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**Working Families to Hold “Friends of America” Rally
Featured Guests to Include Sean Hannity, Ted Nugent, and Hank Williams Jr.
Free Labor Day Festival to Support American Jobs**

A coalition of local employers, associations, and elected officials will honor American working families with a free Labor Day “Friends of America” concert and rally near Holden, West Virginia.

“Now more than ever, it is the time for working people and businesses to join together and speak up about the economic damage caused by an overreaching government. For our communities to grow and prosper, our people need freedom,” said Art Kirkendoll, president of the Logan County Commission. “The Friends of America rally is about standing up for our freedoms, our families and the American way of life.”

The rally will feature nationally-recognized musical entertainers and speakers. Featured speakers include Sean Hannity, a nationally-syndicated radio host and Fox television host, and Lord Christopher Monckton, a former science adviser to former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Featured entertainers include country music legend Hank Williams Jr., Halfway to Hazard, Taylor Made and others. American icon Ted Nugent will emcee the event.

“America’s working families are under attack from several fronts. America’s job providers and American workers must rally together and let our voices be heard,” said Don Blankenship, CEO of Massey Energy and lead organizer of the Friends of America Rally. “We are proud to provide Central Appalachia with good-paying jobs that cannot be outsourced, and we will continue to fight to make sure they aren’t taxed or regulated out of existence.”

“Keeping jobs in America has to be the top priority for our leaders in Washington. American job providers and workers need to join together to ensure we can continue to provide for our families. This rally is being held to let Washington know that we support policies that support American jobs,” said Ruth Lemmon, President of the WV Automobile & Truck Dealers Association, one of the many state organizations supporting the event.

“We are glad to support the Friends of America rally. It’s a perfect opportunity to honor the contribution hard working Americans make to our economy, our communities and our country, and to let those people have a voice in the public debate that affects them so deeply,” said Ben Hatfield, CEO of International Coal Group. “We are proud to stand with the men and women that fuel American industry, create American jobs and grow the American economy.”

“Our responsibility to the people of Southern West Virginia is to protect jobs not only here in West Virginia but America as well, being the son and grandson of West Virginia coal miners, we must keep these jobs from being regulated out of existence by policies that would harm working families,” added John Hubbard, president of the Mingo County Commission.

“Friends of America” rally will be held on Monday, September 7, 2009, from 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event will be free and open to the public. You must register online for your free guest pass.

To register for your guest pass and for more information visit the Friends of America Rally online at:
www.friendsofamericarally.com.

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