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## **Branson Chamber Chatter**

### **Up With People**

“Up With People,” a dynamic, uplifting concert with a cast of more than 75 singers, dancers and musicians plus multi-media elements will be at the Tri-Lakes Center at 8 p.m. Friday, June 26, and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, June 27. It’s the kind of show people need in these challenging times, and a production well-suited for Branson audiences, say The Colwell Brothers óPaul, Ralph, and Steve, who are known as the musical founders of “Up With People.”

Joining the Colwell Brothers for the special reunion concert is Herbie Allen, the xylophonist who was the group’s musical director for many years. Expect a first-class show as many of the former cast members and production people arriving for this concert are entertainment industry professionals.

Since the mid-1960s, “Up With People” has produced touring shows with young performers bringing a musical message of understanding, individual responsibility and hope for a better world. “Up With People” is widely known for their performances at four Super Bowls. “Up with People” provides a six-month international leadership program for young adults ages 18 to 29 from around the world.

For tickets, call the Tri-Lakes Center at 417-335-5715. Visit [www.tri-lakescenter.com](http://www.tri-lakescenter.com).

### **Music Lovers Alert**

On Friday, July 3, a special one-night event will be held at Andy William’s Moon River Grill. It’s Gail Lennon and the Buzz Boyz, who comprise musicians Ryan Hurn, Mike Cathcart, Bruce Hoffman and Brandon Henson. They’ll play from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. with music ranging from Jimi Hendrix to Green Day. Opening the show at 9:30 p.m. will be special guests, The Lennon Brothers and Gail Lennon.

Fans will also know Mike Cathcart from the Thundering Red Rockets. Cathcart will perform regularly at the Grill again this season. There is no cover charge. The full

menu will be served until 10 p.m. with the Late Night Appetizer menu available until closing. Also, they'll have Beer Bucket specials and a special "Buzz Boyz" cocktail. For information, call 337-9539.

### **Picnic At Branson Senior Center**

Everyone's invited to a picnic on Friday, July 3, at the Branson Senior Center in the Branson Community Center on Compton Drive. It will be the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Senior Center in Branson, said Chris Thompson with the Southwest Missouri Office on Aging. When the service began, it was located in the old downtown City Hall. It moved when the Community Center was built in 1993.

From 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., they'll be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings, including the salad bar. Donations will be accepted to help support the Meals on Wheels program, Thompson said.

Also that day, the 50 volunteers include the kitchen crew, front desk, quilters and the 10 Meals On Wheels drivers will be honored. Call 337-8510. Visit [www.moonrivergrill.com](http://www.moonrivergrill.com).

### **Happy 75<sup>th</sup>**

The legendary **Sons of the Pioneers** are back with their chuck wagon dinner show in the Pavilion Theatre at Shepherd of the Hills Homestead. And it's their 75<sup>th</sup> year of harmony.

The group, which, of course, has changed members over the years, has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, appeared in 98 movies and has been named "National Treasures" by the Smithsonian Institution. Two of their favorite songs, "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" and "Cool Water" are in the National Archives. They were founded by singer Leonard Slye, who later became famous as cowboy Roy Rogers.

This year's cast includes Luther Nallie who has been with the six-member group 40 years. Gary LeMaster began singing with the Pioneers 24 years ago. More recent additions performing now include Ken Lattimore, Randy Rudd, Mark Abbott and Rick Boen, who is a past winner of Texas State and World Fiddle Championships.

For tickets, call 800-653-6288 or visit [www.theshepherdofthehills.com](http://www.theshepherdofthehills.com).

### **Vote For Your Favorites**

Remember that area visitors as well as residents may now vote for their favorite shows, restaurants, attractions, shops and lodging through The Visitor Choice Awards sponsored by The Vacation Channel. Visit [www.ViewBranson.com](http://www.ViewBranson.com), and click on the Visitors Choice logo. One ballot per computer per month is allowed. Voters select up to three favorites in each of the categories. Voters also may send write-in votes for business not listed on the ballot. Voting will close at midnight Sept. 30 with the winners to be announced online and on-air in October.

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