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THE AMAZING

LOVE GRASS

MUSIC FESTIVAL

AUGUST 7-9, 2025 • WILSON LAKE, KS



**KYLE TUTTLE BAND
FRONT PORCH**

**DEBUTANTS • MAGOO • 80 PROOF ALICE
OLD SOUND • BETH WATTS NELSON & KELLY HUNT**



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LOVEGRASS

WILSON STATE PARK



WELCOME TO LOVEGRASS!

It's time!

We're glad that you've joined us for the 2025 Lovegrass Music Festival. Lovegrass is a non-profit organization that aims to promote the bluegrass arts in our rural Kansas communities, enhancing the quality of life for all. Our mission extends beyond this as we strive to provide shared cultural experiences and partnerships to make a significant economic impact on our local communities and beyond. And you're a huge part of that!

One important housekeeping item: **You must purchase a State Park Vehicle Pass to park your vehicle in Wilson State Park, these can be purchased upon entering the park at the office.**

As a non-profit, we depend on the generosity of sponsors, foundations, and people like you! You can support us with a donation ([click here to donate](#), thanks in advance!) **Another great way to support Lovegrass is to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets – this is a CASH ONLY raffle.**

While you're visiting this gorgeous corner of the state, be sure to check out the local businesses, take in a hike on one of Wilson Lake's scenic trails, and let Lovegrass carry you away on a wave of sound! You could be anywhere in the world, we're glad you chose to spend a few days with us!

After the festival, [please fill out our post-event survey](#), not only does this help us improve the festival, but it also helps us secure grant funding to make future Lovegrass events happen.

Keep pickin',
The Lovegrass Crew



SCHEDULE

(WHERE **YOU** NEED TO BE AND **WHEN!**)

THURSDAY

AUGUST 7

9:00 AM

LOAD THE CAR!

LET'S ALL HEAD TO LOVEGRASS!

2:00 PM

LOVEGRASS

CAMPGROUNDS OPEN

4:30 PM

MERCH OPEN

5:00 PM

VIP EXPERIENCE OPEN

6:00 PM

STOCKYARDS

MUSIC SHOWCASE

BURKHOLDER WEALTH MGMT. STAGE

6:00..... LOVEGRASS FAMILY BAND

6:15 THE PIK ME UPS

6:30 BREANNE STONE

6:45.... TAYLOR KLINE & MANDY KARY

7:00 TEQUA TRIO

8:00 PM

80 PROOF ALICE

BURKHOLDER WEALTH MGMT STAGE

9:30 PM

LET'S ALL JAM!



SCHEDULE

(WHERE **YOU** NEED TO BE AND **WHEN!**)

FRIDAY

AUGUST 8

9:30 AM

DOBRO YOGA

MAIN FESTIVAL GROUNDS

10:30 AM

HARMONY SINGING WORKSHOP WITH BETH WATTS NELSON

VIP TENT

WATERCOLOR PAINTING WORKSHOP

RCACF TENT

12:00 PM

SONGWRITING WORKSHOP W/KELLY HUNT

HPPR STAGE2GO @ BIG BLUESTEM

OLD TIME JAM

VIP TENT

1:00 PM

OPEN MIC

HPPR STAGE2GO @ BIG BLUESTEM - CONCLUDES AT 4:00 P.M.

4:30 PM

VIP EXPERIENCE, VENDORS, & KIDS ACTIVITIES OPEN

5:00 PM

BETH WATTS NELSON & KELLY HUNT

BURKHOLDER WEALTH MGMT STAGE

7:00 PM

MAGOO

BURKHOLDER WEALTH MGMT STAGE

9:00 PM

FRONT PORCH

BURKHOLDER WEALTH MGMT STAGE



SCHEDULE

(WHERE **YOU** NEED TO BE AND **WHEN!**)

