

The Northern Grass



Fall Edition

Northern Kentucky Bluegrass Music Association

October 2010

Keeping Bluegrass Music Alive In The Northern Kentucky Area

Election Time Is Coming!

Hello NKBMA members! It's hard to believe that 2010 is already in the home stretch. We are coming up on Halloween, and Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner.....Wow! I feel like I need to start shopping now just to be ready!

Well, along with the upcoming holidays, we also have the elections for the 2011 board of officers for the NKBMA. This is a scary time of year for many! Not only do we have ghosts and goblins running around, we have people asking you to donate your time as an officer in the NKBMA. It's not all that bad! It can be a very uplifting time in your life.

Being part of this association gives you the opportunity to make many close friends and listen to a lot of Bluegrass music, but more importantly, you are part of an association that helps set the direction of Bluegrass music in our area.

This year, besides setting up many concerts, we have started a wonderful relationship with Willis Music who hosts our monthly Jam sessions, Volunteers have been brought into schools to introduce Bluegrass music to the young minds of our area. Young people from all around the tri-state area had the opportunity to listen and touch Bluegrass instruments when we set up a booth at the Appalachian Festival

at Old Coney in Ohio, and most recently the we were able to set up a fund that allows students of the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music to apply for a \$1000 scholarship from the NKBMA.

So we are more than a group of people that get together and listen to music. We are changing lives. The NKBMA is always there to help in community service projects, setting up benefit concerts to help a fellow bluegrass in financial need if they get sick. There is really no end to what we can do as an association and you can certainly be a part of that!

If you or you know someone that would be interested in becoming a part of the board of officers, now is the time to raise your hand and help us move forward in the years to come.

How do you do this? We are holding nominations at our jam session on October 21st at Willis Music. You can fill out the nomination form on page 4 and mail it in by October 21st or join us at the jam and fill out the form there. Elections will be held on the 4th Friday in November and new officers will start in January of 2011. We hope to hear or see you on October 22nd at Willis Music on Mall Rd. in Florence.



NKBMA



The Moron Brothers!



DO YOU LOOK LIKE A MORON

Do you look like a moron? My wife has told me I do a number of times, so I'm going to show up at Willis Music on October 16th. Willis Music will be holding their first coffee house event this night and who better to kick off an event like this than our favorite Moron Brothers. What can make this better? Being the season of dressing up, the NKBMA is holding a Moron Brother look alike contest! So jump into your bib overalls and cap and see if you can grab the prize for looking the most like either Lardo or Burley. You better be good because my wife says I'm a shoe in for a moron!

Who are these guys really? We mostly know them as Lardo and Burley, the guys who always make us laugh with the funny songs they sing. Lardo (Mike Carr) and Burley (Mike Hammond) have been making us smile for 20 years now. With a career that started in a firehouse

they have moved from festival to festival, are regulars at Renfro Valley and have even performed at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville Tennessee. The Moron Brothers have always been a friend to the NKBMA performing at the Picking For Memory Bluegrass festival that we held a few years ago.

If you have not seen the Moron Brothers, it will certainly be a treat, if you have, you know you will be in for a evening of laughter and fun.

So keep the date in mind, Saturday October 16th. General admission will be \$10.00 at the door, NKBMA members will only pay \$8.00 and children under 12 are free. Music will start at 7:00.

See You There!

Bluegrass Gospel Concert

Mission Church Of God

7851 Tanners Lane

Florence, Ky.

Contact : Paul Estep @ 859-653-7203

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Spaghetti Dinner Provided
with all the fixens'

Saturday—November 6, 2010
The Best In Local Bluegrass
Gospel Music

\$5.00 donation requested

2:00 to 5:00 Music
5:00 to 7:00 Dinner

Featuring Music By :

Steve Bonafel and One Iota

Paul Estep and Revival Ridge

Barry Scott and Second Wind



NKBMA Members
Needing Our
Thoughts and
Prayers



- Russell Turner's sister, Ada, is recovering from illness, and doing much better. The NKBMA is planning a benefit concert for her in April or May.
 - Seth Mullins, our scholarship winner, was involved in a car accident on his way to school on 10/4. The car was totaled, but Seth was able to crawl out and is alright.
 - Tommy Brown's tour bus was hit by a drunk driver on the way home from Clay City. No one was injured.
 - Gary Pickett is recovering from a short stay in the hospital.
 - Taylor Farley is still having issues from his heart attack and stroke a few months ago.
- Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.



