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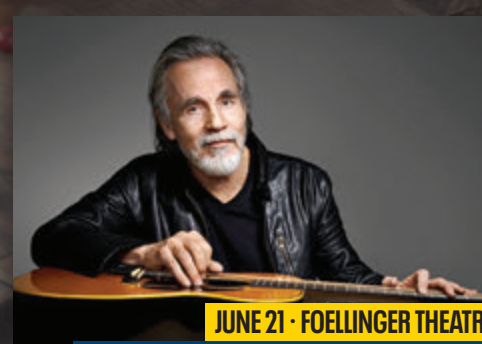
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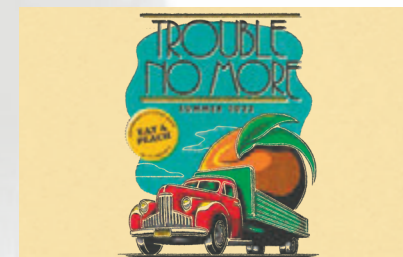
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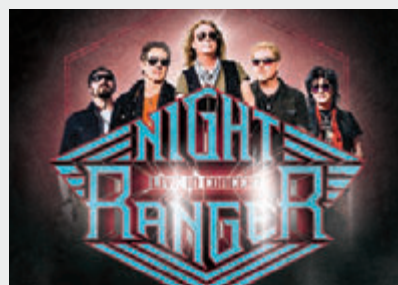
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RibFest should really be smoking

Ribmasters from across U.S. set for 25th annual event

BY DEAN JACKSON

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Around 40,000 barbecue fans are expected to flock to Headwaters Park in downtown Fort Wayne for the four-day BBQ RibFest, June 16-19.

More than 25 tons of ribs, brisket, pulled pork, and chicken will be devoured in that span, as BBQ fans enjoy hot, spicy, tangy, and smoke-filled styles, all prepared by award-winning national ribmasters.

It wasn't always smoky, blues-smothered summer fun, though. A little more than 25 years ago, RibFest was nothing more than an idea bouncing around the reluctant mind of a barbecue novice.

Mark Chappuis was attending a conference in Ohio when the eureka moment exploded in his mind.

"I got off the bus and smelled the incredible aroma, and it was absolutely packed," he said. "I started to look around. They had bands playing. I see a guy with like 50 (barbecue) trophies stacked up from events all over the country."

Almost as an afterthought, he found himself taking in the barbecue event in Toledo. That's when it hit him: "I thought, 'Fort Wayne needs one of these.'"

Now, RibFest has become a part of the Summit City summer.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, Chappuis sees RibFest as community event anchored in family, music, fun, and really good, mouth-watering, lip-smacking food.

CATCHING A BREAK

Once Chappuis got the idea for the festival, it didn't take long to



COURTESY PHOTO

Desperado's will be among the many ribmasters at the Fort Wayne BBQ RibFest from June 16-19 at Headwaters Park.

find faithful foodies that first year.

"We were blessed with incredible weather, mild, mid-70s, all four days," he said. "They just about beat down the doors and this was just year one."

Not everyone believed in the idea.

"A lot of people said, 'Oh, you're kidding me. That won't fly.' We had such a turn out," Chappuis said. "We had around 12,000 people the first year, so it was just like spontaneous combustion."

Chappuis also caught a big break that year, convincing nationally-acclaimed BBQ company Desperado's to take a chance on Fort Wayne. This, after he and other masters were sent scrambling after an event in Pittsburgh was canceled.

"When (other ribmasters) heard Desperado's was coming, they were in," Chappuis said.

Building on its appeal, it was named of on the top 10 barbecue events in the country in Martha Stewart's *Living* magazine.

"That was probably a decade ago, but I'm still proud of that one," Chappuis said.

FAMILY FRIENDLY, BUDGET-FOCUSED

Organizers boast a solid lineup of musical artists. While that's good enough to draw people in on its own, the price makes it irresistible.

"We've worked to keep tickets inexpensive," Chappuis said. "The concert business has gotten crazy with ticket prices, and we just feel that we wanted to keep it very affordable for people to come."

