



FALL 2020

# quarter NOTES

## from Remus to YOUR Backyard

ONLINE FESTIVAL

Welcome to the first online Wheatland Festival, September 11, 12 & 13. We don't want to call it the 'First Annual Online Festival' as we have high hopes of being back, in person, at the Festival grounds in September 2021!

You will be treated to 3 days of archived music and new video performances. Enjoy memories of past Wheatland's while listening to the music of groups from the '80's, '90's, and some more current. Video performances are groups that would have performed at the festival this year, along with Michigan Songwriters in the Round, WheatSongs participants and a CD Release from The Sweet Water Warblers. Kids Hill and Rhythm Stage will join in with videos from their areas. The original Carry It On performance will be shown, and, as a special treat, a version of everyone's favorite, Sunday Morning Gospel.

The online festival will be broadcast on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. The entire weekend is free of charge. The musical archives will be available for replay through midnight on Sept 13. The videos will stay available for you to view.

**You can subscribe to the Wheatland YouTube channel here**  
<https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCtsUdMGDPfjmAWprrvC8aD>.

And you will be notified when a set goes live.

Throughout the weekend there will be opportunities to click on a 'Donate Now' button and make a donation to the organization. With the cancellation of the in-person festival, the loss to our annual revenue was significant. We are still offering instrument lessons, programming to area senior sites and other programming as we are able. We continue to accept scholarship applications and make awards, perform maintenance on buildings and the grounds, and cover our operating costs. Your financial support is greatly appreciated and will allow us to continue our work.

So, gather your snacks and beverages, set up your favorite chair, light up that bonfire, and get ready for Wheatland in your backyard! Your first Wheatland with a fire!!

Special thanks to Dan Bracken and John Sheffler for their work in putting this together!



SEPTEMBER 11-12-13, 2020



### Wheatland Apparel Available

<http://www.mcsc.com/store/cosportswear/wheatless-in-remus>  
[www.candosportswear.net](http://www.candosportswear.net) Click "shop now" then go to the last category

# Wheatland Worldwide

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

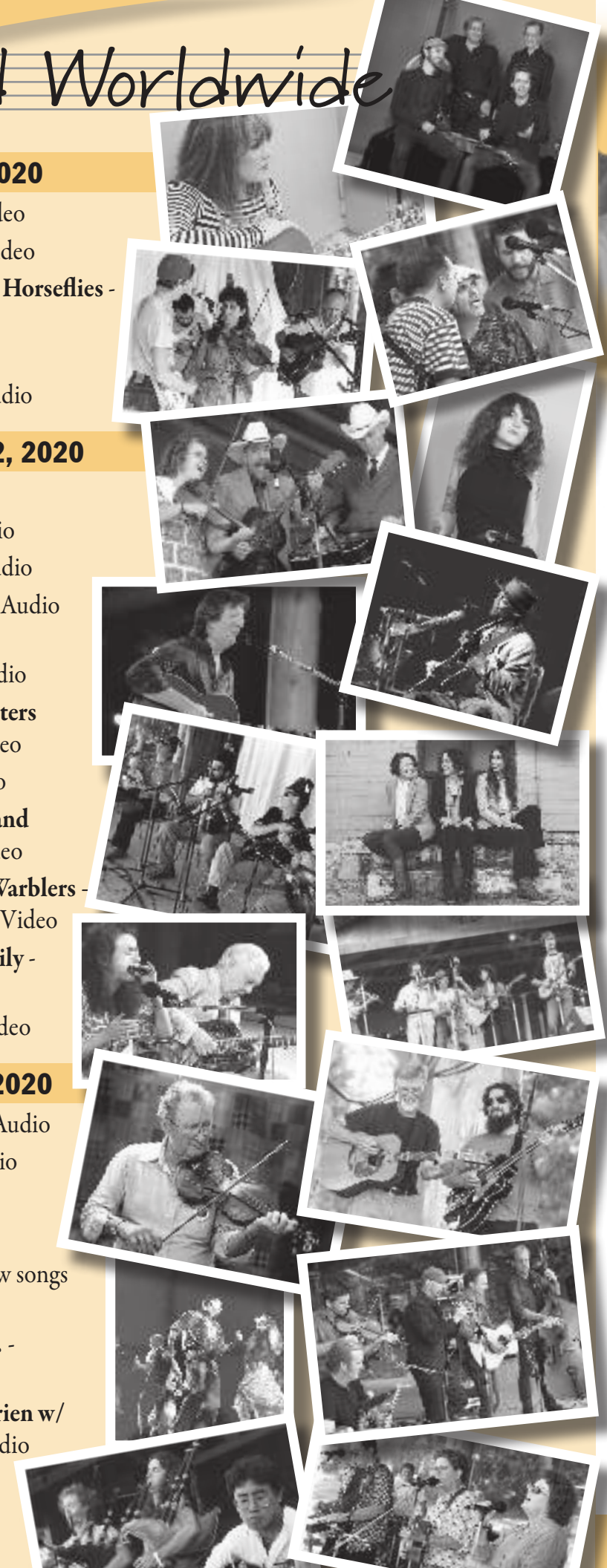
- 6:00 PM Jill Jack Band - Video
- 7:00 PM Djangophonics - Video
- 8:00 PM Tompkins County Horseflies - Audio
- 9:00 PM Eric Bibb - Audio
- 10:00 PM Blue Highway - Audio