Guess Who??

Tommy Brown caught in a snap shot back stage preparing to please the crowd with his comic styles of Bluegrass

Northern Kentucky Bluegrass Music Association 2011 Officer Nomination Sheet

President _____

Vice President _____

Treasure _____

Secretary _____

To be valid or recognized, this nomination form must be mailed or turned in so it is in the hands of the NKBMA nomination committee no later than midnight October 21, 2010.

Nomination forms will also be available at the October 22, jam session at Willis Music where nominations will be read.

Nominations can be emailed to elections@nkbma.com or mailed to 818 Deena Drive Villa Hills Ky. 41017



Gene Thompson and Crossroads after Tommy Brown got done with them!



NKBMA members manning our booth handing out material and letting everyone know we are here!

NKBMA On The Move!

Brown County Bluegrass Festival 2010



Tommy and Laura Brown putting on a great show as alwaysWhere is Gene, he must be up to something !



NKBMA members just hanging out have fun at the festival!

From the Bluegrass Unlimited

National Bluegrass Survey
Top 10 Bluegrass Songs For October

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| 1 Farm of Yesterday - | Gibson Brothers |
| 2 Blue Railroad Train - | Josh Williams |
| 3 Last Train To Clarksville - | The Grascals |
| 4 Give this message to your heart - | Larry Stephenson |
| 5 I Don't Care Anymore - | Bill Emerson & Sweet Dixie |
| 6 The Balad Of Stringbean & Estelle - | Sam Bush |
| 7 Great Day In The Mornin' - | Claire Lynch |
| 8 Cryin' Heart Blues - | Audie Blaylock & Redline |
| 9 Bleeding For a Little Pease Of Mind - | Blue Highway |
| 10 I Thought I'd Seen It All - | Darin & Brooke Aldridge |

From the Bluegrass Unlimited

National Bluegrass Survey
Top 10 Bluegrass Albums For October

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| 1. The Famous Lefty Flynn's - | The Grascals |
| 2. Heartaches & Dreams - | Junior Sisk & Ramblers Choice |
| 3. Down Home - | Josh Williams |
| 4. Cryin' Heart Blues - | Audie Blaylock and Redline |
| 5. Still Learning - | Lonesome River Band |
| 6. Deep In The Shade - | Steep Canyon Rangers |
| 7. Things That Fly - | Infamous String Dusters |
| 8. Whatcha Gonna Do - | Claire Lynch |
| 9. Twentieth Anniversary - | Larry Stephenson |
| 10. Deep In The Shade - | Steep Canyon Rangers |



Seasonal Recipes

Warm Apple Cake

Cake

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups vegetable oil (we use grapeseed oil)
- 2 cups of sugar
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- 3 cups of white flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 cups chopped, peeled apples (varieties that are good for baking - i.e. Granny Smith, Gravenstein, Fuji)
- 1 cup of coconut (the sweetened fresh grated, not the dried. If you use dried, soak first in water.)
- 1 cup of chopped nuts - walnuts or pecans

Glaze:

- 1/2 stick sweet butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk

PREPARATION

1 Preheat oven to 350 degree F.

2 Beat together the sugar and oil. Add the eggs. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Add dry ingredients to oil sugar eggs mixture in thirds, beating to incorporate after each addition. Mix in the vanilla, apples, coconut, and chopped nuts.

3 Bake in a greased and floured [bundt cake pan](#) about 1 hour. Test around the centers with a long thin bamboo skewer or toothpick to make sure the cake is done.

4 When cool enough to handle, gently remove from pan. Let sit on a rack to cool completely. If the dough has raised substantially around the middle areas of the bundt ring, you may need to use a bread knife to gently level off the cake so that it sits even.

