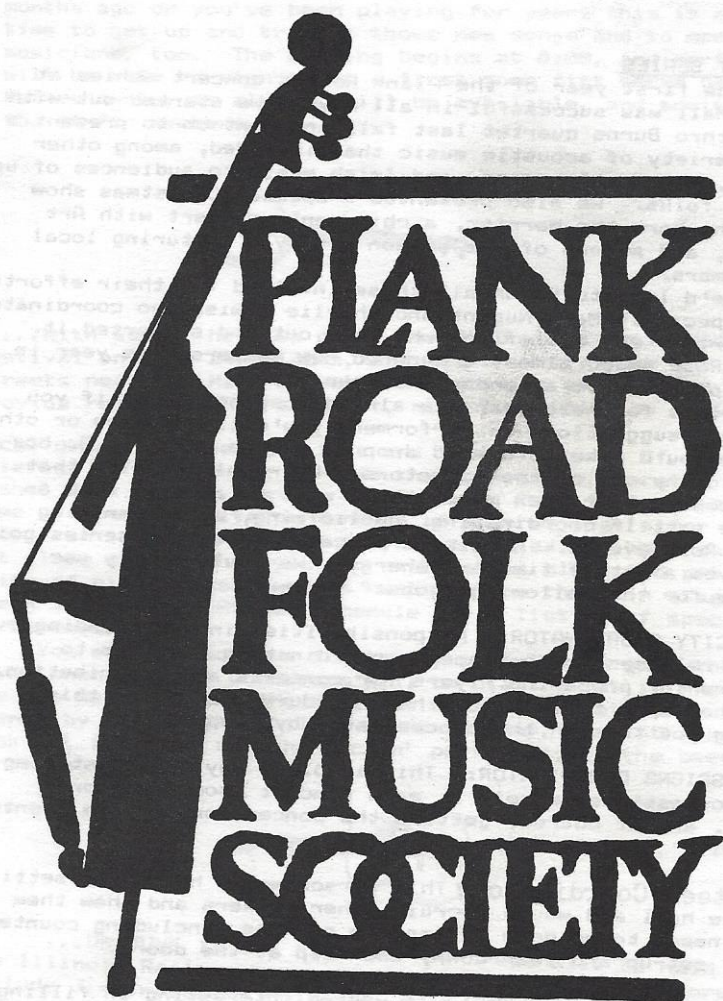


# QUARTER NOTES

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# Plank Road News



## CONCERT SERIES

The first year of the Plank Road's concert series at Sokol Hall was successful in all ways. We started out with the Jethro Burns quartet last fall and went on to present a wide variety of acoustic music that included, among other styles, blues, bluegrass, and Irish music to audiences of up to 180 folks. We also presented a special Christmas show with The More the Merrier, a children's concert with Art Thieme, and an end of the season festival featuring local performers.

We'd like to thank all those involved for their efforts, and especially Mary Nugent and Charlie Lewis, who coordinated the series, and all of you who came out and supported it. Plank Road added almost a hundred new members this year in large part due to attendance at our shows.

Plans for next year are already beginning, so if you have any suggestions on performers you'd like to see or other events you'd like to attend drop us a line at our P.O. box or talk to any one of the directors. We're also hoping that this coming year even more people will be able to take an active part in coordinating, publicizing, and organizing Plank Road events. Keeping a successful concert series going involves a lot of time and energy. We could really use people for the following "jobs:"

**PUBLICITY COORDINATOR:** Responsibilities include sending out press releases to newspapers, coordinating mailings to membership, preparing flyers for concerts and distribution. We'd be happy to show you the procedures for doing this, taking you through the process step by step.

**CONCESSIONS COORDINATOR:** This involves buying and storing the concessions we sell at each concert (soda, popcorn, etc.), and of course, getting the concessions to the events as well.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** This person would help with setting up the hall and would recruit other workers and show them what needs to be done during the evening, including counter help, set-up and tear down, and help at the door.

