

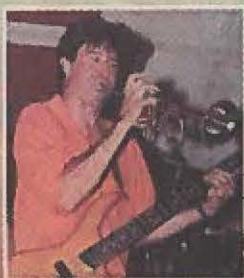
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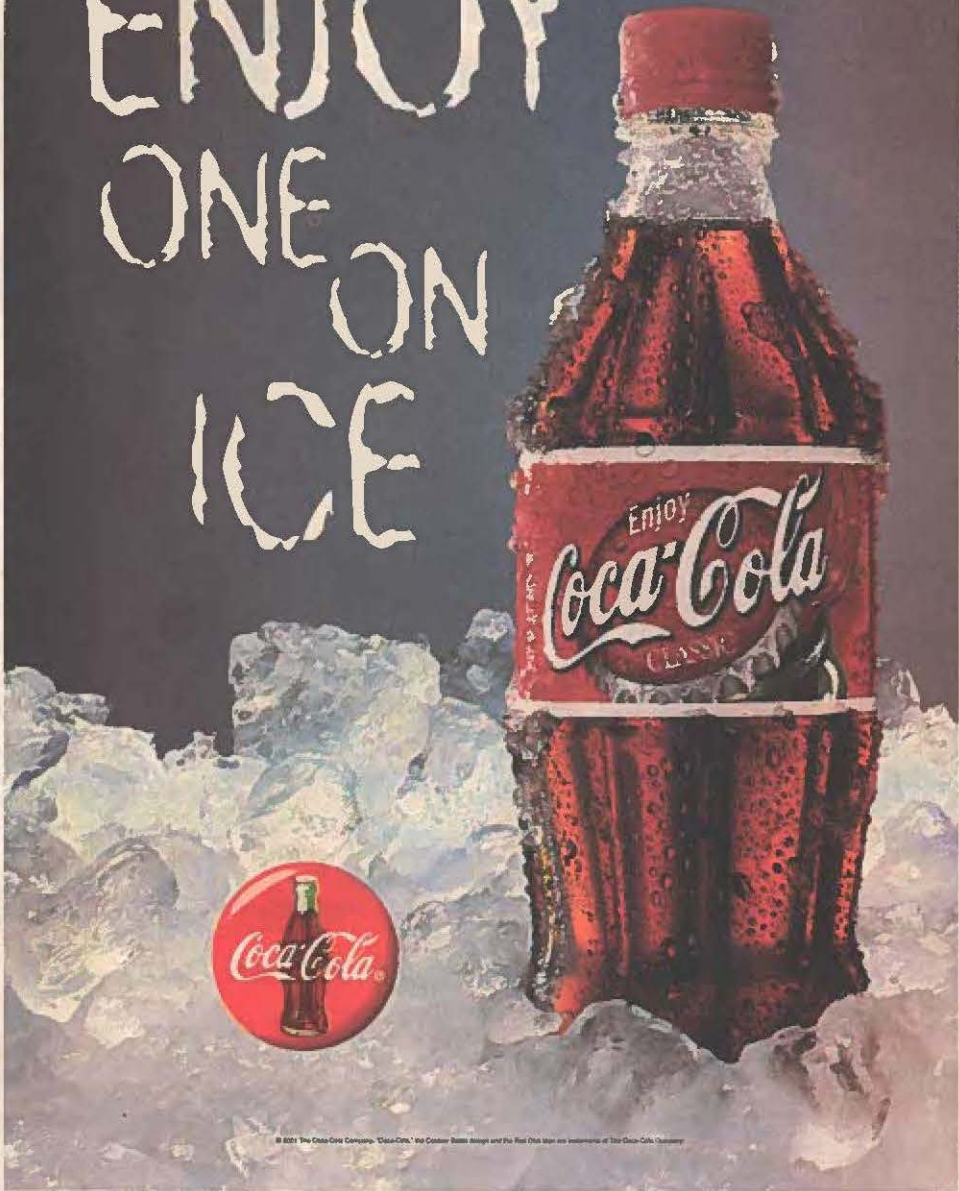
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# FRI, AUG 16

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NORTH AREA



LaRae jammed with Marv during The Polka Nuts last visit to the Summer Music Fest.

Mike Gaschler has performed music for over thirty years. At a young age, he began playing the accordion and then picked up the hammer dulcimer. In 1982, he formed his own band. At this time, his two daughters, Michelle and LaRae, began performing music with him.

Michelle and LaRae grew up around polka music and watching their dad perform.

The girls went dancing every weekend. It was their dad's love for music that inspired them to become musicians. Michelle was eleven years old and LaRae was nine when they played their first public dance. From that moment on, Mike, Michelle and LaRae have been performing music together all over the country. This year marks their 20th anniversary together! The band has performed in fifteen states and Mexico and has been aboard four cruises. Another highlight of their musical career was playing in Las Vegas! Over the years, Mike has written his own music.

Debbie Gaschler, wife and mother, has also been a part of the Polka Nuts in a very special way. When the girls were younger, she would get them ready, making sure they were not leaving anything behind, and would attend every dance to be with the family. She also handles merchandising and bookings for the band. Through her support and dedication the Polka Nuts have been able to carry on their love for music.



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## For Your Information...

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**Friday**  
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 Sorgenbrecher  
 Gunzenhäuser Blous'n  
 Frankenmuth Schuhplattlers  
 Frankenmuth Gemuetlichkeit Club

**Saturday**  
 Marv Herzog  
 Don Ciaikoszewski The Polish Kid  
 Gunzenhäuser Blous'n  
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**Sunday**  
 Marv Herzog  
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# FRI, AUG 16

**Time** Diamond icon indicates scheduled Starting & Ending performance-times.

7:30

8:30

9:15

10:15

11:00

**NORTH**

...Jimmy Sturr

Marv Herzog Bavarian Band

Jimmy Sturr Orchestra

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NORTH AREA



Throughout the years the versatility of the Polka Nuts has enabled them to perform with many other musicians. Although musicians have come and gone, the band has always kept a style all of its own. Joining the band in September of 1996, David Beitz, Jr. adds his unique talent by playing both accordion and dulcimer. With David's background in polka music, he too is carrying on the tradition in his family. David and Mike take turns playing accordion and dulcimer and at times play dulcimer together. LaRae, who started playing the dulcimer at the early age of six, will also double up with David, then adding Mike, they play as triple dulcimers!

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... if you're into music, you're in luck. We have American, Polish, German and Slovenian polka; Christian contemporary and Christian rock; jazz, and good ol' rock & roll. Your favorites can be found sometime, somewhere, under two spacious tents in Frankenmuth's Heritage Park. Every day beginning August 9th through the 17th, up to eight separate bands will be performing non-stop – kicking off in the early afternoon and continuing throughout the evening.

