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CEYX still jamming after 30 years

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Thirty years ago three local high school students formed a band that is still going strong today.

"Our show is something for everybody," CEYX band member Dean Rusch said of the band's longevity.

Back in 1971 Swan Valley High School student Bob Strunk, Rusch of Hemlock High School and Tom Miller of Midland came together as CEYX, pronounced "cease."

Rusch, of Thomas Township, plays the drums; Strunk, now of Kalamazoo, plays guitar and key-

boards; and Miller, of Midland, plays keyboards, guitar and the saxophone.

The band plays all types of events such as fund-raisers, weddings, proms, reunions, conventions, fairs and festivals. They have performed over 2,000 events since 1971.

Rusch attributes the band's success to their wide variety of music. CEYX plays everything from oldies to rock and roll, modern music to Top 40, and even ventures into country music.

"We play music for 8 year olds to 80 year olds," he said. "We play recognizable music."

Rusch said the band is still per-

forming crowd favorites, but has included new songs this year. The band also takes requests during concerts.

"We'll do a couple songs no one has heard us play before," Rusch said.

The band recently played their fifth concert as part of Thomas Township's Picnic in the Park series.

Their next public appearances include the Tittabawassee Township Oldies Concert Series Wednesday, Aug. 8 and the Picnic in the Park event at Milpond Park in Saline Saturday, Aug. 25.

To book CEYX, or for more information on the band and their appearances, contact Rusch Entertainment Agency at 781-1553.



At Oldies Palooza Dean Rusch had an opportunity to meet Gary Puckett of Gary Puckett and the Union Gap.



CEYX members Bob Strunk (far left), Dean Rusch (second from right) and Tom Miller (far right) met Felix Cavaliere of The Rascals (formerly known as The Young Rascals).

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Members of CEYX are Tom Miller (from right), Dean Rusch and Bob Strunk.



Dean Rusch of CEYX pauses for a photograph with Paul Revere of Paul Revere and The Raiders.



The big league

Thomas Township resident and member of CEYX, Dean Rusch (left) has met several famous musicians, such as Peter Noone (right) of Herman's Hermits. See inside for an article and photographs marking CEYX's 30 years of music making.

CEYX featured in The Township Times in 2001!

This areas #1 Oldies Band has played with some of the GREATS!

Photo of Dean Rusch with Peter Noone of Herman's Hermits appeared on the front page!