

May 21, 1996

Dear PRACB Members, Associates and Friends,

The second annual PRACB Festival concert was a **big** success. I was very proud of your performance and I thank you for your commitment to our program. I was especially pleased that you didn't hyperventilate after following the Medalist Band on the program. For wind players, it is not good to hyperventilate, you know.

The surveys provided some interesting insights into our program and the music we perform at our concerts.

The self-survey indicated: you like the music we are performing; you like the direction our program is moving; you seemed excited about our summer concert series.

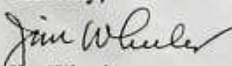
The audience survey indicated: they enjoy the variety of music that is presented; they like the Community Band Festival format; they like having program notes. A quote: "The Medalist Band played from their heads. The PRACB played from their hearts."

Our summer rehearsal and concert schedule is on the reverse side. *Please note the changes regarding the July 4th Concert and providing your own transportation to Itasca State Park and to Bad Medicine Lake.*

As our band coffers are low at this time, you may be playing for free, part or full rehearsal incentives. Odell, Solon and I and others are out busting our lips to have the money to pay you by June 2nd.

I look forward to seeing you on June 1st.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Wheeler

SUMMER REHEARSAL AND CONCERT SCHEDULE:

Saturday, June 1st: Rehearsal, Park Rapids Area High School Band room.  
10:00am - 12:00 noon  
12:00noon-1:00pm Lunch break  
1:00pm - ?

Sunday, June 2nd: Concert, 4:00pm at Itasca State Park  
Location: south of the Douglas Lodge  
Load bus at 2:00pm  
Depart for the Park at 2:30pm

Saturday, June 29th: Rehearsal, (same location as June 1st)  
10:00am - 12:00 noon  
12:00 noon - 1:00pm Lunch break  
1:00pm - ?

Thursday, July 4th: Concert,  
Time: ?  
Rehearsal: outdoors preceeding the concert  
Location: behind the Pizza Hut

Saturday, August 24th: Concert; 7:00pm at Bad Medicine Lake Resort on the water  
Rehearsal: 3:00pm on the pontoons  
Load bus: 12:30pm  
Depart for B.M.L. Resort: 1:00pm  
Pot luck dinner: 5:30pm (a highlight for many musicians)



# Summer Concert Schedule - 1996

## Community Band will feature soloists

The Park Rapids Community Band will give the first of three outdoor summer concerts at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 2 on the lawn of Douglas Lodge in Itasca State Park.

Sunday is Open House Day at all Minnesota State Parks so no stickers are required.

The band's two other performances will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 30 at Heartland Park and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 at Bad Medicine Lake.

Jim Wheeler, conductor, said this summer's series will be basically the same concert program repeated at each location.

Two soloists will be featured on Sunday's program. Donna Walsh of Park Rapids will do a vocal solo with the Community Band perform-

ing "Someone to Watch Over Me," an Ira and George Gershwin number, revived in the recent movie, Mr. Holland's Opus.

Craig Swartz, Waukeg, IA will be trumpet soloist for the selection Trumpeter's Lullaby by Leroy Anderson. Swartz is a trumpeter in the Des Moines Symphony and has a summer home on Cass Lake.

Park Rapids' Bill Sanger will direct The Minnesota March by John Philip Sousa. Sanger has a special connection with this work. Sousa's Minnesota March was first performed in 1927 at the Minnesota State Fair by his own band. Sousa presented a copy of the score and an autographed picture of himself to William F. Sanger, who was president of the State Fair Board.

His grandson, William M. Sanger, who will conduct the piece, is a charter member of the Park Rapids Area Community Band.

The program opens with the classic, "Strike Up the Band" by George Gershwin. Following are selections including the Allegro, Air and Hornpipe movements from Handel's Water Music Suite; "America" in a march arrangement by John Cacavas; Fantasy on an American Classic (Shenandoah), arranged by James Swearingen; "Salvation of Life" by Ralph Hultgren; an outdoor arrangement of "Moonglow" by Jay Dawson; the "Colonel Bogey March" by Kenneth J. Alford; the hymn, "Morning Has Broken," arranged by Tom Wallace; the "St. Louis

Blues March" by W.C. Handy; and the band's traditional closing number, "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa.

The Park Rapids Community Band gave its premiere concert Dec. 7, 1991 as part of a program observing the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Itasca Park  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Ozawindib Walk

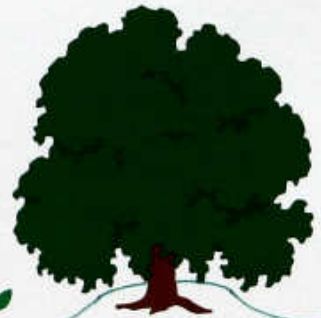
Itasca State Park, in cooperation with the Friends of Itasca State Park Citizens Association, will be holding its 9th annual Ozawindib Fun Run/Walk at the park from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 2.

Participants will have their choice of a 5K or 10K course winding through the trails of Itasca. As an added feature this year, the Park Rapids Community Band will perform a concert at 4 p.m. on the lawn of Douglas Lodge, free of charge.

The event is named in honor of the Ojibwe Ozawindib, who led Henry Schoolcraft to the headwaters of the Mississippi at Lake Itasca in 1832. Proceeds from this year's event will go toward park historic photo restoration. For additional details or registration information, call the park at 218-266-2100.

Heartland  
Park  
June 30<sup>th</sup>

Bad  
Medicine  
Lake  
Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>





**SWING INTO  
SPRING**

with the  
**Park Rapids Area  
Community Band**  
18 Pc. Dance Band

**Sat., May 11**  
8 to 11 pm  
**American Legion**  
HWY. 34 E., PARK RAPIDS

FREE Snacks and your favorite  
libations will be available  
at the cash bar.  
**ENJOY YOURSELF!**  
Dance to great music in a  
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Advance Tickets  
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Purchase tickets from  
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Park Pharmacy



Bill +  
Sue Sanger  
sing  
"Side by  
Side"



Beth Wizek sings  
"My Funny  
Valentine"



# FREE CONCERT

## PICNIC CONCERT

in the

PARK

Sunday, June 30, 1996

6:30 pm

Bring your family, picnic goodies  
and favorite beverage to

Heartland Park in Park Rapids

Listen to

PARK RAPIDS AREA

COMMUNITY BAND

Featuring

The Royal Fireworks Music  
by G.F. Handel

and other band concert favorites.

### Royal fireworks concert June 30

The Park Rapids Community Wind Ensemble will present a picnic concert at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 30 in Heartland Park. (In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Park Rapids Area High School auditorium.)

The theme of the concert is Fireworks Music and is based on

George Frederick Handel's famous Royal Fireworks Music Suite.

The original concert was performed April 27, 1749, in the palace courtyard in London, England. King George the First wanted to embellish the fireworks display for the Queen's birthday party by adding a series of reinforcing musical pieces. He commissioned the celebrated court musician, G.F. Handel, to compose the music. Originally, fireworks were set off between each of the five movements.

The ensemble will play two movements Sunday, the "Overture" and "Minuet." In addition, some other traditional summer music will be played: Gershwin's "Someone to Watch Over Me," sung by Demina Walsh, a member of the Park Rapids Classic Choral; LeRoy Anderson's "Trumpeter's Lullaby,"

played by Craig Swatz, principal trumpeter in the Des Moines Symphony; and finally, "St. Louis Blues March," featuring Tim Ellingson on the drum set.

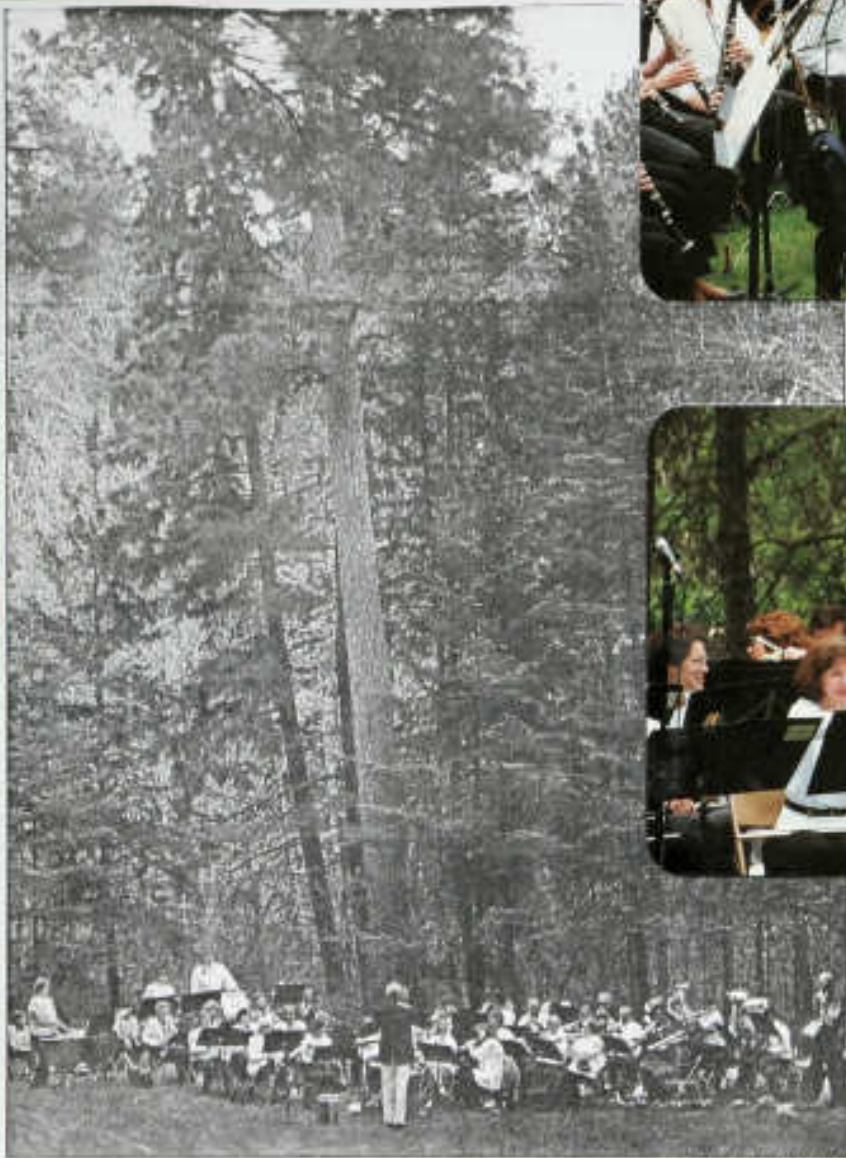
Everyone is welcome to attend the concert, bring your picnic, supper and chairs. There is no admission charge but a free-will donation will be appreciated to help offset the costs of the concert.



Have a  
Picnic!  
Listen to  
Music!



Itasca State Park  
Concert - June 2, 1996  
(under the pines!)



LIZ SHAW / ENTERPRISE

The Park Rapids Community Band took center stage out on the lawn of Douglas Lodge Sunday at Itasca State Park. Towering pines served as a grandiose backdrop for the performers under the direction of Jim Wheeler. The concert at Itasca's open house was the first of three the band will present this summer. They will also appear at Heartland Park in Park Rapids Sunday, June 30 and at Bad Medicine Lake Saturday, Aug. 24.

Bill Sanger directed the "Minnesota March". He didn't bring a jacket, so Jim loaned him his! Here Bill is returning Jim's jacket. It was cloudy & threatening rain but thankfully it held off until the concert was over!



# Letter for Water Music Concert



## PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

"A unique community band program serving the Park Rapids community and surrounding area"

Incorporated 1993

IRS 501(C-3) status

July 11, 1996

Dear PRACB Members, Associates and Friends,

Our concert on June 30th was fun and very well performed. The free will offering netted \$240.

This letter is to give you an update on the change of plans for our upcoming Water Music Concert at Bad Medicine Resort on Saturday evening, August 24th. First, as we have four new selections to prepare and some additional work to be done on others, we are calling a rehearsal for Saturday, August 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the High School Bandroom. We will be done by 11:30 a.m. so that I can make a 4:00 p.m. wedding in Minneapolis. Secondly, be prepared to wear our "formal" uniforms. Ladies—BLACK long skirts and WHITE long sleeved blouses, BLACK shoes and hose. Men—BLACK slacks, WHITE long sleeved shirts, BLACK shoes and socks with the black bow tie. A bus will be provided for hauling racks and equipment and to reduce the number of cars to ease the parking at the resort.

The schedule is the same for that day:

3:00 p.m.	touch up rehearsal on the pontoons
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	time to change
5:30 p.m.	potluck supper provided by area lake residents
6:45 p.m.	seated on pontoons
7:00 p.m.	concert time

I predict this will be the biggest event for which we have ever performed. Musicians will be paid their usual mileage allowance for both the August 17th rehearsal and the August 24th concert.

I look forward to being a part of this special summer concert with you.

Personal regards,

on behalf of the Board of Directors

P.S. If you have any last minute changes, please contact Solon Green at 732-4366 or me at 573-2434.

Concert Band, Dance Band, 1920's Swing Band, Dixieland Combo, Polka Band

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Vicki Magnus  
Roger Wilson, President  
Jim Wheeler, Conductor



Article from P.R. Enterprise

## Entertainment

### Bad Medicine concert planned for Aug. 24

The Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Center is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Water Music Concert on Bad Medicine Lake at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

Music featuring three movements from George Frederick Handel's celebrated Water Music Suite will be presented by the Park Rapids Community Wind Ensemble conducted by director Jim Wheeler.

Other summertime program favorites will include George Gershwin's Strike Up the Band, America, Valzer Campestre from "Suite Siciliana," Onward Christian Soldiers, Music for the Royal Fireworks, Colonel Bogey March and hymn, Eternal Father.

The program will feature solos by Nadine Christenson singing The Star Spangled Banner and Adele's Laughing Song from Johann Strauss' Der Fledermaus, and Jeff Weaver playing Leroy Anderson's Trumpeter's Lullaby. Jane Waver will conduct Regaine for Band and Bill Sanger will conduct John Philip Sousa's The Minnesota March.

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barge of King George I of England. The Wind Ensemble will once again capture the spirit of this music by playing from watercraft on Bad Medicine Lake with the audience seated on the shoreline at Bad Medicine Resort's new shoreline amphitheater.

The concert will be held rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather the concert will be held indoors at the adjacent Chapel of the Good Creation.

The concert will be held at Bad Medicine Resort on the shore of Bad Medicine Lake located west of Itasca State Park. Seating is on the beach at the new amphitheater, so those attending are asked to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. Parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged. Organizers ask that concert-goers arrive at least 30 minutes early so they can be seated when the concert starts.

The performance is free and open to the public; a voluntary offering will be taken.

Camping facilities are available at Bad Medicine Resort. For more information, call Bad Medicine Resort at 218-573-3793.





**Concert in the park**

Beneath blue skies in Heartland Park, the Park Rapids Community day evening Wind Ensemble drew a sizable crowd for an outdoor concert Sun-

Picture from the Park Rapids Enterprise

Concert featured  
Handel's Royal  
Fireworks Music



Jim Wheeler directs at  
Heartland Park on  
Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>



Donna Walsh sings:  
"Someone to Watch Over Me"



Bill Sanger directs the  
"Minnesota March"  
by John Philip Sousa

**BAD MEDICINE LAKE CULTURAL CENTER**  
**RR 1 BOX 181**  
**PONSFORD, MN 56575**

*On Beautiful Bad Medicine Lake*

MEDIA RELEASE  
17 July 1996

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Director Wheeler's love of band music was instilled by his high school band director, C.G. Arsers. Wheeler has directed public school bands in Iowa and Minnesota as well as at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Four years ago Wheeler co-founded the *Park Rapids Area Community Band* of which the Wind Ensemble is a part. This year the Wind Ensemble has performed outdoors in Itasca State Park and the Park Rapids City Park. Last year's *Water Music Concert* was an outstanding success and will be bigger and better this year.

The concert will be held at Bad Medicine Resort on the shore of Bad Medicine Lake located west of Itasca State Park. Seating is on the beach at the new amphitheater, please bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Parking is limited and your help by carpooling will be appreciated. Please plan to arrive at least 30 minutes early so that you can be seated when the concert starts. The performance is free and open to the public, a voluntary offering will be taken. Camping facilities are available at Bad Medicine Resort. For more information please call Bad Medicine Resort at (218)573-3790.

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The *Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Center* promotes conferences, musical events and publications focused on the lake area. Past concerts include *American Poyat Brass Ensemble*, the *Winnipeg Bagpipers*, and gospel and folk singers; Minnesota Humanities conference on *Listen to the Land*; publications include *A Good Dose of Bad Medicine* (a lake history) and *Reflections on a Lake Called Bad Medicine* by Oscar Anderson (a collection of 27 essays with color photographs).

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SECOND ANNUAL  
**WATER MUSIC CONCERT**  
ON BAD MEDICINE LAKE

7:00 PM on SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1996

*MUSIC ON THE WATER AS GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL PLANNED IT*

A selection of G.F. Handel's famous Water Music,  
Royal Fireworks Music  
and other summertime favorites

BY THE  
PARK RAPIDS COMMUNITY WIND ENSEMBLE

AT BAD MEDICINE RESORT (ON THE LAKE)

SPONSORED BY THE  
BAD MEDICINE LAKE CULTURAL CENTER

Seating is on the lakeshore, please bring  
your own chairs or blankets to sit on.  
Parking is limited, carpooling will be appreciated!

A free will offering will be taken

For more information, please call:  
(218)573-3790



### CONCERT PROGRAM

#### THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Nadine Christenson, Soloist

#### STRIKE UP THE BAND

#### WATER MUSIC SUITE

1. Allegro

3. Air

#### ADELE'S LAUGHING SONG

from "Die Fledermaus"

Nadine Christenson, soloist

#### CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Janet Weaver, conducting

#### VALZER CAMPRESTRE

from "Suite Siciliana"

#### A TRUMPETER'S LULLABY

Jeff Weaver, soloist

#### THE MINNESOTA MARCH

William M. Sanger, conducting

#### BEGUINE FOR BAND

#### ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

#### Music for THE ROYAL FIREWORKS

1. Overture (allegro) 5. Menuet

#### COLONEL BOGEY MARCH

Hymn: ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

#### THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER

### PROGRAM NOTES

John Krance's arrangement of George Gershwin's STRIKE UP THE BAND is considered a classic. Listen as he weaves segments of "March Militaire," "S Wonderful," "American in Paris" and the Triumphal March from "Aida" into this Broadway show-tune. The PRACWE has not found a better way to begin a concert.

