

Bluegrass Notes

A Publication of The Backbone Lake Promotion Association,
Strawberry Point, Iowa 52076 2019

BACKBONE Bluegrass 38th Annual FESTIVAL

Strawberry Point, Iowa
July 26, 27, 28 - 2019



The McPunk Brothers Fri, Sat, Sun



Flash in a Pan Friday



The Roe Family Singers Fri, Sat, Sun

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The Baker Family Saturday



Bluegrass Express Fri, Sat, Sun



Annie Savage & The Savage Hearts Fri, Sat

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The Briggs Family Band Sunday



The Anderegg Family Sunday



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Jam Camp Bands
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Saturday morning
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BACKBONE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

JULY 26, 27, 28, 2019

General Information

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1. When was Backbone State Park Dedicated?
2. Why was it named Backbone?

Find answers on page 3

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SCHEDULE OF BANDS

2019

Friday night, July 26th

4:00-5:30 Jam Camp Bands
5:30-6:15 Annie Savage &
The Savage Hearts
6:15-7:00 The Roe Family Singers
7:00-7:45 Bluegrass Express
7:45-8:00 Drawings and announcements
8:00-8:45 Flash in the Pan
8:45-9:30 The McPunk Brothers

Saturday Morning Workshops

Guitar, Mandolin, Banjo, Fiddle, Bass & Dobro,
10:00 a.m. meet at the shelter

Saturday afternoon, July 28th

11:00 Open stage....
1:00-1:45 Bluegrass Express
1:45-2:30 The McPunk Brothers
2:30-3:15 Annie Savage &
The Savage Hearts
3:15-4:00 The Roe Family Singers
4:00-4:45 The Baker Family

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Saturday night, July 27th

6:00-6:45 Annie Savage &
The Savage Hearts
6:45-7:30 The McPunk Brothers
7:30-8:15 The Baker Family
8:15-8:30 Drawings and
announcements
8:30-9:15 Bluegrass Express
9:15-10:00 The Roe Family Singers

Sunday Gospel morning, July 28th

9:00-9:30 The Duane and Nancy
Gospel show
9:30-10:00 The Briggs Family
10:00-10:30 The McPunk Brothers
10:30-11:00 Bluegrass Express
11:00-11:30 The Anderegg Family
11:30-12:00 The Roe Family Singers

Bluegrass Afternoon, July 28th

12:00-12:30 The Roe Family Singers
12:30-1:00 The Briggs Family
1:00-1:30 The McPunk Brothers
1:30-2:00 Bluegrass Express
2:00-2:30 The Anderegg Family

Jammin' on the grounds is always a highlight at the festival. Young and old are always welcome to join in.



The Anderegg Family to perform on Sunday

The Anderegg Family is made up of Kipp (the dad), Susan (the mom), and their four children, Evan, Graham, Nathan, and Jillian. They make their home in the north-eastern part of Iowa by the small town of Ryan.

The family developed a love for Bluegrass music after attending several festivals when their kids were small and attending Strawberry Jam Camp. They play Bluegrass and gospel with some old time classic country music as well.

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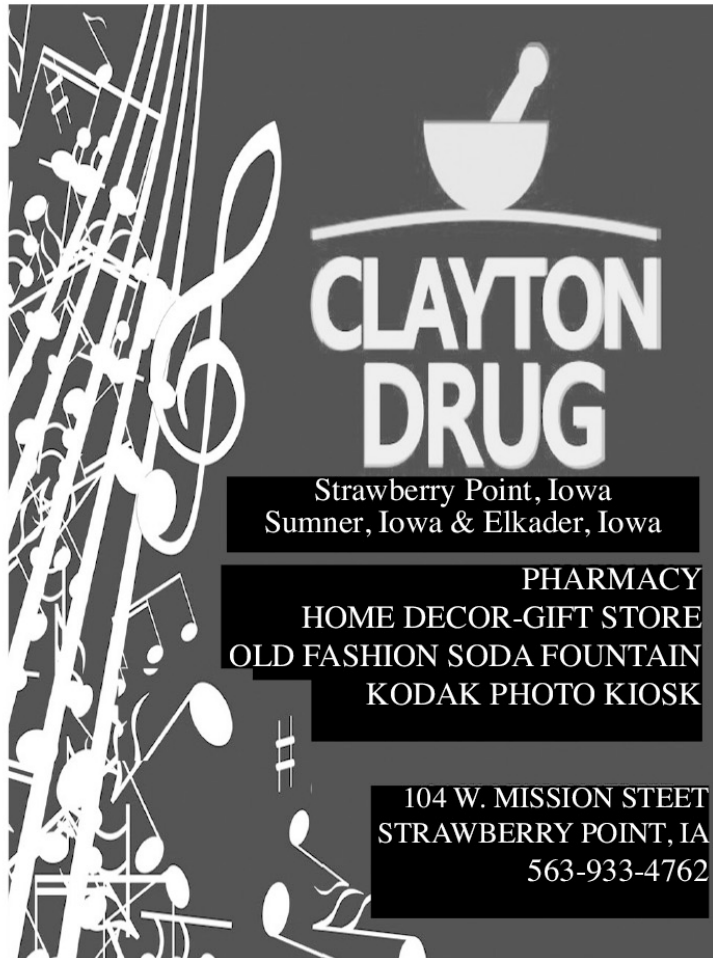
Backbone Trivia Answers from pg. 2

