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## President's Corner - Joe Steiner



I'm really excited as we get ready for the Fall Tri-State Bluegrass Festival. It's always great to get camp set up, and visit with other folks as they arrive.

I'm also excited about the great lineup we have! It's always terrific seeing the familiar bands like New Outlook, Tony Hale, and Hillbilly Chic – there's a comfortable feeling that comes with heading toward the stage to catch their shows and see what new things they have come up with. But, it's also a treat to see new groups like New Strength and Lincoln Mash & Heather Alley.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, a goal of our board has been to attract younger folks to the festival. Toward this end, we have worked to vary the lineup so that it includes something for everyone, so that Tri-State feels like home to both the initiated bluegrass fan and the person who is just discovering the music.

The bluegrass music we all love really defies labels. Looking at the first generation grassers -- there are obvious differences between the Stanley Brothers and the Country Gentlemen, but you can't summarize those differences with labels. Regardless, we have always tried to balance the traditional and progressive, as well as including some elements of the roots and branches of the music. I think we've done that very well in the fall lineup, with top notch bands that give us all elements of this great music.

I'd like to send out one last thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at the Memorial Day festival. I'd also like to put out a request for volunteers at the Labor Day festival – if you'd like to help out, just stop by the gate or stop by the merchandise table to let us know.

I'll see you at the fall festival – I can't wait!

Joe

I'm looking forward to hearing **Hillbilly Chic** on our stage again. As I mentioned in the President's Column this month, this music we love often defies labels, and this fine group is a spot-on example of that.

Their sound is influenced by both the first generation bluegrassers and the old-timey tradition, but it also bears the stamp of a wide variety of other music including blues and country rock. They have a comfortable, welcoming stage presence and an original approach that definitely reaches toward the future more so than living in the past. Paul Brown (banjo) is the original organizer of the group, and it features John Victor on harmonica, Richard Moore on guitar, Bryan Joseph on mandolin, and Nick Weiland on bass.

**Blue Diggity** is one of the hottest young bands in bluegrass. Hailing from Wheeling, West Virginia, they feature tight vocals, but they are just as impressive with their creative instrumental work. They have some great interpretations of classic bluegrass numbers as well as some great original material, and they also occasionally pull in some nice interpretations of numbers from other genres. But you can tell from their high-energy program that the root of their sound, and the soul of their music, is from the first generation bluegrass well. The band consists of Isaiah Childers on guitar, Bailey Childers on banjo, Lilli Gadd on bass, and Jimmy Hall on mandolin.

## HOOT CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Debutants are thrilled to announce that they have a few 80% scholarships to Hoot Camp made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne. These scholarships are available to guitar, mandolin, and banjo players from 4th-12th grade. All experience levels are welcome! If you or someone you know would be interested in spending a week learning and jamming with the band please email at [BobcatOpossum@gmail.com](mailto:BobcatOpossum@gmail.com)

See the flyer for more information on page 3.



NIBGA activities are made possible in part by Arts United, the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

## Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

### INDIANA

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs** Wakarusa Bluegrass Jamboree, 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
- 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
- 08/01** Booze Hounds Bluegrass; Sleepybear Campground, 13231 E 146th St, Noblesville, **IN** 46060 11pm - 2am
- 08/07-09** Booze Hounds Bluegrass, others; Brown County 2620 Valley Branch Road, Nashville, **IN** 47448
- 08/14-17** Grascals, Booze Hounds Bluegrass, Brad & Lori Mini Opry Show, Branded Bluegrass, Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers, Larry Efaw & the Mountaineers, Medicinal Bluegrass, The Wayfarers; Winding Creek BGF, 9912 County Rd West 100 S, Russiaville, **IN** 46979
- 08/18** Roger Banister Bluegrass Band; Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd, Metamora, **IN** 47030
- 08/21** Alison Krauss & Union Station; Everwise Amphitheater at White River State Park, Indianapolis, **IN**
- 08/24** Booze Hounds Bluegrass; Belgian Horse Winery, 7200 W CR 625 N, Middletown, **IN** 47356 4-6:30p
- 08/27** Booze Hounds Bluegrass, open jam; Duke's Indy 2352 South West Street Indianapolis, **IN** 46225

