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## President's Corner - Joe Steiner



As I write this, I am looking at a dusting of snow outside my door. It's actually kind of pretty, but I surely won't be sad to see it melt away as we get ready to start picking outside again soon. I sure love the spring, when things start coming to life: the flowers start to bloom and the leaves start appearing on the trees to turn the cold, brown colors to a bright, happy green.

I see this as analogous to our Tri-State bluegrass festival, as we go from research and working behind the scenes to watching the festival actually take shape and making the decisions which will define this year's event.

I am happy to say that we have a great lineup of bands again this year, and I'm really looking forward to seeing them in person on our stage. There have been and will be notes about the bands in the newsletters. You will recognize some of these as favorites from previous years, and others will be new this year. As always, our selection was driven by our goal of providing a varied lineup so that we have something for everyone, from the pre-bluegrass old timey, through the "traditional" bluegrass replicating the sounds of the 1940s and 1950s, and on to the progressive where bands explore the boundaries of our music.

We received many suggestions for bands and are very grateful for the input. Please keep your suggestions coming – they are very much appreciated! We can't always act immediately on them, for various reasons, including scheduling and budgetary concerns, but they are all strongly considered. Often, recommendations will work out when we are putting the lineups together for future years.

As I mentioned last time, please remember that NIBGA is an association, made up of volunteers that care deeply about the bluegrass genre and its continuance. It takes all of us working together to accomplish our mission of furthering bluegrass music. Each person has his/her own strengths and interests.

We are blessed to have a strong and diverse collection of talents within our organization! Below I have listed the Directors and Chairpersons of our organization. I have done this for two reasons. First, I want to recognize these folks for their contributions, and secondly, I want to let you know whom to contact to offer assistance or constructive input.

If you would like to be on a committee, or have an inclination to help out in any way, please reach out to us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/KendallvilleBluegrass](http://www.facebook.com/KendallvilleBluegrass)), via email at [PRES@NIBGA.com](mailto:PRES@NIBGA.com) or [VP@NIBGA.com](mailto:VP@NIBGA.com), or by phone at 260-918-4790 which rings in to both the Vice President and the President. You can text at 419-721-8016. Please, please share your thoughts and comments with us. An association is only as good as its

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Here is the "buzz" on two more bands that will be performing at the Memorial Day Festival:

The **Caney Creek** band hails from northwest Ohio. They have been around since 2008, and they specialize in a very tight, hard-driving sound. Over the last few years, they have seen some personnel changes, but they have maintained a solid traditional bluegrass foundation throughout. Banjo player and leader Stacy Wilcox has been a cornerstone of this outfit, along with the solid support of co-founder Chris Smith, guitarist and lead singer.

Mandolinist Curtis Oyler adds a definite spark, with his powerful, syncopated mandolin work. Rounding out the ensemble are a husband and wife team who will be familiar to Tri-State attendees from their previous appearance with Out of Mind Bluegrass. Brandon and Lisa Fox are both rock solid on guitar and bass, respectively.

This fine group clicks together, with the solid drive of a southbound freight train. They have an energetic, enthusiastic approach, with top-notch performances both vocally and instrumentally.

**JT and Thunderhill** are from northwestern Ohio, and the "JT" in their name stands for Julie Theroux, who is their rhythm guitarist and lead singer. She heads up this fine group and is pretty much as steeped in folk music as you can get. Since 2017, she has been a member of the 1960's folk group, the New Christy Minstrels, and she still performs with them when the opportunity arises.

She currently has a solid lineup of musicians in the group, with the very versatile John Barile on mandolin and Doran Wells, a true driver who brings a lot of creative energy, on banjo. Isaac Snyder handles the lead guitar work, while Wes Linenkugel plays bass. Wes is familiar to some from his hammered dulcimer playing, which is definitely on the energetic side, and he approaches his bass playing with a similar level of enthusiasm.



## Upcoming Events

It is great to see so many events starting to happen again. However, please call ahead to make sure it is still on before you travel a distance.

