



Out of the Blue has made several appearances at the festival over the past few years, and they have always been well received. Over the winter, though, they have made a couple personnel changes. Some of you may recognize their new guitar player and lead singer, Donnie Voiles.

Yep, that's right, the one and only soulful voice that was a stake of Echo Valley has now joined forces with Out of the Blue! We will also see a new mandolin picker, Brad Benedict, when they take the Tri-State stage. Donnie and Brad will be joining banjo player Dave Conley Jr, hot flatpicker Dave Conley Sr, and rock solid bassist Jeff Lawless.

I can't wait to hear the new lineup in person with Donnie's fine lead vocals supported by harmonies from Dave Jr and Jeff.

It has been way too long since **Harbourtown** has been on the Tri-State stage. While the faces have changed since Tony Hickman's fine lead vocals and driving guitar were anchoring their sound, Harbourtown's dedication to the hard-driving bluegrass sound hasn't wavered.

Tony found a worthy recipient when he passed the reins down to son Kurt, whose driving bass work is unmistakable.

With Jeremy Cole on banjo, Lynn Fox on mandolin, John Coffee on guitar, and all four members contributing some great lead and harmony vocals, they know how to keep the audience entertained.

Kyle Jarvis and Illrd Generation will be taking the Tri-state stage for the first time this year. Hailing from La-Grange, Ohio, their roots are in the traditional sound, showing the influence of Ed and Larry Efaw, longtime mainstays of eastern Ohio bluegrass.

They are top-notch instrumentally, with Kyle on guitar, Shawn Harper on banjo, Danny Thompson on mandolin, and Jiles Williams on bass. Vocally, they feature Kyle's expressive lead work with support from the rest of the group on powerful harmonies.



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President's Corner



We are so close to the summer camping season. Our RV is out of winter storage and is anxiously awaiting the trip to

the Memorial festival at Kendallville May 23-26. We will be arriving around May 14 to get ready for those camping rigs arriving starting May 16

We recently were asked by an attendee if they could bring their dog to the festival in their camper. The answer was "yes, assuming you keep it on a leash and it doesn't bother the neighbors". Then the follow up question was "can I bring it to the stage" and the answer was "no". Why?

We were at the local ice cream shop enjoying a cone in the bright, warm sunshine with several others. One group had a dog on a leash. It was very well-behaved. A young couple with their new pup on a leash came walking up to get a cone. The first dog began barking loudly as soon as it saw the pup in the parking lot. As the pup came towards the ice cream stand, the first dog started to bark viciously, pulling hard on its leash. It's owner was able to maintain control but the dog was determined to attack the pup. The owner, much to his credit, took his dog away from the area, almost dragging it.

This was an open area with only 10 or so people spread out among the tables and benches. It is hard

to image what would have happened if it had been crowded like the NIBGA stage area is. I was reminded of an incident some years ago when dogs were allowed in the stage area. A very mild dog was resting peacefully next to it's owners when someone moving among the chairs accidentally stepped on the dog's tail. You can imagine the dog's response. After that, the club said "no dogs in the stage area or midway".

During board meetings, discussions have revolved around how can we advertise to the Bluegrass community. This month, Chris Steiner created mailing labels from the last couple of year's camper registrations. A flyer was mailed to several hundred folks who visit the festival from time to time but are not members. The advance camping package information was included.

The advance camping package is being well received with more registrations arriving daily. We have also had payments from our Brown Paper Bag posting which allows online purchase of camping and tickets. Attendance should be strong this Memorial weekend so plan on arriving early to get your spot.

If the good Lord's willin' and the creek don't rise, we'll see you at Kendallville.

James A. Winger
Jim Winger, President

All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Tenderloin Supper

Thursday, May 23, 2019
4:30-7:30 PM



Adults - \$9 (pre-sale*), \$10 at the door
Children (12 & under) - \$6 (pre-sale*), \$7 at the door
Children 5 and under - free

Sponsored by Noble County Community Fair Board
prepared by Dan's Fry Service.