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

- 12:00 PM Kids Hill - Video
- 1:00 PM The Wilders - Audio
- 2:00 PM Chris Smither - Audio
- 3:00 PM The Mando Boys - Audio
- 4:00 PM Paul Rishell and Annie Raines - Audio
- 5:00 PM Michigan Songwriters in the Round - Video
- 6:30 PM Via Mardot - Video
- 7:30 PM Frank Youngman and Seth Bernard - Video
- 8:30 PM The Sweet Water Warblers - CD Release Party - Video
- 9:30 PM The Hot Mud Family - Audio
- 10:30 PM Rhythm Stage - Video

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

- 11:00 PM Gospel - Video & Audio
- 12:00 PM Dewey Balfa - Audio
- 1:00 PM Na Caberfeidh/ Rare Air - Audio
- 2:00 PM WheatSongs - New songs performed - Video
- 3:30 PM Carry It On Live... - Video
- 5:00 PM Tim & Molly O'Brien w/ Jerry Douglas - Audio
- 6:00 PM Lunasa - Audio



# Behind the Scenes of a Music Festival

It's 10:00 am, the Friday after Labor Day, at the Wheatland Festival site. Everyone anxiously awaits the opening of the gate to admit them so they can find their favorite camping spot and meet up with family and friends. All the volunteers are there ready and willing to help. What isn't evident is the people behind the scenes who work to make everything run smooth!

Kudos to the people who are in charge of these festival areas:

**Campgrounds** – Andy Munsch is a long-time campground volunteer who stepped up to head the area.

**Kids Hill** – Barb Oakley, along with her dedicated committee, have been bringing fantastic performers and awesome craft activities to 'the hill' for many years.

**Performer Sales** – Becky & Roy Saul are ready and willing to assist you in finding the perfect CD from your favorite performer.

**Performer's Area** – Shannan McNair & Bill Groot assumed the duties for this area jointly in 2017, following the passing Mike Bunting who had 'run' this area for many years. Shannan oversees hospitality for all the festival performers and Bill 'Dutch' makes sure they get transported to where they need to be for performances.

**Fire** – Bob Beers stepped up in 2009 to oversee volunteers, supplies and equipment in this area.

**Rhythm Stage** – Brenda Bonter & Jason Wheeler took on this area when it became a 'stage' and not a tent. Together, they are responsible for some awesome programming!

**Middle Ground** – Carrie Harris' first festival was 2000 as a participant, and she has not looked back since then! She started volunteering at Middle Ground in 2001 and eventually took over the massive job of coordination that area. Middle Ground also has a long time volunteer in Bob Deline. Bob heads up the grounds crew at Middle Ground and has made it a great space!

**Centennial Stage** – Chris Cotton was a coordinator at Centennial Stage when it was known as 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage. From the mid 70's to the mid 80's, Chris and Pamela Burke coordinated the stage together. **Hospitality**

**Transportation** – David Centers has been a part of Hospitality Transportation since 2012 and has recently

taken over the leadership role for that area.

**Dispatch** – Debbie Powrie has coordinated this area for 15 years.

**Day Parking** – Don Baumann got pulled into the organization the year of the big rains; using his tractor to pull cars out of the mud. He gradually progressed to volunteering and eventually took over Day Parking.

**Handicap Camping** – Don Short took over the area in 2014 and with help from his crew, has increased the number of spots.

**Food Vendors** – Greg Hoff has been in charge of food vendors for more years than he can, or wants to, remember. Food booths have evolved over the years from tents to self-contained food trucks. He is always looking for something new and exciting to add!

