Making melodies downtown

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Pocket Park Music Series to begin Friday



ROCKY TOP: Just Jammin' entertains audiences during a Pocket Park Music Series performance last year. (Pioneer file photo)

BIG RAPIDS – Songs, summer and good will; the popular Pocket Park Music Series is set to return this Friday with music from Terry Williams and Sandi Struyk.

Planned to complement the Big Rapids Farmers Market across the street, the Big Rapids Downtown Business Association is coordinating the weekly concert series with sponsorship from Schuberg Insurance Agency, Auto-Owners Insurance and Artworks.

"The goal of the DBA is to build on the ambiance of downtown Big Rapids," said Kelly Quinn, DBA executive director. "Music in Pocket Park is a great way to bring the community together."

Quinn herself will be performing alongside local classic rockers Lone Wolf on Friday, Aug. 14.

"[The series is] a fun thing to do," said Quinn. "There will be a wide range of music for anyone to enjoy."

In addition to music, the series sponsors will be honoring and providing lunch for a different non-profit organization every week. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Big Rapids will be honored at this Friday's show. Other organizations being honored this summer include Habitat for Humanity, Project Starburst, United Way and the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety.

Big Rapids musician Andy Kirby will provide entertainment at Pocket Park on Friday, Aug. 21, and hopes for a good turnout.

"I've played there at least once a year for the last four or five years," said Kirby. "The fact that it happens in conjunction with the Farmers Market makes for really cool culture and atmosphere that our town needs."

Community members are invited to enjoy music in Pocket Park on Fridays from noon until 2 p.m. For more information, visit downtownbigrapids.com/.

Series Calendar

May 22 Terry Williams and Sandi Struyk

May 29 Country Classics

June 5 Bluegrass Echoes

June 12 Leon Seiter

June 19 Bob Craig Band

June 26 The Colmus Family

July 3 TK Kelly and Marty

Munroe

July 10 Just Jammin'

July 17 Divertimento Jazz Duo

July 24 Strings N Things

July 31 Peter Jordan's Fun Lovin' Crowd

August 7 David Yonker Band

August 14 Lone Wolf Featuring Kelly Quinn

August 28 Undercover Featuring

Allison LeVeque

September 4 Chris Kjorness **September 11** Whiskey Bound