The event offers free admission before 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Evening admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for those between the ages of 7 and 18. All-day Sunday entry is \$3, with dads and those younger than 10 getting in free. There are also discounts and free admission for police, fire, and other public safety workers.

"It'll probably be the best \$6-or-less experience that you'll ever have," Chappuis said. "We work all year long to find, I guess what I would consider, gems that are gonna be a great musical experience for people, but also I'd say that all of our acts are family friendly as well."

On Thursday, The Ghost Town Blues Band performs from 7-8:30 p.m., followed by a Jimi Hendrix tribute, Electric Gypsy Experience.

On Friday, the Nick Harless Band takes the stage, belting blues and rock at 5 p.m. followed by blues artists Mark May at 7 p.m. and Anthony Gomes at 9 p.m.

Set the Hook performs Saturday afternoon with The Ghost Town Blues Band returning at 7 p.m., followed by Eagles tribute band, Epic Eagles, at 9 p.m.

SECRET SAUCE

Patience is what makes good barbecue, according to Chappuis.

"The old mantra is that barbecue is low and slow, and that is so true," he said. "Most people are not patient enough to smoke for 22 hours."

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techniques, and specialty wood chips makes each batch special.

"We've got seven national teams, and then we have the two local teams (McHyser BBQ of Columbia City and Timmy's of Huntertown)," Chappuis said. "These guys can hold their own."

Chappuis says the festival is unique by design.

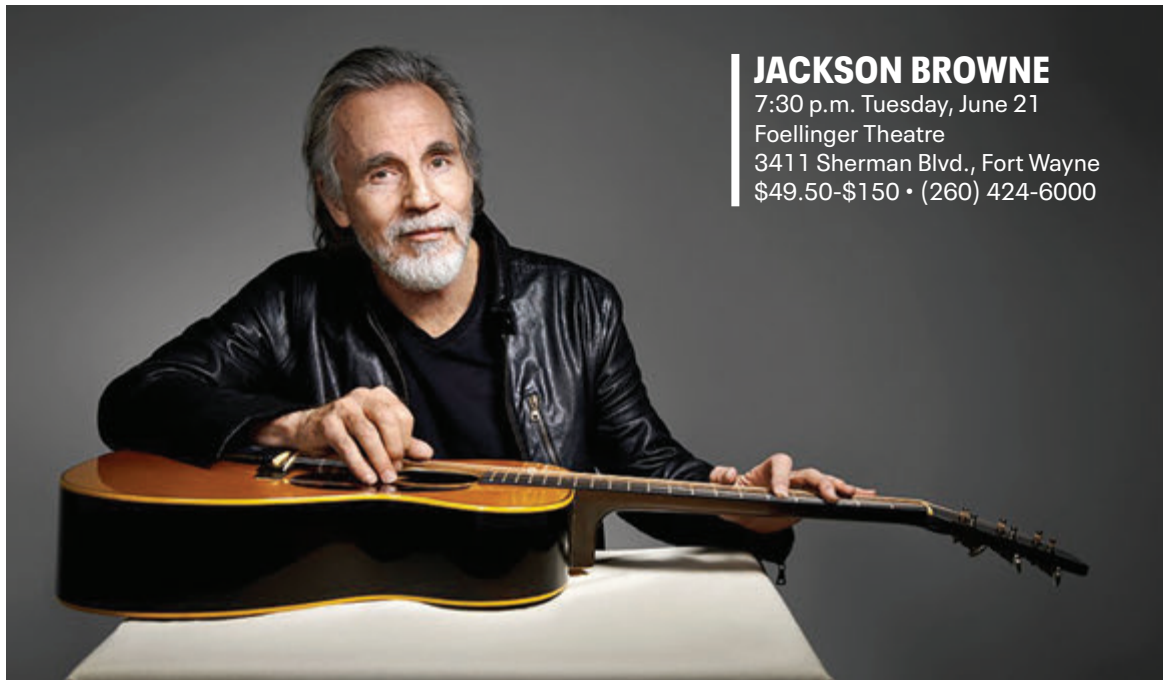
"Each (vendor) brings a unique touch," he said. "The big guys have a distinct type of barbecue that's characteristic of their part of the country. They have their own style, their own recipes."