We really need you! If you're interesting in filling any of these spots, or if you'd like to help out in any other way, please call Marianne at 387-9312 as soon as possible. We're already planning next season's concerts, the first of which will be on SEPT. 10TH, and we'd appreciate any help you can give us.

## SUMMER'S FINALLY HERE...

...and so are all kinds of events along and around the Plank Road. Here's just a few to mark on your calendars:

...Bring your blankets, picnic lunches, and instruments out to Plank Road's outdoor singaround on SATURDAY, JULY 9TH. (No alcohol.) We'll be in Fishel Park, which is directly behind the Two Way Street Coffee House in Downers Grove. It starts at 2:00, but why not come early and attend Plank Road's monthly meeting, too? All Plank Road members and their friends and families are welcome...

...JULY 23rd is the date of Plank Road's open mike hosted by Marianne Mohrhusen at Sokol Hall. An open mike gives everyone a chance to perform so feel free to come out and give it a try. All levels of players and singers are welcome, so whether you just picked up an instrument six months ago or you've been playing for years this is a perfect time to get up and try out those new songs and to meet other musicians, too. The evening begins at 8:00, and performers will be able to sign up on a first come first serve basis. Refreshments, as always, will be available, and admission is \$5, \$4 for members...



...With summer here we can't forget Downers Grove Heritage Festival on JUNE 24th, 25th, and 26th. Every year the streets near the Main Street train station are blocked off to provide room for entertainment, music, exhibits by various

local organizations, and lots and lots of food. Of special interest to folk music fans is the folk stage, located in Fishel Park behind the Two Way Street. From 10-6 you can see some of your favorite performers in an area that's far enough away from the other events so you can relax and hear easily but close enough that you can walk half a block and get a slice of pizza or see what's happening on the main stage. Check the Two Way Street schedule for a listing of specific performers.

You might also want to stop by on Friday night, the 24th, when Special Consensus will be playing out in front of the Two Way Street. This special show starts at 8:00, and is opened by Thursday's Child. And on Sunday, the 25th, keep a look out for Ripe for the Pickin' performing in the beer garden at noon...



...On JUNE 19 the Railroad Folk Fest will be held at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Illinois. Performers include Jim Craig, Ed Holstein, Fred Holstein, Dan Keding, Doug & Bonnie Miller, Larry Penn, Special Consensus, Volo Bogtrotters, and more. Phone 262-2266 for directions and more information...

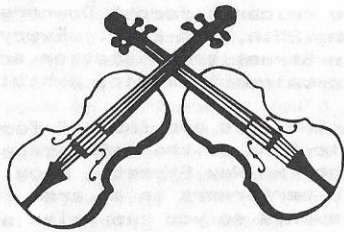
"NO LONESOME TUNE" RELEASE

In November of 1981 Mark Dvorak was one of the first performers to take the stage at the Old Quarter coffeehouse in Brookfield. At the time the Old Quarter was in St. Barbara's old parish gym and the stage wasn't really a stage at all but a rectangular area under the basketball net. The building was torn down a few months later and the coffeehouse moved next door to the church's Old School hall, just one of several moves it would make in the next few years. During those years Mark worked at presenting, promoting, and playing folk music in the western suburbs, contributing to the growth

of the Old Quarter and later becoming an active member of the Plank Road Society. At the same time he continued pursuing his own music.

Today Mark is a well known performer throughout the Midwest and beyond. In the past few months you could find him anywhere from Carefree, Arizona to Oregon, Illinois, and then back here at the Plank Road Folk Festival and down at the Old Town School where he teaches, performs, and hosts Mr. Coffeehouse. Now, this summer, Mark's first cassette album, "No Lonesome Tune," is being released on Depot Records. Also appearing on the album will be friends Marianne Mohrhussen, Lee Murdock, Dave Humphreys, Steve Budde, and Charlie Brown.

