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President's First Dog's Corner - Gibson



Woof everybody!
Gibson here.
Dad asked if I
would write his
president's col-
umn for him
again this month.
(He is so lazy!)

I know he's looking forward to being able to pick outside again soon, and, of course, he can't wait for the Tri-State festivals. There will be some great bands again this year, like Tony Hale & Blackwater, Joe Hott & the Short Mountain Boys, Sammy Adkins, and That Dalton Gang. Plus LOTS of others!

As usual, NIBGA has tried to get a variety of music, from the hard-driving bluegrass that will shake your innards to some more progressive sounds and jazz-oriented sounds, along with some old-timey vibe thrown in for good measure. Like Dad, I love it all!

Also, Mom has been working hard to get a variety of workshops and other activities – there will be notes about those in the newsletters too.

There's one band that will be appearing at both festivals, Supper Break. I see them on the schedule a lot (it seems like they're here every year), but I've never heard them. Every time they are on the schedule, I try to listen around the corner of the Merchant's building, but there doesn't seem to be any sound coming from the stage. And, it always seems like that's when Mom is getting the food out – I love bluegrass, but a dog's got to have priorities so I end up searching for table scraps. Plus, there's always a lot of traffic on the mid-

way, back and forth to the stage, when they are on. That means a lot of folks will stop by the campsite to visit and play with me – of course, I'm never one to turn down attention, so I lose my concentration.

Dad included some notes about the bands that will be appearing at the Memorial Day festival this year in previous newsletters, and he's included some more notes this time. I always enjoy reading about the bands I already know and like, as well as getting to know the folks I'm not yet familiar with.

Although the lineup is pretty well set for this year, Dad and the rest of the board are always open to suggestions for bands, so feel free to let them know if there's someone you'd like to see. Keep in mind that NIBGA can only hire a limited number of bands, since there is a limited amount of stage time, and it is sometimes impossible to work around a band's other commitments.

If you have any other suggestions about the festival, please feel free to let the board know about them too. They have been working with the Noble County Community Fair Corp to get some changes made at the fairgrounds, and there are some improvements in the works (although Dad tells me we probably won't see them in time for the Memorial Day festival). My biggest thing is getting that stupid policy changed about dogs in the stage area, so I wouldn't always have to listen around the Merchant's Building – I keep recommending that, but Dad says it's

never going to happen. I tried!

Well, it was fun talking with you, but I've got to go – Lassie is coming by to visit in a little while, along with one of my horse friends, Mr. Ed. (Lassie loves bluegrass music, but Mr. Ed's tastes in music are pretty questionable. "A horse is a horse, of course, of course" – sheesh!) See you Memorial Day!



BUZZ on the BANDS

Most NIBGA members are familiar with **Out of the Blue**, since they've appeared several times at the festival. They've always been well received with Dave Conley Jr.'s hard driving banjo, Dave Conley Sr.'s hot flatpicking, and Jeff Lawless's rock solid bass work. They are sounding their best ever now, with Donnie Voiles's soulful lead vocal work and Chris Martin's tenor and inspired mandolin playing.

Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass has also appeared several times at Tri-State. They feature Vernon's driving bluegrass guitar and lead vocal work, along with wife Kitty's fine fiddling. They have a real five-driver in Robert Campbell, while Susan Shook on mandolin and Tammy Powers on string bass round out this top notch bluegrass unit.

NIBGA members will recognize the **Dead Pickers Society** not only from their previous appearances at the festival, but also from their occasional hosting of our monthly jam session at the Southwest Conservation Club. Hailing from right in our backyard, Fort Wayne, their sound is certainly traditionally based, but their approach doesn't rely on imitating others. They build from the ground up, using the past masters as a general guide. The result is a fresh and interesting approach which really helps them connect with our audience.

Stay tuned next month and I'll fill you in on the final two NEW bands (including a list of bands for the fall), and the workshops and activities planned. There will be some new stuff! I'm really excited for the festival season to begin and to see some of these new bands. Keep the suggestions coming!

