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## ISBA Monthly Jams

**Southern Zone Monthly Jam – 7pm @ Gerties' Brick Oven Cookery in Twin Falls.**

Hot Jam, 1st Monday of the month

Slow Jam, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

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**Middle Zone Jam – 7pm @ 5714 Centerbrook Drive, Boise.**

Intermediate Jam, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Call Stan Strickland at (208) 377-5326 for more information.

For a song list, contact Carolyn Johnson: [cthorse@gmail.com](mailto:cthorse@gmail.com)

**Northern Zone Jam - Noon to 5pm.**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday @ Orchards United Methodist Church, 1213 Burrell Ave, Lewiston

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ Highlander Community Room, 616 Warner, Lewiston

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The purpose of the Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association:

- To preserve and perpetuate Bluegrass music as a heritage of our country;
- To promote the education and enjoyment of Bluegrass music;
- To promote fellowship among all musicians and supporters who have a love for Bluegrass music, regardless of race, creed, color, ethnicity, or ability to play music.

## President's Message

We are in the midst of making final preparations for the Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association



Fall Festival on Labor Day (Sept. 3, 4, and 5). The Commercial Club of Cambridge has been very helpful and has offered us excellent facilities at their rodeo grounds. We will have a large grassy field for dry camping for RV's and tents and a large open area with a roof for the audience and stage. In addition, showers will be available. The city will also be providing food vendors. Adjacent to the festival area is the Weiser River Trail, a scenic, well-maintained path for walking or bicycling. Within walking distance is the town itself with several cafes and motels, as well as a well-stocked grocery store. You can make reservations at the following motels:

- [Hunters Inn 257-3325](#)
- [The Frontier Motel \(208\) 257-4000](#)
- [Bucky's Cafe & Motel 257-3330](#)
- [Cambridge House Bed & Breakfast 257-3555 \(\[cambridgebb@ctcweb.net\]\(mailto:cambridgebb@ctcweb.net\)\)](#)

Bands that will be playing include Chicken Dinner Road, Tradition, Will Williams and Gravel Road, Bluegrass Coalition, J.D. Web and the Downstate Ramblers, the Panhandle Polecats, Council Mountain Bluegrass Band, the Jeffries, and High Desert. In addition,

“Kids in Bluegrass” will be performing. The bands will play from 6-9 pm on Friday, 12-9 on Saturday, and 12-4 on Sunday with the Gospel Open Mike on Sunday morning.

Saturday morning we will provide beginning workshops for guitar, mandolin, bass, dobro, banjo, and fiddle. We will also hold a jam for beginners on Friday and Saturday. To provide focus for the beginners jam we are suggesting that those who want to participate to familiarize themselves with a list of traditional Bluegrass songs provided on page 6 of this Newsletter.

On another topic, I would like to thank Dennis Stokes and DBR productions for the Bluegrass talent they have brought to the Boise area this summer. They started with an outstanding performance by 3rd Tyme Out. Anyone who was there that night will tell you they saw Bluegrass that was as good as anyone will see anywhere. Next, they brought the talented “Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen” to Nampa, and they will finish the summer season on August 11th with “Chatham County Line.” This is a special effort by Dennis and DBR productions to build an awareness of and audience for Bluegrass in the Valley. Whatever support you can give by attending the productions and bringing a friend will help to ensure that we will continue to see and hear live Bluegrass performed here in the Valley.

**Hope to see you all on Labor Day!**

Start making your plans now for the  
**Annual Labor Day Weekend**



# **ISBA FALL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL**

## **September 3,4, and 5, 2010**

**Cambridge, Idaho at the Fair Grounds**

Come and join us for a three-day bluegrass music event in the beautiful mountains of Idaho, featuring daily concerts with 9 fantastic bluegrass bands from Idaho and surrounding states



**JD Webb and The Downstate Ramblers**  
**Will Williams and Gravel Road**  
**Council Mountain Bluegrass**  
**The Panhandle Polecats**  
**Chicken Dinner Road**  
**Bluegrass Coalition**  
**Kids in Bluegrass**  
**High Desert**  
**The Jeffries**  
**Tradition**



"No Alcohol or Drugs, Just Flatt & Scruggs"  
This is a family friendly event so bring your whole family and enjoy.

### **WORKSHOPS**

**10:00 am - 12:pm**

**Saturday**

**Guitar, Bass, Banjo, Fiddle,  
Dobro, Mandolin, Harmony  
Singing, and Song Writing**

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**LOTS OF JAMMING**



For more Information visit  
[www.idahosawtoothbluegrass.org](http://www.idahosawtoothbluegrass.org)



## Summer Bluegrass Travels with Syd Howland

It is so much fun to be back in Washington traveling the bluegrass route, with back-to-back festivals. I am meeting many people I have known for years who are traveling the same path, and folks I have met over the past couple winters in Arizona.

