



Blue Water Folk Notes

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Dates to Save

Westminster Jam:

Saturday, 7-10 pm on Every 1st Saturday of the month. BWFS members Phil Larson and Dale George have arranged for a jam to be held at Westminster Presbyterian, 2501 Stone St., Port Huron, Mi. All are welcome. contact: dtgeorge1@aol.com

Sanilac Consortium for the Arts Acoustic Song Circle at Bark Shanty, Port Sanilac on **every 1st Friday of the month.** Contact Tom at 810-622-9716 for information

Singin' in the 60's Saturday, July 22 12-6 pm Featuring many BWFS performers at the Sanilac County Historic Museum & Village, Port Sanilac, Mi. See Presidents notes on this page and page 3. Contact Tom at: 810-622-9716

BWFS Fundraiser Concert Sunday, July 30, 2:30-5:30pm McCarthy's Lake House 6121 Lakeshore Road Lexington, Mi. 48450 Donation \$15
See story on page four.

Thumbfest 2017 Saturday, September 2 10:30 am to 10:00 pm All over Lexington, Mi.
More information can be found on pages two, three and four. Dawn Malek thumbfestdirector@bluewaterfolk.org

Support the BWFS ...Join us, Donate, Buy and Ad!

Please send your comments, & pictures of Thumbfest & the Coffeehouses Open Mic to: newsletter@bluewaterfolk.org

Note from our New President Tom Schlichting

After years of trying to labor in obscurity, I have been thrust into the public eye as president of the board of Blue Water Folk Society for the next year. My goals are to encourage the development of more community music activities while fully supporting the longstanding events and activities we already love. I am excited by new efforts to engage with young musicians in our community through Rising Stars and Guitars for Kids and I hope to expand on those efforts. I encourage our active members and other interested folks to bring forward your community project ideas. Have you always wanted to host a music concert or a jam session? Have you wanted to help bring music into our schools or instruments to our young people? The Blue Water Folk Society exists to promote and perpetuate live music in our community.

Come join us for a celebration of the sixties at "Singin' the 60's" at the Sanilac County Historical Village and Museum in Port Sanilac from noon to 6 pm on Saturday, July 22. Under the big tent (the "Happening") Ruby Hill, Lost Cuzzins, Butterhair, and

Dynasty, will cover multiple sixties artists in their sets. Circle of Friends (Peter, Paul & Mary) and Bookends (Simon and Garfunkel) will perform tribute sets. The historic church (Alice's Restaurant) hosts a multi-cover set by Blue Water Ramblers and dedicated sets of Bob Dylan, The Byrds, Joan Baez, Everly Brothers, Flatt & Scruggs, Appalachian Folk songs, and Carol King. The schoolhouse features "love-ins" dedicated to early Motown and additional individual artists like Neil Young and Tiny Tim. The historic train depot building allows a special opportunity to "sit-in" with host musicians. Themes for this year are "60's Folk and Country", "The Great 60's Ukelele strum", "Beatles", and we close with the "Hootenanny Jam". Camp Cavell will run activities for the young at heart, including "DIY tie-dye". Elk Street of Sandusky is providing craft beer. Vintage sixties Volkswagens will be on display. Admission \$10, \$5 students, children 12 and under free. Proceeds benefit the Sanilac County Historical Society. Be there or be square!

2017 BWFS Board Elections

The BWFS Annual Meeting and Election was held on June 17, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 5646 Main Street, Lexington, Michigan, 48450.

To run for office you had to be a BWFS current member for 6 months prior to the date of the meeting.

There were two candidates on the ballot for early voting and one nomination of Gordon MacDonald at the meeting.

Elected were Barb Ernsberger and John Broadwell to another term as trustee. Their terms will expire in June 2020.

Elected as officers for the year were Tom Schlichting, President; Leigh Marciniak, Secretary and Shirley Barnett, Treasurer. Other members of the Board include Al Lewandowski, Mary Malek, Barb Ernsberger and John Broadwell.


2017 Volunteer Call!



There is not a better way to imbibe in some Thumbfest mirth and merriment than volunteering!!! You have numerous opportunities to choose from including emceeding for your favorite band, providing information to the revelers, hawking for donations, encouraging people to win the 50/50 by selling tickets, helping set up or tear down, and there will be more!

