

May 2024 Issue 16

Hello everyone,

It is May already! I really don't know where the time goes these days. It seems like only yesterday that I had written the April column. I guess when you are busy there is no time to spare so let's get to it shall we?

Things are really heating up on the music scene in general but this column is devoted to all things country music and I can safely say it is heading in the right direction. There are many factors at play with the sluggish start after Covid (not that that has disappeared) however we are learning to live with it. We also have to factor in the cost of living and the skyrocketing fuel prices, which makes a) putting on shows and b) selective attendance hard to achieve.

One of the things we can all do is promote live local music as an alternative to high cost concerts and expensive out of town acts. I am not saying we should not attend these shows but we should consider a local act and venue for our entertainment as well. There is only so much money to go around and if we keep a lot of it here in New Brunswick it will benefit local businesses and artists! Last month I posted a host of shows that were for the most part well attended and I see this as a sign that we will get back to some 'normal' crowds and shows soon.

As is the norm for my columns I usually spend a fair amount of time going through the internet to find events that are happening throughout the province each month, I know there are a lot of things going on for May but I haven't seen much from anyone, so I will do my best to give you a sprinkling of what's coming up and not neccesarily only for May but the summer as well.

On April 19th we had the 27th Annual Country Jamboree, this was a great fundraiser for the Wesley United Church in Brown's Flat. We will be having another one in the Autumn, and I will post more info on that one at a later date. See poster below:



Weekly jam sessions are taking place at the Hampton Resource Center on Thursday evenings as described in the poster below, this jam is hosted by Leonard Tonge and is always well attended and a fun time:



Gary and Tammy Morris had a show at the Hampton Resource Centre on May 4th and they will be hosting a 'Musical Mother's Day Weekend' at Exit 153 Restaurant on

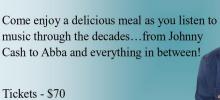
May 10 and 11:

Musical Mother's Day Weekend at Exit 153 Restaurant

May 10 & May 11- 6:30-10:00 pm

Featuring Gary and Tammy Morris &

Special Guest, Jack McAffee (May 10)

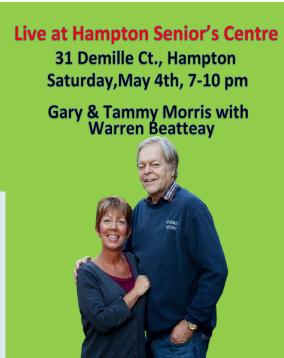


Call 506.595.9550 for reservations!

All profits benefit the Carleton North High School breakfast program.

*Dancing shoes optional!!





Playing hits from the 50s, 60s, 70s and more! Bring your dancing shoes! Tickets \$15

Looking forward to the Valley Jamboree in Lorneville on May 19, gonna be a great afternoon:



Sunday May 19th 2:30 pm.

Lorneville Community Centre







Reg Gallant Gary&Tammy Allison Inch

Special Guests Del Worden

Danny Joyce Tina Paquet Dyson Jones

Tickets Morris Music & Lorneville Centre

Hampton Pharmasave Kennebecasis Drugs

Grand Bay Pharrmacy

Tickets \$13 Advance \$15 at door

Also coming up in the next while are the following shows:



BOB BURGESS & Friends COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW

Sunday – May 26 – 2:00 pm Cobblers Lane

(RAIN DATE: June 2)

Guests Include

Randy Vail Morgan Thorne

The Band

Bob Burgess – Drums and Vocals Mike Hanlon – Bass Guitar Phil Bustard – Guitar Crystal Jones – Fiddle Steve Lyons – Guitar and Vocals

50/50 Draw

SPONSORED BY:

Burgess Tours and

Sarah Brennan REALTOR® Ted DeWinter REALTOR®
RE/MAX Quality Real Estate













" JAM DE LA-HA!

FOOD COURT

Haute-Aboujagane Community Centre

942 Route 933 Haute-Aboujagane N.B.

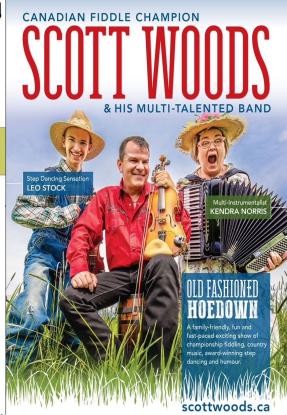
Every Wednesday

Starts at 7:00 Pm

Month of May 2024

Open Mic Hosts

- 1 Luc & Ginette
- 8 Mike Cormier
- 15 Omer LeBlanc
- 22 Hubert Gallant
- 29 Moe LeBlanc



As you can see there are lots of things going on this summer and this is just the tip of the iceberg. I will try to post the events as they happen but this is to give you an idea. The many jams and festivals that are scheduled are gonna be guaranteeing a summer filled with music!!

