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President's Corner



It has been an exciting month! Our web page is showing significant activity and we are getting messages from

the new easy to use forms that are on the site. The web site allows anyone to submit jams, festivals, and other information in easy to use forms.

On the flyers page a form allows the attachment of festival flyers or pictures to be included in our flyer data base. If you haven't used the new web site yet, we encourage you to explore it.

Give us feedback on changes you would like to see or just your comments. Visit at BluegrassUSA.net

The lineup for both festivals is complete thanks to the work of your VP, Joe Steiner. He has tried to vary the mixture of bands from old time to traditional to progressive. There should be something for everyone.

Included in this month's mailing is

a combo Memorial and Labor Day flyer. Please get the word out to your friends about the festival.

Remember, we approved personal golf carts for use at the festivals. Hopefully folks will use common sense and use them responsibly. We really don't want to publish a bunch of rules about golf carts since they will be used only by adult licensed drivers.

Your treasurer has prepared the annual festival guide also included in this months mailing. It was assembled over a 6 week period with information taken from the web and many, many phone calls. If your favorite festival was omitted let us know and we will make amends.

In less than 4 weeks we get our RV out of winter storage. It has some work to be done on it like an annually leaking toilet valve. We should be camping, however, before the next newsletter is published, if the good Lord's willin' and the creek don't rise.

Jim Winger



Becky Buller is one of those multi-talented people who can pretty much do

everything. If we could clone her, none of the rest of us would need to exist. She has been a cornerstone of bluegrass music for many years, but only recently stepped out front with her own group. By the time she graduated from East Tennessee State University in 2001 she was already an accomplished songwriter.

Upon graduating she began touring nationally with Valerie Smith and Liberty Pike as a fiddle player and singer, and then later teamed up with Darin and Brooke Auldridge. Her tunes are now scattered in all corners of bluegrass music, and one, Scratch Gravel Road, was even the title cut of a Grammy-nominated album by Special Consensus.

In 2015 she received the IBMA Emerging Artist Of The Year and Songwriter Of The Year awards. Also, she was awarded Recorded Event of the Year for the song "Southern Flavor" -- Becky assembled former members of Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys for this session recording. The tune was originally penned and recorded by Bill as an instrumental, and he later had lyrics written to the tune. However, he was never able to record a vocal version before his

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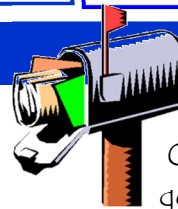
Dear Scholarship Committee,

Graduating from Berklee College of Music last May was a dream come true for me. Your generous support of my educational goals and the spirit behind your labor of love is not lost on me. I appreciate all that you do to help students like me reach our potential.

Thank you for believing in me.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Demers



Our granddaughter just won a gold in violin competition this year - we are so thankful for their scholarships that got them both started on the violin.

Marilyn & Jack Mullins



BUZZ on the Bands, cont.

death. She travels with Ned Luberecki on banjo, Brandon Bostic on guitar, Dan Boner on mandolin, and Daniel Hardin on bass.

[In addition to performing three shows on stage Friday and Saturday, Becky will be conducting a one-hour song writing workshop on Saturday].



To say that **Danny Paisley** comes from a storied bluegrass background would certainly be an understatement. His father, Bob Paisley, teamed up with Ted Lundy for many years and fronted a group called the Southern Mountain Boys.

That band eventually evolved into the Southern Grass, now led by Danny. Further rooting the group in that earlier tradition is T. J. Lundy, Ted's son, who recently rejoined the group on fiddle. Today, the Southern Grass is all about the old style, hard-driving sound, just as the Southern Mountain Boys were those many years ago. And, one needs look no further for evidence of that than Danny's soulful lead vocals – there's no holding back as they reach in and grab your very being.

As their web site says, Danny and the Southern Grass "play powerful, unadorned, and intense traditional bluegrass. There is no hybrid or genre-bending music here." Danny's as good as they come, bar none, and he brings along a top notch supporting cast – along with T. J. on fiddle there is Danny's son, Ryan Paisley, on mandolin, Mark Delaney on banjo, and Eric Troutman on bass.



Shotgun Holler is on the cutting edge of bluegrass music. Their debut album "Loaded" is solid bluegrass, and they are top notch in all aspects of the music.

