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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



By the time you read this, we will be getting ready for the labor day festival. I can't wait!

Reflecting upon the upcoming festival, I'm reminded of when I first "discovered" bluegrass music, and how fun it was to experience festivals as a newbie to the music. Back then, there was a true excitement as I learned more and more about the music and the various performers.

It is perhaps a bit more bridled today, but I still have an enthusiasm for this music, and I still love learning about new performers and seeing their shows for the first time. And, as I approach each new recording, I feel the anticipation which comes with encountering new material and creative arrangements.

There are a lot of highlights that I experienced over the years, and many of these included performers that are no longer with us or groups that are no longer together. I'll never be able to relive those moments, but I know there are other great memories ahead as bluegrass music continues to live on.

It's probably a bad idea to start listing my favorite artists, since I am certain to discover glaring omissions if I re-read the list later (because bluegrass music is all great, right?). But, as an example, I remember discovering the Johnson Mountain Boys back in the 1980s. They were straight ahead hard-driving grass, much reminiscent of the first generation grassers. And they existed in a bluegrass music world that also included the Newgrass Revival. Some (obviously uninitiated) people say all bluegrass music sounds the same!

What is really encouraging is that I now get a similar sense of excitement from the Kevin Prater Band and Jim and Lynna Woolsey. We've got folks creating great, exciting new bluegrass music today. There are folks composing terrific new songs, and there are always groups covering older material in a new and different way.

Back in the 1970s and 1980s, I watched reruns of the Andy Griffith show so I could catch the Dillards performing as their Darlin' family characters. Although the Dillards are gone, we now have Berachah Valley, a group that was involved in 2021's Mayberry Man movie and is keeping that spirit alive by touring frequently with actors who are in character from the show.

If you include our close cousins, like old time music and country blues, the many facets of our music are mind-blowing! It's awesome to see the different directions today's performers are taking the music. As great as those old times were, I think we have experiences ahead that are just as exciting.

I love the anticipation as I approach each new festival or event, and this year's labor day festival is no exception, especially since Kevin Prater, Jim and Lynna Woolsey, and Berachah Valley (along with the Wayfarers and 6 other great groups) are all playing right here on our own Tri-State stage! What new sounds and experiences are in store?

Like I said, I can't wait!

Joe Steiner

WORKSHOP UPDATE

There will NOT be instrument workshops at the Fall festival this year.

Please join us for:

- ◆ Kids' Korner at 10:00 on Saturday (helpers welcome!)
- ◆ Song-Writing Workshop by Woolsey's at 3:00 on Saturday
- ◆ "Jam with the Band" Hosted by Kevin Prater after Saturday shows
- ◆ Gospel Sing Sunday Morning (Audience Participation Appreciated!)
- ◆ Devotional Sunday 1:15 p.m.

Watch the bulletin board on the Merchant's Building for additional updates.

Over Jordan

Roger Johnson, a long time member and festival attendee, passed away July 4, 2022. He had just renewed his membership at the Memorial festival. Roger requested no obituary or memorial service. His wife Karen told us, "We'll all miss his quick wit and musical talent." Indeed true.



These are the heros that are helping to keep bluegrass alive in the Tri-State area. 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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Bluegrass Supper

Thursday,
September 1, 2022
4:30 - 7:00 PM

**Log Cabin on the Fairgrounds
in Kendallville**

Hosted by
Jefferson Township 4-H

MENU

1/2 chicken OR pork chop
Green beans OR corn
Applesauce
Bread & butter
Ice cream
Drink

Cost: \$10 per person

Free admission to Bluegrass Festival for Thursday
(If camping, will have to pay for weekend ticket and
camping for four days)



Dinners served from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.
Single BBQ chicken halves and/or pork
chops available for sale after 6:30 PM,
while supply lasts.

Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

INDIANA

- Last Sun** Dead Pickers Society jam, Firefly Coffee House, 3523 N Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne, **IN** 46805 11am-1pm
- 1st Thurs** Wakarusa Bluegrass Jamboree, Sept: Northwood Middle School, 301 N. Elkhart St, Wakarusa, **IN** 46573 574-862-2200 6:30-9p Free
- 3rd Fri** Winamac Bluegrass Jam, American Legion, 110 Franklin St., Winamac, **IN** 46996 Tom 574-205-2274 7-10p
- 3rd 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
- Every Sat.** 6090 S. Oakwood St., N Judson, **IN** 46366 219-878-3123 5:30p CDST 5:30P except during Kendallville Festival
- 9/01-04** Kevin Prater, The Wayfarers, Jim & Lynna Woolsey, New Augusta Bluegrass, Blue Holler, The Debutants, Medicinal Bluegrass, Berachah Valley, Tony Hale & Blackwater, Calabogie Road; Tri-State BGF, 580 N. Fair St., Kendallville, **IN** 46755 260-918-4790 wknd ticket \$45, wknd camping \$45, camping before Friday is \$15/night
- 09/03-04** Old Friends, Dean Phelps, Wake the Baby, Punkin Holler Boys, Ma Crow, The Wallens, Jason & Ginger, My Brother's Keeper, Chris Wolf, Patchwork String Band, Jan Bell, Jericho Old Time Band, The Ziesemers, Will Scott, MORE, 2 STAGES; Metamora Music Festival, Metamora, **IN** 47030
- 09/08** Daily & Vincent; Blue Gate Performing Arts Center, 760 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, **IN** 46565-8611 8p 260-768-4725
- 09/09** Dead Pickers Society; Trubble Brewing, 2725 Broadway, Fort Wayne, **IN** 46807 8-10p
- 09/10** Dead Pickers Society; West Central Arts Fest Stage, corner of Union and W. Wayne, Fort Wayne, **IN** 66802 4-5:30p
- 09/10** Barrel Scrapers, Fall Festival, Middlebury, **IN** 46540 2-4p
- 09/17** Barrel Scrapers, Bluegrass Arts County park, 4071 E 1000 N, North Manchester, **IN** 46962 6-9p
- 09/21-24** Uncle Pen Festival, Bean Blossom, **IN**

- 09/30-10/02** The Cleverlys, Armchair Boogie, Old Salt Union, Rumpke Mountain Boys, Pert Near Sandstone, Dark Moon Hollow, New Old Cavalry, Fresh Hops, The Strings of Indian Creek, The Hammer & The Hatchet, Wicked Ways, Nectar Valley, Cody Williams, Horton Hears A Hawf, Wood & Wire; First City Music Festival, French Commons, Vincennes, **IN** 47591

MICHIGAN

- every Weds.** jam with Ron Hammon, Moose, 4043 Howe Rd, Grand Blanc, **MI** 48439 6:30-9p
Ron - 810-309-0032
- every Weds.** Eagles, 301 Detroit St, Jackson, **MI** 49201 Eagles: 517-782-5622 Jam leader: 248-247-9766 6-9p acoustic only!
- 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 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 Tues** Presbyterian Village 32001 Cherry Hill Road Westland, **MI** 48135 313-617-4864 7-9:30p Wendy Hause, whause@frontier.com
- 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
- 09/09** Special Consensus; The Common Concert Series, 122 Days Ave, Buchanan, **MI** 49107 FREE
- 09/12** Foghorn Stringband; Ark, 316 S Main St, Ann Arbor, **MI** 48104 (734) 761-1818 8p \$20
- 09/16-17** Classy & Grassy • Out of the Blue • Dreydon Gordon • Bluewater Ramblers Plus: - Heart to Heart - The Band Bridge; FallFest, Fairgrounds, 225 S Hudson, Lowell, **MI** 269-

