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Jewel City Jamboree back for a third year

Some good news on the summer music fest front for next year.

I interviewed local festival organizer Dave Ball a few weeks back, and he said the Jewel City Jamboree will be back for a third season at Harris Riverfront Park.

Ball said the festival — which took place the first weekend of June with such headliners as The Travelin' McCourys and Riders in the Sky — did well enough that he and his wife Yvonne, who helped finance a good portion of the festival, are ready to try a third year.

There will be some changes he thinks really should help the fest.

The Jewel City Jam will be moving off of the first weekend in June where it was competing with other area festivals like the Nelsonville Music and Arts Festival, Bunbury, Mountain Music Festival, Seedtime on the Cumberland, Wanderlust at Snowshoe and, here in Huntington, the old-time themed Way Back Weekend at Heritage Farm.

With Memorial Day weekend in Huntington relatively clear of events, and with the Jewel City Jam organized to help give proceeds and publicity to the veterans nonprofit Honor Flight of Huntington, Ball said it's a perfect match to move the fest to the Friday night and Saturday of the

four-day Memorial Day weekend.

Ball said right now the fest is seeking sponsors and more partners to help make the Jamboree a permanent annual event that brings tourists and music fans to Huntington.

If you would like to get involved or have some ideas on bands you would like to see at the Jam, go online at <https://www.facebook.com/jewelcityjamboree/?fref=ts>.

You better bet they're going to 'Get Found'

We were out on vacation for a couple of weeks, and while we were away the bands did play. One of those was one of our longtime

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favorite local indie rock units, Qjet, making its Mountain Stage debut on Sunday, July 30. While the radio show doesn't air for a couple months, you can catch a magnetic performance of "Get Found" by Qjet online now at [VuHaus](http://VuHaus.com). That link is www.vuhaus.com/videos/qjet-get-found#.V6n0PVJGRs0 facebook.

Speaking of cool videos by locally based artists, the brother-built retro rock unit Of The Dell had a great gig at the West Virginia Hot Dog Fest. The band got to put a little relish — so to speak — on that gig as they also stopped by 106.3-FM, The Brew, where they got to perform a stripped-down version of "This Song," on the Loud and Local Show. That video is closing in on 10,000 views at last count.

While we are on good radio plugs for local bands, the stellar indie rock unit Ona has just been knighted by WNKU as its Local Discovery of the Month.

It's a huge honor as I count WNKU (which has a massive reach from the Cincy and Dayton area all the way through West Virginia) as one of the great college radio stations with a large sphere of influence.

You can go online at www.wnku.org/2016/08/01/local-

discovery-of-the-month-ona/ to read more about the honor and tune into WNKU at 104.1.

Go online at <https://www.facebook.com/thebandona/?fref=ts> to check out more about the band which is all over the map here in August, including a wild weekend coming up that includes a Friday, Aug. 19, show at Brew Skies Festival at Timberline Four Seasons Resort in Davis, a Saturday, Aug. 20, appearance at Harpers Ferry's Confluence Festival and then off to New York City for two big shows.

Ona is playing Sunday, Aug. 21, at Joe's Pub at The Public Theater as a guest of Huntington native Tony Award-winning Broadway rocker Michael Cerveris who has put together a star-studded benefit for West Virginia flood victims.

The folks who have signed on include Nellie McKay, who has been a New York regular on Mountain Stage; Cerveris' band Loose Cattle; as well as Anders Parker and Suzzy Roche, and such West Virginia artists as Larry Groce, Ona, Carmella Ramsey, The Carpenter Ants and Tyler Childers, who now lives back in Kentucky.

Ona is then playing that Monday at the Rockwood Music Hall with Tyler Childers and The Foodstamps who are also hitting Brew Skies and Confluence as well.

Speaking of Childers, while we were away he taped another episode with Lexington's Red Barn Radio where he laid down such new gems as "Universal Sound," a video which got picked up by We Hate Pop Country and which has garnered more than 200,000 views.

Huntington bands unite for flood benefit

There's already been a couple flood benefits in Huntington and some in Charleston as well, but the hurt continues and so seven bands are gathering





for Love. Hope. Rebuild. The concert will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at the Charleston Moose Lodge, 2805 Kanawha Blvd. E, Charleston. The event is organized by The Whole Enchilada Entertainment owner Lynn Browder, and will include raffles to raise money for flood victims. Food vendors will also be on site.

All proceeds from the benefit will go to Mountain Mission, a charitable organization based in Charleston. Music acts to play include Blues Crossing, 5\$Red, the Jeremy Walters Band, Mike Pushkin, The Charleston Rogues, Creek Don't Rise and the Huntington Blues Society All Stars.

Donation is \$5 or more at the door. Raffle items from Blenko Glass, Adventures on the Gorge, Sutton Lake Marina, Sleepy Hollow Golf Club, Hope Tours and Travel and more.

More information on the Love. Hope. Rebuild. benefit can be found on the event's website at www.lovehoperebuild.com.

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