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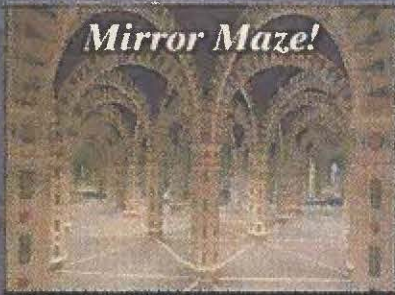
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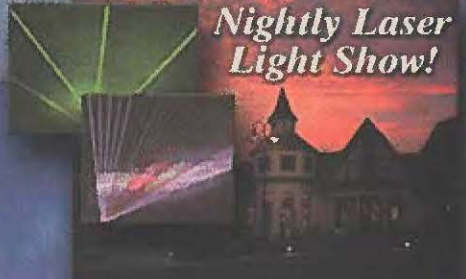
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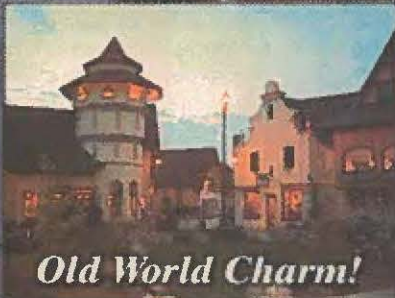
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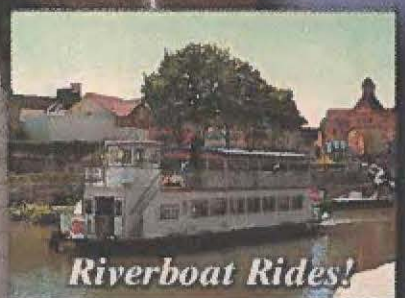
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	Marv Herzog Bavarian Band	Walt Groller Orchestra	Hank Haller Bavarian Ensemble	Goodtime Dutchman	Marv Herzog Bavarian Band	Walt Groller Orchestra	Hank Haller Bavarian Ensemble

NORTH AREA



Marv and Teresa Herzog may have retired from the administrative end of the Summer Music Fest, but you will still find them on stage throughout the festival.



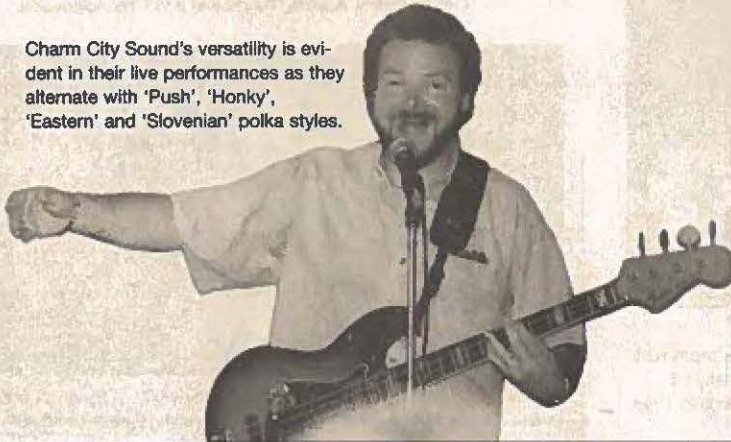
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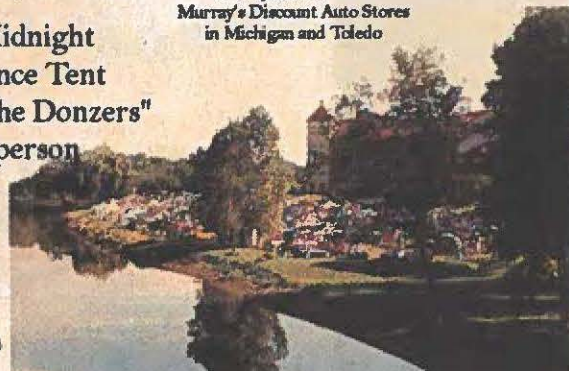


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7:50

8:30

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10:20

11:00

**NORTH**

...Hank Haller

Walt Groller Orchestra

Marv Herzog Bavarian Band

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Hank Haller returns to the Summer Music Fest with his comforting blend of polka music that encompasses the stylings of Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.



Frankie Liszka and TBC

Bandleader Frank Liszka has established himself as a prominent musician and songwriter who wrote most of TBC's many hit songs. Frank was elected to the IPA Polka Hall of Fame in 1998.



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7:30

8:15

9:00

9:45

10:30

11:15

**SOUTH**

12:00

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# Friday, August 9th MARV HERZOG DAY



Question: Is there anything that beats a great party? Answer: Two great parties! That's just how organizers of Music Fest 2002 will kick off this year's event. August 9th is **day one** of the **Party of the Year** and also the dual celebration of Marv Herzog's 70th birthday. Let the fun (twice as much fun) begin!

Nearly 60 years ago, Marv strapped on his first accordion - he hasn't put it down since. From those early beginnings, the old German songs his father so loved, the country music from the Grand Ole Opry and the polkas and waltzes of Flint radio station WFDF, thus evolved the music that is uniquely **Marv Herzog**.

The Michigan and International Hall of Fames have welcomed Marv into their prestigious company. His band and his music are welcomed everywhere. Crossing the Mississippi or the Atlantic, Marv's ability to bring people together in fellowship, friendship and fun prompted this response from the City of Frankenmuth:



**MARV HERZOG FEST PLATZ**  
Dedicated August 9, 2001

Marv Herzog, a proud native son, sponsored Frankenmuth and its German-Bavarian heritage for over 50 years throughout the USA and Europe with his unique style as a polka entertainer, band leader and as one of the key ambassadors of goodwill.

This area in Heritage Park was named by the City Council in behalf of the Community and in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Civic Events Council to express their gratitude to Marv on his 70th birthday.



### Marv Herzog Day

The city of Frankenmuth recognizes  
**Marv Herzog**  
as one of Frankenmuth's  
Key Ambassadors of Goodwill.

In commemoration of this acknowledgement,  
a portion of Heritage Park,  
site of the Summer Music Fest,  
will be named  
"Marv Herzog Fest Platz."



Over a year ago, Marv was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Cards and letters, prayers and well-wishes all conveyed the underlying message "to keep the faith, Marv." As Marv will tell you, his faith is not in question, and your cards and prayers are a God-send. A Polka Mass on Sunday, August 11th, led by Bishop Kenneth Untener, with music by Marv Herzog, is an affirmation of that faith.

Marv's band members, Tom Darling (lead guitar and vocalist), Dave Slivinski (accordion, keyboard and vocals) and Dave Burner (drums) are gearing up for a full schedule in 2002. Marv's 10-year old grandson, Aaron Slivinski, who also drums and vocalizes, will delight the crowd as often as "Gramps" will allow - curfew violations notwithstanding.

Teresa Herzog, #1 fan and supporter through "thick and thin" (and we are happy to report that Marv is leaning back toward the "thick side"), also joins the band as vocalist.

Marv traditionally cracks for a keg of beer to celebrate his birthday, and this writer intends to convey a message from all of us... that tradition is indeed a good thing.

Be on hand, Friday, August 9th, as we lift our glasses and say, "Cheers," "Ein Prosit," and especially poignant this year, "To Your Health!"

Happy Birthday, Marv!



