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*"My whole thesis is that you can't understand America until you understand Appalachia." Author Jeff Biggers (The United States of Appalachia)*

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## Latest News

**Our Appalachia—dedicated to promoting Appalachian Artists**

**[www.ourappalachia.org](http://www.ourappalachia.org)**

One of the missions of our organization is to work with and promote the artists of Appalachia. Thanks to some generous donations from regional artists we were able to launch a website dedicated specifically for providing information about artists, their work, and how to follow them online. This page is a work in progress and there will be lots of additions in the coming months. If you are an artist and would like for us to include your bio and description of your work on this website, please contact us at [info@supportappalachia.org](mailto:info@supportappalachia.org). In the meantime, stop by and meet some of our local artists at [www.ourappalachia.org](http://www.ourappalachia.org).

## **Appalachian Scholarship Fund**



**\*\*If you are reading this, could you spare \$10 or \$20 to add to the Appalachian Scholarship Fund?**

**If you are an individual that would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund, you can make your check payable to Appalachian Scholarship Fund and mail to Foundation For Appalachian Advancement, P.O. Box 397, Richlands, VA 24641. If you are in Kentucky you can mail to Foundation For Appalachian Advancement, P.O. Box 709, Jenkins, KY 41537.**

**We are hoping to provide 15-20 scholarships. Donations are tax deductible. We appreciate your support, and I'm sure the students that receive the scholarships will as well!**

## **FYI**

### **MARTIN'S STATION—A JOURNEY BACK IN TIME**

Martin's Station holds a unique but very vital piece of the history of Southwest Virginia. It was named after Joseph Martin, who was born in Albemarle County in 1740. Through his connections, Martin was chosen to lead an expedition into Powell's Valley and was told he would receive 21,000 acres if his group was first to settle the land. In March of 1769 his group did just that by beating their closest rival in the journey by two weeks. Today you'll find Martin's Station in the area of Rose Hill, VA.

As the story goes, Indians continuously attacked the station that was meant to be a stopping point on the journey to settling Kentucky. Martin returned to the fort in 1775 with sixteen or so men to build a more permanent station.

Take a step back into time and visit Martin's Station where you will find re-enactments of Indian raids as well as other special events. Plan your next close to home adventure by visiting [www.historicmartinsstation.com](http://www.historicmartinsstation.com).

## **Artist's Corner**

### **Artist of the Month—Scratch River Telegraph Company**

Scratch River Telegraph Company is a band based out of Wise, Virginia, and features T-Bone on vocals, guitar, and harmonica; Joel Sprinkle on bass, guitar and backing vocals; Aaron Helbert on drums and percussion; and Lloyd Tomlinson on bass, guitar, and backing vocals.

Though Scratch River Telegraph Company has the characteristics of a rock n' roll band, their roots go much deeper than that. They draw inspiration and musical elements from blues, folk, rockabilly, and even country. Their

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influences range from old bluesmen such as Leadbelly and Son House, to country musicians like the Everly Brothers, to rock groups like the Replacements, Pixies, and the White Stripes.

Storytelling is just as important to the songs of Scratch River Telegraph Company as the music itself. They share stories of loss and tragedy in songs such as "The Flood" and "She Never Left a Note," tales of crazy times as heard in "Wild One," and warn of the dangers of living too fast in tunes like "On the Run." Their two albums, Forty Days and Good Evening Friends & Strangers, are full of all of this and more.

To follow the band for updates on live shows and new songs you can find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ScratchRiverTelegraphCompany> and at <https://www.reverbnation.com/scratchrivertelegraphcompany>.

## Writing a Book?

### Appalachian Authors Guild

Writers of nearly every genre find it important to belong to a writer's association that they are comfortable with. There are countless organizations out there, but we would like to draw attention to the Appalachian Authors Guild. Joining a writers group is helpful for meeting fellow writers and sharing best practices when it comes to starting and completing your book. This is especially true for newer writers. You can visit the AAG online at [www.appalachianauthors.com](http://www.appalachianauthors.com).

### Online

Please take some time to visit us online at [www.supportappalachia.org](http://www.supportappalachia.org) and share the link with friends and family. Doing so can go a long way in helping us get our message out into your community to let people know we are here. You can also visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/supportappalachia](https://www.facebook.com/supportappalachia). You can also follow us on Twitter @SuprtAppalachia.

You can also follow our website dedicated to Appalachian artists at [www.ourappalachia.org](http://www.ourappalachia.org).

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