

BACKBONE Bluegrass 41st Annual FESTIVAL

Strawberry Point, Iowa
July 29, 30, 31 - 2022



Family Sowell
Friday, Saturday & Sunday



Flash in a Pan Friday & Saturday



Seth Mulder & Midnight Run Saturday Only



Figuring It Out Friday, Saturday & Sunday



McPunk Brother Friday, Saturday & Sunday



Annie Savage & the Savage Hearts
Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Open Stage

Jam Camp Bands will perform Friday evening

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All bands and times subject to change

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Sunday Morning
Gospel Show

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Stage Shows Begin

Friday	4:15pm
Saturday	11:00am
Saturday Night	6:00pm
Sunday	9:30 am

DRAWINGS!

BACKBONE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

JULY 29, 30, & 31, 2022



General Information

- Camping \$15 per night
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- No alcohol or pets in the stage area

For more information:

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Websites: backbonebluegrass.com

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Tickets and Showtimes

Friday \$20.00

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TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. What is the trademark instrument of bluegrass great, Bill Monroe?
2. What famous duo started out as members of Bill Monroe's Blue Grass Boys?

Find answers on page 9



2022 SCHEDULE OF BANDS

Friday night, July 29th

- 4:15 – 6:00 Jam Camp Bands
- 6:00 – 6:45 Figuring it Out
- 6:45 – 7:30 Annie Savage and the Savage Hearts
- 7:30 – 8:15 Family Sowell
- 8:15 – 8:30 Drawings & Announcements
- 8:30 – 9:15 The McPunk Brothers
- 9:15 – 10:00 Flash in A Pan

Saturday Morning, July 30th

10:00 AM Meet at the Shelter
Guitar, Mandolin, Banjo, Fiddle, Bass, Dobro

Saturday Afternoon

- 11:00 – Kids' Stage and Open Stage
- 1:00 – 1:45 Annie Savage and the Savage Hearts
- 1:45 – 2:30 Seth Mulder & Midnight Run
- 2:30 – 3:15 The McPunk Brothers
- 3:15 – 4:00 Family Sowell
- 4:00 – 4:45 Flash in A Pan
- 4:45 – 5:30 Figuring it Out

Saturday Evening

- 6:00 – 6:45 Family Sowell
- 6:45 – 7:30 The McPunk Brothers
- 7:30 – 8:15 Seth Mulder & Midnight Run
- 8:15 – 8:30 Drawings and Announcements
- 8:30 – 9:15 Flash in A Pan
- 9:15 – 10:00 Annie Savage and the Savage Hearts
- 10:00 – 10:45 Figuring it Out

Sunday Morning, July 31st

- 9:30 – 10:00 Bluegrass Church
- 10:00 – 10:30 Family Sowell
- 10:30 – 11:00 Annie Savage and the Savage Hearts
- 11:00 – 11:30 Figuring it Out
- 11:30 – 12:00 The McPunk Brothers

Sunday Afternoon

- 12:00 – 12:35 The McPunk Brothers
- 12:35 – 1:10 Family Sowell
- 1:10 – 1:45 Figuring it Out
- 1:45 – 2:20 Annie Savage and the Savage Hearts

Everthing You Want To Know About Bluegrass & More!

By: Art Maynor

In the 1600's immigrants from the British Isles settled in the American Colonies. They came from England Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Later immigrants came from all over Europe. With these early settlers came their culture, their ethnic backgrounds and their taste in music...brought to America from their homelands.

These early settlers brought music that was transmitted from one generation to another, not in written music, but music played by families and neighbors at barn-raising, quilt-making, corn-huskings, etc. They brought ballads with tales of love, death and despair; jigs, reels and popular dances for music at weddings and funerals. Early country music thrived in the colonies of Virginia, the Carolinas, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Up until the 1930's country music was isolated in the rural south. Along came the great depression, uprooting and destroying this way of life. Men, losing their farms, left to seek work in the north and mid-west.

As they headed north, they took with them their way of life, their love of country music. For the first time factories in the north and mid-west were hearing the sounds of country music that would years later sweep across the entire country.

Also, in the 1930's, radio was bringing to listeners the sound of country music on such popular programs as the Grand Ole Opry, WSM in Nashville and the National Barn dance from WLS in Chicago.

Along with radio, recordings were creating a demand for country stars and introducing the distinct sound of bluegrass to a mass audience.

It was Bill Monroe who gave Bluegrass its distinctive sound. Bill was born in Kentucky, The Blue Grass State. In 1937 Bill formed a band with his two brothers. Bill played mandolin, Charles on guitar and Birch on the fiddle. In 1938 the band was called the Blue Grass Boys. Over the years, Bill has pioneered a style that today has many followers. With his unique playing, he created an original American sound-Bluegrass.

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Figuring It Out Family Band To Play All Three Days at The Backbone Bluegrass Festival

Figuring It Out is a family band from Northern Minnesota, featuring 7 siblings and their dad.

