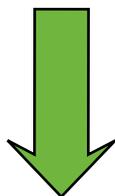


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Keeping Bluegrass Music Alive in the Northern Kentucky Area

It's Spring 2017! FESTIVAL SEASON Begins!

And That Means Bluegrass Music is in the Air!

Spring is here and the sounds of Bluegrass Music move from indoors to outdoors. Front porch pickin' returns with warmer weather. Local picnics and parties will include Bluegrass Music filling the air and Festivals will fill weekends all over the Country with fun, education, and entertainment for all.

Your favorite Bluegrass and Americana bands take to the road and there is nothing better than live music to provide the ultimate in audio and visual entertainment experience. Watching and listening to performers who pour their hearts and souls into their presentation is one of those inspirational experiences that defies words and just can't be captured on a CD or YouTube download. The excitement in the crowd, the energy flowing from the stage.... You just have to experience it to understand and appreciate it. If something 'live' is happening near you or you are traveling near something that is happening 'live' you just have to check it out.

And Festivals often mean more than just musical performances. Often arts and crafts vendors, musical instrument vendors, musical workshops, and food vendors are part of the ingredients. Local tourism booths, medical screening vans and community service organizations, sometimes join the mix. Music festivals, community services and family friendly fun go hand in hand.

And let's not forget the parking lot picking! Festivals are often in and around

campgrounds that offer perfect places for people from all over the area to come together and jam! Parking areas around festivals brim to overflowing with the sounds of music filling the air. Sharing talents and skills with others, often strangers, creates a special bond among festival goers with memories that can last a lifetime. And to be honest, some of that parking lot talent rivals the best recording artists on the planet!

If you are looking for bluegrass events in your area or are planning a trip this summer and wondering what is happening in any state in the country, we recommend that you visit the following site:

<http://bluegrassfestivalguide.com/>

Click on the 'REGIONS' tab, select the state you are interested in and find a list of festivals with links to each one for details that will help your travel plans. The site is regularly updated as events are added or changed. We have listed some of the events happening in the Tri-State this summer on the next page, but this is just a beginning. Scan the above site for information about any vacation destination.

Spring is here at last! Pack up the car and camper or RV. Put your instrument(s), the spouse, the kids and pets (in order of importance) in there and hit the road. It's Festival Time!



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TRI-STATE FESTIVALS

Kentucky:

May 20, **Forest Fest Bluegrass Festival**, Fairdale, KY For info go to <http://bluegrassfestivalguide.com/forest-fest.html>

May 31, June 1,2,3 **SALLY GAP Bluegrass Festival**, Williamsburg, KY. For info go to <https://www.facebook.com/sallygapbluegrassfestival>

June 8-11 **Festival of Bluegrass**, KY Horse Park Campground Lexington, KY. <http://www.festivalofthebluegrass.com>

June 21-24 **Rudy Fest**, Grayson, KY. Carter Family Fairgrounds <http://www.rudyfest.com>

June 21-24 **ROMP Festival and Workshops**, Owensboro, KY For info go to <http://www.rompfest.com>

July 8th **The Sun Valley Music Festival and Jubilee**, A.J. Jolly Park, Campbell Co, KY. For info call (859)750-0505.

July 13-15 **Shriners Bluegrass Festival**, Olive Hill, KY For info go to www.shrinersbluegrassfestival.com

Sept 21-23 **Vine Grove Bluegrass Festival**, Vine Grove, KY For info go to vinegrovebluegrass.com/

Indiana:

May 31-June 3 **Bean Blossom John Hartford Memorial Festival**, Bill Monroe Music Park and Campground For info go to <http://www.johnhartfordmemfest.com>

June 9-11 **Wakarusa Bluegrass Festival**, Wakarusa, IN. For more info go to <http://wakarusabluegrassfestival.com>

June 10-17 **51st Annual Bill Monroe Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival**, Bill Monroe Music Park and Campground For info go to www.billmonroemusicpark.com

July 6-8 **Bean Blossom Southern Gospel Jubilee**, Bill Monroe Music Park and Campground For info go to <http://www.billmonroemusicpark.com>

Sept 20-23 **Bill Monroe Hall of Fame Uncle Pen Days Festival**, Bill Monroe Music Park and Campground For info go to [URL: http://www.billmonroemusicpark.com](http://www.billmonroemusicpark.com)

Ohio:

June 7-10 **Bluegrass in the Hills**, Hopedale, OH For more info go to [URL: http://bluegrassfestivalguide/hopedalejune.htm](http://bluegrassfestivalguide/hopedalejune.htm)

Aug 31-Sept 3 **Sam Jam Bluegrass Festival**, Pike Co Fairgrounds, Piketon, OH. For info go to www.samjambluegrass.com



Saturday July 8, 2017
AJ Jolly Park, Campbell Co.