- 1) 1920
- 2) It was named for its narrow and steep ridge of bedrock carved by a loop of the Maquoketa River. Folklore-Named this high ridge of rock the Devils Backbone.

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They are made up of a collection of Iowa City musicians that have teamed up to ramble everywhere from street corners to red carpet events.

These pickers and grinders made up of five men, bring a fun mix of folk music of many shades. With warm humor and fiery content, this band will have you dancing and laughing, singing and stomping, and cherishing the moments we remember!

Noted for their shining harmonies, provocative compositions, and heart-felt performances, Flash in a Pan dishes out a sound that is all at once familiar and refreshingly different. **Come hear these gentlemen on Friday, July 26th at the 2019 Backbone Bluegrass Festival.**



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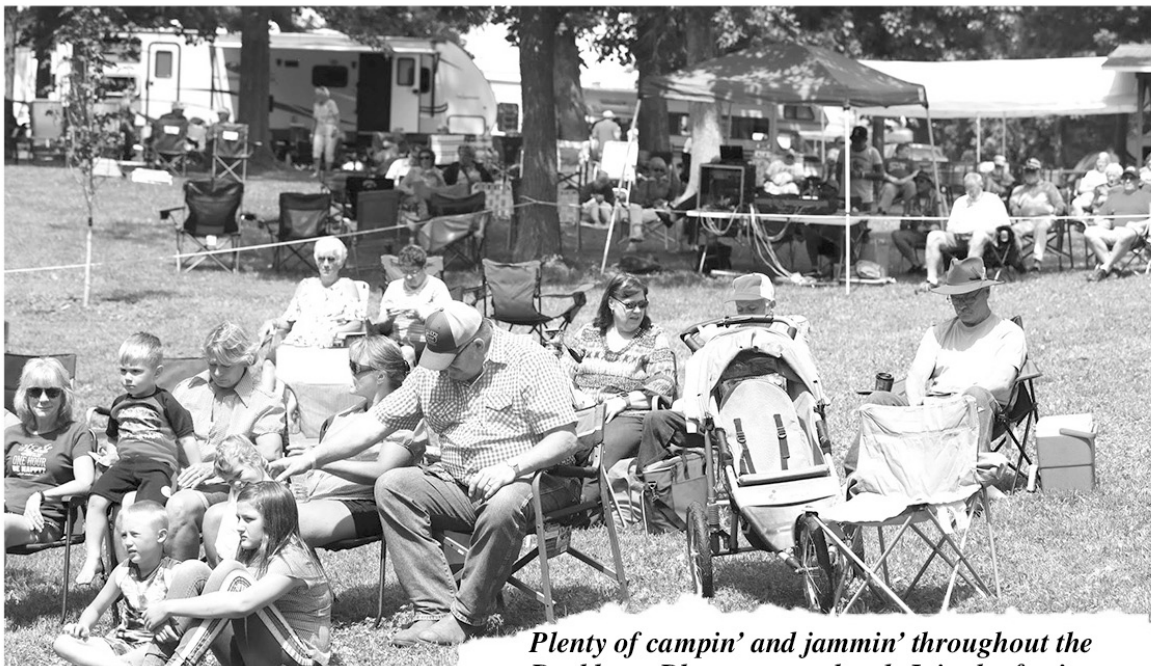


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Annie Savage grew up as a Suzuki violinist from the age of two and was fortunate to learn to jam and perform from the age of ten in the Bluegrass circles of southeast Iowa and Missouri.

The Savage Hearts are a twin fiddle driven Bluegrass band that features three lead female vocalists and the unsung women who have come together in a spicy tribute to Patsy, Dolly, Emmylou, and the unsung women of classic country and Bluegrass music.

