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Wool Festival

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Wool, baby!

Get acquainted with nature and the culture that established Pendleton County

**By Tammy Vater, director
Pendleton County Economic and Tourism Development**

FALMOUTH — One of Kentucky's most beloved fall traditions, the Kentucky Wool Festival, returns Friday, Oct. 3, through Sunday, Oct. 5, bringing three full days of heritage, music, food and family fun to the rolling hills of Pendleton County.

Held beside scenic Kincaid Lake State Park, the festival celebrates the region's rich agricultural past with live sheep shearing, working border collie demonstrations, and traditional spinning and weaving exhibitions.

Since its beginning in 1983, the Kentucky Wool Festival has been more than just an event — it's a gathering place for friends, neighbors, and visitors from across the region.

Attendees can enjoy toe-tapping bluegrass, country, gospel, and folk music on multiple stages, sample homemade treats and festival favorites, and shop from a wide array of handmade crafts and wool products.

Children will delight in the petting zoo, heritage games and interactive demonstrations, while adults can soak in the crisp autumn air and the sights, sounds and flavors that only fall in Kentucky can offer.

For visitors planning to make it a full weekend, Pendleton County offers several extended stay homes and lodging options. To learn more about overnight accommodations and book your stay, visit pendletoncountytourism.com/stay.

The Kentucky Wool Festival offers an affordable way to enjoy an authentic Kentucky experience.

This October, experience the warmth of community, the beauty of fall, and the charm of a festival that has been weaving together tradition and togetherness for over four decades.

Through these pages, learn about vendors, artists, food and other information about the 2025 edition of the Kentucky Wool Festival.

HOURS

Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday (Oct. 3 and 4), and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6.

ADMISSION

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 7 to 18, and 6 and younger are admitted free. Three-day passes are also available for \$20 at local banks in Falmouth and Butler, and passes are available at the gates Friday.

CASH ONLY

Only cash is accepted for admission; credit and debit cards cannot be used. Many vendors also only take cash as well.

TAKE THE BUS

To avoid congested parking problems on the grounds, free shuttle buses will make be available. Festival-goers may park at Pendleton County High School, 2359 U.S. 27, Falmouth, or hop on board a shuttle bus at the Pendleton County Courthouse parking lot, 233 Main St., Falmouth.

Shuttle buses will be run every half hour from 10 a.m. to approximately 10 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. Sunday until the festival closes at 6 p.m.

There will be no shuttle buses on Friday.

There are no public restrooms at the shuttle bus stops.

STROLLERS AND WHEELCHAIRS

There is about a mile of pavement throughout the festival grounds. The crafts tents are on grass and accessibility depends on the weather. During a dry festival, there is usually no issue with wheelchairs and strollers. During rainy seasons the entrances can become hard to maneuver.

Handicap vehicle parking is available, but not guaranteed, depending on crowd size. If handicap spaces are gone, parking attendants will find the closest available parking spot.

PET POLICY

Due to the nature of the festival and the many livestock and animal exhibits, pets are not permitted on festival grounds.

HISTORY

A small group of interested citizens met in January 1983 with the aim to create a unique festival. With the guidance of a University of Kentucky Extension specialist, it was decided to look to Pendleton County's past for the theme.

The Kentucky Wool Festival debuted in the first weekend of October 1983.

The committee lists among its goals for each year:

- To hold an event the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October.
- Promote sheep, wool products and the local community.
- Have heritage demonstrations going on throughout the festival.
- Offer activities for all age groups. Maintain a family-oriented atmosphere.
- Provide an opportunity for community and school organizations, crafts people, and individuals to raise money as an alternative of door-to-door sales or fundraising drives.
- Entertain the public by providing an environment where the people can meet, have fun, hear live music, and learn about our history.

ONLINE

Find more details on the Kentucky Wool Festival website, www.kywoolfest.org.

2025 Kentucky Wool Festival Live Music

Friday, Oct. 3

Log Cabin Stage

Noon: Sarah Asher with Lauren Schloemer Wilson
1 p.m.: Jared Redden
2 p.m.: Kentucky's Country Duo
3 p.m.: Jonny Estep & Lonesome Blend
4 p.m.: Burns & Moore
5 p.m.: Cecil Jackson & Dry Ridge
6 p.m.: Seven Mile Bluegrass
7 p.m.: Bourbon Holler
8 p.m.: Billie Renee & Cumberland Gap
9 p.m.: Slippery Creek

Main Stage

11 a.m.: Hills of Kentucky Dulcimers
Noon: Jonny Estep & Lonesome Blend
1 p.m.: Burnes & Moore
2 p.m.: Cecil Jackson & Dry Ridge
3 p.m.: Seven Mile Bluegrass
4 p.m.: Bourbon Holler
5 p.m.: Billie Renee & Cumberland Gap
6 p.m.: Slippery Creek
8 p.m.: Johnny Pop Day & Exit 23

Saturday, Oct. 4

Log Cabin Stage

11 a.m.: Hills of Kentucky Cloggers
Noon: The Jenkins Twins
2 p.m.: Carrie Hall
3 p.m.: Bellamy & Brown
4 p.m.: The Mingled Oaks
5 p.m.: Fenced In
6 p.m.: The Dean Osborne Band
7 p.m.: Chain Reaction
8 p.m.: Lonesome Express
9 p.m.: Hammertowne

Main Stage

Noon: Bellamy & Brown
1 p.m.: The Mingled Oaks
2 p.m.: Fenced In
3 p.m.: The Dean Osborne Band



4 p.m.: Chain Reaction
5 p.m.: Lonesome Express
6 p.m.: Hammertowne
8 p.m.: The John Morgen Band

Sunday, Oct. 5

Log Cabin Stage

Noon: Queen City Cloggers
1 p.m.: The Laurelys
2:30 p.m.: County Line Ramblers
3:30 p.m.: Tweed, Marty & Danny Daviss

Main Stage

11 a.m.: Trinity Southern Baptist Church music with Bethany Hartzel
Noon: Cedar Valley Bluegrass
2:30-4:30 p.m. The Creekers

This schedule may be subject to change.

