



Hall of Honor Inductees
2021

Randy Beckey, of Blissfield, Michigan was the main force in the establishment of Blissfield Bluegrass on the River. He organized a jam and asked the Village to allow it in Bachmayer Park. That idea has grown to the free event you are enjoying today. Thanks To Randy for his foresight and support over the years!



Farrell M. Clark with Jim and Jesse McReynolds

Beginning in 1974, Farrell M. Clark traveled to festivals in Michigan presenting bluegrass gospel as F.M. Clark and the Faith Singers. Farrell also assisted Bob White and Fred Ellis promote the Milan Bluegrass Festival, carrying flyers to shows in the area. Farrell was born in Alabama in 1926 and passed away in Toledo Ohio in October, 2004. He came to Toledo in 1958 and performed with L.B. Siler and the Round Mountain Boys.

Originally from KY, James and Earl Miller moved to Detroit for auto plant work in the late 1960s. Brother Charlie lived in Indiana but commuted to Detroit for shows. The band consisted of James (banjo), Charlie (guitar), and Earl (bass), along with Nolan Faulkner (mandolin) and Herman Lewis (fiddle). They released four albums from 1971 to 75. By 1976, the brothers had moved to Indiana, but James

continued to record with various family members until

his death in 2009. Earl passed away in 1997. Charlie continues to occasionally perform with the Hard Tyme Bluegrass Band, which includes members of his extended family.



The Miller Brothers

Sandy and her late husband Dick Neff have been fixtures in the Michigan bluegrass scene for many years. Often volunteering to assist at the gate of festivals, and in other behind-the-scenes tasks. They often included their grandchildren in their festival trips, exposing a new generation to bluegrass music.



Dick and Sandy Neff

Southeast Michigan Bluegrass Music Association

Hall of Honor

Class of 2016

Michael Adams
John Bayerl
David Blakney
Bobby Hutch
Tom Laing
Gordon L. Lamb
Larry McDaniel
Virgie McClearn
Nick Mladjan
John Morris
Jim & Fay Wilder
Jerry & Ada Yates

Class of 2017

Gary & Maggie Bilby
Burke Cole
Dana Cupp, Sr.
Leroy Drumm
Fred Ellis
Pete Goble
Cayce & Ruth Kiger
Mitchel Manns
Roy & Fay McGinnis
Freddie Newby
Cranford (Ford) Nix
Ralph Paige
Virgil Shouse
Bill & Pam Warren
Robert White

Class of 2018

Bob Campbell
Jimmy Campbell

Roy Cobb
Dana Cupp, Jr.
Richard "Dick" Dieterle
Tim Ellis
Jimmy Thompson.

Class of 2019

Ruby Bennett
Greg Cahill
David Conley, Sr.
Duane Estep
George Kilbreath
Jimmy Kittle
The RFD boys

Class of 2020

Gary Adams, Sr.
John Coffey
Jerry Eicher
Marvin "Red" Ellis
Jim LaPrad
Oscar N. McKiney
Ralph Mullins
Bruce Pettinger
Wes Pettinger
Roger Schultze
Sandy Schultze/Pettinger

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