



Alan Bibey and Grasstowne

Will be making their first appearance on the Tri-State stage in the fall.

Although they have seen some personnel changes over the years, Grasstowne has been a consistently powerful group since they were originally formed about ten years ago.

The current lineup is stellar in both the vocal and instrumental departments, and features Mike Bentley, who will be familiar to Tri-State attendees from his appearances with Cumberland Gap Connection, sharing the lead vocal duties with Alan. Another face familiar to Tri-State attendees will be Laura Orshaw, whose fine fiddling was featured in Danny Paisley's last set at the festival. With Justin Jenkins on banjo and Zak McLamb on string bass, they are currently preparing an upcoming gospel album on Mountain Fever records, *Gonna Rise and Shine*.

As one would expect, with two fine lead singers, they deliver powerful harmonies, and they are equally aplomb in the instrumental department. While retaining the drive you expect from a group founded in the traditional bluegrass genre, they carry their own unique sound and bring plenty of original material.



We are happy to welcome the **Trinity River Band** back to Tri-State for their third appearance. A top-notch bluegrass outfit, this family bluegrass band has consistently improved as their sound has matured and they have honed their already sharp musical skills since their first appearance here.

Led by father, Mike Harris, who contributes some fine lead vocal work himself, they feature the awesome lead vocals of Sara Harris. With two great lead singers and a consistent lineup of family members, they deliver up some smooth harmonies.

They are also top notch instrumentally, clicking into a solid bluegrass

Correspondence: NIBGA, 5034 Wapiti Ct., Fort Wayne, IN 46804-4946 (260) 918-4790 NL@nibga.com
Memberships: \$10 one, \$15 two w/one mailing Published 2nd Sunday, Mailed 3rd Sunday monthly
Next Jam: Noon-6 PM, Oct 21. SW Conservation Club, 5703 Bluffton Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46899

President's Corner



We arrived at the Kendallville fairgrounds (NCCFC) on May 15 as planned and were very disappointed in the shape of the

grounds. It appeared that several areas had never been mowed and leaves from last fall were in many places.

We spoke with the NCCFC president and expressed our concerns. He said that both mowers had been in the shop for several weeks that along with recent wet weather had prevented mowing.

The quality of the facilities, we explained at a later NCCFC executive meeting, affects festival attendance. If the grounds are not ready repeatedly, camping folks either don't come or arrive later. Camping is a significant part of our income.

There were also problems with the cinder block men's restroom on Fair St. The gas tanks had a broken line. When that was fixed, the hot water heater needed to be replaced. The men's hot water at the log cabin also had a burned out element resulting in many cold showers.

Your board tries very hard to address the various problems that you experience. Volunteers grabbed the leaf sucker and did remove some of the leaves. They even did some mowing but 65 acres is more than the club can do. They cleaned the

stage area and set up and tore down the stage. Volunteers after it was over, picked up garbage and put it in the dumpsters. Much more was done by the volunteers and they are much appreciated. Without them, this festival will not happen.

Some problems however are beyond our control and depend on a volunteer organization called NCCFC. They too have trouble getting volunteers to do the work. We urge them to recognize that the two bluegrass festivals provide a significant, difficult to replace income so they can have an annual fair. The festivals also have an important economic impact on the Noble county community. If NCCFC cannot get volunteers, we urge them to consider hiring work to be done.

Given all the problems, the festival received excellent reviews from the audience. The Thursday show in particular resulting in several commenting it was one of the best traditional shows we have had recently.

It is too early to tell if financially the festival was a success. Our treasurer is feverously working to put the numbers together before our next campout.

If the creek don't rise & the good Lord's willin', we will be at Charlotte and Lowell festivals soon!

President

James A. Winger

CURRENT MONTH UPDATED EVENTS!

Due to the fact that the newsletter is published 6 weeks prior to the end of the following month, some events do not get published. Please see the website for the most UP-TO-DATE postings. www.BluegrassUSA.net

Event producers, please submit your postings AT LEAST 6 weeks prior to the event date to be included in the newsletter. Thank you!



rhythm, with Mike on guitar and wife Lisa on string bass, occasionally with a bit of swing.

As was already evident when they were here last, Joshua Harris is a monster banjo player, pulling off even the hottest licks with awesome drive. But, the real news since the band was here last is at the fiddle position, as youngest daughter Brianna has honed her skills to develop a smooth, expressive style on her instrument and become a full-time member of the group. This group has

quickly moved from "up and coming family group" into "well established bluegrass powerhouse."

