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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



The Memorial Day festival is now in the books, and we've started looking forward to the Labor Day festival. I've included notes about some of the bands that will be appearing on the stage over Labor Day elsewhere in this newsletter.

Looking back upon the Memorial Day festival, the second since the world was hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, I recall a lot of good memories. I am always impressed by the folks who take part in this great event: performers, staff, and attendees.

I cannot give enough credit to the wonderful volunteer staff, without whom we could not hold this great event – everyone is ready to pitch in as needed to help and troubleshoot. And, as I have often said, the attendees feel not just like friends, but like family. The camaraderie we feel as bluegrass music fans explains why the band members themselves also feel like friends, even the ones we meet for the first time when they appear for their show at the festival.

As we were preparing for the Memorial Day festival, gas prices spiked to the \$4-\$5 range. We encountered some pretty bad weather reports early in the week of the festival, and those came to fruition pretty much as expected – we experienced a lot of rain on Thursday, lasting pretty much throughout the evening. And, on Friday, the show was ushered in by what seemed to me like torrential downpours, and those rains also continued through the evening.

Despite all this, we had a lot of fun, and there were a lot of folks out jamming once the weather calmed down a bit. The weather outlook and gas prices may have delayed or discouraged some folks from attending, but we still had a nice crowd for all the shows.

I'm really looking forward to Labor Day weekend, and I'll see you there!

Joe Steiner



BUZZ on Fall Bands

The Wayfarers

I don't recall where I first heard about The Wayfarers, although I remember wondering why they hadn't caught my attention earlier. They have been around since 2010, and, as their website states, they play old-time music with "creativity and authenticity". That's hard to do, since creativity often draws musicians away from their original inspiration. In the case of the Wayfarers, though, their creativity lies focused in the genre—I think that's because they really feel old-time music from the heart, so that's the direction their creativity takes them.

In many ways, this group reminds me of the Freight Hoppers and the Highwoods String Band. They haven't spent their time copying anyone's particular style, but they sure have copied the feeling of the old-time string bands, like the Skillet Lickers and the Georgia Wildcats. That earned them an appearance in the PBS television series, "Song of the Mountains" and also on the WWBA Wheeling Jamboree.

No doubt they are creative, but that results in an expressiveness that lies well within the confines of the old-time music, as defined by the musicians that served as their inspiration. They consist of Josh Hartman on guitar, Brandon Bankes on mandolin, Matt Opachick on fiddle, Justin Rayner of banjo, and Nathan Zangmeister on washtub bass. All contribute to the driving sound they produce, sometimes breakneck, sometimes rollicking – I think you'll enjoy them!

Berachah Valley

Berachah Valley was originally formed in spring 2005, and the group was named after the "Valley of Blessing" from II Chronicles 20:26. It has been a while since they last appeared on our stage, nine years to be exact!

They have been busy in the meantime -- the last couple years have been particularly eventful, since they were featured in the 2021 movie, *Mayberry Man*. Since then, they have been touring nationally in conjunction with the movie and other television-related events.

The core of the group is the powerful trio vocal work of Cathy Baker, Michelle Edester, and Leisa Hinkle. Instrumentally, in addition to Cathy on guitar and Michelle on mandolin, the group also features the fine banjo work of Becky Meyers and the creative, driving string bass lines of Larry Collins.

As with any top-notch group of musicians, the resulting sum of all these elements, when added together, is greater than the parts. I'm really looking forward to hearing them live and in person again!



Oh my goodness! I am so humbled by the number of people that have stepped up and said, "yes, I want to help keep bluegrass alive in the Tri-State area. I will be a Patron". Many of these Patrons donated above and beyond the \$100 cost. We also had people walk up to us and give us donations to put towards the association's costs. I am sure that you don't see this type of support in other music genres. Tri-State Bluegrassers are a special breed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support!

Here is our most recent list of Patrons. Please tell them THANK YOU when you see them! If you signed up to be a Patron and don't see your name on this list, please let me know at NEWS@NIBGA.com or call 419-721-8016. Or if you'd LIKE to be a Patron, contact me!

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Festival Updates



We have a winner! Our 50/50 drawing winner is Michele Sallee, wife of Stan Sallee of Blue Holler. She will be taking home \$348! She was presented her check by Elaine Vogie, emcee.

