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Jefferson Starship

Friday, June 9, Levis Commons, Perrysburg, I went to see Jefferson Starship at the Carnevale Nights fundraiser for the Toledo Opera.

Once I got over my initial disappointment, (I was really expecting to see Grace Slick and Mickey Thomas, a la Starship in the 80's), I was treated to a fine show featuring older songs from the earlier Jefferson Airplane era: "White Rabbit," "Somebody to Love," and "Sail Away" along with "Who Do You Love?" which featured David Frieberg, formerly of Quicksilver Messenger Service, on vocals. Guiterist Paul Kantner and drummer Spencer Dryden were the only original members, but managed to do a fine job of covering the bases. It's nice to see after 40 years they are still rockin'!

Country Joe McDonald played a "not so politicaly correct" set that was as well received as it was honest. He changed a few of the words to some of his Woodstock era hits and voila, "What Are We Fightin' For" is as relevant as it ever was. A beautiful day, ample stage, lights and sound and nice surroundings made for a great time.

Jerry's more comfortable playing gigs than reviewing them!

Who would guess Levis Commons in Perryburg, Ohio as a mini reunion for some of Woodstock's favorite musicians. But I have learned to expect the unexpected. Tom Constanten, Grateful Dead's keyboard player started off the night, Country Joe MacDonald was up next and onto Jefferson Starship. All the music was great and I even recognized some! Country Joes "I feel like I'm fixin to die rag" and Starship's "White Rabbit". But what I took away from the night is that these guys are out here speaking their minds, standing up for what they believe and making the music they love. The same things they have been doing for years ... and I just got to love that in a person whether I have the same views or not. Where would our music be today without these icons?

Gwen loves free thinkers.

P.S. Gwen will also be making a trip back for shopping. What a great little village of shops! A great day trip for those of you who love to browse and buy.

David Frieberg

Paul Kantner

Spencer Dryden

Diana Mangano

Diana has filled Grace Slick's spot with Starship for the last 13 years.

Tom Constanten

Country Joe McDonald

Hope you enjoyed our page this month. We decided to let you sneak a peek at our true rebel selves. Enjoy your July and we will see you next month.
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POP UP CULTURE

If you like the music of the late blues man John Lee Hooker, you'll no doubt be curious to see his son, *John Lee Hooker Jr.* perform. I was curious too and so, after stealing Debby's husband away, off we went to Eppi's in Defiance, to see The Hook.

The upstairs of Eppi's has a funky, club feel to it that I really like — relaxed and nothing fancy. The crowd started out small and we wondered how it would go. There were technical problems in the first song. The band quickly ran another sound check. And then, we got to hear what the Hooker band could do. Wow.

The band is most impressive, as in — 'what are they doing in northwest Ohio?' Hooker is a great entertainer, chats with the crowd, wants you to help make the fun for the evening. He works his own tunes mixed along with a few of his famous father's songs.

Missed Hooker at Eppi's? Not to worry — his Web site has him scheduled, among other places, to play Skip's in Angola, Indiana August 30. A fun time will be had by you. As always, anything can happen at anytime, so do some schedule checking yourself before you head to an event.

www.johnleehookerjr.com

Dana likes to drive the length of Clinton St. without ever touching the brakes.

John Lee Hooker Jr.

Coming Concerts

The Bryan Times receives information for the concert listings through a variety of sources. We cannot always guarantee the accuracy of the events. The listings are a courtesy to our customers, and they are intended only as a first step to concert information, not a complete listing. As always, all events are subject to change. We recommend visiting www.ticketmaster.com for more information on upcoming concerts and events. You're smart people. You've got resources.

