



# Bluegrassin'

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*The Montana Rockies Bluegrass Association is a non-profit association dedicated to promoting, preserving and sharing our love of bluegrass music in a spirit of family and friendship.*

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## Upcoming Bluegrass Events

**March 9—Infamous Stringdusters**, Great Northern Bar, Whitefish

**March 12—Lockwood Bluegrass Band**, Draught Works Brewery, Missoula, 6:00 pm

**March 13— Trapline Band**, Symes Hotel, Hot Springs, MT 8:00 p.m.

**March 16—Two Bit Franks**, Fort Benton Elementary School, 7:00 pm

**March 21—Ruby's Winter Jam Series**, Open Jam and potluck. Pickin' and grinnin' starts at 2:00 pm. Potluck at 5:30 followed by more pickin' and grinnin'. Ken Benson will present a 1 hour bluegrass program from 2:30 to 3:30. He will be showing everyone how to access performed songs, lyrics, lessons and tabs. Several sites allow a slow down feature for the songs. Band-in-the-box will also be demonstrated and will surely evolve into a slow/fast jam. All acoustic instruments, including vocalists will receive the most benefit from these activities. Feel free to bring your instrument. Guitar and mandolin will receive the most benefit for tab specific internet sites.

**March 21—Porter Creek**, Belton Chalet, West Glacier, 7:00 pm

**March 25—Yonder Mountain String Band**, Wilma Theater, Missoula, 7:30 pm

**March 28— Leftover Biscuits**, Belton Chalet, West Glacier, 7:00 pm

**March 31—Lockwood Bluegrass Band**, Top Hat, Missoula 8:00 pm

**April 4—Lockwood Bluegrass Band**, Blacksmith Brewery, Stevensville 6:00 pm

**April 18—MRBA Spring Festival**, Stevensville, Lone Rock School, Details pg. 4 & 5

**May 2— MRBA Hootenanny**, Woodside Grange Hall (north of Hamilton) see pg. 10

## Recurring Shows and Jams

- ♦ **Missoula** - Pickin Circle. Tangled Tones Studio. 2005 South Ave., West. Every Wednesday—6:00 pm to 9:00 pm . (406)396-3352
- ♦ **Missoula**—Open Jam at the Top Hat. Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm
- ♦ **Livingston** - Open Jam at the Pine Creek Café. Thursday 8:30 to 10:30 pm. [www.pinecreeklodgemontana.com](http://www.pinecreeklodgemontana.com) (406)222-3628

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## President's Message

Hi all. As the new head mop squeezer I'm hoping to get more folks involved in more events. Ruby's jam in January was awesome and the Hootenanny on January 31st was a sold-out blast! We had a somewhat smaller crowd at Ruby's in February, but still had three jam circles and plenty of jammin with a great potluck... I'm hoping to schedule another Hootenanny if we can find a week-end that works for folks and if I can find a cool location.. Thanks for your support --Mike

## Top Five Most Memorable Banjo Movie Moments (other than Deliverance)

While the best known movie banjo scene is from Deliverance, the banjo has made appearances in other movies and has been featured in many movie soundtracks. According to the Deering Banjo blog, the top five banjo movie moments are:

1. Zombieland
2. O Brother Where Art Thou
3. Cool Hand Luke
4. Muppet Movie
5. Bonnie & Clyde

To watch clips of these banjo moments, to the Deering banjo website blog post for Feb. 4, 2015.

([www.deeringbanjos.com](http://www.deeringbanjos.com))

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Do you want the newsletter delivered electronically? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your application to : MRBA, PO Box 1306, Missoula, MT 59806

**\* \* \* MRBA Spring Festival \* \* \***  
**Stevensville, MT - April 18, 2015**

Montana Rockies Bluegrass Old Time Bluegrass Festival & Fundraiser at Lone Rock, April 18, 2015  
12:00 noon until 9:25

Well we're getting geared up again for a great festival with 19 bands (two bands in one slot) and a whole lot of fun! The festival will again be at the Lone Rock School, on Saturday, April 18, 2015. There will be free overnight camping at the school and the music will start at 12:00 noon and go non-stop until 9:25. New this year, all bands will perform 25 minute sets. This will make it so nobody has to play too late and every band is assured of having an audience. Verna Molenda has again offered to cook her wonderful food for the kitchen. She asks the folks that bring food for sale to bring desserts. If you would like to help Verna in the kitchen, call her at 821-3163. If you would like to volunteer to help at the festival with the ticket tables or the cd or merchandise sales, please call Mike or Tari at 821-3777. You can also just check in that day with the organizers and they'll find a spot for you to help. Sunday morning we will have a free biscuit & gravy breakfast for folks camping at the school.

