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OSHAWA -- Oshawa band Stone Soup is hosting Bands For Brothers in Arms, an all-day event featuring more than 12 bands, taking place August 11 at the Oshawa Armoury. Proceeds from the event are going to the Wounded Warriors Fund. Pictured, from left, are band members Frank Moyles, Mark Coe, Martin Bonnie, and Brian Brown. August 1, 2012.

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Multi-instrumentalist Martin Bonnie (Martin "Beef Barley" Soup), it states, was born in Area 51 and graduated from Roswell High School, class of '47. Huh? No doubt Stone Soup likes to have a good time. And they're organizing a big one for Aug. 11 at the Oshawa Armoury.

The band is hosting Bands For Brothers in Arms, a full day and night of music complete with a barbecue, door prizes and raffles. It's a benefit concert for Wounded Warriors, a non-profit group that helps Canadian Forces members who have been wounded or injured since 1990 while serving Canada.

As you might have guessed, it's a cause near and dear to the band.

"Our bass player, Mark, did a couple of tours in Afghanistan and works for the Wounded Warriors' fund," Bonnie says. "He's still an active member of the Ontario Regiment."

The Courtice resident joined Stone Soup about a year ago and notes the band (the other members live in Oshawa) doesn't play many paying gigs, preferring to play in aid of charities.

"We've all got regular jobs," he says. "We'd rather play for a good cause than for bucks."

The music starts at noon and ends around 1 a.m., divided into afternoon and evening shows. The line-up features a variety of music styles, including rock, folk rock, pop, r and b and soul. The performers include guitarist Joe Poirier, an Ajax native with several albums under his belt, Rock and Roll Cowboys, a duo with one member from Uxbridge, Whitby's Tamin' Thunder, a number of Oshawa bands, including **Time Well Wasted** and V.M. Blues, and bands from Oakville, Toronto and Barrie. Finishing up the day and night of music is Toronto's Easy Aces, billed as Toronto's biggest party band.

Bonnie said it didn't take any coaxing to get the bands on board for the event.

"For the most part they're friends and if not, they're friends of friends," he says. "Most of them responded pretty quick. I think we filled 10 or 11 spots in 48 hours."

"They're all playing for free. They're getting some food and some drinks and maybe some gas money, but that's it."

Prizes and volunteers are still being sought and if you can help out, e-mail Bonnie at martinbonnie@hotmail.com or call him at 905-448-0323.

Tickets are \$15 for an all-day pass or \$10 for a half-day pass (noon to 6 p.m. or 6 p.m. to close).

For tickets, call or e-mail Bonnie or bandsforbrothersinarms@gmail.com. You can also get tickets at the event website, bandsforbrothersinarms.org.

"If it's a success this year, we plan on doing it again next year," Bonnie says.

The Oshawa Armoury is at 53 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa.

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