



**The 2024 Southern Illinois Old King Coal Festival**  
**Proudly Presents FREE Entertainment**  
**On McDonald's Main Stage Downtown West Frankfort**  
*(Behind Peoples National Bank)*

**THURSDAY, MAY 9TH**

**7:00-10:00PM**

**ARVIEW ON COUNTRY**



“Arview on Country” can be described as Southern Illinois’ best kept secret, as they only play select local venues. This four piece group is a crowd favorite at the Corner Dance Hall in Whittington, Illinois and The Wayne City Illinois Little Opry each month. They are part of the staff band for the annual Southern Illinois Steel Guitar Show in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. With the rich vocals, dynamic guitar solos and in the pocket rhythm section, playing classic country and a touch of rhythm and blues, this band is sure to entertain and bring the dancers to the floor. Members of the group are Joe Arview: electric guitar, Mike Arview: acoustic guitar,

Jeff Stoffel: drums, Rick Stoffel: bass guitar.

**FRIDAY, MAY 10TH**

**6:30-8:00PM**

**DANNY & THE DREAMERS**



Put on your dancing shoes. Danny & the Dreamers, a Southern Illinois favorite for the past 44 years, will rock the stage with all the hottest rock & roll hits from the 50's, 60's along with some hits from the 70's. Original members include Laney Deaton on drums and Kelly Rix on guitar. Joining them are Steve Jones on lead guitar who also does some gigs with his brother Gary Jones and Steve Earl, who traveled with Dan Seals for a time. Dan is the younger brother of Jim Seals of Seals & Croft fame. Dan first gained fame as one half of soft rock duo, England Dan & John Ford Coley before eventually going solo. Come out and enjoy an evening you won't forget

with this iconic group of talented musicians and singers.

