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## President's Corner



In the past, the club has received \$3,000 in grants annually from IBM and Marathon. This year neither of those grants will happen. The Marathon grant was a result of Joe & Chris Steiner's club work. Joe recently retired from Marathon. Retiree's do not qualify for grants.

The IBM grant was through Jim Winger's club work. IBM is revising its community grant program and it appears NIBGA will not receive an IBM grant for 2019.

We need your help in obtaining grants for the club. Two companies, Krogers and Amazon, contribute a small percentage of sales from those who designate NIBGA as a 501c3 recipient. It does not cost you anything for the club to receive these grants.

Krogers has 2,800 stores in 35 states. Not all stores bear the corporate name but they all honor the Kroger shopper card. A partial list of Kroger companies is on our web page. We encourage you to register Northern Indiana Bluegrass as your charity. No Krogers store in your area but you attend the festival? A Kroger ID will get you \$.03/gallon off of fuel at the Kroger station in Kendallville. You won't even need the ID tag if you sign in with your phone number. We have found their prices to be very competitive.

AmazonSmile also donates to Northern Indiana Bluegrass when you do your shopping at [smile.amazon.com/ch/35-1424100](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-1424100).

Click on the Krogers and Amazon buttons at the bottom of any BluegrassUSA.net web page to register for them. No, these grants won't make up for our loss of IBM and Marathon grants but they will help, and neither cost you any money. So, sign up today!

If the good Lord's willin' and the creek don't rise, we'll see you at an area Bluegrass event.

Jim Winger, President

## BUZZ on the Bands



**Edgar Loudermilk** will be making his second appearance at the Tri-State festival. His is one of the great voices in bluegrass music, and he has an enviable resume, having worked as a singer and bass player for Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, Marty Raybon and Full Circle, and Russell Moore and Illrd Tyme Out. He is a fine songwriter as well as a singer, and his repertoire features many of his own songs. He travels with a top-notch band featuring Jeff Autry on guitar, Zach Autry on mandolin, Curtis Bumgarner on banjo, and Dylan Armour on resonator guitar.

It has been quite a few years now since I first met **Bull Harman** at the World of Bluegrass, and he has appeared at Tri-State on four previous occasions. Although he has seen a few personnel changes over the years, we know we can depend on Bull for solid bluegrass music delivered with a creative approach. Top-notch in every department, vocally and instrumentally, Bull's Eye currently consists of Bull on guitar, son Wyatt Harman on bass, Alex Riffle on banjo, and Hal Cottrell on mandolin.

**That Dalton Gang** is a young group from Missouri which features the singing and mandolin playing of Cheyenne Dalton. Although Cheyenne is still a teenager, That Dalton Gang has four albums to their credit, and they are already top notch pickers.

You may recognize their bass player, Wyatt Harman, since he does double duty in his Dad's band, Bull's Eye. On guitar is Jimmy Meyer, formerly of Mountain Faith, and Mason Ruble handles the banjo work.

## Advance Camping package

NEW

An advance camping package is available that bundles one weekend ticket and the three weekend days of Friday, Saturday and Sunday as a package for \$65: a savings of \$15. Additional member or non-member tickets can be purchased at the gate. Those who camp and are not purchasing the advanced camping package pay for weekend tickets and weekend camping at the gate. The advance camping package will be available until May 1 for the spring festival.

Send your money to NIBGA Camp, 5034 Wapiti, Ft. Wayne, IN 46804. Include your name, address, contact information and a SASE. In return you will receive a voucher that can be used at the festival gate.



## 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.

## Over Jordan

**Ed Cosner**, 82, of Portage, IN. died February 10. He was Grand Master Fiddling Champion who has taught many students how to play the fiddle. Ed, a long time member, could be seen at many festival jams with his fiddle in hand. Bobby Davis wrote this about him: *Ed Cosner was one of the greatest fiddle players on this planet. A true mentor, who dedicated much of his life to teaching students to play, rarely asking for anything in return. Many of those students went on to become well known professional musicians. He was a real hero and it was an honor to have been his friend.*



**Mary Phillips**, 92, formerly of Columbia City, passed away on Thursday, March 7, 2019. She and her friend, Viola Bird, both members, were regular festival attendees in the early 2000's.

**Mac Wiseman**, 93, was often referred to as "the voice with a heart". He died February 24. Mac Wiseman was one of the true first-generation bluegrass artists, having been there when Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs formed their Foggy Mountain Boys after leaving Bill Monroe. His career in music started with Molly O'Day and her Cumberland Mountain Folks, and it later also included a stint with Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys. Although his was a music steeped in bluegrass tradition, he also recorded material in the country music style, and he co-founded, and served as the first secretary of, the Country Music Association. Several of the songs he recorded have now become standards, including "Tis Sweet to Be Remembered," "Jimmy Brown the Newsboy," and "Love Letters in the Sand."



