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## President's Corner



We have had a few nice days but there has been a lot of rain in our area. The rain seems to make everything grow including the grass.

The sunny days make us yearn for camping and outdoor Bluegrass music which is just around the corner at Kendallville, IN, May 23-26.

Last month we mentioned Chris Steiner's work in building a data base of the past couple of years of non-member campers. We sent more than 440 flyers by mid-April so those non-members would be informed of the advance camping package. While looking at that data base, we wondered what states home addresses were from. We were very surprised as not only were they from the surrounding Tri-State but also NH, NY, PA, NC, FL, TN, KY, CO, MO, TX, AZ, NM and Canada. This list does not include those who motel or are members.

The festival is attracting people far and wide bringing money into Noble County over a 10 day period. Let the merchants know you are at the Bluegrass festival by wearing Bluegrass shirts or hats. Don't be surprised if the locals don't know Bluegrass is in town.

The NIBGA Facebook page is growing in popularity. Due to a sudden problem with his mandolin, Jim C. needed to acquire a new one quickly. A post was created, was seen by 1,322, shared, and received 15 comments related to his getting a mandolin. Another post about the Thursday festival drive-in show has 2,942 views and

Kids Academy has 3,216. Is this why the Best Western only has 3 available rooms as of 5/8? If you want a motel room be sure and ask for the Bluegrass discount!

Our publicist, Julie Goldsmith has created Facebook events for our two festival and has been spreading the word on several web sites. There have been a lot of negative comments about Facebook in general but it seems to be working for our club. Drop by <https://tinyurl.com/yxr6zcoq> or search for Kendallville Bluegrass on Facebook and have a look.

The club is a 501c3 non-profit and all are unpaid volunteers. Some have met over the cold winter months planning for the two summer festivals the club produces. To be successful, NIBGA needs your volunteer help. Key areas are gate volunteers for a couple of hours per shift, stage setup early in the festival week and tear down at festival end. There will be Kids Korner on Saturday morning that needs parents or friends to help youngsters with various activities. Your help is needed in making the grounds after the festival look like we were not even there. It takes a lot of hands to make everything run smoothly. Consider being one of those volunteers who are a part of a great event.

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

Jim Winger, President

## BUZZ on the Bands



It has been over ten years since Michael Cleveland has been to the Tri-State festival, and we are certainly excited that this native Hoosier will be making his long-overdue return to our lineup this fall. When he last appeared here, he was already a bluegrass icon, recognized not only as one of the (and possibly THE) best fiddle players in the world, but also as a top-notch bandleader fielding one of the hottest groups of pickers in bluegrass (and possibly in the entire MUSIC world).

Ten years ago, he had already traveled as a member of Dale Ann Bradley and Coon Creek and Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, with whom he won the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Entertainer of the Year award. He had already won the IBMA Instrumental Album of the Year award three times: in 2002, for his solo album, *Flame Keeper*; in 2004 for *Tom Adams and Michael Cleveland Live at the Ragged Edge*; and in 2006 for *Let 'Er Go, Boys!*. He had won the IBMA Fiddle Player of the Year Award **five** times and received a Grammy nomination for his contribution to *A Tribute to Jimmy Martin: The King of Bluegrass*.

Since that earlier appearance, he has gone on to further cement his position among the bluegrass elite by winning Fiddle Player of the Year **six more** times. His band, *Flame Keeper*, won the Instrumental Group of the Year award in 2010, and he received another Grammy nomination in 2018 for his album, *Fiddler's Dream*. His collaboration credits read like a definitive list of bluegrass legends.

The personnel in *Flame Keeper* has, of course, changed over the past ten years, as we have seen greats like Jesse Brock and Tom Adams move on to other endeavors. However, like all truly great bandleaders, Michael has kept a top-notch outfit, both vocally and instrumentally, and the current lineup is no exception. Nathan Livers on mandolin, Jasiah Shrode on banjo;

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## 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

## Buzz on Bands (cont)

Josh Richards on guitar; and Tyler Griffith on string bass are each recognized among the finest in bluegrass on his instrument. Nathan, Josh, and Tyler join with Michael in delivering up the powerful vocal work.

Michael will be headlining the program in the fall, and we will also have nine other great bands appearing, including the Po' Ramblin' Boys, Breaking Grass, Nu Blu, and Dave Adkins. I'll share some notes on the other bands in the June and July newsletters.

