

LOVEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

KANSAS BLUEGRASS SINCE 2017

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FESTIVAL GUIDE

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WELCOME TO LOVEGRASS!

It's time! We're glad that you've joined us for the 2024 Lovegrass Music Festival. Lovegrass is a non-profit organization that aims to promote the bluegrass arts in our rural Kansas communities, enhancing the quality of life for all. Our mission extends beyond this as we strive to provide shared cultural experiences and partnerships to make a significant economic impact on our local communities and beyond. And you're a huge part of that!

As a non-profit, we depend on the generosity of sponsors, foundations, and people like you! You can support us with a donation ([click here to donate](#), thanks in advance!)

While you're visiting this gorgeous corner of the state, be sure to check out the local businesses, take in a hike on one of Wilson Lake's scenic trails, and let Lovegrass carry you away on a wave of sound! You could be anywhere in the world, we're glad you chose to spend a few days with us!

After the festival, [please fill out our post-event survey on our website](#), not only does this help us improve the festival, but it also helps us secure grant funding to make future Lovegrass events happen.

Keep pickin',
The Lovegrass Crew



LOVEGRASS

WILSON STATE PARK



BIG BLUESTEM
CAMPING &
BEACHSIDE

DAKOTA
CAMPING &
DAY PARKING

RESTROOM
& **SHOWERS**

BUFFALOGRASS
CAMPING

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VIP AREA

HIPSTER
STAGE

HANDICAP
PARKING

DAY PARKING

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- Grama
 - Boat Ramp
 - Tatanka
 - Cabins
 - Wheatgrass
 - Restrooms
 - Showers

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& Hwy 232

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SCHEDULE

(WHERE YOU NEED TO BE AND WHEN!)

THURSDAY

AUGUST 8

9:00 AM

**LOAD THE CAR!
LET'S ALL HEAD
TO LOVEGRASS!**

2:00 PM

LOVEGRASS CAMPGROUNDS OPEN

5:00 PM

VIP EXPERIENCE & MERCH OPEN

6:00 PM

**STOCKYARDS SOCIAL & MUSIC SHOWCASE
HPPR STAGE**

6:00 LOVEGRASS FAMILY BAND

6:15 CARL SUNDQUIST

6:30 THE PIK ME UPS

6:45 BETH NELSON

7:00 TEQUA TRIO

7:15 BUCK BRANDT

7:30 JENNA & MARTIN

7:45 80 PROOF ALICE

8:00 PM

**JOHN DEPEW
HPPR STAGE**

9:00 PM

LET'S ALL JAM!

SCHEDULE

(WHERE YOU NEED TO BE AND WHEN!)

FRIDAY

AUGUST 9

9:30 AM

YOGA

RUSSELL CO. AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TENT

10:30 AM

**WORKSHOPS:
FELTING**

RUSSELL CO. AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TENT

**KANSAS BLUEGRASS
HISTORY WITH THE MATCHSELLERS**

BIG VIP TENT

1:00 PM

**BEACHSIDE OPEN MIC
STAGE260 @ BIG BLUESTEM**

5:00 PM

VIP EXPERIENCE, VENDORS, & KIDS ACTIVITIES OPEN

5:00 PM

**MAW
HPPR STAGE**

7:00 PM

**HAYMAKERS
HPPR STAGE**

9:00 PM

**CHAIN STATION
HPPR STAGE**

SCHEDULE

(WHERE YOU NEED TO BE AND WHEN!)

SATURDAY

AUGUST 10

10:00 AM

PARADE

GOLF CART/ BIKE/ WALKING MEET AT FESTIVAL GROUNDS

11:00 AM

BEACHSIDE BASH

HAYMAKERS

STAGE2GO @ BIG BLUESTEM

12:00 PM

FRONT PORCH

STAGE2GO @ BIG BLUESTEM

1:00 PM

OLD FANGLED

STAGE2GO @ BIG BLUESTEM

5:00 PM

VIP EXPERIENCE, VENDORS, & KIDS ACTIVITIES OPEN

5:00 PM

THE MATCHSELLERS

HPPR STAGE

7:00 PM

FRONT PORCH

HPPR STAGE

9:00 PM

FRET LINERS

HPPR STAGE



THE BANDS

(ROCKING YOU INTO THE NIGHT!)

THE FRETLINERS



[BAND WEBSITE](#) | [STREAM ON SPOTIFY](#)

It is rare for there to exist a defining moment that changes the trajectory of four lives at once. But, clear as a lightning bolt in an open field, so electric was the moment The Fretliners first played together around a single microphone in the Cloverlick banjo shop barn one fateful evening, they knew they would be inseparable from that moment on.