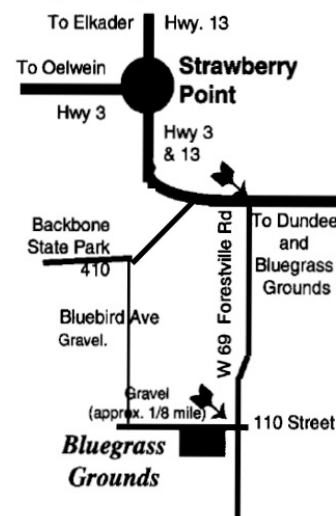
Featuring Annie Savage, Tracy Lynn, Jodi Harbin, and Kevin Slick, the bands 'drill it to the wall' lady vocals are bombastic instrumentals blended with just the right amount of saucy 'been there,

done that' stage banter that has audiences laughing and crying at the same time!

Make plans now to come to the Backbone Festival on Friday and Saturday, July 26th and 27th to see and hear the twin fiddles soar above vocals that are hotter than the punch of a ghost pepper in the middle of a hot ash!

Bluegrass Grounds Location

A map showing the location of the Bluegrass grounds is below. You might want to clip this out and bring it with you.



Backbone Bluegrass Festival is always held the last full weekend in July. If August 1st is on Sunday, the Festival is held one week before.

Wilder Memorial Museum



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• tradition



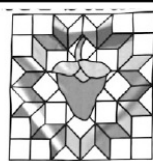
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They perform at Bluegrass events throughout the United States from Maine to California. They are looking forward to coming to the 2019 Backbone Bluegrass Festival to perform on Saturday, July 27th.

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND BRIGGS FAMILY BAND TO MAKE SECOND APPEARANCE

Come to the Backbone Bluegrass Festival on Sunday, July 28th to hear the returning band, The Briggs Family Band. The five members of this band entertain with a mix of Bluegrass, traditional country, gospel, and whatever else the gals decide to play.

The Briggs family, made up of Ashlyn, Evie, Kathryn, Stephanie and Galen, live in rural New Virginia, Iowa, where the girls developed an early love for Bluegrass and traditional acoustic string instruments by attending Bluegrass Tuesdays in Indianola from the time they were toddlers.



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Three Days of Entertainment by The Roe Family Singers at the Backbone Bluegrass Festival

The Roe Family Singers, based out of Minnesota, will perform at the 2019 Backbone Bluegrass Festival. This group has worked as hard as they can for 15 years, and it paid off for them with the release of their Pinecastle Records debut: "Songs of the Mountains, Songs of the Plains," in May of 2018.

It is stated that the Roe Family members which includes Kim and Quillan Roe, and fiddle player, Ric Lee, are amazing, soulful performers. They love the old hillbilly music, and are instrumental in building a real scene around their music, one that has been long-lived. When you hear this band, you can feel your connection and commitment to what you do, your battle to remain true to yourselves in a culture that is constantly seeking to compromise artists, and your heart.

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THE MCPUNK BROTHERS TAKE THE BACKBONE BLUEGRASS STAGE 3-DAYS

The McPunk Brothers started on the bluegrass music scene in about 1989 but had been playing together for many years before that. Minnesota to Arkansas.

Paul Roberts plays banjo for the McPunk Brothers and has been playing bluegrass music since 1978. He also plays bass, guitar, and is a singer-songwriter. Paul has done a great deal of performing with two of Eastern Iowa's theatrical groups, Iowa Theatre Artists Company and The Old Creamery Theatre. Paul has fans among bluegrass lovers throughout the state of Iowa and beyond. His unusual sense of humor shines

through in many of his songs and onstage comments. Paul teaches students to play banjo, guitar, bass guitar, and the big bass fiddle. Paul also plays banjo with his wife in the Great Bluegrass Herons, bass in the Banjoy band, and electric guitar in his church band Sharon Praise.

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

Mark Wilson is a guitar player & singer from

rural Iowa City, Iowa.

In addition to playing with the McPunk Brothers, he plays & sings in several other bluegrass bands in Eastern Iowa, including the Burlington Street Bluegrass Band, Banjoy, and The Great Bluegrass Herons.

