

Piney River Pearls, guests present Veterans Day concert

After getting rained out last year, Middle Tennessee favorites The Piney River Pearls and guests will perform in Holland Park following the Dickson County Veterans Day Parade.

The annual parade starts at 2:00 pm Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025, at Dickson County High School and goes through downtown Dickson before ending at Dickson Middle School.

Following the parade, the City of Dickson Parks and Recreation Department presents a free concert on the stage in Holland Park next door to the Clement Railroad Hotel Museum in downtown sponsored by Highline Wholesale. The Backyard Bites food truck will be at the concert.

The Piney River Pearls and guest veterans Bobby Newman and Hollie Farris were scheduled to perform following the Veterans Day Parade in 2024, but rain forced the concert to be postponed and schedule conflicts prevented The Piney River Pearls from being able to play. The Jamie, Suzi, Wailin' Show featuring Jamie Kindleside, Suzi Ragsdale and harmonica virtuoso Glenn "Wailin' Wood" Woodland filled in on the rescheduled date.

"The Piney River Pearls are an extremely popular trio based in Middle Tennessee and we are very glad they are getting another chance to perform in our annual Veterans Day concert," said Nikki Holland, program coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department. "They'll be joined by two Dickson County veterans in Bobby Newman and Hollie Farris as we salute the men and women who have protected the freedoms we enjoy in the United States."

Taking their name from the popular waterway that runs through Dickson and Hickman counties to be a tributary to the Duck River, the Piney River Pearls are Tabitha Booker, Connie Ethridge and Shannon Moss.

They describe themselves as "perfectly imperfect like fresh water pearls. Just three girls having a big time."

The Piney River Pearls present an eclectic music experience with their mix of "dirty blues, country and classics with a rockabilly twist."

The Piney River Pearls have been featured in the Dickson Parks and Recreation Department's Music in the Park series, at the National Banana Pudding Festival in Hickman County, Octoberfest in Dickson, the Charlotte Festival, Old Timers Day, St. Patrick's Day Festival, Dickson Street Festival, Junebug Music Fest and on stages in Pumphrey and Beard, Events on Main, Wynot Saloon, Mockingbird Theater, Kimbro's Pickin' Parlor, Yesterday's Treasures Today, One 19 Craft Brewery, the Storytellers Museum, Salt and Pepper Grill in White Bluff, Horseshoe Bend Farm Wines, the Grand Old Hatchery for the Rockin' for Rescues benefit for the Humane Society of Dickson County, Dickson Pride Festival and many more.

For more on the group, visit the Piney River Pearls page on Facebook where there are videos from some of their performances.

Bobby Newman is a retired U.S. Air Force veteran who lives in Vanleer. His playlist includes a variety of guitar-driven blues, rock and more. For more information, including performance videos, visit the Robert W. Newman page on Facebook.

A Dickson County resident, trumpeter Hollie Farris has played and recorded with James Brown, Steve Winwood, formerly of the Spencer Davis Group, Blind Faith and Traffic, and Joss Stone. As a member of The J.B.s, Farris was musical director for Brown's backing band and co-wrote 1991's "Standing on Higher Ground" for the Godfather of Soul.

The Dickson Parks and Recreation Department began its Veterans Day concerts in 2018 with local singer/songwriter Leslie Dysinger. U.S. Air Force veteran Jamie Teachenor performed in

2019. Following a two-year hiatus due to COVID, Dysinger returned to resume the concerts in 2022. RoughMix headlined the concert in 2023.

Those attending the Veterans Day concert can bring lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy the free concert. Alcohol is not allowed in city parks. For more information, contact the Dickson Parks and Recreation Department at (615) 446-1721.