Where's the first place you can get the album? Right at the Two Way Street Coffee House on JULY 16TH in the big room down the hall from the regular coffeehouse. The time is 8:00 and admission is \$3. Plank Road's looking forward to this chance to see Mark perform again and to show our support for him and wish him success. We hope you can come out!



...The Plank Road Society will have a show on the main stage of the Bellwood County Fair on SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH, from noon-2:00. Performers will include Marianne Mohrhussen, Lisa Lilly, Ron Simpson & Roscoe Champ, Paul Klonowski, Dave Anderson, and more. From 2:15-3:00 on Sunday gospel music will be presented. From 3:30-4:30 Ripe for the Pickin' will take the stage and from 5-7:00 Jim Brewer will perform. The schedule for SATURDAY THE 13TH, the first day of the two-day fair, is as follows: Plank Road favorite Mark Dvorak will present his family show "Old Songs and New People" from 12:30-2:00; T. B. Express will perform from 2:30-4:30; a lip sinc contest will be held from 5-5:45; and Frankie Plus from 6-8:00.

The Bellwood Fair will be held at the Memorial Park District, Bellwood Village Hall Grounds, 3200 Washington Blvd. (Washington is the same as Butterfield Rd., between 25th Ave. and LaGrange Road.), Bellwood. Admission is free and other attractions at the fair include food booths, an arts and crafts fair, and a 50's and 60's auto show. For more information call 547-3900 or 450-9152.

THE TENTH ANNUAL HIAWATHA MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 10th annual Hiawatha Traditional Music Festival will be held at the Tourist Park in Marquette, Michigan, the weekend of July 23rd, 24th, and 25th. This year's guest stars include Claudia Schmidt and Sally Rogers, Joel Mabus, The Red Clay Ramblers, and more.

The festival kicks off Friday night with an old-fashioned dance under the stars. Saturday and Sunday will have featured acts plus two alternate stages for the many workshops. There is a third workshop area just for children; one of Sunday's highlights is the children's concert with their festival-made instruments.

Marquette itself is a beautiful college town on the south shore of Lake Superior in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Within the city limits are sand beaches, bike trails, historical museums, waterfalls, lighthouses, and virgin forests. The Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, with more waterfalls and spectacular cliffs and sand dunes, is centered in Munising, only 40 miles east of Marquette.

If camping at the festival site is not your cup of tea, Marquette has many reasonably priced motels. This is the height of the tourist season, though, so it makes sense to make reservations ahead of time.

A weekend pass for the whole festival is \$20 (\$15 if you buy it in advance). There are reduced rates for teens and seniors, and children under 12 are free. This will be my 5th Hiawatha festival and I've enjoyed them more each year. If you would like more information feel free to call me at 848-1654.

FOX VALLEY EVENTS

You drive down Route 38 west from Chicago all the way to Geneva, Illinois, stopping just before the bridge that arches over the river. You park the car, unload coolers, blankets, instruments, and children, and stroll under the bridge (if you can stroll with all of that to carry) and along the beautiful Fox River, following a paved bike trail into Island Park. Where are you? The Fox Valley Folk Festival, of course.

This year marks the 11th annual Fox Valley Fest on September 4th and 5th. As you walk in you'll see four stages set up--a main concert stage, a storytelling stage, and two workshop stages. Plenty of food will be available (you can also bring your own, but no alcohol, please), and a lot of good music both on and off stage, so bring your own instruments and take part in the informal jam sessions that seem to spring up everywhere around the park.

Performers this year will include Doug and Bonnie Miller; Gaping Mau; Phil Cooper, Margaret Nelson, and Paul Goelz; Lee Murdock and more. Admission is just \$7, and camp sites near the festival are available. Island Park is located on Route 38 and the Fox River in Geneva, Illinois.