The WATER MUSIC is undoubtedly the most famous and popular of all Handel's instrumental works, consisting of three separate suites. The following is a quote from a report written by an envoy to the English Court of George I in 1717. "Some weeks ago the king expressed a wish to have a concert on the river (Thames). By the side of the Royal barge were musicians to the number of 50 who played all kinds of instruments: trumpets, hunting horns, oboes, bassoons, German flutes, violins and basses. This concert was composed expressly for the occasion by the famous Handel, native of Halle, the first composer of the King's music. It was so strongly approved by His Majesty that he commanded it to be repeated, once before and once after supper, although it took an hour for each performance."

DIE FLEDERMAUS is an operetta in three acts by Johann Strauss, it was first performed in Vienna on April 5, 1874. Derived from the French comedy "Le revillon," *Die Fledermaus*, which means "The Bat," became the most popular of all the Viennese operettas. It slyly symbolizes the decaying social and moral values in Vienna at the time of Emperor Franz Joseph.

Eisenstein (tenor) is about to serve a jail sentence. The arresting officer finds Eisenstein's wife, Rosalinda (soprano) alone with Alfred (tenor) her former admirer. To save Rosalinda's reputation, Alfred goes to jail in Eisenstein's place and Eisenstein proceeds to a masquerade given at the palace of Prince Orloff. The other guests, all in disguise, include Rosalinda and her maid Adele (soprano). Not recognizing either of them, Eisenstein sets about courting them.

It is a clever and merry story and for it Strauss wrote some of his most ironic, piquant and engaging music. *Die Fledermaus* was revived with outstanding success by the Metropolitan Opera in 1950-1951, presented in an English adaptation by Howard Dietz.

#### Adele's Laughing Song

O - noble sir, How far you err! You're really not discrete;  
Therefore my advice is that you look twice when judging those you meet.  
My little white hand - oh! so fine! ah...  
My foot with its contour divine! ah...  
My speech ever disarming. My waistline slim and charming!  
No lady's maid could be so full of grace, you see.  
Now you must own to your mistake;  
Your blunder almost takes the cake.

Refrain:  
Oh how funny - ah, ha, ha! You a-muse me - ah, ha, ha!  
If I laugh, sir - ah, ha, ha! Pray excuse me - ah, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!  
Dear Marquis you are too absurd!  
My profile's Greek, And fair my cheek, where Nature shows her skill.  
Should this silhouette not convince you yet, my figure surely will.  
So look through your glasses and see - ah!  
My costume, my air of grandee - ah!  
Your love is short-sighted - A-las, you're be nighted!  
This maid with all her art has stolen your poor heart.  
You seem to see her everywhere. It's very droll, I do declare!

#### About Our Soloists

Nadine Christenson, soprano, is a graduate of Chisago City High School and holds a B.A. degree from Bethel College. She has been a featured soloist with the Park Rapids Classic Chorale, Nevis Community Chorus and Park Rapids Area Community Band. Nadine has sung the lead role of the Mother in "Amahl and the Night Visitors." In the spring of 1995, challenged herself by presenting a solo voice recital and she has made numerous solo appearances in various area churches.

Jeff Weaver attended high schools in Lake City and Virginia, graduating from the latter. After earning a B.A. degree from Bemidji State University he has taught Instrumental Music for ten years. This coming school year Jeff was selected to be the high school band director in Blackduck. He has been a member of PRACWE for four years and during that time he has been a featured trumpeter on several concerts including solo spots with the dance band and the dixieland combo.

Our Illustrious Conductor



Jim Wheeler

Jeff Weaver plays



"Trumpeter's Lullaby"

Janet Weaver conducts



"Celebration of Life"

Nadine Christenson hits a high note!



in "Adele's Laughing Song" from Die Fledermaus.



The audience also came by boat & listened from the water!

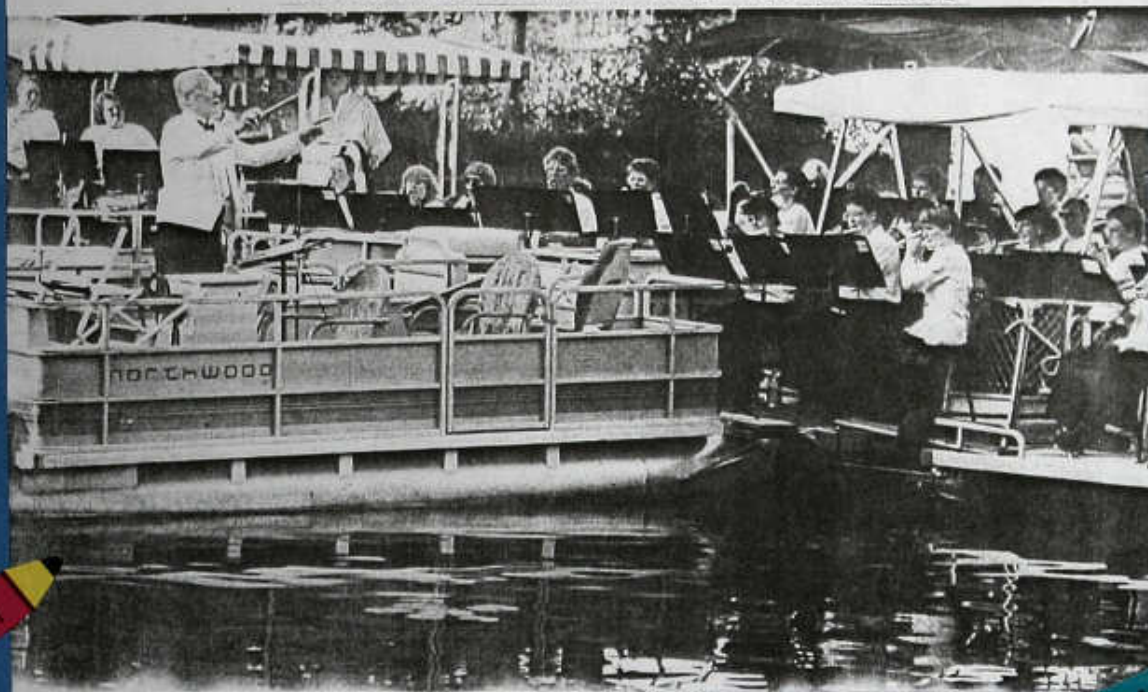


A view of the crowd sitting in the new amphitheater.



Paul Doyre collects a free will offering.

## Good music floats across Bad Medicine



Good Press!

NOW!

YOU DID IT!

YOU DID IT!

EXCELLENT!

FANTASTIC!

Jim Wheeler conducted the Park Rapids Area Community Wind Ensemble in the 2nd annual Water Music Concert on Bad Medicine Lake last weekend. The program included three selections from Handel's Water Music Suite, originally composed for King George I in 1717 and played on the Royal barge on the Thames River. The ensemble also played a variety of music including marches, a hymn, a piece from a Viennese operetta which featured Nadine Christenson, Park Rapids, as vocal soloist, and A Trumpeter's Lullaby with Jeff Weaver, Bemidji, as trumpet soloist. More than 800 people, including 100 on watercraft on the

lake, enjoyed the performance in a new amphitheater carved out around an inlet of the lake. After last year's program at Bad Medicine Resort which drew an estimated 500 people, owners Don and Carolyn Tschudi decided to make room for a bigger audience this year and enlisted friends and neighbors on the lake to help create the spot. Proceeds from a free will offering - collected in minnow buckets - go to the Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Center which promotes conferences, musical events and publications focused on the lake area.

FANTASTIC!

NOW!

EXCELLENT!

### Editorial

## Yes, Virginia, there is stuff to do here

A common complaint in small towns - including Park Rapids - is "there's nothing to do in this town."

It's a typical gripe of the younger generation but we hear it from old folks too, say those over 30.

Looking back on a summer now waning, we've considered some of the events we've covered, or just attended for the fun of it, and decided we have ample proof there is more to do in this area than listen to the loons and watch the tomatoes grow (although there is nothing wrong with that pastime).

We thought we'd make a "Top Ten" list of summer activities we enjoyed:

■ Reminding us that music is still food for the soul, the concerts on Bad Medicine Lake last weekend and earlier at Hoot Owl Resort were a seven-course meal. Both events are like dining from the finest china, set on a red and white checked tablecloth.

*Summer in Park Rapids offers a wide variety of treats including food for the soul.*

Both the Park Rapids Enterprise and the Detroit Lakes Tribune gave us Good Press. The Trib. had colored pictures on a whole page!

GREAT JOB!

Park Rapids Enterprise  
Wed. Aug. 28, 1996

### Opinion

# Concert at Bad Medicine Lake something special

It was a beautiful August evening in Minnesota. The trip through the woods to Bad Medicine Lake was interesting, with cars almost bumper-to-bumper on a very winding and dusty road. Some 300 cars carrying about 700 people were going to a band concert, Minnesota style. As we neared the site I began to convince myself that what I was about to see and hear might really be something special. It was.

We parked deep in the woods along an old trail and walked a few blocks through the woods to the lakeshore. The woods gave off the feeling of being inside a magnificent cathedral--silent, ominous and majestic.

The owner of the resort and his fellow members of the Bad Medicine Cultural Society had fashioned an amphitheater on a hillside. We placed our lawn chairs on level strips across the slope and watched the people

enter silently. We looked down on about a dozen pontoon boats lashed together with one pontoon boat in front for the director.

Our eyes swept the musicians on the pontoons until we were quite certain the guy in the corner of the fourth pontoon, in the rear, was our Denny, tuba and all.

In my first sentence I told you it was a beautiful evening. That was for openers. As we glanced at the program and the setting, we knew then that we were in for a very pleasant evening. The lake sparkled as if it were striving to show off a bit for company. The huge pines were silent and expectant. It was one of those scenes one files in the mind and recalls when one needs something beautiful to brighten a sagging spirit.

Martin Luther called music,

#### Conversations With Chub Ulmer



"the art of the prophet, the only art that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us". Longfellow said music is "the universal language of mankind".

This wasn't just another hometown band or orchestra. This was a menagerie of musicians from Park Rapids and other Minnesota towns some from as far away as Minneapolis. They enjoy and love music and they are good at it. There are moments when music should be caressed and hugged gently and

handled with discipline and respect--I suppose that's why they have conductors. Great evening, great musicians and all that!

I have often wondered, since that evening, that the entire world might be improved had it sat quiet and listened to the sounds that echoed about Bad Medicine Lake that evening--good music, the speech of angels, the food of love, the language of praise, after silence that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible.

The great Louis Armstrong, who is now playing trumpet at the great Pearly Gates, said, "There are only two ways to sum

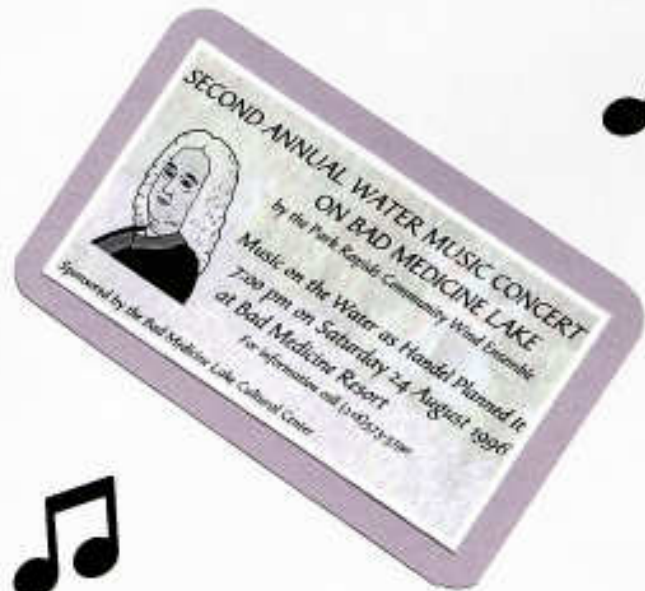
up music, either it's good or it's bad. If it's good you don't mess about it; you just enjoy it".

Cost? Collection? Offering? Sure. Members of the Bad Medicine Cultural Society walked through the crowd with minnow buckets.

If I make it back next year I will try to learn more about that "Cultural Society"--sounds like a great dodge for a poker club.

Listen to the music--and peace.

*We even got Press  
In the Mandan, ND.  
News - thanks to  
Denny Ulmer's Dad.  
Great article!  
Thanks, Mr. Ulmer!*



# CELEBRATE ITASCA

WITH

“LIVING ON THE LAND”  
FRONTIER LIFE IN THE  
ITASCA STATE PARK AREA

16 SEPTEMBER 1995  
AT  
BROWER INN  
ITASCA STATE PARK

11AM-12 - Meet Benjamin A. An Early Itasca Pioneer

12-1:30PM - Lunch Catered by Douglas Lodge\*

1:30-2:30PM - Archeological Walking Tour with Mark Edevold  
“Lake Life” a special program for children will be available during the tour

2:30-3:30PM - Traditions of Life on the Land in Itasca  
Richard Gartner, Alvin Katzenmeyer, & Bert Pfeifer - Panelists

3:30-4:30PM - Old Time Polka Music in the Headwaters Region  
Headwaters Polka Band Directed and with Commentary by Jim Wheeler

**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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Co-sponsored by  
Becker County Historical Society      Clearwater County Historical Society

\* \$8 per adult and \$3 for children 12 and under

“Polka  
Band”



Itasca  
Park



“Living on  
the Land”



# 20's Band Practise at Blocks

A group of people gets together at Denny + Gwen Block's on Thursday evenings to play 20's Music.

Other people include

Bob Frost  
Deane Johnson  
Marlys Johnson



Al Kappahn Denny Block



Jim Wheeler Bill Sanger Jeff Weaver



Sue Sanger Peggy Richert Gwen Block Dodi Egge

# Fall Letter from our Director: Sept. '96



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September 11, 1996

Dear PRACB Members, Associates and Friends,

The Second Annual Water Music Concert was a huge success. Thank you for your dedication. We are making plans to make next year's concert even bigger and better.

It's that time of the Fall to start making plans to rejoin us. All rehearsals are held at the Park Rapids Area High School Band Room on the following Saturdays:

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| Oct. 5   | Rehearsal, 10 a.m. to 12 noon<br>Dance Band rehearsal at 1:00 p.m.<br>(This is the only time we can meet before the dinner/dance fund raiser.) |
| Oct. 12  | Rehearsal, 10 a.m. to 12 noon<br>Potluck picnic following the rehearsal at the Conductor's residence   |
| Fri. Oct. 25   | Dinner/dance fund raiser at the American Legion Club<br>Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Dance 8-10:30 p.m.   |
| Remaining rehearsals are Oct. 26th, Nov. 2nd, Nov. 16th and Nov. 23rd. |  |
| Sun. Dec. 1  | Concert: 3:00 p.m., Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium<br>Warm ups at 2 p.m. on stage.  |

So, start getting those chops in shape and I'll look forward to seeing you on Sat., October 5th.

Personal regards,

*Jim*  
Jim

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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Jim Wheeler, Conductor

Get Ready!

Rehearsals Start Soon!

Potluck at Jim's Oct. 12

Dinner Dance- Oct. 25th

Concert Dec. 1st





**The Marriage of  
Evonne Benson & Paul Sumsky  
August 31, 1996  
3:00pm**

**Welcome to our Wedding Celebration!  
Thank-you for sharing this special day with us!**

Wedding Ceremony  
Rev. Ken Halstead

Opening Fanfare & Processional

Please stand for the prayer

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our creator and redeemer, as you gladdened the wedding at Cana in Galilee by the presence of your Son so by his presence now bring your joy to this wedding. Look in favor upon Eve and Paul and grant that they, rejoicing in all your gifts, may at length celebrate with Christ the marriage feast which has no end.

**Amen**

Please sit

Scripture readings

The Lord God in his goodness created us male and female, and by the gift of marriage founded human community in a joy that begins now and is brought to perfection in the life to come.

Because of sin, our age-old rebellion, the gladness of marriage can be overcast and the gift of the family can become a burden.

But because God, who established marriage, continues still to bless it with his abundant and ever-present support, we can be sustained in our weariness and have our joy restored.


Eve and Paul, if it is your intention to share with each other your joys and sorrows and all that the years will bring, with your promises bind yourselves to each other as husband and wife.





Please stand

Our vows to each other

Lighting of Unity candle

Singing of Hymn





### Appetizer & Beverages

please help yourself to food and drink while we visit with you!

### Buffet meal

The beginning of the meal will be announced. We will have a prayer before we begin.

### Toast

### Cake Cutting

After we have cut the cake, please help yourself to a piece.  
There are three flavors to choose from!







### Guest Book

Please find and sign our guest book while you are enjoying the reception. We welcome any advice from our friends and family that you can give us for our married life together.

### The Disposable Cameras???

I'm your camera- so have some fun,  
You'll make this album a special one!  
So put on a big smile and look your best.  
Maybe you'll see something we didn't see,  
That we can keep as a memory.  
When you see some fun take the hint,  
You snap the camera and we'll make the print!

Music was provided by the  
Brass Ensemble of the  
Park Rapids Area Community Band  
Jim Wheeler, conductor/arranger  
Jeff Weaver, Bill Sanger, Jackie Schaffer,  
Nadine Christenson, Denny Ulmer



*Our Eve Benson gets Married to Paul Sumsky  
August 31, 1996*



*The Brass Choir practises before the wedding.*



*The Newlyweds*



Jeff Weaver   Bill Sanger   Jackie Schaffer   Jim Wheeler   Nadine Christenson  
Denny Ulmer

# Potluck Picnic at Jim's Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>



Group  
Shot!