### INDIANA

**1<sup>st</sup> Thurs** Wakarusa Bluegrass Jambo-ree, Northwood Middle School, 301 N. Elkhart St, Wakarusa, **IN** 46573 574-862-2200 6:30-9p free

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs.** Emery Lee Building, Beulah Park, 400 E. 4th St., Alexandria, **IN** 46001 6-9p

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun** Northern Ind. Bluegrass jam & meeting, SW Conservation Club, 5703 Bluffton Rd, Fort Wayne, **IN** 46809 noon-6p. free, all welcome, acoustic only instruments, food & beverages available

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun** Indiana Friends of Bluegrass, Concord Community Center, (southside of Indy) 1310 S. Meridian St. Indianapolis, **IN** 46225 indianafriendsofbluegrass@yahoo.com

**Last Fri** Boardwalk Jam, Ben's Pretzels, 100 Berkshire Dr, Shipshewana **IN** 46565-8757 6:30p year around

**4/03** Central Indiana BGA jams Hontz Hall, 307 E South H St, Gas City, **IN** 46933 765-674-5117 noon-??

**04/09** Vern McIntyre & Appalachian Grass; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, **IN** 47030 MetamoraMusic@gmail.com

**04/23** Backwoods Bluegrass; Hayden Bluegrass Music, 6715 W. County Rd 20 S, N Vernon, **IN** 47265 6 PM

**04/23** Larry Sparks; Roberts Memorial Building, 2900 N Park Rd, Connersville, **IN** 47331 7:30p \$30

### MICHIGAN

**every Weds.** jam with Ron Hammon, Moose, 4043 Howe Rd, Grand Blanc, **MI** 48439 6:30-9p  
Ron - 810-309-0032

**every Sun.** Bob's Barn Jamborees, 1417 Johnson St., Lake Odessa, **MI** 48849 616-374-8205 3-4p show, 4:30-7p jam  
bobwarner40@gmail.com

**1<sup>st</sup> Sat** Manton Jamboree, Ranger room, Manton HS, 105 5th St, Manton, **MI** 6-9p  
lwestbrook17@hotmail.com

**1<sup>st</sup> Tues** Presbyterian Village 32001 Cherry Hill Road

Westland, **MI** 48135 313-617-4864 7-9:30p Wendy House  
whause@frontier.com

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sat** Maumee Street Music Jam, First Presbyterian Church, 156 E. Maumee, Adrian, **MI** 49221 6p, use east side door, snack bar, Mullins 517-607-8085  
Church 517-265-2168

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tues** Presbyterian Village 32001 Cherry Hill Road Westland, **MI** 48135 313-617-4864 7-:30p Wendy House,  
whause@frontier.com

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sat** West MI Bluegrass, Aiden's Place, 42 E Lake St, Sand Lake, **MI** 49343 616-419-6713 1p

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun** Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, **MI** 48917 2-5p \$5 donation  
517-505-2809

**4<sup>th</sup> Sat** Michigan Bluegrass Assoc., Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr., Flint, **MI** 48506 6p 810 736-5332

**04/20** Yonder Mountain String Band, Bridge Band, Flint River Outfit; The Capitol Theatre, 140 E 2nd St, Flint, **MI** 48502 8p 810-237-7333

**04/21** Larry Sparks; Kentuckians, 28391 Bredow Ave., Romulus, **MI** 48174 7:30p \$25 734-262-9017

**04/24** Calabogie Road; Cabin Fever Concert Series, Presbyterian Church, 200 Cutler St Allegan, **MI** 49010 2-4p

### OHIO

**Every Tues** - FOMC jam, 1196 Ross Millville Rd, Millville, **OH** 45013 7-9p 419-568-1220

**Every Thur** - Open Bluegrass Jam; Bluegrass Picking Circle, Rambling House, 310 N Hudson St, Columbus **OH** 43202 614-468-3217 6-8p free

**Every Sat.** Dry Creek Cafe, 201 Columbus Rd, Mt Vernon, **OH** 43050 8-10p free, food available  
740-830-6083

**04/01** Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers; Methodist Church, 207 S. Court St., Marysville, **OH** 43040 937-642-4712 7p

**04/01** Junior Sisk, Three Rivers Band; Pennyroyal Opera House, Exit 198 off I-70, Fairview, **OH** 43736  
Doors open at 5. Music begins at 7

**04/02** Berachah Valley; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

**04/06** The Mighty Troubadors; Natalie's Coal Fired Pizza, 5601 N. High St, Worthington, **OH** 43085 9:30p 614-436-COAL  
Seating 7:30p Music 8p

**04/08** Kenny Stinson & Perfect Timin', Bean Boys; Pennyroyal Opera House, Exit 198 off I-70, Fairview, **OH** 43736 Doors open at 5. Music begins at 7 pm.