7.1 - Rusted Root, Zox, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, Mich.
7.1 - Amadou & Mariam, Cat Power & The Memphis Rhythm Band, Ray Davies, Comerica, Detroit, Mich.
7.2 - Paul Simon, Bakithi Kumalo, Toledo Zoo Amphitheater
7.2 - Chicago/Huey Lewis & The News, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, Mich.
7.2 - Dragonford, Vamps, Toledo, OH
7.2 - SSM, Spyro Gyra, The New Pornographers, Comerica, Detroit, Mich.
7.3 - Kings Of Leon, Mavis Staples, Southern Culture On The Skids, The Pipbacks, Comerica, Detroit, Mich.
7.4 - Amp Fiddler, Eric Burdon & The Animals, Comerica, Detroit, Mich.
7.6-7.9 - Country Concert, Hickory Hill Lakes, Fort Loramie
7.7 - Army of Freshmen, Bowling For Soup, Fenix TX, Flashlight Brown, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit
7.7 - Chubby Carrier & The Bayou Swamp Band, Clifton, Toledo, OH
7.8 - Sammy Hagar and The Wabos, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, Mich.
7.8 - Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, Ind.
7.8 - "1964" The Tribute, Three Rivers Festival, Fort Wayne, Ind.
7.9 - Kelly Richey, Three Rivers Festival, Fort Wayne, Ind.
7.11 - Rockie Lynne, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, Ind.
7.12 - Lynyrd Skynyrd and 3 Doors Down with Shooter Jennings, Germain Amphitheatre, Columbus
7.13 - Windsor International Bluesfest with The Robert Cray Band, Tinsley Ellis, Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience, The Yardbirds, Windsor, ON Canada
7.13 - Creedence Clearwater Revisited, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, Mich.
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7.14 - Visions of the End, The Annual Dawgs MC Party, Bryan
7.15 - Willie Nelson, Stranahan Theatre, Toledo, OH
7.15 - Liz Carroll/John Doyle, Saline Celtic Festival, Saline, Mich.
7.15 - Indigo Girls, Concert of Colors, Detroit, Mich.
7.15 - Brad Paisley, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, Mich.
7.15 - 1964 The Tribute, Centennial Terrace, Toledo, OH
7.15 - TRAPT & Shinedown with Halestorm and Evans Blue, Piere's, Fort Wayne, Ind.
7.16 - Anthrax, Building 429, Rob Zombie, Allen County Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne
7.19 - Craig Morgan, Drew Davis Band, Ottawa County Fair, Oak Harbor
7.19 - Ozzfest, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Detroit, Mich.
7.19 - Candlebox w/ Skywynd, Piere's, Fort Wayne, Ind.
7.21 - Ozzfest, Germain Amphitheatre, Columbus
7.21 - Quiet Riot, Hayloft, Mount Clemens, Mich.
7.21 - Dixie Chicks, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, Mich.
7.21 - [illegible], The Deadstring Brothers, Rally By The River, Toledo, OH
7.21 Dave Matthews Tribute Band (Tripping Billies), Piere's, Fort Wayne, Ind.
7.22 - Chevelle, Hinder, Hoobastank, Nickelback, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, Mich.
7.23 - Randy Travis, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, Mich.
7.23 - Ozzfest, Verizon Wireless Music Center, Indianapolis, Ind.
7.24 - Def Leppard, Journey, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, Mich.
7.25 - Ashlee Simpson, Ashley Parker Angel, The Veronicas, Toledo Zoo Amphitheater, Toledo
7.26 - The Black Crowes, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, Mich.
7.28 - Gabe Vitek & The Ivory, Northwest State Comm College, Archbold, Ohio
7.28 - The Bills, Fountain Park Summer Music Series, Van Wert
7.28 - Poison, Cinderella, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, Mich.