A Beautiful  
Fall Day!



Good  
Food!



Gwen Terri Jo Vicki  
Block Walen Bjerkness Magnusen  
Lynette Jan  
Pottratz Alexander



Ellis Del Jim  
Holcomb Bjerkness Wheeler

Good  
Company!

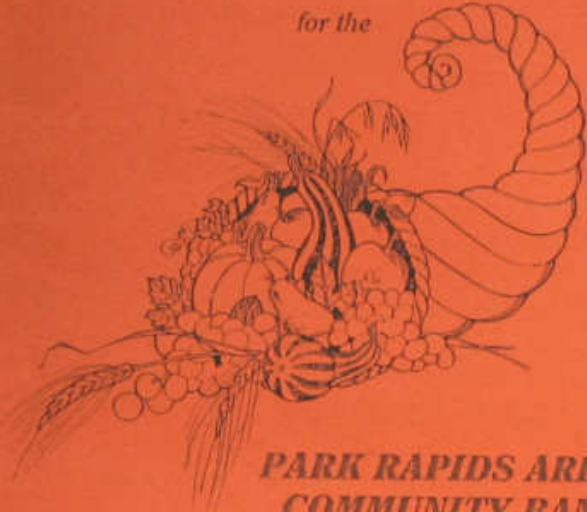


The Park Rapids American Legion Post 212  
is proud to host the

**Fall**

**Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser**

for the



**PARK RAPIDS AREA  
COMMUNITY BAND**

**Friday, October 28, 1994**

Dinner 6:30 pm     Dance 8:00 pm

Mike Steiner, Post Commander  
Solon Green, Chairperson

Dinner Dance - Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>



Bill & Sue  
Singer sing "Side  
by Side"



The whole Dance Band

Fall  
Dinner  
Dance cont...



What great danceable music!!



Sandy + Jeff Green



Donna + Charley Lond



Having a great time!



It's fun to listen, too! Ken + Lila Kalish



Marcy Roach

Joyce Peet

Nadine Christenson



Courtney + Corinne Brazel

Article from P.R. News

**'Holiday Pops'**

The Park Rapids Area Community Band will perform its annual winter concert, "Holiday Pops," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 in the Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium.

Featured music in the program includes Leroy Anderson's "A Christmas Festival," Victor Herbert's "March of the Toys," "Guadalcanal March," "Midnight Sleighride," "Gesu Bambino" and Morton Gould's arrangement of "Jingle Bells." Jim Wheeler's arrangement of the theme from the movie "Love Story," which features a piano duet, will be performed.

Two Big Band numbers will be heard from the Dance Band.

There is no admission charge but a free will offering will be taken.

Brass Choir entertains before Concert



Jim Wheeler Solon Nadine Denny Eve Bob Bill  
Green Christenson Ulmer Sumsky Frost Sanger  
(Benson)

Featured Piano Soloists



Marlys Johnson played "Love Story" Steve Weckwerth

# HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT

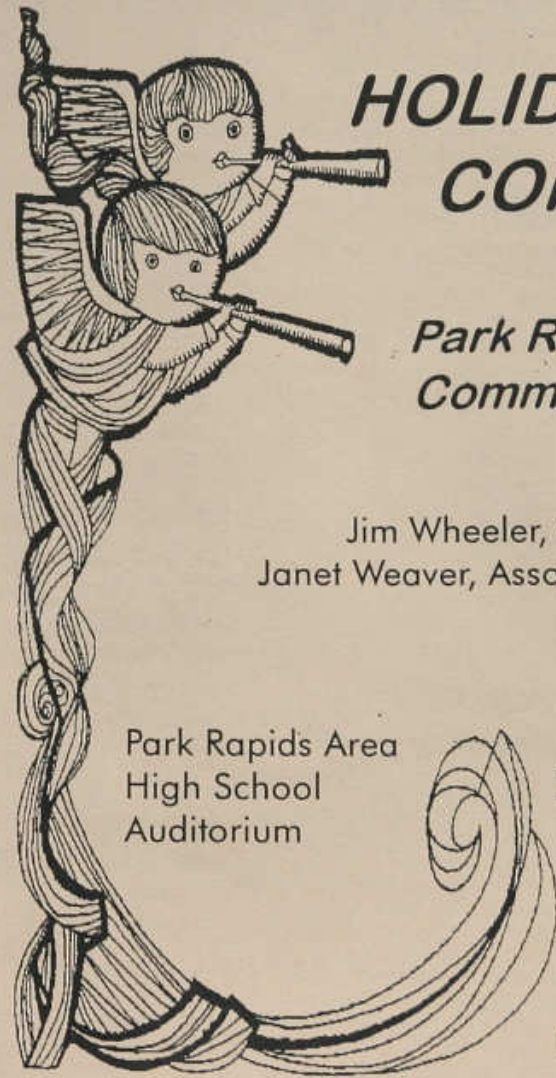
Park Rapids Area Community Band

Jim Wheeler, Conductor  
Janet Weaver, Associate Conductor

Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium

Sunday December 8, 1996  
3:00 p.m.

No Admission Charge





# Clarinet Polka Quartet



Vicki Magnusen   Lynette Pottratz   Peg Richert   Dr. Deane Johnson



Jim Wheeler - Directing the Dance Band

They played:  
Woodchoppers Ball  
Skaters Waltz and  
I've Got My Love to Keep me Warm



After the concert fellowship



Thanks!  
Barb  
Jolynn

Barb Wilson + Jolynn Nilson serve coffee. They had been in charge of refreshments after all the concerts!



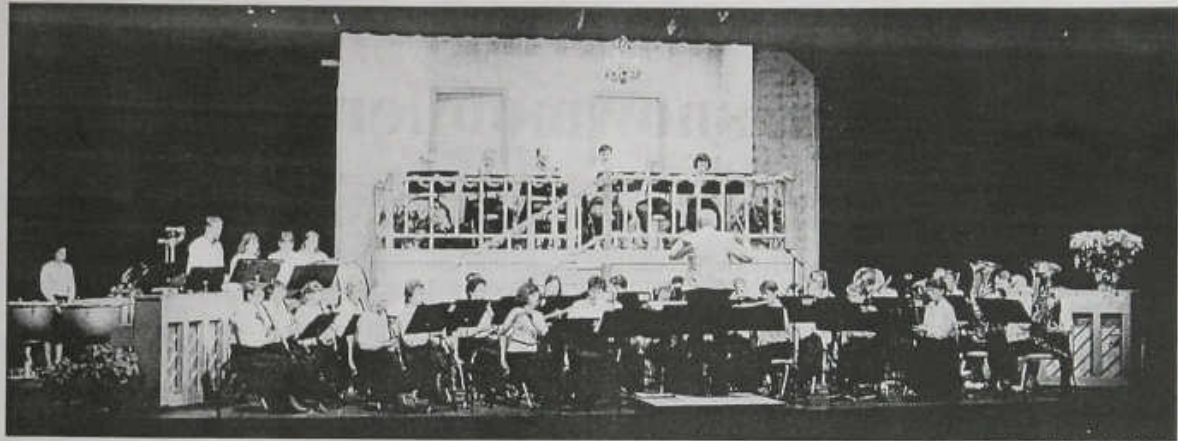
The Brass Choir played Christmas Songs during fellowship.



One of our faithful fans - Bob Taylor



Picture and article on "Holiday Pops" Concert



LIZ SHAW / ENTERPRISE

**Dramatic concert**

The Park Rapids Area Community Band, under the direction of Jim Wheeler, took on a dramatic look during its annual "Holiday Pops" concert Sunday afternoon. The holiday "props" on stage

however included the set from the high school play held the previous night. Undaunted, the band played on and used the backdrop to its advantage in regard to seating arrangement.

in the paper on 12/11/96



Jim Wheeler is presented with the Dedicated Service Award by Bill + Sue Sanger!



Solon Jim Nadine



Bob + Bill

Brass Choir plays for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Park Rapids Nov. 29th



It rained!!

Happy New Year !!

1997

NEWS

LETTER

from our Director



**PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND**

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IRS 501(C-3) status

January 10, 1997

Dear PRACB Members, Associated and Friends,

Happy New Year! And I want to thank you for your dedication and support of our program.

Our Holiday Pops Concert on December 8th was very successful. I was very pleased with the overall ensemble sound of the band. Recalling our very first sounds of six years ago, it is very close to my concept of a concert band sound. And this is very exciting to me. There are several reasons for this but it is mostly due to the continuity of our members. Just sitting next to the same person for a number of years makes a big difference. To get to the next level of ensemble sound we need an oboist who will be a regular member of our band. This may or may not mean that the band will have to own the instrument. The band does need to own two tubas so that our tubaists can develop. And a baritone saxophone that is in tune would be heavenly. Several band members expressed to me that they really enjoyed playing the selections on the program. That is very important to me. The free will offering brought in \$500.00.

I am pleased to inform you that my friend, Bruce Pearson has donated 32 complete, published, concert band arrangements/compositions to our band. The retail value of this music is \$1,500.00. A graded list is available to members. Also, Bruce and his wife Dee have endowed a chair in the band for this year.

It is time to get out your calendars and pencil in our up-coming schedule of rehearsals and concerts. All rehearsals will be held in the Park Rapids Area High School Bandroom beginning at 10:00 am and lasting until 12:00 noon.

Rehearsals:

March 1, 15 and 22

April 5 and 19

Concerts:

April 26, 7:30 pm, Community Band Festival

June 1, 3:00 pm, Itasca State Park, Nature In Music Concert

July 4, Royal Fireworks Concert

August 23, Third Annual Water Music Concert

December 7, Winter Concert

*Greetings!*  
*Jim*

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Jim Wheeler, Conductor

Sincerely,

*Jim*

March, 1997

Dear

The Park Rapids Area Community Band is in its sixth year of operation. The purpose of this program is twofold: to provide live musical performances to the Park Rapids community and surrounding areas and to enable adult musicians to participate in and share the joy of performing band music as a member of a music performance ensemble that has high musical standards. The PRACB program adheres to an open enrollment policy. Anyone can join. We pride ourselves in the fact that none of the administrators (Board of Directors, Manager, Librarians, Conductors) receive a salary. The members of the PRACB are proud of the support they have given to many past community activities and they look forward to giving their support to future activities. We are very grateful to the community for its positive response to this program.

For the third consecutive year we are turning to the community to ask for help in solving financial needs through an outreach plan approved by the Board of Directors. This plan is called *chair endowment*. In order for our program to make an even greater musical contribution to the community and the surrounding area we are in dire need of the following: an oboe, a baritone saxophone, two tubas, various percussion instruments and music additions to our library.

The chair endowment plan is simply a fund raising vehicle to reach our goal by endowing all 56 chairs in the concert band. Any individual or business establishment can endow a chair in the concert band with a gift of \$100. For those who would like to support this plan beyond that amount, five other options are available. They are: the Polka Band, \$200; the Dixieland Combo, \$200; the 1920's Swing Band, \$400; the 18 member Dance Band, \$600; and the Conductor's podium, \$800. All gifts will be acknowledged in our 1997 concert season programs and all gifts are tax deductible. The PRACB is a non-profit organization.

#### 1997 Concert Season

April 26th . . . . .	Third Annual Community Band Festival
June 1st . . . . .	Second Annual Outdoor Concert at Itasca State Park
July 4th . . . . .	Pre-Fireworks Concert
August 23rd . . . . .	Third Annual Water Music Concert at Bad Medicine Lake
December 7th . . . . .	Annual Winter Concert

We encourage you to "join the band" and become a supporter of this outstanding community band program. You can help us continue these many musical activities. A very special thank you to those who have already renewed their chair endowments for this year.

We are enclosing a recent concert program that lists the band personnel. Please note the individuals and businesses that endowed chairs this past year. For your information we have enclosed a chair endowment donor's card. Within a few days the band member that signed the card will be calling on you to answer any questions and to accept your gift. Anyone wishing to mail a gift may do so by sending it to Jean Golde, PRACB Treasurer, 507 Park Avenue South, Park Rapids, MN 56470. Please make all checks payable to the P.R.A.C.B.

We thank you in advance for your help and support of our community band program.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Wheeler, Conductor  
on behalf of the Board of Directors

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and Endowment Letter

*PARK RAPIDS  
AMBASSADORS  
VARIETY  
SHOW*

*APRIL 18, 1997*

*7:00-  
9:00 PM*



*The Dixieland Band played on  
April 18<sup>th</sup> for the Ambassadors  
Variety Show.*



*Jim Wheeler Dr. Deane Johnson Bill Sanger Denny Black*



*Deane Bill Denny*



*There's the drummer  
back there!! David Kerkvielt*





## PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

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April 17, 1997

Dear PRACB Members and Associates,

Here is the proposed Spring/Summer events schedule. Please keep me informed if you are not able to attend any of these events.

*Saturday, April 26: Third Annual PRACB Festival*

3:00 pm	Rehearsal on stage
4:30 pm	Combined bands rehearse on stage
6:00 pm	Lunch
7:30 pm	Concert

*Saturday, May 10: Dance Band for Spring Fling*

7:30 - 10:30 pm American Legion Club

*Saturday, May 31: Rehearsal*

10:00 am Park Rapids High School Bandroom

*Sunday, June 1: Itasca State Park Concert*

2:30 pm	First ever formal picture taken
3:00 pm	Brief warm up, spot checks
3:30 pm	Concert

*Friday, July 4: Pre-Fireworks Concert*

5:00 pm	Outdoor rehearsal
8:00 pm	Concert

*Saturday, July 12: Watson-Rohwer Wedding Dance*

9:00 pm American Legion Club (Danceband)

*Saturday & Sunday, August 9 & 10: Western Days Concert in Chatfield*

We may get an invitation to play one of the dedication concerts in the new Bandstand. This is only a possibility at this time. We will keep you informed.

*Saturday, August 23: Third Annual Water Music Concert*

3:30 pm	Rehearsal on the pontoons
7:00 pm	Concert

Sincerely,

Jim Wheeler, Conductor  
218-573-2434

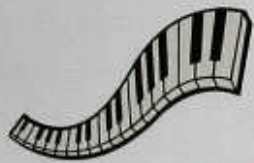
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SPRING-SUMMER SCHEDULE 1997



Concert



Program



Sat. April 26<sup>th</sup>



THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT will be held April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Park Rapids Area High School, Bemidji, State University. Concert Band will be the guest band. Refreshments will be served following the concert. A freewill offering will be taken.

Notice in RUMC Church Bulletin - April 20<sup>th</sup>



THIRD ANNUAL PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND FESTIVAL  
Saturday, April 26, 1997  
7:30 pm

PROGRAM:

FANFARE: Thus Spake Zarathustra  
AMERICAN SALUTE  
SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME  
Linda Short, soloist  
GRACE PRAELUDIUM  
WATER MUSIC  
I. Allegro  
WASHINGTON GREYS MARCH



COMBINED BANDS: RSU & PRACE

ALLERSEELEN  
Dr. Jeff Macomber, conducting  
THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER  
Jim Wheeler, conducting

1997 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES PROGRAM:

STRIKE UP THE BAND  
AMERICAN SALUTE  
WATER MUSIC SUITE  
I. Allegro  
II. Air  
III. Hornpipe  
SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME  
Linda Short or Becky Kerkvliet, soloist  
COL. BOGEY MARCH  
WINE, WOMAN and SONG WALTZ  
O SOLE MIO  
Stev Haynes, soloist  
MOONGLOW  
WASHINGTON GREYS MARCH  
ST. LOUIS BLUES MARCH  
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL  
THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER  
ENCORE: SEVENTY SIX TROMBONES





**SATURDAY, APRIL 26**  
**Volunteer training:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Forest Inn in Itasca State Park.  
**Park Rapids Library:** open 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
**AA:** 11 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 3rd and Court. For information call 800-462-5525.  
**Park Rapids Lions benefit dinner:** 5-7:30 p.m. at the American Legion.  
**Park Rapids Area Community Band Spring Festival:** 7:30 p.m. at the Area High School auditorium.



# PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

## ANNOUNCES

### THE THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY BAND FESTIVAL

**Saturday, April 26th 7:30 P.M.**  
**Park Rapids Area High School**

**GUEST BAND:**  
**BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**CONCERT BAND**



**FREEWILL OFFERING**  
**REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING**

Concert Programs -  
PRACB  
and  
BSU Band

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS

# UNIVERSITY BAND

## Spring TOUR



Grand Rapids High School: 11 am, April 23

Virginia High School: 2:10 pm, April 23

Two Harbors High School: 8 am, April 24

Kelly High School, Silver Bay: 1:45 pm, April 24

Winston Churchill High School, Thunder Bay,  
Ontario, CANADA: 10:15 am, April 25

Falls Elementary School,  
International Falls: 10:30 am, April 26

Park Rapids High School,  
Park Rapids Community Band: 7:30 pm, April 26

BSU Campus, Beaux Arts Ballroom: 3 pm, April 27

**THE UNIVERSITY BAND IS SPONSORED BY SAFAC**

**STARS AND STRIPES  
FOREVER MARCH.**

By JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

PIANO 2 HANDS 50.	2 MANDOLINS & GUITAR, 70.
PIANO 4 HANDS 125	GUITAR SOLO 40.
PIANO 6 HANDS 135	GUITAR DUET 50.
ORCHESTRA 125	BANJO SOLO 40.
MILITARY BAND 50.	BANJO DUET 50.
ZITHER SOLO 50.	BANJO & PIANO 60.
ZITHER DUET 90.	
MANDOLIN SOLO 40.	
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### Making music

The brass section of the Park Rapids Area Community Band were serious about the task of making music in preparation for their spring concert. In addition to the local band under the direction of Jim Wheeler, the festival concert will include performances by the Bemidji State University Band directed by Dr. Jeffrey Macomber. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26 at the Area High School Auditorium. Brass players pictured are (trumpets and coronets, from left) Jessica Nilson, Bob Frost, Bill Sanger, Randy Resley, Lucy Onstad and Jill Johnson; (trombones) Dennis Block, Roger Wilson and Cal Broughton.