I want people to know about the **First Annual Five Suns Bluegrass Festival** in Moses Lake. In the past the festival was held at the fairgrounds—always a good festival—but it caved several years ago. This year's event was a resounding success and was unique in many ways.

First off, it's **FREE**. That's right, three days to watch an incredible line-up of free shows, free camping on the school grounds across the street from the festival site at Mc Cosh Park, free parking and free showers at the Surf 'n Slide Water Park next door. The grassy campsites were "serve yourself" and you could use as much space as you desired. There was a \$5-all-you-can-eat breakfast across from the school and a \$2 BBQ in the Park on Saturday. The BBQ offered grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and roasted sweet corn that they husked in front of you and dipped into a vat of melted butter. YUM! They also included a soft drink and a bag of chips complete with covered seating and tables with tablecloths! Pretty upscale for a bluegrass festival.

The usual instrument workshops were held on Saturday. The stage is in an amphitheater backing up to the lake with indoor toilets and a concession stand. Three of the bands came directly there from Stevenson the week before: Sierra Hull & Highway 111, Prairie Flyer and Northern Departure. In addition Heartbreak Pass and TopString played. Northern Departure was the crowd favorite and they are definitely "Ready for Takeoff" as the title of their first CD states. No kidding! The rumor is they are playing at River City in Portland and Wintergrass in Bellevue, in addition to being invited to play at Rhonda Vincent's family festival July 4 celebrating her

parents' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The Northern Departure band are such fantastic musicians, have that youthful energy many bands no longer can muster up, and a fun, professional stage presence. Be sure to catch them if you can!



**Northern Departure:** (L to R, Chris Luquette, Nick Dumas Austin McGreggor, Derek Gray)  
<http://www.myspace.com/northerndeparture>

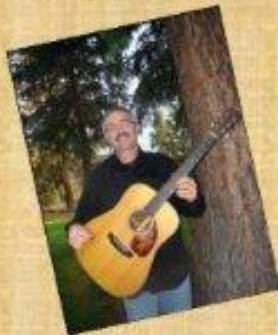
Several factors contribute to making this festival such a resounding success at its debut. They have multiple sponsors (way too many to list here but include The City of Moses Lake and Grant County Tourism Commission) who contribute not only to this festival, but to their 30-year-old Concert in the Park series every summer Saturday night. The festival was produced by Moses Lake Parks & Recreation, and is A Burke Event (Bill Burke, Veradale, WA). Everything ran smoothly and the Parking Director, Todd Cole, said his only complaint was one camper didn't see the sign to turn into the campground. I had to laugh at the security guys walking around with **CROWD CONTROL** prominently displayed on their jackets, because there just wasn't anything to control.

Moses Lake is a very friendly city and proud of what they offer. Downtown is only a couple blocks from the park with a "plaza" complete with fountain and outside artwork in evidence on many corners. A skateboard park is across the street from the park. I walked to the post office, my bank and the ice cream store Saturday morning and discovered many local fun shops. The chain stores are further out on the edges of town.

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# *Will Williams and Gravel Road Bluegrass Band*

*“From Tennessee to the Rocky Mountains”  
A Williams Family Tradition.*



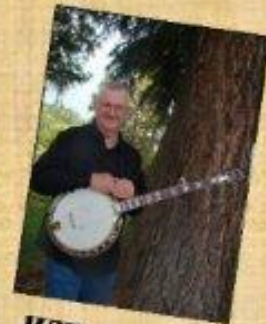
*Mike*



*Chris*



*Raynae*



*Will*

*Will Williams banjo and vocals, Chris Williams mandolin and vocals  
Mike Schmidt guitar and vocals, Raynae Redman bass and vocals.*

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## Upcoming Bluegrass Events

### **Chatham County Line,**

Wednesday, August 11 - 7 pm  
Outdoor Amphitheater  
Nampa Civic Center, Nampa ID  
[www.nampaciviccenter.com](http://www.nampaciviccenter.com) or  
Call 208-468-5555 for tickets  
[www.chathamcountyline.com/](http://www.chathamcountyline.com/)

### **ISBA Fall Festival**

September 2 - 4,  
Cambridge ID Fairgrounds  
See page 3 for more details

### *Song list for the Fall Festival*

#### *Beginner Jam*

1. *Gold Watch and Chain G*
2. *Dixie Darling D*
3. *House of Gold*
4. *Blue Moon of Kentucky G*
5. *Keep on the Sunny Side G*
6. *Sittin on Top of the World G*
7. *Don't this Road Look Rough and Rocky G*
8. *Life's Railway to Heaven*
9. *Will the Circle Be Unbroken A or G*
10. *10. Bury Me Beneath the Willow*
11. *Foggy Mountain Top G*
12. *I am Weary Let me Rest*
13. *All the Good Times are Past and Gone G*
14. *Blue Ridge Cabin Home G*
15. *I Saw the Light*
16. *I'll Fly Away*
17. *Red River Valley*
18. *John Hardy*
19. *Old Joe Clark*
20. *Lonesome Road Blues*

