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# **Clifton Gorge Music & Arts Festival**

Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 4-11 PM

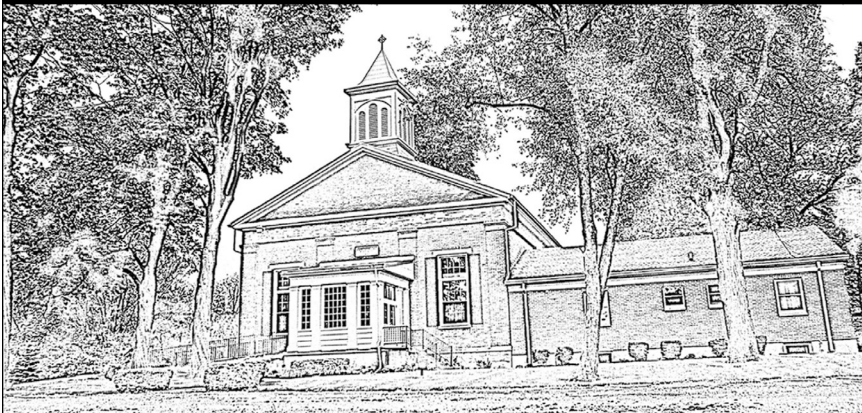
Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM-11 PM



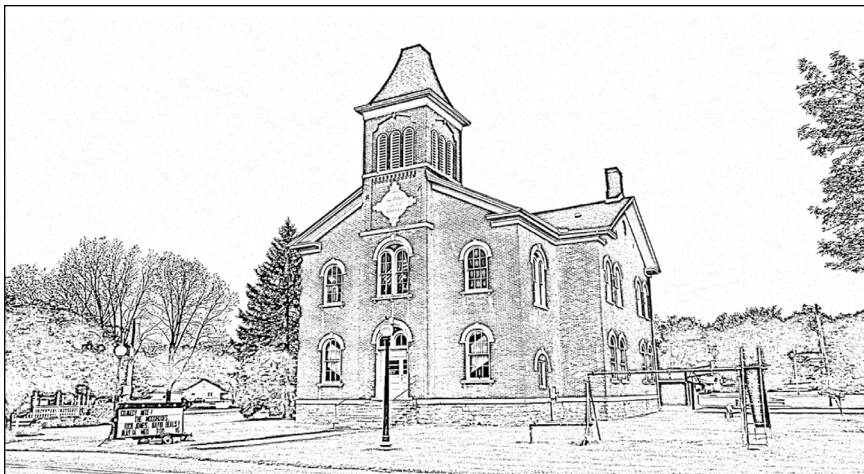
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# Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve

**T**his 268-acre preserve protects one of the most spectacular dolomite and limestone gorges in the state. Registered as a National Natural Landmark in 1968, Clifton Gorge encompasses a 2-mile stretch of the Little Miami State and National Scenic River, just east of John Bryan State Park.

Geologically, it is an outstanding example of interglacial and post-glacial canyon cutting. At one point, the river funnels through a deep, narrow channel, which was apparently formed by the enlarging

and connecting of a series of potholes in the resistant Silurian dolomite bedrock. In other sections of the gorge, cliff overhangs have broken off forming massive slump blocks scattered along the valley floor.

The shaded, north-facing slopes provide a cool, moist environment for northern species including hemlock, red baneberry, Canada yew, arbor-vitae and mountain maple. This is one of the most spectacular sites in the state for viewing spring wildflowers including the rare snow trillium.





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# Entertainment

## Ongoing

### **Kids' Activity Area** – *Sponsored by Southgate Baptist Church*

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- Face Painting
- Crafts and Coloring
- Story Time
- Lawn Bowling
- Hula Hoops
- Putting Green
- Jump Ropes
- Bean Bags
- Contests
- Much more!

