

Lynyrd Skynyrd/Abilene rock the lake in final concert

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Do you believe in the adage of saving the best for last? Well, that was the case Friday night at the final officially scheduled concert of the inaugural season for Thom Greco, Factory Concerts and Dicesare/Engler.

Rock legends Lynyrd Skynyrd and local music icons Abilene combined for an evening of southern flavored rock and country before an overflow crowd at the Bud Lite Amphitheatre at Harveys Lake.

The musical evening featured a sumptuous blend of music that had the crowd dancing and hollering from start to finish.

Local favorites Abilene also did a great job opening the show. Even though it's their umpteenth reunion, the thing that makes them jell is that when they take to the stage, they have fun. And it shows.

Drummer Jimmy Musto gives an approving nod and a wink to a band member as they spin around and solo and Joe Pacuska has that gratifying smile on his face when the crowd roars approval when he cranks up his fiddle. Bob Bartoli, Joe Andes, Lee Calabro & Larry Zick join Musto and Pacuska as our area's musical elite.

When you watch this band you can't understand why they ever packed it in. But then it becomes more apparent. It wouldn't be as much fun as doing gigs like this.

Abilene is a local musical treasure who was playing the brand of music that's so popular today long before people began jumping on the bandwagon. The thing is, they've been doing it longer and better than anyone else. Friday night's performance solidified their position of being without peer in country rock in the Northeast.
