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## President's Corner - Joe Steiner



As I write these words, I am looking forward to the Memorial Day Tri-State Bluegrass Festival in just a few weeks. We've got a great lineup, and I'm sure everyone will have a great time watching the show, picking, and visiting. As we start the festival season, I'd like to thank all the members who have kept our club going through the years, and I'd like to send out a special thanks to our loyal patrons

over the last 3 years, and our current ones who are listed in this newsletter. I'd also like to remind you that there are no paid staff at the festival or in the club. Everything is done by volunteers. If you would be interested in helping out, please stop by the gate or the merchandise table. We are always in need of personnel to help out at the gate or drive taxis during the festival.

See you at Kendallville in a few weeks. I can't wait!

## BUZZ on the Bands

In the previous two newsletters we highlighted four of the bands. Here's the "buzz" on the remaining bands appearing at the Memorial Day Festival.

The **Dead Pickers Society** hosted our monthly jam session at the Southwest Conservation Club in February, and they were a big hit. They will be close to home at the Tri-State Festival, since they are from Fort Wayne. They keep things pretty traditional, although they do mix things up a bit occasionally and stretch the limits. At Tri-State, they will be featuring special guest Gracie Mae Grossman on fiddle, and Gracie will also be doing a fiddle workshop for us on Saturday.

**Bahler's Golden Age Band** hails from our own back door in northwest Indiana. The "Golden Age" in their name is in homage to rural music at the roots of Bluegrass; Brother Duets, Early Country music, Western Swing, and Gospel. They feature Brad Bahler on mandolin, Brad's sons John and David on guitar and fiddle, and Brad's wife Karen on upright bass. Being largely a family band, they place special emphasis on vocal harmony, and they offer an entertaining show that takes the audience through a nice variety of traditional music. Alec Hurtubise rounds out the group on banjo. Members of BGAB will conduct Mandolin and Harmony Singing workshops on Saturday.

I don't know why **Steve Scott and the Scott Bros** have not appeared on the Tri-State stage more often! It's obvious that Steve is a good partner for NIBGA, supporting bluegrass music by running the Bluegrass Opry Barn shows in Continental, Ohio and the Van Wert County bluegrass festival. It's also obvious that Steve knows and understands bluegrass music. He is usually seen on stage with a guitar but is a multi-instrumentalist who could cover several of the bluegrass instruments.

## BUZZ on the Bands, cont.

He is also a proud father, featuring his two sons, Steve Jr. and Brian, on banjo and mandolin, respectively. Steve and sons are joined by Izzy Daniels on string bass.

**My Brother's Keeper** is from the Cincinnati Ohio area, and specializes in the more progressive approach to bluegrass, drawing inspiration from diverse genres including rock, southern gospel, and swing. The group consists of brothers Benjamin, Titus, and Joshua Luckhaupt on guitar, mandolin, and fiddle respectively, with Wyatt "Sawmill" Murray completing the ensemble on string bass. They feature four-part family harmonies supporting soulful and expressive lead vocals, and they have some nice original material.

**Lafferty Pike** hails from southwestern Ohio and specializes in bluegrass in the traditional vein. The group consists of four sisters, Harmony, Leslie, Gemma, and Rue Arnedt, along with their mother, Lorie, on string bass. They can turn up the drive when fitting, but they also have a nice touch on the more reflective material, featuring some nice sibling harmonies.

**7 mile Bluegrass** has been around since 2004 and hails from Frankfort Ohio. They enjoy a strong local and regional following in central Ohio. Over the years they have cultivated a hard-driving, traditional sound, but they don't lean on the standards -- they feature a lot of original material which falls right in line with their "old-school" groove and sounds uncannily as if it came from the first generation bluegrassers. Led by Billy Self, guitar player and singer, their name was inspired by the distance the founding members needed to travel for practice. Ron Payton leads the drive on the five, and he gets plenty of support from Tyler Payton who is rock solid on string bass. Rounding out the ensemble are Scotty Adkins, mandolin, and Shirley Seim, fiddle.

**Out of the Blue** has made several appearances at the festival over the past few years, and they have always been

## Upcoming Events

### INDIANA

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs** Wakarusa Bluegrass Jamboree, 574-862-2200 6:30-9p Free. Baugo Church of the Brethren, 64051 C.R. 1, Wakarusa, **IN** 46573
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs.** Emery Lee Building, Beulah Park Jam, 400 E. 4th St., Alexandria, **IN** 46001 6-9p
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri** Winamac Bluegrass Jam, American Legion, 110 Franklin St., Winamac, **IN** 46996  
Tom 574-205-2274 7-10p
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun** Northern Ind. Bluegrass jam & meeting, SW Conservation Club, 5703 Bluffton Rd, Fort Wayne, **IN** 46809 noon-6p free, acoustic only instruments, food & beverages
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun** Indiana Friends of Bluegrass, Concord Community Center, 1310 S. Meridian St. Indianapolis, **IN** 46225 indianafriendsofbluegrass@yahoo.com
- Last Fri** Boardwalk Jam, Ben's Pretzels, 100 Berkshire Dr, Shippshewana, **IN** 46565-8757  
6:30p year around
- 05/21** Sassafras Grass; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, **IN** 47030  
MetamoraMusic@gmail.com

**05/26-30** Dry Branch Fire Squad, Hogslop String Band, Echo Valley, Caney Creek, 7 Mile Bluegrass, Out of the Blue, Bahler's Golden Age, Steve Scott & Scott Bros, Dead Pickers Society, JT & Thunderhill, Suzuki Fiddlers, Brother's Keeper, workshops; Tri-State BGF, 580 N. Fair St., Kendallville, **IN** 46755 Th: drive-in \$0, Fr: \$20, Sa: \$30, Su: \$25, wknd: \$45, kids 15 & under w adult \$0, camp \$15/night w wknd ticket, 3 day min.