### **Special Saturday-Only Activities:**

- Story Time on the Half Hour (10:30 AM-5:30 PM)





# *CRUISE - IN*

## *Clifton Gorge Music and Arts Festival*

*Friday, August 25 4-8 pm*

*Location: Clay Street (Enter from Clinton St.)*

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*Friday, August 25th*

**Vendors Open 4 PM**

**Cruise-In 4-8 PM**

**Along Clay St. by the Opera House.** Cars, trucks, or bikes – anything with wheels is welcome! Bring your ride or stop by for a look. For more information, see page left.

**50/50 Drawing at 7:30 PM**

**Devil's Backbone 4-6 PM**

A group of musicians from Clifton, Yellow Springs, and Cleveland who have been together for over ten years playing a wide variety of music, from Bluegrass, to Blues, to Rock, and more.

**Beer Tent Opens 5 PM**

**Comstock Lode 6:30-8:30 PM**

The Comstock Lode Country Rock Band is a unique musical ensemble. Formed approximately 8 years ago by singer songwriter/guitarist Greg Wright, for economical reasons Greg has assembled one of the tightest country performing groups which provides a "full band sound" but utilizes just two/three live instrumentalists.

**The Temps 9-11 PM**

Upbeat dance tunes from the 70's to today, and crowd energy fuels band and costume connoisseurs. Covering songs ranging from 80's pop, disco and dance rock with a sprinkle of their own tunes, the Springfield, Ohio, based band mixes an energy-illed performance with a spectacular light show. Adorned in Chuck Taylors and nerd glasses, The Temps embrace and explore the weekend rock star lifestyle. The Temps in the simplest summary? Crazy costumes ... Crazy good tunes! **Sponsored by the Clifton Mill.**





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*Saturday, August 26th*

*Read about the festival's ongoing Kids' Activity Area back on page 9 – and don't forget to stop by!*

**Vendors Open 10 AM**

**One More Time Swing Band 10-11:30 AM**

A small swing band consisting of 2 trumpets, 4 saxes, 2 trombones, bass, keyboard, and drums, playing those great songs from the 20's, 30's, 40's, and 50's, and more.

**Beer Tent Opens 11 AM**

**Kim Campbell and the Southern Memories Band 12-1:30 PM**

Kim Campbell & The Southern Memories Band is a Classic Country Music Band. Playing songs from favorites of Merle Haggard, George Jones, Connie Smith, Tammy Wynette, Linda Ronstadt, Lorrie Morgan, Sara Evans, George Strait, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash, Dixie Chicks, and many more. Together the group has over 40 years experience in the music business. Dean Inboden, Greg Wisecup, Jeff Wilson, and Dave DeCarla have worked the Dayton, Cincinnati and Columbus music clubs starting in the 80's. Kim started sing in the 70's. She spent her teenage years working all the Moose, Elks, Eagles clubs and the started in the Dayton Night Club scene. Over the years she worked the small Opry Houses. Now she has put together the best musicians for a fantastic country sound.

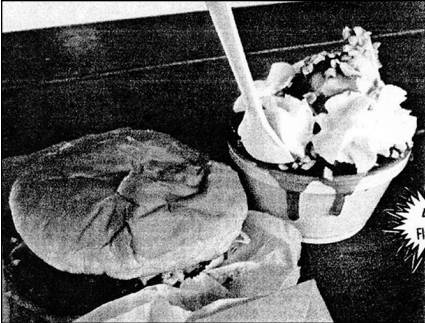
**Demonstration: Dayton Celtic Academy 1:30-2 PM**

**At the intersection of Clay Street and SR 343.** The Celtic Academy of Irish Dance is celebrating more than 30 years as Dayton's premier Irish dance school. Voted Best of Dayton by both *Dayton Magazine* and *Dayton.com*, the Celtic Academy is always in high demand to perform at events throughout the Midwest. Certified instructors instill the values of excellence and determination in both the competitive and non-competitive arenas. Dancers and instructors alike live up to the school's motto: Dance like champions, love like family!

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*Saturday, August 26th (Contd.)*

## **Heat Thunder 2-3:30 PM**

Heat Thunder is a jazz/blues-funk group with local members from Clifton and Yellow Springs.