## 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

**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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sun.** 4/7 Central Indiana jam, Hall Community Bldg, 307 W South St, Gas City, IN 46933 noon-?? 765-674-5117

**1<sup>st</sup> Mon** Old Time Jam, 3 Rivers Natural Grocery, 1612 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 6:30-8:30p 260-445-3348

**1<sup>st</sup> Thurs.** Wakarusa Jamboree, Northwood MS, 301 N. Elkhart St., Wakarusa, IN 46573 6:30-9p 574-862-2200

**1<sup>st</sup> Sat** Contra Dance, 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church, 215 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Goshen, IN 46526; 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mon** mostly Irish jam; J K O'Don-

nell's, 121 W Wayne St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 7-10p 260-420-5563

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed.** Jam; CrossRoads Inn, 5975 S SR 9, Columbia City, IN 46725 260-396-2144 6:30-8:30p

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs.** Whiteriver Folks & Bluegrass, FOP Lodge, 2614 Mounds Rd., Anderson, IN 5:30p meeting, carry-in, 6:30p jam

**2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. Jam date and time change as of 03/09/2019:** 2nd Friday 7:00 - 9:00 ; Gospel open Mic and Jam,, Church of the Nazarene 506 N. Main Street Columbia City, IN 46725 260-213-3142 260-213-3142 2p - 4:30p

**2<sup>nd</sup> Fri.** Jam, CityHall, 210 N Jefferson St, Converse, IN 46919 765-395-3459 5p

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun** jam; Sheridan Public Library 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan, IN 46069 1-5p (317) 758-5201

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun** jam; Northern Ind. Bluegrass, SWCC, 5703 Bluffton Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46809 noon-5p 260-918-4790 drinks & sandwiches available, no carry in please; Yes, we meet on Easter Sunday

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mon** Irish Jam; 3 Rivers Natural Grocery, 1612 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 6:30-8:30p

**3<sup>rd</sup> Fri.** Bluegrass, Country, Gospel Jam;

Community Center, 815 Rural St, Akron, IN 46910 7-9p

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

**04/13** Kenny & Amanda Smith; Delphi Opera House, 109 S Washington St, Delphi, IN 46923 765-564-4300 7:30p

### Michigan

**Every Sun.** Open Mic with the Orphans, Coldwater American Legion, Coldwater MI 49046 260-242-8553 2-6p free

**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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tues.** slow jam, Public Library, 6260 92nd St., Caledonia, MI 49316 616-891-8825

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tues.** Slow Jam ; 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Van Deusen Room, Kalamazoo Public Library, 315

## Upcoming Events, continued

S. Rose St., Kalamazoo, MI 6:30-8pm  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sat** Maumee St. Jam, First Presbyterian, 156 E. Maumee, Adrian, MI 49221 517-270-2870 church 517-265-2168 6-11p (Sept - May)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Thur** jam; Elderly, 1100 N Washington, Lansing, MI 48906 517-372-7880 6-8:30p  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 03/17/19, 05/19 19** Mid-Michigan jams, Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, MI 48917 517-482-2382 \$4 donation  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sun 03/23, 04/27, 05/18** Michigan Bluegrass Music Assoc. open stages & jams 6-10p Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr, Flint, MI 48506 810-736-5332 donation  
**Last Wed** jam; Boatyard Brewing Company, 432 E. Paterson St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269-226-0300 7-?p  
**Cooper's Glen 2019 canceled**

**Last Fri.** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci Brewing, 1445 Compton Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45231 7-9p 513-832-1422  
**04/01** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Miami University Downtown Downhome, 221 High St., Hamilton, OH 45011 7-9p  
**04/05** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Butler County Coon Hunters Club, 200 Warwick Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013 7-9p 513-410-3625  
**04/05** The Kevin Prater Band; Moon City Music, 1208 Lunar Dr, Wapakoneta, OH 45895 567-204-0929  
**04/06** Larry Sparks; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p  
**04/06** Nightflyer, Clay Hess, Tony Hale, New Country Grass, Branded Bluegrass, Berachah Valley, Haddix Family; Church of the Nazarene, 400 Macready Ave, Monroe, OH 45050 noon  
**04/06** Ralph Stanley II; Fairgrounds, 1000 Locust St, Owensville, OH 45160 513-732-0522 7-10p  
**04/07** 7 Mile Bluegrass; Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church St, Pickerington, OH 43147 614-834-9595 4-7p  
**04/12** Becky Buller, Cabin Fever; Pennyroyal Opera House, I-70 at Exit 179, Fairview, OH 7p  
**04/12** Little Roy and Lizzy; Haddix Hall, 4165 SR 122, Franklin, OH 45005 937-746-5415 7p  
**04/12** Nu Blue; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 7p  
**04/12** Coal Cave Holler Boys; Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church St, Pickerington, OH 43147 614-834-9595 7-10p  
**04/13** The Price Sisters; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p  
**04/13** Fox N Hounds; Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church St, Pickerington, OH 43147 614-834-9595 7-10p

