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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 necessarily 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:

SPONSORED BY - THE WESLEY UNITED CHURCH
BROWN'S FLAT N.B.

Admission
Adults 12

Held At
The Royal Canadian Legion
Jones Creek

New Brunswick Country Music Hall Of Fame
Recording Artist - Long Time Country Music Artist

Allison Inch
Reg Gllant
Phil Kennedy
Noel Nason
Bob Johnson
Gary & Tammy
Morris

27th Annual
**COUNTRY
JAMBOREE**

Join Us!
Fri April 19 7:30 PM

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:



COUNTRY MUSIC JAM
FEATURING THE SILVER THREADS

Thursday
MAY 2ND

DOORS OPEN 5:30PM
MUSIC 6:30 - 9:30 PM

- ★ 50/50
- ★ CANTEEN
- ★ LINE DANCING
- ★

\$7 ENTRY

HAMPTON SENIORS RESOURCE CENTER - DEMILLE COURT

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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:

Live at Hampton Senior's Centre

31 Demille Ct., Hampton
Saturday, May 4th, 7-10 pm

Gary & Tammy Morris with
Warren Beattey



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

**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 McAfee (May 10)**

Come enjoy a delicious meal as you listen to
music through the decades...from Johnny
Cash to Abba and everything in between!

Tickets - \$70

Call 506.595.9550 for
reservations!

All profits benefit the
Carleton North High School
breakfast program.

*Dancing shoes optional!!



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

Valley Jamboree

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 Pharmacy

Tickets \$13 Advance \$15 at door

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

Country Gospel Music Fundraiser

Allison Inch

7 p.m.
Sunday
May 26

Bob Johnson
Murray Arthurs
Doug & Beth Palmer
Mike Caines
And Friends...

Sponsored by Westfield Coffee House & Eatery

At the Church of the Resurrection, GB-W

**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

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**THE BIG
COUNTRY
MUSIC SHOW**

TERRY FERRIS
JOAN KENNEDY
RILEY TAYLOR

DAWN ELLIS **PHIL KENNEDY** **LEE HOWE**

Saturday – June 8th – 7:00 PM
McCain Theatre Woodstock NB

**Ticket Information
coming Soon!**

Rogersville Music Inc.
JUNE 21 & 22, 2024

**ROGERSVILLE
Country
FESTIVAL**

HEADLINER
Aaron Pritchett

Borderline
Norm et Jean-Marco

Bouboul
Jeremy Cormier

Brian Kelly
Naomi Bristow

The Blacksheep
Shane Douthright

The Mainlanders
The Vinyl Sunset

James Despres
Rheal Leblanc

Brian Mallory

For information call:
Office: 506-775-2200, Rogersville, NB
Norman Roy: 524-7554
Gilles Roy: 525-7593

Site Location: 825 Chemin St. Pierre, Rogersville, NB E4Y 1L4
Field will be open Wednesday, June 19 at 9:00 am
On-site camping available: Regular \$40 or Premium \$80 for the Weekend
Site reservations available by calling 506-775-2200
or emailing roybrothers@nb.ahm.com

To obtain advance tickets by mail: Send money order or personal cheque and self-addressed stamped envelope to:
Rogersville Music Inc.
c/o Roy Brothers Construction Inc.
60 Rue Industrielle, Rogersville, NB E4Y 3A1

93 THE RIVER **Roy Brothers**

WCAF MUSIC FEST
SAT. JUNE 22, 2024
41 COREY AVE. PETITCODIAC
Line-up
Star 69 - Kevin Chase
Ivan Daigle & Dirt Country
Riley Taylor & Band
Rik Reese Band
Advance Tickets :\$50 per person
At Gate: \$60 per person

Gates Open Noon - Music Starts 1pm
Available at The Pantry Food Hub - Petitodiac
or Recollections by Jazz Antique Mall - Salisbury
on-line - email wcaf@gmail.com
CASH BAR AVAILABLE
FOOD COURT

Rogersville Music Inc.
AUGUST 23, 24 & 25
2024
HEADLINERS...

