



BLUEGRASS Clippings



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ACTIVITIES

Friday Night Jams

7:00-9:00 P.M.

Lincoln Center

Basement

Band Room

415 N. 30th

Billings

(Use SE Entrance)

LAST JAM MAY 30

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$15erson or \$25/Family

Full time Students are dues

exempt

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Bluegrass Jamming



Pictured above are the Andy Wilson family, with son Garrett, 14, Stephanie, 17, and Andy.

Stephanie was chosen for our YBA music camp scholarship winner for 2014. She is in the 11th grade, and is home schooled. She likes sports, and plays basketball, volleyball, tennis, and loves camping. She started playing piano at the age of 7, and then went to Fiddle Camp at the age of 13, and loved the fiddle. She then started taking lessons with Hannah King. Stephanie also plays not only piano and violin, but guitar, bass, and mandolin, and she can also sing! It was good to see her on stage with her dad's band, Bluegrass County Line, at the Showcase! Her future plans include college, and majoring in the medical profession, but also to minor in music. Her comment about the scholarship " I am very happy to have this great opportunity to go to Fiddle Camp, and I am very thankful to the YBA for this". She plans on going the first week of June. Have fun at the Music Camp Stephanie, we hope to see more of you and your family in the future. You're all very talented!

Our Friday night jams at the Lincoln Center will end on May 30th for the summer. We've had great attendance at these jams, averaging around 23 people at each jam. We've had people coming that we haven't seen for a while, and also new faces that have been showing up. We have been advertising the Friday night jams in the Outpost, and I think 'word of mouth' advertising is going on as well. For me, the Friday night jams are a stress reliever from the week, plus you get to see all your friends again, and not to mention the good music we play as well. We are also growing in our list of 'listeners', who come not to play, but just to listen, and we appreciate them as well. I also want to thank all the 'doorkeepers' for coming early and letting us in!

But we don't have to quite jamming on Friday's, Donna Choriki has offered the use of her studio, now called 'TRULOVE STUDIO, on North 20th St. (previously called Level 504) to jam in the summer from 7-9 PM, as an addition to Hardee's. You would probably need to bring your music stand if you use one, and a pickin chair. But this is an excellent alternative for those who may not always like Hardee's to jam at. I'll let you know more about this in a couple weeks, but that's the plan.....to keep on pickin! Sharon

President's Message



<http://bluegrasstoday.com/generation-bluegrass-volume-2-trailer/>

Hello Everyone!

Well, there's been a lot going on since our last newsletter, and I am very happy with what we have done so far, and where we are going this summer. I've had a lot of people coming up to me and introducing themselves to me, and I like that! It's good to be able to put faces with their names on the email list. I am very proud of our organization, and we have some of the nicest people you'd ever want to meet! We have grown in size, and attendance at our events is either maintaining, or growing. Trent, Scott, Dave, Wade, Edd, and Paul are very easy guys to work with, and we can get a lot of things done in short order! So things are running along smoothly, and our summer plans are fast approaching. One of these times I'll tell you a little about myself, but that's for a later date.

The latest event I want to talk about is our Spring Showcase! **WOW**....is all I can say! Was THAT ever a good one! Those of you who were there know what I'm talking about! I have to give a Great Big Thank You to: Almeda and Friends, Anything Goes, Maverick String Stretchers, Song Dog Serenade, Bluegrass for Breakfast, Bluegrass County Line, and Sure Enough String Band, for their fine performances! Your level of performance just raised the bar for our next Showcase! Its going to be tough to beat this one, but I'm thinking we will do it again! The audience just loved you all! We almost had the Chapel at 'standing room only'. thanks to Paddy Moore with such ingenious ways of advertising for free, your inviting your family and friends, and thanks to Midland Printing and Larry Johnson, for printing up those beautiful posters for us for free. I also want to thank Terry Jessee for his way of hosting the show, he is so funny and makes you feel comfortable. and to Trent Indreland, for the use of his sound system, and had only a half hour to set it up!

I also want to thank Regina Demis and the kids at the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, for the use of their beautiful (and comfortable) chapel. Some of the kids were there and got to watch as well. We're glad to have you! We were able to raise some money for the benefit of the ranch, and that's what its all about!

So make plans to either participate, or attend our next Fall Showcase scheduled for October 24th. I promise, that this will be a great one too! I want to 'pack the place with banjos', no, just kidding!

Thanks to all of you. we'll keep on pickin :)



UPCOMING EVENTS

BLUEGRASS JAMMING CLASS

Calling all closet pickers! TAUGHT BY **ALMEDA BRADSHAW** USING THE WERNICK METHOD*
Tuesdays, Jun 10-Jul 29 7-9pm
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Almeda Bradshaw has studied stringed instruments including violin, cello and piano from an early age. As a member of the Montana State Old Time Fiddlers and Yellowstone Bluegrass Association, she has been active in the Montana bluegrass scene, playing in jams and various groups over the years. Almeda performs regularly as a Western Americana/Folk Music singer/songwriter, with two albums of original music.

ALMEDA'S STUDENTS SAY:
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Pete Wernick ("Doc" Banjo), originator of Banjo Camps and Bluegrass Jam Camps has created a method that has taught thousands worldwide how to play bluegrass music jams at their own level. Wernick Method teachers are personally certified by Pete based on their knowledge of bluegrass, teaching in general, and teaching bluegrass according to his methods.

