



CENTRAL NEW YORK BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

Greetings everyone. Happy spring! This month's newsletter features a listing of many of the local festivals we hope some of you will be attending. Please let us know if we've missed any. Direct any comments, additions or corrections to Shirley Stevens at stevenscny@aol.com, or call 315-451-2801. Also, please consider writing something for the next newsletter... we'd love to hear from you.

REMEMBERING UNCLE DAVE MACON PART V by Bill Knowlton

Continuing my observations on Uncle Dave Macon, the Grand Ole Opry's first superstar...the late country music historian Dr. Charles K. Wolfe once referred to the old man as "Rutherford County's Elvis". In many ways that was true, and often reflected on what happened many a Saturday night on the Public Square in his hometown: Murfreesboro, TN.

Quite often Uncle Dave's son, Dorris, would pick up Uncle Dave at his Kittrell TN home and drive him up to Nashville and the Opry, but sometimes the Dixie Dewdrop would elect to take a bus home after the broadcast. When news around the Public Square was passed that Uncle Dave would be arriving there soon, a crowd of young folk would rush there and prepare for a rousing return. As the bus pulled in Uncle Dave was ready to get out—banjo in hand—and give the welcomers an impromptu show.

Performing for folks was in Uncle Dave's blood long before he became professional. When he was operating his waggoning service, he was known for pulling up in front of a business waiting for a delivery and listing what he had for them...by song!

Uncle Dave was well-known for not only loving Southern country ham; he had a smokehouse on his farm to supply him with his favorite dish. He'd even carry one of his hams on his personal appearance tours since he thought nobody outside of the South ate properly. This would lead him to walk into a country diner, walk up to the owner with his ham and say: "I'm Uncle Dave Macon from the Grand Ole Opry and I want you to cut a few slices from my ham and fry it for me!"

The surprised owner either went along with the request...or he, er, told him where he could put his ham.

(Every year during Uncle Dave Macon Days in Murfreesboro TN, on a Saturday morning we take slices of smoked country ham to the City Cafe and ask the owner to fry 'em up. They do, and of course we purchase the grits, toast, juice and coffee to go with the ham. Kentucky's "Uncle Doc" Wilhite, an incredible Macon impersonator, is responsible for the smoked ham.)

Uncle Dave loved having his family around for Sunday dinner at the old homestead in Kittrell. It was a day for him to wind down after the long drive the day before to and from the Grand Ole Opry. After a huge meal Uncle Dave would retreat to a hammock in the front of the house for a nap and according to his granddaughter Mary Macon Doubler, he'd draft one of the kids to wave a fan over him to keep away the flies.

It's very hard to believe that Uncle Dave Macon has been away for 65 years as of March 22, 2017. But keeping him alive are the complete recording CD sets on the Bear Family and JSP labels.

And of course we're doing the same thing every Sunday night on the BLUEGRASS RAMBLE!!

More to come!----Bill Knowlton

CNYBA JAMS

Don't forget to come out to the CNYBA monthly acoustic Bluegrass jams held on the second Saturday of the month from September through May (except for December). Jams are held at the Lamson Rd. Community Church, 2259 Lamson Rd, in Phoenix, NY, from 10 am to 2 pm. The next jam will be held on April 8, 2017. Come to pick, sing, or just to listen. Everyone is welcome!

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Dear friends, we are so sad to tell you that long time CNYBA member, **Bruce Widger**, passed away on March 6, 2017. Bruce was a great supporter of Bluegrass and loved to come to the Friday night jams in Marcellus. Our hearts go out to his family and friends, especially his wife, Mary. Condolences can be sent to Mary at 11 Flower Lane, Marcellus, NY 13108.

From Carol Barber OConnell, **Junior Barber's** sister: Good morning I wanted to give an update on funeral arrangements for my brother, Junior Barber. A death notice will be in the paper soon with date of funeral, and a full obituary will be posted in the Press Republican a couple days before the funeral. His funeral mass will be on Friday, May 12, 2017 at 1 pm at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dannemora, NY, with burial in the military cemetery following the mass. Please share this post with those that knew him.

