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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



I'll try to keep my column on the short side this month, so we have more space available sharing information about the bands appearing at the Memorial Day festival.

I'm really excited about the lineup this year, but the festival experience involves much more than just the stage show. The special events, campfire pickin', and general comradery complete the experience for a lot of folks. Walking around the park to see who is picking, and stopping to chat along the way, is a rewarding experience in and of itself!

As I mentioned last time, Chris Steiner will have a full slate of special events. She is still working on them, but we will include more information in upcoming newsletters. They will certainly include workshops and activities, a band scramble, gospel sing, as well as special showcases from the Tomorrow's Bluegrass Stars kids.

I did promise to keep it short this month, but before I "sign off" I do want to mention the monthly NIBGA jam sessions at the Southwest Conservation Club every third Sunday during October, November, and January through April. The sessions have been particularly well attended lately -- it's a lot of fun to get together and share tunes and songs. If you're looking for a place to try out a new song or some new licks, the NIBGA jam is a great place. If you're more on the beginner side, it's also a great place to come and play along with others. Although everyone gets a chance to choose a song, there's never any pressure if you just want to stay in the background.

I'll see you at the Memorial Day festival, if not before! **Joe**

You've got to love a band that takes their name from a 1964 recording of the Kentucky Colonels! Just as Clarence and Roland White, Billy Ray Latham, and Roger Bush were on their classic album on World Pacific Records, the members of **Appalachian Swing** are unabashed in their love for the hard-driving world of bluegrass music. And, just as with the Kentucky Colonels, that is readily apparent in a rather raucous musical style delivered in a very polished context -- a feat which can only be accomplished when one learns the subtleties of musical finesse.

They click together perfectly on rhythm, which creates a perfect bed for their vocals and instrumental improvisations. They have all the bases covered -- Adam Schlenker (guitar and vocals), Hayes Griffin (mandolin and vocals), Todd Sams (banjo), and George Welling (bass and vocals) are all top notch instrumentally. And they feature the kind of powerful vocals you expect from a hard-driving bluegrass band. I'm really excited to see this versatile, powerful bluegrass ensemble from central Ohio in person!

My Brother's Keeper, from Cincinnati, OH, is on the progressive side, and they show the influence of multiple genres in their performances. Brothers Benjamin, Titus, and Joshua Luckhaupt on guitar, mandolin, and fiddle, along with Wyatt "Sawmill" Murray on upright bass, are all rock solid, both instrumentally and vocally. Progressive, yes, but there can be no doubt of bluegrass influence in the tightness of their harmonies and instrumental work. This will be their third appearance at Tri-State, and they effuse a soulful approach that has made them a big hit in each of their previous appearances.

Fox Crossing Stringband, from Chicago, Illinois, is a group that features an entertaining stage presence, strong vocal harmonies, some nice original material, and covers of popular songs, all



Buzz on the Bands, cont.

within a traditional bluegrass context. They feature five bluegrass instruments, although that is accomplished with the three members alternating on multiple instruments throughout their program.

Allison Branch plays guitar, Despina Pafalides alternates between fiddle and mandolin, and Cassie Wright plays dobro and banjo. All three contribute lead and harmony vocals, and originals from all three are featured in their repertoire. There are not a lot of all-female bluegrass bands, but perhaps Fox Crossing Stringband will inspire a change in that regard!

Stayed tuned next newsletter for more "Buzz on the Bands".

The annual **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

was held at the November meeting. There was only one



Shari Wolf



Jim Clay

opening to fill and Jim Clay was elected for that position. The current roster is as follows:

President: Joe Steiner

Vice President: Jim Winger

Treasurer: Linda Winger

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Thanks to Shari Wolf for serving on the board this past year. Even though she is stepping down from the board, you will still see her helping to coordinate workshops and leading Gospel Sings.

NIBGA Scholarships

In a testament to the enduring spirit of musical generosity, the Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association (NIBGA) persists in its mission to nurture talent and passion within the bluegrass community.

Following the passing of TJ Collins, a stalwart advocate for bluegrass music, his wife Barb has requested that mourners honor his memory by directing donations to NIBGA, specifically earmarked for the scholarship fund. This gesture not only commemorates Collins' dedication to the craft but also ensures that future generations of bluegrass enthusiasts will have access to educational opportunities.

Established by the NIBGA board, the scholarship program aims to enhance individual skills related to playing, singing, dancing, or performing bluegrass or old-timey acoustical music. With a preference for long-time members and their immediate families, the scholarships are nonetheless open to any passionate individual in the upper Midwest, regardless of age.

Over the years, NIBGA has awarded an impressive sum exceeding \$30,000 in scholarships, reflecting its substantial investment in fostering musical talent. These awards, which can range up to complete tuition refunds based on the decision of the selection board, serve as a testament to NIBGA's dedication to advancing the bluegrass genre.