Thanks  
Mike & Tari

**Directions to the school:**

(watch for signs) Lone Rock School is at 1112 Three Mile Road, Stevensville, MT 59870

Directions from South– traveling north on Highway 93 from Hamilton, turn right at Stevensville turn off drive one mile, turn left when entering Stevensville onto East Side Highway. Continue 5 1/2 miles. Turn right on Three Mile Road. Continue on Three Mile Road for 3 miles, school is on the left just past the fire hall.

### Directions from the North: (from Lolo)

Turn left at Florence (Conoco station) onto East Side Highway. Continue on East Side Highway 6 1/2 miles, turn left onto Three Mile Road. Continue on three Mile Road for 3 miles, school is on the left just past the fire

# Bluegrass Math

Pickin + Friends + Fun + Bands + Good Eats + All-night Music + Memories = Bluegrass



# MONTANA ROCKIES BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 18  
NOON - 11  
LONE ROCK  
SCHOOL**

1112 Three Mile  
Creek  
Lone Rock School is located  
5.5 mile northwest of  
Stevensville on East Side  
Highway, then 3 miles up  
Three Mile Creek.

**FOOD  
AVAILABLE**

**ADMISSION  
\$5 NON MEMBERS  
\$3 MRBA MEMBER  
UNDER 12 FREE**

## FEATURED BANDS

New South Fork  
Mishawaka, ID

Acousticals  
Missoula, MT

Windy Ridge String Band  
Missoula, MT

Highline  
Mishawaka, MT

Black Mountain Boys  
Missoula, MT

Roggy Mountain  
Casper, ID

Phyllis Brock and the  
Ruby Jewel Band  
Missoula, MT

Fire on the Mountain  
Olathe, MT

EK River Ramblers  
Missoula, MT

Darby Sireens  
Dunsmuir, MT

Spring Thaw  
Missoula, MT

Gravelly Mtn Boys  
Liberty, MT

Lochwood  
Missoula, MT

Bluegrass 101  
Hamilton, MT

Salmon Valley String Band  
Palmira, ID

Flatgrass  
Missoula, MT

Loose String Band  
Missoula, MT

Mike & Tari  
Conroy Band

Conroy Band  
Conroy, MT

The Holtzen Family  
Hamilton, MT

# Oldtime Bluegrass

## FESTIVAL & FUNDRAISER

For information: 406-821-3777 • mtbluegrass.com

## Lone Rock Schedule April 18

12:00 - 12:25	kids in bluegrass
12:30- 12:55	<u>Holtzen family/Bluegrass 101</u>
1:00 - 1:25	Windy Ridge
1:30 - 1:55	Fire on The Mountain
2:00 - 2:25	Darby <u>Sireens</u>
2:30 - 2:55	Highline
3:00 - 3:25	<u>Lochwood</u>
3:30 - 3:55	Elk River Ramblers
4:00 - 4:25	<u>Accousticals</u>
4:30 - 4:55	New South Fork
5:00 - 5:25	Foggy Mtn.
5:30 - 5:55	Spring Thaw
6:00 - 6:25	Salmon Valley String Band
6:30 - 6:55	Mike & Tari Conroy Band
7:00 - 7:25	Flat Grass
7:30 - 7:55	Black <u>Mtn</u> Boys
8:00 - 8:25	Gravely Mtn.
8:30 - 8:55	Loose String Band



**Ruby's Winter Jam – January**

Holy Cow-- What a huge bunch of pickers and grinders at the Rubys jam January 10th. So many folks i couldn't count them. Five and Six jam circles going at once in different rooms, including the exercise room and a fancy new room Rubys let us use (thanks Melody). Thanks to all for coming .. Mike (new head mop squeezer)

I might steel that lick!