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-Figuring It Out

Annie Savage & The Savage Hearts Returning to The Backbone Bluegrass Festival Stage

This fiery bluegrass meets honky tonk band adds a spice to the music scene that you won't want to miss. Annie Savage got her start in music at the age of 2 as a Suzuki violinist and was fortunate to learn and perform from the age of 5 in the bluegrass circles of Southeast Iowa and Missouri. The band is composed of Annie Savage on fiddle & vocals,

Emigdio Ramirez on guitar and vocals, bass player Blake Shaw, Alex Flesher on banjo & vocals, James Horak playing mandolin and vocals.

For more information on this band visit www.savagefidler.com and @thesavagehearts on social media.

Make plans to see this band all three days at the Backbone Bluegrass Festival.



Late Jim Baker enjoying music and friends at the 2021 Backbone Bluegrass Festival



KMCH's Mike Johnson interviews Linzy Martin about the 2021 Backbone Bluegrass festival

Pop-Up Concerts

Since the advent of the Songwriters Workshop, it has become a tradition for some of the singer songwriters to appear at different business locations for impromptu concerts. In the past JAKE's, Embers, OT's and The Franklin Hotel have been gracious hosts. In addition to these four businesses Repurposed Mojo and Rod & Cal's have agreed to be hosts. There is no set schedule at this time, of who will play where and at what time, so watch for ads from each of the businesses to promote their specific event. On Tuesday evening July 26th the Wilder Museum will once again host the Anderegg Family Band at the Band Shell at Inger Park with an early evening start time of around 6:00 p.m. The tradition of the Jam Camp instructors and participants meeting for an old fashion jam session at the Franklin Hotel will start sometime after the Anderegg Concert which will end around 7:30.

Plan on attending and enjoying one or more of these many impromptu pop-up concerts. Along with local artists and singer songwriters there will be those who have appeared at the Grand Ole' Opry, Branson and Silver Dollar City, MO. A big thank you to each of the local businesses who have agreed to sponsor and host and event and to each of the performers who graciously donate their time and talent.

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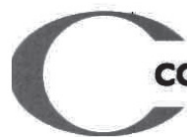
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This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & cultural heritage fund.



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EVENTS WILL FOLLOW ALL
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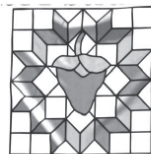
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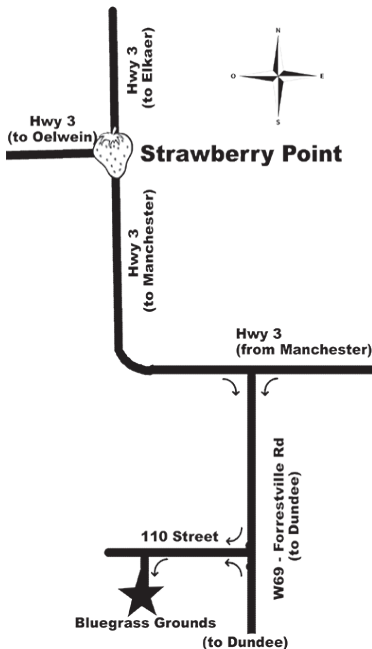


Devastating Tornado

Many of you will recall that parts of Western Kentucky and surrounding states experienced a devastating tornado on December 10th last year. A local radio station WEKU that hosts a program called "WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour" made plea for musical instruments to replace those destroyed.

The Backbone Bluegrass Committee secured and sent a guitar and case along with some other accessories to the collection point in Richmond, KY along with their thoughts and prayers.

Map to Bluegrass Grounds



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Award-Winning Band The Family Sowell To Make First Appearance at Festival

This all-sibling, faith-based family band from Knoxville, Tennessee will be performing all three days at Backbone Bluegrass Festival this year.

Their entertaining stage show, which features a mix of bluegrass and Gospel music, is winning them new fans wherever they go. Their music melds passion and love together with a good dose of laughter, creating an authentic performance that inspires audiences everywhere.

The Sowells handle all aspects of their business, with each of the siblings handling

some aspect of the many details that a touring act requires on and off stage. Their ages range from 15 to mid-20s.

The band members include Jacob, banjoist and audio engineer, Joshua, guitarist and operations manager, Naomi, bassist and marketing manager, Abigail, mandolinist and public relations, John-Mark, fiddle player, master of ceremonies and radio relations, and Justus, resonator guitarist. The siblings share many of the lead vocals. Their latest album *Still Out There* was released in April of this year.

The Family Sowell explains why their latest release is extra special, "This album was our dream ever since we started writing our own songs. We wanted to give the world a full original album, each song sharing a different facet of who we are and who we aim to be."

The family takes their faith seriously, living the band motto of "Bluegrass with a Mission."

You can learn more about The Family Sowell by visiting them online at www.thefamilysowell.com and on their socials @thefamilysowell.

