



# Black Hawk Folk Society

February 2017–May 2017

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February 11 **Community Sing**

March 11 **Chuck Mitchell**

April 9 **Sparky and Rhonda**

May 14 **Matt Blake**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

July 8, 2017

30th Annual

**Black Hawk Folk Festival**

Stay tuned to [blackhawkfolk.org](http://blackhawkfolk.org) for more great concerts!

## Technical Upgrades Needed to Support Quality Performers

After 30 years of bringing the finest live, professional folk musicians to central Wisconsin, Black Hawk Folk Society (BHFS) volunteers are not letting up! We are dedicated to keeping the tradition alive with quality performers. In fact, Tom Barrett, our booking volunteer, recently attended the Folk Alliance Regional Midwest Conference to experience new folk music acts. Don't worry, we plan to keep bringing your local favorites along with some exciting surprises! We realize upgrades to our sound equipment are necessary to make sure you get the full experience of these top-notch musicians. With this in mind, BHFS applied for a grant from the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin in 2016.

Although we were not chosen this funding cycle, we will continue to look for opportunities to subsidize these necessary improvements.

Knowing that every donation helps, we are asking you to help us reach our goals. If you are willing and able, please fill out the form on page 3, or go to our website and click the "Become a Friend of BHFS" button. All donations are tax-deductible and go directly to operations costs.



### At the top of our wish list:

1. Powered speakers (\$1375 each) – need two
2. Mixing board (\$1700)
3. Microphone for fiddle/mandolin (\$500)



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FEBRUARY 2017

**FEB. 11 (Saturday, 7:00 PM)** Warm up inside the Mountain View Community Center as you warm up your voice for the first-ever **Black Hawk Community Sing!** **Mark Dvorak, Craig Siemsen and Julie Thompson** will lead this fun event, so come on down and sing your heart out! Songs are chosen to be familiar to most, lyrics provided, with three great musicians leading the fun! Become a part of a new singing movement! Potluck before the concert is at 6:00 PM.

**FEB. 15 (Wed, 7:00 PM): Council meeting** at Joanne's.

**FEB. 21 (Tues, 7:00 PM): Acoustic Jam** at Wautoma Public Library's meeting rm (east entrance).



## MARCH 2017

**MAR. 11 (Saturday, 7:00 PM): Chuck Mitchell** is one of the most engaging, charismatic, multiple instrument musicians you'll have a chance to meet. He started singing in Detroit folk clubs and saloons back in the 1960s. In his one man show, Mitchell plays guitar and sings cabaret songs, animal songs, story songs, and Mitchell songs. He weaves poetry by Carl Sandburg and others into his shows. His songs are on iTunes and CD Baby. There will be a potluck before the concert at 6:00 PM.

**MAR. 15 (Wed, 7:00 PM): Council meeting** at Guy's.

**MAR. 21 (Tues, 7:00 PM): Acoustic Jam** at Wautoma Public Library's meeting room (east entrance).

## APRIL 2017

**APR. 8 (Saturday, 7:00 PM) Sparky and Rhonda Rucker** will wow us with expert blues and bottleneck style guitar, along with vocal harmonies and some clawhammer banjo, piano, blues harmonica, and rhythmic bones. Sparky will tell stories from the American Tradition and Rhonda will share her powerful songs with melodies rooted in the folk and gospel traditions. There will be a potluck before the concert at 6:00 PM.

**APR. 18 (Tues, 7:00 PM): Acoustic Jam** at Wautoma Public Library's meeting room (east entrance).

**APR. 19 (Wed, 7:00 PM): Council meeting** at Tom's.



## MAY 2017



**MAY 13 (Saturday, 7:00 PM): Matt Blake** has a knack for presenting his stories as shared personal experiences, observations, and points of view. He engages in conversations as he opens up an audio scrap book filled with images of humans walking the ways of the heart, trying to explain the smile that shows when love walks in the room, and erasing the past with the simple act of denial. The ability to clearly turn life into words is the first tool singer/songwriters add to their song kits. Matt Blake uses similar techniques, and blends in the secret recipe of masking himself within the emotions and skin of his characters. Come experience his slow rolling chords and rhythms. There will be a potluck before the concert at 6:00 PM.

**MAY 16 (Tues, 7:00 PM): Acoustic Jam** at Wautoma Public Library's meeting room (east entrance).

**MAY 17 (Wed, 7:00 PM): Council meeting** Judy and Brian's.

Concerts are held at Mountain View Community Center N3137 21st Lane just off Highway 152, south of Mt. Morris.

Check our website for further updates and other information: [www.blackhawkfolk.org](http://www.blackhawkfolk.org)

## 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 (\$5)

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Bring this completed form, along with your contribution to any of our events,

or mail to: **Black Hawk Folk Society**  
**PO Box 1093**  
**Wautoma, WI 54982**

- Please send my newsletter via email only.

(Please make checks payable to **Black Hawk Folk Society**.)

*Thank you for your contribution!*

### Thanks to Our 2016-2017 Season Co-sponsors

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### About Our Concerts

#### Evening Concerts ~ August through May

- 2nd Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM
- Potluck dinner at 6:00 PM
- Admission: \$8 for adults, FREE for ages 12 & under
- Mountain View Community Center (N3137 21st Lane, just off Highway 152, south of Mt. Morris)

#### Acoustic Jam Sessions ~ monthly

- 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Wautoma Public Library (east entrance)

### 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 council member:

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\*Paul is looking to pass the reins of Treasurer on to a dedicated BHFS volunteer. Please contact us if you are interested.



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***The 2017 Black Hawk Folk Society board (L to R):***

*Travis Talbott (Technical Engineer), Amy Kowalski (Newsletter/Web Manager), Paul Hagan (Treasurer),  
Guy Kaplan (Vice-chair and Member at Large), Joanne Hesselink (Secretary),  
Tom Barrett (Chair and Bookings Manager), Judy Van Schoyck-Fritschler (Vendor Wrangler/Historian)*