## Music Fest Spotlight:

# VERNA & JIM VANDEVELDE



"Big Brother" is watching over you. That's precisely the situation that Verna VanDevelde has found herself in over the past 25 years of music festivals. You see, Verna's big brother is Frankenmuth's premier promoter, Marv Herzog. Marv and wife, Teresa, with Mark and Val Janson have kept her busy helping with the office duties, ticket sales, daily scheduling and all-around "gopher" duties. And, if you happen to spot her toting a pouch (she also assists with the receipts), please don't refer to her as the "bag lady!"

Verna finds her quiet time at the Wickson Memorial Library, having been employed there since 1981. She belongs to the Frankenmuth Beautification Committee and the Keep Michigan Beautiful organization, and she's done a beautiful job for the Summer Music Fest.

Husband, Jim VanDevelde, is no stranger to the music business having received his bachelor's and master's degree in music education. Jim served as Director of Bands for 33 years at Frankenmuth High School, retiring in 1993.

With his background, you might assume that Jim is coordinator of music for the festival... **WRONG.** Jim headed straight for the beer. As bar supervisor since 1983, Jim makes sure that our guests are well supplied with water, pop, juices, wine and beer. Over the years he has lifted thousands of half-barrels, so when "Roll Out the Barrel" is played, please understand that it is not exactly Jim's favorite. *(He has also informed me that "tap" dancing doesn't excite him either.)*

Jim and Verna have three sons, Mark, Michael and Craig with wives, Nancy, Teresa and Carl-Ann, along with ten delightful grandchildren. Married in 1963, Jim and Verna have literally and figuratively been making music together for 39 years.

The success of any major attraction takes the cooperation of volunteers, staff and promoters. All of us wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to Jim and Verna for 40-plus years of combined service to the Summer Music Fest.

Verna, remember that "Big Brother" will be watching. And Jim... how about singing two verses of "Roll out the ----- OK, OK, never mind!"



Verna sings along with her sister Lynn



## AL BLOCK - PICTURE PERFECT

The shoemaker has no shoes, the barber needs a haircut and the photographer never has his picture taken. We wrestled the camera away from Al long enough to capture the accompanying photo. He has been focusing in on the smiles, the spirit, and the history of Summer Music Fests.

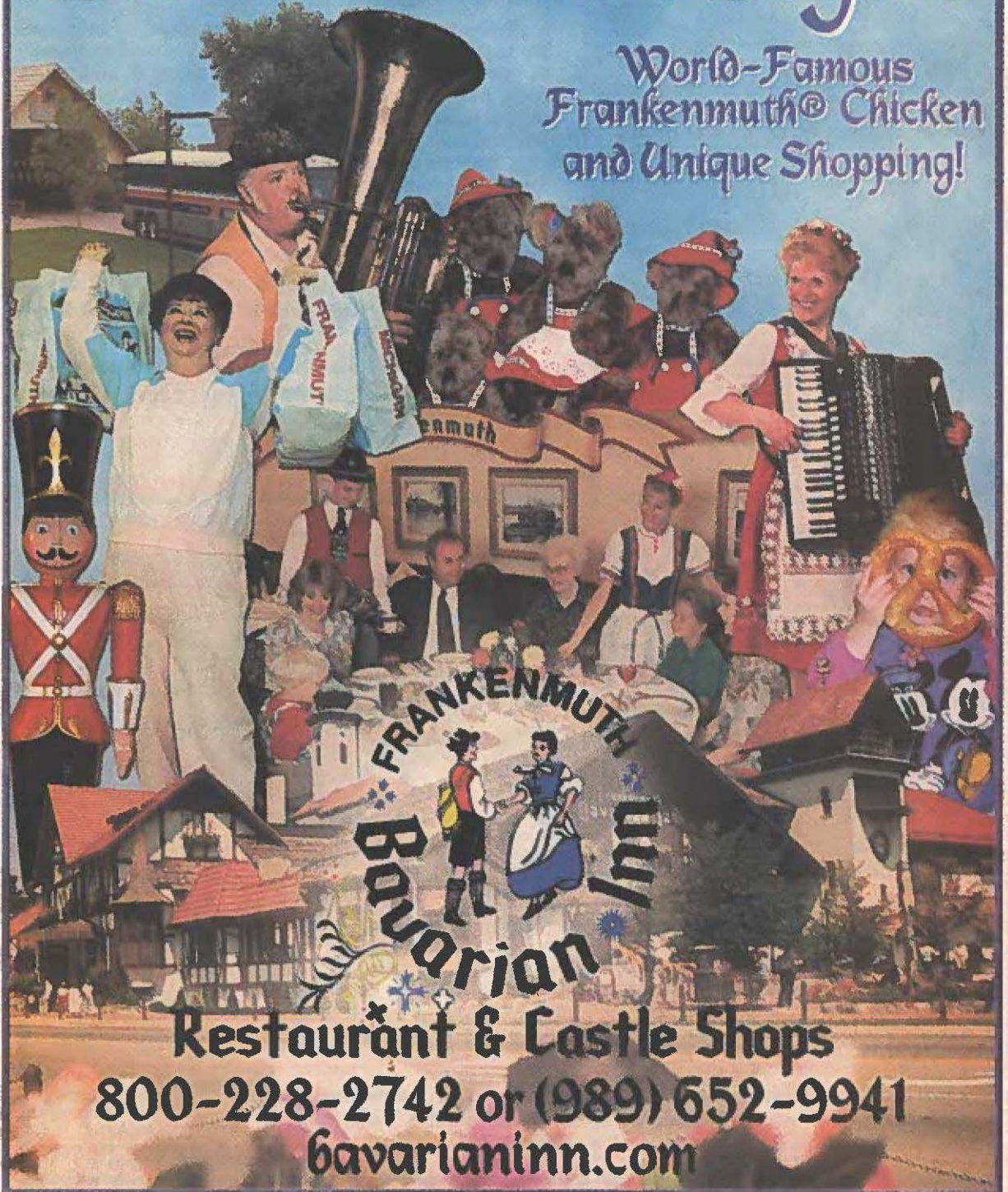
Al never travels solo. On the rare occasions when he's not "freeze-framing" in on the fun, Al will be toting his trusty hammer, screwgun, or paintbrush. He wears many hats around the festival grounds, from carpenter and plumber to perhaps piano-tuner and dog-catcher. Whatever needs to be done.

But when the bands start playing and the couples hit the dance floor, Al Block's steady companion becomes his camera. Call him chief photographer and handyman, a "double-exposure" that makes the festival click. And if you can handle one more pun, let's just say he "lens" a hand wherever needed. Thanks, Al!



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# SAT, AUG 10

**Time**  
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7:15

Goodtime Dutchman

8:00

Mary Herzog Bavarian Band

8:45

Walt Groller Orchestra

9:30

Hank Haller Bavarian Ensemble

10:15

Goodtime Dutchman

11:00

**NORTH**



Polka Hall of Famer Walt Groller is also the recipient of the 1990 Austrian Golden Cross for continuing the Austrian culture in the United States and building a bridge between Austrians and Americans. The Walt Groller Orchestra was formed in 1945.



The Goodtime Dutchmen is a family band started in 1992 by 'the kids'; brothers, sisters and cousin, who grew up in a polka loving family and formed their own band at a young age, following in the footsteps of their dad and grandpa... and now becoming ever more popular.