Come out and welcome The Sowell Family to Strawberry Point and enjoy their music all three days at the festival.

The McPunk Brothers Return For All Three Days at Festival

The McPunk Brothers have been entertaining folks for years with a mix of bluegrass, gospel, and original songs. They have been on the bluegrass music scene since about 1989 but have been playing together for many years before that.

Paul Roberts plays banjo and has been playing bluegrass music since 1978. He also plays bass, guitar and is a singer-songwriter. Paul has done a great deal performing with two of Eastern Iowa's theatrical groups, Iowa Theatre Artists Company and The Old Creamery Theatre. His unusual sense of humor shines through in many of his songs and onstage comments.

Kirk Stimson is a mandolin player from Kalona, IA. He also sings tenor for the group. The band performs many of his original songs. He sings a variety of songs from traditional, contemporary, bluegrass, gospel and songs from other genres.

Mark Wilson is a guitar player and singer from rural Iowa City, Iowa. In addition to playing with the McPunk Brothers, he plays and sings in several other Bluegrass bands in Eastern Iowa, including the Burning Street Bluegrass Band, Banjo, and The Great Bluegrass Herons.

Daryl Yoder plays bass and sings bass for the band. He has been playing bass for the Clinton Evangelical Free Church Band since 2000. He enjoys repairing vehicles in his spare time.

Keith Yoder is a professional musician who teaches around the country and sometimes abroad. He teaches jamming, guitar, banjo, mandolin, bass, dobro, and duffle via Skype, at home in east Tennessee and at music camps.

Daryl, Paul and Keith are all instructors for the Strawberry Jam Camp.

The McPunk Brothers, though still not brothers and still punks, are great friends and we are thrilled to have them back on the Bluegrass stage for all three days this year.

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Flash In A Pan Makes Third Appearance at Annual Backbone Bluegrass Festival

This Iowa City folk & grass string band is returning to the festival for its third year. Band members include guitarist Blake T. Daly, Alex Flesher playing banjo, mandolin player Max Lipnick, and Michael Bray. Noted for their shining harmonies, provocative compositions, and heart-felt performances. These gentlemen have soul to their sound. Flash In A Pan bring a great mix of folk music of many shades that occasionally grows to include harmonica, washboard, or even the fiddle. They have released two studio albums, *Off The Rails* (2017) and *Folklore* (2018) and continue to write and tour all over the Midwest.

Come out to hear these guys harmonize on Friday, July 29th & Saturday, July 30th at the Backbone Bluegrass Festival.

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Trivia Answers

1. Mandolin 
2. Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs

Bluegrass & More

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In the 1940's World War II brought many soldiers and sailors from all over America together for the first time. The 5-string banjo was now coming into its own and the bluegrass sound was finding a new audience. In the 1950's, with many bluegrass bands forming all over the country, the word "bluegrass" was now used to identify this sound. It was competing with rock 'n' roll and moving away from country music to establish its own following. By the 1960's bluegrass was beginning to draw large crowds at colleges and folk festivals. Female vocalists were now joining the bluegrass bands in songs and gospel sings.

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of *Jed Clampett* on the very popular show *The Beverly Hillbillies*. The movie *Bonnie and Clyde* featured *Foggy Mountain Breakdown*. *The Dueling Banjos* made its debut in the movie *Deliverance* in 1972.



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This bluegrass band have been referred to as one of the most entertaining new acts on the bluegrass scene today. Seth Mulder & Midnight Run create a powerhouse of music that you don't want to miss. Their influences include bluegrass, country and rock. They completed a self-released studio album on their own label in June 2020. Shortly after, they were nominated for the International Bluegrass Music Association Momentum Band of the Year award.

Seth Mulder plays mandolin and sings lead. He is supported by Colton Powers on banjo and vocals, Max Etling on bass, and band comedian, Ben Watlington on guitar. Seth and the guys met at school when they were enrolled in the bluegrass program at East Tennessee State University. From there they took their music up the road to Gatlinburg, where they performed live at the Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery for a year or so. Then, they took their talents on the road and these guys have been performing for crowds throughout the Midwest ever since.

This band stays true to their roots with tight harmonies and reverence for "old style" bluegrass music. Their influences include bluegrass, country, and rock.

Go to www.midnightrunbluegrass.com for more information on this talented group and follow their social media socials @midnightrunbluegrass.

Seth Mulder & Midnight Run will be performing on Saturday at the Backbone Bluegrass Festival.



Strawberry Jam Camp

Strawberry Jam Camp will once again take place in conjunction with the 2022 Backbone Bluegrass Festival this July. Each day will begin with a continental breakfast followed by the morning session. At noon, the meal will be catered by local restaurants.

The afternoon session will conclude around 4:00 p.m. Each evening students will be encouraged to take what they learned in the classroom to the Backbone Bluegrass grounds. Each night there will be live jam sessions.

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