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*The Clauson Family Music Show*

# Newsletter

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## COMING IN FEBRUARY!



### Warming Up Winter Concert

Friday February 13, 2015

2:30pm

Wisconsin Rapids Community Theatre

Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Tickets 715-421-0435

Saturday February 14, 2015

2:00pm

Berlin High School Auditorium

Berlin, WI

Tickets 877-819-2252

Sunday February 15, 2015

2:00pm

Evangelical Covenant Church

Belvidere, IL

Tickets 877-819-2252

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**\$16**

Take a break from the winter blues and join the Cody Clauson Trio for an entertaining show, with an array of music to brighten and warm up the rest of your winter! Featuring a variety of music from the past and present, including, 50's & 60's, country/western, jazz, blues, swing, bluegrass, ragtime and gospel.

With what appears to be another cold winter in store, you can take a break from the chill and join us for our Warming Up Winter Concert Series in February! The Cody Clauson Trio will again be traveling to Wisconsin Rapids, WI, Berlin, WI and Belvidere, IL for concerts that will give you a break from the winter blues.

The concert series begins on Friday February 13, 2015 at the Wisconsin Rapids Community Theatre in Wisconsin Rapids, WI, with a 2:30pm concert. The Trio has performed a February concert here for many years and it is a great venue. Tickets for this show are available from the Wisconsin Rapids Community Theatre and can be picked up in their box office or by calling 715-421-0435. Tickets for this show are \$16 each, or groups of 10 or more can receive a special group discount of \$12 each.

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## Warming Up Winter Concert Series (continued from page one)

On Saturday, February 14, 2015, the Trio will travel to Berlin, WI for a concert at the Berlin High School Auditorium. This concert will begin at 2:00pm and tickets are available from the Clauson Business Office at 715-228-2951 or 877-219-2252. Tickets for this show are \$16 each and again there is a group discount for 10 or more tickets of \$12 each.

Finally, the Trio will wrap up their concert series at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Belvidere, Illinois, on Sunday, February 15, 2015 again with a 2:00pm concert. This will be the Trio's second year presenting a February concert at this location. However, the Trio has performed for several years as part of the Evangelical Covenant Church's summer concert in the park program. Tickets for this concert are \$16 as well, with a group rate for 10 or more tickets of \$14. A portion of the proceeds from the Evangelical Covenant Church concert will go to support their youth group. Tickets for this show are available from the Clauson Business Office as well.

This concert series is a great chance to get out of the house and enjoy an entertaining afternoon of music. As always, the Trio will present a concert that features something for everyone, with a great variety of music styles. And if you've experienced the music of the Trio before, for this or any other concert, remember that their music is always changing so audiences can return again and again, each time hearing something new and different. If you've seen it once, or twice, or even three times, you still haven't seen it all. Whether it's your first time or fifteenth, join us for this great concert that will brighten up the rest of your winter!

### Big Mama *By Patrick Leibsle*

My oldest hen, "**Big Mama**" has once again moved into the house. She came into the house because everyday when I would collect eggs, she would be sitting them and would not let me take them away. Since she went broody, I decided to bring her into the house to sit her eggs in peace. She enjoys the house; we can tell because she has so far sat her eggs in her box and not moved out of the box for four straight days. Pretty soon I am hoping to have six baby chicks. They are due around January 24th. I am very much looking forward to having little chicks to play with again in the house. And I think it is safe to say **Big Mama** is enjoying it too!



## Christmas on the Farm Review

The 2014 Clauson Family Music Show's Christmas on the Farm was again a successful series! We were blessed to have another sold-out season and winter weather was kept at bay. Yes of course, there were some days when it was cold outside, but guests, staff and cast were all cozy inside the warm climate controlled barn.

Guests enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner to begin their visit. For this year's menu, we selected a very traditional Christmas dinner, which included a whole-berry cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, a vegetable blend featuring whole green beans, orange and yellow carrots and strips of red pepper, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, beef tips with mushrooms and onions, a stuffed turkey breast, and of course a holiday ham. Dessert was a decadent, double chocolate peppermint cake. Guests raved over the menu and we were happy to have provided a dinner that everyone seemed to enjoy. The meal, like all of the dinners here, was homemade and prepared fresh, right in the kitchen on the lower level of the barn theatre. The upcoming year will feature more homemade and fresh menus as we continue to expand the dinner experience.

Each year's show is bigger and better than the year before, and this year was no exception. With our cast of singers, dancers, and musicians, the show featured an array of Christmas songs, with both traditional favorites and new selections. Christmas and holiday favorites were presented in a variety of music styles, featuring a genre for everyone.

New to the Christmas season this year, we welcomed dancer, Shelby Gray. Shelby had been a part of our Summer and 1950's and 60's Rock n' Roll Show series and we were pleased to have her return as part of our Christmas season! Shelby joined dancer and choreographer Carolina Buckner, who began performing here last Christmas. Returning members also included Al Heidemann, piano, Nathan Russell, drums, Glenn Runnels, violin, and the kids, Brianna and Patrick Leibsle, who performed with violin and banjo, respectively, as well as joining Carolina and Shelby with some choreographed numbers. Of course members of the Clauson Family have remained unchanged and included, Cody Clauson, with his sister, Brittney, their father Brent and their Grandma Karen, making up the three generations of music that perform as part of the show.