You can sign up on Facebook and the Volunteer Coordinator aka **Barbara Ernsberger** will contact you or you can contact Barbara directly at secbwfs@gmail.com or call her at 810.404.7302.

Sign up early so you get your preferred time slot! Tell a friend...who knows, you might have twice as much fun with a buddy!!!

BWFS member performance dates to consider: 

More details can be found at:
<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/bwfs-event-calendar.html>

Support our BWFS Musicians!

Submit your performances to:
newsletter@bluewaterfolk.org

Saturday, July 8

11:00am Lexington Independence Day Parade, Lexington, Mi.
7:00pm Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, Sandusky

Sunday, July 9 thru August 6

10:00am Dan Hazlett at Interlochen Arts Academy

Wednesday, July 12

6:00pm Dynasty at Powers Diner, Port Huron
7:30pm Albert Young and the Straight Eight, Howe's Bayou, Ferndale

Thursday, July 13

7:00pm Black River Bluegrass Boys at Yale Music in the Park
7:30pm Denny Dwyer at the Raven Cafe, Port Huron

Friday, July 14

1:00pm Denny Dwyer at Brown Bag Lunch Concert, Port Huron
3:00pm Black River Bluegrass Boys at the Pt. Sanilac Farmers Market

Friday, July 14, July 21 & July 28

5:30pm Denny Dwyer at Lexington Brewery

Saturday, July 15

7:00pm Black River Bluegrass Boys at Music at the Harbor, Port Sanilac
7:30pm William Henry Russell, Raven Cafe, Port Huron
8:00pm Denny Dwyer at the Tally Ho Inn, Lakeport

Wednesday, July 19

7:00pm Dynasty at Armada Jams, Armada

Thursday, July 20

6:00pm Dynasty at Family Boat Night, Port Huron
7:00pm New Horizons Band at Bebe Park, Richmond, Mi.
8:00pm Air Margaritaville at Founders Festival, Farmington

Friday, July 21

3:00pm Circle of Friends at the Pt. Sanilac Farmers Market
8:30pm Air Margaritaville at Boat Night, Port Huron

Saturday, July 22

12:00pm Singin' in the 60's
7:00pm Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, Sandusky
7:00pm Dynasty at Concert in the Park, Port Sanilac, Mi.

Wednesday, July 26

7:30pm Air Margaritaville at Grosse Pointe War Memorial

Thursday, July 27

8:00pm Air Margaritaville at Party on McCarty, Saginaw Twp., Mi.

Thumbfest 2017 Notes Dawn Malek

Hello BWFS Members!

Did you know, that as of today's writing, there are only 8 weeks left til Thumbfest? Mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 2 so you won't miss out on a thing!

Your Thumbfest Planning Committee and sub-committees have been hard at work to ensure we bring you the best possible event. Here is some of what you can look forward to at this year's Thumbfest:

Live music all day! 49 different performances, plus workshops!

Bigger and better Children's Area, including the Children's Theatre of Michigan

Guitar and ukulele give-away by Guitars for Kids! Be sure to bring the kids, ages 10-17, to the new Guitars for Kids location inside the Lions Club Hall, where they can complete an application.

Look for the Open Mic at its new home at 7345 Simons St, directly across from the Performer Parking. We are sure you'll love this beautiful new shaded spot!

NEW THIS YEAR! The Performer Hospitality Room will be located inside the Lions Club Hall. You will find this air-conditioned spot a great place to store your instruments during the heat of the day. You will also find coffee, bottled water, light breakfast foods, and lunch/dinner! We appreciate our Thumbfest performers!

NEW THIS YEAR! Rising Stars Music Competition held at A Night to Remember on M-25. Young performers, 19 and under, will be invited to a qualifying event to be held in August (more details to come soon!).

Qualifiers will compete for cash prizes on the day of Thumbfest. Please come have a listen and support these young musicians!

NEW THIS YEAR! Soon you will be able to listen to a Thumbfest playlist on youtube. A great sampling of most of the music you can expect to hear at the event!

You can find more details on Thumbfest, and all the fun happening that day, on our Facebook page at Blue Water Folk Society and online at www.bluewaterfolk.org.