A very special thanks to "Out of the Blue" who performed at TWO nursing homes on the Friday of the festival. NIBGA provides, free of charge to the nursing homes, a bluegrass band performance so that the residents that are no longer able to attend can also enjoy the bluegrass experience that Kendallville offers. *"Just want to say a HUGE thank you for getting the amazing music group to come out to sing for us. It was a great afternoon. I can't tell you how much I appreciate all you do for us here at Sacred Heart. ~ Kimberly"*

They say that it takes a village... and we sure used a village-full of people to assist with the festival this year! ALL VOLUNTEERS! I'm sure I will miss someone, and I apologize in advance. We have so many people that just DO things to help out that we don't even know about - but you are very appreciated!

50/50 sellers - Jay Winger and Alexis Goldsmith

Emcee coordinator - Chris Vogie (and emcees Elaine Vogie, Terry Thacker and Terri Grannis)

Workshop Instructors - Rachel Lehman, Deb DeSteno, Jordan Garrett, Gracie Grossman, Bahler's Golden Age Band.

Jam Leaders - Bryan and Steph Dray

Gospel Sing - Shari Wolf (Buckeye Road Show Crew)

Merchandise & Vendors - Jeannette Young & family

Stage Set-up/Tear Down - Dave & Virgie Buehler, Wayne Boltz, Rachel Lehman, Deb DeSteno, Bryan & Steph Dray, Jim Clay, Jim Miller, Joe & Chris Steiner, Jim Winger, Dave Vogie

Gate Crew - Jim Clay, Ben Crofoot, Mikela Gerkin, Pam Keiper, Jim Miller, Patty Page, Leslie Ellis Skal & Marianne Vogie

Posters/Misc. - Julie Goldsmith, Sandy Tedford

Greenroom/Taxi Crew/Workshop Set-up - Chris Steiner, Rachel Lehman, Shari Wolf

Jam with the Band - 7 Mile Bluegrass Band

Grounds/Maintenance Assistance - Dave Buehler

Bands - Joe & Chris Steiner, Linda Winger

After Show Taxi Shuttles - Jay Winger, Jim Winger, Jim Miller, Joe Steiner, Dave Buehler, Chris Steiner

Pre-Festival Planning - All the board members and committees who put in many hours EVERY month of the year to produce this festival!

And YOU! You helped with a successful festival by being there, by being courteous and friendly to others, and by cleaning up the fairgrounds when you left. **Thank you!**

Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

INDIANA

1st Thurs June, July, Aug: Wakarusa Bluegrass Jamboree, West Park Pavilion, 500 N. Nappanee St., Nappanee, **IN** 46550 6:30-9p

2nd & 4th Thurs. Whiteriver Folk & Bluegrass jam, Emery Lee Building, Beulah Park Jam, 400 E. 4th St., Alexandria, **IN** 46001 6-9p 07/28

3rd Fri Winamac Bluegrass Jam, Amerian Legion, 110 Franklin St., Winamac, **IN** 46996 Tom 574-205-2274 7-10p

3rd 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, Shipshewana, **IN** 46565-8757 6:30p year around 07/29

Every Sat. 6090 S. Oakwood St., N Judson, **IN** 46366 219-878-3123 5:30p CDT

07/16 Punkin Holler Boys; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, **IN** 47030 MetamoraMusic@gmail.com

07/27-30 Eclectic; Hippy Hill Festival, Bill Monroe Park, 5163 IN135, Morgantown, **IN** 46160

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

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

1st & 3rd Tues Presbyterian Village 32001 Cherry Hill Road Westland, **MI** 48135 313-617-4864 7-9:30p Wendy Hause, whause@frontier.com

2nd 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

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

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

3rd Tues Presbyterian Village 32001 Cherry Hill Road Westland, **MI** 7p 313-617-4864

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

07/01 Full Cord; Lake Ann brewing, 6535 First St, Lake Ann, **MI** 49650 616-843-7188 7-10p Free

07/02 Mountain Heart; Ark, 316 S Main St, Ann Arbor, **MI** 48104 734-761-1800 8 pm \$30

07/22-20 Junior Sisk Band, The Caleb Daugherty Band, Bo Isaac Bluegrass, Fast Track, The Kevin Prater Band, New Outlook, Lorraine Jordan & Carolina Road, Larry Efaw and The Bluegrass Mountaineers, The Country Gentlemen Tribute Band, Open Highway Bluegrass, Harbourtown Bluegrass; Marshall Bluegrass Festival, Fairgrounds, 998 Fair St. Marshall **MI** 49068 \$60 all events, camp \$15/day