2025 Kentucky Wool Festival Craft Vendors



493 Designs: Upcycled fabric items from quilts, sweaters upcycled clothing, pillows, textile medium

513handmade.com: Custom military tags, pet ID tags, stamped jewelry, beaded jewelry (leather, cotton, cord with charm customized onsite), halos and wands, custom anklet onsite

A Step in Stone: Handmade concrete stepping stones, yard decor, bird baths, bird feeders, hanging decor lighting

Abstract Distractions: Wood crafts, painted ornaments, Kentucky state-shaped crafts, door hangers, signs, home décor, porch signs, porch boards

American Honey Permanent Jewelry: Custom-fit permanent jewelry: bracelets, anklets and necklaces; hair accessories; earrings

Auchter Family Sand Art: Sand art

Backroads Stitchin': Quilts, scrunchies, snap wallets, table runners, tissue holders, embroidered bags, keychains, pillows, burb clothes, more

Barn+House+Shed: Repurposed tobacco stick or oak horse fench artwork

Baskets by Kimberly: Handmade baskets

Be You Bowtique: Ribbon hairbows, pony tail streamers, bow holders

Biddle Art: Wildlife art

BJ's Crafts: Personalized Christmas ornaments, table runners, doll furniture and doll quilts

Blossom and Harvest: Fresh and dried flowers crafts, wreaths, cards, gift tags, etc.

Candles by Meagan: All-natural soy wax candles scented with a blend of essential oils

Cathy Lilley: Wreaths, wall hangings, sleds, seasonal décor

CJ's Creations: Epoxied tumblers and straw toppers

Clay Hope Jewelry: Mother of pearl jewelry

Claylight Wonders: Handmade lanterns and small handthrown items

Cliffside Ironworks: Blacksmith items, including knives, tomahawks, kitchen utensils, tripods, campfire cooking accessories, grilling tools, candle holders, incense burners, hooks, keychains, coat/key/pot racks, bottle openers, hairpins, garden tools

Cooke Studio: Ornaments, paintings on wood

Courtland Hall Antiques: Bybee pottery, old quilt items, wood items, old/new fabric items, jar crafts, antiques

Crafts by Carol: Crochet baby blanket, afghans, towels, hats, sweater sets

Crafts by Karen Stewart: Knit/crochet hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, blankets, kitchen items, fabric bibs, aprons, towels, bowl holders, hot pads, etc.

Crafty Creations/Needly Designs: Light-up fences and ladders, seasonal; front door wood hangers, seasonal; gnome centerpieces; various seasonal items

Crates Etc.: Song lyrics engraved onto white board along with funny designs and Big Foot designs

Curry Ink: Embroider shirts, hats and bags

Custom Leathercraft: Leather, fur, beaded jewelry, clothing, dreamcatchers, kitchen and household items of stone, bone and/or wood

D&N WoodWorks: Live edge cutting boards, charcuterie boards, tables, etc.

Day Dream Station Ceramics: Ceramic items both decorative and functional

DB Gourds and Crafts: Gourd art, and repurposed and handcrafted items

Dewdrop Pottery/Livingsted Wilt: Sheep mugs, Kentucky mugs, regular mugs, bowls, vases, utensil holders, plates, yarn bowls, flower arrangements in pottery vases

Divine Babe Co: Hand-burned Western hats

Division Stitch: Embroidered banners, towels and trivets, crocheted washcloths, bags, purses and sewed wall hangings

D-J Crafts & Originals: Handmade wood signs and plaques; Halloween, fall and winter signs for inside or on door; kids' rooms signs, personalized at the show

Do North Chainsaw Carving: Chain saw carving

DR Box: Wooden beverage carrier, clocks, signs and picture holders

Dreams and More: Dreamcatchers, keychains and chunky blankets

Erin Williams Pottery: Functional pottery decorated with bright colors and floral imagery. Also, hand-built small sculptural pieces

Fair Trade Marketplace: Wet and needle-felted items, crocheted flying discs, alpaca wool socks, bags, etc.

Fairy Bow Mother LLC: Boutique hairbows, headbands, girl jewelry, bow holders

Fitzgerald Group: Handmade children's toys

Frankleigh Co.: Personalized sunglasses

2025 Kentucky Wool Festival Craft Vendors

Get Lit: Custom lamps, nightlights, bird feeders and soap dispensers made from bourbon, wine and other alcohol bottles

Glass with Sass: Stained glass suncatchers, ornaments, mosaic windows, shattered glass, Christmas trees, glass Kentuckys

Greg's Antiques & Garden Iron: Metal yard art

Handcrafted Kentucky: Barrel stave products and furniture

Harvest Moon Trading Co.: Necklaces, leather bags, throwing knives

HolyLand Creations: Handcrafted olive wood

Horizon Farm: Handmade brooms (multiple sizes)

Ida Candles: Candles, wax melts, soap, lip balm, bath bombs and wool baskets

Jaiswal Design: Henna tattoos

John Ward Studio: Fine art

Joyce York/Alice Ducker: Towels, blankets, quilts, crocheted dolls and toys, aprons, activity bags, pin cushions, fabric books, bowl holders, pot holders, folded napkins, fabric items

Junkers for Missions: Jewelry made from vintage dishes, upcycled frames, hand-painted boards and seasonal crafts

KY Metal Art: Metal signs

Kyliico: Full-custom hat bar and Western handmade products

Loli Rose Bows: Handmade hairbows, clips, headbands and personalized sunglasses

Loopty Lou Threads: Hand-embroidered sweaters and personalized sunglasses

Luna Ridge Macrame: Macrame wall hangings plant holders, hat holders, kitchen towel holders, key chains, shelves, car diffusers, plant pods and storage

M. Carr Creations: Bullet jewelry

Made in Kentucky: Hand-carved hiking sticks, canes, sassafras, grapevine wreaths

Mama Made by Candace: Cabochon earrings, book stacks, bleached tees

Mary Jo's Country Crafts: Fabric purses, covers, dog clothes, miscellaneous fabric, household items

Maryville Forge: Hand-wrought iron work

Matt Meyung Artwork: Handmade artwork and home décor using salvaged items

Metal Connections: 2-D and 3-D metal art, benches and fire pits

Moon Mountain Gems: Gemstone jewelry and pearl jewelry; make-your-own jewelry kits

Moss and Whimsy: Handcrafted dried flower jewelry and botanical art

Nan & Pap's Country Primitives: Wood items utilizing live edge walnut, bourbon barrel staves and heads, barn wood pictures, signs, coat stacks, small furniture

Needles & Knots: Knit, sewn and crocheted accessories; headbands, scrunchies, ear warmers, beanies and scarves, knit pumpkins

OhRiverWood: Art and accessories crafted from the Ohio River

One Journey Woodshop: Reclaimed wood art mosaics, mountain scenes and seasonal items

OverTheLine Caricatures: Personalized, hand-drawn caricatures

Pap's Little Gem's Mining: Gem mining

Paws in the Garden: Floral wreaths, indoor and outdoor centerpieces, halos, wood ornaments, wood interior décor, yard stakes, garden décor, fabric shelf sitters

