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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



It will be just a couple weeks until we are at the Noble County Fairgrounds, enjoying the campfire and jamming! Chris and I are busy getting the RV ready for "camping season" and the great festivals coming up this year, two of which will be at the Noble County Fairgrounds.

Tri-State has always had more of a family atmosphere than some of the other festivals, so the Memorial Day festival will be sort of a family reunion – we'll not only get to visit with folks we haven't seen in a while but also share some tunes and songs, new and old. It's always fun to see what the other folks in our community have been up to!

And, speaking of family and community, I always get a warm feeling when I think about the folks who have stepped up to become NIBGA Patrons over the last few years. I'm happy and proud to say that NIBGA is on solid financial footing. A big reason for that is that our patrons literally kept the club alive since the start of the pandemic back in early 2020. Without them things would look very different now -- we wouldn't be where we are today, and, quite possibly, might not exist at all.

The key word in that last paragraph is "club". NIBGA is a group of music enthusiasts with similar tastes, and we enjoy spending time together sharing the music we love and making it available for others. I think that's why Tri-State seems like a family reunion, much more than just a music event. Our patrons realize that and have helped keep our family healthy the last few years.

If you see anyone at the festival wearing their handsome "NIBGA Patron" shirt (designed by Chris Steiner), please tell them thanks! The folks who have already signed up as patrons for 2023-2024 are listed elsewhere in this newsletter – if you aren't yet a patron for this year, please consider helping to support your club by becoming one!

I'll see you in a couple weeks. Maybe I'll give you my thoughts on why Bluegrass Pythagoras picked their name, and why it is fitting... wait... that'll be in an upcoming newsletter!

Joe Steiner

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By the time you get this newsletter, it will be time to be packing the camper, the kids, and the instruments and heading to Kendallville!

Like it says elsewhere, the music on stage will start on Thursday evening, but the music around the campfires will start with the first campers arriving the weekend before. It is only \$15 a night to camp prior to the Memorial Day weekend (where can you find a deal like that?!?!), so plan on coming early, staking out your favorite spot, and relaxing with friends.

As in the past, in addition to the music on the stage, there are several other activities/workshops during the weekend. This weekend will be no different, with a couple of extra events added.

Thursday night will kick-off with a dinner sponsored by Swan Twp 4H Club, see the flyer on the next page.

A new activity this year will be the **Euchre Tournament** at 4:30 on Friday.

This year we will feature TWO "jam with the band" opportunities. After the stage show on Friday night you can jam with **Appalachian Grass** and Saturday night with **Next Paige**.

Saturday will again offer a full slate of workshops. The **Harman & Ruble** band will offer Guitar (Bull Harman), Bass (Wyatt Harman), and Banjo (Mason Ruble), while Kitty from **Appalachian Grass** will be teaching fiddle.

New this year will be a Ukulele class taught by **Dean Rochester**, and clogging with **Patty Page**. There is sure to be something for everyone!

Back by popular demand is the **InstantPot** cooking class, **Kids' Korner** Activities (starting at 10am), and a no-stress **Intermediate Jam** open to all past-beginner jammers.

Closing out the final day of the festival will be the **Gospel Sing** Sunday morning on stage. Bring your voices and join in!

If the festival is anything like it has been for the last 47 years, there will be plenty of opportunities to play music around the campfires all around the fairgrounds. Enthusiastic audiences are always welcome, too!

Workshop locations and times will be

posted on the Merchants' Building, all the restrooms, and the big sign near the stage.

As always, the festival can use your volunteer help if you have a couple of hours to spare. Help at the gate is always appreciated and a great way to meet the folks.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



Bluegrass Festival Supper,
Hosted By Swan Township 4-H Club.

May 25th, 2023

Noble County Fairgrounds- Log Cabin

Serving from 5pm-7pm.

Menu:

Pulled Pork/ Chicken Sandwich

Baked Beans

Pit Potatoes

Ice Cream

Drink



Cost is \$13 per meal with proceeds to Swan Twp 4-H Clubs.

A Silent Auction will be available during the supper hours to benefit Swan Township 4-H.

Its that time of year!

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.

If you are a 2023 Patron already, or if you choose to sign up to be a Patron while at the festival, please ask to speak with Chris Steiner. She will have shirts available for immediate pick-up.

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
Steve Carroll
Jim Chilton
Jim Clay
Verl & Sue Dasher
Jim & Julie Geise/Goldsmith
Keith & Terri Grannis
Mark Hauenstein
Cliff & Jan Lawton

Bob & Carol Mauck
Jerry & Sioux McLane
Poul & Linda Sandersen
Charles & Amanda Shepard
Steve Troyer
Joe & Chris Steiner
Paul & Barb Welch
Stewart White
Jim & Linda Winger

Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

INDIANA

1st Thurs Wakarusa Bluegrass Jamboree, West Park Pavilion, 500 N. Nappanee St., Nappanee, IN 46550 46573 574-862-2200 6:30-9p Free refreshments....

