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## President's Corner - Joe Steiner

With only a couple weeks to go before the crew starts arriving at the festival, Joe is frantically trying to get everything done and ready. And, as you may know, it takes a long time to (try to) tune that banjo! So, instead of the normal President's Corner from Joe, you will be treated to random thoughts from the First Lady. (Hmmm. I like that title. I think I'll keep it.)

First random thought... I hope you are planning to come to the festival! I always feel like it is homecoming. I get to see all of my friends that I haven't seen for months, or sometimes a year.

Second random thought... It is time to start hiring bands for next year! I wish I had more time to run around to other festivals and check out bands that I haven't seen or heard of, but I just don't. That's where YOU come in. Please send me a quick note of any bands that you have seen that you think would be a good fit for Kendallville. Many of the bands that are performing this fall were recommended by festival attendees. Email me at cooperrider@yahoo.com, or text 419-721-8016. This fall, we have 10 (!!!!) bands that are new to K-ville.

Third, and final, random thought... As you know, the TriState Festival is run totally by volunteers...and many volunteers are needed!

Please consider spending a couple hours helping out at the gate. Smiling faces are needed to talk to excited festival attendees and make a great first impression of the festival. Gate help is needed from early in the week, all the way through Sunday. Please see anyone at the gate to sign up for a shift (or two...or more!).

Also needed are adult volunteers to help with the Kids' Korner on Saturday morning. See Chris Steiner on Friday night to help with set-up, or just show up Saturday morning prepared to demonstrate crafts or compete in cup stacking or checkers with youngsters.

One more Emcee is needed, also, for Sunday morning until supper break. If you've always wanted to be on stage introducing bands, and you've got that radio disc-jockey vibe going, please email Chris at cooperrider@yahoo.com or text 419-721-8016 to get the scoop. Here's your chance to be on stage. To hobnob with the bands. To drink that wonderful "green room" coffee! Hahaha.

Again, please consider volunteering a bit of your time to be part of the team and help the festival continue to be a low-cost, family-friendly, success.

I promise that Joe will be back next month for the normally scheduled President's Column. If I can get him away from his banjo long enough, that is!

Signed,  
Chris Steiner, First Lady <grin>

By the time you receive this newsletter, many people will already be arriving at the fairgrounds for the Labor Day festival. It's probably too late to post any further information about the remaining bands, but I did want to mention that two more bands have been added recently, bringing the total to 15 bands!

As with the Memorial Day festival, many of these bands will only be performing for one day, so make sure to plan to be at the stage for the entire weekend... Thursday through Sunday.

TEN of these bands are going to be new to the Kendallville stage. Be among the first to check them out! Of course, we still included some of our old favorites such as Kevin Prater and Open Highway.

Here is a short list of the bands by day. It would be hard to choose a favorite day, so just plan on staying for the entire weekend! Thursday is still our free "community" day to introduce people to bluegrass, but it is only \$45 for a weekend pass (Friday through Sunday) that gets you over 30 hours of music on stage, and all the parking lot pickin' jams you can handle.

### Thursday evening

Blue Holler  
Dead Pickers Society  
Mark Whitt & the True Bluegrass Band  
Tim Coffey & Elkridge

### Friday evening

Tim Coffey & Elkridge  
Booze Hounds Bluegrass  
Steam Machine  
Kevin Prater  
Cutter & Cash and Kentucky Grass

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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, 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 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
- Every Sat.** 6090 S. Oakwood St., N Judson, IN 46366 219-878-3123 5:30p CDST 5:30P except during Kendallville Festival
- 09/19-21** Uncle Pen Days, Bill Monroe's Music Park & Campground, 5163 Indiana Highway 135, Bean Blossom, IN

### 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 6-9p Eagles: 517-782-5622 Jam leader: 248-247-9766 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> Sun** Farm Pickin', River Saint Joe, 15475 Walton Rd, Buchanan, MI 49107 1-3pm
- 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 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, 6pm 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
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sat** Michigan Bluegrass Assoc., Armstrong Middle School, 6161 Hopkins Dr., Flint, MI 48506 6p 810 736-5332
- 09/06** Sierra Hall; Lavender Hill Farm, 7354 Horton Bay Rd N Boyne City, MI 49712 5p
- 09/07** Sierra Hull; Wheatland Music Festival Remus, MI (09/06-08 festival dates) 1p
- 09/07** Square Dances @ Studio 18, 1818 142nd Ave., Dorr, MI 49323 616-318-5270 6:30-9p
- 09/12** Schlitz Creek; Humane Society, 2272 River St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048
- 09/17** Sierra Hall; Royce Auditorium, 24 Ransom NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503 7:30p
- 09/19** Schlitz Creek; North 40 Bar & Grill 46065 M-40 Paw Paw, MI 49079
- 09/20** Michigan Mafia String Band; Pond Hill Farm, 5699 S. Lakeshore Dr., Harbor Springs, MI 497405-8p
- 09/20-21** Steel & Wood Bluegrass, Ottawa County Bluegrass Band,

Cedar Creek, Forked Run, Easy Idle, The Band Bridge; WMBGA Fall Fest, St. Louis Church of God Campgrounds, 8489 N. Bagley Rd. St. Louis, MI 48880 269-806-8561

- 09/21** Old Michigan Fiddlers, Chipewa Lake Community Center, 10467 19 Mile Rd., Rodney, MI 49342 231-734-2508 jam 1:30-4p dance 5p