5 Blend glaze ingredients and cook until melted. Place the cake on its serving dish. Prick all around the top of the cake with a fork so that when the glaze is applied it easily seeps into the cake. Use a pastry brush to apply the glaze liberally around the surface areas of the cake, or use a spoon to dribble the glaze on the cake

I Love Bluegrass A Poem By Ron Simmons

**The first step on the stage
Is the hardest one of all
You make the best of it
While your head is in a rage**

**Will I forget those words
Can't remember my best lick
I think my fingers just got fat
These strings are for the birds**

**Are my fears good or bad
I haven't got a clue
I keep playing the same old solo
This tune just sounds too sad**

**Boy that banjo's loud
My mando sounds like junk
The guitar's always feedin back
The bass player's in a cloud**

**Would someone tune the fiddle
Is everyone playing the same tune?
What's a dobro do.....
Besides slide and diddle**

**Well I guess that set is done
Seemed to go so fast
The folks are clapping and cheering
I guess we had some fun**

**CD's to sell and the fans are great
Dedicate the encore to Jimmy
I hope I'm back next year
I'll tell the promoter I can't wait**

I love Bluegrass



Bluegrass Corner

October 16th - Willis Music on Mall Road in Florence Ky. Featuring the Moron Brothers and more - \$10 at door - \$8.00 for nkbma members - children under 12 are free - Music starts at 7:00

October 19th -

What: Bluegrass Night

Where: Claryville Knights of Columbus Alexandria, Kentucky

When: Oct 19, 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Description: Admission \$5.00 - Eat at 630 p.m. - music starts at 7 p.m. Bring a covered dish if you'd like. Contact Luther Hensley 859-635-9450 or Jim Deaton 859-760-4483 for more information

October - 22nd - Monthly NKBMA jam session at Willis music - jamming starts around 6:30 till 9:30. Plenty of rooms to jam in and stage available if you want to show off. - **Tonight will also be nomination night for the NKBMA board of officers.**

October 23rd. -

What:

Appalachian Opry

Where: Famous Old Time Music Company
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Wapakoneta, OH 45895

When: Oct 23, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Description:

The Appalachian Opry is our answer to Hee Haw and the Grand Ole Opry. Lots of guest artists join staff musicians Vernon & Kitty McIntyre and the Opry Staff Band for an evening of bluegrass, old country music, comedy, and fun. Comedy skits with Laura's Comedy Crew. Refreshments are available on site. Showtime 7pm; admission \$10.

November 1st. - Monthly NKBMA board meeting - all members welcome - located at Willis Music on Mall road in Florence Ky.

November 6th - Gospel Concert at the Mission Church of God on Tanners Ln in Florence ky - featuring Steve Bonafel and One Iota - Earl Wiseman and Kentucky Express and Paul Estep and Revival Ridge - \$5.00 donation requested - Spaghetti dinner provided, bring a desert.

November 26th - Monthly NKBMA jam session at Willis music - jamming starts around 6:30 till 9:30. Plenty of rooms to jam in and stage available if you want to show off. - **Tonight will also be Election night for the NKBMA board of officers.**



What's this guy doin'? He must be looking for the Moron Brothers Concert at Willis Music on October 16th!



Located across from the Florence Mall and next to H.H.Gregg on Mall Road, our Florence Superstore has it all. Store manager Rick Fuchs brings years of service and experience to meet your every need. Our Florence location also features a 24 track digital recording studio and performance center in addition to the Kate Young Music Makers studios and lesson center.

7567 Mall Road
Florence, Ky. 41042
859-525-6050

The Famous Festival Couch – By Pamela Messer

In 2009, Tom and I were on our way to the J.D. Crowe Festival in Wilmore, Kentucky. On the way there, off route 168 in the shopping center, is a Good Will. Now, I love junk! We weren't in a big rush so we decided to stop in. It was then that it came to Tom that it would be a great idea to take a couch to the festival. You know – sit in comfort, eat festival food. It's a little 'backwoods', but heck - we resemble that description anyway. That year we just had so much stuff with us that there wasn't room, but that same old couch idea was still stirring up the dust bunnies in our brains.

This year we found ourselves, once again, on the path to Wilmore and a fun filled weekend with J.D., Dean and one of the best line-ups in bluegrass. Since we have horses and like to camp with them we now have a converted horse trailer with sleeping quarters. Over the summer we added an awning, and just before Sally Gap I cleaned the back and gave it a fresh coat of paint. Now it serves double duty as our festival headquarters. It's a great place to pick in the rain, there's always room for 'one more' if they don't mind sleeping rough in the back, and it has all the room in the world for a couch! I believe we might could fit lamps and end tables, but let's not get trashy!

