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Big Band Music at the Clarkdale Park Gazebo

On September 6, 2008 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sentimental Journey will perform at the Clarkdale Park Gazebo. This free concert is part of Clarkdale's Concerts in the Park series and is sponsored by the Clarkdale-Jerome Lions Club.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY BIG BAND is a classic 40's Swing Era Big Band playing your dancing favorites made famous by Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Hoagy Carmichael, Artie Shaw, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Les Brown and many more. They perform the original music and arrangements which have made the Big Band Era timeless. Sentimental Journey under the direction of Dr. Ron Wright has kept the Big Band tradition available for 20 years for formal black & white tie events, dances, weddings, anniversaries, fundraisers, corporate events, festivals, informal garden parties and concerts. Members come from Prescott, Camp Verde, Cottonwood, Lake Montezuma, Sedona and Flagstaff and are motivated by their true love of the music. The mission of the group is to preserve the big band sound and dance tradition.

The Big Band will be comprised of Beau Schenk, Lead Alto Saxophonist; Kathy Shriver, Alto Saxophone and Band Manager; Bill Azbill, Lead Tenor; Janet Chambers, Tenor Saxophone; Jan Gurtner, Bari Sax; Bill West, Trumpet, Rob Carey, Trumpet; Ron Wright, Trumpet; John Hafer, Trumpet; Bill Bowers, Trombone; Ben Apple, Trombone; Julie Smith, Vocalist and keyboard; Rosemary Chavez, vocals; Ed Jones, Bass; and Frankie Chavez, drums.

Over the years Sentimental Journey has performed at numerous Verde Valley and Flagstaff locations and an abundant list of events such as Sedona's St. Patrick Day, Fort Verde Days, Flagstaff Rte. 66 Days, Clarkdale's Heritage Conservancy Clark Memorial Hall dances, and many more to name.

The concert is performed in the gazebo in Main Street Park located in the center of the town's historic district on Main Street, between 9th and 10th Streets. There is a 50/50 raffle which all proceeds benefit the Concerts in the Park. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Vendors will be on site. Vending spaces are still available to rent, contact town hall at 639-2400. If you would like additional information regarding the Concerts in the Park contact Dawn Norman, Parks and Recreation, at 639-2490.

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