

# Press Release



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## ***18th Annual Missouri River Old Time Music Festival Scheduled for June 20-21***

Two great Midwestern bluegrass bands will bring their unique sounds to Cross Ranch State Park on Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21, for the 18th annual Missouri River Old Time Music Festival.

Headline groups this year are the Wisconsin group, ***Art Stevenson and Highwater***, and from Minnesota, ***Lonesome Tradition***. Other regional and local performers at this summer's festival are the ***Missouri River Boys***, ***Eric Olson***, ***Cottonwood***, the ***Old Five and Dimers***, ***Moose Creek Symphony***, the ***Pfliger Sisters*** and the ***Center Community Band***.

***Art Stevenson and Highwater*** are considered Wisconsin's best-known bluegrass show and, to date, have released six albums, including their latest 2006 release, "John Deere." The group includes the husband/wife duet singing of Art and Stephanie Stevenson, banjo-picking by Dale Reichert and Bruce King on mandolin. The group will perform on Friday night at 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday at both 4:30 and 9:30 p.m.

***Lonesome Tradition***'s music includes bluegrass, classic country and original songs. At the core of the group are Tim and Cindy Roggenkamp, who have been entertaining audiences for over 25 years. They will be joined by veteran bluegrass musicians Paul Lange and Jerry Spanhanks for performances at 8:30 p.m. Friday night and at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Concerts on Friday, June 20 will run from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday performances start at 10 a.m. with open mic performances, with main stage performances running from 1 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for Friday and \$15 for Saturday, with children under 16 free when accompanied by an adult.

Open stage Saturday June 21 from 10 am to noon (sign up Friday evening at the B.A.N.D. table).

Friday June 20 from 9 am to 4 pm a mini-camp will be held with classes in guitar, banjo, bass, fiddle, and mandolin. The tuition is \$50.00 (camping and entrance fees are extra).

Free Young Children's Festival Friday evening and Saturday, sign up in the visitor center on Friday.

Festival-goers are advised to bring along blankets, lawn chairs, bug spray, sunscreen, rain gear and a flashlight for the evening concerts. No alcohol, smoking or pets are allowed in the concert area and no audio taping is permitted. Videotaping requires prior approval. An overflow camping area is available at the park, and food vendors and a shuttle service will be provided. The performances will be held rain or shine.

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*Play in our backyard!*

Sponsors include Farmers Security Bank in Washburn, Washburn Civic Club, Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association of North Dakota, Washburn Lions Club, the towns of Falkirk and Underwood, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, BNI Coal, Washburn Insurance Agency, ADM Benson Quinn, West River Telephone in Hazen, Rud Propane in Center, the Center Community Club, American Foundation for Wildlife, Levey's Plumbing and Heating in Underwood, and the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department.

Cross Ranch State Park is located on the west side of the Missouri River between Center and Washburn. Because of safety and dust problems, visitors are asked not to use any of the gravel roads, but to use either Highway 83 or Highway 25, then follow the brown park directional signs. For more festival information call Cross Ranch State Park, 701-794-3731.

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### **Main Stage Schedule**

#### **Friday, June 22, Concerts**

6:30 p.m.	Missouri River Boys
7:30 p.m.	Eric Olson
8:30 p.m.	Lonesome Tradition
9:30 p.m.	Art Stevenson & Highwater

#### **Saturday, June 23, Concerts**

10 a.m.	Open Stage
1 p.m.	Center Community Band/Pfliger Sisters
2:30 p.m.	Lonesome Tradition
3:30 p.m.	Cottonwood
4:30 p.m.	Art Stevenson & Highwater
5:30 p.m.	Moose Creek Symphony
6:30 p.m.	Lonesome Tradition
7:30 p.m.	Cottonwood
8:30 p.m.	Old Five & Dimers
9:30 p.m.	Art Stevenson & Highwater