NOT JUST RIBS

The event will have other vendors, offering funnel cakes, ice cream, Wisconsin cheese curds, and lemon shake-ups.

"I emphasize that if you're not a rib fan, well, there's a lot of other good stuff these guys are cooking," he said.

Finding space downtown isn't always difficult, but it is different this summer due to construction. There are several options, including free or low cost within close proximity of Headwaters, as well as a free shuttle that operates across from Lawton Park.



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Hall of Famer Jackson Browne will be at Foellinger Theatre on June 21.

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Foellinger season heats up

Jackson Browne next national act

BY ANTHONY GADSON
WHATZUP ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Air Supply got the Foellinger Theatre Summer Concert Series started Saturday, June 11, but the venue is far from out of breath.

One of the top acts of the season, Hall of Famer Jackson Browne, is set to visit Tuesday, June 21, with ZZ Top, comedian John Mulaney, The Guess Who, Melissa Etheridge, and Five For Fighting also on the slate for this year.

"There's really something interesting for everyone," Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation's April McCampbell said. "We have the free concerts again, which are always fun, and along with the Fort Wayne Area Community Band and Fort Wayne Children's Choir, we'll have New Millennium Jazz Orchestra with trumpeter Roger Ingram. He'll also be instructing a workshop, which should be interesting."

The first free Fort Wayne Area Community Band concert was slated for June 14, but had to be canceled due to hit. Next up will be *An Evening with Sousa* at 7:30 p.m. on July 12 and Greatest Hits with vocalist Tim Didier on Aug. 23. The

Fort Wayne Children's Choir is set to perform at 7 p.m. on July 29.

The New Millennium Jazz Orchestra performs at 7:30 p.m. on July 13, but before that, Ingram will teach a master class for all ages earlier in the day, with a focus on middle school through college students.

NATIONAL ACTS

As for the national shows, Browne is on his "Evening With" tour in promotion of his latest album *Downhill From Everywhere*, which was nominated for the 2021 Best Americana Album Grammy.

"I see the writing on the wall," Browne said on his website. "I know there's only so much time left in my life. But I now have an amazing, beautiful grandson, and I feel more acutely than ever the responsibility to leave him a world that's inhabitable."

Browne, regarded as one of the greatest songwriters of all time, has sold more than 18 million records in the U.S., thanks to hits like "Running On Empty" and "The Pretender." He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2007.

Following Browne, ZZ Top comes to town July 5 in support of their album *Raw*, which was recorded in connection with their documentary, *That Little Ol' Band From Texas*,

their last with Dusty Hill, who died in July. Filling the void is Elwood Francis, a longtime guitar tech who received Hill's blessing.

Foellinger Theatre shifts gears a little bit July 21 when Mulaney pays a visit during his "From Scratch" tour, followed by The Guess Who on July 30 and Melissa Etheridge on Aug. 2.

On Aug. 9, pop, rock, R&B, and jazz come together when Lake Street Dive hit the stage, along with opening act Madison Cunningham.

"They're a band that many people might not be familiar with, but if they give them a listen, I really think they'll enjoy it," McCampbell said.

Five for Fighting with The Verve Pipe is set for Aug. 13, followed by Tommy DeCarlo with Rudy Carenas on Aug. 19, and Brett Eldredge on Sept. 23.

PAYING TRIBUTE

Tribute bands will also be a part of season, with Hotel California performing on June 24, Brit Floyd on July 30, and Stayin' Alive on Aug. 5.

Something new for the venue will be a showing of the hit 1993 film *Jurassic Park* with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic supplying the score Sept. 17.

"I think that will be very interesting, because it's something that's been held indoors in past years," McCampbell said.

Quick Hits LOCAL EVENTS

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On June 18-19, Memorial Coliseum will welcome an animatronic dinosaur and dragon adventure.

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A sensory-friendly experience will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, with the main event taking place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. On Sunday, the event will be from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Besides the stroll, children can participate in a story time and a craft station.

Nonperishable food items will be accepted upon entry to benefit the Stomp Out Hunger organization.

JEFFEST

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On the last day of Huntington County Heritage Days, enjoy good eats, fine art, and live music at JeFFest, an annual event that celebrates local restaurants, music, and artists.

