



Ohio. Mary’s voice was like an angel, and Glen’s accompanying vocal and instrumental made for a perfect evening of music and dancing.

Week 11 - August 14, 2025 - Sponsored by **Hazekamp’s Premier Foods** and the **Village Diner**. The RTB Band consists of yet another Bourne Bros brother. This time it was Paul Bourne and his country rock band sound of the night. The weather was great, the crowd was great, the pictures that Leo keep taking keep adding to the memories created each night of Dancing into Sunset that will forever be in print. We celebrated a regular’s birthday—Karen, who with her husband Roman drives all the way from Holton for as long as she can. We all hope Karen enjoyed her birthday card and balloon and let’s pray we will all see her next season.

Week 12 - August 21, 2025 - Sponsored by **Wesco, Shelby State Bank,** and the **Sandi Gentry Team**. What a night!!!! Yet another hiccup. When I arrived at 4:15 the drummer of the Silverado Band, Mike, was already setting up. He said, “Hey Sue, there is no power in the outlet.” I said, “Just push the reset button—it pops from time to time.” Humm. Still no power, so we tried the outlet boxes—nope no power. Now to the breaker box, all looks good, nothing is popped. But no lights anywhere. Not even the electric meter was running. A call to Jacob, the Village go-to-for-everything guy with the parks, came down to trouble shoot as well. Nope nothing. So while he was waiting on the phone with Consumers Energy, he looked down then up one of the electric poles to see poor Mr. Squirrel on the ground and the transformer wires disconnected. I guess the squirrel never got the memo not to play on the electric wires. Next Tom showed up and suggested generators for power because we were not sure how long it was going to take for Consumers Energy to arrive, and the band needed to start a sound check as it was now 5:30 and they start at 6:30. So once again we had to go into another back up plan. I was able to get in contact with a family member to bring two generators to the park and—voila—we have power! Thank you, son. All was good and Silverado was able to start warming up. Then just a bit before they were getting ready to play... 6:15 Consumer Energy arrived to save the night and the wire was actually a fast fix with a long pole, and the crowd cheered when they saw the lights above go on. Whew! Lo and behold, the last regular Thursday was under way. The crowd was anxiously waiting the arrival of Wesco popcorn staff who are always a wonderful addition to Dancing into Sunset each year. As soon as they arrived within the first hour the gals said they gave away over 200 cups of popcorn and as more arrived more free popcorn was handed out. By evening’s end more than 400 cups of popcorn were in the hands of those in attendance. Thank you Wesco! Cadena Bros Pizzeria’s manager, Brayden, handled the entire evening himself, running back and forth to get more pizza as it was his largest crowd who came hungry. You did a great job Brayden! What I have learned in the nine years of putting on Dancing into Sunset to never panic, just relax, and things will fall into place. But a must to have is a back up to a back up to a back up plan... Now to get ready and hope all have been paying attention that the very last evening falls on a Tuesday (August 26th) in order to stay away from Labor Day weekend of football games and people leaving town for the last big summer holiday weekend. NOTE – next

Foundation for Muskegon County. Who doesn’t like a clown—and a musical one to boot? Well, we got our full share to end the season with the Scottville Clown Band. I tried counting the best I could and it looked like close to 50+ joined in to play and entertain the crowd of about 800 as not too much space was left on the grass. The food was good as DaKidd BBQ joined us once again, along with Cadena Bros Pizzeria and Happy Matt’s Kettlecorn. Oh, and we celebrated yet another birthday. Happy 94th birthday to Dick Deitz! So glad that you celebrated with us as well. The Community Foundation for Muskegon County was on hand with free water and a table of information.

As the sun was setting on yet another successful season, it was not without more hiccups than I have had since I started Dancing into Sunset back in 2017. Good thing I had a back up to a back up to yet another back up plan as I went through all three of them this past season. A few more grey hairs—but we made it, didn’t we? Overall the season was full of sorrow with losing such a young life of one of our food vendors’ children, and this dance community coming together to raise funds for the parents. We had happiness celebrating anniversaries and birthdays and just dancing and enjoying the evenings.

