Teens, 20-somethings to rock Open Space

By KIMBERLY WARREN Record-Eagle staff writer

Whith a night all their own, teens and young adults don't have to leave the Cherry Festival to find fun. From 5 to 11 p.m. on July 8 at the Open Space, activities abound for generations X and Y. Dubbed neXt 2Y Night, a line-up of performers and activities provide the perfect place for hip.

"It's an evening for all young people," said Shannon Sitek, director of teen activities. "We hope the line-up will encourage many who have not ever thought about participating in the festival."

Sponsored by WKPK and Mountain Dew, neXt 2Y will present the sounds of three local bands.

From 5 to 5:45 p.m., Still @ Large will perform. Still at Large is a group of three students from Elk Rapids High School: Andy, a graduating senior, Chris and Mark, both sophomores. The group has a cut on WKLT's fourth rock CD.

At 6 p.m., Blisstripp will take the stage. Blisstripp is a five-man band made up of students from Suttons Bay and Traverse City Central high schools. Winner of a statewide Battle of the Bands competition, Blisstripp brings their mix of rock, funk and hip hop to the Cherry Festival.

At 7:15 p.m., the lip sync contest will begin. Twenty different people or groups will have the chance to compete to be named champions of the Cherry Festival Lip Sync competition. Information and registrations for the lip sync contest can be found at www.cherryfestival.org or by visiting the Cherry Festival office at the Open Space.

The final show of the night, Brian Schram, will start at 9 p.m. Schram. A northern Michigan native who sings and plays the guitar, Schram has even shared the stage with Blessid Union of Souls.

Sitek said it is hard to plan events for teen-agers and young adults because their interests are so varied.

"We hope music will be the bridge that brings everybody together," she said. "It's going to be just a great show."

Along with the music, though, Sitek said they have mixed many other activities. Among them, she lists temporary henna tattooing and possibly a skateboard expo. Visitors will even be able to make their own karaoke videos — for a fee.

"As a community — a festival we need to embrace the young people and give them things to do," she said.

"They need to be more involved because they are the future of the festival. We hope to see everyone there."







Clockwise from top, Blisstripp, Brian Schram and Still @ Large will be performing Monday, July 8, as part of Teen Night at the Open Space.

Classic Car & Truck Show revs up July 6

By SARAH CHUBY Record-Eagle staff writer

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