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PRESIDENTS CORNER:

Outdoor festivals are over here in the upper midwest but many weekend hotel events are happening along with one night concerts. These are bargain events so get out and enjoy a little music. If you are inclined, there are many club jams along with other pickin' sessions. These are generally free or a very modest door contribution. This month we list those that we know and will add more as they come in.

Your board is planing for 2009 festivals and beyond. The current economic turmoil makes this job much more difficult. Do we plan for the same size attendance and camping as in the past or do we anticipate a change up or down? An argument could be made since the NIBGA festivals are so inexpensive folks will attend them instead of planning a more expensive alternative.

The current price of gas in Fort Wayne has dipped below \$2 per gallon. Will it still be there next year?

Conversely, do we look at the current unemployment numbers, 10% in Elkhart county and a forecast of 8% or more by next year, and pull back? If the festival attendance including camping falls by the same amount as the stock market, say 40% or so, and the budget remains mostly the same, there will not be enough money left in the treasury to hold festivals in 2010!

OK, let's whack away at the costs. Many expenses are fixed: fairgrounds rent, stage insurance and storage, festival insurance, utilities, royalty fees, etc. Expenses that can be controlled are golf carts rental, port-a-jons rental, tent rental, advertising and finally band expense, our largest controllable number. If all of these controllable expenses were reduced by one half, the savings would not be enough to prevent a loss if attendance decreased by 40%!

Therefore, to do well in 2009, the club must carefully manage expenses while trying to hold or increase attendance. Price increases are not feasible in the current economic down turn. Ah the joys of being on the board of a nonprofit organization. If you have suggestions, the board welcomes them. Feel free to attend a board meeting or send us a note.

Winter jam and board meetings have started at the Southwest Conservation Club. Why not plan to attend either as a listener or a picker. Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday

from noon until six except December through April. The kitchen is open and serves great sandwiches along with beverages. Bring your appetite and join us.

Don't forget, there is no December newsletter or club meeting. We will keep the web site current so send us your events.

If the good Lord's willin' & the creek don't rise, we'll be at a couple of winter parties.

Jim Winger — President

THIS AND THAT: FESTIVAL REPORT:

Reviewing 2008 festival financial statements, 2008 was an all time high for income however expenses were also the highest ever exceeding 2007 by almost 10%. Net profit for 2008 was 6.4%, lowest in the 2000s.

Festival income has increased by 74% since 2000 but expenses have increased by 86%! Even if the economy were stable, it is apparent that an aggressive approach to controlling expenses has to be put in place.

2007 and 2008 were sobering years upon reflection. Attendance was off compared to 2003-06 as well as net profit. The club has not lost money on the festivals since arriving at Kendallville in 1990. With the current economic environment and recent festival history, prudent management is called for.

Linda Winger - Treasurer

A TRIBUTE:

Lynn Merle Fox, 76, 12/30/31 - 9/3/08

I attended my first NIBGA Festival in May 1978. Many of the folks I made acquaintance with are long, long gone.

Reasons differ.

I was 20 years old then; completely 'green' where bluegrass music was concerned. (I was involved in several country bands in the tri-state area at that time.) Charlie Gilbert introduced me to many of those folks back then. It was as if I had walked back in time. I still feel that way.

Merle Fox was a giant of a man. Ever ready on the 6-string. A huge voice to match. He taught me a lot over the years: always encouraging me to join in ... that WONDERFUL, AWESOME VOICE, AND SMILE! And the absolutely joyful and often requested 'Tickle Song.' How he involved the audience with his addictive laughter.

I owe Merle a lot.

He discussed with me, only a year ago, the fact that he had been watching over my shoulder, like a daddy would. Watching to protect me from "those who would take advantage of me." As a single female, camping alone at festivals, I never was in fear; oblivious to what Merle knew.

I visited many festivals in those years, alone. Never afraid. The Foxes were there. My Bluegrass 'family' .Always playing music; always inviting me to sing; inviting me to play along.

Merle ... quietly watching out for me ...

I would love to put my arms around Merle for one of those great big bear hugs just one more time. Thank you Merle, for honesty, acceptance, integrity, and laughter. Thank you for knowing better for me than I knew for myself.