We heartily congratulate John Cadley, one of our area's finest musicians and heck of a good guy, on his nominations in the 2017 Just Plain Folks Music Awards. John Cadley's CD, *The Hard Years*, has been nominated for best bluegrass album. The album was one of 10 chosen from over 17,000 recordings submitted. From that album, the song, "50 Cash Dollars," is nominated for best Americana Song, with "Never Say Never" and "The Hard Years" both nominated for best Bluegrass Song. In addition, "If She Don't Like Dogs" is nominated for best Novelty Song. Just Plain Folks is a community of over 51,500 Songwriters, Recording Artists and Music Industry Professionals, and host to the world's largest independent music awards. (www.jpfolks.com)

UPCOMING EVENTS

There's so much wonderful Bluegrass and Old Time music for you to enjoy...some of it right around the corner! Support our local, regional and national groups. You'll have a great time and they'll love you for it!! Please confirm shows before traveling.

April 8, 2017 - Saturday 7:30 pm \$10 - \$15

The Cadleys at the Steeple Coffeehouse, United Church of Fayetteville, NY. 310 E Genesee St., Fayetteville. 315-637-3186. Tickets available at the door

April 8, 2017 - Saturday 7:30 pm (doors open 7 pm) Cost ?

Wildflower at the Park Coffee House, Church St, Holland Patent, NY. located in the Twin Churches at the corner of Route 365 and the village green (315) 865-5854. We don't know anything about these folks but the Coffee House traditionally has great groups. Homemade desserts, coffee, tea, cocoa, and cider will be prepared and served by Park Coffee House volunteers and are available for a donation. Proceeds from donations for the refreshments help to support the local food pantry and other Foothills Rural Community Ministry programs. FRCM is a non-denominational charity and the parent organization of Park Coffee House. Proceeds support Foothills Rural Community Ministry programs. Call 315-865-5854 for information about concert.

April 13, 2017 - Thursday 10 am

The Cadleys on TV: Bridge Street, News Channel 9 WSYR, Syracuse. Live, on the air during the morning show.

April 14, 2017 - Friday 8 to 11 pm Cost ?

The Cadleys at the B-Side, 5 Liftbridge Lane East Fairport, NY

April 20, 2017 - Thursday \$15

Junior Sisk and Ramblers Choice at the Higher Mountain Bluegrass Concert Series at the Clarence Center-Akron Mennonite Church, 11500 Clarence Center Rd, Akron, NY...traditional bluegrass the way it should be played! Contact Charlie Kesterson at 716-870-5015; ctkesterson@gmail.com; www.highermountainbluegrass.com

April 21, 2017 - Friday 7 pm \$5; Performers and under 16 free

MVBGA Talent Show, at the Remsen Performing and Visual Arts Center, Remsen, NY. All musical talent welcome...all levels. Please pre-register by contacting Dick Satterly 315-942-2854 alanrsatterly@frontier.com or Mark Williams 315-576-1974 markb2055@gmail.com. Guitar raffle, 50/50 raffle, bake sale, Bluegrass apparel and more. www.mvgba.com

April 22, 2017 - Saturday 7 pm \$12; Seniors (60+) and Students (10+) \$10; Students under 10 \$5; Pre-school Free; Family \$25 (2 adults plus all kids in family); Opry Pass - \$60.00 (Good for all 8 OPRY shows)

The Feinbery Brothers at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre and Gallery/Jericho Arts Council, 15 North Main Street, Bainbridge, NY. Tight, soulful, Bluegrass harmonies. Tickets are available at the door, or reservations can be made by calling 607-288-3882. Popular shows may sell out. Delicious home-baked goodies are served at every event, and our delicious Town Hall Theatre popcorn, served with real butter! www.jerichoarts.com

April 22, 2017 – Saturday 7:30 pm \$25 at door; \$15 student

I Draw Slow at the La Tourelle Resort, 1150 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY. Dublin based root music; infectious high energy songs and a passion for tradition... the quintet uses strings and vocals to create what has been described as “a fully natural evolution” (Bluegrass Today) of Americana/Appalachian music and Irish song writing. Contact Rick Manning, rick@wintervillagebluegrass.org or go to <http://wintervillagebluegrass.org/>

May 1, 2017 - Monday 7 pm

The Cadleys at the Guitar League monthly meeting, Clarion Hotel, 100 Farrell Road, Syracuse, NY. Contact Dick Ward with questions at 315-440-2484.