The Fretliners are a genuine and powerful bluegrass quartet recognized for their songwriting and undeniable chemistry. Their newfound camaraderie produces an energy that is as infectious on stage as it is on record. So much so that in the summer of 2023, they won both band competitions at Telluride Bluegrass and Rockygrass Festivals—a feat that had only been accomplished once before. That September, they released their debut eponymous album to acclaim and adoration.

With one eye on the rear-view, inspired by that traditional high lonesome sound, The Fretliners navigate a road less traveled into the peaks of Rocky Mountain original bluegrass.

THE BANDS

(ROCKING YOU INTO THE NIGHT!)

CHAIN STATION



[BAND WEBSITE](#) | [STREAM ON SPOTIFY](#)

In 2006, Alex Thoele and Jon Pickett met while playing guitars around a campfire, high on a mountaintop in Estes Park, CO. The two have been entertaining and writing music since. In 2010, they were joined by mandolin player and fellow midwesterner Jarett Mason.

Chain Station is a 4-piece, high-energy, get 'em out on the dance floor string band from Denver, Colorado. Their music is well-steeped in Americana roots, with vocal harmonies that are high, lonesome, and tight. Their picking ranges from lightning-fast to mountain mellow. They are a bluegrass band that would satisfy a picky old-timer and delight fans of newgrass, a delicate balance indeed.

They've become known for winning over crowds with creative, fun original songs that flow from the mountains, through them and right back to you. Pure Mountain Music!

The band's highly anticipated new album "Backroads" went public May 11, 2019. The album "Where I want To Be" was released October, 2016.

THE BANDS

((ROCKING YOU INTO THE NIGHT!))

FRONT PORCH



[BAND WEBSITE](#) | [STREAM ON SPOTIFY](#)

Hot off a second place finish in the prestigious Rockygrass band contest, we're excited to welcome back Front Porch!

Foot stomping clawhammer banjo, powerful vocal harmonies, and ripping mandolin and fiddle melodies to energetic rhythms – Front Porch returns to the Lovegrass stage with a musical mastery that borders on unbelievable! Each incredible musician in their own right Alex, Cameron, Petey, and John Henry come together to make a whole that is greater than their individual parts, blending contemporary folk songwriting styles with an old time mountain sound rooted in Ozark tradition - Front Porch is here to make you hoot and holler. They host a workshop Saturday morning at Stage2Go in Big Bluestem with an intimate performance and discussion their new album. If you haven't listened to their new album, make sure to add it to your playlist, we've had it on repeat since it dropped and is definitely one of the best releases of 2023; give it a spin, you'll be glad you did!

“Front Porch performs with all the usual ingredients of bluegrass and folk but bakes them up into a post-punk old-time acid jazz barn-burning bluegrass fusion that will have you jumping” - Ozark Highlands Radio

THE BANDS

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HAYMAKERS



[BAND WEBSITE](#) | [STREAM ON SPOTIFY](#)

Haymakers takes the concept of the string band and plugs it into a broad swath of acoustic music that stretches from Americana to bluegrass, from Appalachian folk music to bluesy western swing, and even into the realm of the jam band. Dustin Arbuckle (vocals/harmonica), Tom Page (vocals/guitar), Anthony Trupia (mandolin/vocals), and Caleb Drummond (bass/vocals) lock into an array of grooves that go in and outside the box of traditional acoustic music. The Wichita, Kansas-based group formed in 2012 and gradually honed their sound through steady gigs around the Sunflower State before releasing their debut, self-titled album in 2017. Since then the band has toured steadily throughout the Midwest and beyond, playing everywhere from festivals to rowdy bars to living rooms. Over the years they have cultivated a loyal fanbase and developed a reputation for lively performances that blend a wide variety of original and traditional songs performed in their own unique style.

Haymakers are
Dustin Arbuckle: Harmonica/Lead Vocals
Tom Page: Guitar/Vocals
Caleb Drummond: Upright Bass/Vocals
Anthony Trupia: Mandolin/Vocals

THE BANDS

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THE MATCHSELLERS



[BAND WEBSITE](#) | [STREAM ON SPOTIFY](#)

High-energy, virtuosic (and, on occasion, hilarious) music, made in Kansas – The Matchsellers are coming to Lovegrass and this is one show you won't want to miss! Andrew Morris returns to the Lovegrass stage with the band, offering spectacular musical style, insightful lyrics, and a performance that is truly unique. In addition to their performance they'll also be offering a workshop Friday morning.

The core musical partnership of Andrew Morris (Guitar/Vocals) and Julie Bates (Fiddle/Vocals) began when the two met in Leipzig, Germany. They were two American Midwesterners on Fulbright Scholarships working as Cultural Ambassadors to Germany. Now, more than ten years later, they are true folk trailblazers creating entire universes with their music.