We've got a great line-up for you for the fall, including The Grascals, the Finley River Boys, Night Flyer, and Hog Slop String Band, and I'll give you more information about these, and the other remaining bands, in the next newsletter.

Joe Steiner

TriState Festival - Thank-You!

We want to thank all the volunteers who worked the gate at the Memorial Day Festival...your time and generosity means so much to us. A big thanks to the best associate gate captains, the extra hours you all put in were so appreciated. The countless hours and dedication is what gets us through the week. To all of you who volunteered for more than one day we are so grateful.

Barb Beyer
Ed Bronson
Sandy Conine
Vicky Conley
Ben Crofoot
Michaela Gerken

Megan Goldsmith
Glen Guarisco
Sandy Guarisco
John Lakatos
Ruth Lakatos
Tristen Lewis

Bruce MacLean
Joyce MacLean
Poul Sandersen
Christine Steiner
Wayne Vincent
Marianne Vogie

Braden Winger
Bill?
Evan ?

We are always looking for new volunteers, if any one is interested in becoming an associate gate captain contact me at Pjkeiper@gmail.com

Thanks again
Pam Keiper & Jim Miller

Memorial Day in a nursing home.....many here have lost brothers, husbands and friends in the war. As an activity director this is walking a fine line. I want to help them share their stories, yet not be sad.....to let them be heard, and to know they are not alone.

A Big Thankful Heart goes out to the Kendallville Bluegrass festival committee for remembering all of our residents here at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

For the past 10 years we have been blessed with great music every Memorial and Veterans Day weekend. They do this out of the kindness of hearts.

Words cannot express how awesome it is to see residents that can hardly move shake their feet, hands and whatever they can to move to the beat of the music. The smiles, oh the smiles are so big it looks like their faces will crack. It makes my heart explode with pride and grateful-

ness that we are so blessed to have this wonderful music here today.

If you have not heard the great music by Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, I urge you to get out to the festival and enjoy it while you can. This amazing, talented group of people gave our residents a great hour long show that made even the residents & staff that did not care for Bluegrass music come out to the community center to see them in person.

One of our residents said she never heard Bluegrass music before. Just goes to show you.....you're never too old to hear or learn something new.

*Kimberly Ley
Activity Director, Presence Health Sacred Heart Home, Avilla*

Another great festival & perfect weather! Great bands, good neighbors, good jamming, too.

My replaced knee limited me to some degree, but we got to see some exceptional bands, most notable Appalachian Grass, Art Stevenson & High Water (friends from WI), Nu Blu, Freight Hoppers & Feller & Hill. Dyer Switch was suffering from Joann Sifo's laryngitis, which put a crimp in their style, but we enjoyed their original songs & hanging out with them again.

All of your volunteers deserve awards for the great job you do. Again, my knee replacement kept me from being at the gate. Next time...

*Thank you for a great festival!
LS*

*John & I had a great time at your festival. Everything was wonderful right down to the weather.
Good Job!
R&J L*

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

Every Fri. Fulton Branch Library, 514 N SR 25, Rochester, **IN** 46975 574-857-3895 6:30-8:30p

1st or 2nd Sun. 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 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 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 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

07/12 Blue Holler; La Porte, **IN** county fair noon

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

07/22-28 Blue Mafia, Hammetowne, Bluegrass Mountaineers, Volume 5, Night Flyer, Caleb Daugherty, New Outlook, Harbourtown, CrabGrass, New County Grass, Bridge, Deadwood; Fairgrounds, 720 Fair St, Marshall, **MI** 49068

Ohio

1st Sat - Traditional, bluegrass, country music with acoustic instruments - 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

07/05 Dan Tyminski; Music Center, 1145 W Steels Corners Rd, Cuyahoga Falls, **OH** 44223 7p

07/05-07 Volume 5, Harbourtown, Kevin Prater, Blue Mafia, Acoustic Edge, New Outlook, Caney Creek, Anthony & the Ramblers, Crabgrass, The Caleb Daugherty Band, Breakline, Ottawa County,

Repeating Arms, tribute to Johnny Cash by Terry Lee Coffee. Norwalk BGF, Fairgrounds, 940 Fair Rd, Norwalk, **OH** 44857