Joe Steiner

Over Jordan

Michael Thomas Ellis 17, died on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at his home in Garrett, Indiana. Michael attended the Kendallville festival since birth. His mom, Leslie, is on the NIBGA board and a long-time supporter of the club.



Leslie said that Michael never wanted to miss a festival. He loved the music. He felt safe to wander among the jams and stage area. He viewed the event as a home away from home, camping and living among friends. You would usually see him at the gate working with his mom checking in campers and drive-ins.

Being instilled with music at the festival may have contributed to his later playing in the marching band in high school.

Sadly, we must say good-bye to another lover of Bluegrass music.

Its that time of year!

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Please consider supporting your favorite bluegrass festival by becoming a **2023 Patron**. For a \$100 donation, you will receive a family membership for the 2023 year (which entitles you to discounted tickets for the festival and newsletters through April 2023), a special edition 2023 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 2022, 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!!

And a final **HUGE Thank-You** to our Patrons for the 2022/2023 Festival Season! Please thank them when you see them!

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Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

INDIANA

- 1st Thurs** Wakarusa Bluegrass Jamboree, Northwood Middle School, 301 N. Elkhart St, Wakarusa, IN 46573 574-862-2200 6:30-9p Free refreshments....Cold bottles of water, hot coffee and tea will be provided. Please feel free to bring cookies, brownies or snacks to share.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs.** Whiteriver Folk & Bluegrass jam, Emery Lee Building, Beulah Park Jam, 400 E. 4th St., Alexandria, IN 46001 6-9p
- 3rd Fri** Winamac Bluegrass Jam, American Legion, 110 Franklin St., Winamac, IN 46996 Tom 574-205-2274 7-10p
- 3rd 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.
- 3rd Sun** in April. Central Indiana BGA

- Jams Hontz Hall, 307 E South H St, Gas City, IN 46933 765-674-5117 noon-??
- 3rd Sun** Indiana Friends of Bluegrass, Concord Community Center, (southside of Indy) 1310 S. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46225
- Last Fri** Boardwalk Jam, Ben's Pretzels, 100 Berkshire Dr, Shipshewana, IN 46565-8757 6:30p
- Every Sat.** 6090 S. Oakwood St., N Judson, IN 46366 219-878-3123 5:30p
- 03/30** Dailey and Vincent, Alabama; Ford Center, 1 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Evansville, IN 47708
- 04/07 Barrel Scrapers;** Moose Lodge, 207 E Main St, North Manchester, IN 46962 7-10p (Fish fry night)

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 bobwarner40@gmail.com for details
- 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 517-607-8085 or 517-270-2870
- 2nd Tues** West Mi Bluegrass Association; Slow Jam, Library, 6260 92nd St SE, Caledonia, MI 49316 989-430-2149 5-7:45p Free

3rd Fri Lake Diane Jams, Hillsdale Community Center, 1810 W. Territorial Rd, Camden, **MI** 49232, snack bar, Mullins 517-270-2870, Atkins 517-607-9868
3rd Sat West MI Bluegrass, Aiden's Place, 42 E Lake St, Sand Lake, **MI** 49343 989-430-2149 jam 2-4:30p
3rd Sat Heritage Park Barn, 121 Tefft St, Hanover **MI** 49241 Nov - April 6-11p
3rd Sun Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, **MI** 48917 2-5p \$5 donation 517-505-2809 3rd Sun. March, April, May
4th Sat Michigan Bluegrass Assoc., Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr., Flint, **MI** 48506 6p 810 736-5332 (4/23, 5/21 is 3rd Sat.)
03/25 Square Dance; Studio 18, 1818 142nd Ave., Dorr, **MI** 49323 6:30-9p

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3rd Sun Church of the Nazarene (south entrance), 7951 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, **OH** 45069 937-530-2127 3-5p
Tues - FOMC jam, 1196 Ross Millville Rd, Millville, **OH** 45013 7-9p 419-568-1220
Tues - Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, **OH** 45873 419-594-2816 6p
Thurs Open Bluegrass Jam; Bluegrass Picking Circle, Rambling House, 310 N Hudson St, Columbus **OH** 43202 614-468-3217 6-8p free, acoustic
Thurs Slow Bluegrass Jam, Violet Baptist Church, 8345 Blacklick-Eastern Rd NW, Pickerington, **OH** 43147 614-562-9730 6-8p Call to confirm event status
04/01 Dailey & Vincent at Memorial Hall OTR, 1225 Elm St, Cincinnati, **OH** 45202 8p

