

Musicians made Blue Wing a popular venue



Bernie Butcher, pictured, and his wife Lynne Butcher, opened the Blue Wing Saloon and the Tallman Hotel in 2005. In the years since they've become a well-known music destination, with popular event like Monday Blues Night and a yearly Blue Wing Blues Festival. Photos by Jennifer Gruenke — Lake County Publishing

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Upper Lake >> When it comes to blues music in Lake County, you would be hard pressed to find anyone who doesn't associate the scene in some way with the Blue Wing Saloon, a restaurant in Upper Lake and a music aficionado's dream. The venue offers live music three days a week without fail — including twice a day on Sundays, during both brunch and dinner. Then there are the seasonal events: August's popular Blue Wing Blues Festival, and the Concert with Conversation series that takes place throughout the winter and spring months. Both the festival and the small concerts regularly sell out.

It's as if the Blue Wing has music running through its very foundation.