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## President's Corner - Joe Steiner



We are finally seeing the last throes of winter, and spring is just around the corner. And, that means it won't be long before we are picking outside again! There is something about bluegrass and acoustic string music that just fits with the out-of-doors – you don't need to find a 110 outlet to do what we do!

As I mentioned in last month's column, it's the comradery of the festival that makes the experience unique, and that is largely because of being able to pick outdoors. The only thing we need to pack are our instruments, and it's easy to wander the park to see what's happening. It's easy to join in, or listen, or both when we find an inviting place to spend a few minutes (or more).

One of the things that folks always remember is the sense of welcoming at a bluegrass festival. And, the music seemingly never quits. I always love going to sleep to the sound of a bluegrass jam. I do have to admit to going to bed a little earlier at festivals than I did years ago, but it seems like there's always someone picking – nothing beats the sound of an outdoor bluegrass jam!

We do need to be respectful of others, though, which is why we have a "no canned music" rule at Tri-State. Everyone is welcome to pick whenever they want, wherever they want, for as long as they want – that's part of the ambience. But canned music (no matter how great it is) is a different animal – folks figure on hearing the acoustic sounds of a jam session, but not on hearing someone else's favorite recordings.

As I mentioned last time, we'll have another stopping point when we're roaming the park to see what's happening during the spring festival. The TBS (Tomorrow's Bluegrass Stars) kids will be set up in the Mini Barn doing impromptu shows and jams. Please stop by and support this next generation of bluegrass pickers. You will be AMAZED at their talent!

If you're itching to pick and/or have a few new songs or licks to try out before the spring festival, stop by at the NIBGA monthly jam session at the Southwest Conservation Club. Next month, April, will be the last session until after the fall festival. Come on out!

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

Joe

By now, there aren't many folks in bluegrass music who aren't familiar with **New Outlook**, the fine group headed up by Lori and Brad Lambert.

They know how to drive the music and entertain the audience. Lori has a soulful, powerful voice and drives the rhythm of the ensemble with the string bass. We typically see her husband Brad on guitar these days, but he's a multi-instrumentalist who can also drive the five or play mandolin as needed. Brad also contributes some additional nice vocal work.

Both Brad and Lori have some nice songwriting credits, and they keep things moving with a show that features much of their original material.

Brad and Lori manage the Moon City Event Center in Wapokoneta, Ohio and often feature bluegrass music concerts there. Brad is also a luthier, trusted by many in the bluegrass community to handle repairs on their cherished bluegrass instruments.

Get ready to have some fun when the **Debutants** take the stage! These guys are from right in our own back yard, Fort Wayne, and have appeared at Tri-State a couple times before. As I've said previously, if straight-ahead bluegrass is your only thing, you probably won't really get into these guys; but, if you're willing to stretch it out a bit, check out what they have to offer. You'll be impressed by their arrangements and the levels of musicianship and creativity they field.

While you can certainly see the foundations of bluegrass and folk in their music, they definitely show strong influences from rock and roll, soul, blues, and other genres. You might call them newgrass, or jamgrass, but they don't play themselves into a corner with such definitions. The group was formed in 2019 and is headed up by long-time friends Lynn Nicholson and Jon Swain. They feature two fiddlers, Lauren Blair and Sean

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## Upcoming Events - confirm event status before leaving home

### INDIANA

**1<sup>st</sup> Sun** mostly Central Indiana BGA jams Hontz Hall, 307 E South H St, Gas City, IN 46933 765-674-5117 noon-??

**1<sup>st</sup> Thurs** Wakarusa Bluegrass Jamboree, Doc Able Pavilion, 116 W. Waterford St, Wakarusa, IN 46573 6:30-9p Free, 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 info: 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**04/13** Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn; Goshen College, 1700 S Main St, Goshen, IN 46526 @ 7:30p

**04/20** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Rd., Metamora, IN 47030 6:30p

**04/27** Mandolin Gathering; Metamora Opry Barn, 19189 Pennington Road, 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 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

**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> & 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** Presbyterian Village 32001 Cherry Hill Road Westland, MI 48135 7-9:30p Wendy Hause, 313-617-4864, 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

**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> Sat** Heritage Park Barn, 121 Tefft St, Hanover MI 49241 Nov - April 6-11p

**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 ( 4/23, 5/21 is 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.)

