



Friends of the Obion County Public Library & WLJT Kids Concert

September 20 at the Obion County Public Library

The Friends of the Obion County Public Library and WLJT are excited to bring Roger Day to the stage at the library on Sept. 20 as part of Obion County CornFest this year.

Day will take the stage at 5 p.m., right after the chalk art contest wraps up.

An award-winning children's musician, Day has devoted his life to making sure that future generations sing loud, jump high and — most importantly — dream big.

A former camp counselor who studied German and spent 10 years playing college coffeehouses, Day

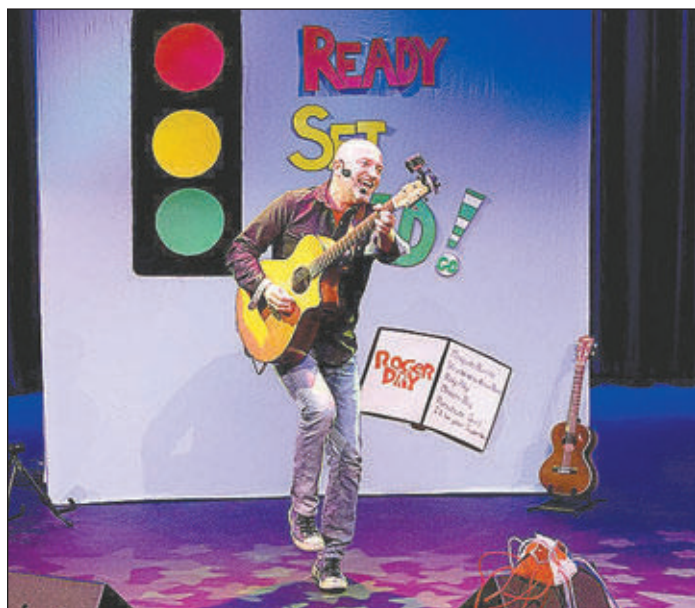
decided to write and sing. He takes inspiration from The Beatles, U2 and even The Clash. He has also worked with artists such as the Indigo Girls, Nanci Griffith and The Crickets (Buddy Holly's legendary band). His skilled musicianship combines with his wit and wordplay to create a musical experience that parents enjoy as much as their kids.

Day believes in order to "Build a Better World," people must start with children, for they are the future. Using the gift of music and laughter, he is doing his part to, as his signature song states, "make sure hope never ends."

Day wrote his first children's song one Christmas when cash was short and the family gift list was long. The reaction from nieces and nephews was an enthusiastic "More please!" Encouraged, he kept writing. Soon he had enough songs for an entire show — he just wasn't sure where to play them.

Then he got an idea. Whenever a college booked his regular coffeehouse show, he would come into town early, meet up with a group of student volunteers and put on a community service children's show at a local Head Start program. These made such an impact that the National Association of Campus Activities recognized him with The Harry Chapin Award for Contributions to Humanity, its highest public service award.

Day's other awards and achievements include two Parents' Choice® Gold Awards, a National Association of Parenting Publications® Gold Award and a Dove Family Foundation Winner. He also had a No. 1 Song on XM/Sirius Kids Place Live — "I Like Yaks."



Michele Barnes of Union City is co-chairman of the Obion County Public Library/WLJT Kids' Concert. She is the director of the Obion County Public Library and is in her 10th year as a volunteer with CornFest.

She is the mother of Brennan, Garrison and Avery Barnes.

She is a member of the Obion County Adult Leadership Board, Obion County Reading Railroad, Discovery Park of America Art Committee and Alethian Review Club.



Mandy Hinson of Union City has volunteered with CornFest for 11 years. She is co-chairman of the Obion County Public Library/WLJT Kids' Concert and chairman of the Pie Eating Contest and Celebrity Pie in the Face event. She also serves as public relations.

She is manager of individual giving for WLJT-TV public television for West Tennessee in Martin.

She is married to Brent Hinson, who is also a CornFest volunteer, and is the mother of Xavier Hinson. She is a member and volunteers at Crosswind Church.