See ya then! Dawn Malek

Ad Information

Ads are still available for the Thumbfest program. Ads give you a presence in the program, website and Facebook for only \$200 per ad. Contact Leigh at thumbfestsales@bluewaterfolk.org for more information. A form can be found <http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/> on the Thumbfest 2017 page. **Thanks to those who already purchased an ad: Lexington Valero, Captain's Quarters, Town and Country Realty, Inc., Ginny McNabb, Realtor and Chemical Bank.**

Thumbfest 2017 Performers

[Jill Jack](#), [The Red Sea Pedestrians](#)

[The Luddites](#), [Creole du Nord](#)

[Matt Watroba](#) and Robert Jones

[Jo Serrapere & the LaFawndas](#)

[Raisin Pickers](#), [Yellow Room Gang](#)

[Julianne Ankley](#) and [Michelle Chenard](#)

Stella!, [Finvarra's Wren](#)

[Annie](#) and Rod Capps

[Mustard's Retreat](#) w/Libby Glover

[The Whistle Stop Revue](#)

[Diamonds in the Rust](#),

The Whistleblowers, [Floyd King and the](#)

[Bushwackers](#), [Lost Cuzzins](#), [Ruby Hill](#)

[Still Running](#), [Denny Dwyer](#)

[Brian Wood](#) and the Troubadads

[Dan Hazlett](#), [John Finan](#) and Sharon Tse,

[Carl Henry](#), [Floyd](#) and Buckrooster King,

[Judy Insley](#), [Ourselves](#)

[ButterHair](#), [Taller Than They Appear](#)

[Jim Bizer](#) and [Jan Krist](#), [Circle of Friends](#)

William Henry Russell ([Bill Russell](#))

Lorelei, [La Compagnie Musical-Dance](#)

[Troupe](#), [Albert Young and Straight 8s](#)

Jean Marie and the Lads

Waynewood Boys, Phil and Marsha Larson,

[Emilie and Andrew](#), Bobby Budd

[4 Past 5](#), [Mary Foley](#), [Marty Kohn](#)

Banjo Jim and Ricky, [Black River Bluegrass](#)

[Boys](#), Blood Harmony

Other performers & workshop leaders will

be announced soon on the [Facebook](#) page

and www.bluewaterfolk.org !

Venue Sponsors

We thank our Venue Sponsors!

Lexington Business Association

Main Harbor Stage

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A&W Stage

ButterHair

ButterHair Open Mic

Foley's Market ...

Foley's Market Courtyard Stage

Lexington Brewing Company ...

Lexington Brewing Company Stage

Angel's Garden

Angel's Garden Children's Site

Chef Shell's

Chef Shell's Guitars for Kids Site

Southern Thumb Music Studio

Southern Thumb Music Studio Jam Site

A Night to Remember

A Night to Remember Rising Star Stage

Imprint House

Imprint House Simons Street Stage

The Town Shoppe

Town Shoppe Workshop 1

Virginia McNabb/Town & Country Realty LLC

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Outdoor Stage

We still have 2 sites available. Contact:

Leigh at thumbfestsales@bluewaterfolk.org

MORE BWFS member performance dates:

Note: Performances listed are those that the BWFS member performers submitted to: newsletter@bluewaterfolk.org

Friday, July 28

1:00pm Denny Dwyer at Brown Bag Lunch Concert, Port Huron
3:00pm Ourselves at the Pt. Sanilac Farmer's Market

Saturday, July 29

7:30pm Air Margaritaville at Centennial Terrace, Sylvania, Ohio
9:00pm Denny Dwyer at Tailgators Sports Bar, Port Huron

Sunday, July 30

2:30pm BWFS Fundraiser Concert at McCarthy's Lake House, Lexington, Mi.

