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The memorial plaque for the late Scott Gast sits on display after being unveiled Saturday at the Huron Boat Basin, where it will be placed. Behind the plaque, Wes Fahrback reads a proclamation letter from Governor John Kasich. Gast, who died in a car crash last November, frequently performed at the basin with his band, "Coco Beanos."

## Plaque dedicated to memory of local musician

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**HURON**

As a young teenager, Scott Gast lived in music.

Gast was 13 when he started to play in area churches in his worship band Shoe Box.

At 13 he also formed his band "Coco Beanos," which played every year at the Huron Boat Basin.

He started a Rolling Stones tribute band and performed before a crowd of 100 thousand in Honduras in October.

In November, Gast died in a car crash in Avon.

He is still being memorialized almost a year later.

Hundreds turned out Saturday evening at the Huron Boat Basin for the dedication of a plaque to grace the basin in remembrance of a man who lived his life surrounded in song.

"He was nowhere near ready to fade away," said radio personality Randy Hugg,

who emceed the event.

George Gast, Scott's father, unveiled the heavy plaque honoring his son.

It will be installed this week at the Huron Boat Basin, where it will remain as a tribute to an area musician, who as a teenager was offered a stage there to perform on.

Wes Fahrback represented Sen. Rob Portman, who sent a letter to be read.

Later Fahrback also read a proclamation from the governor's office.

Portman recalled how sad he was to learn of Gast's death and how he will remember the performances of the Coco Beanos.

Gast lived a life of firm dedication and commitment to his community and to his art, he wrote.

"I am so pleased that his memory is being remembered," Portman wrote.

Erie County Commissioner Tom Ferrell also spoke, recognizing Gast as

an honor student, performer and founder of several bands, successful banker and a man who touched the lives of many people.

"His life was cut short, but his legacy lives on," Ferrell said.

Children from the Little Kids Rock program at St. Peters Catholic Church in Huron performed "Knockin' on Heaven's Door."

Later, Bo and Julie Loeffler, as well as the children, accepted three guitars the Scott Gast Memorial Fund purchased for donation to the Little Kids Rock Program.

All to keep the music playing.

Anyone wanting to keep Scott Gast's commitment to music alive may donate to Little Kids Rock.

Drop off donations Monday-Friday at the Huron St. Peter office, or mail to: LKF Huron, c/o 409 Anchorag Circle, Huron, OH 44839