**FRIDAY, MAY 11TH**

**8:00PM-10:00PM**

**SOUNDS OF SUMMER**

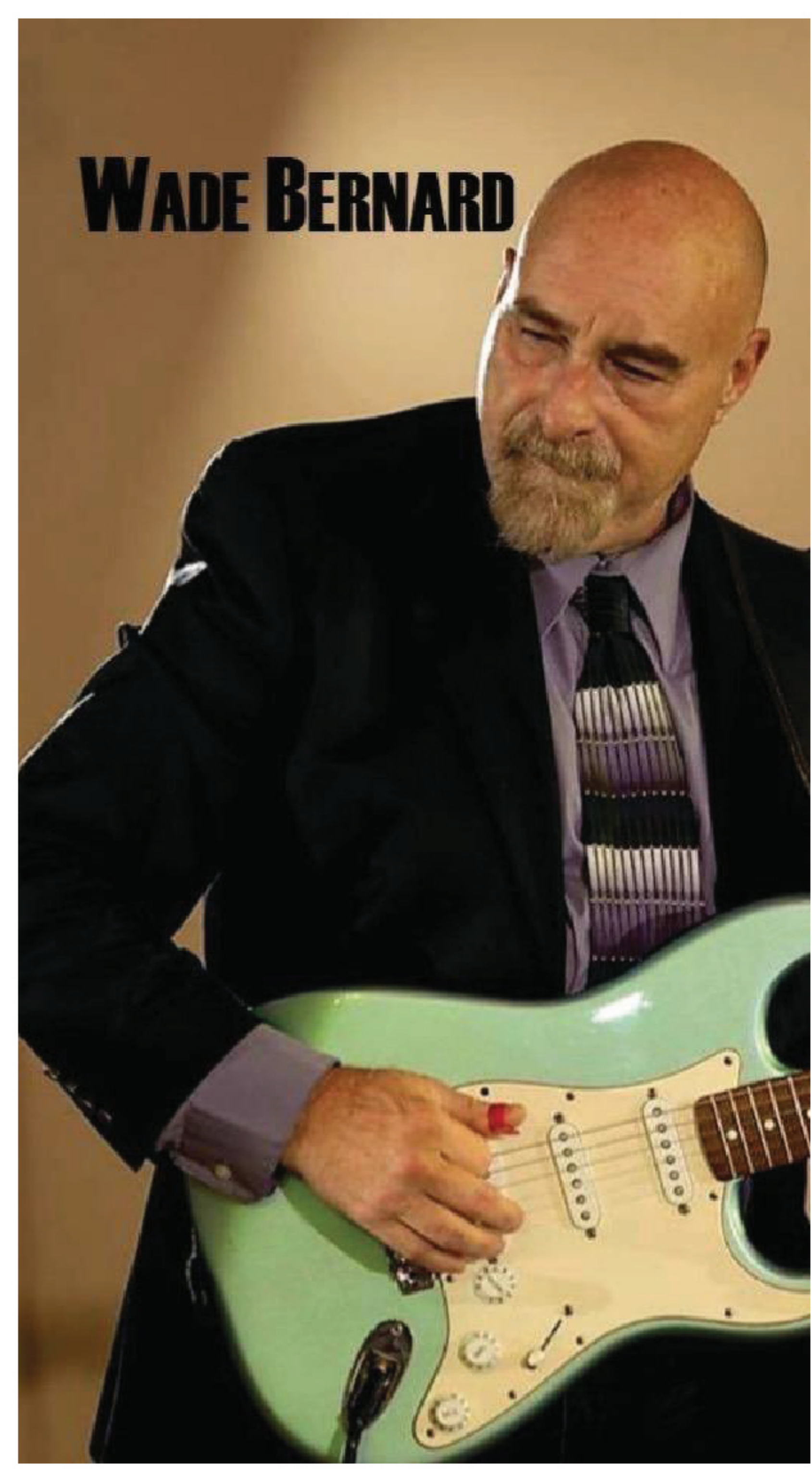


Based in Southern Indiana, this tribute show includes over 30 familiar hits and tells the story of America's band, The Beach Boys. The band has been playing across the nation since 2015, delivering audiences an authentic look and sound, taking them back to memories of the 1960's. Sounds of Summer has received praise for staying true to the Beach Boys sound and had the privilege of playing a live hour-long special on AXS TV's "World's Greatest Tribute Bands". This show isn't just fun...It's fun, fun, fun!



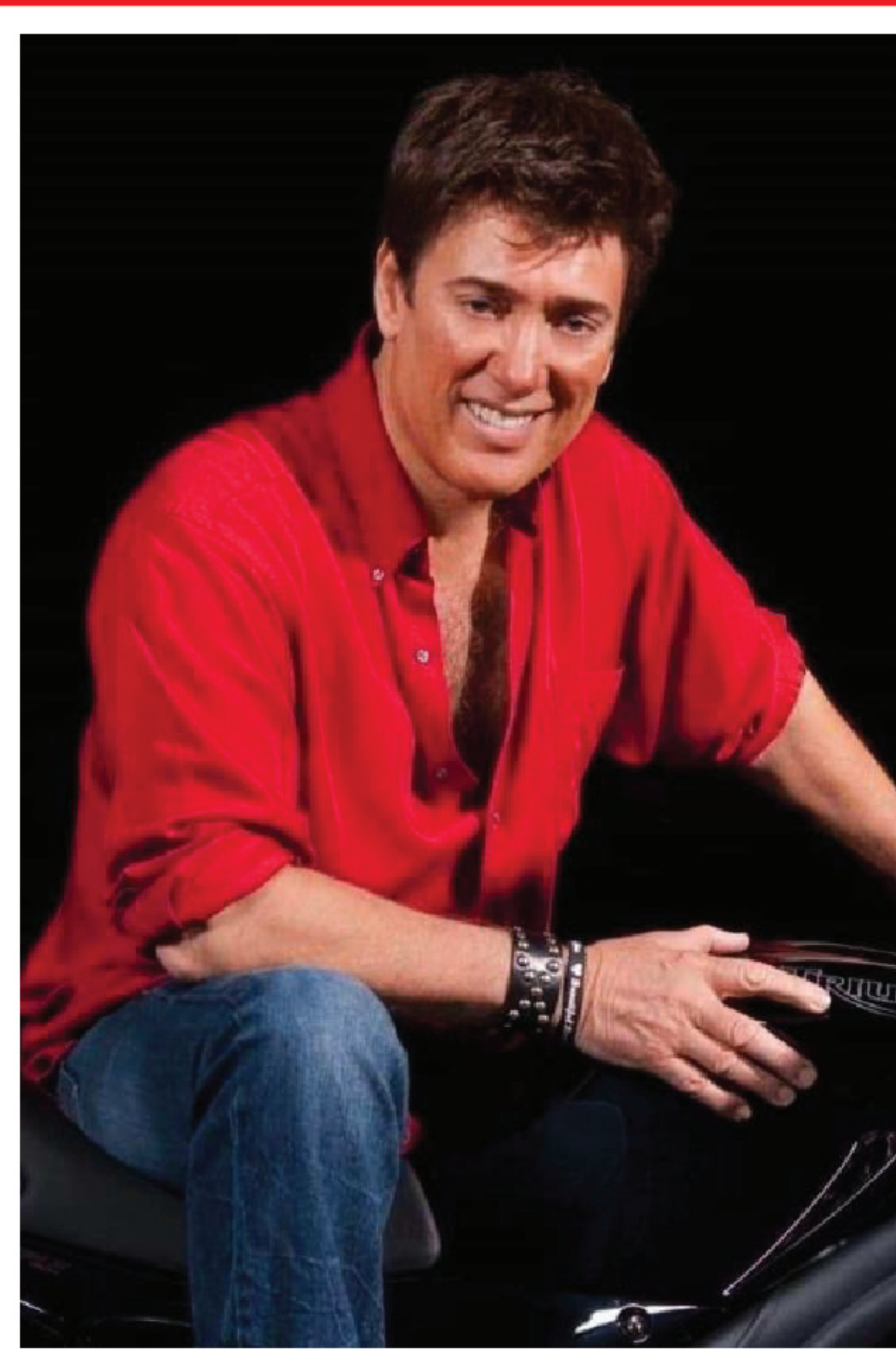
***Don't miss the great lineup of free entertainment at the 2024 Southern Illinois Old King Coal Festival! Bring your lawn chair and stay for all the fun.***

