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## Denny Snyder featured at inaugural concert Wild Rose Moon's first concert presented by South Bend native

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PLYMOUTH — 'From Montreal with Love,' blues and guitar sensation, Denny Snyder performed at Wild Rose Moon in downtown Plymouth Saturday night. Denny packed the house for the first ever concert to be held at this venue.

"I think it's indeed fitting that our novel concert is with Denny Snyder. I've seen Denny perform on four previous occasions, twice with his family band and twice as Southside Denny," said co-owner of Wild Rose Moon, George Schricker. When Schricker watched Denny perform at the

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**— Wild Rose Moon co-owner George Schricker**

Blueberry Festival last year, he knew that the intimate setting of Wild Rose Moon would be perfect for lovers of Denny's music to fully experience his abilities. "Denny represents a songwriter with diverse musical roots and he's not afraid to take chances."

"Here's a chance to hear Denny Snyder, the songwriter, musical stylist, extraordinary guitarist, and arranger in concert," said Schricker, welcoming the audience.

"We look around here today and we have this place pretty well packed," said

Jim Smart, long-time friend of Denny's. "Marsha and George have done a great deal of hard work to allow us to have something here in Plymouth, Indiana that is well overdue and much appreciated by all of us. I have a great privilege tonight to usher in a great friend of mine who is a great guitarist," said Smart.

Denny began his performance with a song from Indiana native, Lonnie Mack, a rock, blues and country guitar great. "I'm going to do a little blues to warm up for you," said Denny. "This is a tune written by a guy a long time ago. Lonnie Mack, is his name. A fellow guitarist from Indiana, he set the pace

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# Snyder, from front

for a lot of different people, including Stevie Ray Vaughn. This is a song of his called the Oreo Cookie Blues."

Denny entertained the audience for the next couple hours with his soulful instrumentals and original rocking blues rhythms, along with covers by Muddy Waters and Johnny Winter.

"He makes his styles and idioms flow freely throughout his original work," said Schricker. "Best of all, at least for me, are the times when his lightning finger work explores the fret board....so sublime that the mind feels tantalized by the mystical journeys he so artfully constructs."

Denny, a South Bend native, has quite a history of playing which includes 25 states across the United States and five Canadian provinces. "I have even played in Germany once as part of another show," said Denny.

He started out playing locally in northern Indiana and Michigan, which



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All the way from Montreal, Canada, Denny Snyder, a South Bend native, returned to his former stomping grounds to perform at Wild Rose Moon in Plymouth Saturday night to a packed house.

gave him his start and a name in the music world with the electric blues. He formed his own band, South Side Denny and the Skintones, in 1984 and

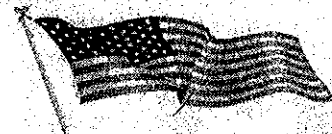
when they disbanded in 1989, the South Side Denny Band was formed.

While on tour in Canada some 20 years ago, he met his wife in Montreal. They married and lived in the states for several years and then moved back to Canada in 2007. Denny owns his own shop, Salon de Musique, where he teaches music, repairs guitars and performs both solo and with his family band, The Snyders. He tours with his children in the summer and the rest of the year plays solo, acoustic, and other events that come up.

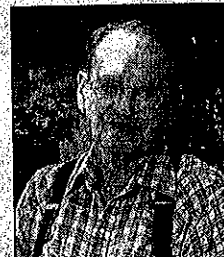
"Wild Rose Moon's central mission is to provide a home where arts, idea and events unite in service to community. If you have an idea for a concert and would like to be involved in our underwriter program, we have two people already in that program who helped underwrite tonight's program, Jim Smart and an anonymous underwriter," said Schricker.

# Obituaries

**Robert E. Bird Sr.**  
Oct. 15, 1923 - March 21, 2015



CULVER — Robert E. Bird Sr., age 91, of Culver died early Saturday, March 21, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Plymouth. Robert was born to Earl and Carrie Bird on Oct. 15, 1923, in Du Quoin, Ill. Upon her remarriage, he was reared by Carrie and Kenny Stevens, along with his two sisters, Loretta (Stevens) Butts of Marion, Ill. and the late Irma Jean (Stevens) of Kankakee, Ill.



Robert joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in Giant City, Ill. at the age of 16 and soon followed with an enlistment in the U.S. Army in 1940. He rose to be Staff Sergeant during his almost five years in Company G of the 10th Infantry, where he was a light machine gunner. During these years, he distinguished himself by earning the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart for bravery during battle in the European Theater.

Upon his discharge, in 1946, Robert married Lois Turner. They parented three children during their 28 year marriage: Betty (David) Munchenburg of Merrillville; Robert (Paulette) Bird Jr. of Charles Town, W.Va. and the late Patricia Bird of La Porte. In addition, Robert has 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchildren.

In 1981, Robert married Gladys (Beck-Hinson), who preceded him in death in 2006. Shortly thereafter, they moved to the Culver community, where both enjoyed the fellowship of many friends. From this marriage, he had two stepdaughters: Theatus (Ted) Miller, and Juanita (Gene) Ponsler of Texas, as well as three stepgrandchildren.

Friends may join Robert's family in celebrating his determined commitment to life at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver on Tuesday, March 24, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

# HOW'S YOUR HEARING?

I THINK IT'S TIME FOR THESE GUYS TO GO TO BELTONE

WINDY, ISN'T IT?

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ME TOO. LET'S GET A SODA.