Friday, August 4, 11, 18, 25

1:00pm Denny Dwyer at Brown Bag Lunch Concert, Port Huron
5:30pm Denny Dwyer at Lexington Brewery

Friday, August 4

3:00pm 4 Past 5 at Pt. Sanilac Farmer's Market, Port Sanilac
6:30pm Sanilac Consortium for the Arts Song Circle at Bark Shanty

Saturday, August 5

7:00pm Palmer Jam Westminster Presbyterian Port Huron

Monday, August 7

7:30pm Albert Young and the Straight Eight, Howe's Bayou, Ferndale

Friday, August 11

3:00pm Ruby Hill at the Pt. Sanilac Farmer's Market

Saturday, August 12

3:00pm Circle of Friends, Music by the Bay, New Baltimore
7:00pm Thumb Dance Club, Maple Valley School, Sandusky
7:00pm Denny Dwyer at the Village Pub, Lexington, Mi

Thursday, August 17

7:30pm Denny Dwyer at Raven Cafe, Port Huron

Friday, August 18

3:00pm Ourselves Open Mic & Jam at Pt. Sanilac Farmer's Market
8:30pm Dan Hazlett at Crazy Wisdom Tea Room

Saturday, August 19

7:30pm William Henry Russell, Raven Cafe, Port Huron

Sunday, August 20

7:00pm Denny Dwyer, Tailgators Sports Bar, Port Huron

Friday, August 25

3:00pm Still Running at Pt. Sanilac Farmers Market

Saturday, August 26

7:00pm Thumb Dance Club, Sandusky
8:00pm Denny Dwyer at the Tally Ho Inn, Lakeport, Mi.

<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/bwf-s-event-calendar.html>

You Can Join the Blue Water Folk Society

Here are some tidbits that you may not know about being a Blue Water Folk Society (BWFS) member. As I write this, of the 170 BWFS members, only 67 have renewed their membership.

- When we complete grant requests, the number of BWFS members we have impacts the results.
- Joining BWFS is an issue of showing your support and commitment to perpetuating traditional music in Michigan's Thumb.
- BWFS supports more than Thumbfest. We support Coffeehouse Open Mic, Guitars for Kids and a network of musicians.
- The \$10 dues have not increased, allowing anyone to join us.
- We need BWFS members to not only renew, but bring in new members.
- We are all volunteers for the organization.

More Information at:

<http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/membership-info.html>

Leigh Marciniak

membership@bluewaterfolk.org

BWFS Membership Chair

Vendor Information

We are currently accepting vendors of hand-crafted items for Thumbfest 2017. We only accept one vendor for each product type, and we only have space for a very limited number of vendors. Over 5000 people visit Thumbfest each year for this one-day event and they'd love to see your products!

All vendors are located at the harbor, where our main stage is located, and where a steady stream of shoppers is shuttled all day long!

Please be in touch with John, our Thumbfest Vendor Director, for an application and more information at thumbfestvending@bluewaterfolk.org

Come join the vendors that have already signed up: Lounies Soap Co.; Michigan Candy, Inc.; Artful Tatting; Re-Creations; Bee's Knees Apiary; Mother Nature's Jewelry Box; Just A Poppin; Energy Smoothie Booth; Whispering Smoke BBQ, LLC and Thumb Roast Coffee.

Thanks for the support of our Grantors: DTE, Sanilac County Community Foundation and Sanilac Consortium for the Arts!

Singin' in the Sixties BWFS Performers

BWFS member Tom Schlichting is helping to organize the Singin' in the 60's Festival on July 22 at the grounds of the Sanilac County Historical Museum and Village.

The BWFS is co-sponsoring the event. A number of BWFS members have been booked for the event. They include:

Ruby Hill, Lost Cuzzins (Cuzzins & Ruby Hill covers include Sam Cooke, Van Morrison, Beatles, Bob Dylan, James Taylor, Johnny Nash, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Buddy Holly, The Band, Everly Brothers, Dolly Parton and more),

Bookends (Simon & Garfunkel)

Circle of Friends (Peter, Paul & Mary)

Blue Water Ramblers (sixties folk revival)

Butterhair, Dynasty (rock)

Four Past Five, Still Running

Black River Bluegrass Boys

M-25 (Everly Brothers), Ricky Novak

Bobby Budd

More information can be found at:

<https://www.portsanilac.net/singin-in-the-60s-festival-2016/>

Want to receive a free Guitar or Ukulele?

On Saturday, September 2 in Lexington, Mi. The Blue Water Folk Society will give away up to **8 + guitars & 5 ukuleles at Thumbfest 2017 to youth from 10 to 17 years old.**

Youths 10 to 17 yrs. old must fill out an application during Thumbfest 2017.