Frankie Liszka and TBC is a born-again polka band, reformed from The Brass Connection, a youthful and popular 80s-era polka band.



The Polka Country Musicians double violin show by Rich and Wally Dombrowski has become a favorite among their fans.



Charm City Sound

Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones

Frankie Liszka and TBC

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**SOUTH**

**Mary Herzog Fest Platz**

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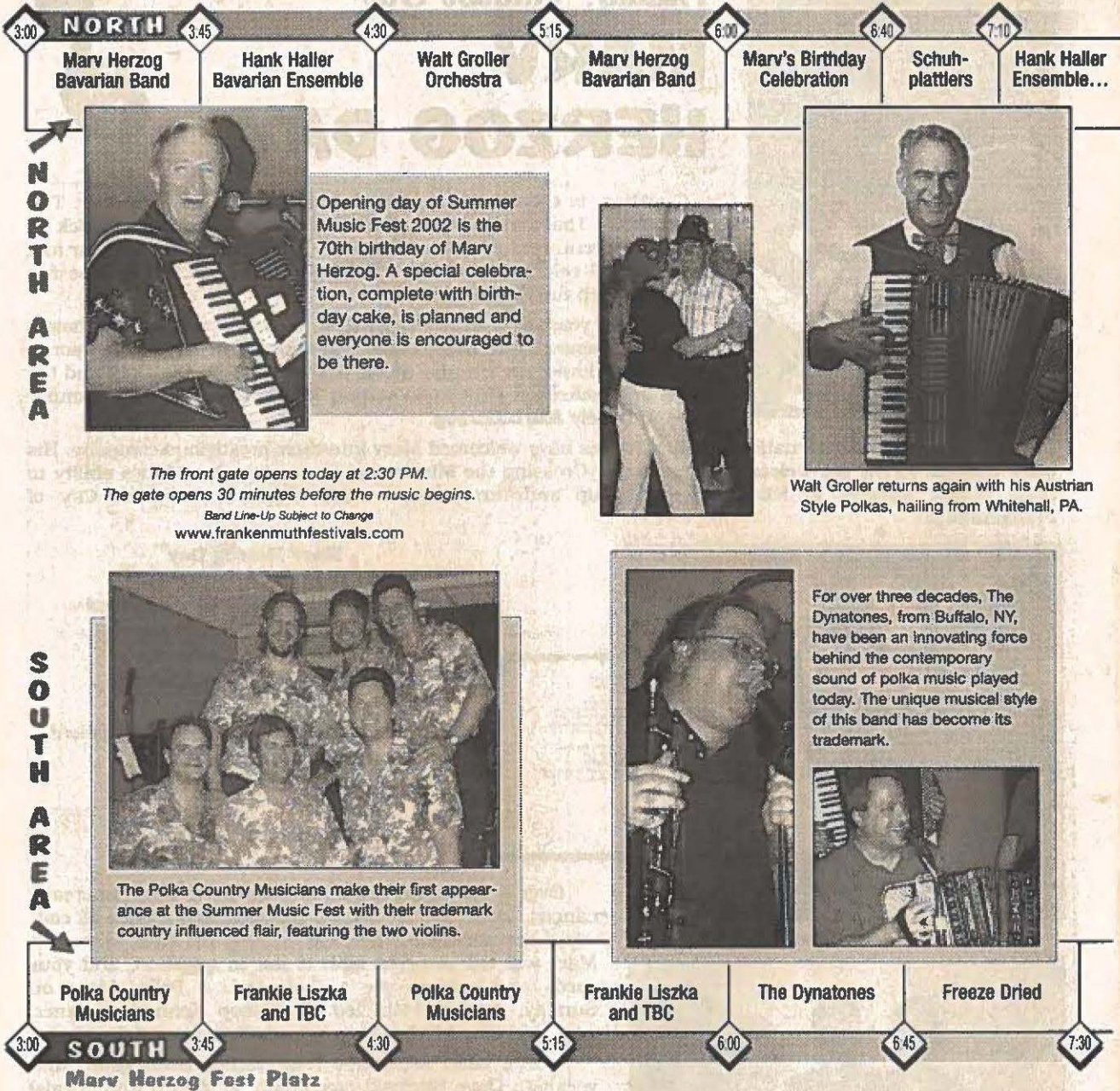
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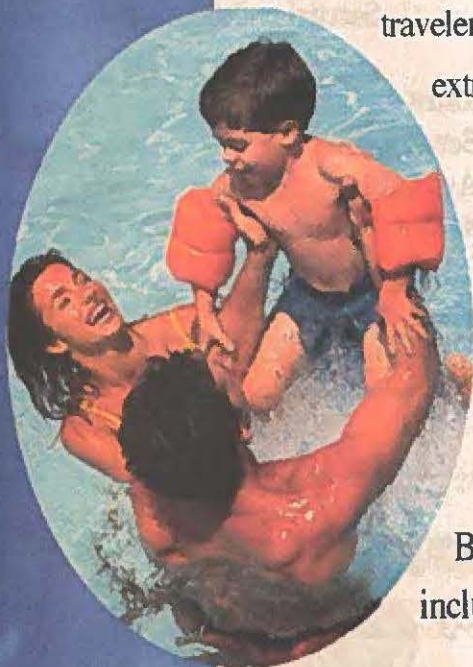
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# United States Polka Association 2001 Horizon Award Winner **AARON SLIVINSKI**



Aaron Slivinski, son of Dave Slivinski and Lisa Herzog Slivinski, and grandson of Marv Herzog, was introduced to Polka Music at a very young age. While just learning how to talk, Aaron's grandpa, Frank Slivinski, taught him a polish song. By the time he was 2 years old, Aaron was singing that song in his Grandpa Herzog's polka band. As his repertoire grew, so did his talent. He began to play a small accordion with the band in addition to singing. He received his first set of drums for his third Christmas. Soon after, his talent for playing drums became evident.

When Aaron was six years old, his first opportunity to play the drums with Marv Herzog's band came at the Summer Music Fest in Frankenmuth, Michigan. He played the "Dance Hall Polka" to thunderous applause. During the following year, he continued to practice on the drums, completed a year of piano lessons, and is currently taking drum lessons.

During the summer of 2000, seven-year-old Aaron continued to perform with his grandpa's band, singing and playing drums. In September of that year, he had his first opportunity to play drums with Toledo Polkamotion and realized it was exciting to play Polish-style polka music, too.

The following year brought more opportunities for Aaron. He had demonstrated such ability on the drums that some of the best polka bands in the country began asking him to perform with them. Throughout the summer of 2001, Aaron performed with bands such as Jimmy Sturr, Polka Family, Lenny Gomulka, Eddie Blazonczyk, The Dynatones, Dick Pillar, The Goodtime Dutchmen, Marshall Lackowski, and many others.

Although Aaron is devoted to the drums, he continues to sing in his grandpa's band and now sings duets with his younger sister, Rachel. They delight audiences around the country by singing songs in German, Polish and English.

Aaron, Rachel and their Dad have a local variety band featuring Aaron on the drums and both of the children on vocals. In addition to polka music, Aaron has had the opportunity to perform with local country bands as well as playing drums in his church choir. Aaron turned 10 years old on June 16, 2002.



