

# Comedians readying for unique April fundraiser in New Ulm



By Jed Highum

If any of us here at *Applauze* could offer one suggestion, it would be to clear your calendar on April 10 and make a point to check out a "one time only" stand-up comedy event. It is on that day that "Never on Sunday" will be held at the New Ulm Holiday Inn, with a 5 p.m. start. The show will feature the always funny "Wild" Bill Bauer along with equally hilarious comedians Jeff Polis & Eric Page. Hosting the "laughs-a-plenty" will be the one and only Rox Tarrant.

What makes this even more unique is that it will be a fundraiser to benefit the Putting Green Environmental Adventure Park and Rhein River Arts Center, respectively. Both of these organizations have a tremendous value to offer to the New Ulm area, not to mention all of southern Minnesota, and the cause is certainly a worthy one in assisting their significant efforts to the region. Proceeds will go to Putting Green Environmental Adventure Park for their solar powered concessions and ticket booth and to Rhein River Arts Center for a new sound system.

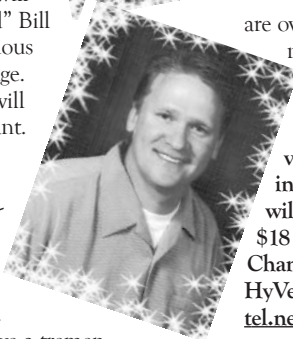
Bill Bauer, a familiar name to readers, is a 20 year comedy veteran with over 100 national television appearances including *Roseanne*. Bill is one of very few comedians who works clean but can still find the ability to shock people respectfully with his content!!

Jeff Polis has been co-producing a series of "Comedy Live" productions in southern Minnesota to sold-out crowds and rave reviews. He was a finalist in the Twin Cities Laff-Off 2003 and specializes in sharing his observations of family life and being a 6'5, 285 lb. man in mid-western Minnesota.

Eric Page is a comedian that is building momentum around the area. From Mankato originally and now living in Minneapolis, Page won the Minneapolis Comedy Festival and has lived in Los Angeles the past several years, before returning home to Minnesota recently. He has also appeared in the shows *CSI* and *24*. In next month's issue, look for a feature profile piece on Page right here in the "Laugh it Up" section of the April issue.



Rox Tarrant, the Twin Cities "Diva of Late Night Comedy", has been making audiences laugh for 10 years. She is a talented producer of over 500 shows including the highly acclaimed "Women Out All Night" series. Ever since Rox was a young girl, she has wanted to become a comedian. Now that she is a comedian, she just wants to be a young girl. Rox shares her stories on being "carb-challenged." She told an audience recently, "Did you know that 60% of Americans are overweight.....60%. Do you know what that says to me? We're winning - we are ahead of the game!"



The event will begin at 5 p.m. with social hour from 5-6 p.m. A cash bar will be available with appetizers. Live music will be provided, as well as extraordinary food by local restaurateurs. More information on this coming next month. The comedy show itself will run from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with the entire night running \$18 a ticket. Tickets may be purchased at Cashwise, HyVee and the Chamber of Commerce in New Ulm and at Mankato's downtown HyVee. For more information call 507-354-7888, email [putt@newulm-tel.net](mailto:putt@newulm-tel.net) or visit the web site at [www.puttinggreen.org](http://www.puttinggreen.org)

*Applauze* is more than honored to be a significant sponsor of these proceedings on April 10 as part of our inaugural Laugh it Up Series - a multitude of spectacular "newsworthy" comedy events around southern Minnesota featuring the top comedians. Each and every month a unique stand-up comedy show will be spotlighted in our issues, akin to the High Note Series is to local music in the area currently. A movement is currently in the planning stages to include other forms of entertainment into their own unique monthly series of events as well - not limited to but including: book signings, theatre presentations, art exhibitions, and much more. Make sure to check out next month's issue for more information on this fund-raiser and what the future holds for the Laugh it Up Series in the months to come!

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