In addition to dinner and the show, guests enjoyed visiting the gift shoppes and selecting unique, local and handmade items, including our line of chocolates, to make for the perfect Christmas gifts. Next year, shopping will continue to expand making it easy to find the perfect gift for anyone on your list. Along with shopping, guests enjoyed treats from our coffee shoppe which included seasonal favorites like hot chocolate, Christmas cookies and fudge, in addition to standard favorites like hot fudge sundaes and rootbeer floats.

An enjoyable day of dining and entertainment was had by those who attended this year's Christmas series; guests left filled with the joy of the season and remembering the true meaning of Christmas. It is now that we look ahead to this year's Christmas season making plans to have Christmas on the Farm 2015 even bigger and better than ever.

Tickets are on sale now for the 2015 Christmas season and reservations can be made by calling the Clauson Business Office at 715-228-2951.

## Coming in 2015!

For 2015, we have some great shows planned with both yearly favorites and some new additions! The shows that have become yearly favorites are produced new each year, always with different content. So even if you have experienced a particular show in the past, you can attend again because we feature an ever-changing show.

Shows in the barn, will resume in April, with one of the most popular shows that we produce each year, **An Afternoon with the Country Stars**. This show is an all-time favorite, and the 2015 production will be no exception. An afternoon filled with great country and western hits highlight this show, along with the sounds of the fiddle, steel guitar, five-string banjo and country-twang guitar. Shows run April 9-11.

In May, we have the **Clauson Family Gospel Hour**, a show that is filled with traditional and beloved gospel music, hymns and inspirational songs. This show always leaves spirits lifted as we present gospel favorites in a variety of different music styles. A great show for church groups to attend! Shows run May 14-16.

June, July and August bring our yearly summer shows, **The Magnificent Summer Series**. These shows feature a variety of all songs and styles, with every array of music. A must see year after year, each season features an ever-changing selection of music an, unbelievable and incredible production. Shows run June 16-19, July 14-17 and August 11-14.

Our **1950's and 60's Rock n' Roll Show** hits in July. This is another of our most popular shows. It's always a fast-paced show filled with the great rock n' roll hits that made these decades so memorable. Show runs July 7-11.

The **Dells Boat Tour** returns again in July and is always a huge seller. With a scenic boat ride through the Wisconsin Dells, a beautiful walk into Cold Water Canyon, a delicious steak and lobster dinner, and a concert by the Cody Clauson Trio, what more could you want out of an afternoon excursion? Tours depart at 12:00pm on July 23 and 24. Cost of the Dells Boat Tour is \$76.50 Adults, \$73.50 Seniors and \$60 Children.

In August, we have a brand-new show for 2015, the **Dueling Banjos Show**. This production will feature the banjo at its best! From early jazz, swing and blues to the popular 5-string bluegrass banjo sound, this high-energy show will feature everything the sound of the banjo has to offer. Three days only, this show runs August 27-29.

September brings our special fall production, the **Fall Spectacular Music Show**. Always a great performance with audience favorites from throughout the year along with a variety of new songs, with a versatile mix of music styles, great costumes, and entertaining musical arrangements. Shows run September 10-12.

**The Soulful Sounds of the Steel Guitar** returns in October. A continuation of the Afternoon with the Country Stars Show, this production features more great country and western songs this time with selections that highlight the sound of the pedal steel guitar which has been a crucial component to the country and western sound for the past 50 years. With both vocal and instrumental arrangements of country favorites, this show is a must-see for the country and western fan. Show runs October 9-10.

The most highly-anticipated show of the 2015 season is also in October, another brand-new production for 2015 is the **Music of Elvis Presley!** No one is more famous in Rock n' Roll than "the king". This show will feature his great rock n' roll hits, along with those from the country charts and of course, his beloved gospel classics. Not a show that will impersonate Elvis, but one that will showcase the great hits of this great legend. Show runs October 22-24.

November and December bring our favorite series, **Christmas on the Farm**. With sold-out performances for the past three years, the 2015 Christmas season promises to be the best yet! Packed with holiday music that will fill you with the joy of the season, Christmas on the Farm is always a must for the holidays. The show features not only traditional Christmas songs, but also new surprises, all presented in a variety of genres. It will leave audiences filled with the holiday spirit and remind everyone of the true meaning of the season! Show runs November 17-21, 23-24, 28-30, December 1-5, and 7-10.

Perhaps our most exciting event for 2015 is the **Cody Clauson Trio's Music and Dinner Show** at the Green Lake Conference Center, in Green Lake, WI. A holiday dinner will be served followed by a show with the Cody Clauson Trio featuring delightful and heart-warming Christmas favorites. This show is produced independently of the Christmas on the Farm series so folks can enjoy both of the shows that our holiday season has to offer! Tickets for this event are available through the Green Lake Conference Center at 920-294-3323. The dinner and show package is \$45 Adults, \$25 Children 6-11, and \$12.25 Children 5 and under. An overnight package is also available for this event at \$90/Adult and includes dinner, show, room and breakfast. December 11, 6pm dinner show, December 12, 12pm and 6pm dinner shows.