SATURDAY

AUGUST 9

9:30 AM

PARADE

GOLF CART/ BIKE/ WALKING MEET AT FESTIVAL GROUNDS

10:30 AM

DRUMMING CIRCLE WITH JOHN MAKINGS - VIP TENT

FLOWER WORKSHOP - RCACF TENT

12:00 PM

PICKING WORKSHOP W/FRONT PORCH

HPPR STAGE2GO @ BIG BLUESTEM

1:00 PM

IMRPOVISATION W/OLD SOUND - HPPR STAGE2GO @ BIG BLUESTEM

3:00 PM

BANJO WORKSHOP W/KYLE TUTTLE - HPPR STAGE2GO @ BIG BLUESTEM

4:30 PM

VIP EXPERIENCE, VENDORS, & KIDS ACTIVITIES OPEN

5:00 PM

OLD SOUND

BURKHOLDER WEALTH MGMT STAGE

7:00 PM

DEBUTANTS

BURKHOLDER WEALTH MGMT STAGE

9:00 PM

KYLE TUTTLE BAND

BURKHOLDER WEALTH MGMT STAGE

50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING PRIOR TO SHOW



THE BANDS

(ROCKING YOU INTO THE NIGHT!)

KYLE TUTTLE BAND

SATURDAY AUGUST 9



[WEBSITE](#) | [STREAM ON SPOTIFY](#)

Equally comfortable picking pristine progressive bluegrass and electric jamband solos, Kyle Tuttle is a rare and virtuosic banjo player known for his work with GRAMMY-winning guitarist Molly Tuttle, and former Yonder Mountain String Band mandolin player Jeff Austin.

On his new record, *Labor of Lust*, Tuttle explores a wide range of sounds and possibilities for the banjo, while his songwriting gives insight into a tumultuous time in his own life; losing a mentor and going through a divorce. “A life in professional music, or performance of any kind really, is often painted in glamor... but the man behind the curtain can exist in a difficult duality. An attempt at putting a saddle on success can eat a person up and wreck the things they hold dear. In reality, any pursuit of the love of the masses can easily become a Labor of Lust.”

Growing up in Georgia, Kyle Tuttle first began singing and playing folk songs with his grandparents. After studying at Berklee College of Music and moving to Nashville, TN, Tuttle played in the band of Yonder Mountain String Band mandolinist Jeff Austin until Austin's death in 2019.



THE BANDS

(ROCKING YOU INTO THE NIGHT!)

FRONT PORCH FRIDAY AUGUST 8



[BAND WEBSITE](#) | [STREAM ON SPOTIFY](#)

No strangers to our Lovegrass Stage, Front Porch is high-energy bluegrass blended with an old-time mountain sound. Front Porch consists of Petey Wesley on banjo and fiddle, Alex Hawf on mandolin, John Henry on guitar, and Cameron Keeling on bass. Each member sings lead and harmony vocals, bringing a diverse style of authentic songwriting to their original music.

Front Porch independently released their first album “Shallow Grave” in the fall of 2023. Gaining attention across the midwest with their energetic live shows, their performances highlight their skillful instrumentation, where foot stomping clawhammer banjo, ripping mandolin, guitar and fiddle melodies are at the forefront of their driving sound.

“Front Porch performs with all the usual ingredients of bluegrass and folk but bakes them up into a post-punk old-time acid jazz barn-burning bluegrass fusion that will have you jumping” - Ozark Highlands Radio



THE BANDS

(ROCKING YOU INTO THE NIGHT!)

DEBUTANTS SATURDAY AUGUST 9



[FACEBOOK](#) | [STREAM ON SPOTIFY](#)

Debutants is a high-energy string band with eclectic influences and a penchant to play anything they feel. Dancing between songs and styles of old and new, this fun-loving collective dazzles with impressive musicianship, earnest songwriting, and dynamic live performances.

Debutants have evolved from a duo between longtime friends, Lynn Nicholson and Jon Swain, into a formidable 7-piece string band with a string section. What always comes through loud and clear is the fun they're having playing together, and the vibrant life breathed into their music.

On their debut release, *Indiana Newgrass*, Debutants went into the studio with banjoist Michael Earl Newsome, fiddle player Sean Hoffman, and bassist/vocalist Colin Taylor. Also instrumental in capturing their sound, was engineer and producer Tyler Thompson at his Studio 110 in Pittsburgh, PA.

With the same lineup in 2023, the band tackled their first full-length album, *River on the Moon*. Nicholson and Swain were now joined by Hoffman and Taylor in songwriting. This release conveys their most ambitious and cohesive sound yet, in part due to recording all of it "live" circled together around a few microphones.