*Presale tickets available on the porch of the log cabin
from 1:00-2:00 pm ONLY

Over Jordan



Darel Lynn Fike, age 59, of Pretty Lake, IN died unexpectedly on Friday, March 15, 2019 at his residence. Over the past ten years he has operated his own handyman service.

Darel attended the festival and played dobro and banjo. RIP, Darel.

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
- 1st Mon** Old Time Jam, 3 Rivers 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
- 1st Sat** Contra Dance, Methodist Church, 215 S. 5th St., Goshen, IN 46526; 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. & 2nd Sat** Gospel open Mic and Jam, Church of the Nazarene 506 N. Main Street Columbia City, IN 46725 260-213-3142 7-9p Fri, 2-4:30p Sat
- 2nd Fri.** Jam, City Hall, 210 N Jefferson St, Converse, IN 46919 765-395-3459 5p
- 3rd Sun** jam; Sheridan Public Library 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan, IN 46069 1-5p year around (317) 758-5201
- 3rd Mon** Irish Jam; 3 Rivers Natural Grocery, 1612 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 6:30-8:30p
- 3rd Wed.** Jam: Legion, 1122 N Main St, Roanoke, IN 46783 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
- 05/03** Dailey & Vincent; Blue Gate Theatre, 175 N Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN 46565 (888) 447-4725
- 05/04** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, The Wallens, Wake the Baby, Beans & Cornbread, Rated BG, My Brother's Keeper; Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, IN 47030 noon-9p donation
- 05/17** Steeldrivers; Blue Gate Theatre, 175 N Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN 46565 (888) 447-4725
- 05/18** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Possum Saloon, 23903 Stateline Rd., Bright, IN 47025 8-12p 812-637-1227
- 05/18** Calabogie Road (MI); Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, IN 47030
- 05/24** Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder; T. Furth Center, Trine University, 500 W. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703 8p \$40-60

05/23-26 Edgar Loudermilk, Audie Blaylock, Detour, Dale Ann Bradley, Cedar Hill, Bull's Eye, That Dalton Gang, Harbourtown, Out of the Blue, Kyle Jarvis/III Gen.; Tri-State Festival, Kendallville, IN 46755 260-918-4790

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
- 2nd Tues.** slow jam, Public Library, 6260 92nd St., Caledonia, MI 49316 616-891-8825
- 2nd Tues.** Slow Jam ; 3rd Floor Van Deussen Room, Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo, MI 6:30-8pm
- 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** Elderly, 1100 N Washington, Lansing, MI 48906 517-372-7880 6-8:30p
- 3rd Sun** Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, MI 48917 517-482-2382 \$4 donation
- 3rd Sat** Michigan Bluegrass Music Assoc. open stages & jams 6-10p Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr, Flint, MI 48506 810-736-5332 donation for hall rental
- Last Wed** jam; Boatyard Brewing Company, 432 E. Paterson St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269-226-0300 7-?p
- 05/11** Maggie Bilby Memorial concert; Walker Tavern Lawn, 13220 M50, Brooklyn, MI 49230 1-6p 517-241-0731 \$15 includes t-shirt
- 05/18** Matthew Thacker, Kyle Jarvis, Mason Run, Guncreek, Fulton County, Band of Brothers, Cameron Bartley, Tom Treece; RRCA, 114 S. Monroe St, Monroe, MI 48161 734-735-4769 11A - 10:30P \$15 half day / \$25 all day. Srs Vets \$10 half day / \$18 full day

Upcoming Events, continued

05/25 Ricky Skaggs, Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic; Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, **MI** 48104 \$45

05/03 The Relentless Mules; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

05/18 Open Highway; Coshocton Village Inn, 115 N. Water St., Coshocton, **OH** 43812

05/04 Out of Mind Bluegrass; Legion, 3253 S. High St., Columbus, **OH** 43207 7-11 pm 614-491-0159

05/18 Sugar Creek Bluegrass; Methodist Church, 5241 Miller Church Rd., Johnstown, **OH** 43031 740-967-9197 5p

05/04 Willie Watson; Woodlands Tavern, 1200 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-299-4987 6p free