806-8561 Camp. & Jams Start 9/15

OHIO

- Mon.** Slow Bluegrass Jam, Violet Baptist Church, 8345 Blacklick-Eastern Rd NW, Pickerington, **OH** 43147 614-562-9730 6-8p Call to confirm event status
- 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 FREE 614-468-3217 6-8p acoustic, no mics
- 4th Fri** Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** FREE 45252 513-832-1422 food available 7-9
- Every Sat.** Dry Creek Cafe, 201 Columbus Rd, Mt Vernon, **OH** 43050 8-10p free, food available 740-830-6083
- 09/01-04** Kevin Prater & Lacy Creek, Bourbon Revival, Po' Ramblin' Boys, Balsam Range, No Joke Jimmy's, Lincoln Mash & Heather Alley, Blue Mafia, Tim Shelton, Breaking Grass, Travelin' McCoury's, Charlie Woods & Deep Hollow, Sideline, Goodwin Brothers, Cleverly's, Steeldrivers, Turning Ground, Hammertown, Sideline, All Star Jam; Sam Jam BGF, Fairgrounds, 311 Mill St, Piketon, **OH** 45661
- 09/03** Mark Whitt & Truegrass; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 7:30p
- 09/03-04** Slate Ridge; KOA Campground, 8644 Porter Central Rd, Sunbury, **OH** 43074
- 09/07** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Greenhills Commons Bandstand, 24 Farragut Rd, Cincinnati, **OH** 452187-9p 513-825-2100
- 09/09** Dailey & Vincent; Ohio Star Theater, 1387 Old SR 39, Sugar creek, **OH** 44681 7p
- 09/10** Kevin Prater Band, Family Sowell, Wills Creek, Denison University Bluegrass Band, Falcon Grass; Jefferson BGF, Giddings Park, S. Market, Jefferson, **OH** 44047 7p
- 09/09-11** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, more bands; Bluegrass at Vinoklet Art & Wine Festival, 11069 Colerain Ave. Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 513-385-9309
- 09/11** Kevin Prater Band; UM Church, 125 E Jefferson St, Jefferson, **OH** 44047 8:30 & 11A



09/11 Foghorn Stringband; Black Swamp Festival, 100 S Main St, Bowling Green, **OH** 43402

09/14 Foghorn Stringband; G.A.R Hall, 1785 Main St, Peninsula, **OH** 44264

09/15-18 New Outlook, Larry Efaw & The Bluegrass Mountaineers, Dale Ann Bradley Trio, Crabgrass, Price Sisters, Alex Leach and Mile Twelve, Northwest Territory, Echo Valley, Volume Five, Breaking Grass, Cleverly's; Mohican BGF, Mohican Wilderness Campground, 22462 Wally Rd, Glenmont, **OH** 44628 wknd \$65 ea.,

camping \$140 4 days

09/15-17 Junior Sisk Band, Sideline, Hammertowne, Dale Ann Bradley, Turning Ground, 7 Mile Bluegrass, Back Up & Push, Lacy Creek, Open Highway, Masters Bouquet, Poplar Ridge; Skinny Fest., Fairgrounds, 836 Boyd Ave, West Union, **OH** 45693 camping \$60-90 wknd \$65

09/17 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Bluegrass Night at Fibonacci Brewing, 1445 Compton Rd, Cincinnati, **OH** 45231 7-9p 513-832-1422 free

09/17 Kentucky Heritage; Clifton Opera

House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 7:30p

09/17 Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder; Ohio Valley Opry, 15 W Main St, McConnelsville, **OH** 43756 6p

09/23-23 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, Steve Scott Brothers, Fox-Tail Grass Reunion, Clarence Kelly & Nut-Cut Road, Out of the Blue, Ottawa County, New Outlook, Blue Storm Revisited, Crossing Jordon, Living Water, Poor Bottom Grass; Van Wert Fairgrounds, 1055 S. Washington St, Van Wert, **OH** 45891 419-594-2816 wknd \$35

**Almost
Time For
Bluegrass!**

The Tri-State Bluegrass Festival starts September 1, although campers will start arriving several days earlier. Join us! Early camping is only \$15 a night. 10 great bands, Kids' Korner, Gospel Sing, Songwriting workshop by Jim and Lynna Woolsey, "Jam with the Band" hosted by Kevin Prater Band, and much, and much, more more! For more information, flyer and schedule, see www.BluegrassUSA.net

Guaranteed to be a good time. See you there!

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Fort Wayne, IN 46804-4946

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