

# TRI-STATE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LABOR DAY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

**SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2026**

Noble County Fairgrounds, 580 N Fair St, Kendallville, IN 46755

## STAGE SCHEDULE

| THURSDAY - SEPT. 3 |                                               | FRIDAY - SEPT. 4 |                                 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>6:30 PM</b>     | Blue Holler                                   | <b>6:30 PM</b>   | Blue Holler                     |
| <b>7:30 PM</b>     | Watershed Ramblers                            | <b>7:30 PM</b>   | Watershed Ramblers              |
| <b>8:30 PM</b>     | Sugar Mules                                   | <b>8:30 PM</b>   | Sugar Mules                     |
| <b>9:30 PM</b>     | Booze Hounds Bluegrass                        | <b>9:30 PM</b>   | Booze Hounds Bluegrass          |
| <b>10:20 PM</b>    | Booze Hounds - Jam with the Band              | <b>10:20 PM</b>  | Sugar Mules - Jam with the Band |
| SATURDAY - SEPT. 5 |                                               | SUNDAY - SEPT. 6 |                                 |
| <b>NOON</b>        | Miles Over Mountains                          | <b>10:45 AM</b>  | Gospel Sing                     |
| <b>1:00 PM</b>     | The Matchsellers                              | <b>11:45 AM</b>  | Ottawa County                   |
| <b>1:50 PM</b>     | Board Introduction                            | <b>12:45 PM</b>  | Miles Over Mountains            |
| <b>2:00 PM</b>     | The Debutants                                 | <b>1:45 PM</b>   | The Matchsellers                |
| <b>3:00 PM</b>     | Kevin Prater Band                             | <b>2:45 PM</b>   | Kevin Prater Band               |
| <b>4:00 PM</b>     | Hillbilly Chic                                | <b>3:45 PM</b>   | Hillbilly Chic                  |
| <b>4:45 PM</b>     | Supper Break                                  | <b>4:30 PM</b>   | Supper Break                    |
| <b>6:00 PM</b>     | Miles Over Mountains                          | <b>5:15 PM</b>   | Ottawa County                   |
| <b>7:00 PM</b>     | Kevin Prater Band                             | <b>6:10 PM</b>   | Miles Over Mountains            |
| <b>8:00 PM</b>     | Hillbilly Chic                                | <b>7:05 PM</b>   | The Matchsellers                |
| <b>9:00 PM</b>     | Bluegrass Showdown - Matchsellers & Debutants | <b>8:00 PM</b>   | Kevin Prater Band               |
| <b>9:55 PM</b>     | Bluegrass Showdown - Matchsellers & Debutants | <b>8:55 PM</b>   | Hillbilly Chic                  |
| <b>10:45 PM</b>    | Hillbilly Chic - Jam with the Band            |                  |                                 |

See reverse for activities, locations, dinner & taxi information.

# TRI-STATE LABOR DAY ACTIVITIES & INFO

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## WORKSHOPS

**SAT 11:00am**

**Clogging Class with Patty Page**

Location: Swine Barn

**SAT 12:15pm**

**Vocal Harmony with Kevin Prater**

Location: Log Cabin

## SWAN TOWNSHIP 4-H BBQ DINNER

Community Night - **THURSDAY 5:30pm**

Location: Log Cabin

Dinner is \$13 a plate.

- BBQ sandwiches
- Homemade macaroni & cheese
- Baked beans, desserts & lemonade

All proceeds benefit Swan Township 4-H.

Admittance to the festival is free on Thursday.



## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

**Jam with the Bands** After the last show in the Mini Barn

Thu 10:20pm with Booze Hounds Bluegrass

Fri 10:20pm with Sugar Mules

Sat 10:45pm with Hillbilly Chic

**Kids Korner** 10:30-12am Saturday, Swine Barn

**Bluegrass Showdown** 8:55pm Saturday, Stage

DEBUTANTS vs THE MATCHSELLERS

**Gospel Sing** 10:45am Sunday, Stage. Hymnals provided.

## Golf Cart Taxi

260-226-6367

Free shuttle service  
to/from the stage and  
activities.



## VENDORS

**Buds Spuds:** serving your favorite midway snacks: apple petals, ice cream, elephant ears

**Lions Club/Masons:** serving a full breakfast including biscuits and gravy, breakfast sandwiches; cheeseburgers, buffalo burgers, air-fried french fries, ham and bean soup, Klondike bars, bagged ice. Open Thursday evening; Friday, Saturday, Sunday 8am-8pm

**Sandwiched:** gourmet grilled cheese, dirty sodas, and lemon shake-ups

**Jonesy's Music Shoppe:** vintage bluegrass tapes and cds. Leather bags, earrings, and music accessories - strings, etc.

