?
  - A. Wheelchair accessible shuttle vans run continuously from the camping/parking area to the performance area. If additional assistance is needed, volunteers with golf carts are on hand to assist as required. There are wheelchair accessible porta-potties scattered throughout the site.
8. Can I use my own golf cart to get to the performance area?
  - A. For safety reasons private golf carts are not allowed out of the camping/parking area.
9. Are there showers available?
  - A. There are several showers in and around the Ranger's Station 100 yards from the Monroe Home Place. Nothing real fancy but they'll get you wet and clean!
10. Are dogs allowed?
  - A. Friendly, quiet, non-threatening dogs are permitted onsite but must be leashed at all times. Please clean up after your pet.
11. Are alcoholic beverages allowed or available for purchase?
  - A. Rosine is located in a "dry" county where possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is illegal. Sheriffs' deputies onsite will strictly enforce this law as it applies to public consumption.
12. What time does the entertainment start and where can I find out the performance schedule?

- A. The music starts each day @ 10 AM and runs until approximately 10 PM. A continuously updated performance schedule can be found at our website:  
[www.jerusalemridgefestival.org](http://www.jerusalemridgefestival.org)
13. Where can I get tickets?  
A. Tickets can either be purchased in advance by phone (270-274-9181) or at the gate. Credit cards are accepted ONLY for advance sale. No credit cards are accepted at the gate.
14. Is there a "senior discount"?  
A. Since a large number of our festival attendees are senior citizens, a discount has already been figured in.
15. Am I going to have any problems getting my large RV/old car/motorcycle/bicycle up the road to the festival?  
A. If you made it all the way to Rosine Kentucky, the last mile should be no problem!
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## **Cumberland Highlanders TV Show**

[www.cumberlandhighlandersshow.com](http://www.cumberlandhighlandersshow.com)

500<sup>th</sup> Episode , 780 shows in a row. 15 years 2 months on the air  
The Cumberland Highlanders just aired our 500<sup>th</sup> episode on RFD TV last week. Julie and I haven't had a week off for 15 years and 2 months! (what a woman!)

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## **Jerusalem Ridge Kentucky**

Where the Spirit Touches the Soul

September 27-October 2, 2011

Please note that we are in the **CENTRAL** time zone

You can email anytime, or also call us Monday-Saturday at 270-274-9181 between 9 AM and 5 PM central time. If you have a pressing question you can try calling at other times but we may not be here, but **please** leave a message and we will return your call

## **Airport Information**

The closest airport is Evansville (75-80 miles) followed by Louisville (100 miles) and Nashville (115 miles). You can rent a car at any of these airports.

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We want to remind y'all that there are **21 days** until Jerusalem Ridge Bluegrass Celebration 2011 ! This is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual celebration held at the very birthplace of this precious, yet rugged, American art form. Please join us under the trees within a stone's throw of the Monroe Home place as you listen to some of the greatest acts in bluegrass and old time mountain music.

Plan your Kentucky vacation this year at the festival honoring the Monroe Brothers and the other bluegrass pioneers right here on Jerusalem Ridge overlooking Rosine, Kentucky where it all began. Over 50 top bluegrass bands will perform over the 6-day event. Please honor the Father of Bluegrass Bill Monroe, and help support The Monroe Foundation's efforts to restore and preserve Jerusalem Ridge and the music it fostered. We operate as a 100% non-profit corporation. Your support and the support of the bands is what makes this dream, which was also Bill's dream, possible.

**Bring Lawn Chairs** (Canvas Captain's Chairs work the best!)

### **Tickets**

6-day pass \$135.00

5-day pass \$120.00

4-day pass \$ 95.00

3-day pass \$ 80.00

By the Day:

Sept. 27- \$ 15.00

Sept. 28- \$ 25.00

Sept. 29- \$ 30.00

Sept. 30- \$ 35.00

Oct. 1- \$ 35.00

Oct. 2- \$ 22.00

Under 12 Free, 13-17 Half Price

### **Directions**

6 miles east of Beaver Dam, KY on Highway 62 and follow the signs . (Between Owensboro and Bowling Green) See detailed map on flyers or web site or email or call for more directions.) From the south proceed north from Bowling Green on the Natcher Parkway to the West Kentucky Parkway, then head west on the West Kentucky Parkway one exit to Beaver Dam. From the north proceed south on the Natcher Parkway through Owensboro and get off at Hartford KY. From the east take the Wendell Ford West Kentucky Parkway to Beaver Dam. From the west take the Wendell Ford West Kentucky Parkway east to Beaver Dam.

### **Parking**

Plenty of Parking. No blacktop. The parking is in the fields of the Monroe Farm.

### **Shuttles**

Shuttle service will be provided by GRITS transportation. These shuttles have sure pleased our previous festival attendees. The drivers are great folks and the shuttles are handicapped accessible with wheelchair lifts. The shuttles will take you from the parking area to the seating area unless you want to walk (The walk can be from 200 to 600 yards depending on where you park). Shuttles will also run to Rosine, the Rosine Cemetery and the Beaver Dam antique district and downtown-about 7 miles. There is also a shuttle from the Ohio County Park to Jerusalem Ridge- about 10 miles.

