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President's Corner - Joe Steiner



The Spring Tri-State Bluegrass Festival is just a little over a month away, and the anticipation is building up.

As sometimes happens, we do have a change in the lineup for the spring, since the Arkansas band Gravel Yard contacted us to cancel just a couple of days ago. Usually, last minute cancellations are the result of severe illness or such, but in this case it just

came to light that one of the members is not available for Memorial Day weekend.

While we always hate to see these things happen, and I admit that I was really looking forward to seeing this group, we're very fortunate that we were able to get the Kevin Prater Band to step into the lineup. It's always a pleasure to see Kevin's fine group -- he's been a good friend to the festival over the years, and he always puts on a top notch show. He has all the right ingredients at his disposal, and he knows how to put them together in a perfect, unique way for his own take on hard drivin' traditional grass.

In just a few weeks, it will be, as Peter Rowan says in his song, High Lonesome Sound, "The campfire's burnin' and tonight my heart is yearnin' for the sight of that old campground." I'll see you there, at the Tri-State Festival!



BUZZ on the BANDS

In addition to the bands mentioned in previous newsletters, there will be something for everyone on the Memorial Day lineup.

The West Liberty Mountain Boys, from Eastern Kentucky deliver up solid, hard-driving traditional grass, but featuring some nice originals as well as covers from the classic repertory.

Also on the traditional side, we have 7 Mile Bluegrass and Cedar Creek returning to our stage this spring.

At the other end of the spectrum, the Debutants, hailing from right in our own backyard in Fort Wayne, have a more progressive approach but are as rock-solid an outfit as you can get, both vocally and instrumentally -- their musicianship has always been awesome and it just keeps getting better.

A special treat in the spring will be seeing Kentucky Blue again, after too many years. Dave and Laurie Cottrell and their find band have been mainstays of the festival for many years, and, given Dave's abundant talents and propensity for onstage antics, have also been one of our most entertaining acts.

The Watershed Ramblers, from Chesterton, IN are on the progressive end of the spectrum, featuring a unique approach to acoustic music and original material.

The Sugar Mules are full of personality, billing themselves as

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BUZZ ON THE BANDS, continued
"Cleveland's Unexpectedly Good Bluegrass Band." Their stage presence is right in line with their approach of "fighting to occupy that liminal space -- the Bluegrass Yin and Yang -- of progressive and traditional sound." They warn us, though, that they "have got Lake Erie water pumping through their veins. Strike a match--they dare ya..." Joe

Over Jordan

Eddie Adcock, five string banjo master and memorable former member of The Country Gentlemen, died on March 19. He was 86 years of age, and had been suffering from multiple health issues over recent years.



Aside from his musical talents he became notable for his 2008 deep brain surgery where under a local anesthetic he was able to play his banjo while surgery was performed to treat hand tremors that affected his professional playing ability.

I had the privilege of serving along with him on the IBMA board of directors in the 2000s. ~ Jim Winger

We need YOU!

As you know, the Tri-State Festival is run by volunteers. And we can sure use your help this year! Please consider volunteering a couple hours of your time while you are enjoying the festival. Areas of particular need this spring include gate volunteers, help with Kids' Korner, and setting up the stage (Wednesday) and tearing down (Sunday night). Just check in with any volunteer at the gate to sign up.

Also needed are emcees that can work 1/2 day shifts. Email Chris at cooperrider@yahoo.com if you have any questions about emceeing and to sign up in advance.

Thanks for your help!



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, 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 Bill Landow 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 05/17 Roger Brown & Borrowed Tyme, 06/21 Great Miami Bluegrass Band
- Last Fri.** March-Oct, Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, IN 47030 6:30p
- Every Sat.** 6090 S. Oakwood St., N Judson, IN 46366 219-878-3123 5:30p CDST except during Kendallville Festival
- Every Sun.** Mouse Trap bar, 5565 N Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220 317-255-3189 8p
- 05/01** The Dirty Grass Players; Orbit Room, 107 N College Ave, Suite 001, Bloomington, IN 47404 \$13.60
- 05/02** Boozehounds Bluegrass; Spencer Farm's Winery, 7015 E 161st St, Noblesville, IN 46062 6:30-9p
- 05/03** Darin & Brooke Aldridge; Blue Gate PAC, 760 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN 46565 7p
- 05/03** Mama Said String Band, Arianna and the Bourbon Britches, Booze Hounds Bluegrass, Low Landers, The Hammer & The Hatchet, Chris Dollar & Pat Otto, Rusted String Swindlers, Jan Bell, Corey Flick - harmonica; Upland Brewing Co, 350 W 11th St, Bloomington, IN 47404 3-11p
- 05/05** The Dirty Grass Players, Mama Said String Band; Whiskey City's Liberty Theater, 229 Walnut St, Lawrenceburg IN 47025
- 05/09** Nectar Valley, Horseshoes & Hand Grenades, Aaron Kamm & The One Drops, Bibelhauser Brothers, Front Porch, Restless Leg String Band, Nina Snoogans, Blake Gardner & The Farmers, Elements Of Sound, Kai Muhammad, The Lowland Ramblers, Fuzzstration, Booze Hounds Bluegrass, Bones Of Saturn, Puzlbox, Slack Jaw Yokels, Taylor Katherine, Coco, Swamp Boys, Chris Bell, Just Austin, Brooke & Quinn,