OHIO

Mon. Slow Bluegrass Jam, Violet Baptist Church, 8345 Blacklick-Eastern Rd NW, Pickerington, **OH** 43147 614-562-9730 6-8p

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

Weds. Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 513-832-1422 free, food available 6:30-8:30p

Every Thurs Open Bluegrass Jam; Bluegrass Picking Circle, Rambling House, 310 N Hudson St, Columbus **OH** 43202 614-468-3217 6-8p free, acoustic, no mics

4th Fri Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 513-832-1422 free, food available 7-9p 7/22

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

07/02 David Mayfield Bluegrass Parade; River Dog, 13818 Gore Orphanage Rd, Wakeman, **OH** 44889 \$22

07/02 Caney Creek; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p

07/08 Deeper Shade of Blue; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p

07/08 The Goldsburys; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

07/09 Lafferty Pike; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

07/09 7 Mile Bluegrass; Huntington Fire Dept., Georgetown, **OH** 12-3p

07/12 Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers, Clinton County Fair, 958 W. Main Street, Wilmington, **OH** 45177 4p

07/14 The Mighty Troubadours; Thompson Park S, 4250 Woodbridge Rd, Upper Arlington, **OH** 43220 7-8:30 pm

07/15 The Woodpickers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

07/15-16 Waverly Run, The Tallgrass Band, Red Brush Band, String Therapy, Coal Cave Hollow Boys and Putnam Family, South Ridge, Shortline Junction, Forked Run, Open Rail, Open Highway, Kauffman Road, The Cedar Hill Bluegrass Boys; Poston Lake Bluegrass Festival, 8865 New England Rd, Stewart, **OH** 45778

07/16 Dailey & Vincent Gospel; Ohio Star Theater, Dutch Valley, 1387 Old SR 39, Sugarcreek, **OH** 44681 7p

07/16 Willow Creek; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p \$10

07/16 Gibson Davis Cooper Valley; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p

07/17 Mark "Brink" Brinkman, Sterling Bluegrass House Band; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 2p

07/22 Peach Mountain Boys; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

07/23 Kentucky Just Us; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p

07/27-30 String Therapy, Lorraine Jordan, Wildfire, Special Consensus, Junior Sisk, Larry Stephenson, PO' Ramblin' Boys, Ricky Wasson, Special Event, Illrd Tyme Out, Kenny & Amanda Smith, Caleb Daugherty, Seth Muldor, Authentic Unlimited, Lonesome River, Malpass Brothers, Don Rigsby, Bluegrass Cardinals, No Joke Jimmy's, Steve Thomas, Fast Track,

Country Gentlemen Tribute, Alan Bibey, Hammertown, Darin & Brooke Aldridge, Sideline, Joe Mullins, Authentic Unlimited, Dave Adkins, Billy Droze, Josh Williams, Sister Sadie, Carl Jackson, Val Story, Larry Cordle, Jerry Salley, Breaking Grass, Donna Ulisse, Goodwin Brothers, Grascals, Sideline; Musicians Against Childhood Cancer, Cardinal Center, 616 SR 61, Marengo, OH 43334 740-548-4199

07/28 Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers; State Fair, Fairgrounds, Columbus, OH 4p

07/28-30 Ralph Stanley II, Larry Efaw, Pickin' Pair, Crandall Creek, Clay Hess Band, 7 Mile Bluegrass, Loraine Jordan, Junior Sisk Band, Tony Hale, Tall Grass, Kauffman Road, Hammertown, Little Roy & Lizzy, Backup & Push, State Route 33, Black Powder Express Road; 7 Mile Bluegrass Festival, 4569

Lyden Road, Greenville, OH 45123
740-731-0840 donations

07/30 Laurel Mountain Bluegrass; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p \$10

07/30 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, vendors, enactments, crafts, museum; Gathering at Garst, 205 N Broadway, Greenville, OH 3p 937-548-5250

**Don't
Forget!**

Just a reminder that there will NOT be any club meetings or jams during the festival/summer months. Our next jam and meeting will be October 16! Enjoy the summer festivals and we'll see you in the fall! Labor Day Festival is September 1 - 4, 2022

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