

Local maestros to perform at Bonney Lake Days

PUYALLUP PERFORMERS
find their niche playing for the family crowd.

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As boys, both Sean Lewis and Ron Lane Wiley found their musical roots within their family trees.

Lewis hails from a musical family where all the boys played guitar and as the baby of the family, it was only natural for him to follow those before him.

He said his step-mother gently guided him towards guitar lessons after enduring his cacophonous

efforts on the drums.

Although he could easily sit in and play drums if necessary, Lewis said toting a guitar from gig to gig was much easier than moving a drum set.

For Wiley, his love for rock and roll dates back to an event many musicians credit as inspiration — The Beatles Feb. 9, 1964 performance on The Ed Sullivan Show. The five-year-old youngster was glued to the television, mesmerized by Paul McCartney's spirited finger work on the guitar.

His fate was sealed when his parents hosted his eighth birthday party at a Port Angeles theater to

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watch the Beatles classic "A Hard Day's Night."

"The Beatles became my idols," Wiley said. "It left an imprint on me."

His older brother also had a gift with the guitar. The boys would jam in an unused storage room of the theater owned by his parents.

Lewis let loose on the guitar with his family and went on to play in several start-up bands in college. While he certainly had the dreams of being a famous rock icon, he said reality set in and the need to earn a living became more important.

Wiley learned a similar lesson while trying to raise a family and play gigs in the evenings.

"I'd be lying if I said I didn't have that dream of making it big," he said. "But I was always realistic — so music has become more of a hobby for me."

Now the men, both in their 40s, have revived their youth playing acoustic rock and roll classics from The Beatles, Peter and Gordon, Van



Lewis/Lane, an acoustic duo out of Puyallup will open for the Great Pretenders Saturday at Bonney Lake Days.

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Lewis/Lane

Morrison, and The Rolling Stones.

While the two men have several friends in common, it took several years for them to hook up and jam together. For about 10 years now, Lewis/Lane has played venues like Meeker Days and Bonney Lake Days.

Wiley said getting off the bar circuit and playing family-oriented, clean venues has been perfect for the duo.

"We get a lot of good feedback. I think people truly appreciate the song selection," Wiley said. "We play a lot of old 70s-type songs that

don't get a lot of airplay, but people will still remember."

And people will have a chance to remember as Lewis/Lane present their throw-back to the 70s as the opening act for The Great Pretenders on Saturday at Bonney Lake Days.