- ton, Twiggy, Mama Said String Band; Willystock, 9888 South Country Rd 525 E, Marengo, IN 47140
- 05/10** Mama Said String Band; Riddle Point Park at Lake Lemon, 7599 N Tunnel Rd., Unionville, IN 47468
- 05/16-18** Chicago Farmer, Booze Hounds, Debutants, Front Porch, Pythagoras, Smilo and the Ghost, Baker's Basement, Cousin Brothers, Fun Dunns, The MilBillies, Watershed Ramblers, Wood Belly, Zach Cannon; Sustain Festivals Elk Ridge Ranch, 8781 Ridge Rd, Shoals, IN 47581 \$105, camping \$90 primitive
- 05/17** Roger Brown & Borrowed Tyme; Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, IN 47030
- 05/22-25** Debutants, Kevin Prater band, David Mayfield Parade, 7 Mile Bluegrass, West Liberty Mountain Boys, Kentucky Blue, Suzuki, Cedar Creek, New Valley Grass, Sugar Mules, Watershed Ramblers, Chicken Wire Empire; Tri-State Bluegrass Festival, Kendallville, IN 46755 wknd: \$50, camping \$18/day

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 Su** Farm Pickin', River Saint Joe, 15475 Walton Rd, Buchanan, MI 49107 1-3p M
- 1st & 3rd Mon** Library; 7215 Headley St SE UNIT 309, Ada, MI 49301 5-7:45p
- 1st & 3rd Tues** Dyer Center, Wayne Westland Education Center, 36745 Marquette, Westland MI 48185 (between Wayne & Newburg Rd) acoustic only. 7-9p
- 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 6p
- 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
- 05/15** Schlitz Creek; McCarty's North 40, 46065 M-40, Paw Paw, MI 49079 7-10p

OHIO

- 1st Sun** Church on the Hill, 1861 Mill St. in Albany, OH 45710 (Hosted by Jim & Alan Stack of Rarely Herd) 2-4p
- 2nd Thu** - Richwood Acoustic Jam, First Baptist Church of Richwood. 101 E. Ottawa St. Richwood, OH 43344 6-8p
- 3rd Thu** - Open Bluegrass Jam, Thomas Auction Center, 176 S. Main St, Fredericktown, OH 43019 740-507-5392 7p
- 3rd Sat** - Jam Central Ohio "Big Jam" Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, 15 Clinton Heights Ave, Columbus, OH 43202 11a-5p
- 3rd Sun** Church of the Nazarene (south entrance), 7951 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, OH 45069 937-530-2127 3-5p
- Mon** - Central Ohio Bluegrass Jam, Summit Music Hall, 2210 Summit Street, Columbus, OH 43201 6-9p (8-9 fast jam)
- Tues** - FOTMC, 1196 Ross Millville Rd, Millville, OH 45013 6:30-8:30p 419-568-1220
- Tues** - Bluegrass Opry Barn, 9461 OH-66, Oakwood, OH 45873 419-594-2816 6p
- Tues** - Diner-20 jam, 10938 US-20, Lyons, OH 43533 5-7p
- Wed** - Central Ohio Bluegrass, Fraternal Order of Eagles, 3800 Westerville Rd, Columbus, OH 43224 6-9p
- Thurs** - Slow Jam, Violet Baptist Church, 8345 Blacklick-Eastern Rd NW, Pickerington, OH 43147 614-562-9730 6-8p confirm event status, Fstaunton59@gmail.com
- Sat** - Bluegrass Musicians Supply, 1370 S. High St. Columbus, OH 43207 longest running weekly jam session! 10a-5p

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04/29-05/01 Rhonda Vincent; Amish Country Theater, 4365 SR 39, Berlin, OH 44610 bluegrass concert, a country concert, a gospel concert, jam sessions with band, meet and greets, more

05/02 Wayfarers, Mark Whitt & True Grass; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, OH 43773 7p

05/02 Sweetwater; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212, 614-486-4722, 7-9p

05/03 Tom Ewing TBA; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, OH 43143, 614-323-6938

05/04 Beers and Bluegrass featuring Slate Ridge; Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church St, Pickerington, OH 43147 614-834-9595 4-7p

05/05, 12, 19, 26; Vern McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Rib City BBQ, 746 NW Washington Blvd, Hamilton, OH 45013 7p

05/07, 14, 21, 28; Vern McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45252 513-385-9309 or vinokletwinery@fuse.net 6:30-8:30p

05/09 Goldsberrys; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W.

Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212, 614-486-4722, 7-9p

05/10 Lorraine Jordan; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, OH 43143, 614-323-6938 7p

05/10-11 Forest Hills Bluegrass, Corn-drinkers, Farmer & the Crow, Rita Beach & the Troubadors, Corryville Suzuki Strings, Bings, Appalachian Grass, Pickin' Pair, One Iota, Tony Hale & Blackwater, Duly Noted, Tony & Rachael Holt, Cecil Jackson & Dry Ridge, Danny Davis Band, Kentucky Lap Fiddler, Rabbit Hash String Band, P's in a Pod, Old Hawk, The Tillers. Sunday: Forrest Hills Bluegrass, The Bings, Old Coots, Rabbit Hash String Band, Scott & Katie James, Won Peace, Loraine Jordan & Carolina Road, Danny Burton & the Thunderbirds, Uncle Mike Carr, Sherry Stanforth & Tangled Roots; Appalachian Festival, Front St, New Richmond, OH 45157

5/10 Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Appalachian Festival, New Richmond, OH 513-251-3378 6pm at Main stage: 8pm at Katie Laur Memorial stage, general admission \$15

05/15 Brother Randall & Friends, Old

Hometown; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, OH 43773 7p

05/16 Ramblin' Bluegrass; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212, 614-486-4722, 7-9p

05/17 Hillbilly Tradition; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, OH 43143, 614-323-6938 6p

05/23 Woodpickers; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212, 614-486-4722, 7-9p

05/24 Vern McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Opry Barn, 9461 SR 66, Oakwood, OH 45873 419-594-2816 7p

05/24 Fast Track; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, OH 43143, 614-323-6938 6p

05/24-25 Lonesome River, Clay Hess, Caney Creek, Northwest Territory, Vertical Limit, South 79, Beyond Calvary, Family Pride, Son's of Tradition, LRB reunion w Don Rigsby; Mitch & Cindy's BGF, Fairgrounds, 899 Everett Cortland Hull Rd, Cortland, OH 44410 330-770-9515 \$65 wknd, + camping

05/30 Tom Ewing; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212, 614-486-4722, 7-9p

Thank-You to everyone that signed up to be a Patron so far for 2025... YOU are helping to keep bluegrass alive in the Tri-State area! I am so thankful for all of the NEW Patrons this year, and for the continuing support of previous Patrons. When you see someone wearing a Patron t-shirt (no matter WHICH year), please tell them "thank you!"

Below is membership renewal information. Please consider joining the Patron program and helping to support Bluegrass music in the Tri-State area. See the next page for the list of our current 2025 Patron members. Remember to tell them **THANK YOU!**

NIBGA 2025-2026 Membership Form a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit www.BluegrassUSA.net

Due by May 1, 2025* ● NIBGA - 5255 E. 5000 N Rd, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 ● ph: 260-918-4790 ● email: DF24@nibga.com

* Current memberships expire April 30, 2025.

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 family membership dues and one T-shirt)

I want to be a 2025 Patron and support my club: \$100 _____ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL XXXL

Optional Additional 2025 Patron T-shirt: \$ 20 _____ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL XXXL

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

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

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

(Please print clearly)

Current 2025 NIBGA Patrons

Thank you !

Anonymous Family
Ron Armstead
Wayne Boltz
Dan Denny *

Julie Goldsmith
Mark Hauenstein & **Ava Bailey***
William Lake
Leslie Skal *

Joe & Chris Steiner
Stephen Troyer
Stewart White
Jim & Linda Winger

* **New Patrons** Thank you very much!



Debutant's Newgrass Hoot Camp 7/28–8/1.

Designed for students in grades 4-12, this week-long camp will explore ear training and improvisation in an acoustic string band setting. Stay tuned or BluegrassUSA.net for a link.

Reminder



NIBGA President Joe

Just a reminder that there will **NOT** be NIBGA Jams in Fort Wayne from May through September. Patronize your local clubs and festivals this summer!

Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association
5034 Wapiti Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46804-4946



May 2025

If your name and address are not correct, please notify us so that our records are up-to-date. Call (260) 918-4790