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Roni Stoneman to Join Performers at Red Cross Barn Party

[MURFREESBORO], Tenn., July 31, 2009- Former Hee-Haw actress known as Ida Lee Nagger, Roni Stoneman, will be picking her banjo for Barn Party attendees at the August 15th event at Womack Stables.

Roni Stoneman is the youngest daughter of Ernest V. "Pop" Stoneman, patriarch of the Stoneman Family, one of the most famous family groups in early country music. Drawing on his Southern Appalachian heritage, Pop Stoneman realized as early as 1924 the commercial potential of traditional music, and carved a career from it. That year, he wrote country music's first million-dollar seller, "The Sinking of the Titanic." The Stoneman Family also won the Country Music Academy's "Vocal Group of the Year Award" in 1967.

In the 1970s, Stoneman reached a national audience when she joined the cast of Hee Haw, the most successful syndicated program and country music show in the history of television.

"I am excited for this opportunity to support the Red Cross and the work that they do in the community," Stoneman said.

To purchase tickets to the event please log on to www.midtnredcross.org. Tickets can also be purchased at Bumpus Harley Davidson in Murfreesboro.

The Red Cross is NOT a government agency and depends on generous gifts from the community to respond to disasters around the clock and around the block. This fundraiser will help your local Red Cross serve your neighbors in need in Middle Tennessee every day!

The event will be held at Womack Stables rain or shine.

To become a 2009 event sponsor, to purchase tickets or for more information contact Beth Ferguson at 615.893.4272 ext. 106 or via e-mail at fergusonb@hot-redcross.org.

The Heart of Tennessee Chapter of the American Red Cross provides vital emergency assistance to help victims of local disasters in Rutherford, Bedford, Cannon, Franklin, Coffee & Moore counties. Over the past year the Chapter trained nearly 15,000 people in CPR & First Aid, Babysitting and Aquatics training, and provided pre-deployment briefings and emergency communications for over 640 active duty military personnel and their families. Over 13,177 pints of life-saving blood were collected from the community last year. All of these services are made possible by over 320 dedicated local Red Cross volunteers as well as through generous gifts from the local community. To get more information please call 615) 893-4272 or log on to www.midtnredcross.org.

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