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From the President . . .

Time-Warner Subscribers Lose Bluegrass Music

Until recently, Time-Warner cable subscribers had an option to listen to bluegrass music 24/7 on the Music Choice Bluegrass Channel. That changed in April when Music Choice “revamped” their channel offerings, eliminating bluegrass and several other ‘niche’ music styles. In a comment made to a member of the Hudson Valley BG Association, Music Choice said “their research tells them nobody listens to Bluegrass”. Full comments can be read on the Hudson Valley BG Assoc. site at : <http://www.hvbluegrass.org/index.php> (in the ‘News’ menu).

Time-Warner is a subscriber to Music Choice, and does not directly program the music offered on the cable system. However, as a major customer of Music Choice, they do have influence. You can help by contacting both Time-Warner and Music Choice to request the return of our favorite music:

Time-Warner by mail:

John Keib, President
 Time-Warner Cable
 6005 Fairlakes Dr,
 East Syracuse, NY 13057

Time-Warner by phone:

800-431-8878)

Music Choice by mail:

Music Choice
 110 Gibraltar Rd., Ste. 200
 Horsham, PA 19044
 Attn: David Del Beccaro, President

Music Choice by phone:

215-784-5840 (Corporate office)
 (646) 356.9088 (Sales Office)



Joint CNYBA/MVBGA Picnic

I look forward to seeing everyone at the June 14th picnic with our friends from MVBGA. Rain or shine, I know we'll have a great day filled with great music.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to Butch DeForge, Dick Satterly and the Joint Festival committee. Plans are progressing on-schedule. Our next goal is to set up the work crews and organize the volunteers. Expect a call soon looking for your help.

Thank you, as well, to Bill Light and the Steve Kaufman Workshop committee. All promo material is in place; we have booked Plexigrass as an opening band for the Saturday night concert, and we expect a great event.

This year's **Showcase Committee** (Kathy Kinney, chair) did a great job promoting bluegrass and old time country music at the monthly shows. They are not content to rest on their laurels, however – they are already at work for the season beginning in September. Thank you all for your hard work.

Festival Season has begun for many of us. Memorial Day marks the beginning of the bluegrass festival season. There is only one newsletter in the months of July and August, so remember you can check the website www.cnyba.com for the latest news. And you can call me any time, as well. Have a great summer with plenty of sunshine and music. --Dennis



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What's Happening? Out and About.....



EVERY SECOND SUNDAY: CNYBA meeting
- Park Rose Estates, Liverpool -- Come meet and pick!

EVERY SUNDAY 1 p.m. til? Jammin' at Kellish Hill Farm, 3192 Pompey Center Rd. (1/2 mile north of Route 20), Manlius, NY. Good old fashioned bluegrass, gospel & country music. Can bring a dish to pass. Free for the young at heart! For information, call Kathy at 315-682-1578. See page 7 about our festival!!

EVERY 3rd SUNDAY: STBA meeting at the Tuscarora Elem. School, Addison, NY. Bring a dish to pass, your table setting, a friend, your musical instrument, and/or your listening ear. Picking begins at noon; meeting called to order at 1:00 -- then lunch -- then back to picking. Info: Ken Pearson, Pres., 269 Dwight Ave., Corning, NY 14830 (607-936-3103)

FOURTH SUNDAY -- FINGER LAKES BLUEGRASS MONTHLY JAM, 2 pm - 7 pm, EXCEPT DEC. and MAY thru AUG. at the ONTARIO COUNCIL, 65 S. Main St., Canandaigua, NY. Bluegrass Acoustic instruments only. \$2.00 donation at the door; children under 5, free. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages available. Pot luck dinner -- please bring a dish to pass. For further information, call: THE ARTS COUNCIL, 585-396-0087, JOHN at 585-924-3117 or BUTCH at 585-289-4845.

EVERY MONDAY - JAM from 7-10 pm at the American Legion, Rochester St., Hannibal, NY. For information, call Bob Simmons at 564-5412 or 591-3296 or Butch Spencer at 598-1159.