It seems like only yesterday ... Please sing the Tickle Song for me. Thank you Merle (daddy).

Jeanette Young

(Since 1990, the festival at Kendallville has had no reported incidents which would threaten a family or single person. J.W.)

MEMORIAL 2009:

There were positive responses to the fish dinner and one no. We forwarded that info to the 4H.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

If you receive your newsletter via snail mail and are moving or are changing your address to the sweet sunny south, please remember to notify NIBGA so we can change your newsletter address. The club is charged postage for every forwarded or returned newsletter.

We get one or two newsletters returned each month with no label. We believe that the label has come off in the postal machines. We have no way of knowing whose letter failed to deliver.

Linda Winger, Treasurer

BAND NEWS:

Rhonda Vincent announces banjo player Kenny Ingram, and guitarist Darrell Webb will leave the Rage effective December 31, 2008.

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The Liberty Bluegrass Band has won the Grand Prize at the 2008 *Wisconsin Area Music Industry* CD Roulette. Their song that won the contest was Rank Stranger to Me from our current release "Life, Liberty Bluegrass and the Pursuit of Happiness". LBB is trying very hard to reach beyond the traditional bluegrass music scene by being

involved in the whole music industry. Good music is always going to be good music.

Grand Prize was a one paid slot at either Summerfest, WI State Fair or Bastille Days stages.

2008/09 JAMS:

Thanks to our VP, Sandra Carnes, for putting this together. Keep this list as this is the only time it will be published in full. The date at the end of an item is the date we updated. Let us know additions and corrections.

Illinois

Su - Sauk Village, IL jam, the Edward W. Paesel Senior Center, 2700 Kalvelage Dr., (N of Sauk Trail on Torrence Ave. behind police station) Sauk Village, IL, Sun. 6-10P 219-987-6053 They often have other jam dates, call. (11/11/08)

Indiana

1st & 3rd Sa - Bluegrass, 4009 E. Minnesota St., Beech Grove, IN G. Pearson 317-375-9954 all year, 6-10p (11/11/08)

1st & 3rd Sa - Wells Cultural Center, Lafayette, IN, North & 7th St, 2 blocks N of Courthouse & 3 blocks E. 5-11p, J. Glossic, 765-743-1736? Year around, open to the general public. Also, Old time fiddler's welcome, there is plenty of room for a separate old time jam. For more information, call 765-743-1736 glossic@msn.com Families welcome. Beginners welcome! Free and open to the general public. Play or listen. Coffee and refreshments provided. (11/11/08)

1st Sa - Contra Dance, Goshen, IN College, Student Union, \$6, \$1 students, \$15 max/family, under 12 free 7:30 beginner lessons, 8-911 dance Phill Good-Elliott 574-533-9906 (11/11/08)

1st Sa - Jefferson County BGA Jamboree, Madison 4H Fairgrounds, Madison, IN 6-11:00p? Mike Brown 812-866-2826 (11/11/08)

1st Sa - Star Baptist Church, 4019 W 650 N, Saint Paul, IN 47272 317-374-7905 grumplehorn@aol.com (no winter jams, resumes in April) (11/11/08)

1st Su - Central Indiana Bluegrass Assoc., Hontz Hall, Gas City, IN 12:30-6p 765-674-5117 (11/11/08)

1st Su - Hoosier Hills, St. Martin's Catholic Church Annex, 1720 E. Harrison, Martinsville, IN 2-5p, H. Johnson, 317-831-7519 (11/11/08)

1st Su - NE IN 4 string banjo jam, Kingston Residence, 7515 Winchester Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN Sam Task 260-747-6675 (11/11/08)

1st Th - Wakarusa, IN Jamboree, Sept - May at Northwood Middle School, 301 N. Elkhart St., Wakarusa, IN 46573 and June through August at Schmidt Furniture Store, 903 Nelsons Parkway, Wakarusa, IN 46573 6:30p S. Schmidt 574-862-2200 (11/11/08)

2nd & 4th Su Jam - Old Depot, Pierceton, IN, SR 13 & Market St. next to the park; 5-8p; beverages & snacks available; acoustic instruments only *no amplification* T. May 574-453-1767; B. Dobbs 574-253-3604 (10/23/08)