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Triada Dancers are just one of the many attractions at Fort Wayne Greek Fest, slated to return to Headwaters Park from June 23-26.

Dancing, games, music back at Greek Fest

Restrictions relegated Headwaters festival to drive-thru last 2 years

BY CHRIS HUPE

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

The 42nd annual Fort Wayne Greek Festival returns to a full outdoor gathering June 23-26 at Headwaters Park with nearly all of the things that has made it great.

BELIEVED TRADITION

Greek Fest has been one of Fort Wayne's most beloved festivals over the years for many reasons.

As one of the first festivals of the year, it is a signal that summer has arrived in The Fort. It celebrates time-honored traditions and Greek heritage and, of course, features terrific food.

Sponsored by the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, organizers had to adapt their model the last two years due to pandemic restrictions, opting for a drive-thru format that provided those traditional food favorites. Unfortunately, restrictions eliminated the rest of the celebrations.

"It feels great," Greek Fest chairman Frank Makridakis said about the return to a full format. "The drive-thru helped the church and the philanthropic activities that the church does, but it was just a business. There was no fun involved: no kids, no dancers, no games and no music, so it wasn't quite the same

festival."

Greek culture is filled with great history, as they are known for their philosophy, art and sculptures, literature, and mythology. But one of the greatest things about the Greeks is their love of food, which is why the festival remains as one of the most anticipated events each year.

As things have gradually returned to "normal," Makridakis expects this will be a record-breaking year for attendance.

"I know a lot of people are itching to get back out there and forget about the pandemic for a while," he said. "The pandemic is still with us, but luckily everything is manageable now. This is an outdoor event, too, which is better. The only downside this year is the parking."

The problem he is alluding to involves apartments being built in the area that has caused the closing of the usual parking area behind Club Soda. There will be parking in other areas, Makridakis said, and shuttle buses will be running from the parking on 4th Street to help those that might not be mobile enough to walk the longer distances.

DANCE AND DELICIOUS FOOD

Music and dancing helps to create a true family atmosphere.

The Fort Wayne Holy Trinity Triada Dancers will perform and demonstrate traditional Greek dancing every day, while the Omega Dancers will perform Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Festival mainstays The Band Lazarus will perform Greek favorites every day, allowing attendees several opportunities

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to try their hand at dancing.

"People are encouraged to join in and dance," Makridakis said. "You don't have to be Greek to meet. If you can dance in a circle, that's all you need."

While all of that sounds great, it always comes back to the food. Everyone knows the main reason we attend Greek Fest is to sample all of the delicious cuisine and pastries authentically made in the kitchen, and there will be plenty of it, Makridakis said, as gyros, souvlaki, moussaka, spanakopita, and Greek pizza are on the menu.

Makridakis is also excited about a new food this year.

"We won't have octopus this year, unfortunately, but we will have delicious lamb shanks that take the place of the boneless leg of lamb," he said. "Everything else is pretty much the same as past years" including plenty of delicious baklava which is always a crowd favorite.

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

There will be no shortage of things to do, as Headwaters Park provides plenty of spots for picnicking, reunions, and gatherings.

A bar area will be available for adults, while

special activities are planned in other parts of the pavilion for the kids.

"You could literally come down in the morning, rotate around to see all these things, go out in the park, have a picnic, and come back and start it all over again," Makridakis said.

Festivals like Greek Fest, Arab Fest, and Germanfest are important tools that can help introduce different cultures to the community, while attendees enjoy time with friends and family, Makridakis said.

"It's great for uniformity," he said. "I'm a big believer that America is a melting pot, and it's good to show our diversity and our differences. When I say differences, it's actually a positive thing. The Germans have brats and sauerkraut and beer, while in Greek culture, dancing and showing off our food are the ways we celebrate. It's important to keep things like these going for the next generation and keep the cultures going. We love to share them with the city as well."

Greek Festival runs from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with Sunday hours running 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free before 4 p.m. each day and all day Sunday.

While he knows he is biased, Makridakis believes Fort Wayne Greek Festival is the best festival you'll attend all year.

