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Buddy Jewell to headline Riverside Days

WHITESBURG - On Saturday, August 13, country star Buddy Jewell will headline the three-day regional Riverside Days festival in Whitesburg, sponsored by the City of Whitesburg, Coca-Cola, and the Riverside Days festival committee.

The festival will begin on Thursday, August 11, at Riverside Park, next to Whitesburg ARH Hospital.

Jewell, a native of Arkansas, was the winner of the first season of Nashville Star on the USA Network. His self titled debut album went to number-1 and produced hits like, "Help Pour Out The Rain (Lacey's Song)", "Sweet Southern Comfort", and "One Step At A Time". He also released "If She Was Any Other Woman", "So Gone", "Someone Who Would Die For You", and "This Ain't Mexico" from his next two albums.

Jewell's new release is called, "Jesus, Elvis and Me" which can be found on a new studio album titled, "I Surrender All".

Riverside Days will also feature nightly the Mountain Outreach Idol Allstars, which is a collection of the contests' winners and other popular contestants. The event is sponsored by Vernon Hall and Mountain Outreach.

Other events include the Whitesburg Rubber Duck Race (www.whitesburgduckrace.com), Long John Silver's fish eating contest, WDXC Homegrown Show (sponsored by Hometown Music), Carty Funeral Home watermelon eating contest, and lots of entertainment including the LCCHS Dance Team, East KY Tyme, Pure & Simple Band, and more.

For information on Riverside Days, visit <u>www.riversidedays.com, www.facebook.com/riversidedays</u>, or call festival committee at 606-832-0090.