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HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope this letter finds you all rested, happy and looking forward to a great year of Bluegrass Music.

Just like every other year we are working hard to get the JuneGrass Festival ready to go. Something really special is going to happen this year at our festival. Many of you have seen them on the TV show "Little Big Shots". Some of you have seen them playing with some really heavy hitters in the Bluegrass world.

That's right folks!.....

Classy and Grassy will be playing on our WMBMA stage at JuneGrass. These young men have quite a future in the bluegrass music world and we get to see them **LIVE** in Lowell this year. They will be playing two shows for us on Saturday June 29th. Keep watching the website for more information on advance ticket sales, memberships, sponsorships and updates on the full line up of bands for JuneGrass 2019.

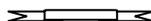
Our JuneGrass Festival will be held at the Lowell Fairgrounds as in the past with a major change to the concert area. I think you'll like the change as it will make for a much more comfortable atmosphere for the stage shows. Still outside, still rain or shine just a new and improved set up. We gave it a test run at the Camp and Jam this past fall and we're sure you'll like the change.

It's time to think about sponsoring WMBMA for this year. You'll find the New Sponsorship Form on the website. There is one new perk for our sponsors this year. Be sure to read the new form to see what it is. Then fill it out and send your form and check made out to WMBMA to Dave Simmonds and get on the Sponsorship Board for the 2019 Festival Season.

Be sure to check back on the website several times throughout the coming months to keep up on all the information for the JuneGrass event. Also a good way to stay informed is to attend the WMBMA Meetings on the third Saturday of each month at the Lake Michigan Sports Bar in Standale. Meeting starts at 1:00 with a jam that follows. Something really exciting is that the jams have been growing and its turning into quite the musical event. Come join us on January 19th. at 1:00.

Over Jordan:

Maggie Bilby lost her battle with cancer and was called home to be with her Lord and Savior on November 30th.



Tom Bolter lost his battle with leukemia and was called home on December 6th.