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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



Well, here we are! It's almost time for the fall festival!

It sure has been great enjoying the good weather and picking outdoors the last few months. And, as we wind down the season, the upcoming festival promises to be a great one. We have a wide variety of bluegrass from the traditional, like Sammy Adkins & the Sandy Hook Mountain Boys, through the more progressive, like Nu-Blu. And we even have some old timey in the mix, with Phillip Steinmetz and His Sunny Tennesseans.

As at past festivals, there will be a "Bluegrass Supper" in the log cabin on Thursday night from 5:00 to 7:00. This festival will be a chicken dinner with potatoes, cole slaw, roll, and ice cream, and the proceeds will go to Swan Township 4H Clubs for program materials. If you stop by and join us for this dinner, you are not only getting a good meal, but also supporting a great cause. See you there!

Joe

(Portion of) Press Release by Alexis Goldsmith

This Labor Day Weekend, the Noble County Fairgrounds will host the 47th annual Tri-State Bluegrass Festival. The festival is renowned for its family-friendly atmosphere, music workshops, and campfire jamming. Four days of live music begins Thursday, August 31 continuing through Sunday September 3.

"This festival is a celebration of bluegrass music, a truly American art form -- it's a chance for folks to enjoy some great music outdoors in a family-friendly environment. At the stage or in the campground, it's a fun way to spend the holiday weekend," said Joe Steiner, President of the Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association (NIBGA), the 501(c)3 non-profit that hosts the beloved festival on Labor Day and Memorial Day weekends each year.

Fans of the genre know bluegrass for its unique sound that ranges from high-lonesome waltzes to fast-driving melodies, with lyrics and styles that are influenced by traditional Celtic, African, and old-time music while still being distinct. The music captures the highs and lows of American history, from the Civil War to the Labor Movement, the dust bowl, depression, prohibition, war, peace, family life, and current events.

Part of what makes the genre so special is the folk aspect of it - songs that are passed down and adapted from listening and playing with others. For nearly fifty years, NIBGA's mission has been to promote bluegrass music and ensure its succession through new generations of pickers. This mission has been recognized as culturally valuable with generous support from the Indiana Art Council.

As promised, here is the "buzz" on the last remaining bands for the fall festival. I'm excited and can't wait!

The **Edgar Loudermilk Band** will be returning to stage after a few years. I was excited when Edgar stepped out on his own after performing with Illrd Tyme Out and Rhonda Vincent, and, as I expected, his outfit quickly became one of the best on the circuit. He earned the IBMA's coveted Emerging Artist of the Year award in 2015, and since then has only continued to get better. Edgar's lead vocals are a feature of the band, as is his songwriting. The band features great harmony vocals and top-notch instrumentals as well, with Zack Austry on mandolin, Anthony Howell on banjo, and Jamey Pittman on guitar.

We're also happy to welcome back fan favorites, **Calabogie Road**, in the fall. With Ruth Lakatos on guitar, John Lakatos on bass, Marten VanEyck on fiddle, Ian Tronsen on banjo, and Mark Walker on mandolin, this group always puts on an entertaining show.

New to our stage this year will be **The Lincoln Highway Bluegrass Band**, who were formerly known as Blue Universe, from the Mansfield, Ohio area, and Bluegrass Pythagoras.

Bluegrass Pythagoras is a group of students from East Tennessee State University (including northern Indiana's own Gracie Mae Grossman). I'm really looking forward to hearing them, but I'm also very curious as to how they got their name.

Aside from his "greatest hit", the Pythagorean Theorem, which relates the length of the hypotenuse of a right triangle to the lengths of the sides, Pythagoras also devised a tuning system (appropriately called Pythagorean Tuning). His system pretty much ruled the music world, at least until a couple hundred years ago when Johann Sebastian Bach's system of "equal temperament" (which is now almost universally accepted) gained popularity.

As I understand it, Pythagoras's system had a major downfall in that instruments tuned accordingly only sounded good in

“The Indiana Arts Council recently awarded NIBGA a \$9,000 Arts Organization Support grant dedicated to quality arts and educational activities to the public. The grant helps to provide live bluegrass music performances in area schools for elementary age children who might not otherwise be able to experience this unique genre of music,” said Julie Goldsmith, a long-time volunteer with the organization who worked to secure the grant funding, which helps keep ticket prices low.

Never been to a bluegrass festival? Here’s what you’ll experience: live music all weekend, jamming, dancing, and making new friends. Bring your instrument and learn a new song or technique at a workshop or campfire jam.