Pinky's Pickens: Seasonal indoor and outdoor décor

Piper & Co.: Handmade, small-batch polymer clay, resin, acrylic, wood, glass, silicone and acetate jewelry and accessories (phone holders, ID holders, bookmarks, wristlets, key chains, hair accessories)

Primal Aroma: Home goods, body goods and gifts made with essential oils and other natural ingredients

Princess Amelia's Boutique: Character and noncharacter embroidered hooded towels

R Jazzy Jewelry: Handmade glass jewelry

Rainy Daze Handmade: Upcycled clothing pieces, and hats and purses

Reshel's Pewter Company: Handcrafted pewter and aluminum jewelry, leather bracelets

Rock Bottom Soap: Handmade goat milk soap, lotion, scrubs and lip balm

RSM Unique Designs: Personalized (onsite) stainless steel jewelry

Rustic Hands: Yard games, wood creations, blanket ladders

Sandy's Crafts: Handmade sweaters, hats, scarves, bracelets

Sew Related Boutique: Clothing, hairbows and accessories



Shelby New: Trucker-style hat bar and accessories

Show and Story: Laser-engraved rocks, slate and windchimes

Signed By Heather Boutique: Shirts, sweatshirts, blankets, earrings, koozies, keychains, pillows, tea towels, car coasters, freshies

Silver Bear Candle: Hand-poured soy candles, squeezable and scoopable wax, wax melts, room sprays, hand-dipped incense sticks, seasonal gift baskets, electric wax warmers

Small Town Sparkle: Glass/plastic can cups, seasonal signs, car charms/car accessories, crochet accessories

Soul Sisters Designs: Handmade tie-dyed tees/sweatshirts, bleached tees/sweatshirts, cups, towels, blankets, pillows, etc.

Splinter Woodworking: Stools, boxes and other things

Spoon Jewelry by Emily: Bracelets, rings, necklaces, bud vases and earrings created from vintage serving trays and silverware

Strole Ridge Farm: Goat milk soap and lotion, and sugar scrubs

Teri Fuldner: Fabric-related items



Craft Vendors

That Guy's Woodshop: Horse racing games, bourbon barrel items, buttle peg games, carved signs, painted bourbon staves, stave ornaments, carved bourbon barrel lids, wood bottle openers, misc. wooden items

The Basket Man: Hardwood maple basket and knee-high stripped socks

The Bathing Goddess: Handmade goat milk soap, shea butter lotion, sugar scrubs, lip balm, men's face care, shower steamers, bath bombs, shampoo bars and other skin care goods

The Country Boutique: Soy tarts

The Doll Mall: Doll clothes and accessories

The Glass Touch: Stained glass sun catchers, panels, lanterns

Threadtastic: Machine-embroidered towels, blankets, aprons and various other seasonal items, all done by embroidery and sewing

Tim Deaton: Birdhouses made from oak, poplar, cedar, walnut and pine

Tiny Hands Sensory Play: Sensory play kits, Play-Doh, Play-Doh stampers, wood sorting trays and toys

TN Chair Guy: Handmade unique folding outdoor furniture

VH Crafts: Painted bottles, gourds, wood

Vintage With A Twist: Floral, jewelry, wood cutouts

Wax Hands: Wax hands

White Pony Creations: Wooden home décor

Wright Leather Co.: Leather belts, wallets, key chains, checkbook covers, small leather accessories

Zen Exit Records: Vinyl record art, records cut into the shapes of various artists and groups

Food Vendors

4H Beverages: Water, Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Mountain Dew, Dr Pepper, juice boxes

4H Coffee Shop: Assorted coffee products, both hot and cold

Barnes Family Food: Fried potatoes and onions with toppings of chili, cheese, sour cream, jalapenos and bacon bits

Bennets BBQ: Pulled pork sandwich, pulled pork nachos, variety of flavors of pork rinds

Brownings Country Ham: Country ham samples, packaged bacon, sausage, beer cheese, syrup, country ham sliders, ham kabobs, and biscuit and gravy mixes

Curbside Sweet Shop trailer: Floats, chocolate chip cheesecake, chocolate dip pecan pie

Curbside Sweet Shop tent: Hot fudge cake, apple crisp, waffle cones and other treats

Doods Doggyums: Homemade, prepackaged dog treats, pup cakes and cakeballs for dogs

Eddies BBQ: Corn on the cob, pulled pork, brisket, ribs, chicken tenders and fries, and bean soup and cornbread

Golden Bear Tacos: Tacos, taco salad, walking taco, nachos

Granny Bees' Lemonade: Honey and strawberry lemonade

Hobb's Fudge and Cakes: Fudge, caramel apples, rock candy, buckeyes, prepackaged homemade breads

Hosey Honey: Demonstrator with honey and bees; packaged honey products

Johnson's Country Ham: Country ham sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, green beans and potatoes

KY Sweet Treats: Freeze-dried candy

Lenoxburg General Store: Triple B sandwiches, fried bologna sandwiches, smoked pulled pork, loaded baked potatoes, blackberry and peach cobbler

Louisiana Passions: Jambalya, etouffee, Cajun foods

Mark Massey Concession: Fish, shrimp, frog legs, chicken rings, hushpuppies, fries

Mick Noll's: Brats and metts, goetta balls, Bavarian cream puff, wooly potatoes, hot dogs, Limburger cheese sandwiches

Mimis Kitchen: Ribeye steak sandwiches, grilled cheese, chips Dole Whip

Miss Kylees Funnel Cakes: Funnel cakes and toppings

Mitchell's Concessions: Steak, chicken, shrimp, rice, veggies and noodle hibachi

Mr M's Foods site 1: Bloomin' veggies, fried pickles, fried cheese, fries, potato skins

Mr M's Foods site 2: Pizza, corn dogs, pretzels, bread sticks

Old Time Concessions: Kettle corn, root beer, cream soda

Oriental Express: Egg rolls, cream cheese crab Rangoon, wonton and chicken wings; bourbon, orange, sesame, General Tso's, teriyaki and sweet-and-sour chicken; sweet-and-sour shrimp

Pendleton Co Chamber of Commerce: Pork tenderloin sandwiches, steak fries, hamburgers, hot dogs, tea and apple cider slushes; breakfast during pre-opening hours only

Pendleton Homemakers: Funnel cakes

Prestige Catering: Chicken and waffles on a stick, s'mores on a stick

Sally Sweet Treats: Cat and dog treats, and assorted pet items

Sherry's Concessions 1: Candy apples, cotton candy, fried Oreos and shaved ice

Sherry's Concessions 2: Hot dog, corn dog, sausage Philly sandwiches, burgers, lemonade/fruit shake-ups, nachos, fries, pickles, shakes, fried green tomatoes, funnel cakes, apple dumplings, blooming onions, frozen chocolate bananas

Smoking Pig: Bison burgers, open-face brisket, chicken sandwich, brisket sandwich

Sopchoppy Sauce: 12-ounce prepackage bottles and gallons of JB's Sopchoppy Sauce

Taste of Cincinnati Chili: Three-, four- and five-way Cincinnati-style chili, cheese Coney dogs, chili cheese Grippio chips

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Forty-two years ago, a small group of Pendleton County citizens had a bold idea: to create a festival to showcase the heart and soul of our community. That idea became the Kentucky Wool Festival—a tradition that now draws thousands, fuels our local economy, and reminds us of what’s possible when we come together.