Morris and Bates are joined on Mandolin by Brian McCarty (Greg Blake Band, the Bluegrass Missourians) and on Bass by Brandon Day (Kansas City Jazz Bassist). With the addition of McCarty and Day, the Matchsellers' newest iteration is as free, joyful and powerful as ever. The band is at the apex of its songwriting and musicianship.

THE BANDS

(ROCKING YOU INTO THE NIGHT!)

MAW



[BAND WEBSITE](#) | [STREAM ON BANDCAMP](#)

MAW is a rowdy string band made up of Kansas women who like to play and sing songs about murder, mules, mining, and morphine. MAW took the stage for the first time in late 2006 and has playing shows around the Midwest ever since. Set lists combine traditional and original songs that are sung and played around a single condenser mic.

Our first CD, *Advice for the Young and Foolish*, was released in 2009 to enthusiastic reviews locally as well as on Bluegrass Unlimited and in the *Old Time Herald*. Our second CD, *Pit of Desire*, was released in 2012, and our last CD, *Bought the Farm*, was released in the fall of 2015. Our music has been played on radio stations around the U.S. and in Europe.

MAW is

Kit Cole, fiddle, vocals;

Katie Conrad, mandolin, vocals;

Tracy Floreani, guitar, tenor guitar, vocals;

Julie Schwarting, upright bass, vocals;

Jeanie Wells, clawhammer banjo, guitar, vocals.

THE BANDS

(ROCKING YOU INTO THE NIGHT!)

JOHN DEPEW



[WEBSITE](#) | [STREAM ON SPOTIFY](#)

Born and raised in central Kansas, John Depew is a multi-instrumentalist songwriter with a background in bluegrass and old-time American music. Depew features mandolin, claw-hammer banjo, bouzouki, and acoustic guitar and is influenced by 'gypsy jazz,' swing, and a variety of folk styles.

Since he was too small to properly hold a mandolin, music has been a large part of John's life. His dad played in a bluegrass band, and John would spend time on the porch with him. His music invites listeners to think seriously about topics from food production to mental health to parenthood, while embracing the beauty and wonder in both the natural world and the interior one.

Traveling and spending time with his family is important to John, and serves as inspiration for songs. You can read more about John's songwriting process and inspiration in his Substack, "Wind Songs"

John's newest album, Bell of Hope is his greatest work so far, and includes bassist Calvin Bennett and banjo player Peter Oviatt.

THE BANDS

(ROCKING YOU INTO THE NIGHT!)

OLD FANGLED



BAND WEBSITE

Lawrence (KS) area music veterans of the last 20 years that perform a forthright cross-section of American music including bluegrass, old-time, honky-tonk, and western swing.

You can find Old Fangled on sunny days playing in the yard or park while the smoker smokes and the kids run and yell. We enjoy playing weddings, local community events, parties, fund-raisers, down on Mass Street, and just about any place people gather to relax and have fun.

Old Fangled is
Doug Byers: Mandolin
Dave Learned: Guitar
Paul Schmidt: Dobro
Greg Yother: Bass
Chris Millspaugh: Harmonicas

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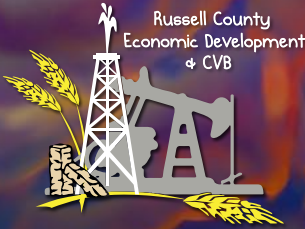
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PACKING CHECKLIST

(SOME THINGS YOU MIGHT NEED)

- CASH
- FOOD & BEVERAGES
- SMALL COOLERS
- REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLES
- SUNSCREEN
- BICYCLES
- WALKING SHOES
- FLOTATION DEVICES
- RAIN GEAR
- SMALL LAWN CHAIRS
- PARADE DECOR
- INSTRUMENT FOR JAMMING
- '90S ATTIRE FOR GLOW PARTIES
- YOUR DANCING SHOES!

RULES & WHAT TO EXPECT

(SOME THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW)

1. A current motor vehicle permit is required for every motorized vehicle entering the state park. These can be purchased at the state park office or at the self pay station at the entrance to the state park. Your permit is required to be displayed for the duration of your stay and state park officials will be monitoring and ticketing those without permits.
2. The Lake Wilson Marina will have food and beverage items for sale, as well as arranged food trucks both at the marina, and on the festival grounds. Knotheads Baitshop just outside the state park also provides similar items. There are dining and grocery options in the nearby towns of Lucas, Wilson and Dorrance.
3. Our artists prohibit recording or use of professional cameras during the event.
4. This is a rain or shine event. Weather in Kansas can change at a moment's notice so please come prepared and make sure you keep informed of the weather conditions. **IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER FESTIVAL ATTENDEES WILL BE NOTIFIED.**
5. Site staff, park officers and local law enforcement will be patrolling the area and can refuse entry to anyone.
6. Firearms, explosives or weapons of any type are not allowed on festival grounds.
7. The use, possession, sale or distribution of illegal controlled substances is strictly prohibited. Violation of this restriction, shall, at a minimum, be reason to refuse entry or expel an attendee from the festival site.

