



Motley's 'Two Rivers Music Fest' July 24-26

Featuring music, food, car show, parade . . . and the Batmobile

Back for the third year in a row, the "Two Rivers Music Fest" in Motley is the place to be July 24 - 26.

The family friendly event (which drew nearly 2,000 people last year) features a wide variety of musical entertainment, as well as food booths, arts

and crafts, a car show, parade; and...the Batmobile.

Admission is free. "There's something for everyone," said Bob Jenkins, General Chairman and founder of the festival. "Whether you like rock 'n roll, gospel or country... we've got a great line-up of

musicians again this year."

Most of the bands will perform at Veteran's Park in Motley, except for guitarist Kevin Klimek, who will play during Friday night's pie and ice cream social at Motley United Methodist Church.

"Expect some surprises, too," laughed Jenkins. At last year's festival, a wedding took place on one of the parade floats; and this year, it's been confirmed that the Batmobile will make an appearance during Johnny Green and the Greenmen's show Saturday night.

These activities were made possible thanks to a grant from Five Wings Arts Council (with funds through the Minnesota Legislature) and donations from local businesses.

Hundreds of volunteer hours have been logged by members of the Two Rivers board, which includes Jenkins, vice chair Gayle Quinn, Larry Beckner, Marinell (Jo) Philipp; and Harry and Lavoane Meyer.

"It's a lot of work, but it's worth it," Jenkins said recently. "It feels great to see everything falling into place."

The line-up for the week-end includes the following:

Friday, July 24

• Pie and ice cream social, United Methodist Church from 4 - 6 p.m. Guitarist Kevin Klimek will perform classic rock, blues and jazz.

• Country Gospel music by The Schimpps & The Timbs, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. in Veteran's Park.

Saturday, July 25

• Firemen's Breakfast, sponsored by the Motley Fire Department, from 7 - 10:30 a.m. at the Motley Fairgrounds

• Craft Show opens at 10 a.m., Veteran's Park. (Food and crafts booths will sell to the public all day - closing at 10 p.m.)

• Parade, on 1st Avenue South, begins at 11 a.m., featuring vintage cars and tractors; and many floats

• "The Unbelievable Uglies," Rock & Country Hall of Famers, perform from 12 - 3 p.m., Veteran's Park

• Car Show, 12 - 3:30 p.m. Trophies at 3:30 p.m.

• Tami & The Bachelor, musical husband and wife duo, will perform from 3 - 6 p.m., Veteran's Park. Tami (Kraft) is a 1975 graduate of Motley High School.

• Johnny Green and the Greenmen (performing rock classics, blues and swing) take the Veteran's



Featured band

"Johnny Green & the Greenmen," will headline this year's 'Two Rivers Music Fest' in Motley, performing Saturday, July 25, 6 - 10 p.m. in Veteran's Park. The band is best known for their work on the Batman TV series, where they played the role of the Joker's henchmen and also wrote the show's musical score, recording with the legendary Billy May (The band will be bringing the Batmobile to Motley, Johnny said). They have also toured with the Rolling Stones, the Beatles and Bob Hope; performed for President Nixon; and have been a top attraction in Las Vegas. (Submitted photos)

Park stage from 6 - 10 p.m.

Known for their work on the Batman TV series, the band will be bringing the Batmobile to Motley.

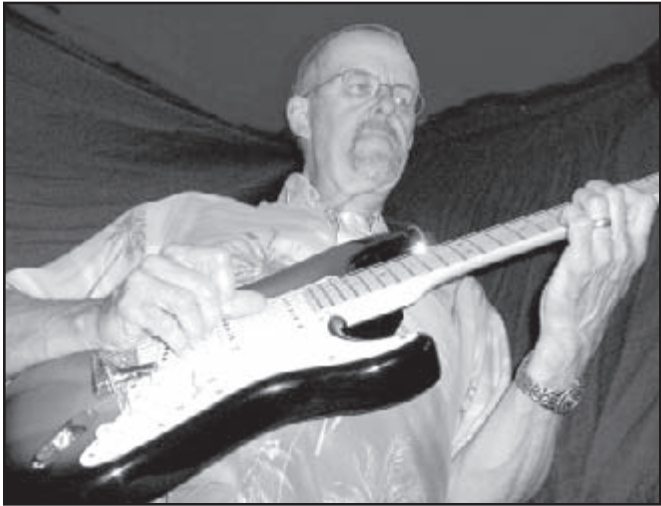
Sunday, July 26

• Community Worship Service (non-denominational) at Veteran's Park, from 10 a.m. - noon; with music by Bill Berndt & The Vagabonds. Sponsored by United Methodist and Free

Methodist churches of Motley.

In case of rain, Friday and Sunday events will be held at the Motley United Methodist Church; and Saturday's events will be held at the Motley Staples Middle School.

For more information, contact Bob Jenkins at 218-352-6629 or Gayle Quinn at 218-352-6040.



Master guitarist

Kevin Klimek will perform at the Two Rivers Music Fest in Motley from 4 - 6 p.m. Friday, July 24, at the United Methodist Church in Motley. A solo guitarist/vocalist, Kevin is the official house entertainer at Bar Harbor Lounge and Restaurant on Gull Lake. His music styles include classic rock, blues and smooth jazz. Over the years, Kevin has appeared on stage with groups such as Buck Owens and Bill Halley's Comets.

Plans to improve Motley streets still in the works

Public informational meeting July 23

By Dawn Schimpp Timbs
World reporter

Repairs and improvements to Beaulieu and other streets in Motley, a project estimated to cost approximately \$670,000, could become reality in 2010.

An informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 6 p.m., at Motley City Hall, to offer the public an overview and gain feedback about the project, which will affect 31 properties.

