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The show is billed as SpringSuey, but the lineup of bands makes it seem more like a musical smorgasbord.

Saturday's all-ages show at the Wilson High School auditorium is a benefit to support local music education, and it will feature eight acts that range from industrial to acoustic and New Age to country. Throw in blues and three forms of rock 'n' roll, and the planners have many of the musical bases covered.

The scheduled lineup is Vicci Martinez, solo acoustic (1:20 p.m.); the Malcolm Clark Band, blues (2:30 p.m.); the Sins, industrial (3:30 p.m.); Rottweiler, metal (4:40 p.m.); Led Stetson, country and rock (6 p.m.); Jennifer Savage, original rock 'n' roll (7:10 p.m.); Elektronika, New Age electronic (8:20 p.m.); and Landshark, alternative rock (9:30 p.m.).



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Savage, who describes her original music as "driving, upbeat rock 'n' roll, sort of Sheryl Crow meets U2," said the SpringSuey show could be "a great opportunity to act as a role model and show other females, young women, that it's OK to be strong and to rock."

Leroy Perkins of Tacoma's Led Stetson echoed Savage's sentiments about supporting music in the schools, but admitted that his country and rock group has another motive.

"We wanted to play for some of the young, hipper folks on the music scene, ones who maybe don't understand country has its good points, too. And we're not strictly country. We like to play anything that's good."

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Anything special planned for the group's 6 p.m. set?

"We'll cherrypick the tunes we think people will like," Perkins said. "It won't be all country or all rock. We'll just have fun with it and see what we come up with for a set."

Wilson High is at 1202 N. Orchard St. Admission will be \$10. Tickets will be available at the door, which is set to open at 12:30 p.m. for general admission seating.

For more information, check out [SpringSuey.com](http://SpringSuey.com).

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