Let us now harness that same unbridled spirit as we focus on the sun rising on a new day in Pendleton County requiring leadership focused on the future with great respect for the rich heritage of our past.

Anthony



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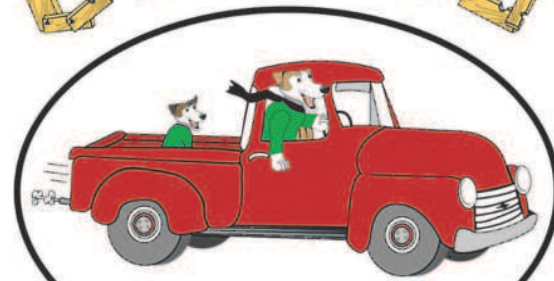


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Get ready for an adventure.

New this year at the Kentucky Wool Festival, kids ages 2 to 10 can explore the grounds at their own pace with the self-guided Wool Fest Scavenger Hunt.

They will discover fun facts, complete challenges and answer questions based on what they see and experience throughout the event.

Tour forms can be picked up at the Ewe Do Booth close to the middle entrance. When the tour is completed, the return your form for a FREE ice cream cone and a prize.

It's fun, it's a way to learn and sweet rewards await, festival organizers said. "Don't miss out."

The Wool Festival Scavenger Hunt is open during festival hours, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 3 and 4, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 5.





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Crafters bring fiber arts heritage to life

Pendleton County High School graduate Jessica Faulhaber is all about the Kentucky Wool Festival Wool Tent. She coordinates it and doesn't want festival-goers to miss it.

"Sometimes, we get a little forgotten," she said.

True, the festival grounds are loaded with food stands, musical acts, a petting zoo and dozens of crafters. But the festival itself is a salute to the history of what was once a big wool industry in the Falmouth area.

"It's more of a heritage arts festival now," she said.

The Wool Tent is the place to visit to see raw, washed and ready-to-spin fleeces from all breeds of fiber animals, including sheep, alpacas, goats, llamas and rabbits.

Educational demonstrations will go on throughout the weekend. It's a good place to learn to spin, knit, crochet, weave, needle felt and process wool.

Vendors set up in the Wool Tent also have natural colored and dyed roving and yarns, spinning, weaving, rug hooking, knitting and crocheting tools, woven rugs, knitted and crocheted hats and headbands, and wet-felted and needle-felted finished goods.

"A lot of folks think it is a dyeing art, but it isn't, honest," Faulhaber said.

And practitioners of the fiber arts tend to be a friendly bunch, ready to share the craft with festival-goers and exchange tips with each other. Think of it as a bit of a real-life Hallmark movie, she said.

"I get to see all my high school friends when I'm there," she said. "If you're not there, someone will check on you."

Following are brief overviews of some of the exhibitors signed up for the Wool Tent this year, told in their own words.

SAPPHIRE SPRINGS ALPACA RANCH

Hi, I'm Terry McAllister of Sapphire Springs Alpaca Ranch. This will be my second year at Wool Fest. I couldn't be more excited!

We're fairly new to Kentucky. The critters and I arrived in 2021 all the way from Utah. Yes, I moved 50 alpacas, nine dogs and four cats with all the farm essentials that I could stuff into my trailer. A crazy adventure!

Working with my hands has been a very strong theme in this life. I've been a seamstress of vintage/shabby chic bridal, an energy worker/metaphysical medicine practitioner, and I built furniture from reclaimed wood fencing.

Working with the alpaca fiber just seems like the next logical step.

I spin, dye, knit, crochet and felt, and I'm always looking for other facets of fiber arts to try out.

Fiber festivals and farmers markets have been excellent opportunities to share my products and meet wonderful "fiber" people.

This is a very special community and I'm blessed to be a part of it.

MORGANDELL FARM

Morgandell Farm is a small family farm located in the rolling green hills of the outer Bluegrass region in Harrison County.

Our farm name comes from our lifelong devotion to the Morgan horse breed, and the "dell," or small valley or holler, that runs through the center of our land. It is a place filled with love and laughter, as well as horses, chickens, a goat, and our beloved



sheep flock.

Our farm got its start in 2018 with the purchase of our first three registered ewes — Anna, Arowyn and Indy. My name is Andrea Edwards and these sheep are the culmination of a longtime dream.

We've always been drawn to the rare and the beautiful, and that is what drew us to the California Red breed of sheep. They were developed to be a triple use breed, for wool, meat and milk. Originally a cross between Tunis and Barbados Blackbelly, they are now their own established breed.

The California Reds produce a lovely cream-colored wool, known for its medium staple length and softness. As such, it is very popular with hand spinners.

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The “red” in their name comes from the underlying hair in their coat that comes in a variety of red, from a lovely chestnut, all the way to a deep russet. Finished wool that has been carded and spun comes in a variety of cream colors that takes well to dye.

In 2019, we purchased our first ram, Levi, and our breeding business was established. Even though we are expanding our flock and retaining some of our babies for future breeding and fiber purposes, we still offer some of this incredible breed for sale each year.

All our babies are hand raised and friendly as can be.

I love nothing more than to take my cup of tea in the mornings and watch my flock as the sun comes up. I am a lifetime crafter, everything from crochet, knitting and weaving, to anything and everything wool.

I love to spin, and felt, and still crochet and weave with my hand-spun yarns. I love

this breed and believe breeding, registering, and selling is vital to keeping it around. I would love nothing more than to see redheads in fields all over Kentucky.

FREE RADICAL FIBER ARTS

Jennifer Myka is a fiber artist whose work is steeped in story, texture, and reverence for the natural world.

For nearly three decades, she raised a menagerie of animals — including alpacas, sheep, and goats — at Free Radical Ranch, gathering not just fiber, but moments — each lock holding the memory of a curious nose, a sun-drenched field, or a quiet ritual of head scratches.