Article in P.R. News about Band Festival on April 26th!

Becky



Kerkuliet

Soloist at concert - "Someone to Watch Over Me"

5/1/97



ALLEN LINDEM / ENTERPRISE

### Musician honored

Park Rapids Area Band conductor Jim Wheeler presented Jessica Nilson with a scholarship check at Saturday's spring concert. Nilson plans to attend Luther College in Decorah, IA next fall and plays trumpet with the community band.

PRACB presented Jessica with a

check and a gift of a trumpet bag. (Just like Bill Sangers!)



Jamie Koester - Cornet - "La Mandolinata"



Bemidji State University Band





Thank you note to PRACB  
from Jessica Nilson



Reception after the Concert



Jessica Nilson

Jim Wheeler

Elaine Lockrem  
(a fan)

### News & Entertainment

## Community Band Fest features 'breadth of music'

The Bemidji State University Band will perform with the Park Rapids Area Community Band as part of the 3rd annual Community Band Festival at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26 at the Area High School auditorium.

Directed by Dr. Jeffrey Macomber, the Bemidji State University Band will be presenting eight concerts in the United States and Canada during the 1997 tour, including the appearance in Park Rapids.

The concert features a varied selection of compositions that highlight the breadth of music available for band today. Included on the program are:

■ overture to "Candide,"

Leonard Bernstein's popular and light-hearted musical setting that long outlasted the play in popularity;

■ "Australian Up-Country Tune" by Percy Aldridge Grainger, who is considered that country's Stephen Foster;

■ selections from "A Chorus Line," the great hit tunes by Marvin Hamlisch; and

■ "Robinson's Grand Entree," the popular circus march by Iwan Karl King.

In addition, Jamie Koester will display his award-winning tone, technique and musicianship as the cornet soloist on "La Mandolinata," a Latin-flavored composition by Eric Leidzen.

A music major from Bemidji, Koester won the Minnesota division of the Music Teachers National Association Brass Competition and has been selected several times to the Minnesota All-Collegiate Honor Band, earning principal trumpet chair this year.

Macomber is a new member of the BSU music faculty and directs the Jazz Band II as well as the BSU Band. He teaches courses in instrumental conducting, wind and percussion literature and applied music in low brass. He served as guest conductor of the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra last winter.

A native of Cleveland, OH,

Macomber has degrees in instrumental music education, performance and pedagogy from Bowling Green State University and the University of Iowa. Prior to joining the BSU Music Department, he served on the faculties of Clarion University, Armstrong State College, Phillips University and Coe College.

An active instrumentalist, he has performed with several symphonies, orchestras and bands across the country, and has held, for five years, a continuing appointment to the Symphony Orchestra of Brazil in Rio de Janeiro.



Article in P.R. Enterprise 4/16/97

## McIntyre named 1997 Friend of the Arts by Community Arts Council Cited for involvement in the local music community

Considered by many to be a vital link in furthering music education in area schools, Ione McIntyre has been named 1997 Friend of The Arts by the Bemidji Community Arts Council.

A major player in the arts in the Bemidji area for 18 years, McIntyre has been involved with a variety of youth musical endeavors. McIntyre is credited with establishing and now supervising the Community Mentored Ensemble for string students through the Bemidji Community Education program. Through the ensemble, McIntyre connects students with mentors after assessing the proficiency level of the students. McIntyre also selects musical selections for students at various levels, organizes music for competitions and occasionally travels with students to the contests.

Her involvement doesn't end there. Each year McIntyre organizes

a string ensemble recital — selecting the music and making all the arrangements for the recital to be staged. She also writes and publishes a quarterly newsletter for school orchestra students and their parents. McIntyre lectures about her mentoring concepts to various educational organizations in the area as well.

Further, McIntyre has assisted the students in dressing properly for contests and recitals. When the Bemidji High School orchestra needed new uniforms, McIntyre took charge and sewed several of them herself.

BHS Orchestra Director John Larson said that McIntyre continues to be absolutely vital to the group's success and development. According to Nancy Gallagher, retired public school music teacher, "I could not have done what was accomplished at the middle school without Ione's assistance."

McIntyre's involvement in the

local music community doesn't end there. She has played bass clarinet in the Bemidji Community Band for many years and was instrumental in incorporating the group six years ago. She serves on the band's board of directors and handles all public relations duties.

McIntyre's generosity has also been financial, as she has frequently purchased music for students from her own pocket. She has also purchased instruments so individuals without could play in the community band.

According to Louis Marchand, retired Bemidji State University professor, "I have worked with McIntyre and watched her work for 12 years. Her concern and commitment to student groups is total. When there's a project, she is the leader. When an emergency arises the answer usually is, "call Ione."

(See McIntyre on pg. 3A)



Staff photo

Ione McIntyre will be honored as the 1997 Friend of the Arts by the Bemidji Community Arts Council in a special ceremony Monday at the Northern Inn. McIntyre has been involved in the local music scene for nearly 20 years.

### McIntyre

(Continued from pg. 1A)

A celebration in McIntyre's honor will be held, May 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Northern Inn. Tickets may be purchased at The Melody Shop and the Community Arts Center.

Previous winners of the

Friend of the Arts award include Helen Gull, Phil and Betty Sauer, Rowena Deweese, Betty Rossi, Paul Brandvik, Nancy and Fulton Gallagher, and Mary Lou and Lou Marchand. Sally James Lehman was last year's recipient.



# More Band Member News:

YOU'RE A STAR!

## Ulmer to lead education group

Denny Ulmer, executive director of the Bemidji Regional Interdistrict Council, is the new president-elect of the Minnesota Administrators for Special Education (MASE).

MASE is a statewide organization representing approximately 200 special education leaders who are dedicated to quality services for learners with unique educational needs.

Ulmer will serve a three year term as president-elect, president and past-president, beginning July 1.

MASE works closely with the Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA), a professional organization of Minnesota's school leaders, including superintendents, assistant su-



Denny Ulmer

perintendents, directors of special education and other central office administrators, as well as state department administrators, college and university professors, and other educators throughout Minnesota dedicated to educational leadership for students.

"It is a real privilege and honor to have this opportunity to serve our organization," Ulmer said. "Special education, like general education and many public service areas such as health, human services and the justice system, is under tremendous public pressure to be more accountable and cost effective. Reform will be the focus of our efforts over the next five to ten years. We will need to work

closely with all of the many stakeholders involved in the delivery of special education and related services. It will be an exciting and challenging time for our profession."

The Bemidji Regional Interdistrict Council, where Ulmer is currently executive director, is a large special education services cooperative serving 12 member districts in North Central Minnesota. Ulmer's former professional positions include: director of the Park Rapids Area Special Education Cooperative, building principal, and special education teacher.

He, his wife, Kathy, and their two daughters, Sarah and Anna, reside in Park Rapids.

Our Own Denny Ulmer!

HURRAY FOR YOU!

Craig Swartz has joined our band several times in the summer.

## BSU to host 50th Annual Bemidji MusiCamp

The 50th Annual Bemidji State University MusiCamp will provide its educationally rewarding program for vocal and instrumental music students in grades 7-12 this summer.

The week of intensive study begins July 27 for choir, band, jazz and piano students and concludes with a massed finale concert on August 2.

The MusiCamp band will be led by Craig Swartz. The band director in the Des Moines, Iowa school system, Swartz is also a trumpet player with the Des Moines Symphony who earned his undergraduate degree from Augustana College and his masters from Bemidji State.

Trumpet, rhythm section, saxophone and trombone players may also participate in a jazz ensemble, which will be directed by BSU director of jazz studies, Dr. Steve Konecne. An active clinician on the regional, state and national levels, Konecne performs on woodwinds with the Bemidji Jazz Quintet and several

other groups.

Vocalists will sing in a choir directed by Dr. Paul Brandvik, who heads up choral activities at Bemidji State. A noted choral conductor, composer and author, he has presented over 100 workshops and festivals throughout the United States, Europe and Israel. Under his guidance, Bemidji State's Madrigal Dinners have become a Minnesota tradition and been featured at New York's Madrigal Festival concert at Carnegie Hall.

Pianists will be able to develop their keyboard skills by participating in a piano program directed by Margaret Maxwell, instructor of piano at Bemidji State. Maxwell is a highly respected piano, harpsichord and organ teacher who maintains a large private studio and is active as a soloist, accompanist, clinician and adjudicator. Maxwell cofounded the North Country Keyboard Teacher Association and is an active member in the Minnesota Music Teachers

Association.

The week for the piano students, who are recommended to be at the early-intermediate level, will conclude with a recital of solo ensemble music as well as a performance in the Finale Concert.

In addition to their group sessions, the students will participate in sectional rehearsals, enrichment classes and private lessons.

Fee for the camp is \$310 per stu-

dent with scholarship assistance available to qualified students through the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office. The deadline for receipt of all MusiCamp registration materials is June 30.

For more information or to obtain registration materials, contact Dr. Jeffrey Macomber, director of MusiCamp 1997 at 755-3358 or 755-2915.

OUTSTANDING!

Doing Our Part to Help Flood Relief!

Fair proceeds to Flood Disaster Fund

**COMMUNITY FAIR**

**KIDS ACTIVITIES**

ACTIVITY	LOCATION/TIME
Elementary Basketball	FW Gym 12:00-1:30
Cookie Walk	Coral S. Room FW 12:00-2:30 1:15-1:45
Bird House Pin	Coral S. Room FW 12:30-1:15
Football Clinic	HS Football Fd Gr. 3 & 4 12:30-1:15 Gr. 5 & 6 1:30-2:15
Mother's Day Cards	HS Room 503 1:30-3:00
Kids Casting	Back of High School 1:30-3:00
Grapevine Wreath Wall Hanging	Coral S. Room FW 1:45-2:30
Face Painting	HS Library window 12:00-3:00
Fish Pond	FW Hall 12:00-3:00
Balloons	Hallway going to pool 12:00-3:00

**\*Aid Association for  
Lutherans Branch 1623  
will match funds raised.**

**GENERAL & ADULT ACTIVITIES**

ACTIVITY	LOCATION/TIME
Open Swimming	HS Pool 12:00-12:45 1:00-1:45 2:00-2:45
Tennis	HS Courts 12:00-3:00
Basketball	HS Gym 12:00-3:00
Volleyball	HS Gym 12:00-3:00
Dogsled Demo	Behind HS 12:00-3:00
Chess Tournament	HS Rm 605 1:00-2:30
Minnow Races	Back of HS 12:00-3:00
Bingo	HS Library 12:00-3:00
Car Wash	Cease Funeral Home 12:00-3:00
Drop Box	Front of Building

**ENTERTAINMENT & SEMINARS**

ACTIVITY	LOCATION/TIME
Music for the Young Child	Choir Room 12:15-12:45
Kids Fishing Seminar	HS Rm 504 1:00-1:30
Story teller	Choir Room 1:00-2:00
<b>Park Rapids Area Dixieland Band</b>	<b>Auditorium 1:00-1:30</b>
Prime Chimes Barbershoppers	Quarterm 1:30-2:00
Fishing Seminar	Auditorium 2:00-3:00

Co-sponsored by Pro-mos

**SPECIAL AREAS**

ACTIVITY	LOCATION/TIME
Pictures with Santa	HS Lobby 12:00-3:00
Horse Buggy Rides	N. Parking Lot 12:30-2:30
Horse Rides	FW Parking Lot 12:00-3:00
T-Shirts	HS Lobby
Quarter Booth	HS Lobby
Silent Auction	HS Lobby
Registration	HS Lobby

**FOOD**

Popcorn	HS Lobby
Cotton Candy	Hallway to Pool
Cafeteria	Nachos & Cheese, Coffee, Hotdogs, Potato Chips, Pizza

**Sunday  
May 4**

**12:00-3:00 pm  
P.R. High School &  
FW Elementary**

Fans of the Dixieland Band



Larry Novak

Becky Kerkuliet

Solon Green  
Hannet Green

Maeline Green  
and photographer:  
Sue Sanger

Dixieland Band



Jim Wheeler

Denny Wimer

Peg Richert

Dave Kerkuliet

Bill Sanger

# LEGION LINE-UP

**WED., MAY 28 • 8 AM-5:30 PM**

*Blood Drive*

- **5 PM** Shrimp & Drummy Baskets
- **STARTING AT 6:30 PM** Bar Bingo Mini Wheel

**THURS., MAY 29**

- **8:30 AM-5:30 PM**  
*Blood Drive*
- **7:00 PM** Early Bird Bingo
- **7:30 PM** Bingo Mini Wheel  
Charitable Gambling #A0220-001

**FRI., MAY 30 • 7 PM**

*Spring Fling*  
Park Rapids Community Band  
Mini Wheel

**SAT., MAY 31 • 5-7:30 PM**

Mini Wheel • Tri-Wheel

**SUN., JUNE 1 • CLOSED**

**MONDAY, JUNE 2 • 9 AM**

- **5-7 PM** Tacos  
Mini Wheel

**TUES., JUNE 3**

- **8:30 PM-12:30 AM**  
Starlight Karaoke

**MEMBERS, GUESTS & PUBLIC ALWAYS WELCOME**

Our facility is available, free of charge, for non-profit organizations and community service groups.

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## American Legion

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PARK RAPIDS

### Community calendar

**FRIDAY, MAY 30**

- Open swimming:** 7-8 a.m. at the Area High School pool.
- Park Rapids Library:** open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Lap swimming:** 11:55 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Area High School pool.
- AA:** noon at Calvary Lutheran Church. Call 800-462-5525.
- Cards and games:** 1 p.m. at the Nevis Senior Center.
- Cards:** 1 p.m. at the Park Rapids Senior Center.
- Swing into Spring:** 8-11 p.m. at Community Band - Dance Band at the Park Rapids American Legion.
- Menahga High School Commencement:** 8 p.m. at Menahga.
- Alcoholics Anonymous:** 8 p.m. Call 800-462-5525.
- Al-Anon:** 8 p.m. Call 732-1259 (daytime) or 732-8321 (evenings).

*Article on 5/28/97*

### 'Swing into Spring'

The 18-piece Park Rapids Community Band-Dance Band will present a concert, "Swing into Spring," from 8 to 11 p.m. Friday, May 30 in the Park Rapids American Legion. Tickets are \$7.50 in advance and may be purchased from band members or at Park Pharmacy. Complimentary snacks will be served and libations available at the cash bar.

*Article on 5/28/97*



*Nadine Sue Cora Proctor Harriet*

*Getting food ready for the "Spring Fling"*



*Checking out the hours*

*Nadine Gwen*



*Sue Sanger debutes singing "Sentimental Journey"*



*Jim Wheeler plays "Ice Castles"*



*Bill Sanger sings "All of Me"*



*"The PRAC Dance Band"*

*Article on 5/24/97*

"Our Fans"



Marcy Roach + Bob Taylor



# Swing into Spring



with the 18 piece

Park Rapids Community Band - Dance Band

Friday May 30th

8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Park Rapids American Legion

Dance to great Big-Band music in a SMOKE - FREE environment



Jim + Nadine get a chance to dance!



Marcy again + Keith Woods



Advance tickets \$7.50 per person

may be purchased from band members and at Park Pharmacy

Bill + Sue sing "Side by Side"

Complimentary Snacks

Your favorite libations will be available at the CASH BAR



Solon + Harriet Green - Harriet is so happy to get to dance!



Bill + Cora Fractor Friends of the Greens - from Texas! - from



Chuck McDonald whisks Marge Nordstrom around!

More "Fans"!

# MUSIC IN NATURE

## A BAND CONCERT

PRESENTED BY THE PARK  
RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY  
BAND

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST  
3:30 P.M.  
ITASCA STATE PARK  
SOUTH LAWN NEAR  
DOUGLAS LODGE

### Itasca's 10th Ozawindib Walk to feature PR Community Band

The "Spirit of the Headwaters" 10th annual Ozawindib Walk will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 1 at Itasca State Park.

The event coincides with Minnesota's State Park Open House each year. No park sticker is required for entry this day.

As an added feature again this year, the Park Rapids Community Band will perform a "Music in Nature" concert on the lawn of Douglas Lodge, free of charge, at 3:30 p.m.

The walk is co-sponsored by the Itasca State Park Citizens

Association with proceeds going for playground equipment.

Walkers leave from Forest Inn for a 5K or 10K distance. The 5K walk will start at Forest Inn, travel on the Ozawindib Trail, Wilderness Drive, Aiton Heights Trail and return to Forest Inn. The 10K walk will cover the same route with the addition of the Deer Park Trail and Cross-over Trail.

Walk packets containing a T-shirt and other information may be picked up during registration from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the day of the walk at Forest Inn. This

year's T-shirt design is a striped coral-root, an orchid which blooms at the end of May. The striped coral-root will be on a checklist for children of things to see while they are walking in the park.

Cash donations for the walk may be made by individuals, but participants are encouraged to collect money from family, friends, co-workers, etc.

For additional details or registration information, call the park at 266-2100.

Article  
in  
P.R.  
Paper  
5/17/97



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Co-sponsored by the Itasca State Park Citizens Association, the Ozawindib Walk proceeds help fund projects within Itasca State Park. This year's proceeds will go toward playground equipment.

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The Park Rapids Community Band will present an outdoor concert at Itasca State Park at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 1.

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Article on 5/28/97

Article on 5/21/97



Park Rapids Area Community Band at Itasca Park

June 1st 1997



Jim Wheeler announces the next number



Nadine Christenson sings "The Star Spangled Banner"



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### Prelude to summer

Music was in the air Sunday afternoon as Itasca State Park guests gathered to hear the Park Rapids Community Band on the Douglas Lodge lawn. Under the direction of Jim Wheeler the band and guest soloists performed under the pines on what was considered by many to be a perfect summer day. The concert was held in conjunction with a state parks open house and the annual Ozawindib Walk fundraiser. Their next concert will be held in Heartland Park July 4th.