05/18 Rhonda Vincent; Amish Country Theater, 4365 OH 39, Millersburg, **OH** 44654 7p

05/04 Open Rail; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p

05/18 Red Dust Mountain Boys, Young & Blue, Buck & Co; Bluegrass Junction, Shalersville Town Hall, 9090 OH-44, Ravenna, **OH** 44266 7-11p

05/05 Grassahol; Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church St, Pickerington, **OH** 43147 614-834-9595 4-7p

05/18 Berachah Valley; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p \$10

05/08 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Christ Church Glendale, 965 Forest Ave. Glendale, **OH** 45246 12-12:30P box lunch for sale 513-771-1544

05/18 Noah John & Ringing Fire; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p

05/10 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Appalachian Festival Old Coney, 6201 Kellogg Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** 45230 2&4p admission & parking fees 513-251-3378

05/18 Sawmill Ridge; Arts Festival, Downtown Delaware, **OH** 43015

05/10 Larry Stephenson; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p

05/24 The Wood Pickers; Woodlands Tavern, 1200 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-299-4987 6p free

05/11 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Golden Key Lounge, 1435 Oxford Trenton Rd, Oxford, **OH** 45056 9p-1a 513-461-3560 free

05/24 The Wayfarers; Rambling House Soda, 310 E Hudson St, Columbus, **OH** 43202 614-468-3415

05/11 Joe & Connie Williams; COBA, 7798 Big Walnut Rd, Westerville, **OH** 43082-9407 7p

05/24-26 Dark Star Jubilee a largely acoustic event, Legend Valley, 10466 Jacksontown Rd, Thornville, **OH** 43076

05/11 The Band of Kellys; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p

05/25 Diamond Ridge; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 5p

05/13 Joe Mullins; La Comedia, 765 W Central Ave., Springboro, **OH** 45066 937-746-4554 7p

05/31 Gipson & Fitz; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

05/17 Tom Ewing & Friends; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

05/31-06/01 Illrd Tyme Out, Flatt Lonesome, Doyle Lawson, Michael Cleveland, Newtown, David Parmley, Gary Strong, Kepp Road Boys, Hammetown, Cantrell Family; Clermont Fairgrounds, 1000 Locust St, Owensville, **OH** 45160 G. Strong 859-992-5775

Ohio

1st 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

2nd Sat Central Ohio Bluegrass Assoc., Grace Chapel Church, 7798 Big Walnut Rd., Westerville, **OH** 43082 jam: 5:45-7p bands 7p (Nov. - May)

2nd Sun April 14 Classic Country & bluegrass jam Rockford Community Building, 420 N Holly Lane, Rockford, **OH** 45882 1:30-??p 419-363-3794

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

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

Last Fri. Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci Brewing, 1445 Compton Rd, Cincinnati, **OH** 45231 7-9p 513-832-1422 (March thru Oct)

05/01 Chain Station; Woodlands Tavern, 1200 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-299-4987 6p free

05/03 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Butler County Coon Hunters Club, 200 Warwick Rd, Hamilton, **OH** 45013 7-9p 513-410-3625

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):** _____



Advance Camping package

An advance camping package is available that bundles one weekend ticket and the three festival weekend days camping (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) as a package for \$65: a savings of \$15. Additional camping days, and member or non-member tickets can be purchased at the gate. The advance camping package will be available until May 1 for the Memorial Day Festival.

Those who camp and do not purchase the advanced camping package pay for weekend tickets and 3 days week-end camping at the gate. Camping prior to Friday of the festival is \$15/day. There is no additional electric charge.

Please send \$65 check to NIBGA Camping, 5034 Wapiti, Fort Wayne, IN 46804. Include your name, address, contact information and a SASE. Or, instead of a check, you can send your payment with paypal to [paypal.me/NIBGA](https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/NIBGA) (be sure to use Friends & Family so there is no charge to NIBGA or you). In return you will receive a voucher that can be used at the festival gate.



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" to get your discount
20# tanks are \$12 +tax
30# tanks are just \$15 + tax.
Honey Wagon service at the festival is \$15.
TaylorRentalUSA.com Ph.# 260.925.3000



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