Trained as a molecular biologist, Jennifer brings a keen eye for pattern and a deep appreciation for the individuality of every creature to her art. Her work is a layered expression of connection and care, where intuition and scientific curiosity intertwine — honoring the beauty of life and the threads that connect us to the natural world and to one another.

Find her online at www.jennifermyka.com

ATAVASTIC ACRES

Nestled in a picturesque river town along the banks of the Ohio in Boone County, Kentucky, Atavistic Acres is a small but spirited hobby farm led by Shepherdess Kellie Burke.

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Now in their seventh year at the Kentucky Wool Festival, Atavistic Acres is more than a farm — it’s an experience. Come say hi in the Wool Tent and fall in love with fiber, farming, and a whole lot of fluff.

Follow the fun on Facebook at facebook.com/AtavisticAcres

STONE GULLY

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DANIEL AND EWE

Margeaux Gibson has been knitting since she was in high school. When her mom (Melanie of Rhapsody in Hue) started dyeing yarn, Margeaux went with her to festivals and soon fell in love with all the various fibers there were.

Margeaux’s favorite thing is to work with as many new different fibers as possible. She has yarn from Peruvian sheep to alpacas, and even some plant-based fiber.

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JESSICA'S CREATIONS

Jessica Faulhaber has loved the fiber arts for as long as she can remember. Her Grandmother taught her to crochet and do hand embroidery during the summers when she was young. Now Jessica teaches about fiber being part of an effort to be self-sustainable and truly believes that there is nothing like the feeling of being able to make the things you wear.

Jessica creates the items available on her website, Jessica's Creations. She is a certified crochet teacher by the Craft Yarn Council and is a regular teacher for Fiber from beginning to end.

She truly believes in her motto "Loving the craftier side of life..." and instills that belief in everything she teaches.

You can find out more about Jessica and what she does by following her shop on Facebook, <http://www.facebook.com/CreationsJ> or on instagram <https://www.instagram.com/creationsjessica/>.

LANA'S LOOMED LUXURIES

Lana's Loomed Luxuries formerly was known as Teetor Totter Alpacas. We were city kids turned country when we bought alpacas 15 years ago. It's the best thing we

Teetors ever did for ourselves.

Alpaca fiber makes for very soft and luxurious products. After losing my husband a few years ago, it was too difficult to maintain the alpaca herd by myself, so they are no longer on the farm. However, I still have lots of alpaca fiber to use and now focus on making luxurious products with the use of knitting looms.

I will be demonstrating knitting looms during the show. They are a great tool for those who struggle with knitting needles or crocheting.

I can be reached by email at lanateetor17@gmail.com.

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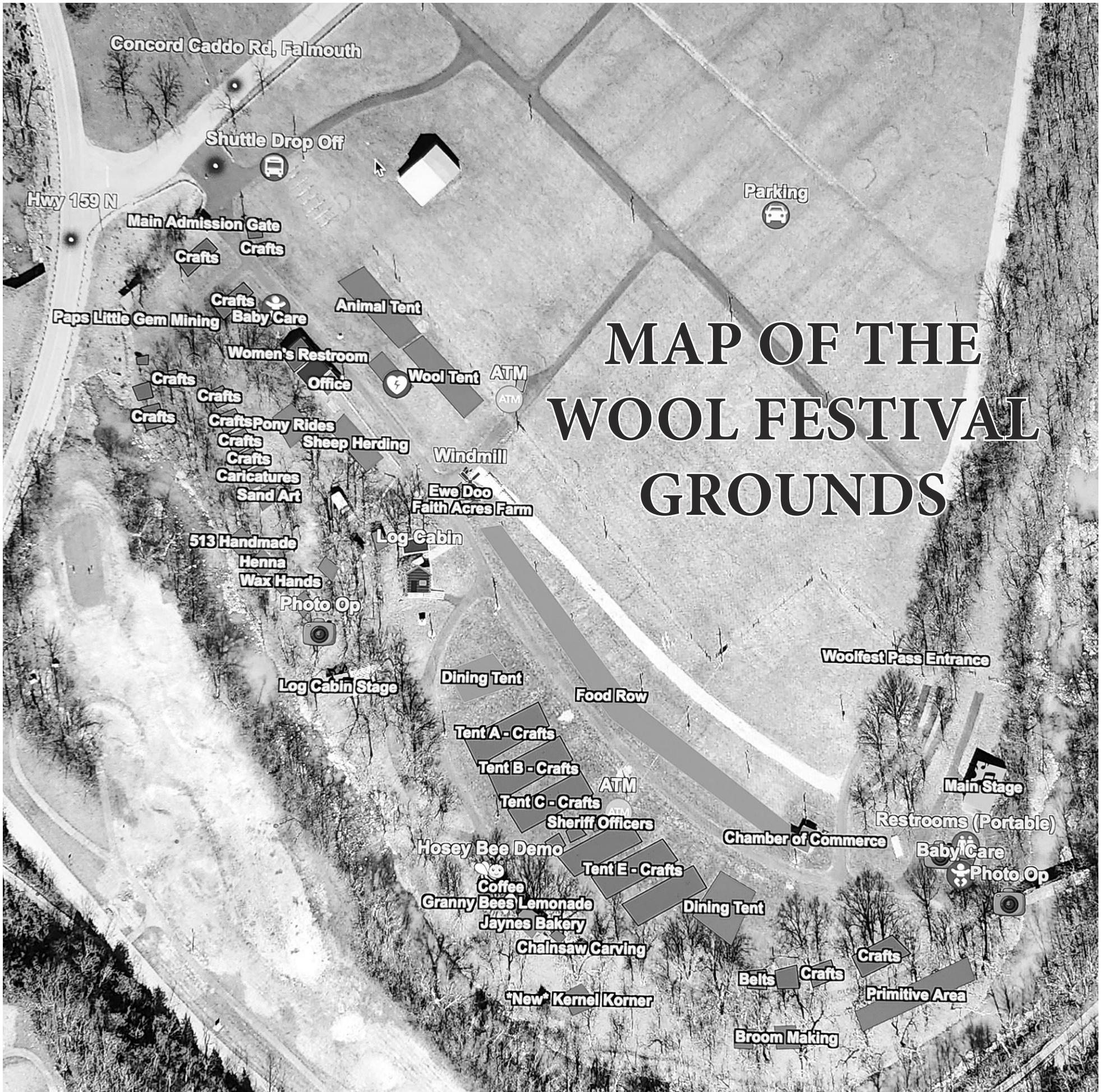
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JAYDIN HILL SHEEP SHEARING DEMONSTRATION

If you've ever wondered what it takes to keep a flock looking fresh, meet Jaydin Hill of Hill Heritage Farm.