**08/28-31** Blue Diggity, Gospel Sing, Booze Hounds Bluegrass, Hillbilly Chic, Lincoln Mash & Heather Alley Band, Low Landers, My Brother's Keeper, New Mountain Heritage, New Outlook, New Strength, Sammy Adkins, Tony Hale & Blackwater; TriState Bluegrass Festival, 580 N Fair, Kendallville, **IN** 46755

### MICHIGAN

- every Weds.** jam with Ron Hammon, Moose, 4043 Howe Rd, Grand Blanc, **MI** 48439 6:30-9p 810-309-0032
- every Sun.** Bob's Barn Jamborees, 1417 Johnson St., Lake Odessa, **MI** 48849 616-374-8205 bobwamer40@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, FOE, 32 E. Lake St, Sand Lake **MI** 49343 jam 1-3p 269-806-8561
- 1<sup>st</sup> Su** Farm Pickin', River Saint Joe, 15475 Walton Rd, Buchanan, **MI** 49107 1-3p
- 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. Territorial 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
- 08/02** RFD Boys; The Ark, 316 S. Main St, Ann Arbor, **MI** 48104 8p

- 08/02** Cedar Creek Bluegrass, Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic, The New Memphis Express, Wilson Thicket; Bluegrass Jamboree, Village, 5583 Webster Church Rd, Dexter, **MI** 48130 2-7p food trucks
- 08/07** Schlitz Creek; Dowagiac Amphitheatre, 206 Main St, Dowagiac, **MI** 49047
- 08/08-10** Traditional Music Festival; Michigan Fiddlers Assoc., Winding Creek Campground, 2349 Campground Rd., Hastings **MI** 49508
- 08/15** Tray Wellington Band; The Ark, 316 S. Main St, Ann Arbor, **MI** 48104 8p
- 08/18** Alison Krauss & Union Station; Kresge Auditorium, Interlochen, **MI**
- 08/24** The Po' Ramblin' Boys; The Ark, 316 S. Main St, Ann Arbor, **MI** 48104 8p

### OHIO

- last Mon** bluegrass and country jam, Library, 3900 King Rd, Toledo, **OH** 43617 6:15-8:15p
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sun** - Church on the Hill, 1861 Mill St. in Albany, **OH** 45710 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, Thomas 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, 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 Fstaunton59@gmail.com

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**Sat** - Bluegrass Musicians Supply, 1370 S. High St. Columbus, **OH** 43207 longest running weekly jam session! 10a-5p

**08/01** Joe Mullins; Bluegrass & Brew, Main Street Commons, 103 East Main Street, Fairborn, **OH** 4p

**08/02** Duly Noted; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7p

**08/02** Vern McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, P's in a Pod, Great Miami NG, Hip River, Blue Note, Andrew Hibbard Band; Vern Fest, Famous Old Time Music Co, 1196 Ross Millville Rd, Hamilton, **OH** 45013 noon-10p \$15 513-607-1874

**08/07-09** Kauffman Road and Cedar Creek. Poverty String Band, Hammetowne, Deeper Shade of Blue, Drayden Gordon and Harley Kelly, Appalachian Road Show, Pickin' Pair, Fenced In, Crabgrass and Union Town; Cuttin' Up; Creek BGF, Elkins Creek Horse Camp, 223 Twp Rd 245, Pedro, **OH** 45659 740-643-2416

**08/09** Sweetwater; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212, 614-486-4722, 7-9p

**08/09** Kevin Prater band; Nickle Valley Resorts, 33900 TR68, Frazeyburg, **OH** 43822 7p 740-828-2410

**08/09** Possum Creek Ramblers; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton,

**OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7p

**08/09** Resonant Rougues, The Hen & the Crow; Rambling House, 310 E Hudson St, Columbus, **OH** 43202 6p

**08/09** Roger Brown & Borrowed Time; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, **OH** 43143, 614-323-6938 6p

