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President's Corner



As cold, windy, snowy, rainy weather kicks in, we thank our lucky stars that we winterized our RV on one of the last sunny weekends. We successfully moved the RV to winter storage at the Merchants building at the fairgrounds.

The October board meeting was an involved discussion on how to fix our financial problems. Many suggestions came from the board and those attending the meeting at the Southwest Conservation club. The board agenda was long and only about 1/2 of the items on the list were covered. The lengthiest discussion was on adjusting our rates to be on a par with other festivals within 150 miles of Kendallville. A concern expressed by some was that we seem to lose about 50% of the campers on Sunday. Can that be addressed in some way? Other bluegrass events charge every day whether a camper stays or not. It was stated that almost every area camping facility has a 4 day minimum over a holiday weekend. The festival is not a campground but an event allowing a minimum stay payment as a requirement.

The other hot topic was we need to have an advance sale of some type so folks will mark the events on their calendars. This increases the chance that they will attend rain or shine. The club currently offers a discount to members but that doesn't encourage them to commit to attend the festival. Some suggested raise the ticket price

and then offer a discount as other festivals do. This idea did not receive strong support. It was pointed out that this would penalize non-club members or those that don't somehow receive a flyer with the discount opportunity.

At length the band budget was discussed. Cut back on our largest single expense which is about 54% of total expenses? This would result in either fewer bands or perhaps no national acts. Dropping Thursday or Sunday shows would reduce band costs? It was pointed out that the Sunday show sold over 200 tickets which paid for itself. The Thursday show gives us high visibility in the local community helping with future contact negotiations and only raises the band costs slightly since most groups also play Friday. There was little support for reducing the band budget. In the end the band budget was raised by 20% to insure quality bands on the stage all four festival days.

There is more to be done but by the time these discussions were held, those in attendance were ready to take up the topics in the next board meeting.

Make note that there is no newsletter mailed in December and the next jam is January 16. Have a happy holiday season!

If the creek don't rise & the good Lord's willin', we will be at a winter Bluegrass event. See you there!

James A. Winger

President

Dear Northern Indiana Bluegrass members:

Hello! My name is Romona Hay and I am the Activity Director at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville, IN.

*On behalf of the staff and residents, I would sincerely like to thank you for having one of your bluegrass bands, **Calabogie Road**, come and play for us on August 31st. What a sensational band! I have many residents who LOVE bluegrass music, and they absolutely adored them. 80+ year old women were up dancing through many songs!!! As this was the type of music they grew up with, it brought back many precious memories.*

A gentleman, who very rarely reacts to any outside stimuli, was crying tears of joy as he sat and listened.

*It just shows the power of music, and what it can do for people of all ages. I have been blessed to have had 3 bands come and perform for my nursing home in the past year, and I am hoping that every time Kendallville has a Bluegrass Festival, we can continue to have more come to play. [ed: **Blue Holler Band** played there in the spring, and **Just Jammin'** the previous fall].*

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU to both the association and to the band, for doing what you do!

*Sincerely yours,
Romona Hay
Activity Director
Hickory Creek @ Kendallville, IN*





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If you could give a gift to someone, and it **DIDN'T COST YOU A SINGLE CENT**, wouldn't you do it? Of course you would! Amazon and Krogers BOTH make donations to NIBGA when you sign up in advance and then make purchases there. It is simple to do! And face it, you ARE going to shop at Amazon or Kroger's in the near future, right??

For **Amazon** purchases, go to "smile.amazon.com" to sign up, designating Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association as your charity, and then whenever you make a purchase, just remember to log into the "smile" side of Amazon. Even *I* was able to easily sign up and have a percentage of my purchases go to my favorite charity... NIBGA.

For **Krogers**, go to "kroger.com", pull down the menu for "savings and rewards" and click on "Kroger Community Rewards" and sign up. Then, whenever you use your card, a percentage of your purchase will automatically go to the charity of your choice (which hopefully you've chosen Northern Indiana Bluegrass!). You need to sign up annually beginning in September. Our ID number is **VJ779**.

It works! Actual email received recently



Dear Charity Administrator,

This email is to notify you that Northern Indiana Bluegrass (EIN: 35-1424100) has been issued a \$19.82 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between July 1 and September 30, 2018.

Band Updates



Donnie Voiles

Out of the Blue announces with regret that Ted Geldhof and George Laker will not be joining us for the 2019 season and moving forward. We have enjoyed several years of music with them and we ask that you join us in wishing them well with their next adventure.

Out of the Blue is super excited to announce that we have filled the two open positions in the band!

We are excited to welcome **Donnie Voiles** as our new lead singer and **Brad Benedict** will be joining us on mandolin!! We would like to thank the many fine musi-

cians that reached out to us with interest in joining us. We appreciate and respect each one of you. We are currently taking bookings for 2019 and We are looking forward to an awesome upcoming bluegrass season!!



With a lot of travel planned after his and Brenda's retirement, **Greg Aldrich** has decided to retire from the **Blue Holler Band**. He says, "It has been quite a ride playing in the band, it has been great fun. When we first talked about starting this band, retirement seemed like a long way off. Now that we want to be on the move a lot more it will be too hard to remain in the band and try to get to do all the other things we want to do."

"Going forward I hope you all support the Blue Holler Band, they already are booked for Winding Creek in August 2019."