Becky Kerkuliet sings "Someone to Watch Over Me"



"THE CROWD"



Stuart Haynes sings "O Sole Mio"



Article in P.R. Enterprise 6/4/97

# After Itasca Concert at Jim's Farm



Marian Town  
Kathy Frost  
Anna Frost

Jean Golden  
Nadine Jim Christensen



Jean, Anna, Nadine, Fred, Jim, Ellis, Stu Hokomb Haynes



Fred & Marge Nordstrom sing along as Bill Sanger plays guitar!

Sing-a-Long!

Lots of Food!



Marvel Haynes & Nadine enjoy listening



Bill & Marge - I'll bet they're talking Music!!  
Jonathan Frost chows down!!

Visiting!



Marvel Marlys & Harvey Johnson

Harvey entertained us with poetry - acted out even!! Funny!!

Poetry!

YOU'RE A STAR!



June 12, 1997



Jim Wheeler  
Bob Frost  
Bill Sanger



Peg Richert  
Deane Johnson  
Gwen Block

The 20's Jazz Band continues to practice at the Blocks every Thurs. evening that they can.



Gwen Dodle Pat Bohn Buzz Albec



Wed. July 2nd  
Article in P.R. Enterprise

# What's there to do on the Fourth?

## Fireworks display

The Park Rapids Jaycees promise the biggest fireworks display in the city's history Friday night. The display will feature \$11,000 worth of pyrotechnics to be shot from Heartland Park, high above Fish Hook River.

As usual the show will begin "about dark" sometime between 9:30 and 10 p.m., and last through a half-hour of oohs and aahs.

The display will follow the community band performance of patriotic tunes at the former city beach just west of Rocky's Pizza. Refreshments will be served.



Fireworks

## Community Band concert

The Park Rapids Community Band Fourth of July Fireworks Concert will be held at 8 p.m. July 4th at the old city beach in Park Rapids.

This year's concert will include selections from G.F. Handel's Water Music Suite and Royal Fireworks Music.

"The Stars and Stripes Forever" will be played in memory of the late Don Hagen, band director in the



Community band

Park Rapids Area Schools from 1956-83.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Area High School Auditorium.



6/21/97 Article

## Don Hagen Memorial

Plans are being made to commemorate the late Don Hagen, band director in the Park Rapids Schools. Two of John Philip Sousa's marches will be dedicated to him during the Park Rapids Community

Band Fourth of July Fireworks Concert July 4th and a fund has been established to purchase a plaque in his memory.

An account has been opened at Citizens National Bank for donations. Any proceeds leftover will be donated to the Park Rapids School District Scholarship Fund.

Hagen was band and music director in Park Rapids from 1956 until his retirement in 1983. He was living in Scottsdale, AZ when he died May 1





PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND  
**ROYAL FIREWORKS CONCERT**

Friday, July 4, 1997

8:00 p.m.

Jim Wheeler, Conductor

Our National Anthem .....	F.S. Key/McLeod
Nadine Christenson, Soprano Soloist	
Strike Up The Band .....	Gershwin/Krance
American Salute .....	M. Gould
Water Music .....	G.F. Handel/Erickson
I. Allegro	
Someone To Watch Over Me .....	Gershwin/Barker
Becky Kerkvliet, Soprano Soloist	
Wine, Woman and Song Waltzes .....	J. Strauss
Joyance .....	B. Pearson
Bruce Pearson, Guest Conductor	
O Sole Mio .....	DiCapua
Stuart Haynes, Tenor Soloist	
Colonel Bogey .....	K. Alford
Moonglow .....	Hudson, DeLange, Mills/Dawson
Royal Fireworks Music .....	G. F. Handel
I. Allegro	
St. Louis Blues March .....	W. C. Handy/Gray
Washington Grays .....	C. Grafulla/Fennell
America the Beautiful .....	S. Ward/Dragon
The Stars and Stripes Forever .....	J. P. Sousa



## CHAIR ENDOWMENT PROGRAM

As a means of raising much needed funds for operating expenses, the PRACB initiated a Chair Endowment Program two years ago. An individual or any business establishment can endow a chair in the concert band. The cost is \$100. New endowers and renewals are being solicited at this time. This can be an anonymous or a memorial gift and it is tax deductible as the PRACB is a nonprofit organization.

### CHAIR ENDOWERS (\$100)

Ace Hardware  
Allison Insurance  
American Family Insurance  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Sam Arsers (2)  
Ira Benham  
Bishop's Department Store  
Citizens National Bank  
Elsie and Edric Clarke  
Coldwell Banker/Clack Real Estate  
Dave and Earl's Country Store  
Davis Electric  
Steve Egge  
Erickson Medical Clinic  
Ron Gangenen  
Harvala's TV and Appliance  
Dr. Carter and Flo Hedeem  
David Hagen  
John and Ruth Haugland  
Itasca Park Citizens Assoc.  
Jones-Pearson Funeral Home  
Minnesota Power (3)  
Monica's Gifts and Crafts  
Northwoods Bank of Minnesota  
Park Pharmacy  
Park Rapids Building Supply  
Park Rapids Enterprise  
Park Rapids Lions Club  
Park Rapids/Walker Eye Clinic  
Bruce and Dee Pearson  
Joyce Ramsay  
Paul Ramsay  
Bill Sanger  
Sue Sanger  
Senior Republicans  
State Bank of Park Rapids  
Paul Sumsky

### DIXIELAND COMBO (\$250)

Bad Medicine Cultural Center  
Bad Medicine Lake Association

### CONDUCTOR'S PODIUM

Sam Arsers  
Ira Benham  
Solon and Harriet Green  
Likem Computers  
Northern Convenience  
Bruce and Dee Pearson  
Bill and Sue Sanger  
Ray and Lynette Vlasak  
World of Christmas

### Program Notes

"The Royal Fireworks Music" was composed in 1749 as a commission from King George in celebration of the Peace Treaty which ended the war of the Austrian succession. There was finally peace in Europe for the first time in many years.

King George wanted all brass and no strings. Handel wanted a complete orchestra. The piece was originally proposed for 12 trumpets, 12 horns, 24 oboes, 12 bassoons and 3 pair of kettle drums. As a compromise, between King George and Handel, a 100 piece orchestra did, of course, include string instruments, but Handel reduced the number of trumpets to 9 and french horns to 9.

The "Gentlemen's Magazine" in 1749, published the following, "So great was the number of people attending the rehearsal [more than 12,000] that it shut down the London Bridge for 3 hours."

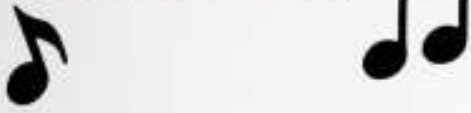
*Water Music Concert at Bad Medicine Resort*

*on Bad Medicine Lake*

*Saturday, August 23, 1997 ~ 7 p.m.*



# 4TH OF JULY



## Star spangled concert

The Park Rapids Community Band entertained a constantly growing crowd at Heartland Park Friday night as prelude to the fireworks display. Royal Fireworks Music and other appropriate selections set the stage for an Independence Day celebration.



## Splendor in the sky

Thousands came to see the Park Rapids Jaycee fireworks display at Heartland Park Friday.

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Heartland  
Park 4th of  
July Concert  
1997

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Pictures +  
Articles in P.R. Paper - July 98

The Wedding Celebration  
of  
Beverly E. Rohwer  
and  
John C. Watson



July 12, 1997  
Faith Baptist Church



Park Rapids Community Dance Band  
played for the  
Rohwer - Watson  
wedding!



Bill + Sue Sanger sing-



"Side  
by  
Side"

One love that  
is shared by two...

Bev and John  
July 12, 1997



Cutting the cake



Bev + John



The happy couple dances



Sue sings-

"Sentimental Journey"



# "Upper Mississippians" 20's Jazz Band



Bill sings "Rosetta"

*Come for a while,  
leave with a smile*

## Chateau Paulette

Enjoy Live  
**MUSIC WED. - SAT.**  
**Karaoke Contest**  
**MONDAYS 9 PM-1 AM**

**Bar Specials: 7 Nights A Week • 8-9 p.m.**  
75c Tap Beer • \$1.50 Domestic Beer • \$1.50 Bar Pours  
Sun., Mon., & Tues. - Two For One, 9 p.m.-10 p.m.

Dance to "Rip Cord" Wed. - Sat. 9-1  
Sundays 5-7 pm: "Upper Mississippians" (a 1920's Jazz Band)  
Sun. 9-10: D.J.

Hours: Open 7 Days A Week 11 a.m.-Close  
1-1/2 Mile N. of Dorset • 732-3399



Bob Jim



Getting ready for the next song.

Enjoy Music By  
**"UPPER  
MISSISSIPPIANS"**  
A 1920 Jazz Band  
**Sundays 5-7 pm**  
*Free Hors d'oeuvres*

*Chateau Paulette*  
1-1/2 Mile N. of Dorset  
732-3399



Drummer Dave Kerkvliet  
Leader Denny Block  
Cornet Bob Frost  
Trumpet Bill Sanger  
Tuba Denny Ulmer



Sax Dodie Egge  
Violinist Anita  
Sax Gwen Block  
Sax Clarinet Peg Richert  
Trombone Jim Wheeler



Denny + Dodie



Dancers enjoying the music!



Bill + Jim



The 20's Band played at Chateau Paulette July 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>; Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> + 24<sup>th</sup>; Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> + 21<sup>st</sup>.

# Sunday Afternoon Musical Experience



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Director Marj Nordstrom rehearses with part of the 50-voice summer choir of Hubbard United Methodist Church.

## Hubbard choir to celebrate 'Old Tyme Religion'

Sunday afternoon Musical Experience will begin happening at 2:30 p.m. July 27 at the United Methodist Church in Hubbard.

The church may be small but the choir often numbers 50 or more. Director Marj Nordstrom from Palmer Lake (and Sanibel, FL) arranges challenging up-beat music and the singers respond accordingly. Many are Minnesota summer residents from Phoenix to Philadelphia and points in-between joining the talented group of locals.

Sunday soloists will include Dr. Curt Bakken from Long Lake (Phoenix, AZ); Herminio Diaz, jazz sax, from St. Paul; Janet Ahern, Palmer Lake (Morris); Shanna Perry and Sue Grage,

Park Rapids, and Bruce Bolton, Nevis.

At the pianos will be Marlys Erickson, Long Lake (Monticello and North Carolina) and Marcie Roach, Park Rapids.

The Jack and Jills Comedy Quartet of Alwins and Nordstroms will be heard along with Stuart Haynes singing opera.

The famous Park Rapids Dixieland Band, directed by Jim Wheeler will begin playing at 2:30 p.m. outside in the carport before Pastor Gary Walpole arrives on horseback for this event, called "Gimme' that ole' tyme religion."

An ice cream social follows. There will be a free will offering to benefit the music fund.

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Bill Sanger

Jim Wheeler Dave Kerkvliet Lynette Pottratz Gwen Block Paul Ramsey



## PRAC Dixieland Band



Marj Nordstrom  
organizer + choir  
director



Rev. Gary Walpole  
UM minister



Marj asked the Dixieland Band to play for the church's Summer program.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

PARK RAPIDS DIXIE LAND BAND—Jim Wheeler, Director

Bill Sanger, trumpet; Gwen Block, tenor sax; Lynette Pottratz, clarinet

Dave Kerkveliet, percussion; Paul Ramsey, Helicon (tuba/sousaphone)

The HELICON belonged to Ira Benham. He has donated it to the Community Band

{ Gimme that old time Religion, Gimme that old time Religion  
Gimme that old time Religion, It's good enough for me.  
Makes me love everybody, Makes me love everybody,  
Makes me love everybody, it's good enough for me.

HUBBARD UMC SUMMER CHOIR—Marj Nordstrom, Director  
Jack Alwin, Assistant Director

Gimme that Old Time Religion—Don Utzman, MaryAnn Jensen, Denny Bolton, Gail Manlove.

I'm Gonna Ride The Chariot—Duane Grage, Becky Walpole, Janet Ahern

Soon and Very Soon

Every Eye Shall See

He is the Lily of the Valley—Curt Bakken, baritone

Saved By Grace

Amazing Grace—Sue Grage, Bruce Bolton, Janet Ahern, Stuart Haynes

Hallelujah, Revive Us Again

Boundless Love—Mens' Chorus

Jubilee's a' Comin'

Sweet, Sweet Spirit—Jack Alwin, Harmonica; Herminio Diaz, sax

Everybody Sing

{ There's A Sweet Sweet Spirit in this Place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord  
There are Sweet Expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord  
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, filling us with your love  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.

Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

{ What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms. ;

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,

Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Jacks and Jills Quartette—Joyce and Jack Alwin; Marj and Fred Nordstrom

Stuart Haynes singing REAL OPERA—Vesta la Guibba and Nessum Dorma

One of those Songs

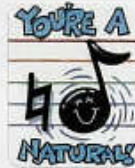
You'll Never Walk Alone—Shanna Perry

I'M GOIN' UP FINALE





# WEST SIDE STORY



Centennial Auditorium  
presents:

The  
Lamplighter Community Theatre  
production of

# WEST SIDE STORY

Based on a conception of JEROME ROBBINS

Thursday - July 31 - 8 pm  
Friday - August 1 - 8 pm  
Saturday - August 2 - 8 pm  
Sunday - August 3 - 2 pm

This activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Five Wings Arts Program with funds provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature.

Becky and David Kerkvliet are members of the community band.

Dave plays in the percussion section and Becky plays the Baritone Saxophone.

Her husband is the present Band Director in Sebeka.

Becky has also been a soloist with the Park Rapids Community Band

Vocalist at 4/97



Rebecca Kerkvliet  
Cast as Lead in  
West Side Story



Rebecca Kerkvliet ("Maria") is falling in love with Eric Neznik ("Tony").

Lamplighter Community Theatre's 1997 summer theatre production of West Side Story has just completed a month of rehearsals and is now gearing up for the finishing touches. The lead role of "Maria" is being played by Rebecca Kerkvliet of Sebeka. Kerkvliet holds a degree in voice performance from St. Catherine's, and has performed in operas such as The Dragon, The Old Maid and the Thief, and A Hand of Bridge. She is a three-time Concerto/Aria Competition winner and has been the recipient of many scholarships and awards in the field of vocal music.

Performances will be held on July 31, August 1, 2 and 3 at the Centennial Auditorium, Staples.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
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Addendum Applies:  
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PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BANDS  
C/O SOLON GREEN  
HC 06 BOX 60A  
PARK RAPIDS, MN 56470-8802

Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

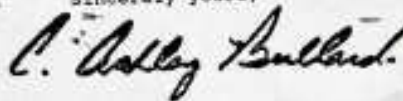
Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,



District Director

Letter 1050 (DO/CG)

# Band gets top 'billing' at duck race

BY LIZ SHAW  
THE ENTERPRISE

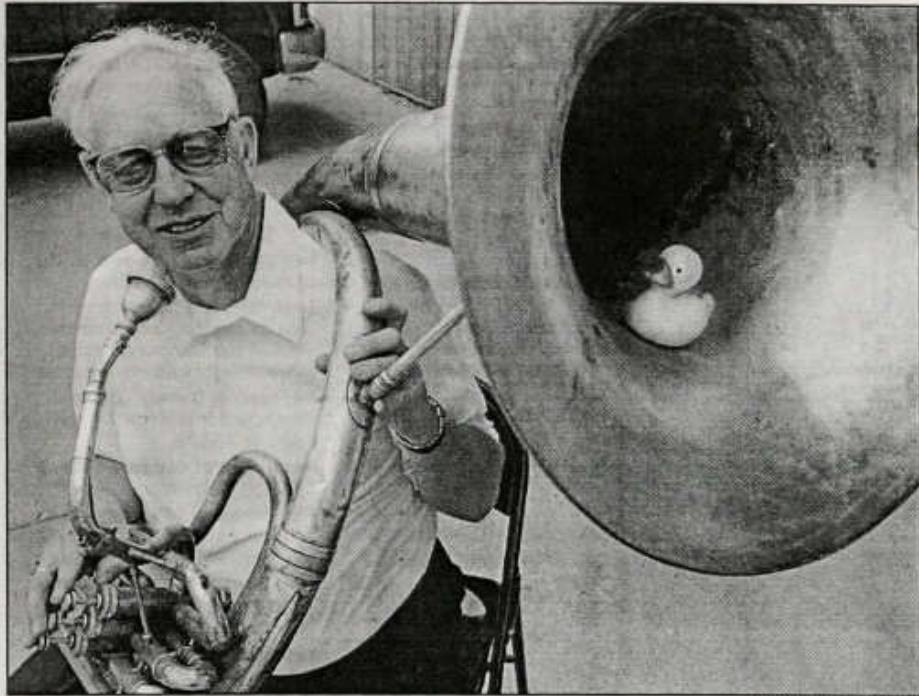
It was a record run for hundreds of pastel ducks who braved the Fish Hook River Thursday night.

The 10th annual Running of the Ducks found spirits as high as the river as ducks took off from the starting line at the Fish Hook River dam site.

Perhaps it was the music provided by the Park Rapids Community Band five-piece ensemble or the bellies full of free ice cream that inspired the ducklings. They took off with a splash in a gate comparable to that of the "Downs."

The mighty ducks met obstacles, but the churning foam and tree branches were no match for the winning few.

The top ten were pulled at the finish line. Winners awarded prizes were (in order): Emily Patterson, a homemade quilt donated by Marsha Wolff, Tony Gunderson, a hardanger suncatcher donated by Sonja Tangen; Candy Parks, a wood carving donated by Alice Strom; Helen Keezer, a gift basket donated by Wildwood Gifts; Brenda Larson, a "Birds of the World" poster donated by Deep Blue Sea; Marlene Mahowald, a duck bill umbrella, donated by Bears on Main; Karen Olson, a gift basket donated by Emily's Harvest; Kathy Thompson, a loon t-shirt donated by Park Pharmacy; and Erik Speer, a t-



LIZ SHAW / ENTERPRISE

The Park Rapids Community Band ensemble fit the bill for the annual Running of the Ducks Thursday night. At least one bill fit the horn of Paul Ramsay of Wolf Lake who counted off the beat for the five-piece polka band which provided a festive atmosphere for the fundraiser.

shirt donated by Park Pharmacy.