ROGERSVILLE Bluegrass FESTIVAL

Junior Sisk Band
 \$90.00 - Advance Weekend Pass (until August 11, 2024)
 \$100.00 - Weekend Pass
 \$50.00 - Friday Pass
 \$60.00 - Saturday Pass
 \$30.00 - Sunday Pass

Dan Tyminski Band

For information call:
 Office: 506-775-2200, Rogersville, NB
 Norman Roy: 624-7594
 Gilles Roy: 625-7593

Site Location: 825 Chemin St. Pierre, Rogersville, NB E4Y 1L4
 Field will be open Sunday, August 18 at 9:00 am
 On-site camping available: Regular \$40 or Premium \$80 for the Weekend
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Artists: Maritime Drive, Jessica McLaughlin, Blue Meadow, New Roots, Paul Hebert, Eddy Poirier & Grassline, Riverbank, The Hound Dog Ramblers

99.3 THE RIVER **Roy Brothers**

JAM DE LA-HA !
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

CANADIAN FIDDLE CHAMPION
SCOTT WOODS
& HIS MULTI-TALENTED BAND

Step Dancing Sensation
LEO STOCK

Multi-Instrumentalist
KENDRA NORRIS

OLD FASHIONED HOEDOWN
 A family-friendly, fun and fast-paced exciting show of championship fiddling, country music, award-winning step dancing and humour.

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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:

OFFICIAL 2024 NOMINEE
THE INTERNATIONAL SINGER SONGWRITERS ASSOCIATION, INC.™ **6 Years**

RIK REESE

**INTERNATIONAL ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR
VOCALIST OF THE YEAR
RISING STAR
SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR
MUSIC VIDEO OF THE YEAR**

ISSA AWARDS 2024
Atlanta

Roku

VOTE IN APRIL AT ISSASONGWRITERS.COM

The poster features a central image of Rik Reese sitting on a guitar case, wearing sunglasses and a dark jacket. To the left is the ISSA Awards 2024 logo with the year '2024' inside a diamond shape. The background is dark with a glowing, circular pattern at the bottom.

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

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THE INTERNATIONAL SINGER SONGWRITERS ASSOCIATION, INC.™ **6 Years**

Brenda Best

**USA FEMALE
ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR
VOCALIST OF THE YEAR
SINGLE OF THE YEAR
SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR
Music Video of The Year (Female)
"Speak Your Name"**

ISSA AWARDS 2024
Atlanta

Roku

Vote now through April 30th ISSAsongwriters.com/2024-VOTE

The poster features a central image of Brenda Best playing an acoustic guitar and wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a red jacket. To the left is the ISSA Awards 2024 logo with the year '2024' inside a diamond shape. The background is dark with a glowing, circular pattern at the bottom.

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

OFFICIAL 2024 NOMINEE
THE INTERNATIONAL SINGER SONGWRITERS ASSOCIATION, INC.™ **6 Years**



Atlanta

INTERNATIONAL

- Female Vocalist of the Year- Carla Bonnell
- Female Rising Star of the Year- Carla Bonnell
- Band Album of the Year- Engage
- Band Single of the Year- Engage "This One"
- Female Songwriter of the Year- Carla Bonnell
- Female Emerging Artist of the Year- Carla Bonnell
- Radio Podcast/DJ of the Year- Carla Bonnell
- Promoter of the Year- Carla Bonnell





Vote NOW until April 30th at www.ISSAsongwriters.com/2024-vote

Carla Bonnell and Engage are also nominated in several categories 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.

COUNTRY MUSIC
40th Anniversary
50/50
CASH RAFFLE

Congratulations to Patricia Shea.
You are the winner of \$85.00 from our April draw.
We will be contacting you by email & phone.

Thank you!

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!



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