Unlike many modern groups, they shun covers of traditional material and avoid imitating other singers and pickers. Instead, they opt to reach out for new material and have been cultivating a different sound than the rest of the bluegrass pack.

Guitarist Matt Jones is the featured singer, with Shawn Brock (mandolin), Rod Lunger, (bass), and Alex Benefiel (fiddle) stacking the strong, creative harmony parts. They are joined by Nathan Treadway, a real driver on the five. They are bluegrass – yes, hard driving bluegrass, but not locked into preconceived notions of the genre or imitations of other pickers and singers.



Circa Blue is based out of Martinsburg West Virginia and brings a fresh approach to bluegrass music. They pack some nice original material and mix that with unique arrangements of cover tunes. Although they are firmly rooted in bluegrass music, and feature standard bluegrass instrumentation, their sound is also built on the energy created from innovative, dynamic arrangements.

They feature the lead vocal work of longtime member Steve Harris, who also contributes many of the band's originals, and pack some powerful, tight harmonies. Longtime member Matt Hickman provides some creative banjo work, while Garret Wren, on mandolin, and Malia Furtado, on fiddle, also serve as foundations for the band's inspired interpretations. Ashley Stewart holds things together tightly on bass to complete the ensemble.

They have three recordings to their credit, including the recently released, *Once Upon a Time*.

Joe Steiner

Upcoming Events

Illinois

04/02 [Larry Stephenson](#); [Chicago Bluegrass](#), American Legion, 1030 Central Street, Evanston, IL 60201 8p

05/14 The Gibson Brothers; [Brashler Barn](#), 17560 S. Gougar Rd., Lockport, IL 60441 [815-838-1549](#) 7p \$40

Indiana

1st Thurs. [Wakarusa Jamboree](#), Northwood Middle School, [301 N. Elkhart St., Wakarusa, IN 46573](#) 6:30-9p [574-862-2200](#)

1st & 3rd Fri. jam, Bacon's Rhythm & Brews, 7954 S Wayne St., Hamilton, IN 46742 7pm [260-488-4001](#)

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tues Jam 6:30-8:30 Old Jail Museum jam, 121 N Indiana St., Warsaw, IN 46580 Come to back door. [260-403-5067](#)

1st Sat [Contra Dance](#), First United Methodist Church, 215 South 5th St., Goshen, IN 46526; public: \$7, Members \$6, Students: \$4, Student members \$3, Children under 12: free, Family maximum cost: \$18. 7:30p beginner lessons, 8-11p dance [574-533-9906](#) year around

Every Tues. Old Timey jam; [Fiddler's Hearth](#), 127 N. Main St., South Bend, IN 46601 [574-232-2853](#)

2nd Wed. Jam, [CrossRoads Inn](#), 5975 S SR 9, Columbia City, IN 46725 [260-396-2144](#) 6:30-8:30p

3rd Fri. Bluegrass, Country, Gospel Jam 7-9pm SR 14, Community Center, North Akron, IN 46910

3rd Sat. Bluegrass Gospel Folk Old Country, 1 mic for vocals, no amps except bass. no cheating or drinking songs; Eagle Quest Church, 1120 N SR 109, Columbia City, IN 46725 [260-244-5955](#) 2p

3rd Sun jam; [Sheridan Public Library](#) 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan, IN 46069 1-5p

3rd Sun Northern Indiana winter jams thru April, noon-6p, Southwest Conservation Club, 5703 Bluffton Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46819 [260-918-4790](#)

03/19 Ma [Crow & the Lady Slippers](#); Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd., Metamora, IN 47030 7p

03/25 [Ma Crow & the Lady Slippers](#); Connersville Bluegrass Music Assoc., Roberts Park, 30th & Park St., Connersville, IN 47331 7-9p

04/01 [Larry Stepheson](#); Connersville Bluegrass Music Assoc., Roberts Park, 30th & Park St., Connersville, IN 47331 7-9p

04/03 Central Ind. Bluegrass jam; Jonesboro, IN Community building, Fairmount Ave, Jonesbro, IN 46938 1p [765-674-5117](#)

03/26 Paul Bryant; [Opera House](#), 7th & Brook St., PO Box 37, Mitchell, IN 47446 [812-849-4447](#)