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT from 7 to 10:30 pm **BLUEGRASS OPEN MIC NIGHT** with **STRING THEORY** -- Bring down your banjo, mandolin, fiddle or acoustic guitar and sign up to pick with Rochester's own String Theory. Just come to Johnny's Irish Pub. If you have questions or need more information, go to www.stringtheorybluegrass.com or call Jim Barbero at 585-489-0120. **EVERY TUESDAY: The Golden Link Folk Singing Society, Inc.** sing around 8 pm at 12 Corners Presbyterian Church, 1200 S. Winton Rd., 585-234-5004 or <http://www.goldenlink.org>

EVERY WEDNESDAY (thru the summer): 7-9 pm Jam Session at the **Hillview Baptist Church Hall**, O'Brien Rd., Baldwinsville, NY (off Rt. 48, near Soroco). All welcome -- listeners and players. Phone 455-2434 or 626-2594.



EVERY THURSDAY: 7 pm - **Musicians Forum at the Art Council** - 108 W. Miller St., Newark, NY. Bring an acoustic instrument for a round robin of shared music -- new and old. Listeners and players welcome. Jacqueline Grey, Ex. Dir. Information: 315-331-4593.

EVERY FRIDAY: 7 pm- **Jammin' at the Legion Hall** in the village of Marcellus. Come join the fun! Info: Sam and Marion at 315-673-2329 or Jack Burns at 315-673-1844. \$2.00 donation for hall use. **EVERY 1st FRIDAY: COUNTRY JAM** - 7pm - ? At the **VFW POST**, Main St., Camden, NY. All are welcome: bluegrass lovers, country, fiddlers, and listeners (ring buzzer for admission).

EVERY SATURDAY - Open Forum Acoustic Jam, 7 - 11 pm - At the **Legion Hall** (next to the Fire Hall) in **Lyons, NY** - Free beverages, musicians welcome, and no cover charge for hall use. **EVERY 3rd SATURDAY:** 8 am til. . . **Stittville, NY - The Mohawk Valley Bluegrass Association** and the **Stittville Vol. Fire Dept.** -- Breakfast and jammin' begins at 8 am. Info: 315-339-2771 or 315-225-2906.

AM-FM-AM-FM



Brother Don's Internet Radio Show 10am & 10pm every day at <http://www.wdyn.net> - Independent Bluegrass and Old Time Artists. Send your CD, cassette tape, or LP To: Brother Don, 2440 Welch Road, Geneva, NY 14456-9303, bristbro@gmail.com OR Brother Don, WDN Independent Radio, 2844 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616 USA 1-800-816-4262

Larry Hoyt: "Common Threads" folk music, 2-5 pm; WAER FM (88.3) Syracuse - every Sunday except when SU athletic contests pre-empt the show.

Brad Edmonson: WVBR (93.5 FM) Ithaca; **"The Salt Creek Show"** 6-10 every Sunday, playing a mixture of music. Saltcreek@wvbr.com

Bill Knowlton's Bluegrass Ramble: Sundays 9 - midnight WCNY-FM (91.3), WUNY (89.5) and WJNY (90.0) www.wcny.org and Udmacon@aol.com

Barbara Heller Burns: Thursdays 3 pm; **"String Fever"** WSLU-FM (89.5) Canton, (88.9) Watertown, (91.3) Thousand Islands, and (91.7) Tupper Lake

Bruce Cutler's "Gospel Doings" (Christian Country & Bluegrass) is heard on: WACK-AM Radio 1420, Newark NY, Sundays 6:30 a.m.; also on: www.omnimedia.org, Portland OR, Mondays midnight to 1 a.m. (Eastern time) **"Country Roots" (Secular Country & Bluegrass)** is heard on: WETD-FM Radio 90.7; Alfred NY, Sundays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; also on: www.omnimedia.org, Portland, Oregon, Fridays 11 p.m. to midnight (Eastern time). Contact Bruce at jockey1170@verizon.net

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Upcoming Events at Kellish Hill Farm

Kathy Kellish
315 682 1578



Tuesday, June 16 (This one is really special and an honor to be chosen as the venue for their first CNY appearance!) - **Valerie Smith and Liberty Pike:** Bluegrass sensation Valerie Smith and her band at 7:30; adult tickets - \$10.00. Workshops available during the day, individual or group. Contact Kathy at 315-682-1578 for availability and prices. 3192 Pompey Center Rd., Manlius (1/2 miles north of Rte. 20 and 4.4 miles south of Rte. 92 in Manlius. For more information, call 315-682-1578 and check out www.rhbamericana.com

Happy Flag Day!!