The scholarships not only provide financial assistance but also serve as a catalyst for personal and artistic growth, empowering recipients to pursue their musical aspirations. By offering support to both seasoned members and newcomers alike, NIBGA ensures that the rich tradition of bluegrass music continues to thrive in the region.

In a landscape where arts education funding often faces challenges, initiatives like NIBGA's scholarship program stand as beacons of hope, championing the transformative power of music in communities. As the organization carries forward its legacy of musical support, it reaffirms its position as a cornerstone of the bluegrass community, inspiring generations to come.

Jim Winger, Vice President

Thank you to our 2023 Patrons!

Thank-You to our 2023 Patrons. YOU are helping to keep bluegrass alive in the Tri-State area! We already have some new Patrons for 2024.... Stay tuned for that list next month (and opportunity to be a Patron!)

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Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

INDIANA

- 1st Sun** mostly Central Indiana BGA jams Hontz Hall, 307 E South H St, Gas City, **IN** 46933 765-674-5117 noon-??
- 1st Thurs** Wakarusa Bluegrass Jambo-ree, Doc Able Pavilion, 116 W. Waterford St, Wakarusa, **IN** 46573 6:30-9p Free, 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
- 2nd Thurs** Bluegrass Gospel Jam, 2nd Floor Old Bag Factory, 1100 Chicago Ave, Goshen, **IN** 46526 6:30-9p info: 574-202-5502
- 3rd Fri** Winamac Bluegrass Jam, Knights of Columbus, 340E50N, 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** 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.
- Every Sat.** 6090 S. Oakwood St., N Judson, **IN** 46366 219-878-3123 5:30p CDST

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
- 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 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 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
- 4th Sat** Michigan Bluegrass Assoc., Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr., Flint, **MI** 48506 6p 810 736-5332
- 03/21** Missy Raines & Allegheny; The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, **MI** 48104 8p
- 03/23** Square Dances @ Studio 18, 1818 142nd Ave., Dorr, **MI** 49323 616-318-5270 6:30-9p
- 03/29** The RFD; The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, **MI** 48104 8p

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 event status

- 03/01** Jim Lauderdale; Natalie's Grandview, 945 King Ave, Columbus, **OH** 43212 9p
- 03/01** Fast Track; Moon City Music, 1208 Lunar Dr, Wapakoneta, **OH** 45895 567-204-0929 7p
- 03/01** 7 Mile Bluegrass; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 03/02** Don Rigsby, Fly By Nights; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 03/02** Jim Lauderdale; Adelpia Music Hall, 205 2nd St, Marietta, **OH** 45750-2916 8p 740-374-8278
- 03/04** McIntyre Bluegrass Trio, Woodbourne Lib 6060 Far Hills Ave, Centerville, **OH** 45459 937-435-3700 7-8p
- 03/05** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, Miami Down Home, 221 High St., Hamilton, **OH** 45011 7-8:30p
- 03/06** Greensky Bluegrass; Kemba Luve, 405 Neil Ave, Columbus, **OH** 43215 614-461-5483 6:30p
- 03/06, 13, 20 & 27** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH** 45252 513-385-9309 6:30-8:30p
- 03/08** Gipson & Fitz; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p
- 03/08** Northwest Territory; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, **OH** 43773 7p
- 03/09** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 03/15** Rhonda Vincent; Methodist Church, Burnside Family Life Center, 207 S. Court St., Marysville, **OH** 43040 7p 937-642-4712
- 03/15** Danny Paisley & Southern Grass; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938 6p
- 03/15** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, Fibonacci Brewing 1445 Compton Rd, Mt. Healthy, **OH** 45231, 513-832-1422 7-9p
- 03/16** Wrygrass, Rich Baker; Gahanna Library, 310 Granville St, Columbus, **OH** 43230 Free 2p
- 03/20** Missy Raines & Allegheny;

Natalie's Grandview, 945 King Ave,
Columbus, **OH** 43212 8:30p
03/20-21 Industrial Strength Blue-
grass, Roberts Center, I-71 & US Rt
68, Wilmington, **OH**. Featuring Dai-
ley & Vincent, Michael Cleveland,
Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers,
Authentic Unlimited, Po' Ramblin'
Boys, Darin & Brooke Aldridge, Au-
thentic Unlimited, High Fidelity,
Donna Ulise, Jerry Salley, Carson

Peters & Iron Mountain, Denison
University Bluegrass Band and Lo-
raine Jordan & Carolina Road.

03/23 Kenny Stinson & Perfect
Tymin'; Sterling Bluegrass Concert,
26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling **OH**
43143 614-323-6938 6p

03/29 Edgar Loudermilk Band, Just
Plain Grass; Pennyroyal Opera
House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker
City, **OH** 43773 7p

03/30 Edgar Loudermilk Band;
Maumee Indoor Theater, 601 Co-
nant St., Maumee, **OH** 43537 7p

03/30 Open Highway; Sterling Blue-
grass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt
Sterling **OH** 43143 614-323-6938
6p

Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, Mar 17, 2024

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