As the race ended the fun for race watchers really began as they watched volunteers Paul Howes and Marsha Wolff retrieve the remainder of the

ducks straggling in.

Gary Wolff, who vowed emphatically before the race began, he would not be getting wet this year, jumped in to net the plastic athletes.

The Running of the Ducks is a fundraiser for the North Country Museum of Arts.

PRAC Polka Band played for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
"Running of the Ducks"



# Handel to waft across the waters

Bad Medicine Lake Culture Center to host third annual concert Aug. 23

The Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Center, Bad Medicine Resort, and the Park Rapids Community Band are sponsoring the third annual Water Music Concert on Bad Medicine Lake at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23.

Music featuring two movements from George Frederick Handel's celebrated *Water Music Suite* will be presented by the Park Rapids Community Wind Ensemble conducted by director Jim Wheeler. Other summertime program favorites will include John Philip Sousa's *The Stars and Stripes Forever* plus patriotic and popular selections. The program will feature solos by Nadine Christenson singing *The Star Spangled Banner*, Becky Kerkvliet singing *Somebody to Watch Over Me* and Stuart Haynes singing *O Sole Mio*.

Handel had originally composed the *Water Music Suite* to be performed on the royal river barge of King George I of England. The Wind Ensemble will once again capture the spirit of this music by playing from watercraft on Bad Medicine Lake with the audience seated on the shoreline at Bad Medicine Resort's new shoreline amphitheater. The concert will be held rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather the concert will be held indoors at the adjacent Chapel of the Good Creation.

Director Wheeler's love of band music was instilled by his high school band director C.G. Arsars. Wheeler has directed public school bands in Iowa and Minnesota as well as at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Six years ago Wheeler co-

founded the Park Rapids Area Community Band of which the Wind Ensemble is a part. This year the Wind Ensemble has performed outdoors in Itasca State Park and the Park Rapids City Park.

The concert will be held at Bad Medicine Resort on the shore of Bad Medicine Lake located west of Itasca State Park. Seating is on the beach at the new amphitheater, please bring your own lawn chairs or blankets.

Parking is limited and your help by car pooling will be appreciated. Please plan to arrive at least 30 minutes early so that you can be seated when the concert starts.

The performance is free and open to the public, a voluntary offering will be taken.

Camping facilities are available at Bad Medicine Resort. For more information, please call Bad Medicine Resort at (218) 575-3790.

To get to the concert, go to the East Bad Medicine Road off State Highway 113 between mileposts 44 and 45. Turn south and proceed about 2 miles. The drive for Bad Medicine Resort is on the right. Signs will be posted.



Submitted photo

The Park Rapids Community Wind Ensemble will take to the water for the third annual Water Music Concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 on Bad Medicine Lake.



Curtis & Arlys Larson - Parents of Sue Sanger



Becky Kerkvliet sings "Somebody to Watch Over Me"



Nadine Christenson sings "The Star Spangled Banner"



ALLEN UNDEM / ENTERPRISE

### 'Water Music' revisited

The Park Rapids Community Band held its third annual summer concert from pontoons on Bad Medicine Lake. Holding true to the musical genre of entertaining British royalty from barges on the Thames River in the 18th century, the band included

music from G.F. Handel's "Water Music," played before an audience of several hundred at Bad Medicine Resort Friday evening.

*Water Music - Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sat. 7:00*



*Don Tschudi tells about the beautiful cross across the lake that he erected.*



*Stu Haynes sings "O Sole Mio"*



### Water music concert

The Park Rapids Community Band will present an outdoor concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at Bad Medicine Lake Resort.

Take a lawn chair to hear the summertime classics. Jim Wheeler conducts the band; Janet Weaver is the associate conductor.



## Bad Medicine serves up good music

Bad Medicine Lake, Minn.

The music drifted across the waters on this long, narrow lake tucked away in the pines of northeastern Becker County.

The third annual concert by the Park Rapids Area Community Band was something to hear and see. Some 300 people were in attendance as more than 40 musicians aired their skills.

The lake was calm as the musicians boarded eight pontoons tied together in a semi-circle in a cove in front of Bad Medicine Lake Resort. A dock was attached to each end of the semi-circle with the band conductor directing from his own pontoon between the shore and the musicians.

A true Minnesota endeavor, the concert not only involves the musicians, but the resort and its neighbors around the lake. The support comes both in money and attendance. Neighbors and people from the resort help provide parking for visitors, while others come by boat or pontoon craft to listen to what some describe as Music Across the Waters.

The concert began with the audience rising for the "Star Spangled Banner" sung by soloist Nadine Christenson of Park Rapids. It ended with a march, "The Stars and Strips Forever" by John Philip Sousa.

During the hour and a half production, the audience was treated to "Strike Up the Band," "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," a "Water Music Suite" and the "Colonel Bogey March."

Stuart Haynes, a tenor soloist from Park Rapids, sang the Italian favorite "O Sole Mio." The high notes danced across the calm waters of Bad Medicine.

And there was more music, too.

The band is composed of former music teachers, current teachers and others from across a wide area, who gathered to the call of conductor Jim Wheeler.

Wheeler co-founded the band. During a stint in the U.S. Air Force, he was a trombone soloist with the 54th Air Force Band during the Korean War. He taught instrumental music for 21 years, ending his teaching career at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul.

Planning is under way for next year's concert, which again will be presented in late August on the waters of Bad Medicine. It provides for a fine Minnesota summer evening of entertainment.

Loftman is The Forum's associate editor and outdoor editor.



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LOFTMAN

The Forum

More than  
40 musicians  
aired their  
skills.

Third Annual  
Water Music Concert  
on  
Bad Medicine Lake

Presented by the  
Park Rapids Area Community Wind Ensemble  
Jim Wheeler, Conductor

Featuring 2-Movements of G.F. Handel's  
Water Music and other Outdoor Summertime Favorites

Bad Medicine Resort  
Saturday, August 23, 1997  
7:00 p.m.

A free will offering will be taken

Sponsored by the Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Center  
Park Rapids Area Community Band  
Bad Medicine Resort



## You drive north, then west, then...

The Bad Medicine Lake area in Becker County is an interesting place.

The lake, as well as others in the vicinity, are set in a pristine wilderness near the western boundary of Itasca State Park.



And the area lies within the White Earth Indian Reservation, causing, in some cases, complications in deeds and property ownership.

Residents of Bad Medicine – a lake without an outlet – are plagued with high water levels which threaten trees and man-made structures. Some are considering a plan to drain some of the surplus to an adjacent watershed. Whether the project is realized so far remains little more than speculation. Neighbors as far south as Park Rapids worry that changing the level of water will cause problems from Two Inlets to Fish Hook.

(Others observe that the high water on Bad Medicine Lake could serve as a lesson to those who want to see septic systems allowed closer than 150 feet from lakeshore and accessory structures near the shoreline. In Becker County the rules call for a 75-foot setback and although all the systems on Bad Medicine are in compliance, a number of the drainfields are saturated and unworkable. A number of accessory structures built near the lake are under water as well. Most of them were built before 1971 when state rules were written recognizing there should be limits to their size and proximity to the water.)

Set in the "back woods," the Bad Medicine area is not a good place to have a heart attack. It's a long haul, by car or ambulance, to any community with a hospital – Park Rapids, Bagley, Mahnomen, Bemidji.

But, not to worry, the people in the area are a hearty and healthy sort.

They are folks who appreciate little miracles.

Last weekend the Park Rapids Community Band made it's third annual appearance performing music from pontoons at Bad Medicine Resort. While slightly afar from the beaten path, at least 500 (some said 700) people sat on lawn chairs in a newly sculptured amphitheater setting to hear baroque by Handel, waltzes by Strauss and traditional marches by Sousa. The show stopper was an operatic aria performed by Stuart Haynes, known by many as chair of the Hubbard County Planning Commission.

And a couple of weeks ago an audience of artistic sojourners attended an "SRO" performance by professional musicians who come together for a week each year at nearby Hoot Owl Resort.

There is little or no food at the concerts, but guests leave with musical appetites sated.

The orchestras survive by voluntary contributions. Cary John Franklin, perennial music director of the "Borderline Philharmonic" at Hoot Owl told the audience this year the cost to hear comparable music in New York City is about \$45, and about \$25 per person in Minneapolis. He said the group would be satisfied with \$5 or \$10 here. Not only that, but no neckties or formal gowns are necessary.

In addition to Haynes singing an opera tune so well that even those who hate opera music appreciated it, the Bad Medicine setting provided another little miracle. Resort owner Don Tschudi erected a large white cross across the bay, which right on schedule caught the rays of the setting sun at mid-concert, flashing a brilliant reflection onto the water. You had to be there...

Citizens fret about government subsidies for the National Endowment for the Arts (not to mention complaints about stadiums).

Up there in the Bad Medicine area we have our own opportunities; top quality art and a price anyone can afford.

Just don't tell anyone.



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Dear PRACB Members, Associates and Friends,

Thank you to all of our members that were able to perform with us and help make our Summer Concert season so enjoyable for so many people. A very special thank you to Roger Wilson, Colleen Taylor, Denny Ulmer, Solon and Harriet Green, Jan Stark and Jean Golde for all of their extra work in the mechanics of making this year's Water Music Concert another successful event. Plans are already underway to make next year's Summer Concert season even better.

So, it's on to bigger and better things for our up coming *seventh* season. Here is next year's rehearsal and concert schedule:

### **Rehearsals:**

Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon at the Park Rapids Area High School Bandroom:

October 4 <sup>th</sup>	November 8 <sup>th</sup>
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	November 22 <sup>nd</sup>
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	December 6 <sup>th</sup>

**Winter Concert:** Sunday afternoon, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium.

**Fall Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser:** Friday evening, October 31<sup>st</sup> (dinner at 6:00 p.m., dance 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.) at the American Legion Club.

**Spring Concert:** Saturday evening, April 25 at 7:30 p.m.  
Third Annual Community Band Festival.

### **1998 Summer Concert Series:**

Sunday, June 7 at 3:00 p.m. at Itasca State Park

Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. - Pre-fireworks concert here in Park Rapids

Saturday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m. - Fourth Annual Water Music Concert on Bad Medicine Lake

Jim Wheeler, Conductor  
On behalf of the Board of Directors

P.S. Everyone is invited to a potluck dinner at my residence, "the farm" near Bad Medicine Lake, after our second rehearsal on October 11<sup>th</sup>

*Concert Band, Dance Band, 1920's Swing Band, Dixieland Combo, Polka Band*

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Jim Wheeler, Conductor

# 1997-98

## Seventh Season





Scott Hagen

The Park Rapids Community Band will perform their 7th annual Winter Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Area High School auditorium.

A special tribute is planned to the late Don Hagen, band director in Park Rapids from 1956-83. His wife, Bea, and sons Craig and Scott all plan to attend the concert. Scott Hagen will be directing Stars and Stripes Forever. Scott Hagen is currently the assistant director of bands at the University of Utah. There he serves as director of the nationally renowned Ute Marching Band.

The Park Rapids Community Band's first Winter Concert was

given to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor - Dec. 7, 1941 - and the calendar

has rolled around again to Pearl Harbor day.

In honor of the day, the program will open with the National Anthem featuring Nadine Christensen as soloist. Other patriotic numbers the band will perform are Guadalcanal March, The Armed Forces Salute, God Bless the USA and March from 1941.

The Community Band Dance Band will perform Moonlight Serenade, Greensleeves with Becky Kerkyhot as soloist, and "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm."

## Park Rapids Area Community Band

*presents*

# 7th Annual Winter Concert

*Jim Wheeler, Conductor*

Sunday, December 7, 1997  
3:00 p.m.

Park Rapids Area  
High School Auditorium

*No Admission Charge  
A free-will offering will be taken*

## Park Rapids Community Band to feature Don Hagen tribute



### Band honors Wilsons

Jim Wheeler (center), director of the Park Rapids Area Community Band, presented Barb and Roger Wilson with the band's Distinguished Service Award during Sunday's 7th annual Winter Concert. The award is given annually to members of the band who volunteer above and beyond the call of duty.



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### Tribute to Don Hagen

Family members of the late Don Hagen took part in a special tribute Sunday during the Park Rapids Area Community Band's Winter Concert. Craig Hagen (left) accepted a plaque in memory of his father and Bea Hagen was presented with a plaque on behalf of Park Rapids alumni. Don Hagen was band director in Park Rapids from 1956-83. Scott Hagen, who followed in his father's footsteps and is the assistant director of bands at the University of Utah, directed the Community Band in their traditional closing number, The Stars and Stripes Forever. Terry Walen (right) of the Park Rapids Community Band also presented donations to the Park Rapids High School and Middle School band departments from a trust fund established in Hagen's memory.

## Community Band to perform winter concert

The Park Rapids Community Band fills the halls at the high school with the sounds of music Saturday mornings.

They are grown ups playing for the joy of it - because it is one of their favorite things.

They will perform their 7th annual Winter Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Area High School auditorium. The first Winter Concert was given to commemorate Pearl Harbor - Dec. 7, 1941 - and the calendar has rolled around again to Pearl Harbor Day.

No Rodgers and Hammerstein on the program though, patriotic music, some Christmas music and three numbers by the Dance Band.

A special tribute is planned to the late Don Hagen, band director in Park Rapids from 1956-81. His wife, Bea, and sons, Craig and Scott, all plan to attend the concert.

Terry Walen, one of Hagen's former pupils, will formally present a plaque in his memory to be placed in the band room at the Area High School. Walen also



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Jim Wheeler conducts the Park Rapids Community Band in preparation for their 7th annual Winter Concert to be given at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Area High School auditorium. The program includes a tribute to the late Don Hagen, band director in Park Rapids from 1956-83.

has organized a Don Hagen Memorial Fund at Citizens National

Bank. Proceeds from the fund will go to the Middle School and

High School band and choir programs.



# Winter Concert



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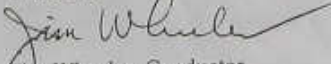
Dear PRACB Members, Friends and Associates:

I want you to know that our recent Winter Concert on Dec. 7th was one of our best ever. The audience's response to the emotion of the music and your personal number of rehearsals before each concert with breaks between concerts in order to make our band even better than it is now I am asking for you to make a stronger commitment to our rehearsal schedule.

J.S.Bach has been quoted as saying: "I'm so very glad that I will be dead and gone before someone decides to do away with the strings and have only the winds and percussion form their own ensemble. As they will be banding together will they be called a band?"

Of all the bands I have ever directed...

Sincerely,

  
Jim Wheeler, Conductor  
on your behalf

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Jim Wheeler, Conductor





# ROOSTER



## Park Rapids Area Community Band 1998

Last Name	First Name	Address	City	Phone	Instrument	Status	Mail
Alexander	Jan	HC05 Box 106A	Park Rapids, MN 56470	72410	Trombone	Active	
Anderson	Patsy	Rt 1 Box 202	Ponchartraine, MN 56075	675800	Flute/Piccolo	Active	
Bjorkness	Olaf	Rt 1 Box 21A	Ponchartraine, MN 56075	675884	Trumpet	Active	
Block	Gwen	Rt 3 Box 427	Park Rapids, MN 56470	724644	Sax	Active	
Block	Dennis	Rt 4 Box 422	Park Rapids, MN 56470	724246	Trombone	Active	
Bruke	Shawn	1204 1012 St. N	Northland, MN 56320	724888	Cornet	Associate	
Broughton	Carl	Rt 7 Box 8	Park Rapids, MN 56470	724888	Trombone	Active	
Catton	Walter	HCR 70, Box 55B	Laporte, MN 56081	624314	Euphonium	Associate	
Christensen	Nadine	304 Peate St	Park Rapids, MN 56470	724888	Saxophone	Active	
Coffey	Dawn	300 Sava Lane Apt 8	Burlington, WI 54425		Reed	Associate	
Dahlberg	Julia	Rt 1 Box 18	Lowry, MN 56248	62434202	Reed	Associate	
Devis	Patsy	HCR 05	Park Rapids, MN 56470	724942	Saxophone	Associate	
Davis	Jill	Rt 3 Box 844	Sabaka, WI 52477	317483	Flute/Piccolo	Active	
Egge	Odin	508 West 6th Street	Park Rapids, MN 56470	724410	Sax	Active	
Etington	Tim	PO Box 214	Merrifield, MN 56044	624494	Flute/Piccolo	Associate	360440
Frost	Kathy	1321 26th Ave. S	Worland, MN 55560	224201	Cornet	Associate	
Frost	Bob	HC 05 Box 439	Park Rapids, MN 56470	724408	Cornet/Trombone	Active	Mail
Fritz	Dave	PO Box 177	Sabaka, WI 52477	317414	Sax	Associate	
Green	Rick	334 Elizabeth Street	Ontonagon, MN 56521	627375	French Horn	Active	
Goetz	Janet	1625 McDonald Dr.	Hutchinson, MN 55358	56481187	Sax	Active	
Green	Solomon	General Delivery	Brackettville, TX 78822		Trombone	Active	70144444
Green	Solomon	HC 06 Box 50A	Park Rapids, MN 56470	724400	Trombone	Active	72444444
Hageman	Lynne	Rt 2 Box 160C	Battle Lake, MN 56515	624441	French Horn	Active	
Hagen	Alfred	Rt 1 Box 184	Ponchartraine, MN 56075	675884	Saxophone	Active	
Hartstein	Mark	HC 05 Box 320	Park Rapids, MN 56470	724888	Tuba	Active	
Hauga	Patty	HC 00	Park Rapids, MN 56470	724134	Sax	Associate	
Haugen	Rick	HC 73, Box 180	Walker, MN 56044	547228	Euphonium	Active	
Haugen	Clay	HC 02 Box 54	Blackduck, MN 56021	624402	Sax	Associate	(Empty)
Hickson	Martha	Rt 3 Box 319A	Park Rapids, MN 56470	724041	Sax	Active	
Hilborn	Ella	1835 Co Rd 1 NW	Elmville, MN	444002	French Horn	Active	
Johnson	Dr. Deane & Jill	HC 05 Box 33	Park Rapids, MN 56470	724134	Cornet/Cornet/Trombone	Active	
Johnson	Jeff	Rt 1 Box 479P	Detroit Lakes, MN 56501	947187	Trombone	Active	

WED., OCT. 29, 1997

PARK RAPIDS ENTERPRISE

**Band fundraiser**

The Park Rapids Area Community Band will host a dinner and dance fundraising event Friday, Oct. 31 at the Legion Club.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by an 18-piece orchestra playing the Big Band sounds of the '40s and '50s from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Cost is \$15 per person. Tickets are available at Park Pharmacy.