"It's just going to be a big party, and I want everyone to come down and have a great time," he said. "I've said it before, if you come down with your family and spend a few hours down there, I don't think you're going to leave disappointed."

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Celebration of sun returning in August

With the spring season pretty much behind us, so were our hopes of having Solfest this year at Fox Island County Park.

Typically held the first weekend of May each year, the festival brings folks together in celebration of the sun (solstice). The last few years have become a little wacky with everything from flooding at the park to the pandemic. Rather than let things fizzle away, organizers have decided to bring back Solfest, this time in late summer.

The event will take place Aug. 14 from noon-10 p.m. at Parkview Field. Yes, you heard me correctly, downtown at Parkview Field.

The Fort Wayne Maker's Market will bring in dozens of local vendors to the facility that day with a large variety of handcrafted items that appeal to all ages.

There will also be lots of children's activities including face painting, inflatables, Pyroscope Entertainment fire shows, LED spinning and juggling, and live music.

"We have the joy of welcoming back several excellent bands that have delighted Solfest audiences in the past, coupled with some great new artists to provide 10 hours of fantastic local music," said organizer Sarah Loshe.

The main stage will include **U.R.B.**, **T Zank**, **Grateful Groove**, **Unlikely Alibi**, **Los Galaxy**, **The Wailhounds**, and **Dead Man's Dance**. The acoustic stage will feature **Phil Schurger** with **Gracie Jo**, **Jessie Mae**, **Dan Dickerson**, **Sunny Taylor**, **Andy Pauquette** & **Shelly Dixon**, and **Esther Rose**.

In addition, food and drinks will be available from Parkview Field and the splash pad will be running, so make sure to bring swimwear and towel.

Although the event won't be taking place at Fox Island, proceeds will still go toward a special ADA trail project currently in the works at the park.

"Connecting with nature and each other is so important and we hope to raise awareness about local treasures such as Fox Island and come together to support amazing projects that encourage wellness in our communities," Loshe said.

Sounds like a plan to me! I'm just stoked that we're having a Solfest this year, and by the way it sounds, organizers are hoping to have it back at Fox Island next year.

Admission is \$10 with children 10 and under free. You can pay at the gate or be on the lookout for pre-purchase



Out and About
NICK BRAUN



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Following a hiatus, Solfest is slated to return Aug. 14, this time at Parkview Field instead of Fox Island County Park.

opportunities, as well as updates for the event.

Roll out to Beer Barrel for live music

Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill at Jefferson Pointe will be getting their feet wet with live entertainment every Tuesday evening from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The fun will take place on the patio and feature a number of local performers including **Alyssa Enright** on June 21, **Mischief** on June 28, **Tom Koenig & Greg Reszel** on July 5, **Jersey Money** on July 12, **Ross Kinsey** on July 19, **Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy** on July 26, **Tom Koenig** playing solo on Aug. 2, **Next Gen Jammers** on Aug. 9, **Shane & Eric** on Aug. 16, **Pegasus** on Aug. 23, and **Ross Kinsey** again on Aug. 30.

Come out and grab yourself a made-from-scratch-pizza, a cold beverage, and enjoy some tunes.

Bands pay tribute to Crüe, Poison at Piere's

The music of **Mötley Crüe** and **Poison** will fill the air at Piere's on Friday, July 22, at 10 p.m.

If you don't have the funds to attend "The Stadium Tour" this summer with **Mötley Crüe**, **Poison**, **Def Leppard**, and **Joan Jett**, this may very well be the next best thing. Hitting the stage will be **Crüe Ü**, Chicagoland's ultimate Mötley Crüe experience, and **Dirty Talk**, a tribute to Poison.

This will be a high-energy rock n' roll affair complete with light show, replica guitars, and costuming. One thing's for certain — you will have nothing but a good time and your liver will not be very happy with you in the morning.

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Fashion icon gets 100-day celebration

Fort Wayne is honoring fashion designer and icon **Bill Blass**, who was born in Fort Wayne 100 years ago (June 22, 1922), with 100 days of events at Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne History Center, the Veteran's National Memorial Shrine & Museum, and the downtown Allen County Public Library.