Classified Ads:

Guitar Lessons: Bluegrass Rhythm and Flatpicking, Old-Time Fiddle Tunes, Swing and much more!
Contact Jason Borisoff 607-279-7989
jayboris3@yahoo.com

Violin/fiddle Lessons with Andrea Asprelli (Boots n' Shorts) Syracuse, NY. Offering beginner and intermediate lessons in old-time, bluegrass, country, folk, Irish, and Classical. Practice tips on technique, ear training, and improvisation. 12+ years experience. www.myspace.com/andreaasprelli email for rates, availability, and references: aasprelli@gmail.com

FYI -- Newsletter Deadline = 25th of month prior to newsletter you want your info. entered! Over the summer, the deadline will be on August 1st. There will be only one newsletter during the summer.

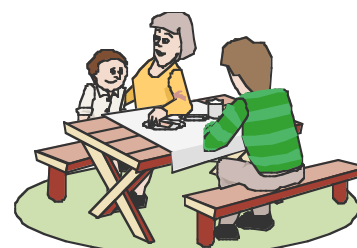
**Joint CNYBA/MVBGA Picnic
Sunday, June 14th, 2009**

**Chittenango Falls State Park
2300 Rathbun Rd.
Cazenovia, NY
315-655-9620**

We have reserved the large pavilion at Chittenango Falls State Park in Cazenovia for a joint picnic with Mohawk Valley Bluegrass Association (MVBGA). The park opens at 9:00am, and closes at sunset. There is a \$4.00 per vehicle parking fee collected at the gate. They can direct you to the large pavilion, just tell them you are looking for the CNYBA/MVBGA 'bluegrass folks'.

Please bring a dish to pass, your own beverage, and table service. Chittenango Falls is a carry-in/carry-out park, so we each need to remove what we bring into the park. There will be plenty of pavilion space, and plenty of jamming areas available, so bring you instruments, rain or shine.

Please extend an invitation to all friends of CNYBA, MVBGA, and friends of bluegrass. As Dick Satterly (MVBGA Pres.) says, "Come on out and enjoy meeting old and new friends with a fun day of jamming and socializing."



Don't forget to check us out online at www.cnyba.com

Ramblin' With Helen.....

Happy Dad's Day!!



SPRING HAS ARRIVED...and I hope each of you are enjoying the beautiful sunshine, warmer temperatures, the smell of fresh mowed grass, hummingbirds at your feeders, flowers blooming, etc., etc. I'm writing our "visit" while doing my "spring washing" of mattress pads and bedspreads, ready for my family from Rhode Island to arrive for the long weekend. May each of you enjoy time with loved ones and friends, and hope all took time to remember those who sacrificed their lives that we might enjoy the freedom of getting-together. May they all rest in peace.

In the May 10th issue of the *Sunday Post Standard*, under the weekly birds column, there was a picture and article sent in by our member **Robert Sykes** from Elbridge, regarding a small hawk at his feeder. Thru patience, he was able to get a picture of the back of the hawk with his head turned almost 180 degrees so it was looking forward! The writer of the column explains that hawks can do this, and owls can do even better – rotate their heads further around. He also identified it as a sharp-shinned hawk that lives in wooded areas and feeds almost exclusively on other birds. A great picture Robert, and am sure you folks enjoy all the birds that come to your feeder. Speaking of birds, my hummingbird feeder is visited often, and love hearing them "sputter" at one another.

I am sorry not to have been able to go to the **May Showcase**, due to having made reservation to go to a State Visit for Eastern Stars, the other side of Rochester. However, I emailed **Joy Crouch** and **Sharon Fultz**, to find out how it went. Sharon emailed me that due to **Chuck** taking a bad fall while taking census, and her sinus infection, along with her allergies still "visiting" her, they weren't able to go. I sent an "E-mail Thinking of You" card to them. Joy estimated the crowd to be around 60, counting the band members, and it had to be moved to a building close by, due to the weather. She said the music was great, and all had a good time.

Each year, when **B. Joanne Baxter** sends her renewal, she includes a nice note telling me how busy she is, which is wonderful. She had recently been to a "**Pickin-in-the Parlor**" put on by **Ron and Nancy OneSong** and reports it was as entertaining and wonderful as always! She belongs to the Moose and Eagles, and those meetings, along with her various church activities keep her busy – and she says she's not complaining.

