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President's Corner



Last year I was asked to write a recommendation for Jessica Grossman to attend the 2018 International Bluegrass Music Assoc., Leadership Bluegrass class. I

am pleased to announce that she was accepted and will be attending the class starting March 5-7 in Nashville, TN. Participants pay all of their expenses plus the fee for attending the class. NIBGA awarded her \$500 towards those expenses.

"October 15, 2017

IBMA Leadership Bluegrass Selection Committee

As a former 2 term member of the IBMA board and a 2003 Leadership Bluegrass graduate, I am writing to you in support of Jessica Grossman's application to attend the 2018 Leadership Bluegrass Conference. As the President of the Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association (NIBGA), Jessica approached me earlier this year about helping the association with marketing efforts, as well as researching grant opportunities that we were otherwise unaware of to support our two yearly festivals. She has also offered to help promote the association to targeted audiences we have been struggling to reach - young adults and young families.

In this short time, Jessica has proven dedicated to helping our efforts by re-designing flyers for both festivals, designing yard signs to use for promoting the event and designing ad copy for advertisements we have placed in various publications. She has opened up conversations with Sweetwater Sound, one of the coun-

try's largest music gear distributors, about ways in which they may be willing to support our mission. Jessica has also stepped up to volunteer to lead the Kid's Korner workshop at our spring festival, take professional quality photos during the festivals and events, and help out with online promotions as needed.

One of the missions of the NIBGA is to provide opportunities for bluegrass music in local schools. During our 2017 Labor Day weekend festival, we were honored to host the Six String Soldiers for our free community night. Jessica organized two shows with local elementary shows for the Six String Soldiers, and communicated with the local music teacher who integrated bluegrass into her music curriculum, and had groups of fifth grade students perform *You Are My Sunshine* on stage with the band. This was a good opportunity for the students, and great visibility for the association. We wouldn't have had the connection with the school without Jessica's help.

I believe Jessica would be a great fit for the Leadership Bluegrass program, as it would be another tool for her to possess to help our organization and the promotion and preservation of bluegrass music. We are an evolving association, facing the same challenges as other non-profits, and with the help of volunteers like Jessica, I believe we will be more likely to be sustainable and increase the visibility of our work in our three state region. We would be thrilled if she could attend Leadership Bluegrass and bring the latest resources back to the NIBGA board.

Sincerely,

James A. Winger - President
Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association"

I guess you can say I've had a love affair with words almost since before I learned to talk. Since moving to North Carolina from California in 1972, I've learned that a "minner dipper" is a mandolin, a "scratch box" is a fiddle, and a "starvation box" is a guitar. I've learned that a cathead is a biscuit, a ballet is a ballad and catawampus means crosswise.

I've met fleshy (overweight) people and those who could hide behind a straw (skinny). I've seen people who cootered around aimlessly while being bumfusticated, flummoxed and frustrated. I've been told haint (ghost) stories by knot-headed (dumb or stubborn) folks who put stuff in polks (sacks). I've grown and shaved a soup strainer (mustache), got hitched (married) but have yet to visit a yarb (herb) doctor or grannywoman (midwife).

The words to bluegrass songs have been a source of particular fascination to me. Back in 1965 while still living in California, I went to a bluegrass show in a small club in Berkeley, California called the Jabberwalk. On stage was Joe Val and the Charles River Valley Boys. I remember that the banjo player, Bob Siggins, joked about the lyrics of the Bill Monroe song, "Goodbye Old Pal." Siggins suggested that instead of "to me boys it was sad," he always thought it was "two meatballs in the sand."

Recently, I got to wondering how other singers have accidentally mangled the words of other bluegrass songs. Come to find out, there's actually a word for mangled lyrics: mondegreens. Who knew?

When I asked some of my bluegrass buddies, students and friends what mondegreens they have heard or song, here's what they contributed.

Are your varmint's washed
(Are your garments washed) from
"Washed in the Blood."

With a naked horse.
(With an achin' heart) from "Doing My Time."