May 6, 2017 - Saturday 1 pm Free and open to the public

The Cadleys at the Onondaga County Public Library, 447 S Salina Street Syracuse, NY. Concert and workshops

May 7, 2017 - Sunday 6 pm \$15

The Cadleys at the Tully ArtWorks, 5 Elm Street, Tully, NY. A special concert sponsored by Tully Arts Council at the Tully ArtWorks gallery. Purchase Tickets at <https://tullyartscouncil.ticketleap.com/an-evening-with-the-cadleys/>

May 12, 2017 - Friday 7 pm \$12

The Cadleys at the Immaculate Conception Church, 400 Salt Springs Road Fayetteville, NY. Please join us for the eighth annual Amaus Health Services Benefit Concert. Enjoy a night of beautiful music, enter for a chance to win a raffle basket and help our community's most vulnerable citizens get the healthcare they need. On May 12, 2017 at 7:30 PM, a concert featuring local professional musicians will delight fans of all musical genres- from Broadway to classical piano to arias and bluegrass. Amaus Health Services provides healthcare to area homeless, uninsured and underinsured receive the healthcare they need, from pediatric care to dental work. Tickets are available at the door.

May 13, 2017 - Saturday 7:30 pm (doors open 7 pm) Cost ?

Jamcrackers with Dan Berggren, Peggy Lynn, and Dan Duggan at the Park Coffee House, Church St, Holland Patent, NY. located in the Twin Churches at the corner of Route 365 and the village green (315) 865-5854. Hear some great acoustic folk music. Homemade desserts, coffee, tea, cocoa, and cider will be prepared and served by Park Coffee House volunteers and are available for a donation. Proceeds from donations for the refreshments help to support the local food pantry and other Foothills Rural Community Ministry programs. Proceeds support Foothills Rural Community Ministry programs..Call 315-865-5854 for information.

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James Reams and the Barnstormers at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre and Gallery/Jericho Arts Council, 15 North Main Street, Bainbridge, NY. Driving Bluegrass and hard edged harmonies. Tickets are available at the door, or reservations can be made by calling 607-288-3882. Popular shows may sell out. Delicious home-baked goodies are served at every event and our delicious Town Hall Theatre popcorn, served with real butter! www.jerichoarts.com

FESTIVALS

May 20, 2017

Mohawk Valley Bluegrass Association Train Ride and Bluegrass Festival

at the Depot in Remsen NY. More details to come. Go to www.mvbga.com

May 25 to 28, 2017

36th Annual Wind Gap Bluegrass Festival

Mountain View Park, Mountain Rd, Wind Gap, PA

Open Stage, Bluegrass Movies, Workshops, Jam Tent, Bluegrass Academy, Martin Guitar Company Trip
Featuring Danny Paisley, US Navy Band, Eddie & Martha Adcock, Little Roy & Lizzie, Valerie Smith, Zinc & Company, Feinberg Brothers, Mile Twelve, Mark Miklos, Mountain Highway, James Reams, Remington Ryde, Stained Grass Window, Grillbillie Project, Hub Hollow, Beartracks, Serene Green, The Zepp Family, AJ Lee, Louie Setzer, Bill & Maggie Anderson, Circa Blue, Dishonest Fiddlers and more. Go to www.windgapbluegrass.com/ for more information or call 973-584-2324

May 26 to 28, 2017

Wrench Wranch Wishes Annual Bluegrass Festival

Wrench Wranch, 123 Wrench Lane, Bainbridge NY. Featuring Moonshine Falls, Scott Eager and High Lonesome Sound, RJ Storm and Old School, Cedar Ridge, Warren County Ramblers, The Hilltoppers Bluegrass Band and much more. Friday night Country Dance and Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday Chicken BBQ, Sunday Pork Dinner, Open Air Market. Contact Anne Wrench at 607-639-1690 or Tonya Wrench at 607-226-5584; Find Wrench Wranch and Wrench Wranch Wishes on Facebook.

May 26 to 28, 2017

PENNY Country and Bluegrass Association's Memorial Day Weekend Festival

231 Ketchumville Rd., Berkshire, NY. Music workshops, parking lot picking, guitar raffle by Dave Nichols, food by Valley Smoke BBQ and Route 38 Cafe. The 34th annual PENNY Bluegrass Festival will be held in a new location this year. We are excited to work with the folks at Busy Bird Bluegrass who have offered the use of their festival grounds to us. Featuring Remington Ryde, The Hickory Project, R.J. Storm and Old School, Matthews Family Tradition, Slewfoot, Gospel Way, Spare Parts, Melanie and the Boys, Spare Change, The Young Brothers, Terry and Friends, Hot Wings and Cold Feet, and Doc Weismore. For more information, call Don at 570-934-2507, email: hardic@epix.net, or call Gene Clayton 607-748-6671 www.pennybluegrass.weebly.com/

June Note

Sadly, there will be no Bluegrass on the Green in Homer this year. We thank the Delaney Brothers and the folks that produced this wonderful show for 25 years. It was a highlight of the year for many Central New York Bluegrass fans.