## **Demonstration: Troupe Roja 3:30-4 PM**

**At the intersection of Clay Street and SR 343.** Troupe Roja is an award-winning Middle Eastern dance troupe from Dayton, OH. They study and perform many styles – from folkloric to fusion. Their dances often feature props like veil, cane, sword, and finger cymbals. They dance at many events and festivals in the area, including Dayton's A World A'fair and the Lebanese Festival.

## **FinTan 4-6 PM**

Take acoustic instrumentation and traditional Irish pub music, toss in up-to-date arrangements and high-energy performance, and you'll get the FinTan sound that appeals to diverse music fans. FinTan, Southwest Ohio's finest Irish pub band, mixes fiddle and whistle tunes with multi-part vocal harmonies and a large dose of fun to get you clapping, dancing and singing along to a wide variety of traditional, current and original Celtic music. With their unbeatable combination of strong vocals, tight harmonies, and amazing instrumentals, FinTan brings the energy that gets music fans excitedly clapping their hands and stomping their feet, without ever sacrificing the roots of the traditional Irish music sound.

## **Demonstration: The Sayaw FilipinOH 4:30-5:30 PM**

The Sayaw FilipinOH is a cultural dance group from the Dayton area dedicated to showcasing the Philippine culture through dance, costume, and song. Their goal is to share the Philippine culture through their dance performances, and to pass on their love for the culture to future generations. They also dance and give all glory to God, who blesses them with committed dancers that are willing to share their time and talents so they can, in turn, share their love for others through their performances with communities in and around Ohio. During the festival, the Sayaw FilipinOH will perform several dances from their Fiesta Suite, including the most popular dance in the Philippines, the Tinikling! After their performance, they will invite the festival-goers an opportunity to learn the dance.



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*Saturday, August 26th (Contd.)*

## **Demonstration: Cardinal Squares 6-7 PM**

**At the intersection of Clay Street and SR 343.** Cardinal Squares dance from 7:30-10PM on the second Friday of every month and offer weekly dance class with dance leader and instructor Ray Beavers. Their guest caller for the Festival is the talented Jason Raleigh, who has been calling for many years and will have you dancin' in the street in no time!

## **The Hoppers 6:30-8:30 PM.**

Six guys from Yellow Springs playing tunes from the Beatles, Byrds, Beach Boys, Rolling Stones, McCoys, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, Johnny Rivers, Roy Orbison, Elvis, Del Shannon, & Ritchie Valens – just to name a few!

## **Aurora Fire (Fire Dancers) 8:30-9:00 PM**

**At the intersection of Clay Street and SR 343.** Aurora Fire is a group of fire dancers that will light up the night with fire props including hoops, fans, staff, and poi, and extravagant costumes.

## **Ohio Brass and Electric 9:00-11 PM**

Ohio Brass & Electric has been lovingly recreating classic horn band dance tunes since 2012, from artists such as Chicago, Earth Wind & Fire, Etta James, Stevie Wonder, and many more, thanks to a groovy rhythm section that lays down the perfect dance-tastic foundation for their powerful horns and vocals.



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**2023** is a special year. It was 50 years ago that the Little Miami River passed all the requirements to become a National Scenic River. Starting from the State Highway 72 Bridge in Clifton the first 18 miles were recognized on Aug. 20, 1973, and declared to have Scenic value. The remaining 76 river miles were declared recreational in 1982 for a grand total of 94 miles protected under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. It is one of 209 wild and scenic rivers in the United States. It was the first one in Ohio and is still the only one whose full length is designated a scenic river by the state and national programs.

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It all started with Glenn Thompson, the publisher of the Dayton Journal Herald who loved to canoe the river after work. He was the impetus behind the effort for Ohio to become the first state in the nation to have a State Scenic River law and promoted the Little Miami to be on the first list created by the Department of Interior to implement the National law that was past 8 months after Ohio lead the way.