**WADE BERNARD WITH  
SATURDAY, MAY 12TH 6:30PM-8:30PM RONNIE MCDOWELL BAND**



The Old King Coal Festival welcomes for the first time Cajun musician Wade Bernard. In 1981 he joined up with Grand Ole Opry star Jimmy C. Newman touring the US and overseas and appearing on the Opry. Along with Newman, he has recorded with legendary Cajun fiddler Rufus Thibodeaux, Joel Sonnier and Cajun fiddler Waylon Thibodeaux. He spent 16 years touring with and recording with country star Ronnie McDowell and has performed, recorded or appeared with many country and rock and roll legends such as Carl Perkins, Brenda Lee, the Jordanaires, the Kentucky Headhunters, Conway Twitty, Mel Tillis, George Jones, Jerry Lee Lewis, the Judds, Garth Brooks, Pat Boone, Ray Price, Billy Joe Royal, T. Graham Brown, Eddy Raven, Jack Greene and others. Since 2014 he has toured with country music Hall of Famer Bobby Bare. He was also on the Grammy nominated CD "All the King's Men" which featured Scotty Moore and DJ Fontana, members of Elvis' original group and is currently appearing once again with Ronnie McDowell. He has appeared on TV and radio programs such as Nashville Now, the Grand Ole Opry, Crook and Chase, RFD TV, Entertainment Tonight, That Good Old Nashville Music and Ernest Tubb's Midnight Jamboree. In 2007 he was inducted into the Louisiana Westbank Music Hall of Fame.

**SATURDAY, MAY 12TH 8:30PM-CLOSE RONNIE MCDOWELL**



The Old King Coal Festival welcomes back festival favorite, Ronnie McDowell. Ronnie has an amazing string of hit songs that he has amassed over the years, but it is his riveting stage presence and genuine warmth that fills the seats again and again. Like all great entertainers, Ronnie McDowell has a personality that remains luminous long after the lights go dim. These qualities have inspired a nationwide network of fan-clubs with thousands of members. Following the death of Elvis Presley in 1977, McDowell came out of nowhere to dazzle the world with his heartfelt and self-penned song "The King Is Gone." The record took off immediately, gaining airplay on country and pop stations across the country and around the world. It sold more than 5 million copies. Ronnie has 34 Billboard charted hot country songs and 13 Billboard charted country albums. Over the years he appeared and toured with such artists as Conway Twitty, Tammy Wynette and Loretta Lynn before headlining his own shows. McDowell is still constantly in demand on the road and he tours relentlessly with his band.