

# 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Crook Farm Fair Old Time Country Music Festival

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Admission \$5/person. Musicians & Children under 12 FREE

**Woody & Marcia McKenzie / WNY Fiddle Kids / Hamlin Station Bluegrass /  
Uncle Joe & the Rosebud Ramblers / Earth Angels / Blue Mule Bluegrass /  
Megan McGarry Band / Flatfoot Mountain Dancing w/Charlie Burton / Keep  
Off the Grass / Two Mile / Mark & Mary / Picks & Hammers / Crook Farm All  
Stars (host band / Square Dancing w/Joe Kwiatkowski & FAMILY DANCING  
on Sat. eve. / Sunday Morning Gospel Sing w/Larry Combs / PLUS LOTS  
MORE!!**

Historically the Crook Farm has featured traditional Bluegrass, Folk and American Traditional Music & Dance. This year is no exception with an expanded line-up featuring top-notch local and regional talent. This year we will be encouraging all local, traditional musicians to participate in and around the fair grounds, & join in at the Song &/or Jam Tent.

- **FREE ADMISSION** – for musicians entering the fair grounds
- **CONCERTS** -- Main Stage with a great assortment of local talent.
- **WORKSHOPS** -- Flatfoot Dancing, Uke learning area, Old Songs, Instrument Repair and more
- **OLD TIME ROUND & SQUARE DANCING** -- Main Stage Sun. Bank Bldg Fri & Sat Eve.
- **IMPROMPTU JAM SESSIONS** -- Encouraged around the Fair all weekend
- **JAM & SONG TENTS** -- All Day SATURDAY & SUNDAY
- **SUNDAY MORNING GOSPEL SING AROUND** – with Sunday Morning Harmony & Larry Combs
- **FREE ROUGH CAMPING** -- Friday & Saturday nights in the field next to the farm

## THE SCHEDULE: Check on-line for the most recent schedule!

[http://bradfordlandmark.org/images/upload/country\\_fair\\_music\\_schedule.pdf](http://bradfordlandmark.org/images/upload/country_fair_music_schedule.pdf)

\*\*\*FRI EVE (Bank Bldg) 7:30 – 11PM Country Music Jam & Dance (come to dance, sing or play)  
7:00 - 10PM SQUARE & ROUND DANCE (Bank Bldg) CF All Stars & friends, Joe Kwiatkowski & Rod Kruppner calling Keith Blackmon dances

\*\*\*SAT EVE (Bank Bldg) 7:00 - 10PM FAMILY DANCE (Woody & Marcia McKenzie & friends)

\*\*\*SAT EVE (Jam Tent/ Song Tent) 7:00 -? Open jamming / Singing jam

MAIN STAGE	Saturday Aug 27	Sunday Aug 28
12:00 -> 12:40	Mary Hermann & Mark Domcheski	Cole, HB, Mark
12:45 -> 1:45	WNY Fiddle Kids	The McKenzies
1:45 -> 2:30	Two Mile	Keep off the Grass
2:30 -> 3:15	OPEN	Blue Mule Bluegrass
3:15 -> 3:55	Picks & Hammers	Uncle Joe & Rosebud Ramblers
4:00 -> 5:00	Hamlin Station	Megan McGarry Band

WORKSHOPS	Saturday Aug 27	Sunday Aug 28
<b>SAT &amp; SUN Charlie Burton – Flatfoot dancing &amp; workshop</b> Sat. & Sun. afternoon near <b>JAM TENT</b>		
12:00	Hammered Dulcimer overview, Intro Curt Osgood	UKE workshop- Drew Danielson- all levels
1:00	UKE workshop- Drew Danielson- all levels	Fiddle Workshop Bill Gregg beg -> int.- (Clawhammer??)
2:00	Instant Musician w/ Gayle & Larry- all levels	Fiddle WS Meg McGarry – int. -> Adv.
3:00		Clawhammer Banjo Accompaniment. Marcia McKenzie- Beg- Int
4:00	Clawhammer Banjo Basics w/ Uncle Joe (tent)	

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FAIR: FINAL SCHEDULES WILL BE POSTED AT THE FAIR GROUNDS.**

**WORKSHOPS:** Workshops will be held during the day on Saturday and Sunday. These sessions will be fun & informative. You'll get a chance to meet & talk with the workshop leaders, ask questions & get involved in the topic.

**GOSPEL SING AROUND** 10:30 on Sunday, will be lead by Larry Combs, everyone is welcome. Bring an instrument, your voice & your favorite Gospel Song; join in, or just come to listen. We'll sit in a big circle, sing & play your favorite Gospel Songs. Don't miss it, we'll make the tent ring!

**JAM TENT** will be open all day on Saturday & Sunday. You are invited to bring an instrument & your voice & join in playing or singing, or just come to listen. Music will be Bluegrass, Old Time, Folk, Country, etc. Depending on the musicians who arrive. Admission to the Fair is free for musicians & singers that join us in the Jam Tent!

**SONG TENT** will be going both days, SATURDAY (only) Woody & Marcia McKenzie will host the song tent. American Folk,, Country, Bluegrass, Old time, Civil War, etc., Please bring songs to share that are good for singalongs, This is where acoustic musicians can gather to share a song. So bring your instrument, your voice, your songs & your ears & join the fun at the Song Tent. On Friday & Sat. evenings, come for a **Song & Tune swap**. All levels of musicianship encouraged to participate by singing, playing, listening.

### **OLD TIME DANCING-**

**Fri. evening in the Bank Building:** Keith Blackmon (our caller for many years) passed away at the age of 85 in 2011. All the dancing at the fair, especially the Friday evening dance will be dedicated to the memory of Keith. We'll have the Crook Farm All Stars and a bunch of Crook Farm dancers to help get you up & dancing. . Joe Kwiatkowski & Rod Kruppner who learned from Keith will help you every step of the way. Give it a try; it's easy & fun!