*Joe Steiner*

## 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, Indy, 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> Mon** Old Time Jam, 3 Rivers Grocery, 1612 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 6:30-8:30p 260-445-3348
- 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs.** Wakarusa Jamboree, Schmidt Furniture Co., 903 Nelson's Parkway, Wakarusa, IN 46573 6:30-9p 574-862-2200 (June - August)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sat** Contra Dance, 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church, 215 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Goshen, IN 46526; 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon** mostly Irish jam; J K O'Donnell'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 -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> Sat** Gospel open Mic and Jam, Church of the Nazarene 506 N. Main Street Columbia City, IN 46725 260-213-3142 2-4:30p Ray 260-213-3142
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri.** Jam, City Hall, 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 year around (317) 758-5201
- 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> Wed.** Jam; Legion, 1122 N Main St, Roanoke, IN 46783 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
- 05/29-06/01** Bluegrastronauts, Dan Andree, Chicago Farmer, Mama Said String, Tim O'Brien, Two High String, Barbaro, Armchair Boogie; Rumpke Mountain Boys, Whiskey Bent Valley Boys, White Lightning Boys, Sam Bush, New Old Cavalry, Fireside Collective, Special Consensus, Chris Dollar, Larry Keel Experience, Flatland Harmony Experiment, Benny Burle Galloway, Laurie Lewis, Betty Harford, Vince Herman, Vince Herman, Strung Like A Horse, Bumper Jacksons, JigJam, Frank & Allie Lee, The Sweet Lillies, Della Mae, Mighty Pines, Glade City Rounders, Still Shine, Ernie Hill-Story Songs, Joe's Truck Stop, Great American Taxi, Tillers, Ragged Union, Way Down Wanderers, Wayfarers, Jaik Willis, Whispering Willows, Wood & Wire; John Hartford Fest., Bean Blossom, 5163 N SR 135, Morgantown, IN 46160-8898 camping: 812-988-6422 30 amp \$25/day
- 06/01** Blue Holler Band; Southgate crossing Pioneer Days, Elkhart, IN
- 06/07-08** Michael Cleveland, Becky Buller, Kim Robins, Whiskey Bent Valley Boys, Ned Luberecki; Happy Valley Bluegrass Festival, 5104 Schwegman Road, Batesville, IN 47006

- 06/08-16** Seldom Scene, Cleverlys, Flatt Lonesome, Rodney Dillard, Quebe Sisters, Malpass Bros., Blue Highway, Russell Moore, Sister Sadie, Grascals, Phil Leadbetter w/ Claire Lynch, Bobby Osborne, Becky Buller, Joe Mullins, Ralph Stanley II, Larry Cordle, Michael Cleveland, Sideline, Alan Bibey, Original Wildfire Reunion, Kenny & Amanda Smith, Steve Gulley, Terry Baucom, Po' Ramblin Boys, Chris Jones, Special Consensus, David Parmley, Flashback, Highland Travelers, Highroad, Jr Sisk, Clay Hess, Rickey Wasson, Jeff Parker; Bean Blossom, 5163 N SR 135, Morgantown, IN 46160-8898 8 days \$265, 30 amp \$25/day
- 06/15** Dyer Switch Band; Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, IN 47030
- 06/16** Blue Holler Band; Mint Festival, N. Judson, IN 46366 1:30-2:30P CST 574-292-0041
- 06/16** Blue Holler Band; Potawatomi Wildlife Park, SR 331, Tippecanoe, IN 46570 6-8p EDT 574-292-0041
- 06/17** Audie Blaylock mandolin basics workshop, Kim's Korner Music, 211 N Jackson St, Auburn, IN 46706 260-33-0887 6p
- 06/20** Blue Holler; St. Patrick's Park, 50651 Laurel Rd, S. Bend, IN 46637 5:30-7:30p EST 574-292-0041

### Michigan

- Every Sun.** OPEN MIC WITH THE ORPHANS Coldwater American Legion, Coldwater MI 49046 260-242-8553 2-6p free

## Upcoming Events, continued

**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

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo, MI 6:30-8pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thur** jam; Elderly, 1100 N Washington, Lansing, MI 48906 517-372-7880 6-8:30p

**Last Wed** jam; Boatyard Brewing Company, 432 E. Paterson St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269-226-0300 7-?p

**06/07** Larry Stephenson; Music In The Meadow-Bear Creek Nature Park, 740 W Snell Rd, Rochester, MI 48306

**06/08** Missy Raines, David Luning, Jen Sygit, Olivia Maines and the Aquatic Troupe, Matt Bliton Band; Pumpstock Festival of American Roots Music, Bailey Park, 300 Bailey St, East Lansing, MI 48823 517-927-2100 2-8p \$10 donation, kids free