04/01 Hammertown, New Outlook, The Next Paige; Moon City Music, 1208 Lunar Dr, Wapakoneta, **OH** 45895 567-204-0929 workshops & jams 6:30p
04/01 Fast Track; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 7p
04/05 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 6:30-8:30 pm. Free 513-385-9309 Food available for purchase.
04/06-07 Sideline, SBJ house band; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p
04/07 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Butler County BG Assoc, 5113 Huston Rd, Collinsville, **OH** 45004 7-9p Free 937-417-8488. Food available for purchase.
04/08 Ricky Skaggs; Peoples Bank Theater, 222 Putnam St, Marietta, **OH** 45750 8p
04/08 7 Mile Bluegrass; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 7p
04/12 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 6:30-8:30 pm. Free 513-385-9309. Food available for purchase.
04/14 The Tennessee Bluegrass Band; Pennyroyal Opera House, Exit 198 off I-70, Fairview, **OH** 43773 7p
04/14 Little Roy & Lizzy Show; Flowers Hall, 344 Darla Dr, Hanover, **OH** 43055 7p 740-763-3477 7p
04/15 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; China Garden Buffet, 1108 W. Kemper Rd, Cincinnati, **OH** 45240 513-607-1874

04/16 The Petersons; Memorial Hall OTR, 1225 Elm St, Cincinnati, **OH** 45202 3p 513-977-8838
04/19 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 6:30-8:30 pm. Free 513-385-9309 Food available for purchase
04/19-23 Buckeye Dulcimer Festival. Recreation Unlimited, Ashley, **OH** Workshops in dulcimer, clawhammer banjo, autoharp and more. 419-721-8016 or www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com
04/20 April Verch & Cody waters; GAR Music Hall, 1785 Main St, Peninsula, **OH** 44264 330-657-2528
04/20 Tim O'Brien & Jan Frabricius; Natalie's Grandview, 945 King Ave, Columbus, **OH** 43212 8:30p
04/21 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci Brewing, 1445 Compton Rd, Cincinnati, **OH** 45231 Free adm. 7-9p, Food beer available 513-832-1422
04/21 Authentic Unlimited; Methodist Church, 207 S. Court St., Marysville, **OH** 43040 937-642-4712 7p
04/21 Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p
04/22 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p
04/22 Open Rail; Arts Center, 269 E Main St, Jackson, **OH** 45640-1744 7p
04/22 The Leftover; Old Bill Bailey's, 200 Harrison Ave, Lancaster, **OH** 43130 9-12p

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Additional 2023 Patron T-shirt: \$ 20 _____ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL

OR For renewing 2022 Patrons - T-shirt : FREE _____ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL

(renewing Patrons get the 2nd T-shirt Free)

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

(Please print clearly)

04/23 Ramblin Bluegrass; Natalie's Grandview, 945 King Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 8:30p (614) 436-2625

04/26 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45252 6:30-8:30 pm. Free 513-385-9309
Food available for purchase

04/28 Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers; Pennyroyal Opera House, Exit 198 off I-70, Fairview, OH 43773 7p

04/29 Rhonda Vincent; Amish Country Theater, 4365 Ohio Rt 39, Berlin, OH Shows at 2 and 7 pm

04/29 Daniel Dye & The Miller Road Band; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

04/29 Fenced In; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p

Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, April 16, 2023

Are you
READY?

Make sure to plan to attend the Memorial Day Festival! Lots of new bands and new activities. More details in the next newsletter. Plan to come early and relax. Camping is only \$15 a night prior to the weekend (\$45 for weekend). You can't camp on a holiday weekend for that price ANYWHERE! Thursday night will be the community dinner and free-drive-in admission.

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