8. The use and possession of alcohol beverages is permitted at Wilson state park, so long as such possession and use is consistent with federal, state and local laws and regulations.
9. THOSE PATRONS WHO EXHIBIT EXTREME PUBLIC INTOXICATION, ARE INVOLVED IN PHYSICAL ALTERCATIONS OR EXHIBIT ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR WHICH CREATES A NUISANCE TO THE PUBLIC ARE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS WITHOUT WARNING.
10. Motor vehicles are restricted to maintained roads and parking areas only, unless otherwise posted, and are limited to a 25-mile-per-hour speed limit. Parking areas will be marked and you must not obstruct the flow of traffic and be completely pulled off of roadways. Please drive slow and watch for pedestrians, bicyclists and children playing.
11. Camping is allowed only in designated areas and is subject to restrictions as posted. No Saving of camping areas is permitted in the Lovegrass premier camping areas. Any property left unused or unoccupied for 48 hours is subject to removal.
12. ONE vehicle per camping permit (Primitive OR Electric) is allowed in camping areas (Buffalograss, Big Bluestem, Dakota). Additional vehicle permits can be purchased at the ticket registration link.
13. Fires are allowed in fireplaces, fire rings, and cooking grills. Fires must be completely extinguished prior to leaving the area.
14. Swimming is allowed in designated areas. Liquor and beer are prohibited on swimming beaches or in waters designated by buoys or other markers as swimming areas. Only shatterproof containers are allowed. No Lifeguards are on duty, SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK.

RULES & WHAT TO EXPECT

(SOME THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW)

15. Boating and fishing regulations can be obtained at Wildlife and Parks offices.
16. NO PETS are allowed on the Lovegrass Festival grounds. In other areas, the state park allows pets, but they must always be restrained by a camper, cage, hand-held leash, or tethered chain no longer than 10 feet. They are not allowed on swimming beaches or swimming areas that are delineated by buoys or other markers or in public buildings or structures. Dogs participating in authorized activities or assisting the visually or hearing impaired are not subject to these restrictions.
17. Fishing is prohibited on boat ramps, swimming beaches, and in swimming areas marked with buoys. In state parks, fish may only be cleaned at designated fish cleaning stations or other locations as posted.
18. Boats may not be operated within 200 feet of any area posted specifically for swimming and delineated by markers. No-wake speeds are required within 200 feet of a boat ramp, boat dock, boat storage, or concessionaires facilities. Boats may be moored or stored in excess of 24 hours only at designated sites. Vessels left unattended at other than a designated moorage or storage sites are subject to removal. Other posted notices may apply.
19. Fireworks are not allowed at any time during the festival.

20. **PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT!** Litter must be put in trash containers, if provided. Where containers are not provided, park users must carry their trash out with them. Recycling containers will be provided on site. Please keep our park cleaner than you found it!
21. Digging holes, removing geological formations, archeological relics or ruins, or vegetation (except for noncommercial use of edible wild plants, wild fruits, nuts, or fungi) is prohibited.
22. Any resident who has a permanent handicapped identification placard or a wheelchair license plate may be issued, upon request, an annual handicapped persons special motor vehicle permit for a vehicle for which that resident is the title holder. Accessible Parking will be available on the festival grounds.
23. No person may advertise or solicit sales without previous written approval from the state park.
24. Quiet hours are 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Actions which alarm, anger, or disturb others are prohibited. Failure to comply may result in expulsion from the park. Extended acoustic jamming hour is from 11 P.M. to 12 P.M. during the festival. Please respect your neighbors.
25. **LEAVE YOUR VALUABLES AT HOME. IF YOU LEAVE THEM IN YOUR VEHICLE OR CAMPER, PLEASE BE SURE THEY ARE OUT OF SIGHT. LOVEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL/WILSON STATE PARK ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS OR DAMAGE TO VEHICLES OR CAMPERS.**
26. Attendance of this event constitutes a knowing and voluntary waiver of liability.
27. Be responsible and have FUN!

**SAVE THE
DATE!**



AUGUST 7-9
WILSON STATE PARK

