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## President's Corner - Joe Steiner



Well, the Spring Tri-State Bluegrass Festival is now upon us! Campfires burning and music wafting in from jam sessions across the campground – it just doesn't get any better!

Tri-State has always been like a family reunion, and I can't wait to get together with our Tri-State family again. As we get ready to start the season, I would certainly be remiss if I didn't thank our wonderful Patrons, who are at the center of our family and are truly the core of the Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association. We wouldn't be here today if it weren't for the support of these great folks.

I would also be remiss if I didn't mention and thank the many volunteers who assist with the festival. As you know, no one in the Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association receives any salary or compensation for the work they do – they do it just to support the music and bring a great family event to bluegrass fans. As soon as the spring festival is over, they will begin planning for fall festival.

Speaking of the fall festival, it also promises to be a terrific one. As always, we'll have a diverse lineup. It will feature hard-driving traditional bluegrass from Sammy Adkins and the Sandy Hook Mountain Boys. And, it will also feature Tri-State favorites, My Brother's Keeper, as well as the soulful harmonies and modern bluegrass sound of Lincoln Mash and Heather Alley. Of course, I love all the bands that appear on the stage at Tri-State (and every band featuring acoustic

stringed instruments for that matter). But I am really partial to one band that will be appearing in the fall: Hillbilly Chic, a group that deftly straddles the fence between Old-Timey and Americana while stepping off into bluegrass and other roots music with equal enthusiasm and aplomb.

Filling out the rest of the schedule will be Blue Diggity (congrats to Isaiah and Bailey on their recent marriage!), returning band Booze Hounds Bluegrass, old favorites New Outlook, and Tony Hale and Blackwater, and new-to-Tri-State; Low Landers, New Mountain Heritage, and New Strength. I guarantee there will be something for everyone!

Geez, we're not even through the spring festival yet, and I'm already pumped up and bouncing off the walls waiting for fall! Some folks may remember our dog, Gibson, who was always at the Tri-State festival and unfortunately passed away last year. He would get so excited when he knew he was going for a walk that he would start shaking and jumping straight up and down – that's the way I feel now!

As Peter Rowan says, "The campfire's burnin' and tonight my heart is yearnin' for the sight of that old campground." See you there!

*Joe*

## Over Jordan



**Audra Ceora DeMarcus**, 89, of Marion, Indiana, passed away peacefully at home on April 18, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones. Audra and her husband, Kenny, were instrumental in the founding of the Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association in the 1970s. As chronicled in past newsletters by Charlie

Carnes, the club originated from informal jam sessions at Don McFarland's home in Fort Wayne—gatherings that quickly outgrew the space and gave rise to a formal organization. Audra served as its first secretary, and Kenny

was an early board member.

A few years later, the couple helped establish a new bluegrass organization closer to their home in Marion, in mid-central Indiana. There, Audra became a pillar of the Central Indiana Bluegrass Association, serving faithfully as secretary for an extraordinary 43 years.

Audra's love for bluegrass music blossomed after meeting Kenny and became a lifelong passion. Her dedication earned her numerous awards and, more importantly, the admiration and friendship of countless fellow musicians and fans throughout the region. Her warmth, commitment, and tireless service helped build a welcoming community that continues to thrive today.

We were honored to know Audra for many years.  
— *Jim and Linda Winger*

## Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

### INDIANA

**1<sup>st</sup> Thurs** Wakarusa Bluegrass Jambo-  
ree, Doc Able Pavilion, 116 W.  
Waterford St, Wakarusa, **IN** 46573  
6:30-9p Free, since 2000,  
574-862-2200

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs** Whiteriver Folk &  
Bluegrass jam, Emery Lee Building,  
Beulah Park Jam, 400 E. 4th St.,  
Alexandria, **IN** 46001 6-9p

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs** Bluegrass Gospel Jam,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Old Bag Factory, 1100  
Chicago Ave, Goshen, **IN** 46526  
6:30-9p Bill Landow 574-202-5502

**3<sup>rd</sup> Fri** Winamac Bluegrass Jam,  
Knights of Columbus, 340E50N,  
Winamac, **IN** 46996  
Tom 574-205-2274 7-10p

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sat** Mar-Nov - Metamora Opry  
Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd,  
Metamora, **IN** 47030 6:30p  
MetamoraMusic@gmail.com,  
06/21 Great Miami Bluegrass Band

**Last Weds.** Bluegrass and folk  
Jam; Davey's Delicious Bagels,  
1006 Broadway, Fort Wayne, **IN**  
46802 6-8p 404-960-4210

**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

**06/21** Great Miami Bluegrass Band;  
Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd,  
Metamora, **IN** 47030

### MICHIGAN

**every Weds.** jam with Ron Hammon,  
Moose, 4043 Howe Rd, Grand  
Blanc, **MI** 48439 6:30-9p  
Ron - 810-309-0032

**every Sun.** Bob's Barn Jamborees,  
1417 Johnson St., Lake Odessa,  
**MI** 48849 616-374-8205  
bobwarner40@gmail.com

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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Su** Farm Pickin', River Saint Joe,  
15475 Walton Rd, Buchanan, **MI**  
49107 1-3p M

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

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues** Dyer Center, Wayne  
Westland Education Center, 36745  
Marquette, Westland **MI** 48185  
(between Wayne & Newburg Rd)  
acoustic only. 7-9p

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues** Presbyterian Village  
32001 Cherry Hill Road Westland,  
**MI** 48135 313-617-4864 7-9:30p  
Wendy Hause,  
whause@frontier.com

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sat** Maumee Street Music jam,  
First Presbyterian Church, 156 E.  
Maumee, Adrian, **MI** 49221 6p  
517-607-8085 or 517-270-2870