Other Fox Valley Folklore Society events: SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH, 7:30 p.m. at Michelangelo's (329 E. Indian Trail, Aurora, IL), a concert with Jeff Warner and Jeff Davis. Admission is \$6, \$5 for members...On JUNE 12TH, the last barn dance at Fermilab for the summer will be held at 7 p.m. Admission is \$3...Also, don't forget, the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month is open mike night at Michelangelo's at 8 p.m. Singarounds are held the other Wednesdays...The Fox Valley Storytelling Guild meets the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month at Michelangelo's...Call 897-3655 for more info. on all Fox Valley's events.

OTHER PLANK ROAD NEWS

"Way Down the Old Plank Road," the first recording project of the Plank Road Society, is now in the planning/ recording stages. The cassette album will feature an outstanding collection of artists and musicians that we feel represent some of the great music that has been made over the years here along the Plank Road. Hopefully it will be ready for an autumn '88 release. The project is being coordinated by Marianne Mohrhussen, Mark Dvorak, Jeff Sands, and Maurice Smeets.

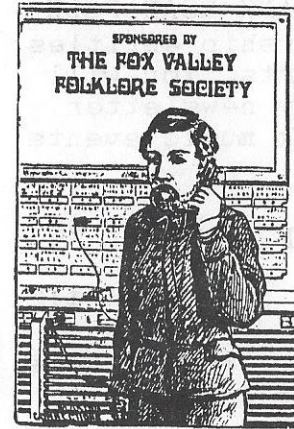
Plank Road meetings are held monthly at noon at the Two Way Street with singarounds following them at 2:00. Upcoming meeting dates: July 9th, June 18th, Aug. 20th, Sept. 17th. Everybody is welcome at both the meeting and the singarounds! Songbooks will be available.

We'd like to welcome a new member, Jeff Sands, to the Plank Road board of directors. Also, stepping into the role of president is Marianne Mohrhussen. We'd like to thank both of them for their time and effort and, most of all, enthusiasm. The Plank Road board now stands: Marianne Mohrhussen, president; Charlie Lewis, treasurer; Dave Humphreys, Cathy Jones, Mary Nugent, Jeff Sands, and Rich Geiger, directors.

The Quarter Notes is written and put together by Lisa Lilly, with help from Marianne Mohrhussen and Dave Reynolds. The Quarter Notes also includes articles by other members, and makes note of other information, announcements, and insights sent to us. If you'd like to make a contribution, or if you have any comments you'd care to make about the Plank Road please write us: PLANK ROAD FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 283, BROOKFIELD, IL, 60513-0283.



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The Jones family is renting out a room in their lovely home. The tenant will also get use of the den and kitchen and must like music! Non-smokers only. Call Cathy, Ann, or Tom at 916-1356.  
Also, why not check out the Jones Family Music Studio? Cathy, Ann, and Tom can teach you just about any instrument with strings! Their summer session begins in June, and they offer group and individual lessons. Just call for more info.  
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**FOLK MUSIC  
INFORMATION PHONE**

BEGINNING ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, A NEW SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLK MUSIC COMMUNITY IN THE CHICAGO AREA. "FOLK PHONE" WILL GIVE YOU A RECORDED MESSAGE THAT LISTS ALL OF THE FOLK MUSIC, BARN DANCE & STORYTELLING EVENTS IN THE CHICAGO AREA FOR THE NEXT 1 - 2 WEEKS. YOU'LL BE AMAZED AT HOW MUCH IS GOING ON! THE SERVICE IS SPONSORED BY "THE FOX VALLEY FOLKLORE SOCIETY", AND CO-SPONSORED BY MANY OF THE FOLK MUSIC VENUES & ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CHICAGO AREA. INFORMATION FOR INCLUSION (AND DONATIONS IF YOU LIKE) SHOULD BE SENT TO F.V.F.S., 755 N. EVANSLAWN AVE., AURORA, IL, 60506, OR PHONE (312) 897-3655.

