

Chenango Blues Fest Fills the Weekend

Norwich, N. Y. – (August 14, 2026) – Norwich will welcome the Norwich Rehab 33rd Chenango Blues Fest August 20th to the 22nd and the long weekend is full of activities. Thursday evening's double header with John "Papa" Gros and the DeSoto Tigers Testimony kicks off at 6:00 P.M. in East Park and it's action packed from then on.

Commerce Chenango has announced a special free show with the legendary Doug MacLeod. The show will take place at 2:00 on the East Park stage on Friday afternoon. Doug has won numerous Blues Music Awards and is a masterful storyteller, writer and guitar player. You won't want to miss this free show!

Local clubs will be joining the fun with after parties Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The full schedule includes:

Thursday – Rita's Tavern – Immediately after the Park Show, Golden Soul Revue

Friday – Blarney Stone Pub – 9 P.M., Nate Gross

Saturday – Rita's Tavern – 9:30 P.M., Phil Petroff
Blarney Stone Pub – 10:00 P.M., Ron Spencer Band
w/ Tom Townsley

On Saturday there will be a shuttle running from the Camp Gate to the gazebo in East Park so that anyone camping can get a ride from the fairgrounds to downtown to enjoy the post fest parties. The shuttle will run from 8:30 P.M. Saturday to 1:00 A.M. on Sunday.

NBT Bank, sponsor of the Thursday Concert Series, will be celebrating 170 years of business with some special activities at Thursday's concert. They will be doing giveaways at the show including free ice cream from Gilligans and they will be presenting a fireworks display immediately after the last band.

The Chenango Blues Festival will take place at the Chenango County Fairgrounds on Friday, August 21st and Saturday, August 22nd. The parking gate for Friday's show will open at 4:00 and the festival grounds open at 5:00. Dustin Arbuckle and the Damnation kick things off at 5:30 with Roomful of Blues following and the show headlined by blues rocker Larry McCray.

Saturday's show has gates open to parking at 9:30, show gates at 10:30 and the downbeat at 11:00 A.M. Headliners include Booker T. Jones, Charlie Musselwhite with GA20 and the Record Company.

Tent camping is a great way to enjoy the fest and will be available to purchase at the door.

If all of that doesn't fill up your weekend you can visit the Northeast Classic Car Museum, shop downtown, hike the local Greenway Trails or visit a local park.

Please check out the Chenango Blues Festival webpage at <https://chenangobluesfest.org/> or visit Commerce Chenango's webpage at <https://commercechenango.com> ➡