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# **Motels / Bed and Breakfasts**

Owensboro has the most rooms and is about 33 miles from us. Very easy, beautiful drive on the uncrowded Natcher Parkway with new road surface. Closer hotels may be full. Bowling Green is open with lots of motel rooms and is about 50 miles from us. LOOK at the news entry at Rough River State Park. Elizabethtown is about the same distance and should have lots of rooms. We'll look those phone numbers up for you and send them your way in the next newsletter, and on the web site.

**Beaver Dam and Hartford (7-10 miles) FULL**

Beaver Dam Inn -270-274-0851

Eagle Inn of Beaver Dam- 270-274-7121 (Formerly Budget Inn)

Historic Hillside B and B- 270-298-7121

**Owensboro (30-36 miles) Vacancies Available**

Courtyard by Marriott- Just Opened! 1-800-321-2211.

Holiday Inn Express of Owensboro-270-685-2433

Sleep Inn of Owensboro-270-691-6200

Hampton Inn of Owensboro-270-926-2006

Budget Inn of Owensboro-270-683-7311

Motel 6 of Owensboro- -800-4MOTEL6

Knight's Inn of Owensboro-270-683-3395

Days Inn of Owensboro-270-684-9621

Fairfield of Owensboro-270-688-8887

Ramada Inn of Owensboro-270-685-3941

**Morgantown (25-29 miles)**

Motel 6- 270-526-9481

Green River Lodge 270-526-6262

**Falls of Rough 25 miles FULL**

Rough River State Park- Lodge Affordable

1-270-257-2311

**Leitchfield (22-25 miles)**

Hatfield Inn- 270-259-0464

Countryside-270-259-4021

**Central City (25-29 miles)**

Super 8 -270-757-1700

Coronado Motel- 270-754-1320  
Best Western- 270-757-0222  
Convention Inn- 270-338-9797  
Days Inn- 270-754-1222 1-800-325-2525

### ***Festival Camping***

The beautiful camping on the Monroe Farm is free this year. No hook ups but central potable water and a truck to empty your holding tanks is provided. The truck driver charges a small fee to empty the tanks.

Re-create in your mind the way the Monroe's lived in 1839 when they arrive to Jerusalem Ridge in a covered wagon! Showers are available in the foundation office for \$3.00.

### ***Camping with RV Hook Ups***

Ohio County Park (10 miles) 270-298-4466  
Western KY RV Park (25 miles) 270-757-0345  
Rough River State Park (25 miles) 270-257-2311  
Lake Malone State Park (60 miles) 270-657-2111  
Audubon State Park (70 miles) 270-826-2247 (cottages also)  
Bowling Green KOA (270) 843-1919  
Beech Bend Park (270) 781-7634  
Gasper River Retreat (270) 746-0410

## **Bowling Green**

**Newly Listed Information!** Great town to stay in if you are coming from down south! Average distance is 15 miles further than Owensboro . Bowling Green is halfway between Nashville and Rosine on I-65 and the Natcher parkway.

Baymont (270) 843-3200  
Bryce Inn (270) 563-5141  
Best Value Inn (270) 781-9594 or (877) 781-2407  
Best Western Motor Inn (270) 782-3800 or (800) 343-2937  
Candlewood Inn & Suites - (888) CANDLEWOOD  
Comfort Inn (270) 843-1163

Cardinal Motel (270) 842-0328  
Continental Inn (270) 781-5200  
Country Hearth Inn (270) 783-4443 or (877) 294-6491  
Courtyard by Marriott (270) 783-8569 or (800) 321-2211  
Crossland Motel (270) 842-0351  
Days Inn (270) 781-6470 or (800) DAYS INN  
Drury Inn (270) 842-7100 or (800) DRURY INN  
Econo Lodge (270) 842-6730  
Economy Inn (270) 842-0321  
Fairfield Inn by Marriott (270) 782-6933 or (800) 228-2800  
Hampton Inn (270) 842-4100 or (800) HAMPTON  
Hilton Garden Inn - Opening August 2007 (800) HILTONS  
Holiday Inn University Plaza (270) 745-0088  
HomeTowne Suites (270) 846-3311  
May Fair Motel (270) 782-3282  
Microtel Inn (270) 745-9922 or (888) 771-7171  
Motel 6 (270) 843-0140  
News Inn (270) 781-3460 or (800) 443-3701  
Quality Inn (270) 846-4588 or (800) 228-5151  
Ramada Inn (270) 781-3000 or (800) 2 RAMADA  
Red Roof Inn (270) 781-6550 or (800) 733-7663  
Sleep Inn - Now Open! (270) 842-3800  
Super 8 - Now Open! (270) 745-9986

### **Bowling Green Bed & Breakfasts**

1869 Homestead B&B (270) 842-0510  
Cave Spring Farm (270) 563-6941  
Triple H Stables B&B (270) 779-2652 or (270) 529-3480 or (866) 935-2555  
Victorian House B&B (270) 563-9403 or (800) 843-5210

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Have a great week!  
God Bless,

