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Join the BHFS Council: Help Keep the Music Alive!

The Black Hawk Folk Society is looking for passionate, community-minded individuals to join our Council. As a nonprofit organization, we are dedicated to bringing the finest live professional folk, bluegrass, and Americana music to central Wisconsin. Our monthly concerts in Mt. Morris have become a beloved tradition for the past 40 years, offering high-quality musical experiences in a welcoming and intimate setting.

Serving on the council is a great way to support the arts, connect with fellow music lovers, and help shape the future of live folk music in our area. Council members contribute by helping with hospitality, technical needs (i.e. running sound), promotion, fundraising, and guiding the direction of our programming. No special experience is required – just a love for music, a commitment to community, and a few hours of your time each month.

Whether you're a longtime concertgoer or new to the area, your voice and energy can make a difference. Join us in keeping this vibrant musical tradition alive and thriving for years to come.

If you're interested or want to learn more, please join us at our Annual Meeting on October 11 at 6:30 PM prior to our Second Saturday concert. You can also contact any one of our current Council members – we're super friendly (see opposite page) – or contact us through our website at blackhawkfolk.org.

Let's make music together – on stage and behind the scenes!

Join us at our Annual Meeting...

**Saturday, October 11, 2025
6:30 PM**

Mountain View Community Center
Everyone is welcome!



Black Hawk Folk Society

October 2025-December 2025

blackhawkfolk.org

Oct 11

Crowes Pasture (and BHFS Annual Meeting)

Nov 8

Steve Hazell

Dec 6

Holiday Potluck & Open Mic

Stay tuned to blackhawkfolk.org
for more great concerts!

 www.facebook.com/BlackHawkFolk



Black Hawk Folk Society Shifts Winter Programming: Holiday Potluck & Open Mic to Replace December Concert

Black Hawk Folk Society's Council has decided to change our winter programming, discontinuing online concert offerings during the colder months. After several years of bringing music to audiences virtually, we have decided to focus our energy on in-person community events when possible. The decision reflects a broader shift back toward live gatherings, as audiences and performers alike express a growing desire for face-to-face connection and shared musical experiences.

In place of the traditional Second Saturday concert in December, BHFS will host a festive Holiday Potluck and Open Mic! The event is scheduled for the first Saturday – December 6 – at Mountain View Community Center, providing a familiar setting with a fresh twist. A potluck lunch at noon will be followed by the open mic – sign up by emailing Tom at tomstraydog@aim.com.

Members, friends, and local musicians are invited to share songs, poems, and stories in a relaxed, welcoming environment that captures the spirit of the season.

This change offers a new opportunity for local talent to shine and for community members to come together in celebration. Whether you're a seasoned performer or simply want to enjoy an afternoon of holiday cheer and spontaneous creativity, the Black Hawk Folk Society's holiday open mic promises an afternoon of warmth and camaraderie.

Regular concerts will resume on Saturday, March 14, with the full schedule posted on the BHFS website and Facebook page. Until then, the Holiday Potluck and Open Mic will serve as a joyful close to this year's musical offerings.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Second Saturday Concert Series
Mountain View Community Center
Concert @7:00 PM – Potluck @6:00 PM



Tickets only \$10/person
(18 and under FREE)



SATURDAY, OCT 11 - 7:00 PM
Crowes Pasture

Two-time New England “Roots Act of the Year” nominee and winner of the International Acoustic Music Awards Best Country/Bluegrass song 2024, **Crowes Pasture** is coming to Mt. Morris! This group inspires audiences with their powerful and moving songs that connect with listeners at every stage of life. While their lyrics provoke thought and emotion, their unique banjo-guitar instrumental union takes listeners on a meditative journey, sometimes joyful, sometimes wistful and oftentimes poignant. The duo has gained a loyal following throughout New England, charmed by their approachable presence and mesmerized by their intimate and haunting harmonies. crowespastureduo.com



SATURDAY, NOV 8 - 7:00 PM
Steve Hazell

What better way to spend a Saturday evening than in Mt. Morris, listening to a perennial favorite - **Steve Hazell!** Offering a mix of original songs and time-honored folk songs, Steve creates a relaxed and inviting atmosphere, with unique and amusing views on modern life. Steve’s finger picking reflects his 30 years of experience as a performer and his goal is to send everyone off at the end of this concert with a tune to carry home and a twinkle in their eye.

BHFS Annual Meeting
OCT 11 @ 6:30 PM

Join us before the concert to help elect Council members - everyone is welcome!

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

NEW in 2025!
BHFS Holiday Potluck & Open Mic
SAT, DEC 6
Festivities begin at Noon
Mountain View Community Center

Contact Tom at tomstraydog@aim.com by December 1 to sign up for an open mic spot. Read more on the opposite page.

Get updated information 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

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.

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Barbara Peterson

Thank you for your contribution!

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)

Annual Folk Festival ~ 2nd Saturday in July (Town Park)

Holiday Potluck & Open Mic ~ New in 2025!

- Saturday, Dec. 6, Mountain View Community Center

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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