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## Music festival in Mutual this weekend

### Special to the Citizen

**MUTUAL** – On Saturday, Sept. 3, the tiny crossroads of Mutual will be filled with the lively sounds of bluegrass, gospel, folk and acoustic indie rock as the first annual Madden Road MusicFest takes place. The event, billed as a micro-festival featuring locally-grown musical talent, lives up to its description on both counts, with a venue small enough to be intimate and a musical lineup featuring a variety of bands from longtime local favorites The Muleskinner Band to newer talent such as Rosedale-based Andolino.

The festival headliner, local singer-songwriter Daniel Dye, is also its founder and host. Dye, along with his band The Miller Road Band, has long felt that Champaign County could use its own music festival. “There is a growing interest in roots music,” said Dye, “and we have so much talent in central Ohio. I thought it would be a great idea to feature that through a festival.”

As Dye hails from a musical family (his band is composed of a niece and two nephews), it only makes sense that the Madden Road MusicFest become a family affair. Several members of Dye’s family – parents, siblings and even a few cousins – have come together to make the first music festival a success, offering sweat equity in getting the venue ready for use as a music hall and bringing their musical abilities to the lineup.

A unique aspect of this festival is that proceeds from the event benefit the venue itself, the historic former Town Hall in Mutual, a two-story brick building dating from the mid-19th century in the center of Mutual. The upper floor of the structure, which will be used for the music festival, is being restored to its former function as a community gathering spot, with the price of tickets going to support the restoration.

The festival opener couldn’t be stronger with the always-entertaining Muleskinner Band kicking things off



Submitted photo

Daniel Dye & The Miller Road Band are shown above performing at Hemisphere Coffee Roasters in Mechanicsburg

promptly at noon. The Rockin’ Chairs will follow at 1 p.m., a high-spirited duo playing a blend of blues and acoustic folk-rock out of Springfield. From 2 to 4 p.m. the festival features a free porch pickin’ session hosted by Urbana’s Johnny O. Festival-goers are encouraged to bring their instruments and make some music. At 4 p.m. performers return to the Madden Road MusicFest stage with The Kurtz Trio, a family band from Mechanicsburg, playing original tunes and offering the unique vocal blend that can only come from being related. Like A Child, a band from Springfield, follows at 5 p.m. with a Gospel-focused acoustic sound featuring mandolin, banjo and guitar and any other instrument this group of three brothers chooses to add to the mix. Andolino, a five-member band

based in Rosedale, comes to the festival fresh from a cross-country tour where they wowed fans all the way to the West Coast with their set of original songs and musical versatility, playing everything from the accordion to electric guitar. For the Madden Road MusicFest they’re bringing their acoustic chops, showing that they don’t need to be plugged in to make high-powered music. The festival closes with headliner Daniel Dye & The Miller Road Band, underscoring Dye’s original songs with his band’s blend of backup vocals, violin, cello, banjo, mandolin, harmonica and the surprisingly popular kazoo. Locals have come to appreciate Dye’s tunes with the release of his first album this year, and festival-goers won’t be disappointed to hear old favorites and a few new songs at the

### Madden Road MusicFest.

Other musicians joining the festival include The Dye Family singing gospel and Springfield’s own Dr. Chris Bingman, a musician’s musician, who knows how to bend the mandolin to his will. The Madden Road MusicFest Food Booth will be on hand offering a homegrown menu of grilled pizzas, grilled cheese on homemade bread, hamburgers and hot dogs among other items. Hemisphere Coffee Roasters will also be at the festival providing their direct-trade fresh-roasted coffee.

Madden Road MusicFest is located in the brick building at the corner of S. Mutual-Union Road and state Route 29. The festival will take place from noon to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for a half day (either the first or second half of the festival) or \$10 for a whole day and can be purchased online prior to Sept. 3 at [www.maddenroadmusic.com](http://www.maddenroadmusic.com) or at the venue on the day of the festival itself. Tickets are limited and sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Free parking is available at the Methodist Church parking lot. For information call 937-244-6481 or go to [www.maddenroadmusic.com](http://www.maddenroadmusic.com).