7.28 - Chris Cagle, Warsaw Parks, Warsaw, Ind.
7.28 - Ted Nugent, Wetzel Moto Rally, Van Wert
7.28 - Josh Gracin, Lucas County Fair, Maumee
7.29 - George Thorogood & The Destroyers, Wetzel Moto Rally, Van Wert
7.29 - The Howl, Rock R&B Festival, Toledo
7.29 - Ashlee Simpson, The Veronicas, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, Mich.
7.29 - Smashmouth, Piere's, Fort Wayne, Ind.
7.20 - Vans Warped Tour 2006, Comerica Park, Detroit
7.30 - Poison with Cinderella, Germain Amphitheatre, Columbus
7.31 - The Oak Ridge Boys, Monroe County Fair, Monroe, Mich.
7.31 - Kenny Rogers, The Oak Ridge Boys, Monroe County Fair, Monroe, Mich.
8.1 - Dave Matthews Band with Gov't Mule, Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati
8.2 - Dave Matthews Band with Gov't Mule, Blossom Music Center, Cuyahoga Falls
8.2 - Kelly Richey, Skip's Lounge, Angola, Ind.
8.3 - "Sounds of the Underground," DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, Mich.
8.3 - Trisha Yearwood, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills, Mich.
8.3 - Miranda Lambert, Wood County Fair, Bowling Green
8.5 - John Waite, [illegible], Sterling Heights, Mich.
8.8 - Genesis, Ray LaMontagne, Toledo Zoo Amphitheater
8.9 - Guitar Shorty, Skip's Lounge, Angola, Ind.
8.9 - Fiona Apple, David Garza, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, Mich.
8.11 - Grand Funk Railroad, Rib Off Festival, Toledo, OH
8.11 - Jack Ingram, Henry County Fair, Napoleon
8.11 - Tinsley Ellis, Eppi's, Defiance
8.11 - Chris Isaak, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills, Mich.
8.11 - "Laserspectacular" featuring the music of Pink Floyd, Toledo Zoo Amphitheater, Toledo, OH
8.11 - Rascal Flatts, Gary Allan, Indiana State Fair, Indianapolis
8.13 - Brooks & Dunn, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, Mich.
8.13 - Melissa Etheridge, Masonic Temple Theatre, Detroit
8.14 - Bill Engvall, Lenawee County Fair, Adrian, Mich.
8.15 - John Fogerty and Willie Nelson, Germain Amphitheatre, Columbus
8.17 - Danielle Peck, Trick Pony, Lenawee County Fair, Adrian, Mich.
8.19 - Second Helping - A tribute of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Ohio Theatre, Toledo
8.19 - Slaughter, Warrant, Lapeer Days, Lapeer, Mich.
8.23 - K.C. & The Sunshine Band, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, Mich.
8.24 - Alice Cooper, Michigan State Fair, Detroit, Mich.
8.25 - Foreigner, Sandusky County Fair, Fremont
8.26 - Kenny Chesney, Ford Field, Detroit
8.30 - John Lee Hooker, Jr., Skip's Party Place, Angola, In.
9.2 - Michael McDonald, Steely Dan, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, Mich.
9.3 - Pete Schlegel, Oresville Park Festival, Ottawa
9.3 - Jo Dee Messina, Darryl Worley, Van Wert County Fair, Van Wert
9.3-9.4 - Jazz Festival, Detroit, Mich.
9.4 - Dierks Bentley, Fulton County Fair, Wauseon
9.8 - Chatham County Line, The Reverend Horton Heat, Black Swamp Arts Festival, Bowling Green
9.9 - Chatham County Line, The English Beat, Black Swamp Arts Festival, Bowling Green
9.10 - Steve Earle and Mark Stuart, Black Swamp Arts Festival, Bowling Green
9.16 - Lorrie Morgan, Allen County Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, Ind.
9.22 - ZOEgirl, Allen Co. Mem. Coliseum, Fort Wayne, Ind.
9.23 - ZOEgirl, Allen Co. Mem. Coliseum, Fort Wayne, Ind.
9.23 - The Lettermen, Performing Arts Center, Marion, Ind.
9.28 - Jack Ingram, DeKalb County Fair, Auburn, Ind.
9.30 - Foreigner, University of Findlay, Findlay
11.3 - B.B. King, Embassy Centre, Fort Wayne, Ind.