June 1 to 4, 2017

10th Annual NEPA Bluegrass Festival

Lazy Brook Park, Route 6 and 92, Tunkhannock, PA. Free Camping with Weekend Ticket, Family Fun, 2 Stages, Workshops, Jam Tent, Food Vendors, Craft Vendors, Children Activities, and much more. Featuring The Gibson Brothers, Nothin' Fancy, Goldwing Express, Remington Ryde, Leroy Troy, Little Roy and Lizzie, US Navy Band and more. For more information go to www.nepabluegrass.com

June 1 to 4, 2017

40th Annual Strawberry Park Bluegrass Festival

42 Pierce Rd., Preston CT. Featuring Dry Branch Fire Squad, The Lonely Heartstring Band, Stockwell Brothers Band, Bob Amos and Catamount Crossing, The Gibson Brothers, SteelDrivers, Kruger Brothers, Gail Wade, Twisted Pine, South Carolina Broadcasters, Rhonda Vincent, Junior Sisk and Ramblers Choice, Daryle Singletary, Sideline, and many more! While Strawberry Park offers over 50 on-site rental units and over 300 RV sites, they do tend to fill quickly for the festival. Book Early. You may want to take advantage of our free tent camping across from our entrance in the field. For more information, call 1 800 356 2460 or email: camp@strawberrypark.net
www.strawberrypark.net/destinations/connecticut/strawberry-park/40th-annual-strawberry-park-bluegrass-festival-2017/

June 1 to 3, 2017

St. Lawrence Valley Bluegrass, 27th Annual Bluegrass Festival

At the Historic Stone Mills Agricultural Museum, 30950 St. Hwy 180, LaFargeville, NY. Dry camping with weekend pass, workshops, guitar raffle, crafts, vendors, food, covered viewing. Gates open on Tuesday, Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday, May 31, at the American Legion, LaFargeville. Featuring Lorraine Jordan and Carolina Road, Beartracks, Louie Setzer, Dreamcatcher, Nitro Ride, Bob Stewart, Mark Miklos and more. For more information, go to www.thousandislandsbluegrass.com

June 2 to 4, 2017

The Adirondack Bluegrass League Annual Bluegrass Roundup

McConchie's Heritage Acres, Galway, NY. Live music donated by talented local bands, food available, bake sale, raffles 50/50, guitar raffle, for more information, go to www.adirondackbluegrassleague.com/core/abl-round-up

June 14 to 18, 2017

48th Annual Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival

Litchfield Fairgrounds 30 Plains Road, Litchfield, Maine. Some of the Greatest Bluegrass music you can see and hear at one of the largest family musical events in New England! The Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festivals has something for all ages and it takes place twice every year bringing thousands of Music lovers from all over the World to hear banjos, fiddles, and those high, lonesome harmonies. Featuring The Gibson Brothers, The Boxcars, Deer Creek Boys, Blue Mafia, The Little Roy and Lizzy Show, Bluegrass Diamonds, The Baker Family, Zink & Company, The Misty Mountaineers, Back Woods Road, Robinson's Bluegrass Gospel, and Blistered Fingers. There are accommodations for Buses, RV's, Campers, Tents, Day Attendees and 4 days of entertainment. Come early, relax and enjoy! www.blisteredfingers.com/index.php/festivals/june

June 15-17, 2017

Smoked Country Jam Bluegrass Festival

Quiet Oaks Campground, Cross Fork, PA. A 3-day family-friendly event bringing together performers from all branches of the bluegrass tree. Whether the music is traditional or progressive, Americana, old time or Roots, all are shared on the stage with one another. The festival showcases the past, present and future of this American-made music. The event features a 3-day Lupus Auction benefiting The Lupus Foundation of PA. The festival is both 4-wheeler and pet friendly. Rustic camping is included with all full-festival tickets. Camping with hookups is an additional cost, run through Quiet Oaks Campground. There is a full schedule of bluegrass workshops, children's activities, a beautiful vendor midway, and the Pennsylvania Heritage Songwriting Contest. Featuring The Hillbilly Gypsies, Town Mountain, Lonely Heartstring Band, Mama Corn, Drymill Road, Jakob's Ferry Stragglers and many more. For more information, go to www.smokedcountryjam.com/

