

**Kendallville
Chamber of Commerce
& NIBGA Pickers
Promote the Festival**

The Kendallville Chamber of Commerce teamed up with NIBGA to promote the festival on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. Some festival pickers jammed in front of the Chamber during lunch and dinner hours. Bluegrass music floated down Main Street and people were treated to bluegrass tunes by Jerry Tobin, Rusty Beyer, Gary and Maggie Bilby, Bob Nelson and Katelynn Lowe. Thank you, Ryan Furgason, for taking the photos.

We look forward to collaborating with the Chamber of Commerce in the Spring. Thanks, Lisa Wolf, for the chance to pass out flyers and let people know about the great bluegrass festival at their fairgrounds



**NIBGA "Intermediate Jam"
in the mini-barn
By Maggie & Gary Bilby**

Once again, pickers congregated together in the mini-barn on Saturday, September 1st to jam and share tunes. What a GREAT group of musicians gathered and picked their favorite tunes.

Thanks again, to the core group for helping Gary and myself in presenting this well-attended jam. Thanks Ben Crofoot, Rusty Beyer, Bob & Vicky Conley, and JD Hall for rounding out the base group. Many other returning pickers joined us plus some new pickers to the festival and bluegrass scene.

Practice up some songs this winter and be ready to attend the SPRING 2019 "Intermediate Jam". We are ALWAYS looking for NEW pickers to join us and have as much fun as we have.

[Special thanks to Rusty Beyer for filling in for Alan Bibey at the beginning of the mandolin workshop, also!]

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Next Jam: Noon-6 PM, Oct 21. SW Conservation Club, 5703 Bluffton Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46899

President's Corner



One of the best festivals ever! I liked every band! How did you find all these good bands? There was a music style for everyone

no matter what you liked! These were some of the compliments the board received on the festival. Needless to say, credit goes to Joe Steiner for managing a tight budget yet putting together a stage show that was second to none.

Calabogie Road band was working the gate early in the week and asked if there was a slot open to play at a local nursing home. A couple of calls and Hickory Creek in Kendallville said come on in. There was one resident there who we were told infrequently came out of his room. He seldom spoke to anyone. His sister, also a resident, talked him into coming to the show. He was so excited about the band's music that he began to cry in enjoyment. Ruth Lakatos, the guitar player, also was emotionally touched and teared up with him. The band felt they needed to give to those who could not come to the festival. A spokesperson for Hickory Creek called a week later and said the residents were still talking about the show.

Our thanks also goes to Lisa Harris and Trinity River for performing for the Avilla, IN Sacred Heart home. This top notch band has had 11 songs out of 34 from the last three albums reaching the respected Bluegrass Today Top 20 Charts for a total of a mind-blowing 60 weeks! It is these unseen performances that

make a difference in people's life by giving them a little sunshine in a boring life.

The RVs arrived later in the week but by Saturday finding a level spot with water and electric had become a challenge. The stage audience filled the tents and pavilion overflowing onto the bleachers each day. Even Sunday night had a large crowd watching the last performances.

The band that surprised most was the Hogslop String Band. The audience was cool to them during the beginning of their Saturday afternoon show. Casey "Pickle" McBride on the washtub bass and the rest of the boys surely raised a ruckus. As word spread, it was almost standing room only at later shows. The group had the audience in their hands with their entertaining performances.

Continuing a tradition in our family of rarely missing a festival, our granddaughter brought her 4-day-old daughter to the festival on Sunday afternoon. The oohs and ahhs never stopped.

There are still a few outdoor events happening but most will be moving indoors for the winter. Check the events columns or the web to find Bluegrass music near you.

Don't forget our club's first winter meeting, October 21 at the Southwest Conservation club in Fort Wayne, IN.

If the good lord's willin' and the creek don't rise, we'll be there also.

Jim Winger – President

Thank You Notes and Comments

Kudos, Taxi drivers!