Some of the best regional Bluegrass and Old Time acts including the Price Sisters, Empty Bottle String Band, Mikaya Taylor, Hartstrings Bluegrass Band and More !! Food, crafts and kid's activities

\$5 Admission See FB page or call Jeff (859)750-0505

A good day is any day I don't wake up dead.....Willie Nelson



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And of course one of the most important local events is this Mother's Day weekend. Take it away Ron.....

48th Annual APPALACHIAN

FESTIVAL is once again at
Coney Island

May 12-14, 2017. The musicians, dancers, crafters, history re-enactors, storytellers, demonstrations of Appalachian life skills, and of course the food vendors are all ready to make Mother's Day Weekend great for young and old.

The venue is rich with history and lore of the Appalachian Mountains and the people who came from that region to settle in the Midwest. Their values, skills, and ethics of the region are all brought back to life to teach young folks how it was and to remind many of us of our roots.

The Festival earns funds which are given to other 501c3 organizations directly involved in education or feeding those in or from Appalachia who have those needs. Many good folks of Appalachian descent are not predisposed to look to others for help of any kind. Very often the **Appalachian Community Development Association** looks very hard to find the gaps in government or private assistance programs to steer the funds to those in need. We are proud of our heritage and proud to help those folks or their

offspring who need a helping hand. Please consider coming to the festival this year and **take pride in your ancestry and rich Mountain heritage.**

For more information regarding the venue, the musical events on the main stage, the storytelling and dancing, blacksmith and real mountain life demonstrations please see the new website at **Appalachianfestival.org** or Google: Cincinnati Appalachian Festival 2017.

Ron Simmons - President ACDA

48th Annual
Appalachian Festival

May 12, 13, & 14, 2017

Located along the scenic Ohio River
Coney Island Cincinnati Ohio

For more information visit:
www.appalachianfestival.org

Friday	9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm

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WOODSONGS® COFFEEHOUSE *Past Events*

Mountain Music Ambassadors

Back for the second time on February 11th, students from the Traditional Music Program at Morehead State University graced the stage at Willis Music's WoodSongs Coffee House. This is an internationally acclaimed program providing the world with a taste of traditional mountain music forms and culture from an historical and contemporary perspective. The Group performed traditional music they have taken to multiple countries around the globe educating audiences in this All-American form of music.

Gene Thompson interviewed the program Directors providing insight into the workings of the program. It is always a joy to see the young students studying this form of music and learning about performing it. Hopefully they will return again next year. Door donations were given to the students for their efforts.



The Blue Eagle Band

The audience was delighted on March 11th as the Blue Eagle Band took the stage at Willis Music providing a lively mix of acoustic music, stories, jokes, and all round fun. Their style is best described as bluegrass and more...4 spirited musicians sang and performed covers of well known traditional Monroe and Stanley Bros. Music along with progressive bluegrass, 'newgrass' including favorites from Paul Simon, Crystal Gayle, and Creedence Clearwater Revival, and some original material including solo, duet and trio vocals with a mix of instrumentals.

The band included Tom Adler on banjo, Jesse Pena on guitar, Noah Adler on mandolin, and Terri Powell on upright bass. Terri is one of the more active bass players to hit the stage moving with the beat, moving out front often to add harmony and

lead vocals including an excellent job of interpreting the blues. So active that she joked her activities were giving the FitBit on her wrist a 'fit'.

This was truly an evening of music and fun.





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WOODSONGS® COFFEEHOUSE *Past Events*

Saturday April 8th

Rick Oldfield & Curnie Lee Wilson

When doing what has made other musicians famous as a band, you have two choices. One way is to do it exactly like the original musicians did it and be a nostalgia trip for the audience. A reminder, if you will, of what they liked about the original band. The other way is to do it in a similar fashion but with enough of your own talent and pizzazz to cover the first way and still make it your own unique sound.

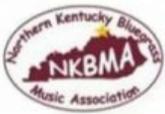
Rick and Curnie do the “Mountain Style” Bluegrass that made Ralph and Carter Stanley famous but sound like themselves which is a really good thing. These men are talented on their own with Rick hitting the right notes as did Ralph and Curnie complementing the familiar vocal style. But they have also recruited some of Ralph’s own band members, namely Sparkman and Rigsby, which is like pulling the future right out of the past.

Gene Thompson manages the Willis Woodsongs event schedule. He really likes the Stanley style of our Bluegrass Heritage Music. The great thing about this is it becomes really apparent when he brings in a band that can reproduce that style and Rick and Curnie sure got it right! If you missed it...YOU REALLY MISSED IT!

Gene’s next WoodSongs contestant coming in May is a band led by one “Thomas Brown”. Do you suppose he’ll get Gene to smile that evening? Be there May 20th, 7pm at Willis Music on Mall Rd and find out!



