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Three Acts Pack Hughes American Family Theatre

Guitarist Jim Greeninger performs at the Hughes American Family Theatre Tuesday through Friday from 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Dinner is available after the show. He'll be there through Dec. 12. Greeninger studied with legendary guitarist Andres Segovia, played at Carnegie Recital Hall and was the first guitarist to teach at the Julliard School of Music. He says he also loves to play ballads, gospel, country and jazz.

The Hughes dinner theatre is a busy venue. In addition to Greeninger, The Hughes family's five brothers, their wives and 26 children do shows at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on certain days. And Six, six brothers who create amazing acoustic sound, offer 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. shows on alternate days. For schedules, visit www.hughes-brothers.com or call 334-0076.

Roy Clark Returns

Roy Clark will return to Branson for 10 dates in September and October at the Tri-Lakes Center. He'll be with his band, Roy's Toys. His featured guest will be Justin David, a 2005 top-five Nashville Star contestant. David grew up in Marshfield, and played for a few years with the Braschler Music Show in Branson.

In 1983, Branson hotelier Jim Thomas and other investors including country music star Roy Clark built the Roy Clark Celebrity Theatre. Clark was the first nationally known star to lend his name to a Branson theater, gaining the town media recognition.

At the time, Clark was the host of the popular "Hee Haw" TV show. He introduced other stars to Branson including Conway Twitty, Roger Miller, Mel Tillis and Ray Stevens. Call 336-0219 or visit www.trilakescenter.com.

Mark This Date

Foggy River Boys lead singer Bob Hubbard will host the Gospel Sing-Off fundraiser for Christian Action Ministries at 2 p.m. on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7 at the Sight & Sound Theatre. Hubbard is a retired ordained minister who served 14 years as pastor of the Ozark Mountain Christian Church in Rockaway Beach.

Hubbard also was the original lead singer for the Jordanaires Quartet, which sang on the Grand Ole Opry's radio broadcast in the late '40s and early '50s.

The Sing-Off supports CAM's Food Pantry, serving nearly 12,000 families last year. Twelve finalists will compete before four celebrity judges for \$5,000 in cash prizes from Branson Tourism Center. Buy reserved-seat tickets for the 2 p.m. show for \$10 at the Sight & Sound Theatre box office or call 800-377-1277.

Kids Get Baseball And More

More than 100 kids who attended the summer Redbird Rookies baseball program at the Ozark Mountain Family YMCA got the thrill of their lives when they went to St. Louis last month to watch the St. Louis Cardinals play the Los Angeles Dodgers. After nearly five hours and 15 innings, the Cardinals won 3-2.

The Redbird Rookies is part of the Cardinals' community outreach program. Along with baseball skills, the program teaches teamwork, integrity, self-esteem and leadership, said Talbird Lovan, executive director of the YMCA located in Hollister.

The YMCA is gearing up for fall programs including youth and adult sports and programs before and after school in partnership with the Branson and Hollister school districts. The YMCA also has a partnership with the new Faith Community Health Center in Branson to provide wellness services. Call the YMCA at 332-1909 or visit www.orymca.org.

Help a Child, Just For Fun

Sign up now for the second annual Landing to Landing Canoe and Kayak Race and Fun Paddle on Lake Taneycomo from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3. The event benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks, helping to change the lives of kids ages six through 14 in Stone and Taney counties

Several sponsorship categories are available including a \$40 level. Bass Pro Shops White River Outpost and Lilley's Landing have joined as major sponsors.

There will be 5K canoe and kayak races and a 5K canoe and kayak fun paddle with cash and other prizes including memberships to Skaggs Fitness Center. Following the event, participants are invited for lunch at the White River Fish House.

The organization is issuing a challenge to people to take one year to make a change for a lifetime in the life of a child. They have a waiting list of children who need a friend, and it takes a commitment of only eight hours a month. Register online at www.bigbrobranson.org. Call 337-7531.

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