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President's Corner



For those of you who remember, the first weekend in May was traditionally Ottawa weekend. We camped and attended our granddaughter's college graduation. Both weather and graduation were wonderful. We have the first campout of the upcoming season under our belt and are ready for the Tri-State festival May 24-27. Linda and I will be arriving as early as May 15 along with most board members and others to prepare the fair grounds. When will you arrive?

NIBGA was able to get the festival flyer in 4 colors this year as a result of advertising in the Waynedale News. They included our flyer in their 12,500 paper distribution and printed us an additional 3,000 flyers. You will get one at the gate when you enter as it also has the schedule on the back.

Additional advertising was placed in a regional entertainment publication called WhazUp, many radio and TV calendar listings as well as Facebook ads. The club's flyer received over 20,000 Facebook hits. This has resulted in calls from Colorado, Michigan and Illinois questioning camping facilities.

One call came from Kendallville. They have been by the fairgrounds many times and this year decided to bring their camper, a 1967 Cadillac Hurst! If you see them, give them a warm welcome. They want to camp where all the jamming usually is, on the north side of the grounds.

Where do the profits from the festival go? At each festival, the club funds a band to perform at a local nursing home for those that cannot get away. The Suzuki fiddlers receive a scholarship to provide training in Old Time Fiddle tunes. In return, they perform each spring at the festival on Saturday. Performing in public is good practice for the fiddlers and hopefully they will return to the festival to join in the jamming as they mature. Also, the band budget is based on the prior year's income.

The festival is a labor of love run by volunteers. Keep this in mind if you have issues, everyone is trying to make your visit the most enjoyable they can. You, too, can volunteer. More helping hands make quick work of tasks.

If the creek don't rise & the good Lord's willin', we will be at the festival soon!

James A. Winger
President

By the time you get this newsletter, the Noble County Fairgrounds will be seeing the first of the die-hard bluegrass fans arrive. Some campers will be arriving nearly two weeks prior to the festival just to relax, find their favorite spot, and renew friendships.

Board members and volunteers will be arriving early to start setting up the stage, collecting early tickets at the gate, setting out garbage cans and directing port-a-john placements, hanging up signs, putting up gates and barricades, and checking the facilities for everything from sufficient power at the poles, to sufficient toilet paper in the bathrooms. There is a LOT of behind-the-scenes work before the festival begins.

Remember, YOU can come early to the festival and jump-start your holiday weekend. There is a charge of \$10 per night for camping if you arrive before Friday night, but that is a great deal! Have you checked campground prices lately? One I looked at recently charges \$31 a NIGHT, and it doesn't include anything except the camp site and electric hookup. No music, events, vendors, etc. \$10 a night is the bargain of the century. Please note that you must have a weekend tickets (\$35 per adult, non-member, or \$30 member) in order to camp.

Did you know that NIBGA provides a band every year to go to a local nursing home and play for the residents? The residents absolutely love it and look forward to their "happy hour" with live bluegrass music. This spring, Vern McIntyre's Appalachian Grass band will be going to Sacred Heart on Friday to perform. With their driving instrumentals, amusing novelty songs, and trick fiddling, the residents will be in for a treat.

In addition to the nursing home show, Kitty McIntyre will be conducting a 1-1/2 hour workshop on Saturday. Kitty says she will be adjusting her class based on the needs of the participants, and welcomes all players, but will probably be emphasizing past beginner/intermediate levels. She plans to cover the following:



All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Tenderloin Supper

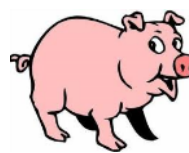
Thursday, May 24, 2018 4:30-7:30 PM

Log Cabin at Noble County Fairgrounds, Kendallville

Adults - \$9 (pre-sale*), \$10 (at the door)

Children - \$5 (pre-sale*), \$6 (at the door); Children 5 and under free
Sponsored by 4-H Boer Goat Committee, prepared by Dan's Fry Service.

*Presale tickets available on the porch of the log cabin starting at 1:00 pm 5/24/18.



TriState Festival Highlights, cont.



- Techniques (vibrato, fingering exercises, double stop exercises, positions)
- Analyzing chord structure for a song
- How to use scales to im-

provise riffs

- How to use chords to fancy up a tune
- Apply new riffs/harmonies

See the facebook post, which you can also find on

www.BluegrassUSA.net, for a more complete syllabus for Kitty's class.

I wish I knew how to play fiddle because this looks like an amazing

workshop! Remember, this workshop is free with your festival ticket.

Maggie and Gary Bilby (and friends) will also be conducting their now-famous intermediate jamming workshop on Saturday in the mini-barn. Maggie asks "Are you a bluegrass picker who has been working on some new tunes this winter and are ready to jam with others to share what you've learned? Then join other pickers on Saturday in the mini-barn with your tunes. We hope to raise the roof and fill it with bluegrass music. This workshop will cover any jam topics you may have plus LOTS of jamming. Come prepared with names of tunes/songs, and what key you prefer. We ALWAYS have a GREAT time. See you there!"