Well, we stopped at that little Good Will store again. There was the perfect little couch. Used, but not in terrible shape with a nice denim fabric (how perfect!) and it was squashy and comfortable. Heck – it even had a bed if wanted to get REALLY comfortable, (but let's not get trashy!) It was heavy, but for \$15 we bought that couch and tossed it into the back of our horse trailer. Now – the whole plan was to use the couch and return it to the Good Will on the way back out of town. Didn't happen!

You see – all the festivals tell you to bring lawn chairs for seating. Well, they're darn expensive and none too comfy. At \$30 each at Wal-Mart – we were 100% more comfortable and paid 75% less for it! When we got to the festival we took our time setting up camp and when the sound team had finished their set-up we drove that couch over to the stage and un-loaded it right in front. I saw Dean and told him that we'd brought a couch, but I don't think he really believed me. He was pretty surprised when he got up on stage the next day and there really was a couch in the seating area. He said he thought he'd seen everything, but it was the first time anyone brought a couch to a festival.

Now, we wander every now and then and when someone sits down on our comfy couch that is just fine! Just move over when we get back! Gary and Judy Pickett were with us that weekend and they had themselves a cozy place to snuggle for the Friday night shows. Tom and I took Saturday.

The entertainment was first rate, as always, and we watched it all from the comfort of our \$15 couch. The Grascals played the last show and I asked Terry Eldridge if he'd get the band to come over and get their picture taken on the couch. They agreed and we had big time cuttin' up and taking pictures. Dean made the suggestion that we should start getting that couch signed by festival performers. Well – Jamie Johnson signed it for the Grascals and Dean signed, of course! Much to Tom's dismay that heavy sofa-bed is a regular "To Be Packed" item on our festival camping list. So much for the 'Back to Good Will' plan, it will now be a festival regular – just like us!



Steve Bonafel and One Iota Play Ireland this Month!

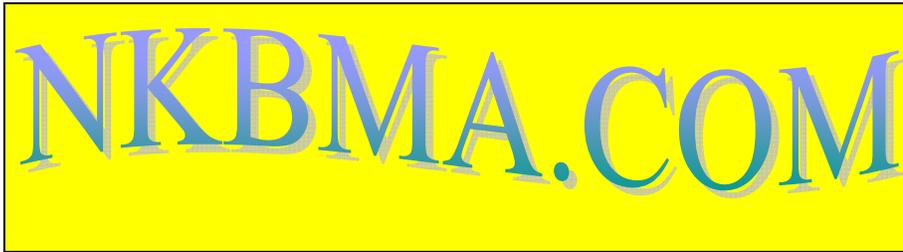
Steve Bonafel & One Iota, a local bluegrass band consisting of Steve Bonafel, Bob Bentle, John Billerman, and Brad Mienerding are heading for IRELAND this month to do 14 shows in many different locations all over Ireland. They will be performing in theaters, schools, hotels, a pub and a church.



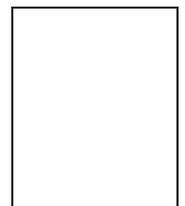
A friend from the band "Special Consensus" introduced them to John Nyhan who is from Ireland. Steve gave him some cd's, he liked what they did, and the ball started rolling from there. John set things up like an old friend who'd known them for years. He seems like a very fine fellow. The group is excited to be going to a meet a new audience and make new friends. They'll be in a far away land where many of them have some roots. Steve has heard that they love Bluegrass over there.

The band has also had some previous success on the radio in Europe. They have actually charted in the top 40 about 5 times in various European countries since 2006. Steve would like to give some credit to the IBMA. "It's been a good place to meet people and make friends over the years", says Steve. "There are a lot of little bluegrass communities just like ours all over the world. We played in Prince Edward Island 2 years ago, and I've had DJ's come stay at my house from Australia. They all have that same good hearted love of life, family and music that we do right here in Kentucky, and you know what? - It don't hurt a thing to be from Kentucky either."

We'll get a tour review from these local boys when they return. You can also visit them on their website is at www.sonicbids/SteveBonafel.com for more information. Have a great trip and bring me back something nice, ya'll!!!



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