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TUESDAY TUNES ON TAP & OPEN MIC AT THE GARAGE

Yellowstone Cellars & Winery
 Music Saturday Nights 7-9
 Open Mic Wednesdays 7-9

Andy's Bar and Lounge
 (1815 1st Ave N)
Jam Sunday Nights



Bulletin Board

Here is a good website to go for on-line music lessons:
www.artistworks.com

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "what would you do if you had to arrest your own mother? He said, "Call for backup"

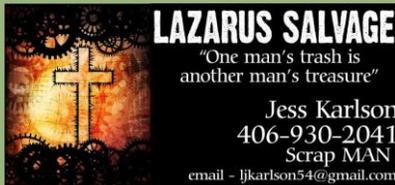
Music Teacher: Whats your favorite musical instrument?
Kid: The lunch bell

May 20-21- Missouri River Bluegrass Festival, Cross Ranch State Park. Washburn, North Dakota
May 30- Last day of jams at the Lincoln Center
June 1-7 & 8-13 Fiddle Camp web site "Montana State Old Time Fiddlers Monarch, MT
June 7- International Music Camp/ Fiddle competition. Dunseith, North Dakota
www.internationalmusiccamp.com
June 20-21- is the Missouri River Bluegrass Festival at the Cross Ranch State Park Washburn, ND
June 29- "Jam on the Greens", on the grounds of the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch. Potluck and jamming starting at 2:00 PM.
July 11- 13- Big Horn Mountain Festival, Buffalo Wyoming
bighornmountainfestival.com
July 19- YBA Picnic and BBQ, Riverfront Park, Pavillion #2. Starting at 1 PM
July 25-26- Montana State Fiddle Contest, Choteau, MT
www.montanafiddlers.org/contest
July 25-27 Hard Times Bluegrass Festival, Hamilton MT, dry camping available
August 1- 3 Livingston's Fiddlers contest & Picnic. Livingston, MT, dry camping available
August 8- 10 Columbus Jam. Columbus, MT, dry camping available
August 15-16 Worland bluegrass Festival, Worland, WY
August 31- Cotton Wood and Cobbler concert at 7pm Cross Ranch State Park
 September 7 Learn a Bluegrass Song, St Bernard's Wicks Lane in Billings, starting at 1 PM
Sept. 19-21- Miles City Music on Wings Festival. Fairgrounds Contact Gloria Tucker: 406-853-1678 (cell) 406-234-2480 (home)
Oct. 24t: Fall Showcase at the YBGR chapel starting at 7 PM
November 8- YBA Harvest Jam United Unitarian Fellowship, starting at 1 PM

Several businesses in town would like 'live music' in their establishments. There's The Yellowstone Brewing Garage that has open mic nights every Tuesday, and will book bands on Thursday's, and there is also Lucky's Market on Grand Ave, that wants live music from 4-7 PM every Friday for the summer, contact annec@luckysmarket.com to get in the line-up. There is also talk of The Blue Cat Bar in Huntley, that would like a bluegrass band every week, to take the place of Molt, but haven't heard if this is a go yet. So, if you want to get out there and be heard, consider these places.



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Sleepy Man Banjo Boys

It's a question of who will be the next teen heartthrobs, but a trio of bluegrass brothers from New Jersey is on the list.

These young brothers captured the world's attention in 2010 when home movie style videos of them practicing in their bedroom struck gold on You Tube. The primary focus of attention at the start was the band's namesake. then 8 year old Jonny Mizzone who played the fire out of a banjo that was nearly as tall as he was, Within months, Jonny and his older brothers Robbie (11) and Tommy (13), found themselves on national television, appearing on the Letterman and Huckabee shows, with a debut recording thereafter

Now later, these 3 young kids are 'mature' entertainers, with another CD, and an urge to sing as well as play. The CD is called "Run", and included on it is a song written and sung by Robbie, now 15, who also plays fiddle with the group. Keep an eye on these boys, we'll be hearing more from them! "Run" is available now on iTunes

Mid-Winter Jam

We had a great time at our Mid- Winter Jam on March 8th, although we had to change the date because of our nasty winter. We're sorry for those who couldn't make it due to the change, or showed up with no one there on March 1st, but we had an excellent turn out, and I think many appreciated changing the date as it would have been dangerous to travel that weekend. As Roger Koch reported in his Blog, we fed at least 40 people, with little food left over this time! Dave Nelson did a good job estimating, and I don't think anyone left hungry. There was good music going on in every room, and this is such a nice time to get together and visit with each other. Karen Schlosser made such a beautiful homemade "guitar cake", it was a shame to have to eat it! But we did anyway.

Everyone seems to look forward to this Mid-Winter jam, its very popular among YBA, so the Board has agreed that we will plan another one just like it in the fall. The date for the Fall Jam (we may call it The Harvest Jam), is set for November 8th, at the same Unitarian Fellowship Hall. It is listed in The Activities section of the Newsletter

So look forward to hearing more about this! Mark this date on your calendars as well! And Thanks to All of You! We know how to have a good time! Sharon