Mayor Tom Henry will kick off the celebration June 22 at 2 p.m. at Fort Wayne Museum of Art, where the exhibit *Bill Blass: Fort Wayne's Fashion Designer* will run through Sept. 18.

Guests are encouraged to wear red in honor of Blass' quote, "When in doubt, wear red."



Bill Blass

In addition to pioneering the way Americans dressed, Blass was a member of the "Ghost Army" during World War II, a classified, covert battalion that deployed inflatable vehicles, temporary campsites, and phony radio transmissions to lure German forces away from American troops' actual locations.

According to Fort Wayne Museum of Art's website, "The son of a dress-maker, Blass grew up sketching in his modest home on Calhoun Street and taking classes at the Fort Wayne Art School.

Although his journey from small-town army trooper to leading designer was not quick nor easy, his impressive 50-year career in the fashion industry exemplifies in many ways the American Dream."

Schitt's Creek trivia at Kekionga

Each month, Kekionga Craft Company, 7328 Maysville Road, hosts trivia night, and on Friday, June 17, from 7-9 p.m., the theme will be the TV show *Schitt's Creek*.

Teams are limited to six people. There will be no reservations for this free game, but players are encouraged to come early while tables are available.

Gift cards will be awarded to the top two teams.

Sweets So Geek to show *The Incredibles*

Sweets So Geek, 6772 E. State Blvd., will hold free movie nights throughout the summer with the first being *The Incredibles* on Saturday, June 18, from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy activities, trivia,



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themed desserts, and food truck cuisine.

Civic Theatre opening night receptions

Annual donations of \$100 or more to the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre will now include invitations to opening night receptions for all five productions during the 2022-23 season.

Invitations will be for the donor and their ticketed guests. The opening receptions will begin at 6:30 p.m., one hour before curtain.

Bright Star at Arena Dinner Theatre

Written by comedian Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, *Bright Star* is an inspired-by-a-true-story musical that tells a tale of love and redemption set to bluegrass music and features a stellar local cast.

Ticket price includes Southern-themed dinner by Walnut Hill Catering & Events — roasted BBQ chicken thighs, rice, peas, cornmeal muffin, and molasses cookies.

Youtheatre's Besties Brunch at Embassy

The Fort Wayne Youtheatre will hold its inaugural Besties Brunch on Saturday, June 18, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Embassy Theatre.

Supporting the Fort Wayne Youtheatre, this brunch fundraiser features a brunch buffet, bottomless mimosas and Bloody Marys, pop-up shops, entertainment, heartwarming testimonials, and more.

Tickets are \$75 for individuals, \$125 for a pair, or \$600 for a table of 10, available at artstix.org. The event is for ages 8 and older.

Art mural installation at The Sidecar

Art This Way, a program of Downtown Fort Wayne, has revealed plans for a mural installation that will go up at The Sidecar, which will be designed by artist **Julie Wall**, a Fort Wayne native who has completed 11 murals locally.

The Sidecar, an outdoor patio cocktail bar retrofitted in a 40-foot-long shipping container, sits next to the Harrison building at 301 W. Jefferson Blvd. in downtown Fort Wayne, near the center field gate of Parkview Field.

The mural will be a colorful collage of tropical florals and palms and is expected to be completed by the end of June.

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July 6
SUNNY TAYLOR
SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE EMBASSY

July 10
OLIVER TWIST SILENT FILM WITH ORGAN

July 13
ADAM STRACK
SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE EMBASSY

July 16
CHRIS ISAAK CLASSIC ROCK & ROLL

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MACKNIFICENT FREEDOM FEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 • McMILLEN PARK

The eight-day celebration to commemorate Juneteenth, the day slavery legally ended, began with the Elders Jubilee on Sunday, June 12, and ends with a virtual conference on Sunday, June 19.

Among the events taking place each day of the week is the Macknificent Freedom Fest on Saturday, June 18, at McMillen Park.

Beginning with the Art Leadership Center Promenade at 11:30 a.m., which will be a march along Oxford Steet, beginning at Warsaw Street and ending at McMillen, the festival gets started at 2 p.m. Along with information booths, vendors, and food trucks, there will also be plenty of activities for the kids, including a bounce house, bubbles, and a kickball game.