Rivers in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System capture the essence of all waterways that surge, ramble, gush, wander and weave through our country. From the remote rivers of Alaska, Idaho and Oregon to rivers threading through the rural countryside of New Hampshire, Ohio, and Massachusetts, each preserves a part of the American story and heritage.

The Little Miami originates just north of Clifton. Flowing through deep gorges, wooded bluffs, rolling farmlands, and suburban areas, it is located between Dayton and Cincinnati, placing it within an hour's drive of over three million people. It passes through several

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# The Little Miami River (Contd.)

natural areas that highlight Ohio's geologic, botanic, and cultural heritage, including Clifton Gorge, John Bryan State Park, Ft. Ancient, Old Town of the Shawnee, and along hunting and military trails very important in opening the Northwest Territory to settlement. It provided water for early mills, flows through four narrow gorges, and is now listed as one of the Nature Conservancy's most important places for plants and animals to survive climate change. This river is home to 87 species of fish, 36 species of mussels and numerous

species of turtles, frogs, and birds. A National and State Scenic River, it is 107 miles long, drains 1757 square miles in 11 counties and supplies water to many communities.

If you haven't taken a trip on the Little Miami River to see why people love it so much, please do so in this anniversary year. The Little Miami Watershed Network has many opportunities for you to try it out! Check them out: [www.lmwn.org](http://www.lmwn.org)

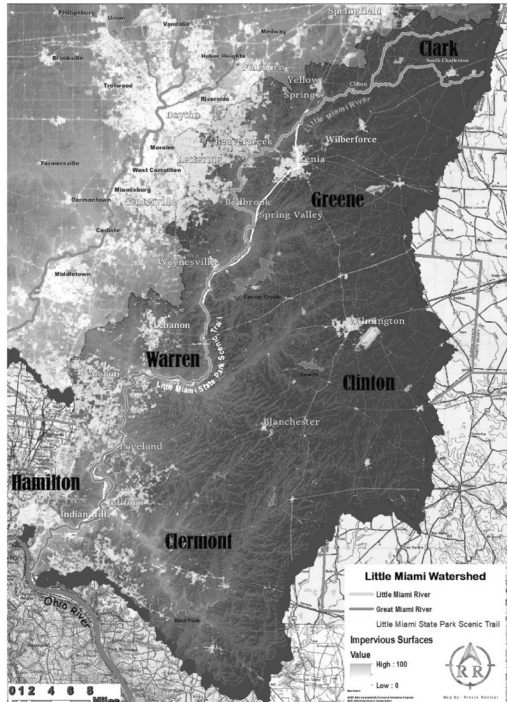
## Little Miami River

### Qualifications of a State scenic river

- ~Outstanding Water Quality
- ~Contiguous Riparian Forest
- ~Limited Human Intrusions
- ~High Biological Diversity

### Qualifications of a National scenic river

- ~free flowing
- ~high water quality
- ~scenic
- ~recreational
- ~geologic interest ~abundant fish and wildlife populations
- ~historic and cultural features
- ~archeological significance
- ~scientific interest.