### 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> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues** Presbyterian Village 32001 Cherry Hill Road Westland, **MI** 48135 7-9:30p Wendy Hause, whause@frontier.com 313-617-4864
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat** Maumee Street Music Jam, First Presbyterian Church, 156 E. Maumee, Adrian, **MI** 49221 6p, snack bar, Mullins 517-607-8085, Church 517-265-2168
- 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
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat** Michigan Bluegrass Assoc., Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr., Flint, **MI** 48506 6p 810 736-5332
- 05/25** Yonder Mountain String Band; The Deck, 1601 Beach St, Muskegon, **MI** 49441 7p 231-755-5022

### OHIO

- Every Tues** - FOMC jam, 1196 Ross Millville Rd, Millville, **OH** 45013 7-9p 419-568-1220
- Weds.** 05/04, 11, 18, 25 Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 513-832-1422 free, food available 6:30-8:30p
- Every Thursday** Open Bluegrass Jam; Bluegrass Picking Circle, Rambling House, 310 N Hudson St, Columbus **OH** 43202 614-468-3217 6-8p free, acoustic, no mics
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday** Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 513-832-1422 free, food available 7-9p
- Every Sat.** Dry Creek Cafe, 201 Columbus Rd, Mt Vernon, **OH** 43050 8-10p free, food available 740-830-6083
- 05/01** Wayfarers; Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church St, Pickerington, **OH** 43147 614-834-9595 4-6 pm
- 05/06** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Butler County BGA., Community Center, 5113 Huston Rd, Collinsville, **OH** 45004 7-9p free, dinners available
- 05/06** Calabogie Road, Jim & Bailey; Pennyroyal Opera House, Exit 198 off I-70, Fairview, OH. Doors open at 5. Music begins at 7p
- 05/07** Calabogie Road; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938
- 05/07** New Mountain Heritage; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 05/07-08** MANY BANDS! See BluegrassUSA.net for full listing. Appalachian Festival, 2022 Mother's Day Weekend • Rain or Shine Coney Island, Cincinnati, **OH**
- 05/07** Bluenote; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p
- 05/13** Higher Vision, Frosty Morning; Pennyroyal Opera House, Exit 198 off I-70, Fairview, **OH** 7p
- 05/14** Open Rail; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 05/14** Carter Bridge; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767:30 pm
- 05/14** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Hamilton's Urban Backyard, 501 Main St., Hamilton, **OH** 45013 7-10p free 513-893-9482
- 05/14** 7 Mile Bluegrass; American Legion, 53 West Main Street, Chillicothe, **OH** 45601 7-9 pm
- 05/20** The Malpass Brothers; Methodist Church, 207 S. Court St, Marysville, **OH** 43040 7p
- 05/21** Fenced In; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 05/21** Buck and Company, Lost & Lonesome Like Father, Like Son; Town Hall, SR 44 & SR 303 Shalersville, **OH** 44266 7P
- 05/21** New Mountain Heritage; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30 pm.
- 05/27** The Woodpickers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 05/27-29** MANY BANDS! See BluegrassUSA.net for full listing. Mitch & Cindy's Bluegrass Festival, Fairgrounds, 899 Everett Hull Rd., Cortland, **OH** 44410 330-770-9511

## 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!!

## Buzz on Bands - continued

well received. They are sounding their best ever now, with the addition of the soulful voice of Donnie Voiles. Donnie is unmistakable, and he joined a group that has top talent in every corner with banjo player Dave Conley Jr, hot flatpicker Dave Conley Sr, and rock solid bassist Jeff Lawless. They are now also joined on mandolin by Chris Martin, who has appeared at Tri-State with several groups. They do a great job all around on the instrumentals and put together some nice harmonies around Donnie's fine lead vocals.

The "other" **Echo Valley** is from Western Pennsylvania and is comprised of 7 siblings who grew up playing music on the family farm. Their sound is based on their tight, sibling harmonies which are among the best I have ever heard. Their approach is very expressive and creative, both in arranging and performing. They have some great ideas and they execute them extremely well – their vocals go beyond the definition of "beautiful" and are filled with both power and excitement. The band was formed by sisters Elizabeth, Emily, Isabelle, Olivia, and Emmaline, performing on guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo, and string bass, respectively. They have now been joined by sister Annamae and brother David on mandolin and banjo. **See you in May!**



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● 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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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 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)

Thank you to all of the Patrons that have signed up so far for 2022! These are the fine folks that are instrumental (no pun intended) in keeping Bluegrass alive in the Tri-State area. See the previous page for information on how you can support your bluegrass association. If you don't want to "snail mail" in a check, you can use Paypal and send an email to "treas@NIBGA.com". Remember that a portion of your contribution is tax deductible. When you see these folks, please tell them "thank you!"

Jim Chilton

Dave & Marianne Vogie

Jim & Linda Winger

Joe & Chris Steiner

Ronald Wedekind

Chris Vogie

Stewart E. White

## Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne - October 16, 2022 (closed for summer festivals)



**Don't  
Forget!**

We hope to see you all at the Memorial Day Festival! A weekend ticket is only \$45 (\$40 if you show your membership card). Camping is \$45 for the weekend, and \$15 per night prior to Friday. Many people come for the entire week to relax and jam.

Saturday will feature many workshops, in addition to the great stage shows. Workshops include Mandolin, Fiddle, Guitar (beginner and advanced), Harmony Singing, Kids' Korner, Intermediate Jamming, and more. Sunday morning will again have our Gospel Sing before the music starts.

Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association  
5034 Wapiti Drive  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804-4946

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