

## **Vietnam Era Music and Dance Event Coming to Isabella County Senior Center**



Mount Pleasant MI – The **Commission on Aging** and **WCMU Public Media** will co-host a music and film event Saturday, November 18 at 6 p.m. The event, which is part of WCMU Public Media’s “The Vietnam War” community engagement project, will occur at the Isabella County Commission on Aging Activity Center at 2200 S. Lincoln Road in Mount Pleasant. The community event is free, however pre-registration is requested for planning purposes. Register [HERE](#) or by calling 1-800-727-9268.

The evening will include a Listening/Dance Party with Vietnam-era music and retro hors-d'oeuvres. David Nicholas, WCMU Public Radio producer and host of “The Beat,” will set the tone with music selections from The Youngbloods, Jefferson Airplane, Sly and the Family Stone, the Temptations and more.

To wrap up the evening, a short film will be shown that features diverse individuals from Ken Burns’ “The Vietnam War” who share their personal stories – including American veterans, South and North Vietnamese residents, a journalist, a peace activist, and two mothers.

Information about WCMU’s “Letters Home” exhibit will be shared with details about how veterans and their families can participate. The exhibit will feature scanned copies of letters and pictures sent home from Vietnam during the war and is designed to be a travelling piece for loan to organizations who want to shed light on our soldiers’ experiences. When finished making its tour of Michigan, “Letters Home” will become a permanent piece in the Michigan Military Heritage Museum in Grass Lake.

WCMU is producing video and audio recordings of individuals who choose to read one of their letters. Recordings will be selected to air on WCMU Public Media and reside at [www.wcmu.org](http://www.wcmu.org). Individuals interested in participating in the “Letters Home” project should contact Linda Dielman at 800.727.9268. WCMU Public Radio is involved in this outreach effort as well weaving Vietnam War-themed content into their music and news programming.

### ***MORE ABOUT “THE VIETNAM WAR” PBS SERIES***

THE VIETNAM WAR, a 10-part, 18-hour documentary film series directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick is available for streaming online or purchase at [wcmu.org](http://wcmu.org). Many public libraries have purchased the series on DVD for their video collections.

In an immersive narrative, Burns and Novick tell the epic story of the Vietnam War as it has never before been told on film. THE VIETNAM WAR features testimony from nearly 100 witnesses, including many Americans who fought in the war and others who opposed it, as well as Vietnamese combatants and civilians from both the winning and losing sides.

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## ABOUT WCMU PUBLIC MEDIA

WCMU's mission is to educate, inform, entertain and engage the communities it serves through programming and partnerships.

As one of Central Michigan University's principal public service commitments, WCMU Public Media has provided television and radio programming and other outreach activities for over 50 years to residents of 52 counties in central and northern Michigan and portions of Ontario. WCMU Public Media is the largest university-owned public broadcasting network in the nation and is a vital community resource.

**WCMU Public Television** includes WCML 6 Alpena, WCMU 14 Mt. Pleasant, WCMW 21 Manistee, WCMV 27 Cadillac and WCMZ 28 Flint. In addition, WCMU Public Television offers the lifestyle channel "Create," as well as WCMU PBS Kids, a commercial-free 24/7 channel featuring PBS Kids programming.

**WCMU Public Radio** includes WCMU-FM 89.5 Mt. Pleasant, WUCX-FM 90.1 Bay City, WCML-FM 91.7 Alpena, 95.1 FM Traverse City, WCMB-FM 95.7 Oscoda, WWCM-FM 96.9 Standish, WCMZ-FM 98.3 Sault Ste. Marie and WCMW-FM 103.9 Harbor Springs. In addition, WCMU News and Talk can be heard at 89.5-2 HD Mt Pleasant; 90.1-2 HD Bay City; 91.7-2 HD Alpena, 103.9-2 HD Harbor Springs and streaming at [wcmu.org](http://wcmu.org), through the free WCMU android app, and on NPR One and Apple Music.

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