I'm sure many of you remember **Peter Hoysic**, our Doodle-Do Fiddle Player, a long-time member of CNYBA, and loved by all who know him. I, (along with **Maryan and John VanDusen** who took me) were invited to a **surprise 90th Birthday Party** for Pete on May 16th. His real birthday was April 16th, and his family celebrated it then, so he had no idea they would do it again! His daughter Mary convinced him it was a reunion of their cousins, one of whom was celebrating a "milestone" birthday. Peter said that was nice, and that they certainly could celebrate it without him, but Mary told him no – he had to go, and he did! All of his children were there, along with his brothers, sister-in-law, other relatives and his late wife Betty's children. It was held at Forman Park in Pultneyville, N.Y. in the House Pavilion, so even though there were two heavy downpours during the afternoon, we were inside, enjoying delicious food, good music and fellowship. **Peter**, we all hope you enjoy many more birthdays – at least to 99 like the poem on the tables said.

I received a membership from **Thomas Russell**, (he used to belong), along with a note telling me that while watching and listening to **Bill Light** at a jam session, it prompted him to send dues for 2 years membership and a very generous donation gift of appreciation to CNYBA. He went on to say it is because of CNYBA that he can enjoy the music and play it himself at this stage of his life, and ended by "May God Bless One and All." **Welcome back, Thomas**, and hope you enjoy many more jams, and I agree Bill is one who can really entertain us.

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On the 23rd of May, I received an email from **Carl Carlson**, a member of the South East Bluegrass Association, located in Atlanta, GA., telling me about a free website he has put together (see page 6). I sent this email to our editor, and suggested it would be a good “filler” and urge you all to check it out. I intend to do so when I have time, and will email Carl after I do it.

I sent a Birthday Card from CNYBA to our dear friend **Olive Loucks** who celebrated her 91st birthday on May 23rd. Both Olive and Vernon have health problems, so please keep them in your prayers and know that mail sent to: 629 Lakeport Rd., Chittenango, N.Y. 13037 would be most welcomed.

One day, a couple of weeks ago, my dear friend and sister of the late Andy Pawlenko, **Mary Phillips** and I enjoyed lunch at the newly opened Irish Pub here in Cato. For those who enjoyed going over to the Cato Hotel to do more “jammin” after our monthly meetings in Cato (they did this for years), you would not know it now. New owners have refurbished it to look like an authentic Irish Pub, and the food was delicious. I highly recommend it to anyone who might be out this way and want a nice place to have lunch or full-course dinner. They have applied for their license for alcoholic beverages, and the menu changes often. **Thank you TED**, for that delicious lunch, and as always, Mary and I caught up on families, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and CNYBA happenings.

WELCOME to new members: **Dennis A. Tanner**, Maryland, N.Y.; **Dave Underwood**, Camillus, N.Y.; and **John Reygers**, Brewerton, N.Y. and **THANK YOU** to **Thomas Russell, Frank Allen and B.**

Joanne Baxter for your generous donations towards CNYBA expenses when you sent your membership renewals, and to **Eugene and Evelyn Pritchard** for including 12 extra stamps when they renewed. As I say every month, they all help so much, either for our treasury, or the stamps for me to mail back dues cards and receipts.

I recently had a nice long email from **Carol McGinley** telling me about all the various activities she has been involved in, and she is able to get out and play her guitar and sing more now – in fact she was going to volunteer to do both at the May Showcase. We all hope that you continue to be able to do this Carol. Well, folks, this ends our “visit” for this month, and again, urge you all to email or send me

news, so my “Ramblin’ with Helen” may continue. Remember, our July/August newsletter will be combined, and be sure to checkout other items elsewhere in this newsletter regarding upcoming CNYBA events. Take care, as I do care, until our next visit. ♥♥♥ **Helen.**



Diamond Someday Summer Schedule 2009

Come and hear your Diamond Someday friends at the following events:

June 13 - Gospel at the Rolling Hills of Bluegrass- Americana, Kellish Farm in Pompey (3192 Pompey Center Rd., Manlius, NY) from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. -- We play at 1 and 3 p.m. Tickets: \$10; 16 and under free with adult.