Don’t have a reservation for camping on Labor Day weekend? State park reservations may be full, but the Tri-State Festival is open for both primitive and RV camping with hookups to electric and water. Camping costs are reasonable at \$15 per day, combined with a weekend ticket of \$40 for club members or \$45 for non-members, with free entry for children 15 and under. Early camping will start August 24.



certain keys, -- the difference in pitch between Pythagoras’s system and Bach’s “equal temperament” became known as the “Pythagorean comma”. Now, if you ask me, being able to lay claim to both a theorem and a “comma” would certainly also merit having a bluegrass band named after you!

I hope you can make it out to the festival to see all of these great bands!

FREE Events and Workshops at the Festival

See flyers onsite for locations

Saturday only:

10:00-11:00 am. Workshops on banjo, guitar, & fiddle

10:00-11:30 am. Kids’ Korner Activities

11:45 am– 1 pm Gospel Jam (bring instruments or just come along and sing)

Sunday: 11:30 Gospel Sing at the Stage

New this year.... Friday, Saturday & Sunday 1:00-3:00 pm “Cookies, Crafts and Conversation”. The Log Cabin will be open for non-musical spouses and others to meet and share crafts, cards, conversation and cookies. Bring your favorite hobby to demonstrate.

Thank you to our Patrons! Remember to wear your shirt to the festivals

The 2023/2024 Patron Year has started! **Thank-You** to our Patrons that have signed up already. YOU are helping to keep bluegrass alive in the Tri-State area! If you signed up & your name isn’t here please let me know!

Ron Armstead

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Jim & Julie Geise/Goldsmith

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Joe & Chris Steiner

Steve Troyer

Chris Vogie

Dave & Marianne Vogie

Cathy Voors

Paul & Barb Welch

Stewart White

Jim & Linda Winger

Shari Wolf

Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

INDIANA

1st Thurs Wakarusa Bluegrass Jamboree, Doc Able Pavilion, 116 W. Waterford St, Wakarusa, IN 46573 6:30-9p Free, refreshments, since 2000, 574-862-2200

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 Sat Mar-Nov Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, IN 47030 6:30p MetamoraMusic@gmail.com

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 CDST 5:30P except during Kendallville

08/31-09/03 Phillip Steinmetz and His Sunny Tennesseans (S/S), Nu-Blu (S/S), Tony Hale & Blackwater (S/S), Sammy Adkins & Sandy Hook Mtn Boys (S/S), Edgar Loudermilk (T/F/Sat), Bluegrass Pythagoras (T/F), Lincoln Highway BG (T/F),

Calabogie Road (T/F); TriState BGF, 580 N. Fair St., Kendallville, IN 46755 wknd \$45 camping wkend \$45, daily before \$15/day 260-918-4790

09/05 Rhonda Vincent, guest hosts, the Moron Brothers; Buggies & Bluegrass, Blue Gate PAC, 760 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN 46565 260-768-4725

09/06 Malpass Brothers, guest hosts, the Moron Brothers; Buggies & Bluegrass, Blue Gate PAC, 760 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN 46565 260-768-4725

09/07 The Steeldrivers, guest hosts, the Moron Brothers; Buggies & Bluegrass, Blue Gate PAC, 760 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN 46565 260-768-4725



09/08 Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder, guest hosts, the Moron Brothers; Buggies & Bluegrass, Blue Gate PAC, 760 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, **IN** 46565 260-768-4725

09/09 Old Crow Medicine Show, guest hosts, the Moron Brothers; Buggies & Bluegrass, Blue Gate PAC, 760 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, **IN** 46565 260-768-4725

09/09 Barrel Scrapers; Covered Bridge Fest, Roann, **IN** 46974 4-6p

09/09 Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder; Brown County Music Center, 200 Maple Leaf Blvd, P.O. Box 35, Nashville, **IN** 47448 812-988-5323

09/16 Sassafras Grass; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, **IN** 47030 6:30-9:30p

09/22-23 Caroline Owens, Wildfire, Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass, Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers, Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper, Tim Graves & The FarmHands, Junior Sisk, Finley River Boys, The Grascals, Tom Gray & The Country Gentleman Tribute Band; Uncle Pen days, Bill Monroe Campground, 5163 N State Rd 135, Morgantown, **IN** 46160

MICHIGAN

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

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

1st Sat West MI Bluegrass, Aiden's Place, 42 E Lake St, Sand Lake, **MI** 49343 989-430-2149 jam 1-3p

1st & 3rd Mon Library; 7215 Headley St SE UNIT 309, Ada, **MI** 49301 5-7:45p

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

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

09/15-16 The Williams Family, Calabogie Road, The Band Bridge, Cedar Creek, Easy Idle, Gloria Lynne; Fall Fest, Fairgrounds, 225 S. Hudson Street, Lowell, **MI** 49331