2nd & 4th Th Amo Community Building 5046 Sycamore St., Amo, IN 46103 317-539-6030 6:30-9:30p (11/11/08)

2nd Sa - Thorntown IN BG Jam, 6-11p, year around except Dec., Sugar Plain Friends Church, SR 47 - 1m W. Thorntown, 765-325-2439 ntruit@thehoneycomb.net

2nd Sa Old-time Fiddle Tune Jam 9:30-11:30a Mill Race Farmer's Market, 212 W. Washington St., Goshen, IN, Phill Good-Elliott, 574-533-9906 (11/11/08)

2nd Tu -Mandolin Club, First Friends Meeting Place, 3030 Kessler Blvd E. Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46220 2-4p 317-257-9527 not exactly jams, as we often use the time

to work on our performance pieces but we do spend some time jamming, visitors welcome. (11/11/08)

3rd Sa Fort Wayne Contra dance, St. Francis University, 2701 Spring St., Fort Wayne, IN 46808 N. Campus building, 7:30p beginners training, 8-11p dance; Sept-May dbarber61@verizon.net (09/23/08)

3rd Sa Jamborees, 362 Shawswick School Rd, Bedford, IN 47421 Free admission, 6:30-9p, 4 bands, food, Gary Grant 812-277-1705 (11/11/08)

3rd Su - IFOB, 3102 S. Meridian, Indianapolis, IN, Hacker Sewing, 2:30-5:30p, 317-783-6773 (11/11/08)

3rd Su - NIBGA Oct., Nov., but no Dec. and Jan. - Apr. noon until 6p; SW Conservation Club, 5703 Bluffton Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46809; Our old meeting location, The Marine Corp. League, New Haven closed its doors October 1, 2007. Food & beverages are available. 260-918-4790 (10/26/08)

4th Fr - Wheatfield Bluegrass Jam 5-10p Chicago time; Municipal Building, 170 S. Grace St., Wheatfield, IN 219-956-3119 year around (11/11/08)

4th Sa 11/29/08, 12/20/08 then 4th Sat 7p Bluegrass Jam - Cupbearer Coffee House, 531 N. Grandstaff Dr., Auburn, IN 46706 260-925-8466 (11/08)

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4th Su - Maple Wood Nature Center., 4 m. E. Lagrange, IN on CR 100S 1-5p Erv Troyer 260-463-2247 Bluegrass, Gospel, Country (11/11/08)

Mo - 1st Baptist Church, 1012 Stafford Rd., Plainfield, IN 46168 Kenny Creasy 317-838-0981 6-8:30p (11/11/08)

Mo Triple H Gun Club Hwy. 59 S Linton, IN 47441 6:30-10p John Hert 812-847-3340 (11/11/08)

We - Senior Center, 14 W. Old South St., Bargersville, IN 46106 6:30-?? Betty Bellard 317-840-7856 no Thanksgiving eve or Christmas eve (11/11/08)

Th Little Grantville Bluegrass, Open to public, Bedford IN. Go east on rt 50 from Bedford turn south at Ferrell Gas towards Shawswick School, ½ mi. on left (follow signs) Acoustic only, 6:30pm. 812-277-1705 (11/11/08)

Th Whitewater Valley Bluegrass, 6125 Dry Fork Road, Harrison, OH 45002 6-9p 513-367-6046 (11/11/08)

Fr - Connersville BGMA jam, house band and more, \$5 donation, Dorsett Hall J.C. Building, 710 35th St., Connersville, IN 47331 765-265-7202 doors open 5p, bands 6p (11/08)

Fr - Gospel Music, 4009 E. Minnesota St., Beech Grove, IN G. Pearson 317-375-9954 all year, 6-10p (11/11/08)

Last Sa - NCBAMA, Moench Hall, Rose Hulman Inst. of Tech., 3m E. Terre Haute, IN on US 40, 7-11p, Michael White, President, 812-236-7184 No Dec. (11/11/08)

Kentucky

Mo - Bulldog Cafe, 10619 W. Manslick Rd., Fairdale, KY 40118 Darren Aubrey 6-12p 502-380-0600 (11/11/08)