Costumes are optional.

PARK RAPIDS ENTERPRISE

WED., NOV. 5, 1997.

**Band concert coming soon**

A special thanks to all who bought tickets for our Fall Dinner/Dance fundraiser. We can not survive without your continuing financial support.

Lila and Ken Kalish provided the cooking expertise to serve a sumptuous dinner to those attending. We are only sorry that all of the ticket buyers could not be at the event to enjoy the meal and music.

We would like to invite everyone to our annual winter concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Park Rapids High School auditorium.

Roger Wilson, President  
Park Rapids Community Band



Dec 21, '97

Heritage Nursing Home  
Jim Wheeler Solon Green Nadine Christenson  
Denny Ulmer Jason Schellack Bill Sanger  
Jessica Nilson

**Chamber open house**

In conjunction with Crazy Dayz, the Park Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce will host an open house from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 18.

Music will be provided by the Park Rapids Dixieland Band. Norwegian coffee, Sri Lankan tea, German strudel and miniature sandwiches will be served.

Chamber pioneers Ferd Lubke, Karl Dyre, Bob Wallace and Ed Sylvester will discuss the chamber heritage at 4:30 p.m. Tours will be given.

The event is open to everyone.

Sign up for drawings while

The Park Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to an Open House.

Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>  
3 PM - 7 PM

The Park Rapids Dixieland Band will entertain us as you enjoy a tour of the remodeled building.



Bill S. Denny Brent B. J. Grent S. Gwen B. Paul R. Deane J.







**BENEFIT CONCERT  
for the  
TORNADO VICTIMS  
of  
SOUTHERN MINNESOTA**

**PRESENTED BY  
THE PARK RAPIDS AREA  
COMMUNITY BAND**

**SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 25th  
7:30 P.M.  
PARK RAPIDS AREA HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM**

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**FEATURING:**

**THE CONCERT BAND**

**THE POLKA BAND**

**THE DIXIELAND BAND**

**UPPER MISSISSIPPIANS**

**THE BIG BAND DANCE BAND**

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**FREEWILL OFFERING DONATED TO THE  
SALVATION ARMY**

**WOW!**





ALLEN UNDEM / ENTERPRISE

### Community Band benefit concert

The Park Rapids Community Band will hold a concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at the Area High School auditorium. Proceeds will benefit tornado victims in southern Minnesota. Admission is free and an offering will be accepted with money donated to the Salvation Army. A representative from Salvation Army will explain what the organization is doing to help. A highlight of the event will be a vocal solo by Pam Harris of "My Heart Will Go On," the love song from the movie Titanic. The

number is an original arrangement for voice and band by conductor Jim Wheeler. Other soloists featured in the concert include Randy Resley, cornet and Jack Tedrow, euphonium in the number "When Jesus Wept." The percussion section - David Kerkvliet, Karen Onstad, Colleen Taylor, Kristi Uscola, Linda Uscola and Terri Walen - will be highlighted in "Concertino for Band and Percussion."

### Community serves up a meal

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all of the people who took a part of their valuable time to help with the 15th Annual Community Thank Meal and made the meal and fellowship a great success. Through the efforts and selflessness of these people, 426 meals were served both at Riverside United Methodist Church and through delivery to individuals in the community.

Along with the meal, part of this event is, if possible, to give funds remaining after the bills are paid to a community project. This year the committee has decided to give those funds to the Community Band for use in their efforts to provide musical enjoyment to Park Rapids and the surrounding area.

### Strike up the band for good will

The Park Rapids Community Band has set the stage; now it is up to the community to provide the good will.

Donations from a free will offering at the band's benefit concert at 7:30 tonight (Saturday) will be given to the Salvation Army to use in relief efforts following the tornadoes in southern Minnesota. Admission to the concert is free.

Major Richard Hartman of will speak to the audience about the Salvation Army's relief efforts in the aftermath of the tornadoes which struck St. Peter, Comfrey and other communities March 29.



Major Richard Hartman

The Concert Band will perform several marches, a hymnsong ("It Is Well With My Soul"), Blue Tango and "My Heart Will Go On," the love song from the movie Titanic arranged by conductor Jim Wheeler.

Soloists who will be featured are Pam Harris, Randy Resley, Jack Tedrow and the percussion section of David Kerkvliet, Karen Onstad, Colleen Taylor, Kristi Uscola, Linda Uscola and Terri Walen.

The Polka Band, Dixieland Combo, Upper Mississippians 1920s Swing Band and Dance Band also will entertain.

Park Rapids Area Community Band

presents



**A Concert to Benefit Tornado Victims**



*Jim Wheeler, Conductor*

Saturday, April 25, 1998  
7:30 p.m.

Park Rapids Area  
High School Auditorium



PAUL A. RADER  
GENERAL

HAROLD D. HINSON  
TERRITORIAL COMMANDER

LT. COLONEL DAVID E. GRINDLE  
DIVISIONAL COMMANDER

MAJORS RICHARD & SUSAN HARTMAN  
COMMANDING OFFICERS



**The Salvation Army**

FOUNDED IN 1865

CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER  
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BRAINERD MN 56401-0385

APRIL 28, 1998

MR. SOLON GREEN  
HC 6 BOX 60A  
PARK RAPIDS, MN 56470

DEAR MR GREEN: RE: FREE WILL OFFERING FOR SOUTHERN MINNESOTA  
TORNADO DISASTER WORK

PLEASE EXTEND THE SALVATION ARMY'S MOST HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY BAND FOR USING THEIR CONCERT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO AID THE TORNADO VICTIMS IN SOUTHERN MINNESOTA. THE FREE WILL OFFERING BROUGHT IN A TOTAL OF \$1,454.41. THANKS ALSO FOR ALLOWING MY SON JONATHAN AND MYSELF TO PLAY ALONG WITH THE BAND...IT WAS VERY ENJOYABLE! AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THE DONATION AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND THE BAND AS THEY CONTINUE TO USE THEIR TALENT TO BRING JOY TO OTHERS.

SINCERELY,

*Richard Hartman*  
RICHARD C. HARTMAN  
MAJOR

**Concert goers contribute**

Thanks for your attendance and generous offerings at the concert the Park Rapids Area Community Band dedicated to the tornado victims in southern Minnesota.

I would like to share the letter of thanks received from the Salvation

Army expressing their thoughts:

"Please extend the Salvation Army's most heartfelt thanks to the Community Band for using their concert as an opportunity to aid the tornado victims in southern Minnesota. The free will offering brought in a total of \$1,454." Major Richard C. Hartman.

We would like to thank every one involved in presenting our concert and hope to see you all at our next concerts: June 7, 8 p.m., Itasca State Park; July 4, 8 p.m., Beach Fireworks; and Aug. 22, 7 p.m., Bad Medicine Lake Water Music.

Solon Green  
Park Rapids Area Community Band



Park Rapids Area Community Band

presents



**A Concert to  
Benefit  
Tornado Victims**



Jim Wheeler, Conductor

Saturday, April 25, 1998  
7:30 p.m.



Park Rapids Area  
High School Auditorium



No Admission Charge  
A free-will offering will be taken

**About Our Conductor, Jim Wheeler:**

After graduating from Chatfield High School, Jim enlisted in the United States Air Force and was a trombone soloist with the 541st Air Force Band during the Korean War. He wears a miniature National Defense Medal on his conductor's jacket to honor the memory of more than 8,000 military personnel still missing from that war, 154 of them from Minnesota. He received a B.A. degree in Music Ed. from Luther College and a Master of Music in Performance from Mankato State University. Having taught instrumental music for 21 years, he ended his teaching career at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul. In 1991 he co-founded the Park Rapids Area Community Band.



Soloists

Randy Resley

Solo Cornetist  
Band Director  
for 9 year at Oakley  
Moorhead State Un. grad.

Jack Tedrow

Northwestern Un. grad.  
Instrumental Music Teacher  
in Austin, Mn - 32 yr.

Pam Harris

St. Cloud State Un. grad.  
Home town - Staples, Mn  
Sang with family touring  
ensemble as a teenager  
Sings for various  
Community function

**CLASSIC!**





## PRACB SUMMER SCHEDULE 1998

### REHEARSALS:

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to Noon  
 in the Park Rapids Area High School Band Room  
 May 23rd  
 June 6th

### CONCERTS:

Sun., June 7th at Itasca State Park  
 2:00 p.m. .... set-up, touch-up rehearsal  
 3:00 p.m. .... Concert Time

Sat., July 4th in Park Rapids (behind the Pizza Hut)  
 7:00 p.m. .... set-up, touch-up rehearsal  
 8:00 p.m. .... Concert Time

Sat., August 22nd on Beautiful Bad Medicine Lake  
 4:30 p.m. .... set-up  
 5:00 p.m. .... Rehearsal on the Pontoons  
 7:00 p.m. .... Concert Time

**PLEASE NOTE!** The Concert will be given at the Public  
 Access at the North end of the lake on Hwy. 113.



*A lighter time  
 during pre-concert practice*



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### Concert at Itasca

The Park Rapids Community Band will present its 3rd annual Music in Nature Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 7 on the lawn at Douglas Lodge in Itasca State Park. The program will include a medley from "My Fair Lady," an American Civil War Fantasy

with folk and pop songs from that era, the Love Theme from Titanic and Sousa Marches. June 7 is State Parks Open House day so no park sticker will be required to attend the concert.



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# Perry to be featured at community concert

Shana Perry will sing the love theme from "Titanic" during the Park Rapids Community Band concert Sunday, June 7 at Itasca State Park.



Shana Perry

Perry, who will be a 9th grade student at Park Rapids Area High School in the fall, was featured in the Middle School Spring Choir Concert and has sung at the Hubbard United Methodist Church summer music festival. In school she has taken voice lessons from Kristen Edevold and Karen Onstad.

"For her age she has a wonderful gift and a wonderful stage presence," said Jim Wheeler, Community Band conductor.

Sunday's 3rd annual Music in Nature Concert will start at 3 p.m. on the lawn at Douglas Lodge in Itasca State Park. The program will include a medley from "My Fair Lady," an American Civil War Fantasy with folk and pop songs from that era, conductor Wheeler's arrangement of "My Heart Will Go On,"

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Anita Hannemann - violin  
Roselyn Pederson - piano  
Shana Perry - Soloist



Jim Wheeler  
& Shana



Anita Rosalyn Shana



**Solo Quintet**  
Mark Egge - Tenor Sax  
Gwen Blick - Tenor Sax  
Dede Egge - Alto Sax  
Deane Johnson - Alto Sax  
Peg Richert - Clarinet



Anita Hannemann



# PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

Jim Wheeler, Conductor



## MUSIC IN NATURE CONCERT

Itasca State Park

Sunday, June 7, 1998 3:00 p.m.



## ROYAL FIREWORKS MUSIC CONCERT

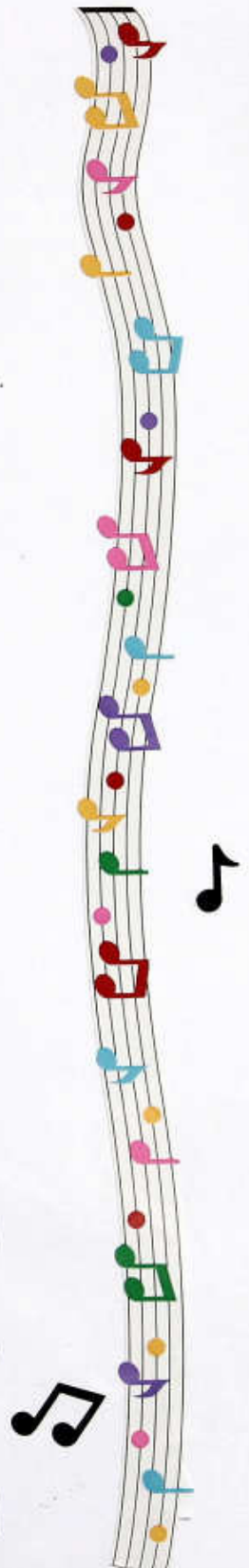
Old Beach at Red Bridge

Saturday, July 4, 1998 8:00 p.m.

- Theme Song: Home Town Band..... Nagy, Lance, Canton/Leidzen  
Our National Anthem..... F. S. Key  
National Emblem March..... E. E. Bagley/Fennell  
My Heart Will Go On..... Horner, Jennings/Wheeler  
(Love Theme from "Titanic")  
Shana Perry, soloist      Rosalyn Pederson, piano      Anita Hannemann, violin  
American Civil War Fantasy..... Jerry Bilik  
But Beautiful..... Burke, Van Heusen/Nesticco  
Jackie Schaffer, french horn soloist      Chet Dargavel, trumpet soloist  
Foshay Tower Washington Memorial March..... John Philip Sousa  
Five Mellow Winds..... David Schanke  
Solo quintet: Peg Richert, clarinet      Gwen Block, tenor saxophone  
Deane Johnson, alto saxophone      Mark Egge, tenor saxophone  
Dodi Egge, alto saxophone  
Blue Tango..... Leroy Anderson  
My Fair Lady (Selection for Concert Band)..... Lerner, Loewe/Bennett  
Morning Has Broken (Gaelic Melody)..... arranged by Tom Wallace  
\*Royal Fireworks Music..... G. F. Handel/Hindsley  
I. Overture (Allegro)  
\*America the Beautiful..... Ward/Dragon  
The Stars and Stripes Forever..... John Philip Sousa  
Joyce Pond, piccolo soloist

\*July 4<sup>th</sup> Concert Only

ANNOUNCING: The fourth annual *WATER MUSIC CONCERT*  
will be held on Saturday, August 22, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.  
on Bad Medicine Lake at the public access on Hwy 113.







# Music In Nature Concert

Presented by  
Park Rapids Area Community Band  
Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 p.m.

## Itasca State Park

Behind Douglas Lodge

Open House    Free Admission

Free will offering will be taken.



### Celebrate the opportunities

One of the finest musical events took place, Sunday, June 7 at Itasca State Park when the Park Rapids Community Band presented their third annual Music in Nature Concert on the lawn of Douglas Lodge. Under the direction of Jim Wheeler, the approximately 50 musicians entertained us with excellent arrangements from a variety of musical selections.

In addition, Park Rapids High School student Shana Perry sang the love theme from "Titanic," with a voice quality that drew applause from the large audience.

As we sat there nestled among the beautiful trees within Itasca Park, enjoying an environment so magnificent in this area, listening to an outstanding array of excellent musicians, and enjoying the company of many friends, we felt grateful to be able to live in Park Rapids, Minnesota. Let's all continue to celebrate all the opportunities this area has to offer.

Gary and Sharon Rezac Andersen  
Park Rapids

# Music In Nature Concert

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Bill Sanger



Chet Dargavet

Bill Pond

Jessica Nilson

Jill Johnson

Dodie Egge    Gwen Block    Mark Egge

Percussion:

Terry Walsh  
Dave Kerkvliet  
Jacie Ward

Solon Green,  
Trombone



Col Broughton, Trombone    Nadine Christenson





Rollie Haugen  
Alice Haagen  
Sue Sanger



Ruby Anderson .. Carla Haynes .. Joyce Pond

# Itasca State Park



Oboes - Jolyn Nilson & Kathy Frasz



Joyce Ramsay Jason Schellack Ellis Holcomb J. Schaffer

## PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

Jim Wheeler, Conductor  
Bill Bair, Announcer



### ROYAL FIREWORKS MUSIC CONCERT

Old Beach at Red Bridge

Saturday, July 4, 1998 8:00 p.m.

- The Star Spangled Banner..... F. S. Key  
Harmonized and orchestrated by Igor Stravinsky, July 4, 1941  
Transcribed for concert band by Jim Wheeler, July 4, 1998  
Vocal Chords Octet: Nadine Christenson, Dawn Kovacovich, Sue Sanger,  
Jan Alexander, Ellis Holcomb, Paul Ramsay, Deane Johnson, Bill Sanger
- National Emblem March..... E. E. Bagley/  
My Heart Will Go On..... Horner, Jennings/V  
(Love Theme from "Titanic")  
Pam Harris, soloist Lucy Onstad, piano Anita Hannemann, violin
- American Civil War Fantasy..... Jer  
But Beautiful..... Burke, Van Heusen/  
Eve Sumsky, french horn soloist Chet Dargavel, trumpet soloist
- Foshay Tower Washington Memorial March..... John Phil  
Lynnette Pottratz, E<sup>b</sup> soprano clarinet
- Five Mellow Winds ..... David S  
Solo quintet: Peg Richert, clarinet Gwen Block, tenor saxophone  
Deane Johnson, alto saxophone Bruce Pearson, tenor saxophone  
Dodi Egge, alto saxophone
- Blue Tango ..... Leroy A  
My Fair Lady (Selection for Concert Band)..... Lerner, Loewe/  
Royal Fireworks Music..... G. F. Handel/H  
I Overture (Allegro)
- America the Beautiful..... Ward/  
God Bless the USA..... Lee Greenwood/Holmes  
Vocal Chords Octet: Nadine Christenson, Dawn Kovacovich, Sue Sanger,  
Jan Alexander, Ellis Holcomb, Paul Ramsay, Deane Johnson, Bill Sanger
- The Stars and Stripes Forever ..... John Philip Sousa  
Dawn Kovacovich, piccolo soloist

### Sky lights

A brilliant display of pyrotechnics will light the summer sky when the Park Rapids Jaycees host the largest fireworks display in the city's history Saturday night.



Come by boat or car. The show begins at dusk and may be viewed from Heartland Park near the fireworks' launch, from the beach area behind Pizza Hut, from boats or pontoons on Fish Hook River or Lake or from vehicles parked virtually anywhere in the city.