**06/20-22** Doyle Lawson, Lonesome River Band, Russell Moore, Clay Hess, New Outlook, Harbourtown, New County Grass, Sugar Creek, Full Cord, Crabgrass, Vernon McIntyre; Charlotte BGF, Eaton Fairgrounds, 1025 S. Cochran, Charlotte, MI 48813 269-832-5519 Adv. 6/1

**06/28-29** Classy & Grassy, Steel & Wood, Heart to Heart, Uncle

Betty, Kari Ann & Lost Creek, Blue Water Ramblers, Ellen Beam & Friends Band, WMBMA Board Band; WMBMA BGF Fairgrounds. 225 S. Hudson St, Lowell, MI 49331

### 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

**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 year around

**Weds.** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45252 513-385-9309 Call to confirm

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

**06/01** Nothin' Fancy; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E Main St. Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p

**06/02** Tom Ewing & Friends; Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church Str, Pickerington, OH 43147 614-834-9595 7-10p

**06/05-08** Nothin' Fancy, Johnny & Jeanette Williams, Matt & Deanna Efaw, David Davis, Williams Branch, Vern McIntyre, Reno & Herrell, Kody Norris Show, Remmington Ryde,

Moron Brothers, Hammertown, Larry Gillis, David Parmley, Garrett Newton & Loraine Jordan, Ralph Stanley II, Baker Family, Junior Sisk, Nu-Blu, Rhonda Vincent, Tommy Sells, Little Roy & Lizzy Show, Larry Stephenson, the Malpass Brothers, Dave Adkins, Mickey's Mountain Pickers; Mickey's Mountain, 88101 Ford Rd, Hopedale, OH 43976 740-391-5631

**06/07** Doyle Lawson; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 7p

**06/07** Achill Crossing; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

**06/07-08** Dale Ann Bradley, Turning Ground, Evans Brothers, Wilson Banjo Co, King James Boys; Elm Grove Days, Elm Grove FD, 90 Elm Grove Hill Rd, Piketon, OH 45661

**06/09** Mike Gorrell; Velvet Ice Cream Co., 11324 Mt Vernon Rd, Utica, OH 43080 2pm

**06/10** Sugar Creek; Mayor's Concert, 36 E Canal St, Newark, OH 43055 7p

**06/11** The Wayfarers; Public Library, 1685 W First Ave, Grandview Heights, OH 43212 7:30p

**06/13-14** Little Roy & Lizzy, The Wayfarers; Washboard Festival, Downtown Logan, OH 43138

**06/13-15** SBJ House Band, Diamond Ridge, Randy Murphy, Sawmill Ridge, Bobby Maynard, Open Rail, Evan Lanier, Little Roy & Lizzy, Lonesome Meadow, Larry Sparks, Slate Ridge, Open Highway, The Hamiltons, Out of Mind, Sideline; SBJ Fest, 21748 Deercreek Rd, Mount Sterling, OH 43143

### 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): \_\_\_\_\_

**06/21** Wood Pickers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

**06/22** 3 Rivers Bluegrass Band; Coshocton Village Inn, 115 N. Water St., Coshocton, OH 43812 7p

**06/22** Sugar Creek; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p

**06/23** Alison Krauss, Old Crow Medicine Show, more; Outlaw Music Festival, Nationwide Arena, 200 W Nationwide Blvd, Columbus, OH 43215 begins @ 2:30p

**06/23** The Wood Pickers; Norwich Street, Hilliard, OH 43026 7-8:15p

**06/27** The Wayfarers; Pomerene Arts Center, 317 Mulberry Street, Coshocton, OH 43812 740-622-0326 6p

**06/28** Sugar Creek; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p

**06/28-30** The Travelin' McCoury's, Sierra Hull, Sugar Creek, Grassinine, The Wooks, more; Clear Fork Adventure Resort, 341 Resort Drive, Butler, OH 44822

**06/29** Town Mountain, Restless Leg String, String Therapy, Shelf Life String, Sour Mash String, Charlie Woods & Deep Hollow, Moonshine Crossing, Candy Ass Mountain Boys,

Coal Cave Hollow Boys, Paul Wao & Friends, Knockin' Spirits; Riverfront in Ironton, OH 45638 11a 740-550-2002 Free

**06/29** Marteka & William; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 5p

**06/29** Sawmill Ridge; Flea Market, 7763 OH-73, Wilmington, OH 45177 Noon-3p

**06/30** Northwest Territory; Amphitheater, 51211 N Ridge Rd, Vermilion, OH 44089 440-967-7310 6:30p

## Makin' Plans

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.

Honey Wagon service at the festival is \$15.

TaylorRentalUSA.com Ph.# 260.925.3000



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Next NIBGA Jam - October 20, 2019