

# PICKIN'

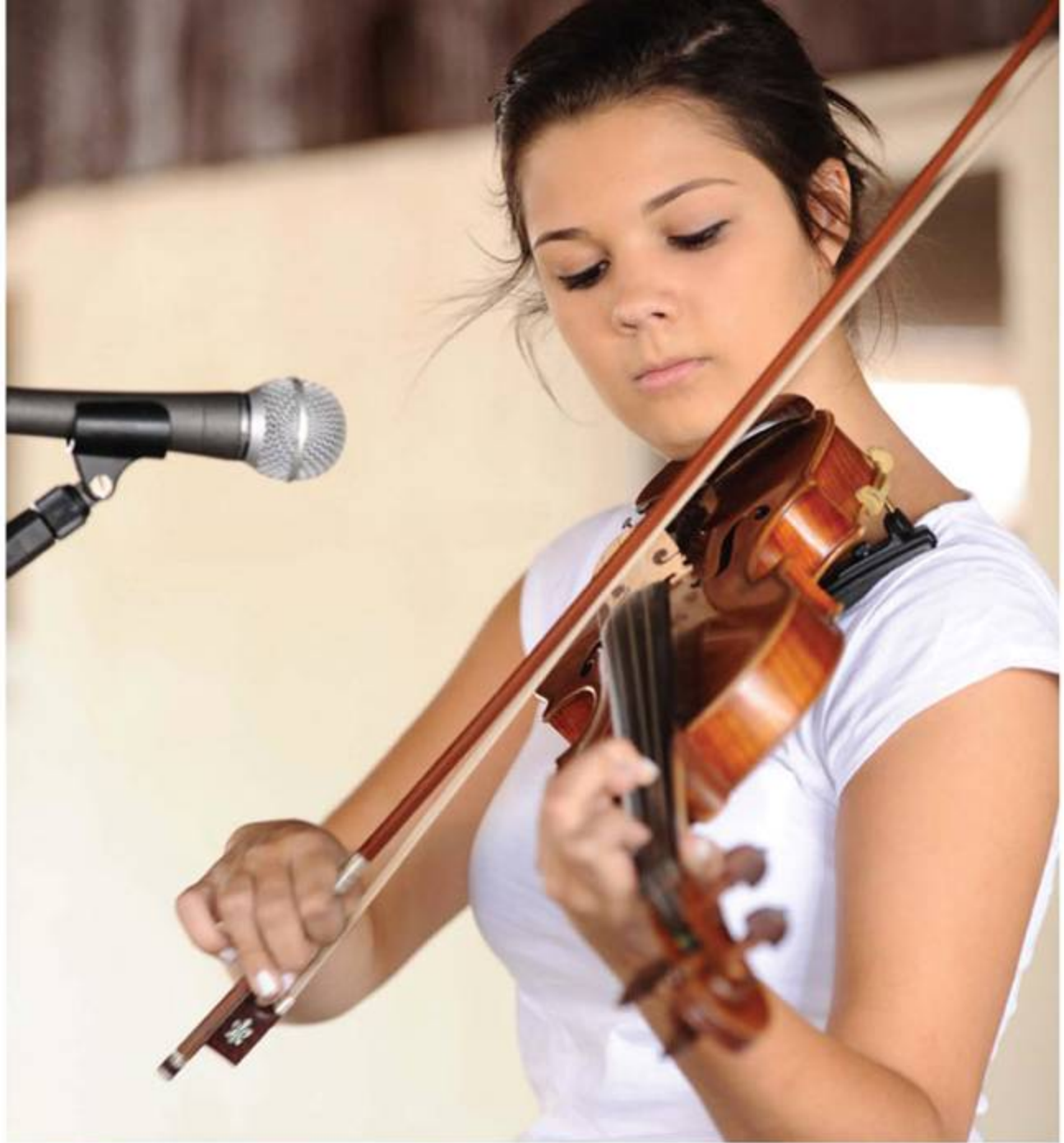


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Come September,  
thousands will make  
South Berkeley's  
bluegrass-barbecue  
fest their top pick



The fifth-annual Pickin' in the Panhandle WV State BBQ & Bluegrass Festival will bring an amazing three days of fun. Turn the page for 10 reasons thousands of locals and visitors alike will head to tiny Back Creek Valley:



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**Fantastic roots music** (and lots of it). This year's lineup includes Confederate Railroad, Trent Tomlinson and Marty Stuart, who rose to fame playing with Johnny Cash. With Stoney Creek, Drymill Road and 20+ other top acts performing on three stages, there's music all around.

- 2 **Fantastic barbecue** (and lots of it). Festival-goers get to watch dozens of amateur and professional chefs from across the United States vie for praise – and cash. Once the Kansas City Barbecue Society-trained judges have had their tastes, visitors can sample the mouth-watering entries at the Tastin' Tent.
- 3 **Lovely surroundings.** The Lazy A in Back Creek Valley isn't far from the Inwood exit of Interstate 81, but the former farm seems a world away. It's a restful, beautiful getaway not far from home.
- 4 **Music contests.** Musicians who play the banjo, fiddle, mandolin, guitar and dobro test their skills against top-flight artists. Judges will also name a best bluegrass band.
- 5 **Tips from the masters.** Music lovers who want to take their skills to the next level can get started during the festival by signing up for on-site workshops.
- 6 **Crafts to buy.** You can go shopping in the former farm's massive barn, where dozens of one-of-a-kind artists and heritage crafters offer up their best.
- 7 **Fun for kids.** Your young ones may enjoy giving hula-hooping a go, hopping into the moon bounce or trying other activities aimed at them.
- 8 **Good eats.** Check out Food Alley where vendors serve up barbecue, hand-cut fries, homemade ice cream, just-made lemonade and other temptations. Another option for those 21 and older: the Beer Garden.
- 9 **Camping.** Some Pickin' fans will head to area motels and bed and breakfasts, but many will reserve a campsite instead – and hit the hay right at the Lazy A.
- 10 **A great deal.** A ticket to a single, three-hour concert can cost \$100 or more, but bluegrass lovers pay just \$50 for three full days of tunes at Pickin' – from 5 p.m. Friday through late Sunday afternoon. Those 12 and younger get in free while a one-day pass goes for \$25. To buy tickets or get details, visit [panhandlepickin.com](http://panhandlepickin.com) or call 800.498.2386.