04/01 [Old Crow Medicine Show](#) w Parker Milsap; [Morris Performing Arts Center](#), 211 N Michigan St, South Bend, IN 46601 8p \$22.50-\$42

04/23 [Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver](#); Simon J. Graber Community Building, 9164 E 875 N, Odon, IN 47562 7p [812-486-6470](#)

Michigan

Every Tues. Jam/dance, Scotts Community Center, 8450 36th St S, Scotts, MI 49088 6-9p [269-388-3839](#) free

Every Tues. jam; Senior Center, Main St., E. Jordan, MI 49727 6-10p [231-434-9153](#)

2nd Tues. slow jam, Public Library, 6260 92nd St., Caledonia, MI 49316 [616-891-8825](#)

2nd Tues [Jam](#); 3rd Floor Van Deusen Room, Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo, MI 7-8:30pm

3rd Thur jam; Elderly, 1100 N Washington, Lansing, MI 48906 [517-372-7880](#) 7-8:30p

3rd Fri Jam/Dance, Ostemo Grange Hall, 3234 North 3rd Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009 6:30-9p [269-388-3839](#) free

3rd Sun Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15 [Mid-Michigan jams](#), Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, MI 48917 [517-482-2382](#) \$4 donation

4th Sa except May, Michigan Bluegrass Music Assoc. open stages & jams 6-10p Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Drive, Flint, MI 48506 [810-736-5332](#)

Last Mon. Slow jam, Public Library, 3943 W. River Dr., Comstock Park, MI 49321 [616-272-8815](#)

03/18 [Schlitz Creek](#); Library, 212 N Paw Paw St, Lawrence, MI 49064 [269-674-3200](#) \$10

03/18 Open Highway; [Kentuckians of Michigan](#), 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, MI 46174 [734-782-0132](#) \$8

03/19 Roy Cobb; [Eagles](#), 13636 Telegraph Rd, Flat Rock, MI 48134 [734-782-9215](#) \$7

03/19 Mich. Fiddlers: Jamboree & Square Dance, Gaelic Ball Room, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48216 fiddlers 3-6p, potluck 6-7p, square dance 7p [269-795-3143](#)

03/19 [Schlitz Creek](#); [Zellie's Opry House](#), 230 E. Edgerton St., Howard City, MI 49329 2p \$10

03/23 The Evans Brothers & Highway 52 (Dave Evan's Sons); [Eagles](#), 13636 Telegraph Rd, Flat Rock, MI 48134 [734-782-9215](#) \$10

03/25 Ron Bloomfield; [Kentuckians of Michigan](#), 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, MI 46174 [734-782-0132](#) \$7

04/01 [RFD Boys](#); [The Ark](#) 316 S Main St, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2108 [734-761-1800](#)

04/01 [New County Grass](#); [Kentuckians of Michigan](#), 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, MI 46174 [734-782-0132](#) \$10

04/02 Matt Thacker & Northback 40; [Eagles](#), 13636 Telegraph Rd, Flat Rock, MI 48134 [734-782-9215](#) \$7

04/09 Northwoods Rablers; [Eagles](#), 13636 Telegraph Rd, Flat Rock, MI 48134 [734-782-9215](#) \$7

04/09 Mich. Fiddlers: Barry County Comm. on Aging, 320 W. Woodlawn, Hastings, MI 49058 [269-795-3143](#) 1-4p fiddlers, 4-5:30p open jam, 5-6p dinner, 6-7:30p square dance

04/15 April Verch band; [Ten Pound fiddle](#) concert at MSU Community Music School, 4930 S. Hagadorn, East Lansing, MI 48823 8p \$15

04/15 New River Band; [Kentuckians of Michigan](#), 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, MI 46174 [734-782-0132](#) \$7

04/16 [New Outlook](#); [Zellie's Opry House](#), 230 E. Edgerton St., Howard City, MI 49329 2p \$10

04/16 [New Outlook](#); [Eagles](#), 13636 Telegraph Rd, Flat Rock, MI 48134 8 - 11:30 [734-782-9215](#) \$10

04/22 [The Waywood Boys](#); [Kentuckians of Michigan](#), 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, MI 46174 [734-782-0132](#) \$7