THE BANDS

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MAGOO FRIDAY AUGUST 8



[BAND WEBSITE](#) | [STREAM ON SPOTIFY](#)

Based out of Denver, CO, Magoo is a progressive bluegrass quartet that offers a fresh take on both traditional and modern aspects of the genre. Live performances take listeners on a journey through extended improvisational sections and original arrangements that highlight three part harmonies and high octane grooves.

Magoo pays homage to the legends that paved the road, while also forging their own path in the new era of bluegrass music.

Magoo is:

Dylan Flynn - Dobro

Erik Hill - Guitar

Courtlyn Bills - Mandolin

Paul Flynn - Bass



THE BANDS

(ROCKING YOU INTO THE NIGHT!)

80 PROOF ALICE THURSDAY AUGUST 7



[BAND WEBSITE](#) | [STREAM ON SPOTIFY](#)

Bluegrass “straight outta Kansas.”

Hailing from Hays, Kansas, 80 Proof Alice is a high-energy trio that artfully fuses various musical influences to create their unique bluegrass sound. They have been making waves across the state, appearing on numerous Midwest festival lineups. The group features Tyson Lesage, whose dynamic flatpicking brings a spirited energy to their performances, and the 2022 Kansas State Banjo Champion, Jason Riegel, whose melodic banjo riffs add depth and texture to their music. Completing the ensemble is Aimee Riegel, whose steady bass lines provide a solid foundation, enriched by her soulful vocals and harmonious melodies that resonate with emotion.

In March 2024, the trio busted onto the scene with the release of their debut self-titled EP, showcasing their exceptional talent and musical versatility. They followed this with a full live album in December 2024, capturing the raw energy of their performances. Looking ahead, 80 Proof Alice has exciting plans to launch a full studio album in 2025, promising even more captivating tunes for their growing fanbase.



THE BANDS

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OLD SOUND SATURDAY AUGUST 9



[BAND WEBSITE](#) | [STREAM ON SPOTIFY](#)

Old Sound is what happens when a trio of lifelong friends and musical collaborators mix elements of Americana and a dash of sonic alchemy. Deluge (Oct 2020) Rain Follows the Plow (April 2014) Walnut Valley Festival Stage 1 Entertainers 2021 & 2024 Their original brand of “liquid folk” flows effortlessly between intricate acoustic compositions, vivid lyrics, infectious bass lines and harmonies that pull you right in.

It’s like the sound of a late-night bluegrass jam session that evolved into something richer, layered with roots that run deep from Winfield, Kansas. With live performances that blur the line between campfire coziness and full on musical exploration, Old Sound turns acoustic music into something timeless, yet unexpected.



THE BANDS

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BETH WATTS NELSON & KELLY HUNT SATURDAY AUGUST 9



BETH WATTS NELSON

[FACEBOOK](#) | [SPOTIFY](#)

After a twenty-year career as a choral director in public schools, Beth can now be found pursuing her muse in various projects. Her newest group, Little Miss Dynamite released its debut album, *Grow Up* in May 2024. Now venturing out as a solo/duo performer, she performs original songs that sound as if they had been unearthed with the patina of decades in the songbook of Americana. With a voice that cuts straight to your soul, and playing a vintage Martin guitar or clawhammer banjo, she will evoke smiles and tears – often at the same time.

KELLY HUNT

[WEBSITE](#) | [SPOTIFY](#)

Kelly Hunt, paints stories as old and offbeat as her Depression-era tenor banjo and vintage guitar, re-imagining traditions of folk & old-time music. Interweaving poetic lyrics, lilting melodies, and intriguing arrangements, Hunt casts a spell which *No Depression* describes as “the musical equivalent of a book you can’t put down.” Hunt’s 2019 debut album, *Even The Sparrow*, was a finalist for the International Folk Music Awards “Album of the Year.” Her sophomore album, *Ozark Symphony*, was recorded with Grammy-winning musician & producer Dirk Powell and released on Compass Records in 2023.



