

BrotherWind changes name to Windfall

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FLOYD, Va. — BrotherWind, a popular quartet from Floyd, Va., has changed its name to Windfall. The group will make its debut under the new name on Sept. 9 at the Pine Tavern Pavillion.

The group has engaged listeners' ears with harmonies and acoustic licks and they're looking to work their instruments on the lawn at Chateau Morrisette during "Sunday Sounds" on Sept. 24.

Specializing in Americana/roots music, the foursome covers folk, blues, rock, Celtic and many old-time and bluegrass standards. The band is known for playing original pieces as well as past and present hits from such artists as Bob Dylan, Jackson Browne, Eric Clapton, Robert Johnson and Tim O'Brien.

Guitarist Dave Fason has been writing and performing for more than 35 years. Much time was spent on the road honing his craft with different outfits while headlining and opening up for bands like the Allman Brothers, Goose Creek Symphony and Atlanta Rhythm Section.

"First and foremost, it's the vocal harmony," said Fason on why audiences enjoy the group's shows. "We have a solid four-part harmony by some solid musicianship."

Fason said the group, which is currently recording its first album, has a genuine love of playing music and seeing the look on the crowd's faces when "you pull off a hard lick and see them tapping their feet."

Michael Kovick learned the harmonica while touring through Madison, Wis., in the late 1960s. In North Carolina, he became a mandolin and fiddle player who, according to the BrotherWind Web site, "dances with his instruments."

The soprano with range is Kari Thomas Kovick, Michael's wife. A teacher of her own Early Childhood Music Program, she has performed in Europe on Vienna Radio and is also part of the allwomen's group, Chicks On Drums, in her hometown of Floyd.

Rusty May is the anchor on acoustic bass and was a founding member of the jazz and world-beat music group, No Strings Attached. May's experience spans more than 30 years, and he can be heard bowing bass lines on the track, "A Pretty Gal's Love," by The New Roanoke Jug Band.

Windfall performs from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Chateau Morrisette, and admission is free. For more information about the band, check out its Web site, www.windfallweb.com.

For a schedule of upcoming events at Chateau Morrisette, go to www.chateaumorrisette.com.

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BrotherWind is now known as Windfall. The band known for their vocal harmonies and hot instrumental licks will play at the Chateau Morrisette on 24