We - KY-BLUEGRASS ANONYMOUS: Louisville Bluegrass Music Assoc., Jam, 7 pm, Bluegrass Brewing Co., 3929 Shelbyville Rd., Louisville, KY Info: Mike Bucayu, P.O. Box 21281, Louisville, KY 40221, 502-693-4760, mike@fqms.com (11/11/08)

Michigan

1st Fr @ 5p - Friendly Folk 7:30p, Old Town hall corner of 366 Mill & Church St., Ortonville, MI 48462 9 M S I-75 x#91 & 12M S I-69; E M-15 at Mill St. Margaret Heller 248-232-8303 (Oct-May) (11/11/08)

1st Sa - White Pine Academy, 510 Russell St., Leslie, MI 49251-9478 517-250-1585 7-11p no Ju-Sep. (01/18/08)

1st Su - Ionia "County" Bluegrass Show/Jam, NEW 2008 Location, Saranac HS Auditorium, 120 Pleasant St., Saranac, MI (7 m. W. Ionia off M-21) doors 12-6p show 1p acoustic only, bands change every 30m, picking rooms, concessions, donation, Cy Misner 616-527-2633 or todaypolly@yahoo.com (Oct-May) (8/12/08)

1st Tu Coopersville, MI Farm Museum, 365 Main St. 6:30-9p 616-997-8555 (11/11/08)

2nd Mo - Bluegrass & Country Acoustic Jam, Magdalena's Tea House, 2006 W. Michigan, Lansing, MI 48912 7:30-11pm \$5 includes one coffee or tea; Tim Little 517-337-1517 Timlittl@msu.edu (10/13/08)

2nd Sa - Mid-Michigan Bluegrass Assoc. 7-11p Delta Haven Free Methodist Church, 12406 Broadbent Rd., Lansing, MI 48917-8816; donation \$4 adults - \$2 seniors coffee, & goodies. All pickers and listeners are welcome! Henry Casillas 517-482-2382 or Mildred Stinson 517-694-4918 (11/11/08)

2nd Sa - Woodhull Old Time Music Jamboree, Shaftsbury, MI, Bluegrass, country & Old Timey, W. Warfle, 517-675-7338 (11/11/08)

3rd Sa - West Michigan BGMA, jam & meeting Lowell Fire Dept., 315 S. Hudson, Lowell, MI 616-459-5228 Board meeting 5p Jamming 6p location varies (11/11/08)

3rd Su - 4p -?? food, beverage, Friendly Tavern, 12355 M 60, Jones, MI 49061, 269-244-8185 year around G. Griffith or Greg Rippell

3rd Su - K'zoo Folklife Acoustic Jam, Bell's Eccentric Cafe, 355 E. Kalamazoo Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49003 2-5pm jeanmwagoner@Yahoo.com 269-327-1269 (02/12/08)

3rd Su - The Livery, 190 5th Street, Benton Harbor, MI 269-925-8760; Bluegrass jam and open mike, Open Mic 2-4p, Open Jam 4-6p, signup @ 1:30; no cover charge, kitchen & bar will be open! host Dan Geib

3rd Tu Farm Museum, 365 Main St., Coopersville, MI 49404 6:30-9p 616-997-8555 (11/11/08)

4th Sa - Sept-May, Michigan BMA, Paro School, 5430 N. Genesee, Flint, MI 48506 doors 6:00p, stage 7:30p, no firewater, R. Jones 810-736-5332 except Dec. 20 and May 16 (09/09/08)

Every Sat 7:30pm (weather permitting), Farmlane Campground located in the Waterloo Recreation Area between Jackson and Chelsea, MI 734-260-9009 Closed until April (11/11/08)

Last Sa - West Adrian United Church of Christ, 4545 Wolf Creek, Adrian MI 49221 6:30p 517-263-1258 Traditional music acoustical instruments, M. Mullins 517-254-4828 or P. Scheiber 517-547-7448 (11/11/08)

Last Su - Riversong Music Society 2-4p, Whitcomb Tower, 509 Ship St., St. Joseph, MI 49085 except Dec. (02/12/08)

Ohio

1st Sa - Central Ohio BGA (COBA) Nov. - May at the Big Walnut HS, 555 Old 3-C Hwy., Sunbury, OH. Music 6p includes 2 or 3 bands, food available starting at 5p. Sami Payne, 740-965-2801