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| VENDOR                            | WARES  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Village Artisans' Booth           | Local Artisans   |
| HALO                              | "Helping Animals Lost & Orphaned" - Adoption                     |
| Arach-N-Spired                    | Beaded spiders & earrings  |
| Aundraya's Cobblers               | Baked peach & apple cobblers,<br>Marinated peaches               |
| Becca & Trooper                   | Fluid Art, Jewelry & Bags;<br>Cottage Foods                      |
| Blue Rock Medicine Show           | Crystal and stone jewelry,<br>animals, windchimes, etc.          |
| Brichele Candles                  | Candles  |
| Cardinal Tatting Guild            | Hand Tatted Lace and<br>demonstrations                           |
| Charles & Nancy Shoopman,         | Wooden boxes, puzzles,<br>ornaments, etc.                        |
| Cheesecake Etc.<br>Artisan Bakers | Baked goods  |
| Clifton Craffthouse Co-op         | Information  |
| Clifton Gorge                     | Information, displays  |
| Craft Welding                     | Metal art sculptures   |
| Creative Foundations              | Custom Art by individuals<br>with disabilities                   |
| Creatively Good                   | Gourmet Dip mixes, Baked<br>goods, Candies, Art & Jewelry        |
| Enwrapped By Nature               | Sea Glass Jewelry  |
| Fandom Letters                    | Decoupage items including<br>letters, pumpkins, jars & ornaments |
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| Fred Campbell                   | Wooden handcrafted items                                  |
| Friendship Trees                | Wire sculptured trees                                     |
| GoatCountry LLC                 | Goat Cuddles & Goat yoga & trick demonstrations; Pictures |
| God's Got M Creations           | Sweet Potato Pie; Silk Flower arrangements, wreaths       |
| Hen House Publishing            | Books & Paintings   |
| Honeysuckle Soap Company        | Soaps and Body products                                   |
| Jackie Cooper                   | Wood, Crocheted, & Cloth Items                            |
| L'Bri Pure n' Natiral by Kim    | L'Bri Pure n' Natural skin products                       |
| Leaf Home Water Solutions       | Promotional Display                                       |
| M.A.D. Creations                | Custom Tumblers & tees.                                   |
| Magique                         | Handcrafted soaps, lotions, incense, candles, etc.        |
| Metal Earth Modelers            | Metal Earth Model kits                                    |
| Mosquito Creek Crafts           | Wooden games & home decor; Bottle slings; Wind chimes     |
| Mulberry Street Crafts          | Hand-made items: jewelry, clothing, pet items, etc.       |
| Nature's Token                  | Handmade pieces from natural items                        |
| Preservation Society of Clifton | Information   |
| Retreat Street                  | Bath & Body Products & Candles                            |
| Rose-A-Lee Designs              | Handmade cloth products                                   |



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Members of the SCA study and take part in a variety of activities, including combat, archery, equestrian activities, costuming, cooking, metalwork, woodworking, music, dance, calligraphy, fiber arts, and much more. If it was done in the Middle Ages or Renaissance, odds are you'll find someone in the SCA interested in recreating it.

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# Vendors (Contd.)

| VENDOR                           | WARES  |
|----------------------------------|--|
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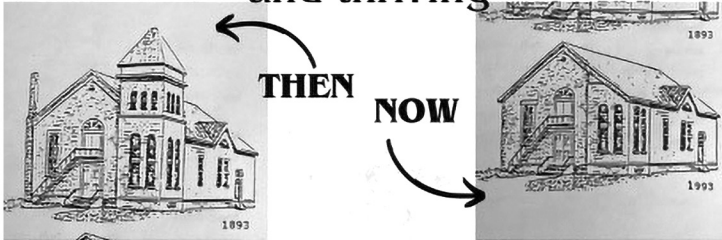


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| VENDOR                                    | FOODS   |
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| Lumpia Queen                              | Lumpia, Pancit Noodles, Chicken<br>Adobo, BBQ Meat Sticks, Cookies,<br>Cheesecake, Dessert Lumpia     |
| Tasty Indonesia                           | Falafel Sandwich, BBQ Chicken on<br>Stick, Savory Rice, Fried Noodles,<br>Curry Puff, Eggroll, Bakwan |
| The Rolling Oasis                         | Gyros, Quesadillas, Hot Dilla Dogs,<br>Milkshakes, Smoothies, Ice Cream                               |
| New Orleans Grill                         | Bourbon Chicken, Rice & Beans   |
| Galactic Flats                            | Flatbread sandwiches, Pizzaninis  |
| Young's On the Moove                      | Sandwiches, Ice Cream,<br>Fried Cheese Curds  |
| Lit Litty's                               | Burgers, Philly Steak, French Fries,<br>Onion Rings, Wraps, Breakfast<br>Sandwiches, Biscuits & Gravy |
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The Opera House has been used as a concert hall and theater and has also served as a community auditorium for town meetings, school activities, and all manner of gatherings. In 1978, Howard Printz, President of the Clifton Historical Society of that time, began raising funds to save the deteriorating building. The Opera House was restored and has held performances ever since. The venue seats a little over two hundred people including some original seats in the balcony. The acoustics are such that a low voice from the stage can be heard

in the back rows. The Opera House today features live music each week from Spring through Christmas, with styles ranging from Bluegrass to Celtic. School musicals and other performing arts events are also booked, as well as private soirees on occasion. Food trucks have also regularly been on hand to offer dining options for a picnic in the park or carry-in during Opera House shows.

