

Hall of Honor Inductees 2022

Wayne Holcombe, an area musician has supported SMBMA. Influenced by his uncle, Leon Jackson, who wrote *Love Come Home* back in the 1950s. Wayne began playing in 1959 on an old open back banjo he bought for \$5. It had a busted head and no strings. He received a Sears Silvertone banjo at Christmas in 1964

In 1968, while stationed in Pensacola Florida, he visited Raul Yarbrough's shop and bought the banjo in the photo below, which he carried with him all over Southeast Asia, Korea and the South Pacific.

In the 1970s Wayne picked around the downriver area. In the late 70's he moved to the Irish Hills and picked at Jerry's Pub with Northwind Grass for about 5 years with an occasional gig at the Stagecoach stop.

In the late 80's Wayne moved to North Carolina and picked around there until 1994, when he moved back to Michigan. He began to engraving banjos in the 1990s and continued to do so until 2018. He also picked with Raising Corn and the Bob Elrod Family Band during this time.





Brad Campbell is a lifelong musician, performing and jamming at every opportunity. His performance credits include a stint with Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver. Fans enjoy Brand's performances and jammers across the area enjoy picking him. Doyle invited Brad on stage to pick one with Doyle's band at The Milan Bluegrass Festival in 2018.



Larry and Dan Taylor have supported bluegrass music in the area for many years. Larry recorded at Old Homestead and on other area projects. Larry was part of the Waterloo Bluegrass Boys along with Bill Napier.

Dan Taylor is well known as the long-time owner of the Wheel Inn Campground, which hosted the Leslie Bluegrass Festival. The first Festival was held in 1985 and they continued for many years. Dan partnered with Robert White, Goldwing Express, Jerry Yates and Tommy Taylor to promote festivals.

Renovations are underway at the campground and Dan hopes to revive the Festival soon.



Terry Nisley with son Nathan



Dan Taylor



Dan Taylor on the left and Larry on the right

The late **Terry Nisley** supported bluegrass music the downriver area for many years. Terry was a banker and community leader in Monroe. He founded the River Raisin Festival in downtown Monroe, which was held indoor for several years. He encouraged the musical ventures in his children, who play and sing. Terry was known as the "quadfather", a reference to his quadruplet children.



The Nisley Family

Southeast Michigan Bluegrass Music Association Hall of Honor

Class of 2016

Michael Adams John Bayerl David Blakney Bobby Hutch Tom Laing

Tom Laing Gordon L. Lamb Larry McDaniel Virgie McClearen 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

Class of 2018

Bob Campbell Jimmy Campbell Roy Cobb Dana Cupp, Jr.

Robert White

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

Class of 2021

Randy Beckey
Farrell Clark
The Miller Brothers
Dick & Sandy Neff

Class of 2022

Brad Campbell Wayne Holcombe Terry Nisley Dan Taylor Larry Taylor