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## **Bridges Bikes & Blues Preble County Covered Bridge Tour**

**Saturday June 18**

Preble County, Ohio . . .

Start your Saturday morning off with a pancake & sausage breakfast served at 10am at the Preble County Historical Society!! Serving begins at 10am!

There's an exciting past in your future! Have a historic good time while cruising seven historic covered bridges in Preble County, Ohio! **Saturday, June 18** begins at the Preble County Historical Center, 7693 Swartsel Rd, Eaton, OH 45320, off St. Rt. 122, 6 miles SE of Eaton, 1 mile NW of Gratis. Event day registrations begin at 10:30am.

Blessing of the Bikes at 12:30pm, followed with roll-out immediately after.

The **Bridges Bike & Blues** Tour is open for all types of vehicles! Registration for drivers/bikes is only **\$20**, includes **FREE** T-shirts & goody bag to the first 100 registrations! All event forms can be downloaded from the web site; [www.pchs.preblecounty.com](http://www.pchs.preblecounty.com). Or contact us by email: [preblecountyhistoricalsociety@frontier.com](mailto:preblecountyhistoricalsociety@frontier.com) or call 937-787-4256. Bridges, Bikes & Blues info can also be found at [PlayPreble.com](http://PlayPreble.com), [preblecountyregion.com](http://preblecountyregion.com), [www.OhioTraveler.com](http://www.OhioTraveler.com), and [FaceBook](https://www.facebook.com).

Each paid participant collects a raffle ticket at each of the seven (7) covered bridges for chances on great raffle prizes! Cruise **Preble County's** rural countryside on the 63-mile trip with the tour ending in **Downtown Eaton** for a fun-filled afternoon and evening of fantastic blues music, good food, cold beer, and a historic great time!

**Great raffle prizes: flat screen TV, gas grill, & accessories, gift baskets from local vendors**, food vendors, beer garden, bike show, & contest, and merchandise vendors will be onsite in Historic Downtown Eaton! Join in the fun!

**Bike Show & Contest:** only \$5 to enter! Pre-register or register 3:30 day of show. **STOCK, CUSTOM, RADICAL CUSTOM, BAGGER TOURING, SPORT/COMPETITION, VINTAGE, PEOPLE'S CHOICE, PREBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AWARD.** Award plaques to be presented at 7pm. The Franklin Christian Motorcycle Association hosts the Bike Show & Contest.

**Fantastic Blues** music begins at 4pm with 2009 Miami Valley Idol Contest Winner **BJ Stall**, followed by **Alex Poteet, Freeway, Greg Clark**, and ending the night with **The Scotty Bratcher Band!**

One of the songs BJ Stall sang in the 2009 Miami Valley Idol Contest was "Celebrate" — and she had plenty reason to do so when she won the singing contest. Addressing the audience from the stage of the Sorg Opera House after her win, the former Middletown resident who now lives in Southgate, Ky., said, "There's absolutely no way I would be here without you. I felt like Forrest Gump but I was crippled by my own mind. I thought I wasn't good enough. But you guys said, 'Oh yes, you are!'" Stahl, who also sang "Ain't No Sunshine" in the contest, was a crowd favorite in the contest determined partly by audience vote and partly by a judging panel. She won \$1,000 and recording time

with Road Apple Music. “You’re a class act,” Judge Terry Monk said to Stahl. “You take every song and make it your own.”

Alex Poteet hails from Preble County and spent his adolescence picked up the guitar at age 13, Poteet soon began versing himself in the blues, taking lessons from Ohio guitar-greats such as Adrian Martin, Tom Mackey & Sonny Moorman, Poteet developed quickly and live performances, singing, original music, and recordings soon followed.

**Freeway** will get the crowd rocking on June 18 with their great renditions of classic rock & roll tunes.

**Greg Clark** will follow with great blues

Round out the night with the **Scotty Bratcher Band**. Scotty began playing guitar at age 2 and it became second nature to him. He has played with and opened for names like Ted Nugent, Little Texas, Buddy Guy, Joe Bonamassa, Chris Duarte, Anthony Gomes, Foghat, Lonnie Brooks, Ronnie and Wayne Baker Brooks, Bob Margolin, Eddie "the Chief" Clearwater, and many more. Scotty is also an accomplished studio musician who has recorded with many blues, rock, country, gospel, funk, and even heavy metal artists. His new album "Put My Mind at Ease" is now available.

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