



## Staying Connected with the Lakes Bluegrass Festival

We hope you are having a good winter and are dealing with the cold and the COVID situation. We are looking forward to spring and getting back to work on our new festival site, The Lakes Music and Events Park!

This will be the first in a series of emails to help us stay connected with you and keep you up to date with what is happening with the bluegrass festival and the Lakes Music and Events Park. In upcoming emails we will go into more depth on progress at the new festival site and have in depth info and interviews with some of our bands and other features at this year's festival (which will be the 15<sup>th</sup> "annual" festival since 2020 was postponed due to, well, you know....).

## Check Out Our 2021 Lineup!

Most of the bands we had scheduled for the 2020 festival have rebooked with us for 2021 with just a few changes. Most notable is that we have [The Appalachian Road Show](#) (GA) appearing both Friday and Saturday! This exciting all-star group combines the award-winning talents of lead singer and banjoist Barry Abernathy, tenor singer and mandolinist extraordinaire, Darrell Webb, Grammy award winning fiddler Jim VanCleve, legendary bassist Todd Phillips, and the young phenom guitar player, Zeb Snyder.



[Alan Bibey and Grasstowne](#) (SC) will be making their first appearance at the Lakes Bluegrass Festival for two big shows on Friday. They are one of the hottest and energetic bands touring today and recently (2020) won the IBMA Gospel Song of the Year for "Gonna Rise and Shine".

[High Fidelity](#) (TN) is an awesome young traditional bluegrass band from Tennessee whose sound is very reminiscent of the classic era of bluegrass from of the 1950's and 1960's. If you love Jim and Jesse, The Stanley Brothers or Reno and Smiley, you're going to love this group!

[The Farm Hands](#) (TN) are one of the most in-demand bands on the bluegrass scene. They have received over 70 award nominations, winning an unprecedented 32 major awards including Bluegrass Gospel Band of the Year at the 2019 and 2020 Bluegrass Music Awards.

[The High Plains Tradition](#) (CO) is making a return appearance at the Lakes Bluegrass Festival. As the name implies, they are from the high plains of Colorado and have been a favorite since their inception in 1987.

Other national touring bands making their first appearance at the Lakes Bluegrass Festival in 2021 include [The Firebox Bluegrass Band](#) (IL), [Phillip Steinmetz and His Sunny Tennesseans](#) (TN), [The Punches](#) (MO), and [That Dalton Gang](#) (MO).

The Festival Also features local favorites [Shaffers Lost 40](#) (MN), plus [Blue Groove Bluegrass](#) (MN) and [The Sons of Wisconsin](#) (MN/WI).

New this year will be a Country Music concert on Wednesday night featuring [The Mark Peterson Band](#). Mark played for years in the Shotgun Red Band and wrote the country hit "Cadillac Style" which was a top 10 country hit for Sammy Kershaw in 1991.

## Work Weekend Coming Up April 30 - May 2

We will be having a volunteer work weekend April 30 - May 2. Please come and help if you can as we have lots to do! The electricity will be on so you can come and camp for the weekend. We will be providing a simple picnic lunch on Friday and Saturday.



[Click Here To RSVP](#)

## Can You Help Financially?!

Please consider donating generously to help us develop our new festival site at the [Lakes Music and Events Park](#). Our needs are many including completing the first phase of electrical sites, run water lines, complete the workshop and entertainer pavilion, build a food court pavilion, build shade and rain pavilions in concert area, more gravel for roads, other small buildings and a bath/shower house some day. For more information or to donate, call us at 844-620-GRAS (4727), mail to Pine River Area Foundation at PO Box 187, Pine River, MN 56474, email [info@lakesbluegrassfestival.com](mailto:info@lakesbluegrassfestival.com).

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