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FUTURE BLUEGRASS SPECIAL EVENTS

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COFFEEHOUSE EVENTS

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Saturday, May 20, 2017

7:00pm

Tommy Brown

And The County Line Grass

will perform at Willis Music, Mall Rd., Florence KY. This will be an action filled, entertaining evening of fun and great Mountain-style Bluegrass Music.

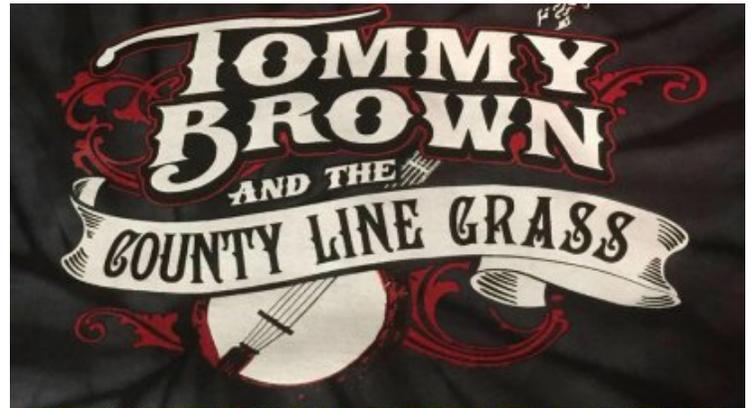
Tommy and the Band are truly professional Bluegrass musicians in the old traditional form starting with their attire, a huge dose of first class musicianship, great vocals and harmonies, polished off with an extra helping of jokes and showmanship.

Wayne Fyffe provides quality fiddle, Jereme Brown contributes classic bluegrass guitar rhythms, riffs and leads, as Rachel Brown supports the group with solid upright bass. All of this as Tommy wows the audience with traditional Scruggs, frailing, drop down, and clawhammer techniques delivering a powerful banjo performance.

Gene Thompson and Tommy are old friends and a night of banter between them can almost be guaranteed.

Details: call Gene Thompson(859)689-7431

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Rabbit Hash General Store Open for Business!

APRIL 1ST grand reopening day arrived with the doors opening at 10am and live music from familiar groups around 1pm. The rebirth of the 185 yr old landmark was marked with a ribbon cutting ceremony, speeches and food for visitors and patrons. The exterior looks much the same as it did before the fire that destroyed the famous landmark last February. The architect hired for the rebuild promised to hold true to the old design retaining as many old building quirks as possible and exceeded in fulfilling that promise. The efforts of volunteers, the use of old woods donated from old buildings and adhering to the original design has allowed the General Store to keep it's historic landmark designation.

Plan to pay a visit to this local landmark soon and take a trip back in time....the world of Rabbit Hash.....



Socialism only works in two places: Heaven where they don't need it and hell where they already have it - Ronald Reagan



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New Venue for Live Bluegrass Music!

Smokin' This and That BBQ is a Family Friendly, Smoke Free, Entertainment Venue specializing in a menu of food items smoked on-site daily including pulled pork, bbq sauce on the side, wings and the usual side items, beverages and multiple beers on tap, indoor picnic tables, a fireplace, a kids play area offering discounts to Armed Forces, Police, Firemen, Veterans, and others who keep the community safe, and best of all.....A large stage for live musical performances!

Owners, Guy and Mandy Cummins, share a common and constant theme of giving back to the community in which they live. And part of this is providing live Bluegrass and Americana music for patrons to enjoy along with great food. Any given Friday or Saturday night you may hear some of your local favorite entertainers and musicians providing live music. Bands such as Gunpowder Creek, The James Brothers, KornerStone, and entertainers such as Zach Johnson and Steve Bonafel have graced the stage recently. The first Saturday of each month is open jam night so bring your instruments and join in on the stage. If you are interested in performing on stage, contact stage manager Zach Johnson via phone or text to (757)395-0070 or visit his Facebook page.

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10020 Demia Way, Florence, KY 41042

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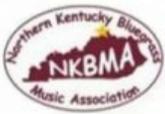
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MONDAY NIGHT BLUEGRASS JAM
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Whitewater Community Center
6125 Dry Fork Rd, Cleves, OH
All Acoustic, bring instruments or
listen and enjoy. Refreshments available.
roseballard3@aol.com

Russell Turner Bluegrass Jams

2nd Friday of each month
5th and Park St, Newport, KY
6pm to 10pm year round
With Pot Luck and \$6 donation
Contact Russell Turner at:
rturn02@zoomtown.com

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4th Friday of each month - Main Stage
Open Mic Fun! Backroom Jammin'
6pm to 9pm Willis Music on Mall Rd,
Florence, KY Come and play or listen.
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Send payment (\$12 Single, \$15 Couple, \$25 Band) address and your current email address to:

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