**Sat. evening in the Bank Building: Woody and Marcia McKenzie will host a FAMILY DANCE** featuring Simple Circles, Circle Mixers, Waltzes, Set Dances, Contras, Squares. Lots of fun for everyone!

**INSTRUMENT / SALES / REPAIR AREA: John Stoneman – STONEMANGUITARS** - - John Stoneman is a luthier based in Bradford, PA. In addition to building and repairing stringed instruments, he also sells strings and accessories. John will provide on-site emergency instrument repair if needed. There will be an instrument swap here also, so bring an old instrument to sell.

### **WHO'S WHO AT THE FAIR: (alpha order)**

**Crook Farm All-Stars** Larry Combs, Don Naughton, Dick Brocious, Dan Krise, Evelyn Jones & Howard Blumenthal, <http://bradfordlandmark.org/index.php?Old%20Time%20Music> the core of the **Crook Farm All-Stars**. This group has been playing for Dances at the Crook Farm for many years.

They will be the "Host" Band this year at the Crook Farm Country Fair.

**Drew Danielson** has played music around the tri-state area for more years than he cares to remember. He became enamored with the ukulele about five years ago after receiving one as a Christmas gift and has since added many more to his ever growing collection. The ukulele is a great instrument to accompany vocals in almost any genre of music, is easy to learn but takes a lifetime to master. However, it is a very portable instrument that goes anywhere with ease and is just plain fun to play.

**HAMLIN STATION** Smethport, PA, This group formed in 2012 from an eclectic blend of members playing traditional roots and modern interpretation bluegrass. Guitar, Mandolin, Fiddle, Banjo, Dobro and Bass tied together with three part harmonies. This is some of the best Bluegrass we've had at the fair!

**Keep Off the Grass** from the Butler, PA area. They have performed bluegrass, gospel, and classic country music at many festivals, churches, and nursing facilities. Linda Hetzler, bass, vocals, Julia Chorle, vocals, Tom McGarrity, guitar, Wayne Hetzler, banjo, mandolin, dobro, vocals. They currently have 2 cd's available. [www.facebook.com/KOTGRASS](http://www.facebook.com/KOTGRASS)

**Joe Kwiatkowski** Square & Contra Dance caller from Fredonia, NY has been focusing on the dance repertoire of Keith Blackmon & will be calling Keith's dances throughout the weekend. Joe got to dance to Keith's calling several times before Keith took ill. Joe has worked with Nils Fredland, the author of Keith's book, and with Ralph Sweet, another legendary traditional singing square caller and successful author.

**Megan McGarry** – (singer-songwriter, fiddle, guitar, banjo, mandolin, mandola) is one of the area's best young fiddlers. Recently accepted into Berkeley School of Music in Boston, Megan will be performing with her band on Sunday afternoon & also running a fiddle workshop.. You won't want to miss this gal!

**Larry Spencer & Gayle Sheets** Picks & Hammers: Larry Spencer plays fiddle tunes on the mountain dulcimer and teaches beginning mountain dulcimer in western PA. Gayle Sheets plays lap dulcimer, fiddle, mandolin and spoons. They will lead the Instant Musician Workshop Saturday.....All instruments/people welcomed.....there will be a variety of rhythm instruments available. Gayle Sheets & Larry Spencer with Clair Carlson -In this class, all instruments are welcome and Gayle and Larry will be playing some of their favorite tunes in the key of D (dulcimer friendly). If you know the D, G and A chord, you will be an instant success! Come and warm up with some good old familiar tunes and begin the weekend by playing and singing your heart out! Song sheets with verses and chord changes will be provided.

**Two Mile** – Country, Gospel & Bluegrass from Western NY. Pete Peterson, Norma Starnes & Ron Allen have been performing for many years at area Bluegrass Festivals, Churches & Senior Centers.

**Woody and Marcia McKenzie** have been playing together since they were married in 1983. They met in the White Mountains of Arizona, where they were introduced through their music. Long-time residents of the New River Valley (Virginia), they moved to Lynchburg in the fall of 1998, bringing with them their unique blend of contemporary and original folk, traditional music of southern Appalachia and the British Isles, children's music, funny songs, and even some swing and jazz standards. Over the years this husband-wife duo has provided music for square dances and contra dances and has performed for weddings, coffeehouses, restaurants, schools, libraries, festivals, conferences, retirement homes, and private parties. Outside of Virginia, they regularly play in North Carolina and have also performed for audiences in West Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New York, Arizona, Wyoming, and even Denmark!

**WNY Fiddle Kids:** Led by their teacher and former NYS Fiddle Champion, Heather (Smith) Pennington, these talented kids come from Springville, West Falls, East Aurora, Holland, Hamburg and Lake View, NY and range from ages

6-18. They love playing traditional Folk, Bluegrass and Irish tunes and also compete regularly with their classical violin studies as well! This is one show you will not want to miss!

**Uncle Joe and the Rosebud Ramblers** [Joe Chicone banjo and vocals](#), [Tom Farrell guitar and vocals](#), [Renee Baum fiddle](#) features a mix of lively up tempo New England fiddle tunes, energetic old time tunes from before the Civil War and family oriented traditional folk songs that have stood the test of time. It's a common sight to see a spontaneous square dance or elegant waltz break out among the toe tapping audience during a performance. Joe's wonderful renditions of traditional folk songs and Renee's thirst for finding new tunes for the fiddle guarantees the listener and dancer a new treat at every show. Check out our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Uncle-Joe-and-the-Rosebud-Ramblers/101773943191788?ref=ts> Read more: <http://www.myspace.com/unclejoerosebudramblers#>