In addition to a great show, all of the **Concerts in the Barn** feature our fabulous dinner. The buffet dinner changes for each series of shows and always includes three meat entrees, a variety of delicious sides and a delectable dessert. For each series we create a menu that will compliment the theme of the current show. The meals are home-made, fresh right here, and the menu is expanded every year providing you with more delicious selections.

The gift shoppes are also open on show days and provide guests with an opportunity to explore the exhibits in the barn like our antique milking parlor display and milkhouse, while browsing through local and handmade items that won't be found anywhere else. Finally, a visit to our Coffee Shoppe will make your day complete as you can satisfy your craving for sweets by selecting a hot-fudge sundae, homemade cream puffs or chocolate chip cookies, rootbeer floats or any number of seasonal favorites.

The 2015 dinner show series will feature all of the wonderful aspects that you enjoy and expect from a Clauson Family Music Show production. Call today to reserve tickets for your favorite shows in the upcoming year. Tickets are available from the Clauson Business Office at 715-228-2951. You can read more online about upcoming shows and events too at [clausonfamilymusicshows.com](http://clausonfamilymusicshows.com)

## Crazy Critters

Brianna Leibsle



"Hello, my name is **Clyde** and I am the resident alarm clock and burglar alarm at my family's farm. They call me a miniature donkey, but I call myself a snuggly teddy bear in a bold blue blanket. Even they say I am the sweetest donkey that there ever was. I like it here in my shed where it is nice and warm and out of the snow. One of my people even put in a night light for me. Sometimes they make fun of me for my blue blanket, but I love it. What can I say, we have been through a lot together including -30 degree temperatures, blowing snow and frigid winds. I love my blue blanket and it looks good on me too!"

"I am **Winter** the pony and I don't need a blanket like that slow little donkey. I have enough fluff to keep me warm. And if I put my blanket on, I wouldn't match my girl anymore. You see, my girl's hair is blonde and I am also blonde. I am a paler blonde though, which means I'm naturally smarter than she is. One day, she tried to pet me before she bent down so I could see her. That was a BIG no-no! I love to be petted but you have to crouch down so I know if you are safe, and you can't have anything scary."

"I am **Bonnie** the Shetland Sheep. They got me a couple years ago and I know the best of anyone what my girl likes. I have to walk nice for her on the thingy that wraps around my head, she calls it a halter. She says that I walk like a dog, but I know I'm smarter than one, because how could a dog learn to walk like me and jump over those weird things, I think she called them boards, in what they call a driveway. And I know how to discipline her if she doesn't listen or keep her promises. If you head-butt them in just the right spot, on the front or back of the knee, they are destined to fall over. My girl is the only one I let catch me. One time, they thought I ate a screw, when they were adding onto my shed, and the taller guy was chasing me around the pen, but I wouldn't let him catch me. However, when my girl came out with my rope, I stood still so she could toss the rope on me like she always does. My sister, **Blanche**, just walks right up to them and stands there with the strangest expression on her face, but I am smarter than that."

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"We are **Martha** and **Stewy**. We are Olde English Baby Doll Sheep and we are new here, but we think we like it. They give us treats and this yummy stuff they call grain, even though we are twice the normal size of a sheep our breed. We don't like coming up to the people very much, but **Stewy** does anyway. I think he is naughty for doing it, but he says the treats taste better before they hit the ground. My people are nice enough to throw me a treat because I am too shy to come over by them and let them touch me. **Stewy** doesn't let them touch him, but they try to once in a while. I think humans are good but scary still!"

"I am the king of the house and my name is **Kao K'o Kung**. I am still learning the ways of the Siamese but I am working on it. The people always call me **KoKo** and they say they named me after a character from a book, but I still think it's my name. I like tackling the big fat cat who lives here because he is so slow, but it's a lot of fun. His name is **Tiny**, which seems ironic based on his massive size! The best time is right after he lays down and gets comfortable. I like to sleep in the big bed with the lady who feeds me. Everyone calls her "Mom". She and the little girl always snuggle with me. The best part is if I don't snuggle them, these little creatures under the blankets start moving, and since it's my duty to protect them, I try to attack and kill the little creatures, which makes them make this weird sound, they call a laugh. It is amusing!"

"We are the two Netherland Dwarf bunnies that belong to the little girl. My friend **Pumkin** is trying to figure out why she won't give us the green stuff she gave us a long time ago, but I think it has something to do with the stuff they call snow. My name is **Boo** by the way. Our one year anniversary with our new family is coming soon. I am really excited. I like living here with this little girl."

And that is what our crazy critters seem to think!



*"The Lord is truthful; he can be trusted. He loves justice and fairness, and He is kind to everyone everywhere on earth."  
Psalm 33:4-5*

## Coloma Hotel

The Cody Clauson Trio will again be playing at the Coloma Hotel this winter on Wednesday nights from 7pm-9pm. January through March dates are: Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 18, 25, and Mar. 4, 18, 25.