A special thanks to all our great taxi drivers. Most of you put in several hours & your time was greatly appreciated. A big thumbs up to Bob Gilson for stepping in and handling the taxi responsibilities. He did a great job lining up rides and drivers. Our taxi drivers (and number of shifts) include: David Buhler (5), Jay Winger (4), Gerry Paul, Jan Meade, Poul Sandersen, Warren Curtis, Ron Tedford and those that helped at the end of the shows. We thank you.

To All of our Gate Volunteers:

Needless to say, you are greatly appreciated more than you realize. This was a chance to welcome new people as well as old friends, share life stories, tell a few jokes, meet some band members, catch up on the latest gossip, so come join the fun next time.

Our Gate Captains, Board Members Pam Keiper & Jim Miller, did a tremendous job keeping the gate staffed. The Associate Gate Captains, Leslie Ellis, Jan Meade, Brenda Aldrich, and Patty Page put in more than their scheduled hours to keep it running smoothly.

A big thumbs up to all those who helped us: Wayne Vincent, Bill Neal, Lee Hunkins, Joann & Bob Bower, Sandy Conine, Annette Tobin, Ben Crofoot, Marianne Vogie, Michaela Gerken, Lee Hunkins, John & Ruth Lakatos, Judy Paul, Chris Steiner, Carol Fink, Barb Beyer, Vickey Conley, Barb Welch, Poul & Linda Sandersen, Nancy Cain, and Warren Curtis. Some of them put in more than one shift. Without the help of these and all our volunteers this festival would not happen.

Thanks Again,
Pam Keiper & Jim Miller

From Annette Tobin:

Dear Friends, many of you know that while Jerry and I was camping I had a sudden onset of chest pain. I was taken to the local ER and while there went into pulmonary edema. I was transferred to Parkview Heart Institute in Ft. Wayne, IN. They couldn't do a heart cath right away because I was given a contrast dye at the other hospital for a CT scan and the contrast affected my kidneys. So they had to wait a few days and give IV fluids to flush through. Finally the heart cath today shows no blocks but weak muscle which they will give me medicine for that should help strengthen my heart. THANK YOU all for your concern, well wishes and prayers. We are truly blessed to have such great friends. We appreciate each one of you. J&A

From Scott Boulis:

Wanted to thank NIBGA for allowing Hawaiian Ice to set up at your Fall event. My wife and I enjoyed the event and the great music. I also want to express my gratitude for the way Jeannette Young worked with me during the event. I look forward to returning next year.

Thank you note from Bilbys:

To you all who are one in a million! Thanks for all the hours you work before, during and after the festival. It couldn't happen otherwise! May you all get a chance to rest up before tackling next year's events. Gracias!
Maggie and Gary

Note from Fiddlin' Dixie and Lil' Friends:

"Thank you so much for supporting the Lil' Friends Music Program. It was so great to work with the kids in Indiana. We had a great turn-out. A lot more adults joined in the fun this year which was so great to see. They, too, were trying instruments they never tried before." "I feel so blessed to be able to work with so many wonderful people to support us teaching kids about strings. The Kendallville Indiana Tri-State Festival will always be special to our family. Our girls have been going to it since they were babies! This will always be our first family festival and it is so wonderful to see everyone and catch up with old friends. Thanks for supporting our program!
Dixie Andres



Pictures from Intermediate Jam, Kids' Korner, and Craft workshops

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. 10/4, 11/4, 12/9/2018 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 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

2nd Fri. as of 07/13/2018 ; Gospel open Mic and Jam, Church of the Nazarene 506 N. Main Street Columbia City IN 46725 260-213-3142 7-9p

3rd Sun jam; Sheridan Public Library 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan, IN 46069 1-5p year around (317) 758-5201

3rd Sun jam Oct, Nov 2018 Jan-Apr 2019; Northern Ind. Bluegrass, SWCC, 5703 Bluffton Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46809 noon-5p 260-918-4790 drinks & sandwiches available (no Dec.)