Another event that you don't want to miss is the gospel sing on Sunday morning. Greg Aldrich and friends



Jamming workshop

will lead this sing-along. Come prepared to join in and make a joyful sound. Past evaluations and comments have stated that this is the very favorite part of the festival for many people. Hope to see you there!

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 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 Jamboree, W. Park Pavilion, 500 N Nappanee St., Nappanee, IN 46550 6:30-9p 574-862-2200 (June-Aug.)

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 mtg, 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 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

4th Sun Maple Wood Nature Center, 4550 E 100 S LaGrange, IN 46761 1:30-5p bluegrass, folk 260-350-2666

05/30-06/02 Billy Strings, Bluegill in the Slaw, Chain Station, Chicago Farmer, Circus No.9, Danny Barnes Trio, Darol Anger, Dead Horses, Deep Fried Pickle Project, Dry Branch Fire Squad, Ernie Hill & Jeff Daugherty, Fireside Collective, Flatland Harmony Experiment, Forlorn Strangers, Fox Crossing Stringband, Giri & Uma Peters, Grassfed, Henhouse Prowlers, Horseshoes & Hand Grenades, Hot Buttered Rum, Ida Clare, Infamous Stringdusters, Jeff Austin Band, John McEuen, John Hartford Stringband, Jon Stickley Trio, Lizzy Plotkin & Natalie Spears, Mark Lavengood Band, Micahlan Boney & Dan Clark, Mighty Pines, Misty Mountain, Rachel and Matt Combs, Robert Ellis & Curtney Hartman, Sheriff Scott, Short Round Stringband, Sloppy Joe, Split Lip Rayfield, Tangleweed, The Tillers, Town Mountain, Urban Pio-

neers, Wheelhouse Rousters, White Lightning Boys, Wooks; John Hartford Memorial Festival, Bean Blossom, IN

06/01-03 Billy Strings, Jeff Austin, Travelin' McCourys, more country bands; Buck Lake Ranch, 2705 W Buck Lake Rd., Angola, IN 46703 260-665-6699

06/06 Dailey & Vincent - Gospel; Shipshewana Event Center, 760 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN 46565 888-447-4725 8-10p \$19.95-49.95

06/08 Ricky Skaggs; Shipshewana Event Center, 760 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN 46565 888-447-4725 8-10p \$19.95-64.95

06/08-10 Kody Norris, Feller and Hill, Lonesome Meadow, Bluegrass Martins, Bobby Maynard, Anna Hagen; Wakarusa Bluegrass Festival, 66402 SR 19, Wakarusa, IN 46573 adv. \$12 gate \$15

06/09-16 Ricky Skaggs, Asleep at the Wheel, Doyle Lawson, Larry Sparks, Illrd Tyme Out, Paul Williams, Seldom Scene, Malpass Brothers, Blue Highway, Band of Ruhks, Flatt Lonesome, Michael Cleveland, Grascals, Kenny & Amanda Smith, Ralph Stanley II, more; Bean Blossom, Bill Monroe Music Park, Bean Blossom, IN

06/09 SteelDrivers; Tippecanoe County Amphitheater, 4449 N River Rd, W. Lafayette, IN 47906 \$20-45 7p

06/15 Jeff & Sheri Easter; Blue Gate The-

Upcoming Events, cont.

ater, 175 N Van Buren St, Shipshwana
IN 46565 888-447-4725
 7-8:30p \$39.95

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**

3rd Thur jam; Elderly, 1100 N Washington, Lansing, **MI 48906 517-372-7880 6-8:30p**

3rd Sun Mid-Michigan jams, Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, **MI 48917 517-482-2382 \$4 donation**

05/31-06/02 Greensky Bluegrass, Jeff Tweedy, Mike Gordon, Trampled By Turtles, The Wood Brothers, Billy Strings, Fruition, Rayland Baxter, Marco Benevento, The War & Treaty, Joshua Davis, Chris Jacobs Band, May Erlewine, The Go Rounds; Camp Greensky Hoxeyville Festival Grounds, 11130 W 48 1/2 Rd., Wellston, **MI 49689 \$175/ea + \$375 RV pass**

06/21-23 New Outlook, Bill Bynum, Jim Hurst, Harbourtown, Branded Bluegrass, Barn Katz, New Outlook, Edgar Loudermilk ft. Jeff Autry, Guitar Pull, Illrd Tyme Out, Journeymen, Night Flyer, Hammertowne, Little Roy & Lizzy, Volume Five; Eaton County Fairgrounds, 1025 S Cochran Ave, Charlotte, **MI 48813 adv \$65 gate \$75 269-832-5519 camping \$14/nite**