My feet stink on the mantel
(I'm feasting on the manna) from "Beulah Land."

I fought the green creature down in the dark valley.
(I fought the grim reaper down in the dark valley) from "I've Lived a Lot in My Time."



Mangled Bluegrass Lyrics, continued

It is a whale that is hurt upon the shore.
(It is a wail that is heard upon the shore)
from Stephen Foster's "Hard Times Come Again No More."

The ants are my friends, they're blowing in wind
(The answer my friend is blowing in the wind) from "Blowing in the Wind"

Feta cheese and hair
(Faded cheeks and hair) from "Wandering Boy."

May I walk on your lawn every day
(May I walk in your light everyday) from "Lord Have Mercy."

There'll be no detours in Heaven, Nora froze along the way
(There'll be no detours in Heaven, No rough roads along the way) From "I'm Using My Bible For a Roadmap."

Hold back the Russian menace
(Hold back the rushing minutes) from "My Baby's Gone."

The mandolin player ate cheese whiz.
(The man in the middle is Jesus) from "The Man in the Middle."

They call me by a number of naughty names
(They call me by a number, not a name) from "Doin' My Time."

Although your love was even colder, I'll wear your underwear tonight.
(Although your love is even colder, I wonder where you are tonight). from "I Wonder Where You Are Tonight."



Support your Bluegrass Club at Tax Time

NIBGA is a 501(c)(3) organization under IRS statute which means that all donations are fully tax deductible. So, if you get a refund when you file your income taxes this year, please consider donating a portion of it to NIBGA.

This will help support NIBGA in its mission to make our favorite style of music more accessible and educate the public about its history and artists. It will also help support NIBGA's other community service activities, such as:

- Sponsoring entertainment at local retirement homes
- Providing free community concerts open to the public
- Sponsoring music education programs at schools

Plus, it will get you a tax deduction next year!

Please note that your membership dues are not tax deductible since you receive member benefits in exchange for those dues.

Big spy camera (Big spike hammer)

Bright day will turn to night my love, the elephants will mourn
(Bright day will turn to night my love the elements will mourn)
from "The Blackest Crow."

Can I get you now, or must the hen I take
(Can I get you now, or must I hesitate) from "The Hesitation Blues."

That's the way I giddy my gnome
(That way I'll get him I know) from "Feast Here Tonight."

Poison tomatoes are taking our loved ones
(Wars and tornadoes are taking our loved ones) from "The Family Who Prays."

My time on earth is buttered Spam.
(My time on earth is but a span) from "A Beautiful Life."

If you're like me, you might find these mangled verses more interesting than the "real" ones. Big thanks goes out to everyone who contributed to this collection! If you'd like to contribute your favorite mangled lyrics, by all means, send them my way!

Wayne Erbsen has been collecting and researching songs (with the correct lyrics) for fifty years. He has edited ten bluegrass, old-time and gospel songbooks plus instruction books for bluegrass banjo, clawhammer banjo, fiddle, mandolin and guitar. Contact Wayne for a free catalog of all his books and recordings. Phone: (828) 299-7031, Email: [banjo\[at\]nativeground.com](mailto:banjo[at]nativeground.com), Web: www.nativeground.com.



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Upcoming Events

If you are traveling any distance, be sure to call ahead to make sure the event is still as scheduled.

