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Southern rock cover band is on a roll

Southbound caps year of success with night for fans.



Southbound — (from left) Tom Scarpelli, Dave Benson, Michelle Scarpelli, Jeff Friend and Allen Seals — present a fan appreciation night at Hank's Pub on Friday. CONTRIBUTED



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Southbound has been on a locomotive-like roll since forming in January. The local Southern rock cover band, presenting a Fan Appreciation Night at Hank's Pub in Kettering

on Friday, picked up even more steam after adding a second guitarist in March.

Southbound members Allen Seals (guitar, vocals), Michelle Scarpelli (keyboards, vocals), Tom Scarpelli (bass, vocals), Jeff Friend (drums, vo-

cals) and newest addition Dave Benson (guitar, vocals) recently sat down in their Xenia practice space to discuss the move from party players to club act in June.

Seals: "We were basically just playing par-

HOW TO GO

What: Southbound presents Fan Appreciation Night

Where: Hank's Pub, 2529 Patterson Road, Kettering

When: 7 p.m. Friday

Cost: Free

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had sort of retreated back into playing parties twice a year. Seeing Jeff's experience inspired us."

Benson: "We picked up plenty of new fans with each gig but by and large we're seeing a lot of the same faces out there. Fan Appreciation Night is our chance to do something for them. We're going to have some band swag and stuff that night."

T. Scarpelli: "We looked at the demographics and thought about where people tend to go out and party and what kind of music they like. We thought we'd give Southern rock a shot. Stuff like the Allman Brothers and Lynyrd Sky-

nyrd has a blues-rock flavor, so there's a lot you can do with it."

Friend: "The rest of us all have the history. We've all been doing this for a billion years. We've all played out in town and tried to make a statement. Then we'd recede into our lives and just hang out and live for a while. Now we're back just trying to do this, have fun, drink some beers and enjoy ourselves because we love to play. That's what it's all about."

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