Beverages provided. Please feel free to bring 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 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 Pret-

zels, 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 Festival

06/02-03 John Wise, My Old Man's Band, The Grasswaters, Blue Moon, Caleb Daugherty, Friends of the Valley, Cottonpatch, Bushwhackers, Wes Miller Band, Whiskey Bent Valley Boys, Moonshine Drive, Bourbon Revival, My Brother's Keeper; Happy Valley Bluegrass Festival, 5104 Schwegman Rd, Batesville IN 47006 812-212-2682

06/07 My Brother's Keeper; Town Concert, Liberty, IN 47353 6:30 PM

06/09-10 Dead Picker's Society (10), Rhapsody Arts & Music Festival, Riverwalk Drive, Elkhart IN

06/23 My Brother's Keeper; Opera House Pub, 202 S Anderson St, Elwood, IN 46036 6p 765-552-7777

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

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 7-9:30p

MICHIGAN



Wendy Hause, 313-617-4864,
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

3rd Fri Lake Diane Jams, Hillsdale Com-
munity 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

4th Sat Michigan Bluegrass Assoc.,
Armstrong Middle School, 6161
Hopkins Dr., Flint, **MI** 48506 6p
810 736-5332 (5/21 is 3rd Sat.)

06/08 Nickel Creek, Frederik Meijer
Gardens, Grand Rapids, **MI**
49525 Sold Out

06/26-07/01 WMBMA camp & jam;
Fairgrounds, 225 S Hudson St, Low-
ell, **MI** 49331
aobewon@hotmail.com

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

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

Sat. reopen mid May of 2023 Dry
Creek Cafe, 201 Columbus Rd, Mt
Vernon, **OH** 43050 8-10p free, food
available 740-830-6083

06/01-04 Rhonda Vincent, Michael
Cleveland, Illrd Tyme Out, Terry
Baucom, Hammertown, Edgar
Loudermilk, Lorraine Jordan, Larry
Efaw, Gary Strong, plus more; WO-
BO Bluegrass Bash, Clermont Fair-
grounds, 1000 Locust St, Owens-
ville, **OH** 45160

06/02 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian
Grass; Butler County Bluegrass As-
soc, Community Center, 5113 Hus-
ton Rd, Collinsville, **OH** 45004,
937-417-8488 7p, free, food availa-
ble for purchase

06/03 Blue Diggity; Clifton Opera
House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH**

45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

06/03 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian
Grass; Sawyer Point 705 E. Pete
Rose Way, Cincinnati, **OH** 45202 4p,
free, food available for purchase

06/03 New Mountain Heritage;
Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E.
Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143
614-323-6938 7p

06/04 Blue Diggity; Combustion
Brewery, 80 W. Church St, Pickering-
ton, **OH** 43147 614-834-9595 4-7p

06/04 The Leftover; Downtown Music
Park, Bremen, **OH** 43107 6:30-8 pm.

06/06 Nickle Creek with Gaby More-
no; Arts Center, 198 Hill Street,
Akron, **OH** 44325 8p \$61-105

06/07 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian
Grass; Vinoklet Winery 11069 Col-
erain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** 45252,
513-385-9309 free
vinokletwinery@fuse.net 6:30p,
food available for purchase

06/08-11 Happy Hollow Hootenanny,
4 day camp-out, music, art,
traditions of Central Appalachia.
Workshops in Old Time Music,
dancing and calling, traditional
crafts, more Stuart's Opera House,
52 Public Square, Nelsonville, **OH**
45764

06/09 Slate Ridge; Byrne's Pub, 1248
W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212
614-486-4722 7-9p

NIBGA 2023-2024 Membership Form a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit www.BluegrassUSA.net

Due by May 1, 2023* ● NIBGA - 5255 E. 5000 N Rd, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 ● ph: 260-918-4790 ● email: DF23@nibga.com

* Current memberships expire April 30, 2023.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ e-Mail: _____

Yes: e-Mail mine: _____ No, snail mail it _____ Canada: snail mail (1 or 2) \$15, e-Mailed(1) \$10/(2) \$15

New: _____ Renewal: _____ \$10 Single: _____ \$5 ea addl same address 16 & older _____

OR TO BE A PATRON (includes dues and one T-shirt)

I want to be a 2023 Patron and support my club: \$100 _____ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL

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)

06/10 Vern McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

06/10 True Bluegrass; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 7p

06/10 My Brother's Keeper; Natalie's Grandview, 945 King Ave, Columbus, OH 43212 8:30p

06/14 & 21 & 28 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45252, 513-385-9309 vinokletwinery@fuse.net 6:30p, free, food available for purchase

06/16 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci 1445 Compton Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45231 7p, free

06/17 Kentucky Heritage; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7:30p

06/23 Blue Note; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 7p

06/24 The Leftover; Loose Rail Brewing, 37 W Waterloo St, Canal Winchester, OH 43110 614-321-6634

06/24 My Brother's Keeper; Plain Folk Live, 10177 SR 132, Pleasant Plain OH 45162 7:30p 513-877-2526

Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, Oct 15, 2023



Tri-State Bluegrass Festival! Stage shows starting May 25 (Thurs.), but gates open for camping the previous weekend! Only \$15/night camping prior to Fri., May 26, and then just \$45 for Memorial Day Weekend (F/S/S). Come early and get your "RELAX" on!
Memberships cards available at gate only until Tuesday before festival.
No \$5 discount without Membership Card.
Renew NOW to have your membership card in time!

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Fort Wayne, IN 46804-4946



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If your name is in red, this will be your last newsletter until you renew.