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# THUR, AUG 15

## NORTH AREA

7:30

8:15

9:00

10:00

...Marv Herzog

Duane Malinowski Orchestra

Hank Thunander Orchestra

Marv Herzog Bavarian Band



As an accordionist and bandleader, Hank Thunander has managed to leave crowds awestruck as '60s, '70s, Country, Latin, International, Standards, Classical, Spiritual and Polkas. Thousands of songs that appeal to all audiences.

He is in a class of his own and is clearly a master of his instrument, the accordion, and the Zupari midi-accordion.



Marv Herzog's band members include Tom Darling (lead guitar and vocalist), Dave Burner (drums), Marv and Teresa, Dave Slivinski (accordion, keyboard and vocals), and Marv's 10-year old grandson, Aaron Slivinski, who drums and vocalizes.



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Intermission

8:30



Hubcaps Dance

9:00



## SOUTH

11:30

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Summer Sunday School: 8:30 a.m.

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# SUN, AUG 11

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NORTH AREA



Catholic Mass Sunday, August 11, at noon: Bishop Kenneth Untener, Bishop of Saginaw Diocese, is presiding. Marv Herzog and the Band are playing the Polka Liturgy Music. There is no admission charge to attend the Liturgy. Pre-Service music begins at 11:30 AM.



The Goodtime Dutchmen's versatility is unending for some of the members who are blessed with multi-musical talents; by playing several different instruments and the beautiful harmonizing through vocals - it's music to your ears!

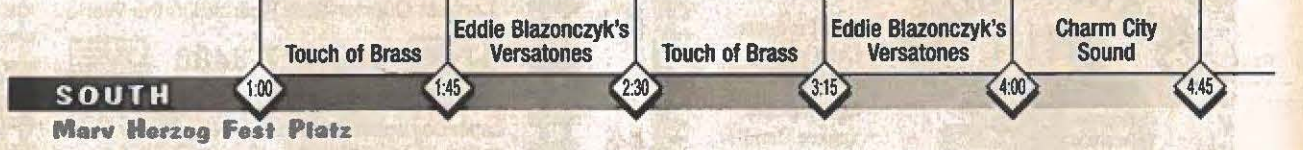
The front gate opens today at 12:30 PM.  
The gate opens 30 minutes before the music begins.  
Band Line-Up Subject to Change  
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SOUTH AREA

A Touch of Brass has had the same five members for over nineteen years, which has been an accomplishment few polka bands have been able to achieve.



In 1967, a Congressional Committee awarded the title "The Nation's #1 Polka Band" to Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones and registered this title with the Library of Congress. The Versatones career highlights include Eddie Blazonczyk, Sr.'s National Heritage Fellowship induction, the country's most prestigious honor in the folk and traditional arts, presented by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1998.



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# MON, AUG 12

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Everyone's invited to participate in our Jam Session to start off the day. See Page 21 for details.



Fred Ziwich and his International Sound Machine has been selected "Musician of the Year" 3 times ('83, '98, '01) and "Button Box Individual of the Year" 3 times ('95, '98, 2000).

The front gate opens today at 1:30 PM.  
The gate opens 30 minutes before the music begins.

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"Pan" Franek Piotrowski and his wife Zosia head up the Polka Towners band from Muskegon, MI. The four piece band has been entertaining all over the US for many years. Now joining the band are Frank & Zosia's two daughters, Kristine, age 17, and Andrea, age 15, who play the violin and sing with the group. They add a special flavor to the band and look forward to playing their newest venue... the 2002 Summer Music Fest!



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5:15	6:00	6:45	7:30	8:15	9:00	10:00
Marv Herzog Bavarian Band	Goodtime Dutchman	Fred Ziwich Sound Machine	Marv Herzog Bavarian Band	Goodtime Dutchman	Fred Ziwich International Sound Machine	<b>NORTH</b>



Aaron Slivinski is a mainstay on stage with Grandpa Herzog's Bavarian Band.



Fred Ziwich and his International Sound Machine was awarded "Recording of the Year" for 2001 for their recording of "What A Little Polka Can Do."

Charm City Sound is a six-piece contemporary polka band comprised of well-known, talented musicians hailing from the greater Baltimore area of Maryland. Utilizing two trumpets, clarinet, accordion, concertina, button box, keyboards, guitar, banjo, bass and drums, the group carries on the vibrant polka tradition that began in the early 1980's with the legendary "Boys from Baltimore".



The Polka Family began as a single-family group in Southern California back in the 1970s. Playing for relatives and other small public gatherings, the family would also travel to Mt. Carmel, PA to visit the children's grandparents and other relatives. On occasion, during their visits, they would get to see a big-time polka band, one of which was Happy Louie. Louie's band would prove to have a significant effect on the group's future musical sound.

5:30	6:15	7:00	7:45	8:30	9:15	10:00
Polka Family	Touch of Brass	Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones	Charm City Sound	Polka Family	Charm City Sound	Polka Family
						<b>SOUTH</b>

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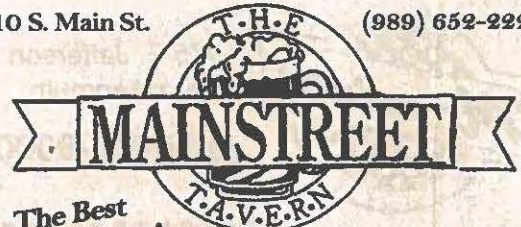
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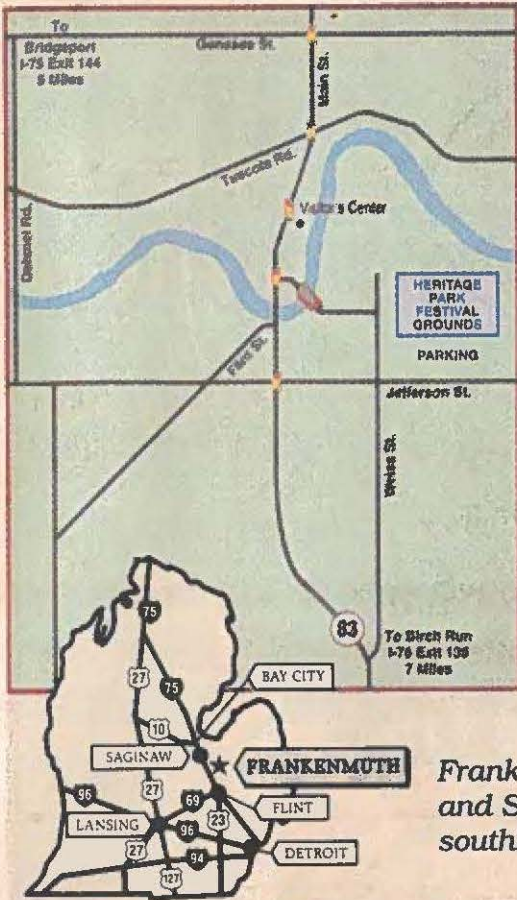
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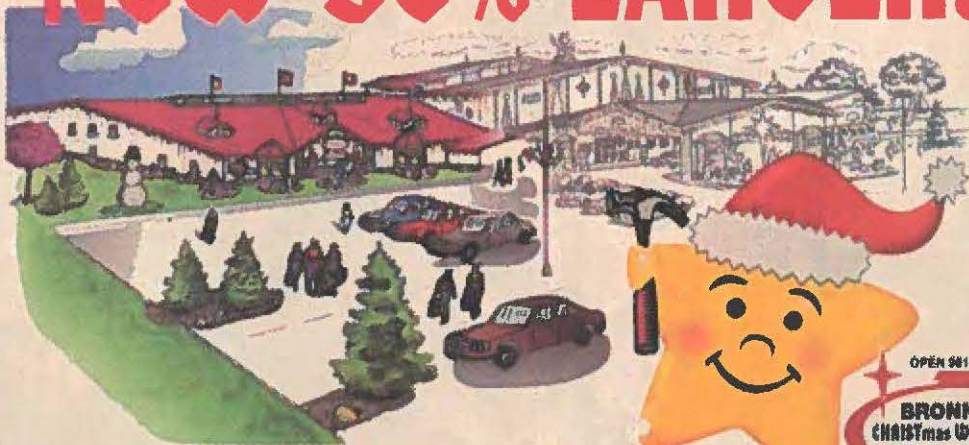
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## Summer Music Fest