## Swimmer should cool his jets

DEAR ABBY: After a messy divorce, I moved with my 17-year-old daughter “Allie” to Florida. I’m thrilled that she has adjusted so quickly to the lifestyle here, which revolves around the beach and backyard swimming pools. Allie now has a boyfriend, “Shane,” who is 19 and in college. I like him, and it appears he likes me too — maybe a little too much.

Shane lives with his parents down the street, and he’s often at our house when he and Allie aren’t in school. Because I work at home and my office is adjacent to the pool, I can’t seem to escape him. When Allie is doing her homework or talking on the phone, Shane swims alone and does a fair amount of “preening.” I have the feeling he does it to gain my attention. The other day, after jumping in the pool, he surfaced without his swim trunks and said the pool jets had ripped them off him. Then he got out of the pool and put them back on in front of me. When I told him I found the situation embarrassing, he shrugged and smiled, leaving me feeling awkward.

Being from the Midwest, I’m used to people behaving and dressing more modestly. Here, it seems like anything goes, and the skimpiest clothing, the better. Am I a prude, or should I listen to my instincts that something is not right? And what do I say to Shane that will allow me to keep my dignity? — TAKEN BACK IN TAMPA

### DEAR ABBY

ABACK: The pool jets did not rip the trunks off your daughter’s boyfriend. It appears she is involved with an exhibitionist. If it happens again, tell him you find what he’s doing to be disrespectful and offensive, and if he wants to parade his shortcomings at his own home that’s his privilege, but at yours his pants should stay on at all times — or you’ll tell his mother. Shame on Shane.

DEAR ABBY: I have been through a lot and have never given up. Lately, however, I am having second thoughts. Everyone in my family is an addict or a recovering one. I left my ex-husband because of his drinking. My son has been in rehab and relapsed many times. I have gone through every last finan-

cial and emotional option with him.

At this point, I’m feeling like all hope is gone. I’m writing to you because I am trying to find some thread of life to help me understand why bad things keep happening to me. How do I squeeze out one last drop of hope when my cup of faith is empty? I want to find a purpose to all the pain. — STRUGGLING FOR ANSWERS, PARK CITY, UTAH

DEAR STRUGGLING: Volumes have been written by authors and philosophers trying to explain why bad things happen to good people. In your case, it appears you were born into a family with a genetic predisposition to addiction. Because the behavior of people with substance abuse problems was familiar to you, you married another one.

While I appreciate

your desire to help your son, for your own mental health, please accept that the battle to free himself from addiction is his and his alone. You can’t conquer it for him, much as you might hope to.

If you haven’t already done so, attend some meetings of support groups for families and friends of people who have addictions. There you will find others who are helping one another through the same issues you are encountering. Such groups are listed in your phone directory and on the Internet. Believe me, you are not alone in your search for answers.

TO MY MUSLIM READERS: A happy Eid al-Fitr, one and all!

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Kenny has turned 90 and decided to retire from farming and the following equipment will be offered at absolute auction.

IH 5248, 2WD, 1884 hours, 3 remotes, 1000 RPM PTO. Case 464 580K extendable, 3483 hours. (Very good condition.) (2) Matching J&M 385-SD Gravity wagons on J&M gears w/sight glass and extendable tongues. (Like new.) Massey Ferguson 50 w/Freeman loader, diesel, w/new rear tires. Farmall M, w/new rear tires. Land Pride 72" finish mower, 3 pt.	20 8-R38 snap on duals 12-38 bolt on duals with hubs. 200 gallon poly upright tank. 325 gallon portable tank. IH 379 12' finish disc w/spike tooth harrow. JD 8300 drill, small grain w/grain seed. IH 14' Cult-Mulcher. IH 720, 5x18 plow w/wino reset.	IH 4500 18" Vibra Shank Cultivator. 7' Bush-Hog mower, 3 pt w/ heavy gears. Caldwell 8', 3 pt, hydraulic directional blade. 3 pt platform carrier. CASE IH 6000 9 shank disc chisel. 8'x16' flatted wagon on heavy gears.
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Auctioneer Note: This equipment is coming off of very small acreage and is in very good condition! Very few small items. Be on time.

**OWNER:**  
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