Jaydin is a sheep and alpaca shearer who travels throughout the tri-state area, giving smaller farms the kind of personal attention that makes a big difference. He takes pride in working one-on-one with farmers, making sure every animal is treated with care and each farm gets the attention it deserves.

Raised in a world full of wool, fleece and fiber, Jaydin knew early on that shearing was more than just a chore — it was the path he wanted to follow.

These days, Jaydin treasures the connections he's built with farmers and their animals year after year. His easygoing style and skillful hands make shearing look effortless (even though we all know it's not).

Be sure to catch him on stage at the Kentucky Wool Festival — you'll get an up-



close look at his craft and maybe even pick up a few shearing secrets along the way.

THE CRAFTY CYBORG

My name is Cassie Cropper, and The Crafty Cyborg features accessories for you and your hobbies.

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I am Aaron McDaniel and I run Gremlin Woodworks. I sell many kinds of personal and household accessories.

I have a lathe that I use to make writing implements, crafting tools and bowls that are both decorative and functional. I also make cutting and serving boards and boxes for storing jewelry and other small items. Occasionally I will build a piece of furniture as a special project.

I have worked with my hands since literally before I could walk. Before my first birthday, my dad had me up on the workbench teaching me how to pull nails with a claw hammer. Those early lessons led to a lifetime of making, building and creating.

As an adult, I spent several years working in home construction and remodeling. In 2021, I decided I needed to try something different, that would let me use my skills in a more creative way.

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7 Mile Bluegrass

By Nila Harris

Billy Self of Franklin, Ohio, loves playing music and loves helping veterans. Each July, he and his team organize the 7 Mile Bluegrass festival to gather food and essential goods for veterans.

This event, which was started in 2019 by Billy and his brother, Chuck, raised \$51,000 worth of food items and \$3,000 in essentials for veterans this past July. Plus, an additional \$5,000 worth of items were given out at the festival.

"We put gift cards on Frisbees and threw them into the crowd," Billy said. "They loved it."

The Selfs started the festival because their young nephew is a homeless veteran. This young man told Billy, "Uncle, don't give them money, give them food."

So that's what they do.

The goods are given to Veterans Transition, which delivers it to the homeless. Billy and his band, 7 Mile Bluegrass, will be playing at the Wool Fest for the second time.

Billy plays lead guitar, is a picker and is a songwriter.

Roy Payton will be on guitar and his son Tyler plays upright bass and sings tenor.

Scottie Adkins sings lead and baritone harmony and plays the mandolin.

You'll find Jason Cochenour playing fiddle and dobro.

The band has been playing together for about 10 years. Billy said they are all "great guys, like a family."

7 Hills Bluegrass plays at 3 p.m. Friday on the main stage and 6 p.m. on the Log Cabin stage.




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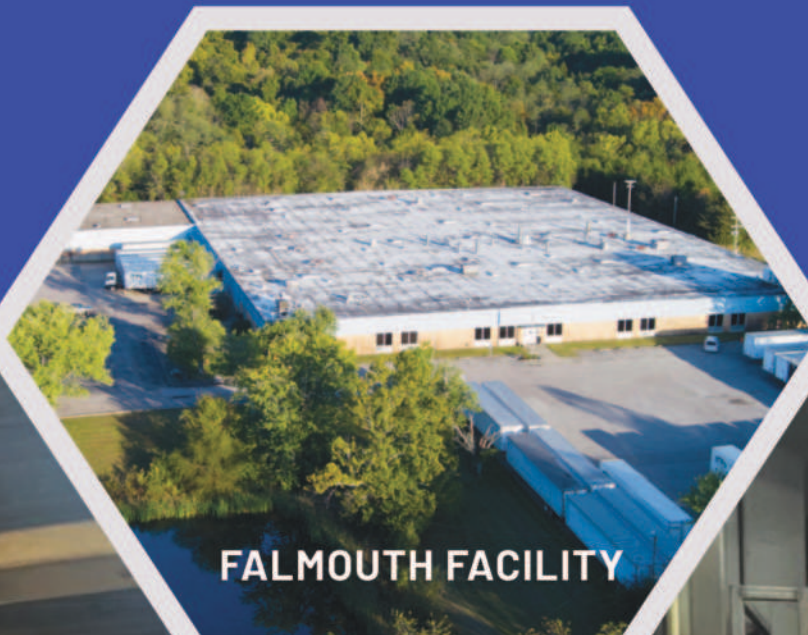


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Hills of Kentucky Cloggers

By Nila Harris

The Hills of Kentucky Cloggers have been performing at the Kentucky Wool Fest for 34 years. In fact, that is when this Northern Kentucky group began, back in 1991. “We are the longest-running team in the state of Kentucky,” claimed Fonda Harkleroad, one of the instructors.

The group has 25 members currently, with classes held at Williamstown and Ludlow.

“You start in our beginners’ class, and then you decide how far you advance,” Harkleroad said. “Some are happy with attending classes each week. Others enjoy going out to perform at festivals. We enjoy promoting clogging as it is our state dance, every chance we can.”

Clogging is a type of folk dance in which the dancer’s footwear is used percussively by striking the heel, the toe, or both against a floor, per their Facebook page.

You can catch the Hills of Kentucky Cloggers 11 a.m. Oct. 4 on the Log Cabin stage.

They enjoy performing at the Kentucky Wool Fest where “the crowd/audience is always the best,” Harkleroad said.



Jared Redden

By Nila Harris

19-year-old Jared Redden of Butler, grew up singing.

When his mom Jolynn Angell Redden put a mic in his hand, he just kept singing, and “I loved it.”

Then when his dad Jake Redden gave Jared a guitar and “taught me some chords,” that was all she wrote, he said.

Redden seemed to have a natural-born musical talent.

He ended up teaching himself how to play the guitar and began developing his craft, learning more about the guitar and singing, working on cover tunes and writing original compositions.

Redden plays wide variety of different types of country — rock, heartbeat, sad, red dirt and 1990s country. He plays 60% cover tunes and 40% original music.

He has ten songs on various platforms: YouTube, Spotify, I Heart radio and Apple music. His original “Set Me Free” has 110,000 streams.

Redden has played several places locally and recently ventured to Jamestown, Tennessee, to play at his first out-of-state gig.

He said he is “very excited to be playing at the Kentucky Wool Fest” with its “cool lineup.”

Redden is scheduled to perform at 1 p.m. Oct. 3 on the Log Cabin stage.