**Recycling/Composting** – James Pollack and his crew have been in and around the food area for many years.

**T-Shirt Booth** – Jim McLachlan took on the challenge of this area in 1989. Finding the right design, the perfect colors and the correct balance between t-shirts and sweatshirts has become second nature to Jim. Jo, Jim's wife, joined his team several years ago. It keeps them both busy all weekend!

**Dance Stage, Workshop Lane & Folk Instrument Tents** – Jo McLachlan has overseen Dance Stage as long as there has been a dance stage. She is assisted by Becky Leefer in Workshops Lane and Susie & Glynn Russell in the Folk Instrument Tents

**Communications** – John Herrell is the guy we depend on all festival weekend to make sure radios work!

**Main Gate** – Kris Lukens (Thursday-Sunday) & Kim Croy (Wednesday). Kris has been 'manning' the gate for many years, but it's safe to say 30+. Several years ago Kim Croy, liaison for the gate, stepped up to handle the volunteers, vendors and artists that arrive on Wednesday.

**Administrative Liaison** – Maria Reiser coordinates the festival site with the office to keep things running smooth.

**Kids Marketplace** – Ann Jensen started donating quilts to the raffle in 2002 and progressed to working in the Raffle Tent in 2004. 8 years ago, following the passing of the previous coordinator Anne Munsch, Ann took

over the Kids Market. In 2019 the Teen Market was added.

**Information Booth & Team Green** – Marilyn Hummel has headed up the Information Booth for 40+ years. In 2015 she took on Team Green; formerly Trash Consciousness.

**First Aid Booth** – Randy Hall filled a need in the First Aid Booth in 2015 when the long time coordinator Sheri Waldron stepped down. Randy has done an excellent job following in Sheri's footsteps.

**Main Stage** – Tom T. Ball has kept the stage running on time for more years than he would like to say. His crew of volunteers and announcers do a fantastic job under his leadership.

**Arts & Crafts** – Tina Zinn stepped up in 2013 to be in charge of the Arts & Crafts area. Along with her co-leader Rita Shields, they make sure there are always awesome artists to visit.

**Pre Festival Set Up** – Derek Shepard, along with Andy Munsch and several others, give 2 weeks of their time prior to the festival to make sure everything is in its correct place and operating smoothly. Porta jons, tents, dumpsters, and fire lanes.

**Pre Festival Gate & Security** – Charlie Johnson, along with a great crew, has been keeping a watch over the festival for quite a while. With input from Risk Management board member Marco Menezes, he coordinates with the security company and other volunteers.

**Song Stage** – Dan Bracken stepped up in 2015 to expand the Singer/Songwriter sets from Centennial Stage to an area of their own.

**Grounds** – Ben Krum recently took over Land Management. He is responsible for making sure the fields are mowed and ready for campers.

As you can see, there are many areas that have a hand in making the Wheatland Festival happen. All of them play an important part in bringing everything together. If I missed anyone, I'm sorry. Everyone deserves a big

# Thank You!!

# quarter NOTES

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#### As a member of the Wheatland family, you will:

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- Helping to preserve and present traditional arts
- Helping to support Wheatland as a regional resource center
- Receive Quarter Notes
- Receive information on the annual Festival and Traditional Arts Weekend, monthly events like Jamborees and Wheatcuts, and occasional events like concerts and dances
- Receive discounts on ticketed events with advance purchase
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## 2021 Memberships

### VALID JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31

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- Level 1 .....\$50**  
\$5 discount for 2 adult or senior festival tickets; 5% discount on 2 Adult TAW tickets
- Level 2 .....\$75**  
\$5 discount for 4 adult or senior festival tickets; 5% discount on 4 Adult TAW tickets
- Level 3 .....\$150**  
\$5 discount for 6 adult or senior festival tickets; 10% discount on 6 adult TAW tickets; 5% discount on 1 Summer Wheat full camp registration
- Level 4 .....\$500**  
\$10 discount for 6 adult or senior festival tickets, 1 of which can be Early Entry (up to 6 people in vehicle comprising one campsite; entry after 3pm Thursday); 10% discount on 6 adult TAW tickets; 5% discount on 2 Summer Wheat full camp
- Level 5 .....\$1,000 +**  
\$10 discount for 6 adult or senior festival tickets, 2 of which can be Early Entry (up to 6 people per vehicle comprising one campsite; entry after 3pm Thursday); 10% discount on 6 adult TAW tickets; 5% discount on 3 Summer Wheat full camp registrations

Thank you for helping the Wheatland Music Organization preserve the old ways, our rich heritage of stories, dance and song with which this land was blessed.

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