### OHIO

- 3rd Thu** – Open Bluegrass Jam, Thomas Auction Center, 176 S. Main St, Fredericktown, OH 43019 Larry Moore FREE 740-507-5392 Doors 6p, jam 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** – Jam Central Ohio Bluegrass Jam, Summit Music Hall, 2210 Summit Street, Columbus, OH 43201 6-9p
- Tues** - FOTMC jam, 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
- Wed** – Jam Central Ohio Bluegrass Jam, Fraternal Order of Eagles, 3800 Westerville Rd, Columbus, OH 43224 6-9p
- 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
- 09/03** Mark Whitt & Truegrass; Miami University Hamilton Campus, 221 High St, Hamilton, OH 45011 7p
- 09/04, 11, 18, 15** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass, Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45252 513-385-9309 6:30-8:30 pm
- 09/05** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Harry T Wilkes Conference Center, 1601 University Blvd,

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Hamilton, OH 45011  
513-785-3175 7:00 PM-?

**09/06** Gipson & Fitz; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

**09/06** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Clinton County Corn Fest, 958 W. Main St., Wilmington, OH 45177 937-417-8488 7-9p

**09/06** Town Mountain; Woodlands Tavern, 1200 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-299-4987 7p

**09/07** Rocky Creek; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7p

**09/07** Lincoln Highway Bluegrass Band; Thomas Auction Center, 176 S. Main St, Fredericktown, OH 43019 7p

**09/07** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45252 513-385-9309 6:30-8:30p

**09/08** Kevin Prater Band; Claire Tavern & Grill, 818 Market St, Clarington, OH 43915-9502 7p Free

**09/13** Slate Ridge; Byrne's Pub, 1248 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH

43212 614-486-4722 7-9p

**09/12-14** Northwest Territory, Hunter Skeens, Deeper Shade Blue, Caroline Owens, Crabgrass, Bourbon Revival, Echo Valley, David Mayfield Parade, Kristy Cox. Breaking Grass. The Cleverlys. Lincoln Highway Bluegrass Band; Mohican Wilderness, 22462 Wally Rd, Glenmont, OH 44628 camping sold out!

**09/14** Laurel Mountain; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7p

**09/14** Caroline Owens; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p

**09/15** Sierra Hull; Woodlands Tavern, 1200 W. Third Ave., Columbus, OH 43212 614-299-4987 7p

**09/18** Sierra Hull w Stephanie Lambring ; Beachland Ballroom & Tavern, 15711 Waterloo Rd, Cleveland, OH 44110 7p

**09/20** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Fibonacci Brewing 1445 Compton Rd, Mt. Healthy, OH 45231, 513-832-1422 7-9p

**09/21** Lincoln Highway Bluegrass Band; Johnny Appleseed celebration, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., Mansfield, OH 44906 5-7 pm.

**09/27** Fast Track; Pennyroyal Opera House, 139 Fair Ave, Quaker City, OH 43773 7p

**09/27-28** Kevin Prater Band, Lincoln Highway Bluegrass Band, Scott Brothers, more; Van Wert BGF, 1055 S. Washington St. Van Wert, OH 45891

**09/28** Joe Mullins; Jamboree, Park, 520 South Stringtown Rd., Xenia, OH 45385 4p

**09/28** Pinnacle Ridge; Clifton Opera House, 5 S Clay St, Clifton, OH 45316 937-767-1767 7p

**09/28** Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass; Urban Backyard, 501 Main St., Hamilton, OH 45013 7-10p 513-893-9482

**09/29** Fast Track; Sterling Bluegrass Concert, 26 E. Main St., Mt Sterling OH 43143 614-323-6938 6p

**09/29** Kevin Prater Band, Five for the Gospel; Assembly Church, 2021 E River Rd, Newton Falls, OH 44444 noon, free

## Over Jordan

**Bruce MacLean**, 84 of Van Wert, died July 11, 2024. Bruce died peacefully in his sleep after fighting for many years with cancer, kidney and heart illnesses. Bruce and wife, Joyce, were long-time supporters and attendees of the festival. He will be missed.



Did you know that <https://www.bluegrassusa.net/events/> lists events in the upper Midwest by state at no charge? If you want to see what is in your area, check it out. If you want an event to be listed there is a handy form on the site to make that happen.

## Thank you to our 2024 Patrons!

**Thank-You** to everyone that signed up to be a Patron for 2024... 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!". If you signed up to be a Patron and your name isn't on this list, please contact me at [cooperrider@yahoo.com](mailto:cooperrider@yahoo.com)

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## Saturday

(All Saturday Bands will perform twice during the day, before supper and after)

Roger Brown & Borrowed Tyme  
Steam Machine  
Kevin Prater  
McLain Family Band  
Cutter & Cash and Kentucky Grass  
Volume Five

## Sunday

(All Sunday Bands will perform twice during the day, before supper and after)

Gospel Sing (just one morning set)  
WonPeace  
Roger Brown & Borrowed Tyme  
Hillbilly Chic  
Open Highway  
Liam Purcell & Cane Mill Road

**Next NIBGA Jam in Fort Wayne, Oct. 20, 2024**



It's not too early to be thinking of Christmas gifts for your favorite bluegrassers! A \$100 donation to NIBGA will make them a 2024 Patron, complete with limited edition Patron t-shirts. And.... a portion of your donation is tax-deductible!

Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association  
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