The Mack Fest All-Star Basketball Showcase, organized by former Luers and Ohio State star Austin Mack, who is currently on the San Francisco 49ers roster, will be at 2:15 p.m. and Midnight Mimosas will be playing live music from 5-6 p.m.

THE SMITHEREENS

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 • PIERE'S

Piere's welcomes The Smithereens to the stage on Saturday, June 18.

Formed in 1980, the band is known for their succession of alternative hits, like "Blood and Roses" and "A Girl Like You." Following the death of co-founder Pat DiNizio in 2017, the band has moved forward with various guest vocalists, with Marshall Crenshaw on the current tour.

Originally slated to visit the venue on March 4 before being postponed, the New Jersey rockers will take the stage at 8 p.m., after opening act Driver 8, a Dallas-based



R.E.M. cover band.

General admission tickets can be purchased for \$30.

Live Music

LOCAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

Alicia Pyle & The Locals — Variety, Lunch on the Square, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Downtown Improvement District, Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 427-6000

Andy Pauquette — Acoustic, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Chase Matthew — Country, 8 p.m., Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$75, (260) 492-6064

Electric Gypsy — Jimi Hendrix tribute, 8:30-10 p.m., Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$6, (260) 427-6000

Namen Namen w/Overlook, Home Phone, Sweet Pill — Alternative, 9:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

The Classic Rock Experience — Decatur Summer Concert Series, 7-9 p.m., Madison Street Plaza, Decatur, no cover

The Wingmen — Classic rock, 6-9 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

Vince Alten — Country, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

Will Certain — Acoustic variety, 5-9 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Aleena York Duo — Acoustic, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Allie Colleen — Country, 7:30 p.m., Fountain Park, Van Wert, OH, free, (419) 238-6722

Anthony Gomes — Blues rock, 4 a.m., Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$6, (260) 427-6000

Big Boi — Hip-hop, Headlining Middle Waves Music Festival, 5-11 p.m., Middle Waves, Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$40, (260) 427-6715

C Note Trio — Singer-songwriter, 5-7:30 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn Patio, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6000

Chris Worth & Co. — Variety, 6-9 p.m., Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, no cover, (260) 637-2980

Dan Smyth — Variety, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Shady Nook Inn, Hudson, no cover, (260) 351-2401

Dave Van Dyke — Variety, noon-1 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 432-8176

David Lee Jones — Country, 8 p.m., Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

Fireball Matinee — Variety, 7-10 p.m., Bluffton Now!, Parlor City Plaza, Bluffton, no cover, (260) 820-1671

Fort Wayne Jazz Orchestra w/Colleen McNabb-Everage — Jazz, 7:30 p.m., DeKalb Outdoor Theater, Auburn, no cover, (260) 952-2611

French Family Band — 8-10 p.m., Grand Old Opry House, Convoy, OH, \$15, (419) 771-9508

Kiwi Jr. — Indie rock, Performing at the Middle Waves Music Festival, 5-11 p.m., Middle Waves, Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$40, (260) 427-6715

Lalo Cura w/Fual, Los Galaxy — Latin, 9:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Last Call in Jonestown w/Beyond the Fathoms, Cremated Souls — Rock, 8 p.m., The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 999-4108

Lauren Sanderson — Hip-hop, pop, Performing at Middle Waves Music Festival, 5 p.m., Middle Waves, Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$40, (260) 427-6715

Lee Brice w/Michael Ray, Tim Montana — Country, 7 p.m., Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, TBA, (260) 483-1111

LiveWire — Rock, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 483-5526

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Live Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Ian Bagg — 7:30 and 10:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$28, (260) 844-8444

Alex Eakin w/Katie Meiners, Mike Fountain — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Ian Bagg — 7:30 and 10:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$28, (260) 844-8444

Alex Eakin w/Katie Meiners, Mike Fountain — 7:15 and 9:15 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Greg Morton — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$25, (260) 844-8444

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

Todd Royce — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 844-8444

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Carlos Mencia — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$40, (260) 844-8444

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Bryan McCree — 8 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

Carlos Mencia — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$40, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Carlos Mencia — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$40, (260) 844-8444

Davi Crimmins — 7:15 and 9:30 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$30, (260) 426-6339