June 16 to 18, 2017

12th Annual Tug Hill Bluegrass Festival

Maple Ridge Center, 7421 East Road, Lowville, NY. Braylock and Redline, Gibson Brothers, Zink and Company, Boxcars, The Punches Family, Karl Shiflett and Big Country, Dreamcatcher, as well as host bands, the Atkinson Family and Lost Time. Free Rough Camping with weekend pass! Running water and showers on site! Go to www.tughillbluegrass.com for more information

June 20 to 25, 2017

The Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival

1 Fairground Road, Tunbridge, VT. Featuring: Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder, Gibson Brothers, Dale Ann Bradley, Special Consensus, David Parmley & Cardinal Tradition, Rickey Wasson Band, David Davis & Warrior River Boys, Sideline, Karl Shiflett & Big Country Show, Mile Twelve, Zink & Company, Marteka & William, Dreamcatcher, Katahdin Valley Boys, Michelle Canning Band, your hosts the Seth Sawyer Band, and more. Festival includes Late Night Sugar House Stage, Weston Stage, Artist Workshop Stage, Movie Theater, Bluegrass University, Pickin' Place, Kid's Academy, Kid's Activities, Variety of Food Vendors, 24 Hour Field Pickin'! Advance tickets can be purchased at online at: www.eventbrite.com/e/jenny-brook-bluegrass-2017-tickets-26887343769#tickets. For more information, contact Candi Sawyer 802-380-4106 or email candi@jennybrookbluegrass.com

June 23 to 25, 2017

21st Annual Pocono Mountains Bluegrass Festival

G.D.S. Fairgrounds in Newfoundland, PA. Contact: Scott Eager Scott@scotteager.com 610-573-0797

July 5 to 9, 2017

Remington Ryde Bluegrass Festival

169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall, PA Grange Park. Featuring Rhonda Vincent & The Rage, Junior Sisk & Ramblers Choice, Little Roy & Lizzy Show, Joe Mullins & Radio Ramblers, Remington Ryde (host band), Flatt Lonesome, Nothin Fancy, Bluegrass Brothers, Goldwing Express, Hillbilly Gypsies, Spinney Brothers, Lorraine Jordan and Carolina Road, Feller & Hill, Ralph Stanley II, Larry Efaw & Bluegrass Mountaineers, Moron Brothers, Danny Paisley & Southern Grass, Circa Blue, Special Consensus and more. Kids Program, workshops, on-site camping and nearby hotel lodging. 1500 RV Hookups 30amp and Water, Shower Houses, Public Restrooms; Billy Lee Cox will be preaching at the Sunday Morning Church Service. This is a true family event! Rain or Shine. www.remingtonryde.com 717-348-3537 or remingtonryde@yahoo.com

July 6 - 9, 2017

Busy Bird Bluegrass Festival

231 Ketchumville Rd, Berkshire NY. Rain or Shine, Shade Tents provided, handicapped accessible, bring a lawn chair, food concessions and vendors, workshops, kid friendly. Featuring Junior Sisk and Rambler's Choice, Sweetwater String Band, Flatt Lonesome, Bug Tussle, Colebrook Road, Honeybucket, Cold Chocolate, Man About a Horse, Mama Corn, Mathews Family Tradition, Slewfoot, Jersey Corn Pickers, Melanie and the Boys, Molly and the Badly Bent Bluegrass Boys, Gospel Way, The Dishonest Fiddlers, and more. For more information, go to www.busybirdbluegrass.com

July 6 to 9, 2017

23rd Annual Basin Bluegrass Festival

For GPS, use 1 Basin Rd, Brandon VT, and go to the end of the road. Bluegrass picking and Vermont scenery just naturally go together. Lots of field pickin' and fun for the entire family. Featuring Canaans Land, Feinbert Brothers, Zink and Company, Will Clark and the Misty Mountaineers, Dave Nichols and Spare Change, Cedar Ridge, Seth Sawyer Band, Phat Burger Deluxe, LeBlanc Family Blugrass, Smokey Greene and Sons. For more information, go to www.basinbluegrassfestival.com or call 802-247-3275. After July 3, call 802-236-1096. Email basinbluegrass@yahoo.com

July 13 to 16, 2017

The Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival

The Walsh Farm, 1 Poultney Rd, Oak Hill NY. Grey Fox offers multiple stages and some of the best bluegrass and roots music around. Features a Bluegrass Academy for Kids, workshops, dancing, foods, crafts, and beginner jam sessions.