Bluegrass Lovers!



John and Jack, just met, music in common



That's not the way we play it in Idaho.

Jacque (and husband John)  
new to Missoula-ready to  
pick

Jammin in the hall.

Tom, Larry and  
Pat, it's still G

Teenagers playing bluegrass-Now we're talking!

## HOOTENANNY SOLD-OUT!

What a time we had at the first ever MRBA Hootenanny Jan 31 in Stevensville. The theater was SOLDOUT in the first hour and we had to close the entry doors. Well over 30 individuals and bands signed up to perform for a packed house. Many youngsters performed as well as first timers and seasoned pros. Many thanks to all the folks that came and joined in the FUN. Mike Conroy (head broom pusher). For more pics go to [www.mtbluegrass.com](http://www.mtbluegrass.com) or Facebook/montanarockiesbluegrassassociation



Nothing like being on stage.

Ashley Fiddlin—Soldier's Joy



*Ellie Nuño*

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Stan and Annie with Bequia



Practicing in the lobby



Great crowd—  
you could hear  
a pin drop.



Gus with his mom Christina playing banjo and  
Evan on bass



fiddlin Ben Carrasco

## Alison Krauss & Willie Nelson to Play in Missoula

Grammy Award-winning artists Willie Nelson and Alison Krauss and Union Station featuring Jerry Douglas will make a stop at Ogren Park at Allegiance Field in Missoula on Wednesday, June 17. Tickets go on sale Friday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m. and will be available at the MSO Hub box office, by phone at 406-543-3300, and online at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

The tour will mark the second time that Willie Nelson and Family & Alison Krauss and Union Station featuring Jerry Douglas have shared the stage together. The two groups also came together last year for a highly anticipated and ultimately successful run of dates during the spring and summer months.



Alison Krauss recorded her first album at age 14. As of 2012, she has won 27 Grammy Awards from 41 nominations, tying her with Quincy Jones as the most awarded living recipient, second only to the late classical conductor Sir Georg Solti who holds the record for most wins of all time with 31. She is the most awarded singer and the most awarded female artist in Grammy history.<sup>[1]</sup>

## STOP THE PRESSES---

### MRBA Presents Another Hootenanny!

### May 2, 2015

A new HOOTENANNY has been scheduled for May 2nd at the Woodside Grange.. Bring your campers and camp overnight. The Woodside Grange is a very cool old time Grange.

Come signup and do a couple songs or come listen and join in the FUN

>> Turn west off of U.S. 93 at Woodside (north of Hamilton) and go one block<<  
Woodside Grange Hall is on the right.

# Grammy Awards—2015

## Bluegrass Album of the Year



### Winner

**Earls of Leicester**  
Earls of Leicester



### Nominated

**Noam Pikelnny Plays Kenny Baker Plays Bill Monroe**  
Noam Pikelnny

**Cold Spell**  
Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen

**Into My Own**  
Bryan Sutton

**Only Me**  
Rhonda Vincent

## MRBA—February Jam

Great Grub!



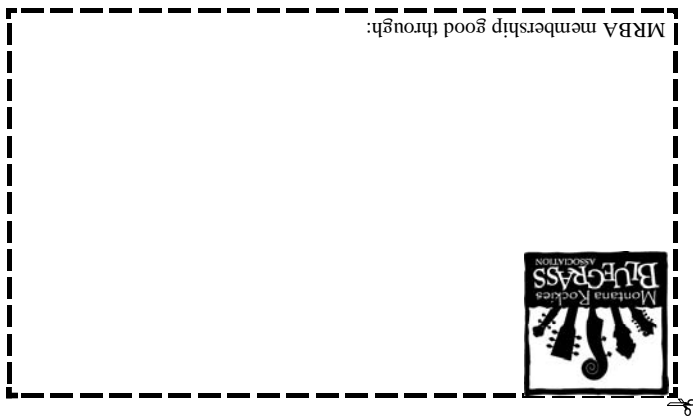
Three jam circles!



Some overnights eating breakfast the next day.  
Thanks Ruby's for another fun weekend of jammin'!

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