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**PRFMS  
Events**

- June 18, Sat. meeting/singaround  
12:00/2:00 Two Way Street
- June 24-26 Heritage Festival  
10:00-6:00 downtown Downers Grove
- July 9, Sat meeting/OUTDOOR singaround  
12:00/2:00 Two Way St./Fishel Park
- July 16, Sat. record release--Mark Dvorak  
8:00 Two Way Street (large room)
- July 23, Sat. Open Stage  
8:00 Sokol Hall
- Aug. 14 & 15 Bellwood County Fair  
11:00-8:00 Bellwood Village Hall Grounds
- Aug. 20, Sat. meeting/singaround  
12:00/2:00 Two Way Street
- Sept. 17, Sat. meeting/singaround  
12:00/2:00 Two Way Street



# FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL

FRIDAY JUNE 24 8:00 PM -- 10:30 PM

*Curtiss Street west of Main (in front of coffee house)*

*Special Consensus Bluegrass Band  
Thursday's Child*

SATURDAY JUNE 25 10:00 AM -- 6:00 PM

*Fishel Park (behind coffee house)*

*The Jones Family  
Ripe for the Pickin'*

<i>Roscoe Champ</i>	<i>Mark Dvorak</i>
<i>Janet Faye Higbee</i>	<i>Todd Kelley</i>
<i>Lisa Lilly</i>	<i>Marianne Mohrhusen</i>
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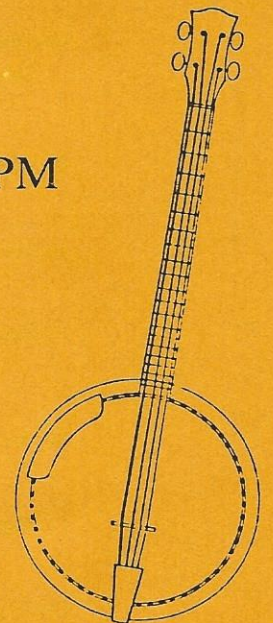
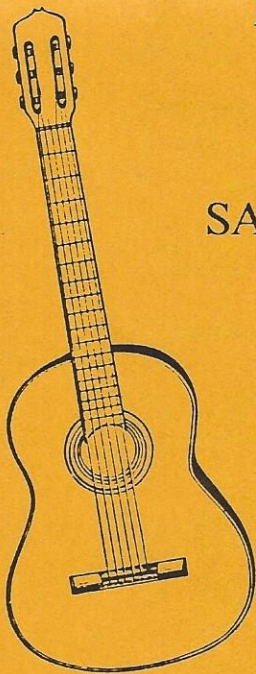
SUNDAY JUNE 26 NOON -- 2:00 PM

*Beer Garden -- Burlington Street near railroad station*

*Ripe for the Pickin'*

All events are free and take place in downtown Downers Grove.  
In case of rain concerts will move into the coffee house, 1047 Curtiss.

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## ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- Friday June 10 **DON BUEDEL** -- Some of the best old-time folk music around from this good friend who now makes his home in southern Missouri. Great down-home songs and humor with guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin and more. Welcome back, Don!
- Friday June 17 **TALL PAUL AND RANGER JOHN** -- Heard recently at our Open Mike, this duo serves up a blend of cowboy, folk and rockabilly music along with their unique brand of comedy. Stand-up bass, guitar and vocals.