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

10/05 Doyle Lawson and the Bontrager Family; Shippshewana Event Center, 760 S Van Buren St, Shippshewana, IN 46565 888-447-4725 6-7:30p \$44.95

10/20 The Hamiltons; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, IN 47030 \$8 7-9p

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 Presbyterian, 156 E. Maumee, Adrian, MI 49221
517-270-2870 church 517-265-2168 6-11p (Sept - May)

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 (no Easter)

10/13 Fiddlers Jamboree & Square Dance, Barry County Commission on Aging, 320 W. Woodlawn, Hastings, MI 49058 269-795-3143 1-4p fiddlers, 4-5:30p jam, 5-6p dinner, 6-7:30p square dancing

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

10/03 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave.. Cincinnati, OH 45252
513-385-9309

10/05 Country Gentlemen Tribute Band; at the Pennyroyal Opera House, I-70 x198 in Fairview, OH 7p 740-827-0957.

10/06 Sawmill Ridge; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p

10/07 Grassahol; Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church Street, Pickerington, OH 43147 614-834-9595

10/07 Open Rail; Octoberfest, Main St., Beaver, OH 45613 11a

10/10 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave.. Cincinnati, OH 45252
513-385-9309

10/12 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci Brewing Company, 1445 Compton Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45231 7-9p free 513-832-1422

10/12-13 Sideline, Clay Hess Band, The Kevin Prater Band, The Patricks, Evan Lanier & Bluegrass Express, Wood & Strings, Out of Mind Bluegrass, Slate Ridge, Nightflyer, Open Highway, Wood & Strings; Sterling Bluegrass Jamboree, 12819 Scioto Darby Rd., Orient, OH 614-323-6938 \$35 Wknd Advance, \$35/day of show

10/13 Harbourtown; Moon City Music, 1208 Lunar Dr, Wapakoneta, OH 45895 567-204-0929 7p \$10

10/13 Second Wind Bluegrass; Wright Place, 14572 Hock-hocking Rd, Logan, OH 43138 Open stage 6:30 Band 7-9p

10/13 Chestnut Ridge; Fair, 157 E Fair Ave, Lancaster, OH 43130 4p

10/17 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave.. Cincinnati, OH 45252
513-385-9309

10/18 Adam Schlenker, Megan Lynch, Adam Hurt; Arts Center, 777 Evening St, Worthington, OH 43085 7:30p

10/19 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Butler County Bluegrass Assoc., 200 Warwick Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013

10/19 Kauffman Road Bluegrass; Boondocks Restaurant, 2987 State Route 61, Fulton, OH 43315
419-864-4446 9p

10/19 Open Highway, The Wayfarers, Chestnut Ridge; Apple Butter Stirin' Festival, Roscoe Village 600 N White-woman St, Coshocton, OH 43812



10/20 Jerry Douglas Band; Victoria Theater, 138 N Main St, Dayton, OH 45402 937-228-7591 8p

10/20 Vertical Limit, Matt Efaw & Rural Free Delivery, Ottawa County; Bluegrass Junction, Shalersville Town Hall, 9090 OH-44, Ravenna, OH 44266 7-11p

10/20 New Balance; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p

10/20 Open Highway; Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, OH 45873 419-594-2816 \$10 7-10p

10/21 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Memorial Park, 228 E. South St., St. Marys, OH 45885 2-4:30p free 419-394-0707

10/24 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave.. Cincinnati, OH 45252 513-385-9309

10/25 Dan Tyminski; Kent Stage, 175 E Main St, Kent, OH 44240 8p \$30

10/26 Dan Tyminski; Midland Theater, 36 N. Park Place, Newark, OH 43055 \$37+fees 8p

10/27 Dailey and Vincent; Niswonger Performing Arts Center, 10700 SR 118, Van Wert, OH 45891 7p 419-238-6722

10/27 PJ Abbott & Showtime; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p

10/27 Open Highway; Village Inn, 115 N. Water St., Coshocton, OH 43812 7p

10/31 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave.. Cincinnati, OH 45252 513-385-9309

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Festival attendees Jerry Tobin, Rusty Beyer, Gary and Maggie Bilby, Bob Nelson and Katelynn Lowe jamming by the Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Ryan Furgason

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