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tues** West MI Bluegrass; Slow  
Jam, Library, 6260 92<sup>nd</sup> St SE,  
Caledonia, **MI** 49316  
989-430-2149 5-7:45p free

**3<sup>rd</sup> Fri** Lake Diane Jams, Hillsdale  
Community Center, 1810 W. Terri-  
torial Rd, Camden, **MI** 49232, snack  
bar, Mullins 517-270-2870,  
Atkins 517-607-9868 6p

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sat** West MI Bluegrass, Aiden's  
Place, 42 E Lake St, Sand Lake, **MI**  
49343 989-430-2149 jam 2-4:30p

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun** Woldumar Nature Center,  
5739 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing, **MI**  
48917 2-5p \$5 donation  
517-505-2809

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

**06/19-21** Appalachian Road Show (90  
min. Evening Show Only), Cedar

Creek, Crabgrass, David Mayfield  
Parade, Edgar Loudermilk Band,  
Harbourtown, Junior Sisk, Kentucky  
Just Us, Red Camel Collective, Ten-  
nessee Bluegrass Band, The Seldom  
Scene, Volume Five; Charlotte **MI**  
BGF

### OHIO

**1<sup>st</sup> Sun** Church on the Hill, 1861 Mill  
St. in Albany, **OH** 45710 (Hosted by  
Jim & Alan Stack of Rarely Herd)  
2-4p

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thu** - Richwood Acoustic Jam,  
First Baptist Church of Richwood.  
101 E. Ottawa St. Richwood, **OH**  
43344 6-8p

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thu** - Open Bluegrass Jam, Thom-  
as Auction Center, 176 S. Main St,  
Fredericktown, **OH** 43019  
740-507-5392 7p

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sat** - Jam Central Ohio "Big Jam"  
Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, 15  
Clinton Heights Ave, Columbus, **OH**  
43202 11a-5p

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Frater-  
nal Order of Eagles, 3800 Wester-  
ville 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  
Fstaunton59@gmail.com

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**Sat** - Bluegrass Musicians Supply,  
1370 S. High St. Columbus, **OH**  
43207 10a-5p

**06/02, 09, 16, 23, 30;** Vern McIntyre's  
Appalachian Grass; Rib City BBQ,  
746 NW Washington Blvd,  
Hamilton, **OH** 45013 7p

**06/03** Alison Krauss & Union Station;  
PNC Pavilion, Cincinnati, **OH**

**06/04, 11, 18, 25;** Vern McIntyre's  
Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery,  
11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, **OH**  
45252 513-385-9309 6:30-8:30p  
vinokletwinery@fuse.net

**06/07 Canceled** Blue Note; Sterling  
Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St.,  
Mt Sterling, **OH** 43143, 614-323-  
6938 6p

**06/11** Punch Brothers; Southern The-  
ater, 21 E Main St, Columbus, **OH**  
43215 7 pm

**06/12** Punch Brothers; Amphitheater  
Cain Park, 14591 Superior Rd,  
Cleveland, **OH** 44118 7:30p  
\$42.50 - \$84.50

**06/13-14** Uniontown, Crabgrass,  
Hammertown, Muddy Krick Moun-  
tain Band, Lincoln Highway, Lincoln  
Mash & Heather Alley; Water-  
works Bluegrass Bash. 711 Findlay  
St, Carey, **OH** 43316 Music on 14th  
@ noon 419-294-8440.

**06/14** Jerry Salley; Sterling Bluegrass  
Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Ster-  
ling, **OH** 43143, 614-323-6938 6p

**06/14** Mark Whitt & Truegrass; 7pm  
Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St,  
Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767

**06/15** Berachah Valley; at Beaver-  
creek Concert Series, 640 Grange  
Hall Rd, Beavercreek, **OH** 45430 7p

**06/21** Brother Randall Curry; Sterling  
Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St.,  
Mt Sterling, **OH** 43143,  
614-323-6938 6p

**06/21** Dailey & Vincent; Ohio Star  
Theater, 1387 Broadview Dr,  
Payne, **OH** 45880 7p \$60-\$79.49

**06/21** Ricky Skaggs; Schnormier Event  
Center, 201 S Norton St, Mount  
Vernon, **OH** 43050 8p \$28-\$85

**06/22** Ricky Skaggs; Sugarloaf Amphi-  
theater, 5698 Marietta Rd,  
Chillicothe, **OH** 45601 7 pm.

**06/25** Joe Mullins; Veterans Park  
Amphitheater, 250 Cliff Park Rd,  
Springfield, **OH** 45504 8p free

**06/28** Sam Bush; Hoover Auditori-  
um, 119 W 3rd St, Lakeside  
Marblehead, **OH** 43440

**06/28** Blue Note at Clifton Opera  
House, 5 South Clay Street, Clifton,  
**OH** 7 pm

**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!** **If you sign up to be a Patron, I will have your shirts at the festival.**

**NIBGA 2025-2026 Membership Form a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit [www.BluegrassUSA.net](http://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  
Steve Carroll  
Jim Clay  
Ben & Connie Crofoot  
Verl & Sue Dasher

**Dan Denny \***  
Julie Goldsmith  
Keith & Terri Grannis  
Mark Hauenstein & **Ava Bailey\***  
William Lake  
Bob & Carol Mauck  
**Jim & Mary Ellen Miller \***

**Leslie Skal \***  
Joe & Chris Steiner  
Stephen Troyer  
Roger & Jody Vogie  
Cathy Voors  
Stewart White  
Jim & Linda Winger

**Please see Chris Steiner at the festival to pick up your shirts.**

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

**Tell Your  
Friends!**



### **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](http://BluegrassUSA.net) for a link.

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



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