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Black Hawk Folk Society Volunteer Spotlight

Betty Trowbridge Hagan and Paul Hagan have dedicated countless hours to Black Hawk Folk Society over the years. Without these two stalwart supporters, this organization could not have continued!

Betty booked our monthly talent for years and continues as an active board member and Paul has been BHFS's treasurer for over a decade. When asked about their favorite memories of BHFS, Betty remembers fondly, "Concerts at the old Town Hall, the big wagon that was our Festival stage, \$3 concerts, potlucks, Christmas caroling in Mt Morris, Festival after-parties and counting the gate hoping it covered expenses, and all the amazing musicians that traveled out to our little venue in the sticks and played their hearts out."

Paul adds, "One of my favorite memories is spending time with Michael Smith and hearing his story of why he wrote *The Dutchman*. He almost got tossed out of a Dublin pub when he told them he wrote that song!" Paul went on to say, "The future of the Black Hawk



Folk Society depends on new members joining us to continue going forward. It's more fun than you think!"

Join us at...

Pickin' at the Post
Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 PM
Trading Post Bar & Grill, Hwy 152, Mt. Morris



Black Hawk Folk Society

February-May 2025

blackhawkfolk.org

Feb 8 Sparky and Rhonda (online concert)

Mar 8 Songa (Mountain View Community Center)

Apr 12 Lil Rev (Mountain View Community Center)

May 10 Cris & Ann Plata (Mt. Morris Town Park)

Stay tuned to blackhawkfolk.org
for more great concerts!

 www.facebook.com/BlackHawkFolk



BHFS Brings Great Music to Mt. Morris in 2025

We hope you are able to find some warm and cozy evenings this winter season. Speaking of warm and cozy, you can enjoy the comfort of your own home for our Second Saturday Concert in February! Sparky and Rhonda will be joining us virtually (get the link on our website or Facebook page) and add to their tip jar if you are able.

We'll continue to bring you amazing musicians this spring with BHFS crowd favorites Songa, Lil Rev, and Cris & Ann Plata. If you haven't heard these performers live, it's an absolute MUST! Bring a

friend or family member and make it a fun evening with camaraderie and good eats at the potluck one hour prior to concert time.

**Second Saturday
Concerts are \$10/person
18 and under free!**

Bring a teenager or two and enjoy some great entertainment-free music away from screens!

Save the Date: July 12, 2025 Black Hawk Folk Music Festival

We have another amazing line-up slated for this year's Festival, so mark your calendars and be ready to be entertained by excellent musicians, talented artisans, and more at beautiful Mt. Morris Town Park. Check out our website for all the details: blackhawkfolk.org

Calendar **2025** **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** **2025** Calendar



SPARKY AND RHONDA
SAT, FEB 8 @ 7:00 PM

Online Concert - find link on BHFS website

Sparky and Rhonda are singer-songwriters who have released 10 CDs together, plus six solo albums, including a Grammy nominee! Rhonda is a published children's author, and both are beloved storytellers. Harmonica, piano, old-time banjo, guitar, and spoons add musical versatility to their performances. Their repertoire includes blues, Appalachian music, slave songs, and more. Thanks to our generous sponsors and other donors, the concert is free (you can contribute to their tip jar). www.sparkyandrhonda.com



LIL REV
SAT, APR 12 @ 7:00 PM
(Potluck @ 6:00 PM)

Mountain View Community Center

Known for his award-winning harmonica playing and old-time and blues ukelele, Lil Rev is the real deal. "I've lived each day to listen to, play, perform, and teach music any chance I can get. It still amazes me all these years later that I am able to make my living doing what I love!" <https://www.lilrev.com>



SONGA
SAT, MAR 8 @ 7:00 PM
(Potluck @ 6:00 PM)

Mountain View Community Center

This roots folk/country duo led by Mario and Sherry Friedel is based in the Chippewa Valley. They weave a rich sonic tapestry rooted in the heart of Nashville's songwriting tradition. Their live performances showcase a soulful blend of folk, newgrass, blues, country, and jazz, delivered with raw authenticity.

www.songaduo.com



CRIS & ANN PLATA
SAT, MAY 10
@ 2:00 PM
(Potluck @ 1:00 PM)
Mt. Morris Town Park

Cris is a Texas singer/songwriter who will share with us his Mexican roots music. His musical influences come from all of the music he was exposed to as the son of migrant workers traveling across the US. His Tex-Mex dance tunes, old-timey ballads and country-folk material are nicely balanced by his wife Ann's bass lines, and the pared-down poetry of his lyrics will stick with you.

<https://crisplata.com>

Find more info at blackhawkfolk.org or www.facebook.com/BlackHawkFolk

Help Support Live Music in Waushara County!

If you enjoy the monthly concerts and annual festival and want them to continue, please consider a tax-deductible donation to Black Hawk Folk Society. All funds go directly to operation costs. Please print clearly.

Become a Friend of Black Hawk Folk Society:

- Banjo** level (\$25)
- Mandolin** level (\$50)
- Fiddle** level (\$100)
- Guitar** level (\$200 or more)
- Season Co-sponsor (\$250)
- Newsletter** donation (\$10)
- Sound Fund** donation

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Email _____

Bring this completed form, along with your contribution to any of our events, or mail to: **Black Hawk Folk Society**
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- Please send my newsletter via email only.
- (Please make checks payable to **Black Hawk Folk Society**.)

Thank you for your contribution!

Thanks to Our 2024-2025 Season Co-sponsors

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About Our Concerts

- Evening Concerts** ~ Oct.-Nov. and March-April
- 2nd Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM
 - Admission: \$10 for adults, FREE for ages 18 & under
 - Mountain View Community Center (N3137 21st Lane, just off Highway 152, south of Mt. Morris)
- Afternoon Concerts** ~ May-September
- 2nd Saturday of the month at 2:00 PM
 - Admission: \$10 for adults, FREE for ages 18 & under
 - Mt. Morris Town Park (N3847 County Road G, Mt. Morris)
- Online Concerts** ~ December-February
- 2nd Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM
- Acoustic Jam Sessions** ~ weekly
Pickin' at the Post - Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 PM
Trading Post Bar & Grill, Hwy 152, Mt. Morris

About Black Hawk Folk Society

Black Hawk Folk Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, and all contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. For information, please contact the appropriate volunteer council member:

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