07/06 Po' Ramblin Boys; Historical Village, 3301 Hocking Pkwy, Nelsonville, **OH** 45764 6p

07/07 Sugarcreek; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p

07/07 Monroeville, Haddix Family, Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Lake Bailee, 2070 Jackson Rd, Hamilton, **OH** 45011 513-893-5585 8p \$10-35

07/08 Del McCoury Band; Sugarloaf Mountain Amphitheater, 1658 Marietta Rd. , Chillicothe, **OH** 45601 7p

07/08 The Kevin Prater Band; public gazebo, Warsaw, **OH** 43844 2p

07/12 Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers; Montgomery County Fair, 645 Infirmary Rd, Dayton, **OH** 45417 7p

07/13-14 Fri. Sour Mash String Band, Open Rail, Out of Mind, Buck & Co., Open Highway, Sat. String Therapy, Southridge, Red Brush, Laural Creek, Strung Up, String Bandits; Poston Lake, 8865 New England Rd, Stewart, **OH** 45778 740-591-7113

07/14 P. J. Abbott & Showtime; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p.

07/14 Grassahol; Clintonville Farmers' Market, 3519 N High St, Columbus, **OH** 43214 10a

07/18-21 Doyle Lawson, Rhonda Vincent, Larry Sparks, Junior Sisk, Flashback, Michael Cleveland, Steve Dilling, The Grascals, The Highland Travelers, Kenny & Amanda Smith, Larry Cordle, Josh Williams with a Tony Rice tribute, Illrd Tyme Out, Lonesome River, Flatt Lonesome, Blue Highway, Baker Family, Boys from Indiana Tribute, Breaking Grass, Joe Mullins, Hammertowne, Salt & Light, Carl Jackson, Bradley Walker, Jerry Salley, Bluegrass Cardinals Tribute more TBA; Musicians Against Childhood Cancer, Hoover Y Park, 1570 Rohr Rd, Lockbourne, **OH** 43137



07/19 Jerry Salley; Natalie's Coal Fired Pizza, 5601 N. High St, Worthington, OH 43085 9:30p 614-436-COAL
07/20 Sugar Creek Bluegrass; Amphitheater, 661 Beckman Ave., St. Henry, OH 45883 7:30p
07/20 Out of Mind; the Laurelville Fireman's Festival, downtown Laurelville, OH 43135 8-12p
07/20-21 Clay Band, New County Grass, Caney Creek, Family Pride, South 79; Fairgrounds, 899 Everett Hull Rd, Cortland, OH 44410
07/21 Borrowed Tyme; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt

Sterling OH 43143
 614-323-6938 5p.

07/22 Nu-Blu; Bryn Du Mansion, 537 Jones Rd NE, Granville, OH 43023 6:30p

07/27 Wayfarers; Worthington Park, 49 S Market St, Logan, OH 43138 7p

07/28 Awesome Possum; Village Inn, 115 N. Water St., Coshocton, OH 43812 740-498-8456 7p

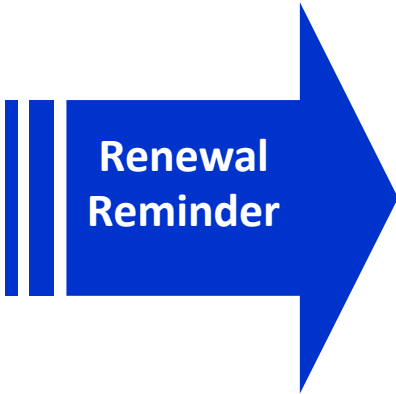
07/28 Lonesome Meadow; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143
 614-323-6938 5p.

07/29 Danny Paisley; 18132 Marne Road, Nashport, OH 43830 Jam 1p. Band 2p 740-641-7884

07/29 Break n Clay; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 2p.

07/29 The Wayfarers; Park, 120 W Goodale St, Columbus, OH 43215 12:30p

07/31 The Wayfarers; Willard Concert Series, 542 S. Main St, Wellington, OH 44090 7p



If you have not renewed your club membership, this will be your last newsletter.



Please see previous newsletters or the website to renew... BluegrassUSA.net

Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association
 5034 Wapiti Court
 Fort Wayne, IN 46804-4946

Address Service Requested



Vol 43 Issue 03, July 2018

Next NIBGA Jam - October 21, 2018