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The stage is set for you. Monday, August 12th and Wednesday, August 14th at 2:00 p.m., the Music Fest invites you to join the band. Whether you're banging the bongos, strummin' the guitar or tapping a tambourine - lend your musical talents in the North Tent at Frankenmuth's Heritage Park.

If your old accordion is still playing a sentimental tune - bring it along. We would like to see horns a plenty, and if 76 trombones show up, we'll start a big parade!

One of the scheduled acts will help get you started with some preliminary tuning up or toning down, and then it's on with the show. With a little inspiration from the Mama's & the Papa's, promoters are thinking of naming your group the Pa-Jam-Ma's (we'll sleep on it), or perhaps the Raspberry Jams.

This is a first time event. But if enough of you jump on the bandwagon, so to speak, we're hoping to include the "Jam Session" as another attraction at future music festivals. Everyone is welcome, so don't be shy. Plan on either day or hopefully both. Your debut is 2:00 p.m., August 12th with an encore on the 14th. Drum roll, please...

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Verne and Steve Meisner arrive today for the first of three days of entertainment



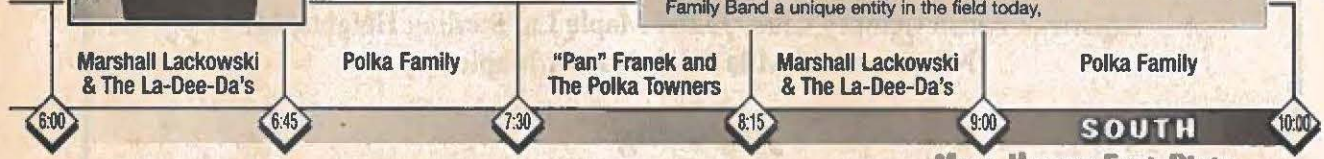
Joe Fedorchak is a popular and leading exponent of the Cleveland-style polka music from the Penn-Ohio area. His band excels in musical quality and varied repertoire with an unmistakable beat. Joe has been recognized with the "Crystal Award" for the Band of the Year and has been elected personally for Lifetime Achievement by the National Cleveland-style Polka Hall of Fame.



The originator of "Everybody Does the La Dee Da", Big Daddy Marshall Lackowski has been entertaining fans with his music for almost 50 years. Lately, his La Dee Da notoriety has given him the opportunity to perform on national broadcasts; NBC television and ABC radio. Big Daddy, his wife Mary Ann, and all the boys in the band are happy to be back in Frankenmuth performing for one of the greatest festivals in the country.



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# TUE, AUG 13

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6:45  
Gaylord Klancnik Orchestra

7:30  
Joe Fedorchak Orchestra

8:15  
Verne & Steve Meisner

9:00  
Gaylord Klancnik Orchestra

10:00



Verne began playing the accordion in his native Milwaukee at age eleven, supplementing music lessons with independent study of Frank Yankovic and Six Fat Dutchmen recordings at the family victrola and the stylings of Pecon, Vadnal, Benedict, Cook, and Bashell on Fritz the Plumber's daily radio broadcasts. Verne formed his own band in 1950 and, impressing Yankovic with his keen ear, traveled with the Yanks during the 1950's.



The Gaylord Klancnik Orchestra, a polka powerhouse consisting of Gaylord and Ed Klancnik, Dick Kuciemba, Ron Sluga and Denry Bucar along with vocalist Jeff Lewis, enjoy performing their Cleveland Style Polkas for their many fans.

SOUTH AREA



Scott Krippayne



Contemporary Christian Concert, Tuesday August 13, 7:00 - 10:30  
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7:00

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## SCHUHPLATTLER



25 years ago, Michael learned to dance and perform while living in Munich, Germany. At a young age, he was hired to perform with professional entertainers on the weekends. With more and more performances, along with his expanding knowledge (cowbells, spoons, acting, announcing), he rapidly became known around the Munich Scene. Soon after a TV talent show, he and his former partner (Jürgen, also his teacher and trainer) were hired by the famous "Platzl" Theater. It was then that the world renowned Munich Hofbräuhaus discovered him, offering a full time contract to establish a 6-piece show group. This was the start of his professional career. Along with the Hofbräuhaus performances came a second full-time contract at the Hackerkeller and Platzl. The group was then expanded to its final size of 16 dancers (girls and guys). Later, the Platzl hired Michael as their musical director for Bavarian entertainment. Michael's performances at the Hofbräuhaus lasted seven years until he left for the USA. He gave his contract to a former dancer, and Michael's show can still be seen in Munich today. Michael knew Frankenmuth from several prior engagements when he was hired by the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn and Chamber of Commerce to perform during the annual Bavarian festivals and the grand opening of the Motor Lodge. He decided to make Frankenmuth his home in November, 1995. Soon afterwards, he and Mark established the group, and after only 2 months the Frankenmuth Schuhplattler were on stage for their very first performance at the cold, but fun, "Zehnder Snowfest". The Schuhplattler soon became a name, found sponsors (Gary McClellan, Chamber of Commerce) and got ready for more and more festivals and private parties. Yodeling and singing were added, and later a 3-piece band was formed.

The Frankenmuth Schuhplattler have performed at numerous festivals all over Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and Indiana, along with many private parties. Our greatest honor was being invited by Governor Engler, to represent Michigan at the "Promote Michigan Tourism" festival in Chicago for 2 consecutive years and being invited to perform at his January 1999 Inauguration in Detroit. We are proud to be Schuhplattler, and proud to keep the German/Bavarian traditions alive, making them unforgettable and passing them on to our next generation. That's what the Schuhplattler are today.

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# WED, AUG 14

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2:00	3:00	3:45	4:30	5:15	6:00
<b>NORTH</b>					
Jam Session	Gaylord Klancnik Orchestra	Verne & Steve Meisner	Hank Thunander Orchestra	Gaylord Klancnik Orchestra	Verne & Steve Meisner...