2025 Kentucky Wool Festival: How to get here from there

All roads lead to the Kentucky Wool Festival — provided you make the correct turns. Here’s how to get here from there, wherever there is.

GPS setting: Enter “48 Concord Caddo Road Falmouth, Kentucky 41040” into your map program and let “the lady” talk you through the turns. Or, for the more traditionally minded drivers, follow these directions:

From Cincinnati: Take 471 South to US 27. Follow US 27 South to Falmouth. Cross bridge into Falmouth. Turn left at traffic-light onto West Shelby St. Follow Shelby Street through downtown. At the second traffic-light, turn left onto Main Street. Continue over bridge and turn left at the stop sign to go up the hill. The festival is located five miles on the right, just past Kincaid Lake State Park.

From Lexington: Take US 27 North to Falmouth. Turn right at caution-lights onto Highway 22 East. Follow Highway 22 (Main Street) through downtown. Continue over the bridge and turn left at the stop sign to go up the hill. The festival is located five miles on the right, just past Kincaid Lake State Park.

From Maysville: Take KY 9 (AA Highway) North. Shortly upon entering Pendleton County, turn left onto New Hope Road. At the end of New Hope Road, turn left onto Highway 10. Proceed on Highway 10, and within half a mile, turn right onto Highway 159. Continue on Highway 159, watching for Festival signs. The festival is on the left.

From Wilder: Take KY 9 (AA Highway) South into Pendleton County. Turn right onto Hwy. 159/New Hope Road. At the end of New Hope Road, turn left onto Highway 10. Proceed on Highway 10, and within half a mile, turn right onto Highway 159. Continue on Highway 159, watching for Festival signs. The festival on the left.



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Dean Osborne Band

Appearing with the Dean Osborne Band for the 2025 touring season are Dean Osborne, banjo and vocals, as well as longtime friends and collaborators Kelly Caldwell-Garrison, bass and vocals, Scott Fields, guitar and vocals, and Bobby Masters, mandolin and vocals, with each member bringing 30-plus years of experience, star level resumes and stage skill.

Beginning his career in 1980, Dean Osborne has had his hand in just about every area of the music business including band leader, event producer, radio and syndicated TV host and educator.

In, 2006, Dean combined his love of teaching and bluegrass to become the director of the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music for HCTC in Hyden.

Since 2010, Dean is heard on "Deana's Bluegrass Show" on the WSGS radio station in Hazard.

In 2025, Dean was made a member of the Southeast Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.

Dean and his family make their home in Hyden, Ky.

Making her home with her husband in Berea, Kelly Caldwell Garrison started her lifelong musical journey playing and singing in church.

Having performed professionally on five instruments, Kelly's music travels have taken her from playing across the U.S., Canada, a multi-city tour of Denmark and all the way to the stage of Carnegie Hall.

Kelly also acted as director for the Shaker Village "Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn" in 2024 as well as playing three sold-out performances as Wanda Jackson at Danville's historic Pioneer Playhouse in 2025.

While mostly playing bass and singing with the DOB, her vocals and songwriting can also be heard in a wide range of genres, including regional Kentucky appearances by Kelly Caldwell and Kashmere.

Coming from a family of great musicians, Scott Fields combines strong vocals, guitar mastery and fine songwriting to be the full package for Bluegrass music.

Scott has performed across the United States with several groups, including performing with Bobby Osborne on the Grand Ole Opry as well as traveling and recording with his own band, Scott Fields and Driftwood.

Scott has also developed quite an internet following for his self-produced guitar and vocal videos as well as being a guest on the longest running Kentucky bluegrass radio show, "The Bluegrass Express" in Richmond.

When he's not playing music, Scott has founded a nonprofit organization to aid those needing computers for work and school.

Scott and his family make their home in Richmond, Ky.

Bobby Masters, also making his home with his wife in Berea, rounds out the DOB with stellar mandolin work and "killer" vocals.

His ability to sing lead and harmony vocals in a wide range has been on display for many years in the bluegrass community.

While being a fine guitar player in his own right, Bobby has concentrated on the mandolin and is regarded as one of the best on the circuit today.



He counts extensive travel and shows across the country in his credits as well as an appearance on the Grand Ole Opry with legend Bobby Osborne. Bobby has also toured the country playing and recording with several groups, including the highly regarded Wilderness Trail.

All added together, they present a family show that includes traditional, progressive and country flavored bluegrass as well as great comedy and instrumental work.

The Dean Osborne Band is one of the best "live" concerts on the circuit today. It is scheduled to play twice on Oct. 4, at 3 p.m. on the Main Stage and at 6 p.m. on the Log Cabin Stage.

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2025 Kentucky Wool Festival Vendor Spotlight

A Step in Stone

By Nila Harris

Sonja Rouse of Florence used to work for a landscaping company that partnered with another company to make concrete borders that resembled natural stone.

Rouse had the brainchild: "Why not do concrete steppingstones?" And so, she did.

Sonja and her husband, Greg, began the trial-and-error process to find the best combination of ingredients to create a long-lasting, durable and beautiful product.

"It was a slow start and many lessons learned. We had to find the right amount of sand, cement glue, and other additives to make sure they held up outside. After numerous attempts, we finally found the perfect recipe," she said.

The Rouses have been creating their handmade, hand-painted stepping stones for 15 years. They carry "everything from UK Wildcats to Bengals, Bearcats and Reds. Lots of garden-themed stones like gnomes, cows, sheep and horses. And special custom orders are our favorite. If you can dream it, we can make it."

This veteran-owned company (Greg is a U.S. Marine) named A Step in Stone will be in its fourth year at the Wool Festival. This time, their 13-year-old grandson Grayson will be joining them.

Grayson has a small business, Kid Rockz by Grayson, that is incorporated with A Step in Stone. He uses his grandparents' scrap concrete to create his own "paint your stones" and small animal stones.

"We enjoy being a part of the long-standing tradition of the Wool Fest," Sonja said. "Friday nights are the best — it's like a Falmouth family reunion. Saturday and Sunday are more generally the outsiders (visitors)."

You can find A Step in Stone and Kid Rockz by Grayson at Tent D at this year's Kentucky Wool Festival.



John Ward Studio

By Nila Harris

John Ward began drawing at the age of 5 or 6. It was in his blood, after all, since his father was an artist too.

"My dad taught me the basics, pointers and how to improve," Ward said.

At the age of 16, Ward painted his first covered bridge, then went on after high school to attend Morehead State University. Upon taking a few art classes there, Ward became "kinda burned out" when some instructors tried to get him to change his style.