June 21 - Diamond Sunday on the Bluegrass Ramble Show over WCNY-FM (91.3) Syracuse, WUNY (89.5) Utica, WJNY (90.0) Watertown, NY, and on the web at <http://www.wcny.org> from 9 to midnight (our segment will be aired at around 10:30 p.m.)

June 26-28 - Madrid Bluegrass Festival in Madrid, NY. We will be playing along with Digger Davis and Tombstone (from Texas) and Junior Sisk and Ramblers Choice (“Blue Side of the Blue Ridge” #1 hit). Check their website for more details - www.web.northnet.org/madridbluegrassfest/ or call Les Haas (315-322-4093)

July 9 - Cicero Parks and Recreation Summer Concert by the Bay - Joseph F. William Memorial Park on Lakeshore Drive in Cicero - 6 to 8 p.m.

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ANOTHER INTERNET SITE 

PBS BLUEGRASS

Carl Carlson, a member of the South East Bluegrass Association, located in Atlanta, GA, put together a free website designed to promote bluegrass music. The website currently has over 240 videos in the library, representing a wide variety of artists and styles of bluegrass. New videos are added weekly. In addition to direct access to the entire library, he has incorporated a Subscription Service, also free, which delivers a new video each day. His website is www.bluegrassonthetube.com. He would like you to take a look at his site, give it a try and send him some feedback.



Have an absolutely spectacular summer time of fun, family, and music. We will see you all at the June picnic and, hopefully, at plenty of wonderful bluegrass festivals..... Meanwhile, bless each and every one of you!

Song Of The Mountains, season 4

POSTED BY JOHN ON
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(www.BluegrassBlog.com)

The fourth season of the popular [Song Of The Mountains](#) television series will start this week. The show features live bluegrass music performed at the Lincoln Theater in Marion, VA and is carried on dozens of [PBS affiliate stations](#) in the US.

The lineup for the 2009 season includes some of the top artists in bluegrass and old time music. Most shows will feature two acts, with some artists given the full hour.

Show #401 - Lost & Found, Kenny & Amanda Smith

Show #402 - Hillbilly Gypsies, Randy Waller & The Country Gentlemen

Show #403 - Beth Stevens & Edge, Larry Cordle & Lonesome Standard Time

Show #404 - Pleasant Hill Band, Millers Creek

Show #405 - Bill & Maggie Anderson, A.J. Roach, James Leva & Purgatory Mountain

Show #406 - Tom T. Hall

Show #407 - Donna Ulisse, Shadow Ridge Band

Show #408 - New Found Road, Audie Blaylock & Redline

Show #409 - Mike Seeger, The Wilders

Show #410 - Gold Heart, Cody Shuler & Pine Mountain Railroad

Show #411 - Cherryholmes

Show #412 - Naomi's Fancy, Country Saloon

Show #413 - Synder Family, Tim White & Friends

Show #414 - Circuit Riders, Dale Ann Bradley

Show #415 - Donna Hughes, Larry Stephenson Band

Show #416 - Big Country Bluegrass, James King Band

Show #417 - Zephyr Lightning Bolts, Tommy Freeman & Tennessee Skyline

Show #418 - Sigean, Mike Stevens & Raymond McLain

Show #419 - Bluegrass & Beyond, Don Rigsby & Midnight Call

Show #420 - Special Consensus, Valerie Smith & Liberty Pike

Show #421 - Lou Reid & Carolina

Show #422 - Moron Brothers, Nothin, Fancy

Show #423 - Jesse McReynolds & The Virginia Boys

Show #424 - Christmas Special: Fire In The Kitchen, Dixie Bee Liners, Daniel Boner

Check the list of Song Of The Mountains affiliates to see if and when the show may air in your area.

TOP OF THE HILL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL 2009

AUGUST 7TH, 8TH & 9TH

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Be ready for LOTS of Pickin' !

HOMETOWN BLUEGRASS

No Alcohol or Dogs in Concert Area

Sound by **R. T. Sound**

No Generators 10PM to 7AM

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JOIN THE CENTRAL NEW YORK BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

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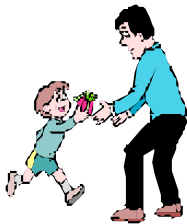
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Happy Father's Day



PLEASE KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT -- RENEW EARLY!!!!