On-site tent and RV camping is available as well as many hotels, B&B's and other local campgrounds in the area.

Featuring The Dry Branch Fire Squad (host band), Del McCoury Band, Jerry Douglas Band, Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder, The Infamous Stringdusters, Steep Canyon Rangers, Gibson Brothers, Travelin' McCourys, Jeff Austin Band, Grateful Ball, The SteelDrivers, Sarah Jarosz, The O'Connor Ban, Balsam Range, Michael Daves, Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen, Billy Strings, and more. For more information, go to www.greyfoxbluegrass.com/festival/

July 20 to 22, 2017

Danby Olde Country and Bluegrass

Powers' Field, 245 Tiff Road, Danby VT, on Route 7 North of Danby Village. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Climbers. Featuring Zink and Company, Beartracks, The Atkinson Family, Dreamcatcher, Smokey Greene, host band: Just Passin' Thru, and more! Jamming, food concession, shelter tent (bring chair), craft vendors, onsite shuttle. For more information, go to www.danbyoldecountrybluegrassfestival.wordpress.com

July 27 to 30, 2017

9th Annual Brantling Blue Grass Festival

4015 Fish Farm Road, Sodus, NY. Workshops, camping, discount lodging, jamming. Featuring Trinity River Band, Kevin Prater Band, Jerry Butler, Remington Ryde, Rebecca Colleen and the Chore Lads, Monrobia, The Grillbillie Project, and more. For more information, go to www.brantlingbluegrass.com/

August 6, 2017

Bill Knowlton's 45th Annual Bluegrass Ramble Picnic

Dwyer Park, Little York, NY. 10 am to 6 pm; Lineup to be announced. Free to all...plenty of back porch jamming! Listen Sunday nights to Bill Knowlton's Bluegrass Ramble Radio Show, 9 pm to 12 am WCNY-FM (91.3) Syracuse WUNY-FM, Utica (89.5) WJNY-FM (90.9) Watertown and Canada www.wcny.org
udmacon1@hotmail.com

August 18 to 20, 2017

15th Annual Hickory Fest: the Sue Cunningham Memorial Festival

Stoney Fork Creek Campground, 658 Stony Fork Creek Road, Wellsboro, PA. A fun filled weekend Of Acoustic And Roots Music to benefit The Sue Cunningham Memorial Music Scholarship and the Tioga Unit of the American Cancer Society! This year's lineup to be announced soon. www.hickoryfest.com/index.php

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Come early, relax and enjoy! www.blisteredfingers.com/index.php/festivals/august

August 24 to 27, 2017

20th Annual Pickin' in the Pasture Bluegrass Festival

2515 Covert Rd, Lodi, NY. Featuring: Remington Ryde, David Davis and the Warrior River Boys, Scotty Eager and The High Lonesome Sound, Mark Miklos, Larry Efaw and the Bluegrass Mountaineers, Circa Blue, Danny Paisley and the Southern Grass, Jeff Scroggins and Colorado, Lorraine Jordan and Carolina Road, Nothing Fancy, Josh Goforth, David Parmley and The Cardinal Tradition, and the host band, The Jesse Alexander Band. Sound by George's Pro Sound.

Workshops, camp shuttle, free camping, vendors. Pickin' In The Pasture has the reputation for some of the best jamming in the northeast. Whether you are a seasoned player or a beginner, you'll find some great pickin'. 607-582-6363 www.pickininthepasture.com

MEMBERSHIP

If you'd like to renew your membership, just send a check, made out to CNYBA, to Shirley Stevens at PO Box 536, Liverpool, NY 13088. Please note that your renewal date will either be in April or in October. If it's in April, you should receive an email in the next few days. Please let us know if there's any problem.

Unless there are changes in your contact information, all we need is your name or band name. Feel free to make any comments you'd like. We'll pass them along to the board. Rates are: Individual Active (\$10) Family (\$15) Individual Senior-- 62 and older (\$9) Band (\$20).