

2011 Music Line Up in the Entertainment Tent and on the Streets of Alanson

Friday August 12

4:30 – 8:30 PM **"PAN" FRANEK, ZOSIA & THE POLKA TOWNERS** is led by head of the family, Frank



Piotrowski, of Muskegon. It's in their blood! These professional artists have recorded and traveled widely. Frank began his music career with a talent show in 1972. Nine years later Frank joined forces with a great singer from Poland named Zofia (Zosia). One became two and two became seven. Seeing and hearing the Piotrowski's in action is an audio-visual treat. Three sisters (Kristine, Andrea & Erika) offer inspiring fiddle playing and great vocal harmonies. Brothers Kristopher and Simon Peter bring

drums and concertina. Rounding out this great family band are Larry Olsen (Mr. Chops) on trumpet and Jim Fusik on sax. Learn more at: www.panfranek.com

9:30 to 1:30 AM **THE BLITZ** is a high energy, Northern Michigan based power trio. Originally formed in



1987, the band reassembled in 2003 and has been entertaining audiences with their multi-genre dance favorites ever since. They'll keep you on your feet with Classic and Modern Rock, a touch of Mo-Town and Funk.

Saturday August 13

1:30 – 5:30PM **THE COUNTRY CLASSICS DANCE BAND** are an Alanson favorite returning for their 3rd



year. What do you like? From Rock-a-Billy, ballads and sweet waltzes, old and new favorites, they play for everyone. Mellow voice Norm Honeysette and sweet singing wife Nancy harmonize and solo on ballads. Norm and Nancy reside in Hulbert, Michigan and are originally from Alanson.

On key board is Bruce Taylor from Hawks, MI. Bruce also sings bass and rumbles the stage with his great “Umm Pah Pah” on the classic Elvira. On bass and vocals Brenda Shoebottom contributes great harmony and vocal renditions of “Country Classics”. Visit: www.thecountryclassicsdanceband.com

6:00 – 9:00PM **SNEAKY PEAT** puts it all together with entertaining showmanship and professional



musicianship. You will enjoy a blend of Cajun, Folk, Blues and even Classical. Taking time off to earn a degree in music, Peter Schindler and his talented family have returned to perform in Northern Lower Michigan. This year we will see them as a trio. Peter is an orchestral composer who teaches strings in Gaylord and at the McCune Art Center in Petoskey. Wife Cathy is a fine painter and accomplished mandolin player. Son Simon is a consummate percussionist and blues guitarist. This family has been playing together for many years. Highly entertaining and inspiring, this multi-talented family is committed to the pursuit of musical excellence.

SATURDAY HEADLINER

10:00PM – 1:30AM **THE SAUCECATS**. “Zydeco” returns to Alanson for the 2nd year. Down in New



Orleans folks have a local Creole saying: “Laissez les bon temp rouler...”, simply put, “Let the good times roll”. The Saucecats bring a special blend of instruments featuring horns, accordion, keyboard, and a Zydeco rubboard that creates the “The Sauce” in The Saucecats. All generations will appreciate singing, dancing, and well... just having a great time. We are fortunate to have them as our headliner this year. Visit: www.saucecats.com

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Two Free Outdoor Performances also on Saturday.

2:00 – 4:00PM **MOORS AND MCCUMBER**. Appearing on our outdoor stage in the village park this year



you can experience Rocky Mountain Folk Music. In 2005, recording artists James Moors and Kort McCumber met at the Rocky Mountain Folks Festival in Lyons, Colorado. Swapping songs around a campfire, James and Kort each heard something in the music of

the other that just fit. They have blended a cross between Tom Petty and the “O Brother, Where Art Thou?” soundtrack. A winding mountain road, a dimly lit bedroom, a star filled sky. Influenced by the songwriting of Steve Earl, Gillian Welch and Neil Young, Moors and McCumber deliver songs full of rich harmonies that take you places. Special Guest Beth Wilberger will be joining them on fiddle & vocals. Visit: www.moorsandmccumber.com, www.kortmusic.com & www.jamesmoors.com for more info.

2:00 – 4:00PM, **Harbor HoeDown** will appear at the corner of River Street and U.S. 31. This group



consists of John Richey playing fiddle and guitar, Jan Fowler on piano and Ron Fowler on the 5-string banjo, ukulele and various other rhythm instruments. Originally formed to play old-time music for contra, square and round dances, the band favors a solid traditional southern style of fiddle and banjo with the piano providing the rhythm. This style was played in West Virginia during the first half of the twentieth century. All three band members are long-time dancers as well as musicians and Jan is a first-rate dance caller herself. Ron plays a style of banjo known as “clawhammer” or “knock-down” and John is proficient in several fiddle styles. Harbor Hoe Down has played at dances, festivals and

weddings in Northern Michigan for the past three years. With nearly 90 years of experience among them, they are just as likely to break into a favorite song from folk, hillbilly or popular origins in a non-dance venue.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH

Free Concert

12:30 – 2:00PM. **THE PETOSKEY STEEL DRUM BAND** will perform at the end of River Street in front of the entertainment tent. Just as the famous Top O’ Michigan Marathon Nationals boat race speeds down Crooked River and through Alanson, fans will enjoy the sounds of this famous local group.



The Petoskey Steel Drum Band has been an active performing group since their formation in 1997. They have performed throughout the state and country, including The Epcot Center, Walt Disney World, Mardi Gras in New Orleans-3

times, the Caribbean Islands and Hawaii.

Members of the band include 35 Petoskey High School students who also perform in other school bands. Thirty to forty concerts a year keeps them busy year round.

In addition to their active schedule the group has produced four CD's. "Jamaican Me Crazy", recorded in 1998 has been very popular for those looking for fun summer music. It is very upbeat and includes "Jamaica Farewell" and "Jump in the Line". Their second CD was recorded in 2000 and is titled "The Petoskey Steel Band-Steel in Paradise". It has a little more of the traditional steel drum flavor; but, also includes some American favorites such as Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl" and Buffet's "Margaritaville". The 4th CD is titled "Lord of the Pans" has become a fan favorite. This recording includes a variety of tunes but the most popular is the Celtic music of "Lord of the Pans".

THE FINAL BAND IN THE ENTERTAINMENT TENT ON SUNDAY

2:00 – 6:00PM **THE FUN GUYS**, as the name proclaims, are all about having fun and making people



feel good through the power of music. Playing a wide variety of classic rock spanning the 50's thru the 80's, The Fun Guys bring sincerity and enthusiasm to every performance, whether it's Elvis, The Beatles, Steve Miller, Stevie Ray Vaughn or Prince. Keith Johnston's fiery guitar and bluesy vocal style compliments Tom Birchler's energetic rock and country-influenced vocals and deep bass groove. Jimmy K contributes soulful singing and funky rhythm guitar while the crisp and powerful drumming of Mike Birchler energizes the show and his tight harmonies add depth

to the vocal sound. Great songs, inspired musicians and a willing audience can only mean one thing; the fun starts here with The Fun Guys.

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