Brad Benedict



Greg Aldrich

Upcoming Events

If you are traveling any distance, be sure to call ahead to make sure the event is still as scheduled. See BluegrassUSA.net for latest events

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 Mon** 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, Northwood MS, 301 N. Elkhart St., Wakarusa, IN 46573 6:30-9p 574-862-2200 (Sept. - May)
- 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.** Gospel open Mic and Jam, Church of the Nazarene, 506 N. Main Street Columbia City IN 46725 260-213-3142 7-9p Ray Desrosiers Jr.
- 3rd Sun** jam; Sheridan Public Library 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan, IN 46069 1-5p year around (317) 758-5201
- 3rd Sun** jam; 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 carry in please, no Dec.
- 3rd Mon** 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

- 12/05** Matchsellers w/the goat's beards; Goshen Brewing Co., 315 W Washington St, Goshen, IN 46526 574-971-5324
- 12/06** Matchsellers w/the goat's beards; Hop River Brewery, 1515 N Harrison St, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 260-739-3931
- 12/06** Dailey & Vincent - Christmas; , Shiphewana Event Center, 760 S Van Buren St, Shiphewana, IN 46565 888-447-4725 8-10p \$19.95-49.95
- 12/08** Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder; Clyde Theater, 1808 Bluffton Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46809 \$39-69 8p

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
- Every Fri.** Acoustic jam; Bob's Barn Jamborees Performance Art Theater 1417 Johnson St., Lake Odessa, MI 48849
- 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
- 4th Sun 11/24, 01/26/2019** Michigan Bluegrass Music Assoc. open stages & jams 6-10p Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr, Flint, MI 48506 810-736-5332 donation no Dec!
- 12/07** Red, White and Bluegrass; Kentuckians of Michigan, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, MI 46174 734-782-0132 \$8
- 12/14** Kentucky Travelers Band; Kentuckians of Michigan, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, MI 46174 734-782-0132 Pot luck dinner, bring a dish to pass, \$6
- 01/04** Sideline; Ark, 316 S Main St, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 734-761-1800 \$15 8p

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 Church , 7798 Big Walnut Rd., Westerville, OH 43082 jam: 5:45-7p bands 7p (Nov. - May)
- Sun** Old Time Jam; Rambling House Soda, 310 E Hudson St, Columbus, OH 43202 614-468-3415 7p
- Every Sun., Mon.;** Open Jam Sun, Open Mic Mon, Clay Valley Pizzeria 6921 Ceramic Road Roseville, OH 43777 740-469-8000 740-469-8000 6-9p Free
- Tues.** Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, OH 45873 419-594-2816 6p winter months
- Weds.** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave.. Cincinnati, OH 45252 513-385-9309 (no 12/26)
- 12/01** Ottawa County Bluegrass; Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, OH 45873 419-594-2816 \$10 7-10p
- 12/01** Fox N Hounds Bluegrass; Plain Folk Cafe, 10177 SR 132, Pleasant Plain, OH 45162 513-877-2526 7p
- 12/01** Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder; Ohio Valley Opry, 21 W. Main St, McConnelsville, OH 43756 740-542-9218 7p
- 12/01** Grassahol; Rambling House Soda, 310 E Hudson St, Columbus, OH 43202 614-468-3415 9- Midnight
- 12/01** Ottawa County Bluegrass; Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, OH 45873-9357 419-594-2816 7p \$10 7-10p
- 12/07** Other Brothers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 12/07** Donna Ullise; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 7p
- 12/07** Fox and Hounds; Rambling House Soda, 310 E Hudson St, Columbus, OH 43202 614-468-3415 9p
- 12/08** The Wayfarers; Weasel Boy Brewing, 126 Muskingum Ave, Zanesville, OH 43701 7p
- 12/08** Night of Aubrey Holt Songs; Moon City Music, 1208 Lunar Dr, Wapakoneta, OH 45895 567-204-0929 5:30p dinner/show \$22
- 12/08** Strung Up; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 5-7 pm

- 12/08** Sawmill Ridge; COBA, Grace Church, 7798 Big Walnut Rd, Westerville, **OH** 43082-9407 7p
- 12/09** Sideline Bluegrass; Natalie's Coal Fired Pizza, 5601 N. High St, Worthington, **OH** 43085 9:30p 614-436-COAL 8p
- 12/14** Berachah Valley; Bellhop Cafe, 26 N. West St, Bellbrook, **OH** 45305 7p
- 12/14** The Woodpickers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 12/15** Open Highway; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p
- 12/22** Anthony Prater & the Rambers; Coshocton Village Inn, 115 N. Water St., Coshocton, **OH** 43812 7p 740-498-8456

- 12/22** Perennial Rye; Rambling House Soda, 310 E Hudson St, Columbus, **OH** 43202 614-468-3415 9p
- 12/29** String Therapy; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p
- 01/11** Joe Mullins; FUMC, 207 S. Court St, Marysville, **OH** 43040 937-642-4712 \$25 7p
- 01/11-12** Harbourtown, Ralph Stanley II, Kyle Jarvis, Jesse Alexander, Rhonda Vincent, Larry Efaw, Caney Creek, Dean Osborne, Remington Ryde; Bluegrass in Superclass, Holiday Inn, 10630 Fremont Pike, Perrysburg, **OH** 43551 1-?p

- 01/12** Ralph Stanley II; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p
- 01/18** Strung Up; Three Tigers Brewery, 140 N. Prospect Street, Granville, **OH** 43023 740-920-4680 9-Midnight
- 01/19** Vertical Limit, Matheson Family Pride. Lost & Lonesome; Bluegrass Junction, Shalersville Town Hall, 9090 OH-44, Ravenna, **OH** 44266 7-11p 7-11 pm
- 01/19** The Hamiltons ; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p
- 01/26** Midnight Storm; Bluegrass Junction, Shalersville Town Hall, 9090 OH-44, Ravenna, **OH** 44266 7-11p 5p



Why Rudolph was excluded from all the other reindeer games....



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