**04/04** John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band; Franke Center For the Arts, 214 E. Mansion St. Marshall, MI 49068 269-789-9677 7pm \$25/\$30

**04/13** Michigan Fiddlers, Barry County Commission on Aging, 320 W. Woodlawn, Hastings, MI 49058 616-374-8205 1-5p

**04/26** Bela Fleck "My Bluegrass Heart"; Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W 4th St, Royal Oak, MI 48067 248-399-2980 7p

**04/27** Square Dances @ Studio 18, 1818 142nd Ave., Dorr, MI 49323 616-318-5270 6:30-9p

### 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

**04/03, 17, 24** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45252 513-385-9309 6:30-8:30p

**04/12** Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers, Mt. Sterling Band; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, OH 43773 7p

**04/13** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Chinese Breakdown, 1108 W. Kemper Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45240 513-607-1874 or fotmc@iglou.com 7-9p

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## Buzz on the Bands, cont.

Hoffman, which is not too unusual for bluegrass, but they are one of few bluegrass bands with a cellist (Ellen Coplin). They also feature Michael Earl Newsome on banjo and Colin Taylor on string bass.

We're happy to welcome back **Steve Scott and the Scott Bros** to the Tri-State stage. Steve has been a great partner for many years to NIBGA and bluegrass music, running the Bluegrass Opry Barn shows in Oakwood, Ohio and the Van Wert County bluegrass festival. Steve knows and understands bluegrass music – it lives deep in his soul. He is usually seen on stage with a guitar but is a multi-instrumentalist who could cover several of the bluegrass instruments. He is also a proud father, featuring his two sons, Steve Jr. on banjo and Brian with some hot mandolin work.



## Looking for Food, Music, Instruments??

**Jeanette Young**, our Vendor Chairperson, has been busy signing up vendors for the spring festival. Make sure you check it out! Also, if you are interested in vending something that isn't listed below, contact her for more information at 260-710-3210.

Confirmed vendors for this spring include:

- Jonesy (Tapes, CDs, etc)
- Dreamers' Solution Music (Instruments/accessories)
- Bread of Life Tabernacle (Meals)
- Avilla Masonic Lodge (Food, breakfast, popcorn, ice)
- Byall and Sons Concessions (Ice cream, ribbon fries)
- S & R All American Pizza Wagon (Pizza)
- 3 Amigos TacomeX Grill (Mexican Food items)
- Ed's Fish and More (Fried Fish, onion rings, gizzards, etc.)

## 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.... Check out your opportunity for being a Patron on the membership form below!

Ron Armstead	Keith & Terri Grannis	Tom & Donya Rondo	Cathy Voors
Steve Carroll	Mark Hauenstein	Poul & Linda Sandersen	Terry & Peggy Wallace
Jim Chilton	William Lake	Charles & Amanda Shepard	Big Al Weekley & Sandy
Jim Clay	Cliff & Jan Lawton	Joe & Chris Steiner	Paul & Barb Welch
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Jim & Julie Geise/Goldsmith	Anonymous (2)	Dave & Marianne Vogie	Shari Wolf

### NIBGA 2024-2025 Membership Form a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit [www.BluegrassUSA.net](http://www.BluegrassUSA.net)

Due by May 1, 2024\* ● NIBGA - 5255 E. 5000 N Rd, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 ● ph: 260-918-4790 ● email: DF24@nibga.com

\* Current memberships expire April 30, 2024.

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 dues and one T-shirt)

I want to be a 2024 Patron and support my club: \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size? S M L XL XXL XXXL

Optional Additional 2024 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)

**04/19** The Malpass Brothers; Methodist Church, Burnside Family Life Center, 207 S. Court St., Marysville, **OH** 43040 7p 937-642-4712

45231 513-832-1422  
or events@fibbrew.com  
7:00 PM-9:00 PM

**04/26** Farm Hands, Pinnacle Ridge; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, **OH** 43773 7p

**04/19** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci Brewing, 1445 Compton Rd, Mt. Healthy, **OH**

**04/20** Northwest Territory; Des Dutch Essenhaus, 176 N Market St, Shreve, **OH** 44676-8903 330-567-2212 5:30p

**04/30-05/01** Rhonda Vincent & The Rage; Amish Country Theater, 4369 SR 39, Berlin, **OH** 44654 888-988-7469

**Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, April 21, 2024**



Mark your calendars now for the  
**Spring Memorial Day Weekend Festival!**  
May 23-26, 2024  
Make plans to come early to camp, hang out with friends, and visit local attractions. Only \$15/night camping!

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



**April 2024**

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