

June 2, 2006

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Triangle Park

Bellefonte Avenue & West Main Street, Lock Haven

The Preludes are a group that has quite a varied history. The original group started in the 60's and some of the original members were Mel Rinker, Benny Matthews, Jim Miller, Ted Peters and Guy Bierly. In 1969 Don Dorey replaced Ted Peters and the band began to evolve from there. Joan Black came on board in 1970 and after Benny Matthews retired, Skip Banfield joined as the guitarist. Some of the other area musicians that have been members of The Preludes include Kenny Poorman, Flip Mills, Randy Williamson, Jim Shoemaker, Jay Caprio, Ray Bower, Dave Schlesinger, Jim Greninger, Sam Grenoble, and Clair Matter to mention a few.

The band has always tried to pick the best songs that were being played on the radio at the time. Their line-up usually contained the number one hits of the year. But that has not been the case since the advent of Hip-Hop, Rap, and some of the newer styles of music. Their list of songs today will probably contain songs popular in the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.

Ray Tyler from Williamsport has been the band's bass player for 19 years. Don Dorey from Lock Haven has played Alto and Tenor Sax since 1969. Joan Black of Mill Hall is lead vocalist and also plays key boards. After Mel Rinker passed away in 2002, Pat Patterson from Williamsport has been the drummer and vocalist. Being primarily a dance band, they enjoy playing all types of music aimed at getting people up on their feet and being tired when they go home.

Seating will not be provided in Triangle Park, so please bring a lawn chair.