The proposed project area includes:

- Beaulieu Street from 6th Ave. to Hwy 10
- Main Street from 6th Ave. to 5th Ave. and 4th Ave. to Hwy 10
- 6th, 5th, 4th and 3rd Avenues between Beaulieu Street and Main Street.

City Engineer Aric

Welch, with Widseth, Smith and Nolting, will facilitate the July 23 meeting. He is responsible for the project's Feasibility Study and Design, which was previously authorized by the council.

Welch updated the Motley City Council on the Beaulieu Street Project at their regular meeting June 23. The council decided to set a date for the informational meeting at that time.

What can the public expect at the meeting?

"We will discuss the existing conditions (of the streets), proposed improvements, estimated project costs and assessments," Welch reported recently.

Project costs will be split between commercial and residential project areas. Estimated individual property assessments will

be available at the meeting, Welch said.

According to Welch, residential properties will receive assessments based on 30 percent of the residential project cost; and commercial properties will receive assessments based on 70 percent of the commercial project costs. All remaining costs will be paid for by the city.

"This is the current assessment policy but it has never been applied to a project, so it is subject to change," Welch said.

A public hearing will still need to be held before the city can proceed with the assessment project.

"More than likely the project will not get underway until 2010," Welch said. "We will discuss the project schedule at the meeting (July 23)," he added.



Fresh bread, fruit and veggies

The Staples Area Farmer's Market is now also being held in Pillager, Fridays, from 3 - 6 p.m., at the parking lot of The Shante, located along Hwy 210. Pictured above, selling fresh baked goods, are members of the Decker family, from rural Motley. From left, Adele with son Gabriel, Adelene, Talitha. Pictured at right, Lois Sandberg (on left), Cushing, purchases some strawberries and raspberries from Violet Holmquist of Clarissa.

The Staples Area Farmer's Market also meets Thursdays, from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Health System Hospital parking lot in Staples; and on Saturdays, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Dairy Queen parking lot in Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Schimpp Timbs)

Vintage cars, tractors needed for Motley parade

The Saturday morning parade line-up, featuring vintage and classic cars and tractors, is still in the works for Motley's Two Rivers Music Fest, scheduled for Friday, July 24 - Sunday, July 27.

Gayle Quinn, vice-chair of the festival and parade chairman, is in charge of this event, which follows the Firemen's Breakfast at the fairgrounds on Saturday, July 25.

VBS at Pillager Baptist

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church in Pillager will be held Sunday, July 26 - Thursday, July 30, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

"Operation Space," from Answers in Genesis, is the theme; and children ages three - fifth grade are welcome. Crafts, snacks and games are on the agenda. Adult sessions will be offered as well.

Registration will be taken at the first meeting.

Crow Wing Calendar

July 19

SWAN VALLEY AND MAPLE HILL LUTHERAN CHURCHES will hold a joint service Sunday, July 19, at Swan Valley Church, Leader. Service at 10:30 a.m., followed by potluck dinner. All welcome.

July 24

FOOT CARE CLINIC, sponsored by Lakewood Health System, Friday, July 24, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., LHS, Motley Clinic. For info., appts., 218-894-8080.

July 25

GROWLER'S GATHERING IN LEADER will be held Saturday, July 25, 11 a.m. - dusk. Parade, free lunch, live music, kids games, pig races, fireworks. For info., parade registration, 218-397-2331.

July 28

CHILD & TEEN CHECKUP CLINIC, sponsored by Cass County Health, Human & Veterans Services, Tuesday, July 28, Pillager Family Center. For info., appts., 218-746-4009.

Cass County 4-H clubs 'Share-the-Fun' in skits

By Tessa M. Swecker
Becker Busy Bees reporter

Recently, three Cass County 4-H clubs participated in a Share-the-Fun Competition, put on by the Cass County Ambassadors. This event took place on June 29, at the Warehouse in Pine River.

In preparation for the annual June competition, each participating club puts together a skit. They practice their lines, put to-

gether costumes; and have a lot of laughs during the process.

Each club works very hard and has a great time. It is also possible to perform as an individual act or an act with a small group of people. There was an individual act at this year's Share-the-Fun competition.

A variety of awards are handed out each year, including: Most Entertaining, Best Costumes, Best Chore-

ography and Best Props.

However, everyone waits to see who will win the big prize: a trip to the Minnesota State Fair representing Cass County at the State Fair Share-the-Fun competition.

In between different acts June 29, the Ambassadors entertained the audience with classic 4-H skits and led them in 4-H songs. The Ambassadors were also entertained, along with the audience, during musical performances by Nick Trout (BBB member and Cass Cty Ambassador); and Carrie Gordon, Sparkling Waters member and Cass Cty Ambassador.

The Cass Cty 4-Hers also invited people to bring non-perishable food shelf items for local food shelves.

The Becker Busy Bees won second place with their performance of, "Where's the 4th H?" They also won the award for Best Costumes.

The Sparkling Waters 4-H club won the award for Most Entertaining and the trip to the state fair with their performance of, "Battle of the Bands."

"Congratulations to the Sparkling Waters 4-H Club," said Tessa Swecker, BBB reporter. "We know everyone else worked very hard; we hope you had a lot of fun creating your skits."



Winning skit

The Becker Busy Bees won second place (and a Best Costumes award) for with their performance of "Where's the 4th H?" at the Cass Cty Share-the-Fun competition. Pictured above, back row left to right, Travis Johnson, Mary Sarah Sauber, Haley Carlson, Jazmin Blowers, Tessa Swecker, Ryan Johnson, McKayla Sauber, Tyler Johnson, Thomas Hayes. Front row, left to right, Alisha Johnson, Morgan Swecker.