04/23 Roy Cobb; [Eagles](#), 13636 Telegraph Rd, Flat Rock, MI 48134 8 - 11:30 [734-782-9215](#) \$7

04/30 Dana Cupp; [Eagles](#), 13636 Telegraph Rd, Flat Rock, MI 48134 8 - 11:30 [734-782-9215](#) \$7

Ohio

1st Sat - Traditional, bluegrass, country music with acoustic instruments - Three rooms of jammin' for your musical pleasure. Nettle Lake United Brethren Church, 18560 County Road 5-75, Montpelier, OH 43543 6p [517-270-2870](#) or 419-485-4112

03/18-19 Art Stevenson, Balsam Range, Doyle Lawson, Paul Williams, Joe Mullins, Dry Branch Fire Squad, Mountain Faith, Nothin' Fancy, Primitive Quartet, Wayfarers; [Southern Ohio Indoor Music Festival](#), Roberts Center, 123 Gano Rd., Wilmington, OH [937-372-5804](#)

03/26 [Ma Crow & the Lady Slippers](#); [Reflections@PMG](#) Restaurant, 3377 US-35, W. Alexandria, OH 45381 [937-839-4500](#) 7-9:30p

03/26 [Strung Up Bluegrass](#); [Steiner's Speakeasy](#), 31 S Paint St, Chillicothe, OH 45601 [740-773-0010](#) 7-11p

03/26 [Sugar Creek](#); Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 [614-323-6938](#) 7p

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NIBGA 2016-2017 Membership Form

BluegrassUSA.net Due by April 30, 2016. Make check payable to NIBGA, 5034 Wapiti, Ft. Wayne, IN 46804

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ e-Mail: _____

Canada: snail mail (2) \$15, e-Mail (1) \$10 **Yes: e-Mail mine:** _____ No, snail mail it _____

New: _____ Renewal: _____ \$10 Single: _____ \$15 Family (includes children thru 15): _____

03/26 [New Outlook](#); Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 ST RT 66, Oakwood, OH 45873 7PM [419-594-2816](tel:419-594-2816)

04/01 [Appalachian Grass](#); Coonhunters Club, 200 Warwick Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013 7-9p donation requested

04/02 [Kevin Prater](#), Wood & Strings; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 [614-323-6938](tel:614-323-6938) 7p

04/02 [Ma Crow & the Lady Slippers](#); Plain Folk Cafe, 10177 S.R. 132, Pleasant Plain, OH 45162 7:30-10p

04/08 [Fox & Hounds, Erika Hughes & The Well Mannered, Hocking River String Band; Woodlands Tavern](#), 1200 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 9p \$14.50

04/09 [Echo Valley Bluegrass; Bluegrass Opry Barn](#), 9461 SR 66 Oakwood, OH 45873 7p [419-594-2816](tel:419-594-2816)

04/15 [Strung Up Bluegrass; Byrne's Pub](#), 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 [614-486-4722](tel:614-486-4722) 7-9p

04/16 The Steeldrivers; [Miami University Artist Series](#), 1601 University Blvd., Hamilton OH 45011 Parrish Auditorium [513-727-3412](tel:513-727-3412)

04/16 [Ma Crow & the Lady Slippers](#); Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 [614-323-6938](tel:614-323-6938) 7p

04/23 [Echo Valley Bluegrass](#); Norada Lanes, 1102 SR 235, Ada, OH 45810 7p free [812-584-8689](tel:812-584-8689)

04/23 [Anna Allen & Traditional Plus](#); Coshocton Village Inn, 115 N. Water Street, Coshocton, OH 43812

04/30 Steve Scott & the Scott Brothers; [Bluegrass Opry Barn](#), 9461 SR 66 Oakwood, OH 45873 7p [419-594-2816](tel:419-594-2816) 7p

Renewal Reminder

2016/17 memberships are due by April 30. The dues form is in this and next month's newsletter. One membership is \$10 and additional memberships at the same mailing address are \$5 each. We encourage enrolling in our e-mail program where you will get the newsletter in color and about one week earlier.

Canadian memberships by e-mail are \$10 for one, \$15 for two. Canadian memberships by post are \$15 and include two memberships.

Thanks to everyone who sent a SASE for your membership cards. It has been a big help.

Linda Winger – Treasurer

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