2nd Su - OKI jams, Union Hall, 60 Commerce Park Dr., Dayton, OH 45404-1212 4:30p 937-657-5365 (10/17/08)

Fr - Butler County Coon Hunters Club, 200 Warwick Rd., Hamilton, OH 45013 5p 513-896-1779 (11/11/08)

Fr - OKI jam, Merchants Flea Market, I-75 x57B & Wagner Ford Rd. Dayton, OH 45414 7-11p 937-890-3522 (11/11/08)

Fr - Wapak jam 7-9p Famous Old Time Music Co., 20322 US 33, Wapakoneta, OH 419-568-1220 (11/11/08)

Sa - Bluegrass Music Shop, 1370 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43207 Open jam 614-443-3558 (11/11/08)

Tu Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 SR 66, Oakwood, OH 45873-9357 1m N of Oakwood, OH Paulding county or 14m S Defiance, OH 419-594-2816 6p until ? (11/11/08)

Canada

2nd We 7-11p Sept. - May. S. Glengarry BGA, Royal Canadian Legion, 7 Frost St., Long Sault, On 888-926-9473

2nd Su PINE RIDGE BLUEGRASS & FOLKLORE SOCIETY of Oshawa, Ont, Ju. & Aug. 1-5p

DEAR DR. EARL

"Dear Dr. Earl" is a column that was never syndicated. Hmmm ... I wonder why? Look for Dr. Earl as room permits.

Dear Dr. Earl,

When I go to bluegrass festivals, I really enjoy watching the jams at the campsites. I play guitar a little bit myself, but I feel really awkward about just going up and joining in. What do I do to make it known that I'd like to play, too?

Signed, Itching to Play

Dear Itching,

You can usually tell by looking at a jam session if additional participants are welcome or not. If there is one of each instrument, and the players seem very focused, chances are it is not a good jam for a beginner to join along in. However, most jams are welcoming to additional participants. If you are in doubt, it never hurts to ask.

You could always walk up to someone and ask, "do you mind if I play along?" Usually that will lead to a hearty "come on in" and the circle will widen. It never hurts to just quietly play along on the outside of the jam session and see if you are invited to "get closer" after awhile. This works better when it is a very large jam and you are less noticeable.

The most important thing is that if you are just itching to play ... play!!! If the first jam you come to doesn't seem very welcoming, just move on to the next one. There is no better way to learn to play or sing than to participate in a jam session.

Dear Dr. Earl,

I'm back!! I did like you mentioned. I found a jam with lots of people playing, I asked if I could join, and they welcomed me. After a few songs, everyone went to watch the stage show, eat supper, walk their dog, or needed to change their strings or put out the "honey wagon" sign for the next day. I don't know why. What happened?

Signed, Still Itching

Dear Still,

This could have just merely been a coincidence. Not likely, but you never know. When you enter a jam session, always be careful not to take over unless invited to do

so. If you are the newest member, let the others pick the songs for awhile before you suggest your favorites (unless specifically requested otherwise).

Sometimes it is really hard to tell if the jam session is reaching it's natural conclusion, or if you somehow forced it into oblivion. When they had you choose a song, did you choose one that you wrote, that no one could follow the chord progression? The first few times it best to pick songs that are straight forward and well known and in the genre that they were playing when you joined. Personally, you may be partial to old time ballads, but not all bluegrassers want to listen to 39 verses of what poor Willy is up to.

Were you in tune? Did you stay in time? If you notice everyone starting to tap their foot and really concentrating on the bass, you probably need to do the same. Each jam is different, and folks do get tired and quit eventually, since there's no telling how long the jam session was going before you walked up.

I wouldn't take the first instance of this personally. However, if it continues to happen regularly, you may want to consider some of the things I've mentioned.

OVER JORDAN:

Richard L. Slesman, age 73, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Nov. 10 at the Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center. Dick and Lula Belle were



long time NIBGA members. They also were seen at Ottawa near the main building. Dick had an awesome number of songs he could play and sing.