<p>Friday &amp; Saturday June 24 and 25</p> 	<p><b>HERITAGE FESTIVAL FOLK MUSIC FEST</b> -- Our annual FREE outdoor concerts held in conjunction with Downers Grove's popular Heritage Festival. <b>FRIDAY NIGHT</b> on Curtiss Street (in front of the coffee house) from 8:00 to 10:30 PM:</p> <p><b>SPECIAL CONSENSUS BLUEGRASS BAND</b> and <b>THURSDAY'S CHILD</b> <b>SATURDAY</b> in Fishel Park (behind the coffee house) from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM -- a full day of top-notch performers:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>RIPE FOR THE PICKIN'</b></td> <td><b>THE JONES FAMILY</b></td> <td><b>LEE MURDOCK</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>ROSCOE CHAMP</b></td> <td><b>TODD KELLEY</b></td> <td><b>MICHAEL OFFUTT</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>MARK DVORAK</b></td> <td><b>LISA LILLY</b></td> <td><b>RON SIMPSON</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>JANET FAYE HIGBEE</b></td> <td><b>MARIANNE MOHRHUSEN</b></td> <td><b>DWAIN STORY</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>There is something for everyone at Heritage Festival! Our old-time and contemporary folksongs will complement other fun events including a huge craft fair, amusement rides, street fair, antique car show, street dances, all kinds of music, and food, food, food! Join us!!</p>	<b>RIPE FOR THE PICKIN'</b>	<b>THE JONES FAMILY</b>	<b>LEE MURDOCK</b>	<b>ROSCOE CHAMP</b>	<b>TODD KELLEY</b>	<b>MICHAEL OFFUTT</b>	<b>MARK DVORAK</b>	<b>LISA LILLY</b>	<b>RON SIMPSON</b>	<b>JANET FAYE HIGBEE</b>	<b>MARIANNE MOHRHUSEN</b>	<b>DWAIN STORY</b>
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- Friday July 1 **BOB JANIS** -- Bob is an excellent folksinger with a relaxed, mellow style. He presents both traditional and contemporary songs with a country flavor. With guitar.
- Friday July 8 **CHRIS GAYLORD** -- She has sung Scottish, popular folk and traditional songs in clubs and coffee houses since she was thirteen. She sang on Andrew Calhoun's *Gates of Love* album. Tonight she sings with friends, with guitar and a cappella.
- Friday July 15 **THE JONES FAMILY & ROSCOE CHAMP** -- Tom, Anne, Cathy and Roscoe present a wonderful evening of traditional and Carter Family songs with guitar, banjo, autoharp, fiddle and much more!
- Saturday July 16 **MARK DVORAK IN CONCERT** -- A special show and recording release party featuring one of our most popular performers. Mark's easy-going style and skillful guitar and banjo playing are well-known throughout the Midwest. Traditional and contemporary songs and singalongs. Begins 8:00. \$3.00
- SPECIAL!!  
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- Friday July 22 **JEANNE POWERS** -- From Naperville, Jeanne is a music teacher and a performer with extensive club experience. She presents traditional and contemporary folk and originals with guitar.
- Friday July 29 **THURSDAY'S CHILD** -- This popular up-beat trio presents traditional and contemporary folk, bluegrass and pop songs featuring excellent vocal harmonies with guitars.
- Friday August 5 **BARBARA KOTULA** -- Beautiful music for a summer's evening. Traditional songs from US & around the world. Also: a set of medieval and Renaissance music with lute, rebec, recorders and guitar duets. A unique and special night!
- Friday August 12 **LISA LILLY** -- Lisa's clear, fresh style has made her very popular with our audiences. She performs traditional and contemporary folksongs and originals with guitar and banjo.
- Friday August 19 **MARIANNE MOHRHUSEN** -- Warm, beautiful, exciting and fun are all words which describe the traditional and contemporary songs sung so well by this popular performer. With guitar.
- Friday August 26 **KEVIN MULVENNA** -- Specializing in interpreting the songs of Harry Chapin, Kevin also presents those of other songwriters, and then adds some excellent ones of his own. With guitar.
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- Saturdays June 18 **MONTHLY SING-AROUNDS** -- Our monthly song circles where  
 July 9 beginners and experienced musicians can learn and/or share  
 August 20 songs. Non-musicians welcome too! 2:00 PM \$1.00

Watch From the Two Way Street Coffee House on DGTV,  
 Downers Grove Cable Television Channel G/20, Mondays at 7:30 PM.

The Two Way Street Coffee House is a not-for-profit community project of the First Congregational Church of Downers Grove, and is open to the public every Monday, Tuesday and Friday night at 8:00. Live entertainment is featured each Friday beginning at 8:45. \$1.00 donation requested Fridays. Refreshments available. Member: Plank Road Folk Music Society, Fox Valley Folklore Society and Aural Tradition.