NORTH AREA



Another Jam Session starts off our day - and you're all invited! See Page 21 for details.



All the musicians of the Gaylord Klancnik Orchestra are seasoned veterans in the polka world who truly love their job of providing those driving polkas that keep toes tapping and dancers dancing across America.

The front gate opens today at 1:30 PM.

The gate opens 30 minutes before the music begins.

Band Line-Up Subject to Change

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## Christian Rock Concert

The ever-growing movement in Christian Rock is well represented in Wednesday's opening act - Philmore. Eager, young and enthusiastic, these up-starts have the pleasure of being the lead-in for Reliant K. Philmore - the pleasure is ours!

Sharing the spotlight following Philmore, Reliant K earned serious industry success as best-selling new-rock act in 2000, and by grabbing the Billboard Music Video Award and Dove Award nominations.

With the blending of the earthy and spiritual, this two-some plays from the heart, and play their hearts all out in a frenzy of emotional selections that have captured and enraptured Christian music fans nationwide.

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**Verne & Steve Meisner**

**Hank Thunander Orchestra**

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**Hank Thunander Orchestra**



Next year, do as the Meisner's do... bring along a bus load of polka fans to the Summer Music Fest!



Hank Thunander started his music career at the age of nine in Bessmer, Michigan. Taught by Zenda DeFubeis and inspired by his Godfather, "America's Polka King" Frankie Yankovic, the accordion became Hank's passion.

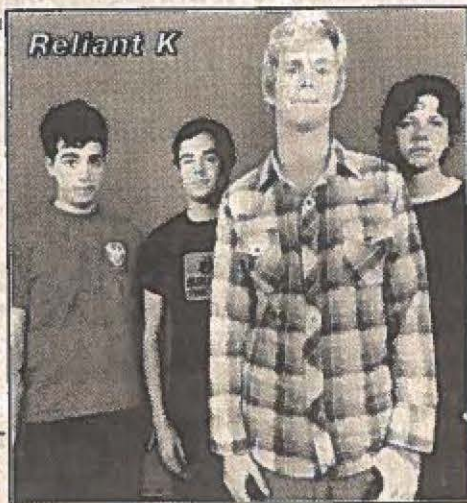
Playing musical jobs and forming a band, being Frankie's Godson was a tough act to follow. But follow that path he has done, not only backing the late Frankie Yankovic many times over, but also as a musician known in the music world as "Mr. Versatility".

He was inducted as such into the Ironworld Polka Hall of Fame in Chisholm, Minnesota in 1993.

**SOUTH AREA**



**Philmore**



**Reliant K**

**Contemporary Christian Concert**  
**Wednesday August 14, 7:00 - 10:30**  
**featuring Philmore and Reliant K**

**7:00**

**SOUTH**

**10:30**

**Marv Horzog Fest Platz**

## Note: Some other Major Polka Events:

**Wildwood Polka Spree**  
 Wildwood, NJ  
 June 20-23, 2002

**Ironworld's 25th Annual Polka Fest**  
 Chisholm, MN:  
 June 27-30

**Pulaski Polka Days**  
 Pulaski, WI  
 July 19-21, 2002

**International Polka Assoc. Polka Festival & Convention**  
 Chicago, IL  
 August 1-4, 2002

**Polish Fest**  
 Milwaukee, WI  
 June 21-23

**Polka Fireworks**  
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 Champion, PA  
 July 3-7, 2002

**37th Annual Pillar Polkabration**  
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Please contact to get your event listed in our 2003 booklet: [www.frankenmuthfestivals.com](http://www.frankenmuthfestivals.com)

# TUE, AUG 13

Follow these timelines for this day's scheduled entertainment in the North Area (top line) and the South Area (lower line).



NORTH AREA



Formed in the year 1963, the Joe Fedorchak Orchestra is established as one of the most consistently popular polka bands based on the number of requests for their music on radio programs and also through resounding album sales in record shops and at their live performances.



Steve Meisner began playing the piano accordion at age five, performing soon after on stage with his father, Verne Meisner. By age 6, he was winning local talent contests and building the foundation for what has been a life long career in music. Steve has been performing with his Dad for 30 years and continues to perform with him whenever possible. "I still work with my Dad too, he has always been my idol. From the time I was little, I always wanted to be part of his band. He never seems to run out of surprises. Just when I think I know it all, he'll pull something out of his hat."

The front gate opens today at 2:30 PM.

The gate opens 30 minutes before the music begins.

Band Line-Up Subject to Change

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## Contemporary Christian Concert

Selah, a trio that started as a fun sideline in front of family and friends, eventually evolved to win the Dove Award for Inspirational Album of the Year. Spontaneous, grassroots, word-of-mouth exposure ultimately reached critical acclaim and commercial success.

Solo artist, Scott Krippayne joins Selah on Tuesday, August 13. His latest release "I'm Not Cool" is a kind of self-realization, descriptive of himself. His inspirational lyrics and moving melodies are snapshots of his current spiritual journey. A very "cool" journey indeed!



1 Destiny

Formed in the fall of 2000, 1 Destiny is a relatively new group to Gospel music. The trio, however, has over 50 years of singing experience. Carl Hedford, Jerrey Peck, and Jeff Grasco have been part of several singing ministries in the past. The multi-talented Michigan-based professionals are comfortable in all types of settings, in camp meetings, church services, revivals, or large concerts.

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- A thirteen-year old girl with encephalopathy loses motor functions at such a young age. The foundation provides a laptop computer and printer, enabling the girl to continue her schoolwork.

These are just a few examples that provide inspiration and hope for financially-strapped families.

To fund the foundation, Burke and his willing volunteers host the "World's Largest Garage Sale" (June 7th in Saginaw), a golf scramble at Fortress (June 20th), a car cruise in Bridgeport (August 25th), and the hugely popular "Clam and Lobster Fest" in Frankenmuth (October 4th & 5th). And now the Summer Music Fest wants to get in on the act. On Thursday, August 15th, the Music Fest will donate a portion of each adult admission to the "Johnny Burke Children's Foundation." J.B. likes to call these events "fund-raisers." Be part of the fun and the funds for this benevolent foundation by joining Johnny on the 15th.

The north tent will feature Duane Malinowski, Hank Thunander and Marv Herzog. The south tent will be headlined by the "Octave Jazz Band" and the fabulous "Hubcaps."

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## Music Fest Spotlight:



# BRONNER'S CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

Frankenmuth, Michigan - The world's largest Christmas store is now bigger than ever. Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland opened an additional 30,000 square feet of salesroom to the public on May 1, 2002.

"We've been really pleased with the progress these past several months," said Bob Spletzer, Building and Human Resources Manager. "We were able to open the salesroom expansion a month earlier than we originally anticipated."

The additional 30,000 square feet of space has increased Bronner's salesroom by 50% - from 62,000 square feet to 92,000 square feet in size. The majority of the store has been completely rearranged, and many new displays are in place. The additional space is filled with ornaments and trims, lights, trees, and expanded facilities for checkout and customer service.