With all that was thrown at us the season, it could not have run as well as it did without the help of my other volunteers when they could: Bill, Diane, Nancy, Ken and Rose, Rex and Shirley, Carol and Bill, and those I didn’t even know that would just step in to help either set up or take down. Thank you to all! I have to thank Kate Holtrop for hanging in there with me and the postings on Facebook and teaching me how to do so while she was going to school, working, and trying to get on with her life. Not once did she leave my side. Thank you so much, Kate! Kim and Kaiden filled in to take pictures



year Labor Day is a week later so the season end of Dancing into Sunset can be too.

Week 13 - Tuesday August 26, 2025 - Sponsored by **The Storage Group, Schap Specialty Machine,** and the **Community**

when Leo Valdez, Sr., our nightly photographer who was new to Dancing into Sunset, could not make it. Thank you Leo..... it takes a team to put this all together and we sure did a fine job. With that said, it was time to say so long and good bye to such a wonderful, enjoyable season. From the Memory Journal and all the written comments the community definitely wants Dancing into Sunset Fruitport to continue on. I have already started booking the bands for next season and will work on obtaining the sponsors to cover the cost of next season. So if anyone would like to join the growing list of sponsors which we all appreciate, please have them contact my email at: dancingintosunset@aol.com. Please make sure to thank the sponsors we had this season so they will all want to come back and support this wonderful free community weekly event in 2026, which will be our TENTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY. Can you believe it..... Just might have to think of some surprises for next season... hummmm.... In the meantime, keep watching Dancing into Sunset Dance Party for weekly reels of this past season as a reminder of how much fun we all had!

Till next time..... May tomorrow be a perfect day, May you find love and laughter along the way, May God keep you in his tender care until we are dancing together again. See everyone next season!

QURET

By Mariann Cooper

This article is meant to enlighten people to a natural product I have come to love.

Several years ago after my mother passed, my sister and I were cleaning out her house. I found a small white glass container with a black metal cover. When I opened it I took a whiff and thought I’d take it home and check it out. It settled in with other first aid items for quite some time.

I don’t remember when I first used it, but that half empty container was soon nearly gone. I started searching for it in the local stores. Finally I found it in Walgreens.

The pharmacist who retrieved it for me explained that it was invented/created in the early 1900’s by an employee of Walgreens in Muskegon. For many years it was only available at Walgreens across the country.

More recently the patent was sold to a company in Grand Rapids and became available at many other stores.

My experience with Quret more recently proved it’s effectiveness more than once. A cat attacked my arm, not bad but enough so I knew it had some mean claws! It drew blood in a couple places along with other wounds. This is where I got out the Quret. I put a small amount on the pad of the bandage and placed it over the sores. After 2-3 days I looked and the sores were healing.

Another time my assistant was complaining a little on Monday about a wasp sting she had gotten at a yard sale on Saturday. I didn’t pay much attention until Tuesday when she said she would have to go to a doctor because her hand was throbbing and wasn’t getting better. I told her to hold off and I would go home and get my Quret. She said not to bother because it won’t help. When I got back, I put a dab on the bandage and placed it over the sting between the fingers. We went back to work and within an hour she said the throbbing had stopped and didn’t hurt like it did. She was happy.

A lady I take care of had a cat that was falling off a shelf. It grabbed her hand with claws trying to catch itself. The lady shook the cat off her hand and the damage was extensive leaving a string-like tendon hanging down. We went to ER and they cleaned and stitched it up. Bandages were to be changed daily and the doctor expected infection with more surgery in the near future. They didn’t give anything to keep the pad from sticking to the wound so I pulled out my Quret. When we went back to the doctor for checkup, the doctor was pleasantly surprised at how well it was healing. Consequently, no additional surgery was necessary.

Some people use Quret for pulling slivers, and it helps there, too!

Quret contains beeswax which helps draw, and it contains menthol which gives a cooling effect for comfort. I will continue to recommend it, and there’s no ‘bonus’ in it for me! Best wishes!