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I met Dick at Henry's festival in Ottawa, Ohio several years ago. We were both out walking for exercise when Dick overtook me. He slowed down and we visited for awhile as we walked. After that we always exchanged greetings when we met which was usually only a couple times a year. I felt like we were friends in spite of the limited times we met. His friendly greeting will be missed as well as his up-tempo bluegrass gospel. So long Dick! Charlie Carnes

LETTERS & E-MAIL'S:

Thank you so much for inviting McCoy Grass to be a part of the Northern Indiana BGA Showcase at IBMA. We were thrilled to be a part of it!

Thank you again,

Beverly McCoy 937-657-5365

CONCERTS & CLUBS: IN THE CLUBS:

Harvest Time Restaurant, 3418 E Everton Rd, Connersville, IN 47331 765-825-0092 Dinner 5p Bands \$6 donation

- 11/22 Grass Land Bluegrass Band
- 11/29 Dennis Barrett Bluegrass Band
- 12/06 Wildwood Valley Boys Bluegrass Band
- 12/13 Wes Miller Bluegrass Band
- 12/20 All American Bluegrass Band
- 12/27 Dennis Barrett Bluegrass Band

LVD's, The Old Bag Factory, 1100 Chicago Ave., Goshen, IN 574-825-7785 7p, \$15

- 11/29 Goldmine Pickers - Benefit Concert held at Maple City Chapel, 2015 Lincolnway East, Goshen, IN 46526. Proceeds for Eastern Mennonite Missions personnel in the Middle East.
- 01/02 Dry Branch Fire Squad
- 01/17 Freight Hoppers
- 02/07 Mustard's Retreat
- 02/28 Hot Soup
- 03/14 Kennedy's Kitchen

Opera House, 7th & Brook St., PO Box 37, Mitchell, IN 47446 812-849-2337 8p kids \$3

- 01/24/09 New Frontier \$7

Miami University Artist Series, 1601 University Blvd., Hamilton OH 45011 Parrish Auditorium, \$3/order 513-785-3264 season pass, seniors, student, children tickets

- 01/31/09 Southern Routes \$20 7:30p
- 02/28/09 Illrd Tyme Out \$20 7:30p
- 03/28/09 Vance Gilbert \$18 7:30p

Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 SR 66, Oakwood, OH 45873-9357 1 mile N of Oakwood, OH in Paulding county 419-594-2435 or 419-594-2816 7p about \$10

- 11/22 Charity Moore & Big Ugly
- 12/06 Melvin Goins & Windy Mountain
- 12/12 Rick Prater & the Midnight Travelers
- 01/09 David Davis
- 01/23 Dave Evans & River Bend
- 02/20 Summertown Rd. (formerly Bo Isaac Band)

The Ark 316 S Main St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2108 734-761-1451 8p

- 11/19 Cadillac Sky \$15
- 12/08 Riders In The Sky
- 12/12 RFD Boys \$11
- 12/19 Joel Mabus
- 01/03 RFD Boys

Wayne County Raccoon Hunters Club, 37816 Wick Rd., Romulus, MI 48174 Virgie McClearen 313-386-7241 7p \$6; dinner \$5

- 11/21 Fulton County Bluegrass
- 11/28 Marvin Webb
- 12/05 Fulton County Bluegrass
- 12/12 Eddie Adkins and the Southerners (Country)
- 12/19 Hand Hewn String Band

Kentuckians of MI, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, MI 46174 \$6 buffet @ 7 PM, 734-484-1480 or 734-269-6602

- 11/21 Bobby Hutch \$6
- 12/05 Bo Isaac & Wheelwrights \$10
- 12/12 Hardline Drive \$6
- 12/19 R.J. Thomas; Eddie Adkins; Karaoke Christmas potluck \$6 bring a dish to pass
- 12/26 Eddie Adkins \$6

Huron Valley Eagles, 13636 Telegraph Rd, Flat Rock, **MI** 8 - 12p 313-782-9215

- **11/22** Nitro Hill Band with Bo Kazy \$8
- **11/29** Spanky Moore Band \$10
- **12/06** Hud Haley & Friends
- **12/13** Dave Evans & River Bend
- **12/27** Dana Cupp, Roy Cobb, Mitch Manns & Friends

American Legion, 1030 Central St., Evanston, **IL** 847-573-0443 8 PM \$20 Donation Adults, \$15

Seniors, Kids 16 & under

- **11/29** The Chapmans

Miramar Theatre, 2844 N. Oakland Ave.,

Milwaukee, **WI** 53211 414-967-0302 (progressive)

