

Blues Concert Slated

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For Lenna Civic Center

Blues and Cajun blues will be "Rockin' the Reg" on Saturday, April 8, as two bands take the stage, starting at 8 p.m.

Sweet Jane and the Djam is a four-member band from the Jamestown and Warren area that has opened shows for Queen of the Blues, Koko Taylor and the 10,000 Maniacs. They also have recorded their own original music. The band's lead vocalist, Cindy Lyons, has a powerful voice that harmonizes beautifully with that of the lead guitarist and vocalist, Jamie Haight. Backed by Dan Warmbrodt's bass guitar and added vocals, and by John MacGuire's drums, the music of these four musicians is wonderfully bluesy.

The second band of the evening, Chanka Chank, is from Rochester. They call their music rustbelt Cajun/Zydeco.

Zydeco is the blues music of the Louisiana Creoles. It's primary instrument is the accordion.

The seven members of the band combine a driving pulse of drums, electric guitar and electric bass with the traditional voices of button accordion, fiddle, acoustic guitar, mandolin, and frottoir, which is a rub board of corrugated metal worn like a vest and scratched with spoons or forks to provide rhythm.