**04/09** Pinnacle Ridge; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

**04/13** Bela Fleck & The Flecktones; Southern Theater, 21 E Main St, Columbus, **OH** 43215 7:30 pm

**04/16** The Bluegrass Mountaineers, Remington Ryde; Town Hall, SR 44 & SR 303 in Shalersville, **OH** Doors open at 6. Music begins at 7

**04/21** Slocan Ramblers; Natalie's Coal Fired Pizza, 5601 N. High St, Worthington, **OH** 43085 9:30p 614-436-COAL Seating 7:30p Music 8p

**04/22** Larry Sparks; Marysville Methodist Church, 207 S. Court St., Marysville, **OH** 43040 937-642-4712 7:00p

**04/22** Lonesome River Band, Almost Famous; Pennyroyal Opera House, Exit 198 off I-70, Fairview, **OH** 43736 Doors open at 5, music at 7

**04/22** Berachah Valley; Bell Hop Café, 26 N. West Street, Bellbrook, **OH** 45305 7p 937-310-1223

**04/23** Rhonda Vincent & the Rage; Amish Country Theater, 4365 SR. 39, Berlin, **OH**

**04/28** Dailey & Vincent; Ohio Star Theater, 1387 SR 39, Sugarcreek, **OH** 44681-7666 330-275-9006 7p

**04/30** Mark Whitt & Truegrass; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

## President's Column - continued

members, and we are blessed to have the collective knowledge and experience of so many! If you would like to be on a committee, please get in contact with us.

### Board Directors, Chairs & Committees

President	Joe Steiner	Publicity	Julie Winger
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## Over Jordan

Jack Davis, 85, passed away February 20, 2022 after an extended battle with cancer.



Jack was the long time President of Central Indiana Bluegrass Assoc. His club held a number of festivals at the Converse, IN fairgrounds. He was a part of the founding of Northern Indiana Bluegrass in 1976 and it is said that he was our 6<sup>th</sup> member. He attended a number of our festivals and was a long time club member.

He was an active participant in the SPBGMA roundtable Bluegrass Club meetings in Nashville, TN where he and I would trade stories about running a Bluegrass event. After his role in Central, he is probably best known for his long support of the Bill Monroe festival at BeanBlossom. At that festival one year, Jack saved a man's life who was having a heart attack by performing CPR. He had a friend for life after that.

Jack had a gift of gab and loved to talk about everything from Bluegrass, his hunting dogs, friends, fishing and hunting.

His wife, Gray, passed in April 2021. He is survived by two brothers.

(contributed by Jim Winger, Vice President)



## 2022 Patron T-Shirts!



Please consider supporting your favorite bluegrass festival by becoming a

**2022 Patron.** For a \$100 donation, you will receive a family membership for the 2022 year (which entitles you to discounted tickets for the festival and newsletters through April 2023), a special edition 2022 Patron T-Shirt, and your name listed on all donor publications and announcements. You can sign up to be a Patron on the regular renewal form published below.

**As a "Thank you" to the renewing Patrons from 2021, they will receive their 2nd t-shirt free when they renew.** Patrons help keep NIBGA afloat and guarantee the survival of bluegrass in the tri-state area for the future. Thank you for your support!!

Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association is a 501 (c)(3) organization and contributions are tax-deductible to the extent provided in the Internal Revenue Code.

### NIBGA 2022-2023 Membership Form a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit [www.BluegrassUSA.net](http://www.BluegrassUSA.net)

● Due by May 1, 2022\* ● NIBGA - 5255 E. 5000 N Rd, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 ● ph: 260-918-4790 ● email: DF22@nibga.com

\* Memberships expire April 30, 2023

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes: e-Mail mine:** \_\_\_\_\_ No, snail mail it \_\_\_\_\_ Canada: snail mail (1 or 2) \$15, e-Mailed(1) \$10/(2) \$15

New: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Single: \_\_\_\_\_ \$5 ea addl same address 16 & older \_\_\_\_\_

### OR TO BE A PATRON (includes dues and one T-shirt)

I want to be a 2022 Patron and support the club: \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL

Additional 2022 Patron T-shirt: \$ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL

**OR** For renewing 2021 Patrons - T-shirt : FREE \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL

Patron name(s) as it should appear on recognition board: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly)

Please remember to thank these people for their support of Bluegrass in the Tri-State area. These are the Patrons that helped to keep our club afloat for the last two years when we couldn't have festivals. Not all heros wear tights and capes!

Wayne Boltz	Anita Moran	Joe & Chris Steiner	Paul & Barbara Welch
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