The Opera House building is owned and operated by the Village government and their network of generous volunteers. Notably, Council member Paula Lazorski and the Village's Clerk/Treasurer, Sue Chasnov have been at the helm to keep the vibrant theater venue part of the fabric of the Clifton community. We hope you'll join us for an upcoming show! See the upcoming shows listed in the summer/fall event schedule (pp. 32–33). For more information call (937)342-2175.



# The Clifton Opera House

## SUMMER & FALL SCHEDULE

Shows start at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Suggested donation for most shows is \$10. Food Trucks are on-site from 5:30 PM until showtime. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date schedule.

### JULY

Saturday, July 8

**Silver Grass Band** (Bluegrass)  
Galactic Flats Food Truck

Saturday, July 15

**Lonnie & Shari Hamilton**  
(Bluegrass)  
Freakin' 'Rican Food Truck

Saturday, July 22

**Mark Whitt & the True Bluegrass Band**  
Wheel Fresh Pizza Truck

Friday, July 18

**The Family Sowell** (Bluegrass)  
Tickets \$15  
Galactic Flats Food Truck

Saturday, July 29

**Hitchhikers** (Celtic)  
Rolling Oasis Food Truck

### AUGUST

Saturday, August 5

**Lafferty Pike** (Bluegrass)  
Wheel Fresh Pizza Truck

Saturday, August 12

**Carter Bridge**  
(Bluegrass/Old Time)  
Rolling Oasis Food Truck

Saturday, August 19

**Kim Robins** (Bluegrass)  
Hamburger Wagon

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 2

**Mark Whitt & the True Bluegrass Band**  
Wheel Fresh Pizza Truck

Saturday, September 9

**Willow Creek** (Americana/  
BG/Country/Folk/Gospel)  
Freakin' 'Rican Food Truck

Saturday, September 16

**Kentucky Heritage**  
(Bluegrass)  
Hamburger Wagon

Saturday, September 23

**New Mountain Heritage**  
(Bluegrass)  
Cray Cray Food Truck



# The Clifton Opera House

## SUMMER & FALL SCHEDULE

Beverages & snacks available. No alcoholic beverages.  
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[facebook.com/village.of.clifton.opera.house](https://facebook.com/village.of.clifton.opera.house)

Saturday, September 30

### **Blue Note**

(Bluegrass/Country)

Wheel Fresh Pizza Truck

## OCTOBER

Saturday, October 7

**Pinnacle Ridge** (Bluegrass)

What The Taco Truck

Saturday, October 14

### **Fin Tan**

(Celtic/Irish Pub Music)

Freakin' 'Rican Food Truck

Saturday, October 21

**Daniel Dye & The Miller**

**Road Band** (Folk)

Schmidt's Sausage Truck



## NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 4

**Kim Robins** (Bluegrass)

Galactic Flats Food Truck

Saturday, November 11

**Evan Lanier &**

**The Bluegrass Express**

Wheel Fresh Pizza Truck

Saturday, November 18

**The Nautical Theme**

(Modern Folk)

Ingalls Burger Express Truck

## DECEMBER

Saturday, December 2

**Snowbird Street Band**

(Bluegrass/Blues/

Ragtime/Country)

Hamburger Wagon

Saturday, December 9

**Lafferty Pike Christmas**

**Show** (Bluegrass)

2-4PM • Doors Open at 1:30PM

Wheel Fresh Pizza Truck

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