06/29-30 New Country Grass, Calabogie

Road, Out of the Blue Bluegrass, Deadwood, Steam Powered Bluegrass, Zellie's Opry House Band, Easy Idle, Bert Jones Band; JuneGrass, Kent County Fairgrounds, 225 S Hudson St SE, Lowell, **MI 49331 adv \$30 gate \$35 camping \$15/nite**

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**

Sun Old Time Jam; Rambling House Soda, 310 E Hudson St, Columbus, **OH 43202 614-468-3415 7p**

Weds jam with Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, Pit to Plate BBQ, 8021 Hamilton Ave., Mt. Healthy, **OH 45231 7-9p 513-931-9100**

06/01 Joe Mullins, Flatt Lonesome; Bicentennial Park, Columbus, **OH** between Rich & Main St. bridges 7:30p Free

06/01 Wood Pickers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p**

06/01 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci Brewing Company, 1445 Compton Rd, Cincinnati, **OH 45231 7-9p 513-832-1422 7-9p**

06/01-02 Cantrel Family, Gary Strong, Russell Moorem, Blue Grass Mafia, Bluegrass Outlaws, Kepp Road Boys, Lonesome River Band, Darrell Webb; Clermont County Fairgrounds, 1000 Locust St., Owensville, **OH 45160 859-992-5775**

06/02 The Price Sisters; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH 43143 614-323-6938 5 p**

06/02 Sawmill Ridge, Red Dust Mountain Boys, Chestnut Ridge, Like Father-Like Son, Nu-Blu; Orchard Music Park @ Pat's Place, 8757 Columbus Rd, Shreve

OH 44676 noon-10p 216-701-0464
06/03 The Patricks; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH 43143 614-323-6938 2 p**

06/06 Del McCoury; Kent Stage, 175 E Main, Kent, **OH 44240 330-677-5005 7p**

06/06 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Pit to Plate BBQ, 8021 Hamilton Ave., Mt. Healthy, **OH 45231 7-9p 513-607-1874**

06/06-09 Larry Gillis, Matt & DeAnna Efaw, Awesome Possum, Bluegrass 101, Mickey's Mountain Pickers, Karl Shiflett, Dry Branch Fire Squad, Kody Norris, Bluegrass Martins, Nothin' Fancy, Larry Gillis, Moron Brothers, David Davis, Darrell Webb, Deeper Shade of Blue, Remington Ryde, Gary Waldrep, Jr Sisk, Rhonda Vincent, David Parmley, Little Roy & Lizzy, Dave Adkins Band, J.R. Davis, The Churchmen, Billy Droze; Bluegrass in the Hills at Mickey's Mountain, 88101 Ford Rd, Hopedale, **OH 43976 740-391-5631**

06/08 Grassahol; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p**

06/08 Karl Shiflett; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH 43143 614-323-6938 7p**

06/09 Wilson Banjo Company; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p**

06/09 Strung Up; Patrick's Pub, 20 N. Plaza Blvd., Chillicothe, **OH 45601 9-11p**

06/10 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Oxford Lane Library, 441 S. Locust St., Oxford, **OH 45056 513-607-1874**

06/14 Peter Rowan; Natalie's Coal Fired Pizza, 5601 N. High St, Worthington, **OH 43085 9p 614-436-COAL**

06/14 Alison Krauss; Centennial Terrace, 5773 Centennial Rd, Sylvania, **OH 43560 8p**

06/15 7 Mile Bluegrass; Byrne's Pub,

NIBGA 2018-2019 Membership Form

BluegrassUSA.net Due by April 30, 2018. 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): _____

1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH
43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

06/16 Sugar Creek, Po' Ramblin Boys,
eclectic; Creekside Blues & Jazz, 167
Mill Street, Gahanna, OH

06/16 Rebekah Long; Sterling Bluegrass
Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling
OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p

06/17 Rhonda Vincent; Sugarloaf Moun-
tain, 1658 Marietta Rd. , Chillicothe,
OH 45601 7p

06/20 Ricky Skaggs; Miamisburg's Bicen-
tennial Celebration, Miamisburg, OH
7:30p

06/20 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian
Grass; Pit to Plate BBQ, 8021 Hamilton
Ave., Mt. Healthy, OH 45231 7-9p
513-607-1874

06/22 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian
Grass; McCoy's Place, 6008 Springdale
Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45247
513-385-8222 7-9p free

06/29 New Country Grass; Moon City,
1208 Lunar Drive, Wapakoneta, OH
7p. 567-204-0929

06/29 Strung Up; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W.
Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212
614-486-4722 7-9p

06/30 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian
Grass; Haddix Hall (next to Hunters
Pizzeria), 4165 St Rt 122, Franklin,
OH 45005 \$5 6-8p

Festival Pricing

Propane:

20lb tanks will be \$12+tax (down from normal of \$16)

30lb tanks will be \$15+tax (down from normal of \$24)

RV dump service at the festival \$15

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