**04/13** Evan Lanier; COBA, Church, 7798 Big Walnut Rd, Westerville, OH 43082-9407 7p  
**04/13** Nu Blu; Moon City Music, 1208 Lunar Dr, Wapakoneta, OH 45895 567-204-0929 7p  
**04/13** Acoustic Edge, Ottawa County, Caney Creek; John Hartz Bldg, Fairgrounds, 750 N Home Rd, Mansfield, OH 44906 419-747-3717 7p  
**04/19** Michael Cleveland, Alum Creek; Pennyroyal Opera House, I-70 at Exit 198 in Fairview, OH 7p 740-827-0957.  
**04/20** Bluegrass Mountaineers, Open Highway; Bluegrass Junction, Shalersville Town Hall, 9090 OH-44, Ravenna, OH 44266 7-11p  
**04/20** Kauffman Road; 1858 Meeting House, 43 E Sandusky St, Mechanicsburg, OH 43044-1026 7p  
**04/20** Tom Ewing & Friends; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p  
**04/26** Rhonda Vincent; FUMC, 207 S. Court St, Marysville, OH 43040 937-642-4712 \$25 7p  
**04/26** Grassahol; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p  
**04/27** Lonesome Meadow; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p  
**04/27** Out of Mind Bluegrass; Legion, 3253 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43207 7-11 pm 614-491-0159 7-11p  
**04/27** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Plain Folk Café, 10177 ST Rte 132, Pleasant Plain, OH 45162 7:30p 513-877-2526  
**04/27** Willow Creek; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p \$10  
**04/28** Rhonda Vincent, Joe Mullins; Hobart Arena, 255 Adams St, Troy, OH 45373 8p

### Ohio

**1<sup>st</sup> Sat** - Traditional, bluegrass, country music acoustic instruments - 3 rooms for jammin', Nettle Lake United Brethren Church, 18560 County Road 5-75, Montpelier, OH 43543 6p 517-270-2870 or 419-485-4112  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sat** Central Ohio Bluegrass Assoc., Grace Chapel Church, 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  
**Every Sun., Mon.;** Open Jam Sun, Open Mic Mon, Clay Valley Pizzeria 6921 Ceramic Road Roseville, OH 43777 740-469-8000 6-9p Free  
**Tues.** Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, OH 45873 419-594-2816 6p  
**Weds.** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45252 513-385-9309



### NIBGA 2019-2020 Membership Form

BluegrassUSA.net Due by April 30, 2019. 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): \_\_\_\_\_

**FREE!**  
**Bluegrass Kid's Academy**  
**coming to TriState for**  
**Memorial Day Festival**

Much like a young Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs in the 1930's, and the members of That Dalton Gang a few years ago, there are youngsters today whose curiosities can be aroused and their minds can be energized by the sounds of the 5-string banjo, fiddle, mandolin, guitar and string bass.

NIBGA has joined forces with the TriState Youth Bluegrass Academy to offer a special opportunity to introduce bluegrass to such youngsters.

The Bluegrass Academy will be held on the Saturday and Sunday of the Memorial Day festival and it will feature 10 hours of instruction over the two days along with a Saturday night cook-out and visits from bluegrass bands. The best part of the Academy is that it is **absolutely free**.

The only requirements are that participants need to be school-aged

(accompanied by parent if under 10), have little to no previous experience on their instrument, and must attend the entire 10-hour program. They will need to provide their own instrument.

Professional instructors will teach guitar, bass, mandolin, fiddle, and banjo, in addition to jamming skills. The students will then perform on stage on Sunday late afternoon. There is a limit of 10 students per class, so please sign up quickly.

Call Chris Steiner at 419-721-8016 or email at [Cooperrider@yahoo.com](mailto:Cooperrider@yahoo.com).



Hey, Campers! If you need to fill up your propane tanks, make sure to visit Auburn Taylor Rental/Party Plus (2224 St Rt 8 W, Auburn) and ask for the "Bluegrass Special"

20# tanks are \$12 +tax

30# tanks are just \$15 + tax.

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