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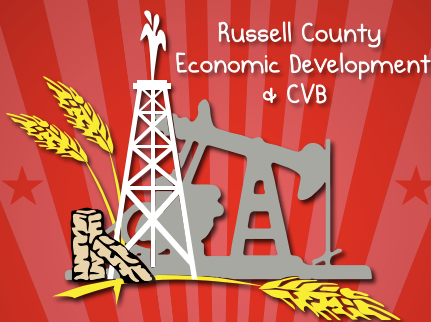
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FESTIVAL CHECKLIST

- ☐ CASH
- ☐ KANSAS STATE PARK VEHICLE PASS
- ☐ FOOD & BEVERAGES
- ☐ SMALL COOLERS
- ☐ REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLES
- ☐ SUNSCREEN
- ☐ BICYCLES
- ☐ WALKING SHOES
- ☐ SWIMSUIT / LAKE GEAR
- ☐ FLOTATION DEVICES
- ☐ RAIN GEAR
- ☐ SMALL LAWN CHAIRS
- ☐ PARADE DECOR
- ☐ INSTRUMENT FOR JAMMING
- ☐ YOUR BEST CIRCUS ATTIRE
- ☐ YOUR DANCING SHOES!

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BENNING CREATIVE



FOOD VENDORS

THEY'VE GOT THE GRUB!

FRIDAY FOOD VENDORS

AUGUST 8

HAPPY TRAILS BREW CO.

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

FULL SERVICE COFFEE BAR AND ESPRESSO

WANDERLUST FOODIE, LLC

[VIEW FACEBOOK PROFILE](#)

8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

BREAKFAST: BISCUITS & GRAVY, BREAKFAST BURGERS

LUNCH & DINNER: BURGERS, BRATS, NACHOS, BLTS

REFRESHMENTS, INCLUDING BOBA TEA

SUNFLOWER BLISS BEVERAGES

[VIEW FACEBOOK PROFILE](#)

8:00 A.M. - 11:00 PM

DELICIOUS, FRESH LEMONADE

WITH OPTIONS FOR A VARIETY OF SUGAR-FREE FLAVORS!



FOOD VENDORS

THEY'VE GOT THE GRUB!

SATURDAY FOOD VENDORS

AUGUST 9

SWITCHGRASS COLLABORATIVE

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

BREAKFAST BURRITOS

SAUSAGE, POTATO & EGG; VEGAN CHICKPEA, TOFU & POTATO

MAUPIN BBQ

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10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

*LUNCH & DINNER: BBQ, SANDWICHES,
& AWESOME SIDES*

SUNFLOWER BLISS BEVERAGES

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8:00 A.M. - 11:00 PM

*DELICIOUS, FRESH LEMONADE
WITH OPTIONS FOR A VARIETY OF SUGAR-FREE FLAVORS!*



RULES, REGULATIONS & WHAT TO EXPECT

1. A current motor vehicle permit is required for every motorized vehicle entering the state park. These can be purchased at the state park office or at the self pay station at the entrance to the state park. Your permit is required to be displayed for the duration of your stay and state park officials will be monitoring and ticketing those without permits.
2. The Lake Wilson Marina will have food and beverage items for sale, as well as arranged food trucks both at the marina, and on the festival grounds. Knotheads Baitshop just outside the state park also provides similar items. There are dining and grocery options in the nearby towns of Lucas, Wilson and Dorrance.
3. Our artists prohibit recording or use of professional cameras during the event.
4. This is a rain or shine event. Weather in Kansas can change at a moment's notice so please come prepared and make sure you keep informed of the weather conditions. IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER FESTIVAL ATTENDEES WILL BE NOTIFIED.
5. Site staff, park officers and local law enforcement will be patrolling the area and can refuse entry to anyone.
6. Firearms, explosives or weapons of any type are not allowed on festival grounds.
7. The use, possession, sale or distribution of illegal controlled substances is strictly prohibited. Violation of this restriction, shall, at a minimum, be reason to refuse entry or expel an attendee from the festival site.
8. The use and possession of alcohol beverages is permitted at Wilson state park, so long as such possession and use is consistent with federal, state and local laws and regulations.
9. PATRONS WHO EXHIBIT EXTREME PUBLIC INTOXICATION, ARE INVOLVED IN PHYSICAL ALTERCATIONS OR EXHIBIT ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR WHICH CREATES A NUISANCE TO THE PUBLIC ARE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS WITHOUT WARNING.