Jaycees organizer Mark Anderson said \$12,000 in fireworks will dazzle the horizon. Popcorn and other refreshments will be served.

The Jaycees are accepting donations toward their commitment for displays for 1999 and 2000. Contributions may be sent to PO Box 134, Park Rapids, MN 56470.

ANNOUNCING: The fourth annual *WATER MUSIC CONCERT* will be held on Saturday, August 22, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. on Bad Medicine Lake.





# 4TH OF JULY



Paul Ramsey & Ellis Holcomb - singers  
Flag Carrier - Colter Useola



Jim Wheeler  
&  
Lynette Pottwartz - clarinetist  
Leaving Train



Love theme from "Titans"  
Pam Harris - soloist  
- My Heart Will Go On -

The  
**UPPER**  
**MISSISSIPPIANS**

at Chateau Paulette

July 26  
Sunday, Aug 9 & Aug 23 6-8pm



**Authentic Jazz &  
Dance Music Of  
The Prohibition Era  
1920 - 1933**

Dennis Block  
(218) 732-0545

Member - International Society of Twenties Orchestras



Upper Missisippians



DIXIELAND

Aunt Belle's



Bill Sanger  
Trumpet



Gwen Block  
+  
Deah Johnson  
Clarinet



Denny Ulmer  
Tuba



### Park Rapids Area

### Chamber Of Commerce

So. Highway 71 Park Rapids, Minn. 56470 (218) 732-4111 (800) 247-0054

Dear Solon,

Thank you and the Park Rapids Dixieland Band for making our Chamber of Commerce Open House a great success! Your quality of music, plus enthusiasm for the occasion was outstanding. Many of the 126 people in attendance articulated how much they enjoyed hearing the band; without music and with the inclement weather we would not been able to label the day as successful.

Also, thanks for making last minute accommodations due to rain; now we realize we had a better day with you indoors because you kept the people inside and they could converse with one another.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to support the band. Know I will be present at each event. I look forward to hearing your great music again on July 4th.

Please relay my thanks to the Dixieland Band. Let me know if there is anything the Park Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce can do to be supportive.

With gratitude,

*Sharon*

Sharon Rezac Andersen

Sharon A.



Keep the beat!





FOURTH ANNUAL  
WATER MUSIC CONCERT  
ON BAD MEDICINE LAKE

7:00 PM on SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1998

*MUSIC ON THE WATER AS GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL PLANNED IT*

Three movements of G.F. Handel's famous Water Music,  
and other summertime band concert favorites

BY THE  
PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

AT BAD MEDICINE RESORT (ON THE LAKE)

CO-SPONSORED BY THE  
BAD MEDICINE LAKE CULTURAL CENTER

*Come Early*  
*Pre-Concert Entertainment by the Dixieland Combo*

Seating is on the lakeshore, please bring  
your own chairs or blankets to sit on.  
Parking is limited, carpooling will be appreciated!

A free will offering will be taken

For more information, please call:  
(218)573-3793 or (218)573-2434





## FRIENDS OF THE WATER MUSIC CONCERT ON BAD MEDICINE LAKE

Summer 1998

Dear Friends,



The annual Water Music Concerts on Bad Medicine Lake have become a high point of the summer for us. As the Water Music Concert has grown over the years so have the costs of presenting it increased. While the Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Center will be contributing during this and the coming year, the growing success of the concert is outpacing the center's resources. To ensure continuation of quality concerts for future generations a *Water Music Concert Endowment Fund* has been established. The money raised for this endowment will be used exclusively by the *Park Rapids Area Community Band* for the *Water Music Concerts* on Bad Medicine Lake.

The financial security created by this endowment will allow the Community Band to make a longer term commitment to this unique and priceless concert series. In addition, that security will allow the band to continue its quest for musical excellence and to present outstanding concert programs in future years.

We are asking Bad Medicine Lake residents and others to make a substantial donation. By comparison, the Community Band chair endowment program is based upon a \$100 donation. We hope that your name can be added to our growing list of donors. Please help us ensure the continuation of this summertime tradition by making your generous check out to:

Friends of the Water Music Concert



in care of:  
Odell Bjerkness  
RR 1 Box 221A  
Ponsford, MN 56575

We thank you in advance for your support ensuring the continuation of this priceless summertime heritage.

Sincerely,

The Friends of the Water Music Concert on Bad Medicine Lake



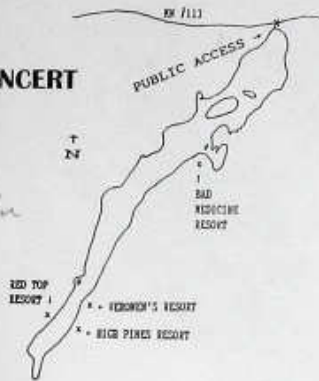
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Alice:

This is the first letter that went out. Norm Tschudi was very upset about it because he said "let's make him look like the bad guy." Well

Jim

**FRIENDS OF THE WATER MUSIC CONCERT  
ON  
BAD MEDICINE LAKE**



July-August 1998

Dear Friends,

In order to insure the continuation of the Water Music Concert on Bad Medicine Lake, a Water Music Concert Endowment Fund has been established. This became necessary when it was decided that Bad Medicine Resort will be charging a \$500 rental fee per year. The money raised for this endowment fund will be used to cover the rental fees in the years to come, plus other out-of-pocket expenses such as this stationery, mailings, etc.

This endowment fund will also help the Park Rapids Area Community Band make a commitment to this unique concert. We are asking Bad Medicine Lake residents to make a \$100 donation. The response to this request has been very positive. We hope that we can add your name to the list of donors. Please make your check out to:

Friends of the Water Music Concert

And mail it to:

Odell Bjerkness, Treasurer  
RR 1 Box 221A  
Ponsford, MN 56575

We thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Odell Bjerkness  
Treasurer



Friends of the Water Music

- Lois + Bernard Altenburg
- Norman David Johnson
- Isabel Johnson
- Emma + Herbert Jourdan
- Evan's Super Market
- William Sanger
- H.P. Smeenk



PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND  
RR 1 BOX 153  
PONSFORD, MN 56575

*WaterMusic Concert  
On Beautiful Bad Medicine Lake*

MEDIA RELEASE  
27 July 1998

The Park Rapids Area Community Concert Band will be presenting the *Fourth Annual Water Music Concert on Bad Medicine Lake* at 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 22, 1998. The concert is being co-sponsored by the Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Center. Music featuring three movements from George Frederick Handel's celebrated *Water Music Suite* will be conducted by Jim Wheeler. Other summertime program favorites will include John Philip Sousa's *Foshay Tower Washington Memorial March* and *The Stars and Stripes Forever*. The program will feature a vocal solo by Pam Harris singing "My Heart Will Go On" the Love theme from the movie *Titanic*. A vocal octet will be featured on the *Star Spangled Banner* and Lee Greenwood's *God Bless the USA*. Pre-concert entertainment will be presented by a Dixieland Combo.

Handel had originally composed the *Water Music Suite* to be performed on the royal river barge of King George I of England. The Concert Band will once again capture the spirit of this music by playing from watercraft on Bad Medicine Lake with the audience seated on the shoreline at Bad Medicine Resort's shoreline amphitheater.

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The concert will be held at Bad Medicine Resort on the shore of Bad Medicine Lake located west of Itasca State Park. Seating is on the beach at the amphitheater, please bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Parking is limited and your help by carpooling will be appreciated. Please plan to arrive at least 30 minutes early so that you can be seated when the concert starts and enjoy the music of the Dixieland Combo. The performance is free and open to the public, a voluntary offering will be taken. Camping facilities are available at Bad Medicine Resort. For more information on camping, please call Bad Medicine Resort at (218)573-3790. For concert information call (218)573-3793 or (218)573-2434.

**DIRECTIONS:** *Bad Medicine Resort* is located on Bad Medicine Lake west of Itasca State Park. To get to the concert, go to the *East Bad Medicine Road*, off State Highway 113 between mileposts 44 and 45. Turn south and proceed about 2 miles. The drive for Bad Medicine Resort is on the right. Signs will be posted.

Fourth Annual  
Water Music Concert  
on  
Bad Medicine Lake

Presented by the  
Park Rapids Area Community Concert Band  
Jim Wheeler, Conductor  
Bill Bair, Announcer

Featuring 3 Movements of G. F. Handel's  
Water Music and Other Outdoor Summertime Favorites  
at  
Bad Medicine Resort  
Saturday, August 22, 1998  
7:00 p.m.

A free will offering will be taken.

Sponsored by the Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Center  
and the  
Park Rapids Area Community Band

Dixieland Band



children

Directing



Vocal Chords Septet



Dave Johnson



Aug 22  
1998



## Summer's end on a high note



7pm

The Park Rapids Area Community Band held its fourth annual "Water Music" concert Saturday from pontoons on Bad Medicine Lake. The audience listened from canoes, boats, pontoons and at least 500 of them on folding chairs on the amphitheater style shore of Bad Medicine Resort. As the band and a vocal

ensemble performed the Navy Hymn in tribute to those lost at sea and also in recognition of lives lost in recent bombings in Africa, the setting sun illuminated the large cross across the bay. The event was sponsored by supporters of the band and by the Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Center.



## Concert tunes to waft across Bad Medicine

The Park Rapids Area Community Concert Band will be presenting the 4th Annual Water Music Concert on Bad Medicine Lake at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22. The concert is being co-sponsored by the Bad Medicine Lake Cultural Center.

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Bad Medicine  
Resort



Bring  
your  
own  
chairs



Pam  
Harris

So we left Hoot Owl with lifted spirits and a renewed sense of August.

But there was more. For the past two summers our musician neighbor, Deane Johnson, has invited us to Sunday evenings at Chateau Paulette where he plays clarinet and sax in a swing band, the Upper Missisippians.

I don't know much about swing music. I guess I can't even define it. I do enjoy big band sounds of the old time greats, Ellington, Goodman, et al.

But I hadn't had the inspiration nor inclination to leave home on a Sunday night to watch a combo of local ragamuffins.

I'm old enough and experienced enough to know I shouldn't make baseless decisions on false prejudices.

The Upper Missisippians comprise about 12 extremely capable musicians from the region under the leadership of Dennis Block. Their repertoire is limited to big band music written between 1920 and 1933, the Prohibition era. This isn't really a limitation, though, as I understand it the group can choose a play list from hundreds of numbers they've practiced. And while the big bands have, unfortunately faded in popularity, many of the pieces we heard Sunday have stood the test of time.

From "Stardust" to "Five Foot

Two" and the mellifluous vocal rendition of "Dream a Little Dream of Me," we were swept into a nostalgic era of early jazz and smoky cabarets (although no one smoked that night).

Added to the fun of watching lively music performed live was watching the audience. The major difference between audience participation in Park Rapids and say at New York is that instead of being dressed to the nines, dancers here come dressed to about the threes - in casual summer wear.

Folks of all ages danced, but it was easily apparent that the more mature the couple, the more graceful, confident and poetic the dance. After tapping our toes under the table for a half dozen numbers, we could stand it no longer and I dragged Marcia to the dance floor. Graceful and poetic, we were not. But it was great fun, and we'll try it again.

Playing every other Sunday, the Upper Missisippians will return to Chateau at 6 p.m. Aug. 23. This may be their last gig of the summer, so plan to take it in.

There is yet more in this August of music. At 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 another summer reprise by the Park Rapids Area Community Band will be held on Bad Medicine Lake. From the Baroque to Modern, the band's eclectic repertoire wafts from the water to the romantic venue at Bad Medicine Resort.

Bring your own chairs!

*Opinion Page*

*of the Enterprise by Allen Woldem*

*August happening at the Lake's*

*Pastor Olson & Pastor Gene B*



*Susan Schleder*

# Oktoberfest



Catch Calvary's Vision  
October 10, 1998



*Polka Band!*



# Dinner-Dance Fund Raiser

18 piece Park Rapids Community Band Dance Band  
Friday October 23, 1998

Park Rapids American Legion Club



Solist  
Sue Songer  
Dave & Alice  
Hagen

**Dinner-dance fundraiser**  
A dinner-dance fundraiser, featuring the 18-piece Park Rapids Community Band dance band, will be held Friday, Oct. 23 at the American Legion Club.  
A prime rib dinner, catered by Main Street Meats, will be served at 6 p.m. with dancing to the Big Band sounds of the '40s and '50s from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.  
Cost is \$15 per person. Tickets are available at Park Pharmacy or call 732-4366.

**DINNER-DANCE  
FUND RAISER**

**18-Piece Park Rapids Community Band  
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Friday, October 23, 1998  
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Catered by Main Street Meats  
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of the 40's and 50's

Couples  
Enjoying  
the  
Music



Elsine & Gar Lockrem



Sue & Bill Songer

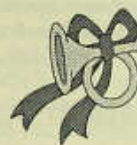


Park Rapids Area Community  
Concert Band & Dance Band

*present*



## Holiday Music from the Ages



### 8th Annual Winter Concert

*Jim Wheeler, Conductor  
Solon Green, Manager  
Bill Bair, Announcer*

**Sunday, December 6, 1998  
3:00 p.m.**

**Park Rapids Area  
High School Gymnasium**

*No Admission Charge  
A free-will offering will be taken*







**'Holiday Music from Around the World'**

The Park Rapids Area Community Band with Jim Wheeler conducting will present its winter concert, "Holiday Music from Around the World," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Area High School auditorium. Featured works include Johann Strauss' "Emperor Waltz" from Austria; Tchaikovsky's "Dance of the Toy Flutes" from the Russian "Nutcracker" ballet; "Brazilian Sleigh Bells" by Percy Faith; and the all-America classic, "White Christmas," penned by Irving Berlin. The Dance Band will perform three selections mid-concert. John Phillip Sousa's marches will also set toes tapping.



Dec. 6th  
1998  
3 p.m.



**Tschaikowsky anyone?**

Flutes were featured as the Park Rapids Area Community Band played Petr Tschaikowsky's "Dance of the Toy Flutes" at the band's eighth annual Winter Concert Sunday. Festive music ranging from marches by Sousa, a waltz by Strauks to a variety of popular and sacred numbers punctuated the holiday spirit.



Vocal Chords  
Octet



Dance Band



# Park Rapids lights up for Christmas

The best guess Friday evening was 500 to 600 people congregated on Main to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season.

The Park Rapids Community Band struck a brass background for shoppers who visited stores for tasty morsels of the Yuletide Sampler.

Barbershoppers not only were harmonically entertaining, but coaxed many in the crowd to sing along.

Some "thank you" speeches were delivered. Marylen Veden told how residents have donated more than \$6,000 to the Park Rapids Area Hospice through the Light up a Life program.

And then the tree came to light to a chorus of "oohs" and "ahhs."

Chamber executive director Sharon Rezac Andersen read a letter from Santa Claus saying Santa promised to make Park Rapids his first stop this year, because all the children have been nice, not naughty.

And sure enough, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived by carriage greeting hundreds of sparkly-eyed children.

The party moved to Northland Market where more tunes emanated from the band and barbershoppers, more goodies, coffee and cider were consumed and where children went next door for a minute on Santa's lap while Mrs. Claus snapped their photos.

"I'm overwhelmed by the number of people," exclaimed Rezac Andersen. "You can't get better cooperation than we find in Park Rapids. It takes an entire community for an event like this; the whole city comes together."

Santa will return to the Santa House each Saturday until Christmas.



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**TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY:**  
Friday Nov. 27th. Program starts at 6 pm and tree lighting at 6:30 pm. Stores will be open 'til 8 pm & Yuletide Sampler will take place. Santa will arrive in town and Santa House will be open.

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**YULETIDE SAMPLER:**  
Friday Nov. 27th, 5-8 p.m. This is a night for people to visit stores and enjoy treats and/or beverages.

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**GALA HOLIDAY GATHERING:**  
Friday, Nov. 27th, 8-9:30 p.m. at the Northland Market. Enjoy the festive sounds of the Park Rapids Community Band and the Barbershoppers! Wander through the market sipping cider & munching cookies and delight in the creative decorations featuring our local area. Chamber businesses! Santa will be here!

Playing at Fellowship Time at Riverside U.M. Church



Solon Green Jim Wheeler Nadine Christensen ELLs Holcomb Tara Remund Bell Sooger

THE BRASS GROUP  
Playing at



Dec: 198  
Denny Ulmer Solon Green Mark Waller Jon Alexander Eke Sumski Bill Sanger Bob Frost



## PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

*"A unique community band program serving the Park Rapids community and surrounding area"  
The Band That Plays On Water*

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Dear PRACB Members, Friends and Associates,

Can you believe it? We are starting our 8th season and most of us are still speaking to each other. There are many things that are very pleasing to me about our Community Band Program. First and foremost, it is the people who are members of our band that have given our band such a positive reputation. Secondly, it is the strong following we have developed by playing music that people like to hear. And thirdly, it is the joy of sharing music with others to the highest level that we can.

The Fourth of July concert was our best ever. And as you know, the Water Music Concert has to be the most unique band concert anywhere. This year's crowd was the second largest and presented us with over \$1,100 in the free will offering.

So - here we go!

Rehearsals: Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. at the Park Rapids Area High School Bandroom

Sept. 26

Nov. 14

Oct. 10 \* may be an afternoon rehearsal? 2:30-4:30

Nov. 21

Oct. 24

Dec. 5

Concert: Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.

The Dance Band will rehearse on Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Sebeka High School bandroom.

The annual Dinner Dance fundraiser will be held on Friday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the American Legion Club here in Park Rapids (dinner at 6:00 p.m., dancing from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.).

It is everyone's part to invite people to attend our concerts and our dinner dance fundraiser. We are asking each member to sell four tickets to this event.

Our Spring Concert will be Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The Music In Nature Concert at Itasca Park will be the first Sunday in June. The July 4<sup>th</sup> concert will be on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Fifth Annual Water Music Concert will be on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

All the best,

Jim Wheeler, Conductor, PRACB

*Concert Band, Dance Band, 1920's Swing Band, Dixieland Combo, Polka Band*

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