Indiana

- Every Tues** Old Timey jam; Fiddler's Hearth, 127 N. Main St., South Bend, **IN** 46601 574-232-2853 7-10p year around
- Every Tues** Arthur's Music Store, 931 Shelby St, Indianapolis, **IN** 46203 317-638-3524 5-8p
- 1st or 2nd Sun.** 02/11, 03/04, 04/01, Central Indiana jam, Hall Community Bldg, 307 W South St, Gas City, **IN** 46933 noon-?? 765-674-5117
- 1st Tues** Old Time Jam, 3 Rivers Natural Grocery, 1612 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, **IN** 46808 6:30-8:30p 260-445-3348
- 1st Thurs.** Wakarusa Jambo-ree, Northwood Middle School, 301 N. Elkhart St., Wakarusa, **IN** 46573 6:30-9p 574-862-2200
- 1st Sat** Contra Dance, 1st United Methodist Church, 215 S. 5th St., Goshen, **IN** 46526; 1st Sat., General 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
- 2nd Mon** mostly Irish jam; J K o'Donnell's, 121 W Wayne St, Fort Wayne, **IN** 46802 7-10p 260-420-5563
- 2nd & 4th Wed.** Jam; CrossRoads Inn, 5975 S SR 9, Columbia City, **IN** 46725 260-396-2144 6:30-8:30p
- 2nd Thurs.** Whiteriver Folks & Bluegrass, FOP Lodge, 2614 Mounds Rd., Anderson, **IN** 5:30p meeting, carry-in, 6:30p jam
- 3rd Sun** jam; Sheridan Public Library 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan, **IN** 46069 1-5p year around (317) 758-5201
- 3rd Sun** jam Jan-April 2018; Northern Ind. Bluegrass, SWCC, 5703 Bluffton Rd, Fort Wayne, **IN** 46809 noon-5p 260-918-4790 drinks & sandwiches available
- 3rd Tues** Irish Jam; 3 Rivers Natural Grocery, 1612 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, **IN** 46808 6:30-8:30p
- 3rd Fri.** Bluegrass, Country, Gospel Jam; Community Center, 815 Rural St, Akron, **IN** 46910 7-9p
- 02/08** Stringdusters, Horseshoes & Hand Grenades; The Vogue, 6259 N College Ave, Indianapolis, **IN** 46220 317-259-7029 8p \$18-20
- 03/09** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, Joy River; Roberts Park, 2900 N. Park Rd, Connersville, **IN** 47331 6-??p

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
- 1st & 3rd Sat** Eagles, 13636 Telegraph Rd., Flat Rock, **MI** 48134 8p usually \$7
- 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
- 2nd Sat** Maumee St. Jam, First Presbyter-ian, 156 E. Maumee, Adrian, **MI** 49221 517-270-2870 church 517-265-2168 6-11p (Sept - May)
- 3rd Thur** jam; Elderly, 1100 N Washing-ton, Lansing, **MI** 48906 517-372-7880 7-8:30p
- 3rd Sun** Mid-Michigan jams, Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, **MI** 48917 517-482-2382 \$4
- 1-27-18, 2-24, 3-24, 4-28, 5-19** Michigan Bluegrass Music Assoc. open stages & jams 6-10p Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Drive, Flint, **MI** 48506 810-736-5332 donation
- 01/20** Luke Gitchel, Wes Pettinger, Brian Oberlin, Isaac Smith, & Seth Sutton; Zellie's Opry House, PO Box 332, 230 E. Edgerton, Howard City, **MI** 49329 2p 616-260-3032 1p
- 02/02** Sideline; Ark, 316 S Main St, Ann Arbor, **MI** 48104 734-761-1800 8p \$20
- 02/14** Breakline; Zellie's Opry House, PO Box 332, 230 E. Edgerton, Howard City, **MI** 49329 2p 616-260-3032 1p
- 02/19** Béla Fleck & Abigail Wash-burn; Ark, 316 S Main St, Ann Arbor, **MI** 48104 734-761-1800 8p \$45-85

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
- 2nd Sat** Central Ohio Bluegrass Assoc., Grace Chapel Community Church (in the Recreation Hall), 7798 Big Walnut Rd., Westerville, **OH** 43082 jam: 5:45-7p bands 7p
- Sun** Old Time Jam; Rambling House Soda,

