APPEARANCE SCHEDULE

January

4 (Wednesday) Pulaski Inn 3900 E. Pulaski Ave., Cudahy, WI 1:00-4:00 p.m.

22 (Sunday) Hiawatha Ballroom 9809 Durand Ave. Sturtevant, WI 2:00-5:30 p.m.

February

1 (Wednesday) Pulaski Inn 3900 E. Pulaski Ave., Cudahy, WI 1:00-4:00 p.m.

10 & 11 (Friday & Saturday) Essen Haus 514 E. Wilson St., Madison, WI 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

18 (Saturday) Kids in the Rotunda Overture Center 201 State St., Madison, WI 9:30 a.m. / 11:00 a.m. / 1:00 p.m.

March

7 (Wednesday) Pulaski Inn 3900 E. Pulaski Ave., Cudahy, WI 1:00-4:00 p.m.

16 & 17 (Friday & Saturday) Essen Haus 514 E. Wilson St., Madison, WI 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

April

20 & 21 (Friday & Saturday) Essen Haus 514 E. Wilson St., Madison, WI 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

May

2 (Wednesday) Pulaski Inn 3900 E. Pulaski Ave., Cudahy, WI 1:00-4:00 p.m.

12 (Saturday) May Ball Fairview Sports Bar & Grill 711 W Racine St. Jefferson, WI 7:00-11:00 p.m.

25 & 26 (Friday & Saturday) Essen Haus 514 E. Wilson St., Madison, WI 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

June

3 (Sunday) St. Aloysius Parish Festival 1441 S 92nd St. West Allis, WI 10:30 a.m. Polka Mass 12:00-3:00 p.m. Festival



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A LOOK BACK ON 2011

In my wildest dreams, I never would have thought I'd have a summer where I played 150 shows in seven states. But that's exactly what happened between June and August of 2011. The Mike Schneider Band played BecksterFest, our first event ever in Central Iowa, and for Pint Size Polkas I visited libraries in Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin. A year for the record books!

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012

Next year is already shaping up to be another winner, including our second appearance in Dubuque since 2008 for their Octoberfest. Return visits to St. Aloysius, St. Rita's in West Allis, Triglav Park, May Ball in Jefferson, and the Ozaukee County Fair are also in the works. Plus, we'll be at several new events, including St. Jerome Parish in Oconomowoc for their Polka Mass and festival in June. Add to that nearly 100 library and fair performances currently scheduled in seven states, including six days at the Missouri State Fair in August, and 2012 promises to be another busy year!

ALL NEW WEBSITE

Have you visited www.mikeschneiderband.com recently? The site boasts exciting new content and an all new look and feel. Check it out! While you're there, be sure to visit the Schedule page for details on many of the great events coming up in 2012, including all those listed above. Have a comment? Just follow the Contact link and send me a message!

BOTH HANDS PROJECT

A big thank you is in order for everyone who helped support a project Heather and I worked on this fall to raise money for orphans while helping Rose Cook, a widow from our Parish, with her house. We personally raised more than \$1,000 for the worthy cause! If you haven't yet donated but would like to do so, please make your check payable to Lifesong for Orphans and send it directly to Mike and Heather Schneider, P.O. Box 342623, Milwaukee, WI 53234. We'll pass your donation along with the next batch of checks we send in. For more information about Both Hands and the amazing work the foundation is doing for widows and orphans in communities across the United States, please visit www.bothhandsfoundation.org. Thank you!

EVAN SCHNEIDER

Our baby boy arrived nine days overdue on November 17, 2011 just after 11:00 PM. He weighed nine pounds, four ounces. His birth was challenging to say the least, but thankfully he and Heather are both doing well now. Several people have asked how Garrett and Kelby are adjusting to Evan, and despite some initial reservations expressed by Garrett prior to their first meeting, both he and Kelby have been very welcoming of their new baby brother and are excited to spend time with him. We're hoping this is a trend that continues well into the future!



Garrett and Kelby welcome their new little brother Evan into the Schneider family.