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Save the Date - FREE Concert – October 26th

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MENOMINEE, MI – Rusty Wolfe will perform a free concert to benefit the Future Fund children’s savings accounts established by the M&M Area Community Foundation (MMACF). The Future Fund is designed to encourage hope, build savings, assist with career training/post-secondary education expenses, and increase financial literacy among area youth.

The Future Fund provides an automatic \$50 savings account to all kindergarten students throughout Marinette and Menominee Counties, starting this school year. Future Fund accounts will grow by additional deposits from the MMACF during the students’ K-12 school career as well as interest earned on accounts.

Wolfe is a transplant to Marinette County from Nashville, Tennessee. This concert is near and dear to Wolfe’s heart, as he has become actively engaged in his new community. An accomplished visual artist, his first career was as a singer songwriter. Wolfe has had great success in music with songs recorded by Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn, Glenn Campbell, Lacy J. Dalton and more. Be on the watch for a special guest appearance and for several of Wolfe’s friends to accompany this acoustic evening!

“With Rusty’s belief in the potential of Marinette and Menominee Counties, our Future Fund endowment and the promise it provides for area youth is a perfect marriage for his creative collaboration,” stated Paula Gruszynski, MMACF Executive Director.

In the fall of 2018, the #MyMarinetteMenominee campaign galvanized the communities around a singular purpose: community pride. Rusty Wolfe was so inspired by the events of #MMM that he began writing songs again after more than a decade away from the music industry. Three of

the songs that will be performed on October 26th were born of the #MMM Movement including *This Old Town*. The song that was recorded by Johnny Cash, *Woodcarver*, will also be on the concert set list. Since Wolfe started writing again last fall, he has recorded more than thirty new songs. An 11-minute video of *This Old Town* is available at <https://youtu.be/wPx8ffdzJsE>. It was recorded in celebration of the remarkable beauty of Marinette and Menominee Counties. Wolfe's new album *The Dream* will be released by Hero Dog Records on October 23rd, just in time for the Future Fund benefit concert.

The concert will be held on Saturday, October 26th at UWGB-Marquette Campus, 750 West Bay Shore Street, Marinette. Doors will open at 5:30pm with the concert to begin at 6pm. All proceeds from the concert will be directed to the Future Fund endowment to support kindergarten students in the Community Foundation's two-county service area.

Free tickets are available beginning Thursday, October 10th at the Community Foundation office located at 1110 10th Avenue, Suite L-1, Menominee as well as at schools throughout Marinette and Menominee Counties. Tickets are limited to four per person and must be picked up in advance.

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Rusty Wolfe