Call FolkPhone at TGI-FOLK (844-3655) for complete Chicago area folk music listings.

# Summer Pickin' Groups

From the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream Waters — This Land's summer music festival season is upon us. You've been practicing hard all winter — or maybe you haven't been and you want to ease back into shape. Join the Jones Family Music Studio's:

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A twelve-year pickin' tradition continues with this year's Summer session, which runs from the week of *June 13* to the week of *August 1st* (eight weeks). Pick an evening each week (M-Th, 8 to 9:30 P.M.) for a group pickin' experience.

If you wish, combine your pickin' group with a private lesson on the same evening.

Leaders will coach the groups in areas that the group members need or want to cover, such as:

Private lessons in *guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, hammered and lap dulcimer, bass*, plus lessons in instrument kit building and instrument repair. Daytime lessons are also available.

1. How to make the most of your skill (shaky to advanced) by playing with pickers at your own level. Learn when to play and when not to play; how to balance a group.

2. Using your ear to identify chords and recognize chord patterns and progressions.

3. Tips on tuning fiddles, guitars, banjos, mandolins & basses, etc., together quickly in real time.

4. For singers, working up harmony in 2, 3 and 4 parts.

5. Customs, conventions and courtesies of singarounds, parking lot pickin' and parlour picking.

EMPHASIS WILL BE ON FUN; GROUPS WILL BE BALANCED BY SKILL LEVEL AND VARIETY OF INSTRUMENTS.

**Private lessons:** 5 weeks for \$ 40.00 and *no extra charge for picking groups.*

**Picking groups only:** 8 weeks for \$ 30.00.

Call today to register. Telephone 916-1356

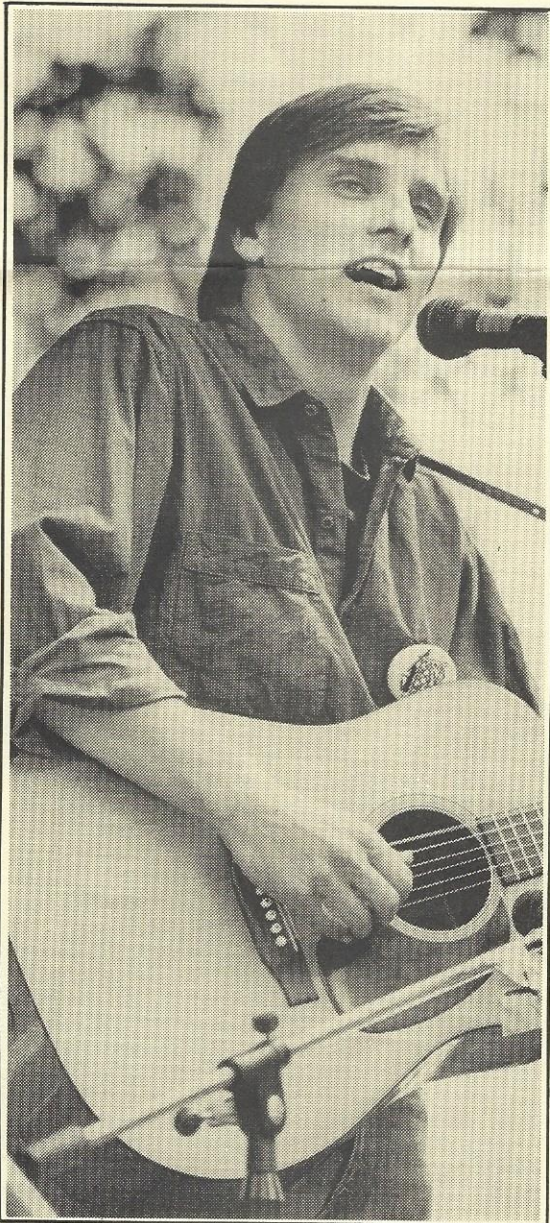
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