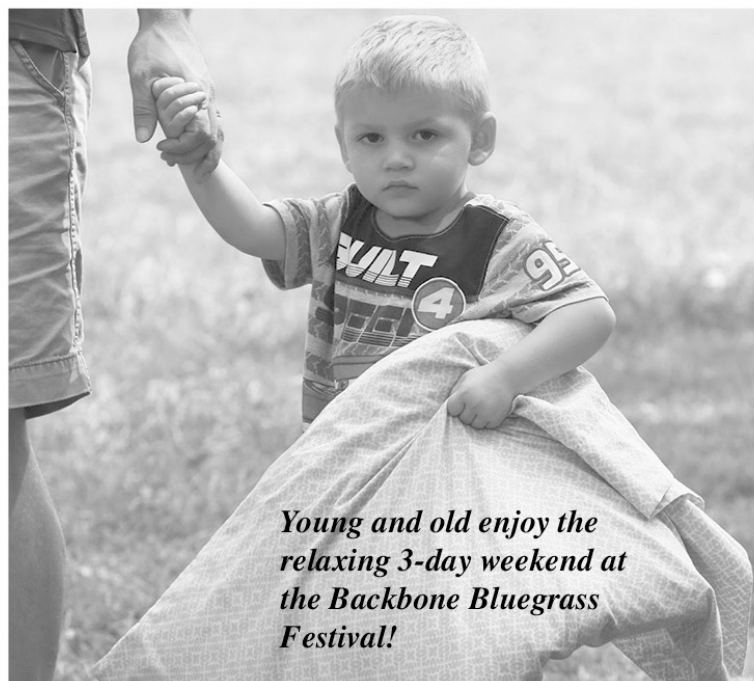
Daryl Yoder plays bass and sings bass for the McPunk Brothers. His solid sense of timing anchors the band and is the foundation that all their music is built upon. He has been playing bass for the Clinton Evangelical Free Church Band since 2000. He enjoys repairing vehicles in his spare time.

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

Daryl, Paul and Keith are all part of the teaching staff at the Strawberry Jam Camp.

The McPunk Brothers have been entertaining folks for years with a mix of bluegrass, gospel, and original songs and instrumentals.

The McPunk Brothers, though not relatives, have known each other for a long time and aren't just band mates but good friends. "We've played at the Backbone Bluegrass festival in the past and are looking forward to doing it again".



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Bluegrass Express has over 30 years of performing experience under their collective belt, and with the younger generation involved, the band's future looks bright'.

You could probably trace the origin of this band back to a paper route in the late 1950's or early 1960's in Custer Park, IL, when Gary Underwood would stop by "Fiddy" Crater's house at the end of his route to listen to him play. That interest in music remained and "Fiddy" eventually gave Gary a ¾ size violin to play and learn on. He spent time playing music with friends as opportunities presented themselves. In the early stages of the band, Gary switched to the guitar to handle a large portion of the vocals. He is still featured on occasion on the fiddle. Gary and his wife Sharon have three grown sons. Gary also enjoys repairing and restoring old fiddles.

Greg Underwood is the product of a childhood filled with music. As did his father, Greg garnered an interest in music at an early age. By the time he was 12, he was playing the mandolin and singing. Greg now handles the bass chores for the group as well as lead and harmony vocals. He has written many of the songs performed by the band. Among his many credits. Greg and his wife Michelle have four children; Jacob, Katie, Emily, and

Jared.

Jacob Underwood began singing on stage at age three, and soon took an interest in the mandolin. He began taking piano lessons at age five, but soon returned his focus to the mandolin and fiddle, winning his first fiddle contest at age ten. In 2007, at age 11, He became a full time member of the band, replacing Jeff Midkiff on mandolin and fiddle. Jacob now handles most of the banjo chores, as well as playing fiddle.

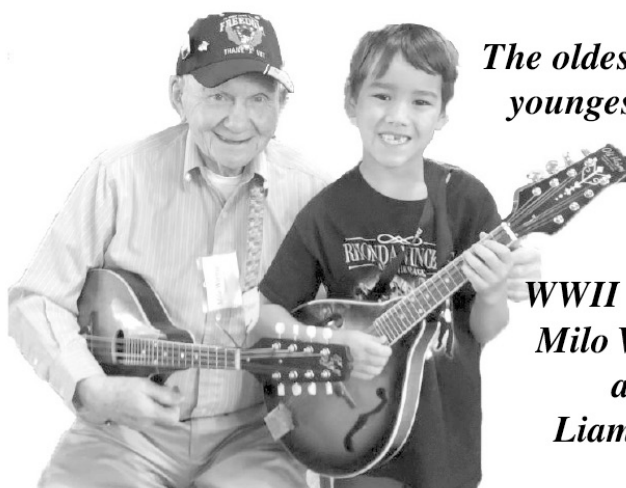
Nate Burie is one of the finest young mandolin players in

the music today. At just 18 Years old, he plays like a seasoned veteran, having already made four CDs and toured the United States, Canada, and Europe with his family band, The Burie Family. Born into a musical family, he began his musical journey as a classical cellist, but picked up the mandolin at a young age, and is now an accomplished guitar picker as well. Audiences are sure to enjoy his unique mandolin and guitar styling, as well as his fine lead and harmony vocals.

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