**08/09-10** Michael Cleveland, Special Consensus, Cutter & Cash, Kentucky Grass, Mike Marshall & Darol Anger; Lakeside BGF, Hoover Auditorium, 115 W 3rd St, Lakeside, **OH** 43440 419-798-4461

**08/15** Country Gentlemen Show; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, **OH** 43143, 614-323-6938 6p

**08/15** Max Mobley & Friends; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212, 614-486-4722, 7-9p

**08/16** Blue Diggity; Terradise Nature Center, 1536 Whetstone River Rd N, Caledonia, **OH** 43314 5p

**08/16** Ricky Skaggs; Rose Music Center, 6800 Executive Blvd, Huber Heights, **OH** 45424 8p

**08/16** Carter Bridge; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, **OH** 45316 937-767-1767 7p

**08/17** Fast Track, Authentic Unlimited, Rhonda Vincent; Bellawood Farm, 8677 Oregon Road, Canal Winchester, **OH** 43110 1p (614) 833-1211

**08/18** Kevin Prater Band; Killing Tree

Winery, 11688 CR4, Dresden, **OH** 43821

**08/20** The Goldsberrys; Holden Arboretum, 9550 Sperry Rd, Kirtland, **OH** 44094 6-8p

**08/21-23** Lorraine Jordan, Lonesome River band, Danny Paisley & Southern Grass, Junior Sisk Band, Harbourtown, Catahoula Drive, Edgar Loudermilk, Grascals, The Malpass Brothers, Won Peace, Hammertowne, tba; Brown County Fairgrounds, 325 W State St, Georgetown, **OH** 45121 706-768-1503

**08/22** Open Highway; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, **OH** 43212, 614-486-4722, 7-9p

**08/23** Open Highway; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling, **OH** 43143, 614-323-6938 6p

**08/28-31** Slippery Creek, Union Town, Bourbon Revival, Po' Ramblin Boys, Darrell Webb Experience, Blue Debut, Turning Ground, Appalachian Road Show, Southern Legacy, Mountain Heart Reunion, East Nash Grass, Tidal Wave Road, The Creekers, Sister Sadie, The Steeldrivers, Pure Prairie League, Sam Jam after party, Bands TBD; Sam Jam BGF, fairgrounds, 311 Mill St, Piketon, **OH** 45661

**08/30** Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers at Sundown Jam-biker, 440 Dell Drive, Trenton, **OH** 2 pm

## Over Jordan

Jennifer Ramm posted the following message: *My mother, **Roberta Little**, passed away on May 31 after a battle with pulmonary fibrosis. She was the bass player and singer with the Under Construction bluegrass band which included dad, Tim. She and Dad started dating in college and were rarely apart until he passed. They set a beautiful example of a loving marriage.*

The Littles were long time members of NIBGA and could be found under their green easy-up near the horse and pony area at the festivals. They were a cheerful couple. They rarely missed a festival and generously donated to the club as patrons. We miss them both.







**July 28 - August 1**  
**9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | \$275**

**Designed for students in grades 4-12**, this week-long camp will explore ear training and improvisation in an acoustic string band setting. Participants can register for violin/fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo, upright bass, cello, or viola. Campers will spend each day learning from the touring performers and licensed educators that make up Debutants. Students will engage with each other to learn new skills and collaborate in an intensive and hands-on musical experience. On the last day of camp, Hoot Campers will open up for the Debs at Auer Hall, a 1,500 seat auditorium.

Formed by longtime friends, Lynn Nicholson and Jon Swain, **Debutants** have evolved into a formidable string band with eclectic influences ranging from traditional folk, bluegrass, and Irish music, to classic and indie rock, rockabilly, jam bands, and anything else they feel like playing.

**REGISTER AT [PFW.EDU/HOOT-CAMP](http://PFW.EDU/HOOT-CAMP)**

## Current 2025 NIBGA Patrons      Thank you!

**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!".

Anonymous Families (2)  
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### 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. Check out [BluegrassUSA.net](http://BluegrassUSA.net) or Facebook page for a link. See flyer on front of newsletter.

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



**August 2025**

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