310 E Hudson St, Columbus, **OH**
43202 614-468-3415 7p

- Tues.** Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, **OH** 45873 419-594-2816 6p winter months
- Weds** jam with Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, Pit to Plate BBQ, 8021 Hamilton Ave., Mt. Healthy, **OH** 45231 7-9p 513-931-9100
- 01/20** Rhonda Vincent; St. Clair Hall, 215 W 4th St. Greenville, **OH** 45311 \$25 877-840-0457 8p
- 01/20** South Ridge; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p \$10
- 01/20** Hwy 57, Ottawa County; Lincoln Way Rec Center, St Rt 602 , Bucyrus, **OH** 44820 7p
- 01/20** Kyle Jarvis, Mattheson Family, Bluegrass Junction, Shalersville Town Hall, 9090 OH-44, Ravenna, **OH** 44266 7p
- 01/26** Open Highway; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 01/26** Flatt Lonesome; Palace Theater, 276 W Center St, Marion, **OH** 43302 8p
- 01/27** Ottawa County Bluegrass; Moon City, 1208 Lunar Dr., Wapakoneta, **OH** 45895 7p \$10
- 01/27** Mountain Harmony, Backwoods Bluegrass; Grange, 9778 Old State Road, Chardon, **OH** 44024 330-240-1904 7p
- 01/27** Slate Ridge; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p \$10
- 01/27** Doyle Lawson; Harbortown, Larry Efaw; OJ Work Auditorium, 151 Main St, Wadsworth, **OH** 44281 330-645-1542 \$20 7p
- 01/29** Ma Crow; Haddix Hall, 4165 SR 122, Franklin, **OH** 45005 937-746-5415 6-8p
- 02/02** Jack McCarthy; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 02/02** Danny Paisley; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p \$15
- 02/03** Red Dust Boys, Lost 'n' Lonesome; Johnson Community Center, 800 Gillmer Rd, Leavittsburg, **OH** 44430 330-240-1904
- 02/03** Strung Up; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p \$10
- 02/04** Strung Up; Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church Street, Pickerington, **OH** 43147 614-834-9595

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02/07 Greensky Bluegrass; House of Blues, 308 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, **OH** 44114 8p \$24-35

02/09 Truegrass; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

02/10 Kim Robins; Moon City, 1208 Lunar Dr., Wapakoneta, **OH** 45895 567-204-0929 7p \$10

02/10 Don Rigsby, Ernie Evans, Still Lonesome, & many more; Ernie Thacker benefit concert; Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N Home Road, Mansfield, **OH** 44906 10a-9p. 904-866-8378

02/11 The Patricks; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 2p \$15

02/13 The Infamous Stringdusters; Beachland Tavern 15711 Waterloo Rd, Cleveland, **OH** 44110 8p \$20-22

02/14 The Infamous Stringdusters; Newport Music Hall, 1722 N High St., Columbus, **OH** 43201 8p

02/16 Doyle Lawson; Methodist Church, 207 S. Court St., Marysville, **OH** 43040 937-642-4712 7p \$25

02/17 Joe Mullins, Vertical Limit, Larry Efaw; OJ Work Auditorium, 151 Main St, Wadsworth, **OH** 44281 330-645-1541 \$20 7p

02/17 Hwy 57, Kyle; Lincoln Way Rec Center, St Rt 602, Bucyrus, **OH** 44820 7p

02/17 Out of Mind; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling

OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p \$10

02/23 The Grascals; Majestic Theater, 45 E 2nd. St., Chillicothe, **OH** 45601 740-772-2041 7p \$17-30

02/24 Family Pride, Vertical Limit; Grange, 9778 Old State Road, Char-don, **OH** 44024 330-240-1904 7p

02/24 Chestnut Ridge; Coshocton Village Inn, 115 N. Water St., Coshocton, **OH** 43812 7-9p

02/24 Evan Lanier; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p \$10

02/25 jam; Moon City, 1208 Lunar Dr., Wapakoneta, **OH** 45895 1-4p 567-204-0929



T-Shirt Design for 2018 Festival T-Shirt Needed

Submissions are being accepted for the 2018 festival T-shirt.

Winner will get a free T-shirt, and the satisfaction of seeing their artwork being proudly worn by festival attendees.

Please send your submissions via email to TShirt@NIBGA.com by February 28.

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