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## Music Festival to Benefit Jim Jackson

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Calling themselves the Friends of Jim Jackson, local and regional musicians are putting on Jackson's Music Festival May 4 and 5 to benefit Oxford businessman Jim Jackson.

Jackson's Oxford bar burned down on St. Patrick's Day this year when a ventilation fan caught fire. Jackson put much time, hard work and money into restoring the old building in order to register it on the historical record.

He also gave many local bands a good place to be heard.

Ken Glidewell, a member of the band Cheatin' Hearts and a friend of Jackson's says, "Jim is a nice, generous guy. He's very involved with the community."

Glidewell says Jackson did a benefit for a child with cancer recently and raised enough money to send the child to Florida as a last wish.

Now Jackson's friends are pulling together to help him in his time of need. Glidewell said, "People are not always this willing to help."

Nine bands are among the many willing to help Jackson. On Saturday,

area band Fourshots will kick off the festivities, followed by Oxford-based bands Barely Legal Band, Borg-9's and the Love Cowboys. Cheatin' Hearts follows, as well as Chicago bluesman Lefty Dizz. On Sunday, Snapper & the Blues Invaders start off the day, which includes Johnny Christian & the Chicago Playboys with special guest Melvina. Robert Lockwood (aka the Stepson of Robert Johnson) will also perform.

Ticketron has donated some support to this effort, as well as WVXU's Ron Esposito, Kitty Carson and the Cincinnati Blues Society, WLW's Gary Burbank and Larry Nager of the Cincinnati Post.

Tickets for this event at Camp America in College Corner, Ohio (rain or shine) are \$15 for both days or \$10 for one day, and are available through Ticketron locations or at 1-800-225-7337. Camping will be available at the site. Spaces for tents are \$8 per night, with cottages available for \$12 per person per night.

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