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Paying tribute to music stars *Eagles Club hosts concert fundraiser*

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BIG RAPIDS — A trio of jukebox heroes are getting set to rock Big Rapids.

Tribute artists Steve Bobbitt and Ed Parzygnat will take the stage at the Eagles Club as they belt out the hits of Rod Stewart and Johnny Cash, respectively. The pair will be joined on stage by Quentin "The Hoosier Hurricane" Flagg, who will sing a variety of popular songs from yesteryear.

"The Jukebox Trio" will take the stage at 7 p.m. on March 12 at the Eagles Club No. 2535, located at 18361 16 Mile Rd. in Big Rapids. Advance tickets are available for \$12 at the Eagles Club and the Country Inn and Suites. Tickets also can be purchased at the concert for \$15. Proceeds from the show will benefit the Eagles Club.

Big Rapids Middle School student and vocal artist Emily McDowell also will adorn the stage for several songs.

The three headlining singers are all coming from out of state, but have performed together on many occasions. Organizer Jennifer Thede hopes that they will bring some fans from their respective homes in Illinois and Indiana. She expects up to 300 people to attend the concert.

"This is our first time doing a non-Elvis show," Thede said. "We hope to get some of their fans up to Big Rapids. We hope that there is tourism coming to Big Rapids from our efforts and this show."

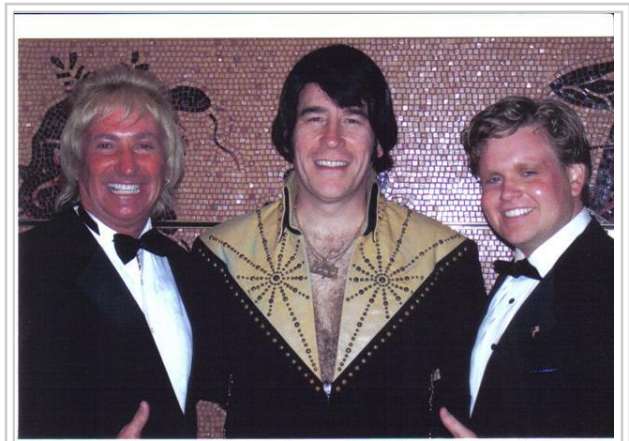
Bobbitt is excited to play in Big Rapids for the first time. He has performed in several areas along Michigan's western shore, but never in Mecosta County, he said.

"I always enjoy Michigan — it's a different landscape there," Bobbitt said. "I'm looking forward to this show. We have such a good time playing together — we're a very high energy group that likes to keep the crowd going."

The concert, Thede said, will be a fun evening of entertainment because "people are looking for something to do, especially in the winter."

"(Our goal) is to bring people into the club and let the community know that we have this space

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available," Thede said. "This is open to everyone — you don't have to be a club member to come."

For more information about the show, contact the Eagles Club at (231) 796-6453.

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