



Praised for her performance and songwriting capabilities, **Kristy Cox** has been shortlisted in the International Bluegrass Music Awards the past five years for Emerging Artist of the Year and Female Vocalist of the Year and was a finalist in the 2019 IBMA Momentum Awards for Vocalist of the Year. Kristy was a 2024 SPBGMA Female Vocalist of the Year finalist.

<https://www.kristycox.com>

**Keith Yoder & Friends w/Rob Anderlik, Mike Church, and Daryl Yoder** have been making music together for over two decades. Keith, Rob, and Mike met at a bluegrass jam in the Chicago area in the 90s. Life has taken them different directions but the musical bond remains. They play an eclectic mix of Bluegrass, Old-Time Country, Blues, and Jam Music.



**The Bluegrass Blondies** are a family band that hail from Ottumwa, Iowa. They have been playing on stage since 2008. Scott, Dawn, Taylor, Bethany and Hallie tour throughout Iowa and the Midwest singing bluegrass & gospel, including traditional and original songs to their adoring followers.



<https://www.bluegrassblondies.com>

**Bluegrass Express** was formed in 1980 by the father-son team of Gary and Greg Underwood and has been in existence and performed extensively ever since, from Michigan to Mississippi and all points in between. Featuring the tight harmony that can only be found in a family band along with superbly proficient instrumentation, a live performance is certain to delight audiences of all ages.



<https://www.bluegrassexpressband.com/index.html>



<https://www.hannahharpermusic.com>

**Hannah Harper** embarked on her musical journey at just nine years old. Growing up in Southeast Missouri, she was part of a family steeped in the rich traditions of bluegrass gospel music, with the legacy of Bob Lewis and The Bob Lewis Family as her foundation. This musical heritage, passed down through generations, set the stage for Hannah's early exposure to the world of music. **As seen on American Idol!**



**The William Lawson Band.** William started playing mandolin around 6 yrs old. He also plays guitar, banjo and dobro. At age 17, he has already played on stage alongside Bobby Osborne and Ricky Skaggs. He is joined on stage by his sister Addie, Vanessa Kenaston Butten and Johnny Butten as he tours the Midwest.

<https://www.facebook.com/williamlawsonmusic>

**Chicken Wire Empire** is a Wisconsin-based bluegrass band known for their dynamic musicality, thorough arrangements, and true-to-life songwriting. The band has since released a prolific catalogue of studio projects and live performances. CWE continuously captivates audiences with thoughtful, energetic performances.



<https://www.chickenwireempire.com>



**Grass Attack** plays various genres of upbeat songs with Acoustic Bluegrass instruments. They have tight vocal harmonies and arrangements that makes the music their own brand and genre.

<https://www.facebook.com/grassattackband>



**Carson Peters and Iron Mountain** has quickly become one of the most energetic and hottest bluegrass bands in the business, making numerous trips to the grand ole opry and multiple international appearances. Their traditional bluegrass style and a cappella arrangements are a refreshing reminder that the bluegrass of old is alive and well.

<https://www.carsonandironmt.com/home>

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**Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:00 – 6:00 Jam Camp Bands  
 6:00 – 6:45 Grass Attack  
 6:50 – 7:35 William Lawson Band  
 7:40 – 8:25 Hannah Harper  
 8:25 – 8:40 Drawings & Announcements  
 8:40 – 9:25 Kristy Cox  
 9:30 – 10:15 Bluegrass Express  
**Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 10:00 – 11:00 Workshops  
 11:00 – 1:00 Kids Stage & Open Stage  
 1:00 – 1:45 Bluegrass Blondies  
 1:50 – 2:35 Chicken Wire Empire  
 2:40 – 3:25 Bluegrass Express  
 3:30 – 4:15 Carson Peters & Iron Mtn  
 4:20 – 5:05 Keith Yoder & Friends

**Saturday Evening**  
 6:00 – 6:45 Bluegrass Express  
 6:50 – 7:35 Bluegrass Blondies  
 7:40 – 8:25 Keith Yoder & Friends  
 8:25 – 8:40 Drawings & Announcements  
 8:40 – 9:25 Carson Peters & Iron Mountain  
 9:30 – 10:15 Chicken Wire Empire  
**Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30 – 10:00 Bluegrass Church  
 10:00 – 10:40 Keith Yoder & Friends  
 10:45 – 11:25 Grass Attack  
 11:30 – 12:10 Bluegrass Blondies

**All bands and times subject to change**

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 Friday and Saturday



Hannah Harper  
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 Saturday and Sunday



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 Saturday and Sunday



Saturday morning workshops  
 Guitar, Banjo, Mandolin,  
 Dobro, Fiddle, Upright Bass  
 Sound by Nathan Gates Open Stage Saturday  
 Bring Your Lawn Chairs Camping Available on Site  
 Food Available on Site

**PRICES**

Friday	.....\$25.00
Saturday All Day	.....\$30.00
Saturday Night Only (after 5 pm)	.....\$25.00
Sunday (9:30 – 12:00)	.....\$15.00
WEEKEND PASS (Best Value)	.....\$55.00
13-16 year olds (per day)	.....\$5.00
12 and under	.....FREE
Tent Camping per day on site	.....\$25.00
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Grass Attack  
 Friday and Sunday

**Stage Shows Begin**

Friday	4:00pm
Saturday	11:00am
Saturday Night	6:00pm
Sunday	9:30am

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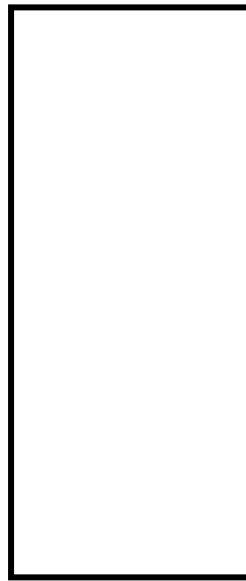
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 Starting at 10:00 a.m.  
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 Instrument Repair & Setup, & Audio (sound & recording)  
 Beginner and Intermediate Participation  
 Quality Instructors

**Concession Stand on site or bring a cooler!**  
**Bring your own lawn chair!**  
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