"We wanted to be able to make plenty of product readily available to our guests, provide for ample traffic flow during our busy season, and offer more seating throughout the store," said Wayne Bronner, President and CEO. "We designed with guest convenience in mind and have added shopping carts."

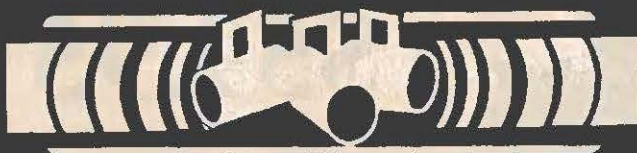
The increase of 50,000 square feet behind the scenes will provide needed receiving, customer service, warehousing, office and meeting space.

Wally Bronner originated Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth in 1945. The business filled three salesrooms in downtown Frankenmuth before moving to its current location at the south end of town in 1977. Growth has continued, with building expansions opening in 1991 and now again in 2002.

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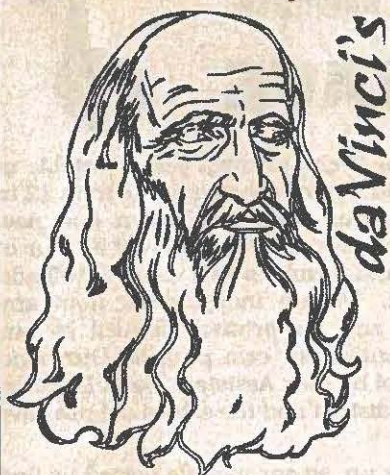
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# Jazz Ensemble OCTAVE



was formed in 1999 as an experiment at the Frankenmuth Middle School by then Assistant Band Director, Matt Corrigan. Mr. Corrigan was offered a full-time job in another school district and the school did not have the resources or personnel to continue with the jazz band.

We enjoyed playing together and were not ready for the band to break up, so our parents helped us find a director to continue in Mr. Corrigan's place. Steve Rodriguez is an exceptional Music Major at SVSU, as well as an outstanding musician. Since taking over director duties, he has more than tripled our repertoire. On occasion, Steve has been called upon to play in the band for members who were not available. In addition to hiring a new director, we have added three new members to the band joining six of the original eight members.

We do charge a fee for our performances; however, we donate a majority of our those fees to charity. In the two-plus years we have been performing, we have donated several thousand dollars to MDA and the Saginaw Diabetes Fund. This year we are performing for the Save the Music Foundation. Save the Music is sponsored by VH1 and helps public schools purchase instruments, music and materials not otherwise available. We have been very fortunate to be a part of an excellent and versatile music program in the Frankenmuth Public School System. Our school music programs have given us the ability, confidence and most of all, pure pleasure derived from sharing our music with each other and our audiences. Save the Music gives a chance to give back to something that has given us so much.



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Sturr and company roar into Frankenmuth on Friday, August 16th for two nights of polka at its finest and fastest. Having recently recorded his 99th album, Sturr is, well, causing quite a "str."

The reigning "king of polka" has been in concert with Alan Jackson, Willie Nelson, Dwight Yokum, George Jones, Bobby Vinton and Myron Floren. One of the major highlights of Jimmy's career came when he appeared on the Grand Ole Opry. No polka band before or since has ever performed at the Opry – and Nashville knows a good thing; Sturr and his orchestra have returned for five more encores.

With several international tours and a heavy duty schedule criss-crossing the United States, the Summer Music Fest is proud to have landed Sturr for two days of musical magic.

Jimmy Sturr and his Orchestra will be sharing the north tent, August 16th and 17th, with Frankenmuth's own Marv Herzog. Now there's a pair to draw to! And if you happen to wander into the south tent, you will find the fabulous "Hubcaps" rocking and rolling as only the Hubcaps can. Now make that three-of-a-kind, and with all of you giving us a hand, we'll just call it a *full house!*

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Kentucky Derby and the N.F.L. Governor's Balls and the White House. You might find them in Palm Springs or Branson, Missouri, Tuscon, or maybe Timbuktu. But for sure we're holding them here in Frankenmuth for three days at the Summer Music Fest. We won't let them get away on another "get-away" until you have heard Tina Turner, the Everly Brothers, the Coasters and Connie Francis!

"Rock and Roll is Alive and Well," is the Hubcaps mantra. The unique ensembles, lighting and sound, combined with eight rousing vocalists, will capture your favorite artists in one fun experience. Three different shows on three different nights in the South Tent, Heritage Park in Frankenmuth. Rock on in Thursday, August 15th, and don't roll on out until the last performance Saturday night!

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## Music Fest Spotlight:



# FRANKENMUTH RIVER PLACE



Frankenmuth's newest attraction is a unique European mini-village. River Place is located in downtown Frankenmuth on the banks of the Cass River next to the wooden covered bridge. Thirty shops and attractions offer food, shopping and fun for guests of all ages.

Community attractions include free daily entertainment, a mirror maze, a 30,000 square foot family entertainment center and a free laser show set to fabulous music which is shown at dusk each evening.

The galleries and shops at River Place feature gifts, collectibles, seasonal specialties, gourmet foods, quilts, sunglasses, toys, teddy bears, jewelry, glass items, nutcrackers, bath and beauty products... just to name a few. Hungry? Enjoy coffees, beverages, snacks and a casual menu... plus every sweet palate can be satisfied at River Place by visiting the many shops that feature fudge, popcorn, ice cream and chocolates.

Best of all, River Place is located in the heart of Frankenmuth within walking distance of world famous Bavarian Inn and 100 additional shops and attractions on Main Street!

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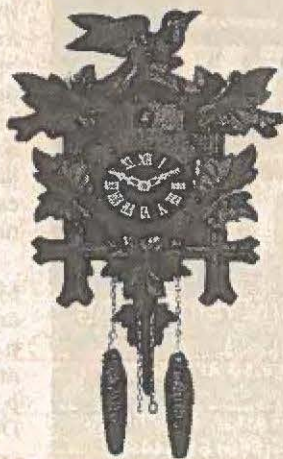
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# THUR, AUG 15

Follow these timelines for this day's scheduled entertainment in the North Area (top line) and the South Area (lower line).



NORTH AREA



The front gate opens today at 2:30 PM.  
 The gate opens 30 minutes before the music begins.  
 Band Line-Up Subject to Change  
[www.frankenmuthfestivals.com](http://www.frankenmuthfestivals.com)

Duane Malinowski, of Toledo, Ohio, has been entertaining his audiences for over 25 years. He is a self-taught musician who has mastered his craft by performing his talent continuously across the United States.

Together with his current band, Duane has created a musical sound that compares to no other. Polkas, waltzes and obereks, along with music from the big band era, oldies, jazz, country western, and pop, all compliment Duane's repertoire.

Members of Duane's band include, Duane Malinowski on accordion and vocal leads, Jim Chronowski on trumpet, and Paul Romanowski on drums.

Let's all obey the rules so nobody gets hurt.



## Johnny Burke Foundation Day

Thursday, August 15th

The Summer Music Fest will donate a portion of each adult admission to the "Johnny Burke Children's Foundation."



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