Applications will be available 11am to one hour before presentation at the Guitars for Kids location at the Lion's Hall.

Watch for signs!

Youth will need to be present at the presentation to receive their guitar.

**There will be a musician available to help the successful applicants unpack their kit and tune your guitar.

Guitars for Kids originated with Crag Carrick of the NorEast'r Music Festival and began at Thumbfest with a donation of a guitar from the NorEast'r to Thumbfest.

Let's keep the music flowing to the future musicians!

To help or donate contact: shirley@bluewaterfolk.org or call 586-727-5197

Many thanks so our Tent Sponsor:

[Chef Shell's Restaurant & Catering](#)

We also want to thank Andy Mather for donating 3 baritone ukuleles, Don Carrick for donating 3 guitars, Marie Davis and Alan & Penny Phillips for monetary donations and Mel Kirchoff for donating a guitar. You can join them!



Blue Water Folk Society
P.O. Box 83
Lexington, Michigan 48450

Promoting Traditional and Acoustic
Music in the Thumb of Michigan

BWFS Event Calendar:
[www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/
bwfs-event-calendar.html](http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/bwfs-event-calendar.html)

Website:
www.bluewaterfolksociety.org
www.thumbfest.org

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/thumbfest
**Join us for only \$10/year
Membership**
For more information:
[http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/
membership-info.html](http://www.bluewaterfolksociety.org/membership-info.html)
membership@bluewaterfolk.org

Coffeehouse Director
Contact: Marty Malek
coffeehouse@bluewaterfolk.org

Newsletter editor:
Shirley Barnett
*We welcome your suggestions,
pictures and submissions.*

Booking for Thumbfest:
thumbfestbooking@bluewaterfolk.org

BWFS members can submit their
performance dates for publication
by sending the information to:
newsletter@bluewaterfolk.org

Did you know that
the Blue Water Folk Society is a
501c3 non-profit established to
present and promote acoustic
traditional music in the
Thumb of Michigan?

**Special Thanks to Trinity Episcopal
Church, the Village of Lexington,
the Lexington DDA and Lexington
Business Assoc. for their support
of the BWFS**

BWFS Current Board Members

Tom Schlichting	President	president@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2018 election
Leigh Marciniak	Secretary	secretary@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2019 election
Shirley Barnett	Treasurer	treasurer@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2018 election
Marty Malek	Trustee	marty@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2018 election
Barb Ernsberger	Trustee	barb@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2020 election
Al Lewandowski	Trustee	al@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2019 election
John Broadwell	Trustee	john@bluewaterfolk.org	term expires 2020 election

Main email: board@bluewaterfolk.org

**Blue Water Folk Society
Fundraiser Concert**
Sunday, July 30th
McCarthy's Lake House

2017 Performers

Ruby Hill: Micki LePla, Jim Williams and Ron McPhail put their three-part harmony spin on folk, bluegrass, Americana/roots and original music.

Denny Dwyer: Songs that touch your heart, tickle your funny bone, and take you back to a special place and time in your life.

Blood Harmony: A family based band playing old time Americana, gospel, old country, and some originals as well, by using a variety of acoustic instruments and vocal harmonies.

Dominic McCarthy: Fresh new talent from Austin, TX

6121 Lakeshore Road
Lexington, MI 48450
2:30 - 5:30p.m.
\$15 Donation

Outside concert on the bluff overlooking beautiful Lake Huron.
Light refreshments.
Bring lawn chairs and cooler of adult beverages if desired.
Contact Dawn for tickets - 586-995-1974 or
Thumbfestdirector@Bluewaterfolk.org

Rain venue - Trinity Episcopal Church
5646 Main St. Lexington, MI 48450

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**Guitars for Kids Giveaway
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<http://www.chefshells.com/>



**Guitars for Kids flyer to
use for distribution!**



New this year....the Rising Star Stage!

Talented youth musicians may compete for best performance or best original song or both!. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three in each category:

First place: \$150
Second place: \$75
Third place: \$50

More details will be added soon. Click "Interested" or "Going" on this event page to
stay up-to-date with all of the latest
information. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1088012011300824/>

See you in
October 2017
for the next
Coffeehouse
Open Mic!