We also have some artists who are nominated in the ISSA (International singer/songwriter awards) and they are Rik Reese, Brenda Best, Mark Melanson, Carla Bonnell, to name a few:



Rik is a 2024 Hall of Fame Inductee and will be celebrated at this years Gala!



Hall of Famer Brenda Best lives in Nashville and is working hard on her career and promoting her home Province!!



Carla Bonnell and Engage are also nominated in several catagories at the ISSA awards this year.

Another artist making waves, and I have talked about him before, is young Riley Taylor who recently hit 1,000,000 streams for his song 'Better Days' !! Here is a post from Riley on this achievement:



Can't help but smile! I don't read into these things as often as you'd think (or evidently as I should) but I just found out that "Better Days" has now surpassed ONE MILLION streams on Apple music. Like what? A few years ago that was a pipe dream of a number, for anything!

This is extra cool to me as well in the fact that this was my first independent release, and my first release over a year after releasing my debut single. From the outside looking in, it probably looked like I was getting out of this racket. At that time, that assumption wouldn't have been too far off either, at least temporarily. But luck and will met for me at the right time and I found a team of great people that believe in me and support me as an artist. They

brought this amazing song to me and I knew i had to cut it! Thank you so much for listening, we're just gettin' started! A million is a lot of anything, and this one is my first. So to everyone helping these numbers climb along the way, thanks A MILLION Riley

Way to go Riley and all the folks making New Brunswick Country Music happen all over the world!!

Former Hall of Fame President Ivan Hicks and his wife Vivian spent some well deserved down time in Florida and got together with The Scott Woods band while there, here is a small note below:

While in Florida in March, we took in the show of The Scott Woods Band. It was a bit of a reunion as with us were long time friends Francine and Gilles Grenier and Germain Leduc from Quebec. Germain was playing in Scott's show. If Scott is ever playing in your area, be sure to attend!



There were also some other New Brunswick artists in Florida at the same time and they got to spend time with the Myers Girls and Flo Durelle! I may have to go next winter!

Please remember to support our monthly 50/50 raffle! The winner for April is Patricia Shea who took home 85\$. Congrats to Patricia.



May's 50/50 draw is now live – please consider buying tickets to help support the Hall with programs and projects and maybe win a few bucks too! The more tickets we sell the larger the pot, so please support your Hall of Fame and pass the word on to friends and family too!



https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/nbcmhf

It's time for our monthly feature...

Who is making waves in Country Music?



My artist spotlight for this month is a young lady who sings many different genres of music including country and has been on many local shows and events in the southern part of the province.

Lillian (Lily) Alexander is in her senior year at Mount Allison University in the Music department and teaches voice and piano in Rothesay at Allison Dawn Voice and Music, Lily has appeared on the New Brunswick Showcase many times as well as on the Steve Lyons

show at the Exhibition and the K.V. Old Boys show and on numerous jamborees through out the southern part of New Brunswick. A lovely, talented, and giving person with a true passion for music, expect great things from her in the future and be sure to catch one of her performances!

We are well underway in our preparations for the 2020 Gala and are now actively looking for sponsors! We have a variety of packages to offer and if you are a business owner and would like to participate in the sponsorship program or if you know someone who is looking to partner with a dynamic provincial organization with 40 years and counting of making a difference in country music in NB then please reach out to us! We can find an advertising package and tailor it to suit your needs whether it is sponsoring a table at the Gala, which includes a table topper and advertising on our program or a full on patronage, we want to hear from you!

You can contact myself (President Reg Gallant), 1st Vice-President Dwane Drost, 2nd Vice-President Gary Morris, Executive Director Linda Gaston, or any of our Board members: Frank Hartt, Tammy Morris, Derek Knowles, Brent Buchanan and Bonnie McElwain, for more information or just to chat about your Hall of Fame. And we thank you in advance for reaching out!

Well folks I will sign off on this month's letter and will send along another one in June. Until then take great care of yourselves and as always...

Keep it country!



Reg Gallant
President
New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame
(506) 738-2941
regpat.gallant@gmail.com