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The Oct. 8 Grand Opening is a one-of-a-kind, can't-miss event for Union County and the surrounding areas, and will feature hours of world-class music entertainment with free concerts, plus guided tours of the distillery and free moonshine tastings.

Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. this Saturday, with the official ribbon cutting for Granddaddy Mimm's at 161 Pappy's Plaza in Blairsville.

Steven Phillips, local radio personality out of Towns County, will open the event's music lineup at 5 p.m., followed by Nashville artist Josh Morningstar at 5:30 p.m.

The evening gets local again with Blairsville's own Tom Floyd Band at 6:30 p.m., before Townsend and Waymore's Outlaws – backup band to the legendary Waylon Jennings – take the stage at 8 p.m.

Shooter Jennings, who is the son of the late Country Outlaw Waylon Jennings and Jessi Colter, will be the headliner for the evening, performing at 9 p.m.

Jennings has been touring with Waymore's Outlaws going on three years now, and the concert is considered a must-see performance, as Jennings will soon be hitting the road with his own band, and Waymore's Outlaws will be launching its Farewell Tour in February of next year.

Concertgoers are invited to bring chairs, blankets, and to generally make themselves at home during the Oct. 8 extravaganza.

Of course, folks will want to take full advantage of the Grand Opening by going on one of the distillery tours, which will be happening throughout the day.

The museum opens up into Granddaddy Mimm's Gift Shop, where people will be able to mosey up to the bar for free tastings of one of the four flavorful products made right there in Blairsville at the distillery, using corn from local-favorite Logan's Turnpike Mill.

Should guests decide to take a tour, they will be treated to a trip straight into the last century, as they learn how Jack "Mimm" McClure turned corn, water and sugar into such fine-tasting spirits.

Townsend has also restored his grandfather's covered wagon, which people will get a chance to see on the tour, and those who are old enough will receive a free souvenir bottle of Granddaddy Mimm's Authentic Moonshine at the end of the paid tours, which run for \$30.

Moonshine has turned into a family tradition, thanks to Townsend's interest and subsequent entrance into the business.

During the Great De-



**Shooter Jennings**

pression, there wasn't a whole lot of work to be had, especially in the mountains, so Jack "Mimm" McClure began bootlegging out of Young Harris in the 1930s to put food on his family's table.

And while he's certainly known for his high-quality corn products, Mimm also carried a reputation for charitable giving and fairness throughout Young Harris and the region.

Asked about her son Tommy's moonshine endeavors, Ida Townsend said that at first she was shocked, and then she was proud. Ida is the youngest of Mimm's children, and she remembers well how her father provided for the

family, and also how Mimm would split a neighbor's wood if they needed it.

She said that Mimm, who passed away when Tommy was just 2 years old, would be proud of his grandson in what he has accomplished with Granddaddy Mimm's.

Event parking will be \$5, with all proceeds to benefit charity. Patrons should follow the signs and police directions to designated parking areas, where a shuttlebus will be available to take them to Pappy's Plaza.

For more information about Granddaddy Mimm's, visit the website at granddadmimms.com.



Waymore's Outlaws, the backing and recording band of late Country Outlaw Waylon Jennings, will be performing at the Granddaddy Mimm's Grand Opening. Waymore's Outlaws are: Richie Albright, Tommy Townsend, Fred Newell and Jerry "Jigger" Bridges.

# LOOK Who Is 80!



**Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Charles "Eck" Hughes!**  
Charles celebrated with his family and friends.

## Thank You

*For attending my 80th Birthday party and for all the cards, gifts, beautiful cake and delicious food.*  
Thanks again,  
**Charles "Eck" Hughes**