**NIBGA merch - Firewood available for purchase**

# BLUEGRASS *SHOWDOWN*



***Saturday, September 5, 2026***

***At the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-State Bluegrass Festival***  
**Noble County Fairgrounds - Match Starts: 8:55pm**

## **PLUS Great Music From**

Kevin Prater Band  
Hillbilly Chic  
Muddy Krick Mountain Band  
Miles Over Mountains  
Ottawa County  
Booze Hounds Bluegrass  
Blue Holler  
Sugar Mules  
Watershed Ramblers

- Camping
- 24/7 Jamming
- Workshops
- Kids activities
- Vendors



***Tickets at the gate***

**[www.bluegrassusa.net](http://www.bluegrassusa.net)**

# Events & Activities

TRI-STATE BLUEGRASS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND FEST

NOBLE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, KENDALLVILLE, IN



**SATURDAY**

## BLUEGRASS SHOWDOWN

**AT THE STAGE**

**8:55 PM**

DEBUTANTS



THE MATCHSELLERS

## Jam with the Bands

**IN THE MINI BARN AFTER THE LAST SHOW**

THURSDAY | BOOZE HOUNDS BLUEGRASS

FRIDAY | SUGAR MULES

SATURDAY | HILLBILLY CHIC

## Saturday, September 5

### KIDS KORNER - SWINE BARN

10AM-12PM | GAMES, FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS, FACE PAINTING, SNACKS

FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES. PLEASE ACCOMPANY 6YRS AND UNDER WITH A PARENT OR OLDER SIBLING.

## WORKSHOPS

11AM | CLOGGING (SWIN BARN) WITH *PATTY PAGE*

12:15PM | HARMONY (LOG CABIN) WITH *KEVIN PRATER*

## Sunday, September 6

### GOSPEL SING - STAGE

10:45AM | HYMNALS PROVIDED



# Jam with the Band

## AT TRI-STATE BLUEGRASS!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2026

NOBLE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, KENDALLVILLE, IN  
IN THE MINI BARN AFTER LAST SHOW

**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
**BOOZE HOUNDS BLUEGRASS**



**Friday, Sept. 4**  
**SUGAR MULES**

**Saturday, Sept. 5**  
**HILLBILLY CHIC**



**All Ages & Skill Levels Welcome**  
**MORE INFO AT [BLUEGRASSUSA.NET](http://BLUEGRASSUSA.NET)**

# KIDS KORNER!

AT TRI-STATE BLUEGRASS

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2026, KENDALLVILLE, IN  
SATURDAY 10-12PM IN THE SWINE BARN

**Crafts**

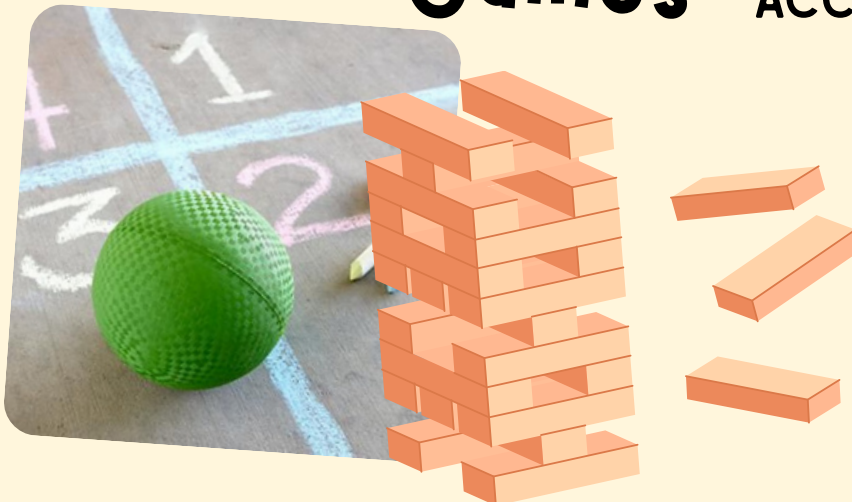


**Snacks**

**Face Painting**



**Games**



KIDS OF ALL AGES WELCOME!  
KIDS 6 AND UNDER PLEASE BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT  
OR OLDER SIBLING.



# Happy 50<sup>th</sup> NIBGA!

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