10. Motor vehicles are restricted to maintained roads and parking areas only, unless otherwise posted, and are limited to a 25-mile-per-hour speed limit. Parking areas will be marked and you must not obstruct the flow of traffic and be completely pulled off of roadways. Please drive slow and watch for pedestrians, bicyclists and children playing.
11. Camping is allowed only in designated areas and is subject to restrictions as posted. No Saving of camping areas is permitted in the Lovegrass premier camping areas. Property left unused or unoccupied for 48 hours is subject to removal.
12. ONE vehicle per camping permit (Primitive OR Electric) is allowed in camping areas (Buffalograss, Big Bluestem, Dakota). [Additional vehicle permits can be purchased at the ticket registration link.](#)
13. Fires are allowed in fireplaces, fire rings, and cooking grills. Fires must be extinguished prior to leaving the area.
14. Swimming is allowed in designated areas. Liquor and beer are prohibited on swimming beaches or in waters designated by buoys or other markers as swimming areas. Only shatterproof containers are allowed. No Lifeguards are on duty, SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK.
15. Boating and fishing regulations can be obtained at Wildlife and Parks offices or the [KDWP website](#).
16. NO PETS are allowed on the Lovegrass Festival grounds. In other areas, the state park allows pets, but they must always be restrained by a camper, cage, hand-held leash, or tethered chain no longer than 10 feet. They are not allowed on swimming beaches or swimming areas that are delineated by buoys or other markers or in public buildings or structures. Dogs participating in authorized activities or assisting the visually or hearing impaired are not subject to these restrictions.
17. Fishing is prohibited on boat ramps, swimming beaches, and in swimming areas marked with buoys. In state parks, fish may only be cleaned at designated fish cleaning stations or other locations as posted.
18. Boats may not be operated within 200 feet of any area posted specifically for swimming and delineated by markers. No-wake speeds are required within 200 feet of a boat ramp, boat dock, boat storage, or concessionaires facilities. Boats



may be moored or stored in excess of 24 hours only at designated sites. Vessels left unattended at other than a designated moorage or storage sites are subject to removal. Other posted notices may apply.

19. Fireworks are not allowed at any time during the festival.
20. PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT! Litter must be put in trash containers, if provided. Where containers are not provided, park users must carry their trash out with them. Recycling containers will be provided on site. Please keep our park even cleaner than you found it!
21. Digging holes, removing geological formations, archaeological relics or ruins, or vegetation (except for noncommercial use of edible wild plants, wild fruits, nuts, or fungi) is prohibited.
22. Any resident who has a permanent handicapped identification placard or a wheelchair license plate may be issued, upon request, an annual handicapped persons special motor vehicle permit for a vehicle for which that resident is the title holder. Accessible Parking will be available on the festival grounds.
23. No person may advertise or solicit sales without previous written approval from the state park.
24. Quiet hours are 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Actions which alarm, anger, or disturb others are prohibited. Failure to comply may result in expulsion from the park. Extended acoustic jamming hour is from 11 P.M. to 12 A.M. during the festival. Please respect your neighbors.
25. LEAVE YOUR VALUABLES AT HOME. IF YOU LEAVE THEM IN YOUR VEHICLE OR CAMPER, PLEASE BE SURE THEY ARE OUT OF SIGHT. LOVEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL/WILSON STATE PARK ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS OR DAMAGE TO VEHICLES OR CAMPERS.
26. Attendance of this event constitutes a knowing and voluntary waiver of liability.
27. Be responsible and have FUN!



TRIGGS GUITAR FUNDRAISER

[View on Reverb.com](#)

This electric guitar was hand built by Jim Triggs. Jim toted this guitar to a few trade shows before storing it in his custom shop, so it has a couple minor scratches. It features a solid mahogany body and neck, rosewood fretboard, and ebony veneer on the headstock. The nut is 1 11/16", Jim himself describes it as a "Gibson-ish" guitar. It also features stairstep tuners. It has wide fret wire and has good sustain.

Jim estimates the retail value of this guitar at approximately \$5,000.

- Solid Mahogany Body
- Solid Mahogany Neck
- Rosewood Fretboard
- Seymour Duncan Pickups
- 1 11/16" Nut
- Hardshell Case Included

All proceeds from the sale of this instrument go to support the Lovegrass Music Festival, a non-profit music association based in Kansas. Lovegrass seeks to build up rural communities by offering music events and workshops throughout the year, fostering tourism, and building community through the arts. For more information visit

The guitar has been kept in the Triggs Custom shop in the hardshell case.



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