### **Summer Bluegrass Travels**

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The Saturday Farmers Market is the best! My motor home refrigerator doesn't hold all that much and I am usually cooking for only one so why did I go twice? The agriculture emphasis of the area is obvious with gorgeous fruit and veggies, baked

goods, craft vendors and several choices of food booths. I came back with green beans, apricots, cucumbers, corn, potatoes and cinnamon rolls. Now I have to find someone to eat with me!

I almost forgot to mention free motor home wash! Saturday morning about 2:00 am there was the most GIGANTIC LOUDEST thunder and BRIGHTEST lightning storm that I have ever experienced with pelting rain and high winds. Morning found people righting soaked and flattened tents, stringing their belongings on makeshift clotheslines or trying to salvage damaged awnings. It was spectacular, to say the least. My motor home was rocking in the wind, but looked as though my Darrington dust had been professionally washed off.

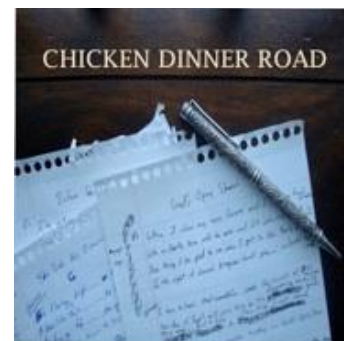
This year has been super, except for the fact that choices have to be made with many times two and sometimes three festivals on my calendar for the same weekend. I usually choose the path of least resistance, but Beavergrass in Corvallis, Oregon Aug 20-22 may edge out Zillah if I can talk someone into going with me! PS I'm still looking for a driver. . . . .

Syd Howland

## Congratulatio

ns to

Chicken Dinner Road on the  
release of their new album



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To get a little taste of music, purchase  
the album or check their schedule, visit:

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[www.chickendinnerroad.com/Home.html](http://www.chickendinnerroad.com/Home.html)

KZBQ 93.7 FM, KORR 104, KOW Stereo AM 1290 &  
the Bannock County Bluegrass Music Association  
Presents

# Idaho's 7th Annual BANNOCK COUNTY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

## Featuring

- Cold Creek • Chicken Dinner Road • New South Fork •
- The Panhandle Polecats • The Bluegrass Coalition • Tradition •
- Red Desert Ramblers • Hammer Down • Strings Attached •

## Sponsors

- Mikes Music • Budget Tape &  
Records • Franks Fiddles •
- Agrium • Mullen Crain •  
Simplot • Idaho National  
Laboratories •

## Ticket Prices

- Family Weekend Pass  
\$80.00 before Aug. 1 \$100 after Aug. 1
- Weekend Pass  
\$30.00 before Aug. 1 \$35 after Aug. 1
- Friday Pass \$10.00
- Saturday Pass \$15.00
- Sunday Pass \$10.00

**Beer  
Garden**

**Martin D-28  
Guitar Raffle**

## Tickets Available at:

Mikes Music  
208-233-9650

Budget Tape &  
Records  
208-237-3500



# August 27, 28, 29, 2010

**Bannock County Fair Grounds • Pocatello, Idaho**

For more information go to  
[www.bannockcountybluegrassfestival.com](http://www.bannockcountybluegrassfestival.com)



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I would like to receive the newsletter:  Email  US Postal Service

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly membership/April to April: \$15.00 (for an individual or family)

Please mail to: Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association  
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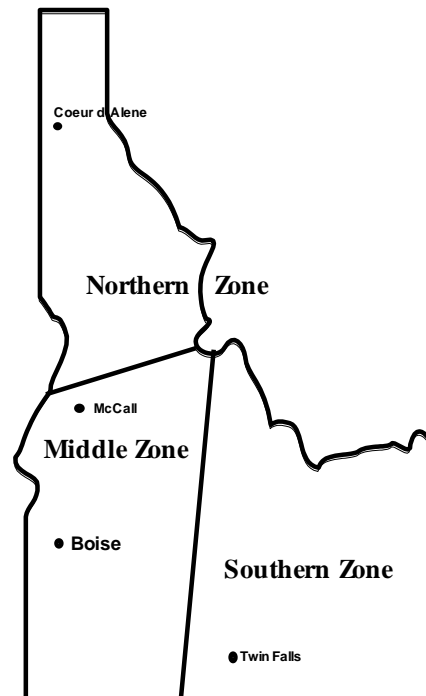
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