But he still carried a few paintings around with him. Once, someone he worked with saw one of those paintings and asked, "Hey, can you do one for me?" And that rekindled the desire to draw.

Ward, who works for an engineering firm in Mount Sterling, has created 200-plus prints and has been commissioned to do pieces for MSU, the University of Kentucky and Liberty University, as well as several other businesses and institutions. He has created architectural drawings, illustrations for children's books, designs for covers and décor for people's homes.

Once, he just happened to be on MSU's campus for a show and was asked if he would be interested in doing artwork for a fundraising event there. He was commissioned to make 5,000 prints and 250 canvas prints featuring two eagles (MSU's mascot). One is shown up close, with the other flying off.

A vendor at the Kentucky Wool Festival for the past 20-plus years, Ward said, "It's the biggest one (festival) I do. I love the Wool Fest. Lots of people come to see me and get my artwork."

Ward's booth will feature fine art prints, minis and larger. He also will draw or and/or paint during the show.



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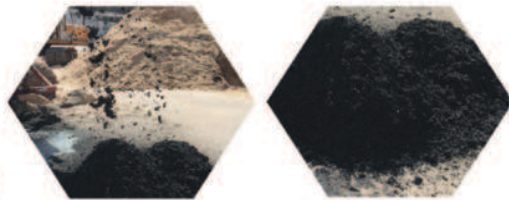
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KY Sweet Treats

By Nila Harris

In 2023, Rachel and Larry Whalen's 12-year-old son Landon wanted to start his own business to make money.

The Whalens saw the experience as an opportunity to teach their son about saving money for future things like a vehicle and higher education, so they helped him establish KY Sweet Treats, teaching him how to make freeze-dried candy and sour gushers.

Rachel and Larry, both Pendleton County natives and graduates of Pendleton County High School, along with Landon, currently a freshman at PCHS, will be a vendor in the Kentucky Wool Festival for the third consecutive year.

"We love setting up at the Wool Festival, because it has always been one of our favorite festivals to attend. It has a fun atmosphere and brings a lot of people from all over."

When it's not Wool Fest time, you can find and purchase their candies through their Facebook page KY Sweet Treats.



Nan and Pap's Country Primitives

By Nila Harris

Carla and Ron Stinson of Nan and Pap's Country Primitives have been well-known fixtures at the Kentucky Wool Fest scene since 2017.

Their decorative and utilitarian wood items, mostly made from live edge black walnut they "hand select from the Amish in Holmes County, Ohio," are one-of-a-kind because of the wood they use, according to Carla, a Falmouth native.

Some of the things they offer from live edge are "coat/hat racks, wine racks, gun racks, charcuterie boards, trays, lazy Susans, and shelves. We also have sofa/hall tables, end tables, coffee tables, and benches."

But when you visit their booth, you will also find seasonal products like pumpkins, Christmas decorations and yard sheep.

Ron had been interested in woodworking since he was a teen, but "only made or repaired items for family and friends," Carla said.

In 2015, they began repurposing tobacco sticks and barn wood but began making different products as people's interests changed. As their business grew, the Stinsons enlisted the aid of their daughter and her husband — Whitney and Andrew Justice.

"With their help, we felt like we could handle the Wool Fest."

The Stinsons welcomed a third generation into Nan and Pap's when their 15-year-old grandson, Carter, was taught the craft and began producing his own items.

The Stinsons have been to many shows with their goods, but the Kentucky Wool Festival is "our biggest and most loved show. We have people who come directly to our booth as soon as the gates open to see what we've made. They know..."



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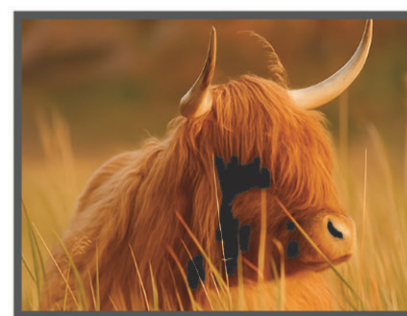
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Signed by Heather

By Nila Harris

Six years ago, Heather Polley started her shirtmaking business called Signed by Heather to support her family and the community.

Joined by Hannah Spaulding and back at the Kentucky Wool Festival for the second year in a row, the two women will have all kinds of spiritwear tees and crewnecks, plus wooden ornaments and car freshies.

"I think the festival is so much fun — great food, great music, great vendors and even better location. So nostalgic," Polley said.

"I was not raised in Pendleton County; I was raised in Boone County, Kentucky, and have been located in PC for seven years," Polley said.

She said she is excited to return to the Wool Fest and will be "back and bigger as we will have a triple space."

Signed by Heather has a brick-and-mortar boutique at 26 Valley View Lane, Butler, which offers gifts, jewelry, cute T's, custom apparel, corporate apparel and spirit wear.

"We are the only storefront that offers an entire Pendleton County spiritwear section."

Look for Signed by Heather in Tent C at the Kentucky Wool Fest.

My journey to the Kentucky Wool Festival

By Jessica Faulhaber
Jessica's Creations

One question I am always asked is how does one get into fiber arts? What interested you and others who are fiber artists?

For me, my journey started during summers visiting my grandma in Eastern Kentucky when I was younger.

There are not many things to do on the mountain and I was an active child. My grandma used to give me a white bed sheet and embroidery thread and I would draw pictures on the sheet and embroider them.

I would be mesmerized watching her crochet and asked her to teach me. Now like with all kids sometimes these interests don't last long so after I got older, I didn't keep up with crocheting.

Most fiber artists have had a family member in their life teach them. However, some learn because they own a sheep farm, need something to keep their mind and hands busy, want to be more self-sustainable, or just simply want to learn.

The second part of my journey began almost 17 years ago. I was a new stay-at-home mom that just needed something to keep me busy again. I picked up the crochet hooks and began trying every pattern I could find.

I started with blankets. Eventually, I started making things for friends and family members. I honestly didn't start selling my work until one winter I had a new puppy and made my first dog sweater. Then followed hats, sweaters, and shawls.

Some will tell you once you get started you just keep growing your skills. Before I knew it, I was visiting my first fiber festival and learning to spin, dye yarn, felt and process my own wool.

I don't have a farm but I've made friends with so many amazing fiber farmers along the way. Heck, I've even tried shearing.

After a few years, I learned so much, I began teaching and eventually started appearing at Kentucky Wool Festival.

My favorite part of teaching is the excitement when someone finishes their first project and it just clicks. I love talking to folks about fiber arts and teaching about wool and the benefits of wool in sustainability.

I could go on forever!

So you've made it this far. How do you get started?

There are many ways. Start at your local yarn shop but you can also ask a family member or even a friend.

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