- **11/20** Drew Emmitt Band 9p \$10
- **12/04** Infamous String Dusters 9p \$15
- **12/06** Hot Buttered Rum 9p \$15

FESTIVALS & EVENTS :

11/22 Ricky Skaggs, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, 10700 S R 118 South, Van Wert, **OH** 419-238-6722 or www.npacvw.org \$25-40 7:30p

11/22 White River Ridge Runners, w/special guest Spanky Moore Barley Island Brewpub, Noblesville, **IN** 8p

11/26 Greensky Bluegrass, Livery, 190 5th St., Benton Harbor, **MI** 49022 9p \$??

11/29 Del McCoury Band, Little Nashville Opry, 704 SR 46 W, Nashville, **IN** 47448 812-988-2235

11/29 Valerie Smith 7-9p, Wheatfield Municipal Building 170 S. Grace St. Wheatfield, **IN** 46392; \$10 Adv. \$12 door Cindy Davis: 219-956-3119 Bob Davis: 219-956-4744 refreshments

12/04 Reel Tyme String Band Fig Tree Gallery & Coffee House Helmsburg, **IN** 7p

12/13 Appalachia Grass, Summertowne Road w/John Rigsby, Jack Hicks, Randy Thomas, and Bo Isaac, FOTMC, 20322 US 33, Wapakoneta, **OH** 45895 4p \$10

12/13 Riders in the Sky, Little Nashville Opry, 704 SR 46 W, Nashville, **IN** 47448 812-988-2235 \$23

12/20 Deep Fried Acoustiblasters The Fickle Peach Muncie, **IN** 9p

12/20 Reel Tyme String Band The 19th Hole Salt Creek Golf Course Columbus, **IN** 7p

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01/09-10 Robyn & White Train, Two Track Mind, Great Lakes Grass, Brothers Kalamazov, Seth & Daisy Mae, Detour Bluegrass, Randy Kohrs, Hot Club of Detroit, Jim Lauderdale & Randy Kohrs;

11/20 Punch Brothers featuring Chris Thile 7:30p Loeb Playhouse, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, **IN** 47907-2016 765-494-9712

11/21-23 Art Stevenson & Highwater; Autumn Craft Festival, The Odeum, 1033 N Villa Ave, Villa Park, **IL** 60181 630-941-9292

11/21-23 MBOTMA harvest jamboree, Marriott Minneapolis **MN** West, 800-635-3037

11/22 Cadillac Sky; Lare Willams, Van Singel Fine Arts Center, Byron Center **MI** HS 49315 7p 616-878-9611

11/22 Diamond Hill Station Mooresville Baptist Church, Mooresville, **IN** 7p

12/05 Wheeler Family Pearson's Bluegrass Acres Indianapolis, **IN** 7p

12/06 Flintlock, Central Benefit for Angels, 1st Street Park District, Crete, **IL** 7p

12/07 The Wilders The Royal Theater Danville, **IN** 8p

12/12 Gilbert and Co, 3 Rivers Food Co-op, 1612 Sherman St., Fort Wayne, **IN** 46808 260-424-8812 7-9pm

12/12 Goldmine Pickers, Fiddler's Hearth, 127 N. Main St., South Bend, **IN** 46601 574-232-2853 9-12p

12/12 Special Consensus and Lou Reid & Carolina Livery, 190 5th St., Benton Harbor, **MI** 49022 9p \$??

Cooper's Glen Music Festival, Radisson Plaza, Kalamazoo, **MI** adv. \$25 door \$35

01/17 Dan Tyminski Band, Masonic Center, 525 W. Riverview Ave., Dayton, **OH** 45401 937-475-2485

01/24 New Frontier, Mitchell Opera House, Mitchell, **IN** 8p (bluegrass, gospel & country) \$7

01/29 Carolina Chocolate Drops The Royal Theater, Danville, **IN** 8p

01/30-31 Ann Arbor, **MI** Folk Festival, Hill Auditorium, U of M, Old Crow Medicine Show, Pete Seeger, more, 734-761-1800 x26

01/31 TBA; Tawas **MI** United Methodist Church Family Center, on highway M-55 7:30p Gary Nelkie 989-362-2001

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