09/17 Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers; Gospel Barn, 4751 Bankers Rd, Hillsdale, **MI** 49242 3:30p

09/28 Cedar Creek Bluegrass; Fair, 115 S Broad St, Hillsdale, **MI** 49242 1-1:30p & 6-6:30p

OHIO

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

08/30-09/03 Keith Prater & Lacy Creek, Nu Blu, Po' Ramblin' Boys, Billy Droze with Gary Nichols, Gary Brewer, Turning Ground, Ben James Band, The Grascals with Jamie Johnson, Travlin' McCoury's, The Cleverly's, Charlie Woods & Deep Hollow, Bourbon Revival, Goodwin Brothers, Authentic Unlimited, The Steeldrivers, Eight Days Sober, Bourbon Revival, Tim Shelton Syndicate; Sam Jam BGF, Fairgrounds, 311 Mill St Piketon, **OH** 45661 1p each day 812-699-0962 \$150

09/01 Dr. Chris Bingman & Buttermilk Biscuit Boys; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

09/02 Mark Whitt & Truegrass; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

09/02 Willow Creek; Ft. Rowdy Gathering, 140 W Broadway St, Covington, **OH** 45318 2:30-4p

09/04 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Lounge 7740 Bechmont Ave,

Cincinnati, **OH** 45255 513-382-0839 7:30p free

09/6, 9, 13, 20, & 27 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** 45252, 513-385-9309 6:30p, free, food available

09/09 Mark Whitt & Truegrass, Willow Creek; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

09/12 Appalachian Swing; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, **OH** 43773 7p

09/14-16 Lonesome River Band, Tony Hale & Blackwater, Keith Prater, Andy Buckner, Junior Sisk Band, Breaking Grass, Billy Droze, Kentucky Blue, Popular Ridge, No Joke Jimmys, The Grascals, 7 Mile Bluegrass, Dave Adkins, Hammertown, Open Highway; Skinnyfest, Fairgrounds, 836 Boyd Ave, West Union, **OH** 45693

09/14-16 Open Highway, Lorraine Jordan, Special Consensus, Sugarcreek, Tina Adair, Mike Mitchell, Tim Shelton, Northwest Territory, Caroline Owens, Kody Norris, Breaking Grass, Cleverly's; Mohican Wilderness Campground, 22462 Wally Rd, Glenmont, **OH** 44628 740-599-6741

09/15 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci Brewing 1445 Compton Rd, Cincinnati, **OH** 45231, 513-832-1422 7p free, brew available + food truck

09/15 Willow Creek; BellHop Cafe, 26 N West St, Bellbrook, **OH** 45305 7p

09/16 Kentucky Heritage; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

09/17 Kentucky Heritage; Pastime Park, 370 N. Chillicothe St, Plain City, **OH** 43064 6:30p

09/19 members of Punch Brothers, Watchhouse, Leftover Salmon and Billy Strings Band; Stuart's Opera House, 52 Public Square, Nelsonville, **OH** 45764 7p

09/21 Nightflyer, Repeating Arms. Tony Hale & Blackwater, Sugargrove Bluegrass, Evan Lanier & the Bluegrass Express, Stringus Khan; Miami Valley Blue Grass & Artisan Festival, Riverfront Park, 3 N. Miami Ave., Miamisburg, **OH** 45342 12-10:30p

09/22-23 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Van Wert Bluegrass Festival 1055 S. Washington St, Van Wert, **OH** 45891, 419-594-2816



09/23 New Mountain Heritage; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p
09/23 The Leftover; Loose Rail Brewing, 37 W Waterloo St, Canal Winchester, OH 43110 614-321-6634 3-6p
09/23 Town Mountain; Woodlands Tavern, 1200 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-299-4987 8p

09/29 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Brown County Fair 325 W. State St, Georgetown, OH 45121 937-378-3558 3-4:30p
09/30 Willow Creek; BGF, Veterans, Park 933 S. Broadway, Blanchester, OH 45107 4-7p

09/30 Joe Mullins & Radio Ramblers; Caesar Ford Park, 520 S Stringtown Rd, Xenia, OH 45385 2p
09/30 Blue Note; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, Oct 15, 2023

Don't
Forget!

Start packing and come early to catch up with friends, relax, and jam at the Kendallville TriState Bluegrass Festival.
Gates open for early camping on August 24.
Only \$15/night camping..... You can't find that ANYWHERE else!
Hope to see you there!

Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association
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