Rich Vos — 8 p.m., Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 492-6064

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Dave Williamson — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 844-8444

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

Gabriel Rutledge — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$28, (260) 844-8444

FRIDAY, JULY 1

Gabriel Rutledge — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$28, (260) 844-8444

Ray Hensley w/Cavin Eggleston — 7:15 and 9:15 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$20-\$30, (260) 426-6339

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Gabriel Rutledge — 7:30 and 10 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$28, (260) 844-8444

Ray Hensley w/Cavin Eggleston — 7:15 and 9:15 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$20-\$30, (260) 426-6339

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Cory Michaelis — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$18, (260) 844-8444

THURSDAY, JULY 7

JP Sears — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$75, (260) 844-8444

FRIDAY, JULY 8

Dobie Maxwell — 9:15 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$20-\$30, (260) 426-6339

JP Sears — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$75, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Dobie Maxwell — 7:15 and 9:15 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$20-\$30, (260) 426-6339

JP Sears — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$75, (260) 844-8444

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Renny — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

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Lydia Brittan & The Royal Family — Swing/blues, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

MC Juice w/R. Dreamz, Supastar, Jordan Jaques, Sharpie J. NT4 Dub, Trevor Wood — Hip-hop, 9 p.m., Rockstar Lounge, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 444-2442

Middle Waves Music Festival — Headliners Big Boi and Young the Giant will be joined by Rosie, *repeat repeat, Kiwi Jr., Debutants, LUBS, Lauren Sanderson, Mic Strong, Necromoon, Overlook, Rogues & Bandits, Stay Outside, Swimming (Into) View, Thematic, TOFU, Uncle Muscle, Atomic Sharks, The Ike Reilly Assassination, Joey Valence & Brae, Timeshares, Happy Landing 4-3:59 a.m., Middle Waves, Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$40-\$70, (260) 427-6715

R. Dreamz w/Supastar, CHISongWriter, Jordan Jaques, Sharpie J, NT4 Dub, Trevor Wood — Rap, 9 p.m., Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$20, (260) 492-6064

Resonance Institute Performance — Classical, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$25, (260) 563-1102

Sonny French & The French Family Band — 8-10 p.m., Grand Old Opry House, Convoy, OH, \$15, (419) 771-9508

Strange Waters w/Funk Landlords, Lightsteps Jazz — Surf rock, 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 399-6336

Todd Harrold Band — Variety, 6-8 p.m., The Landing, Fort Wayne, No cover, (260) 222-7174

We Are Checkmark — Funk/R&B, 6-10 p.m., American Legion Post 148, American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 423-4751

Whoa, Man! — Rock, 8-11 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Akronym w/AB the Thief — DJ, 10 p.m., Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

Alicia Pyle & The Locals w/Private Education, Justin Bailey, Pete Dio & The Old Dirty — Variety, 6-10 p.m., Rock the Plaza, Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 421-1200

Carly Ingalls and Jessie Doyle — Acoustic, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Dead Man's Dance w/David Vades Trio — Rock, 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6336

Epic Eagles — Eagles tribute, 8:30-10 p.m., Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$6, (260) 427-6000

Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra — Funk, 8-11 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

Ghost Town Blues Band — Blues, 7-9 p.m., Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$6, (260) 427-6000

Heartland Sings — 4-6 p.m., Rhinehart Music Center, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$40, (260) 481-4739

Jiggs Hendrixson Showband — Variety, noon-3 p.m., Brandt's Harley-Davidson, Wabash, no cover, 2605636443

Midnight Mimosas — Variety, 5-6 p.m., McMillen Park, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 427-2420

Namen Namen w/Lübs — Variety, 11 p.m.-3 a.m., Flashback Live, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 422-5292

OK Boomer Band — 6-9 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

***repeat repeat** — Surf rock, Performing at Middle Waves Music Festival, 5 p.m., Middle Waves, Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$40, (260) 427-6715

Rhett Walker — 6:30-8 p.m., Life Church, Huntington, \$15, (260) 355-0055

Sada Baby — Hip-hop, 9 p.m., Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$80, (260) 492-6064

Sunny Taylor — Folk, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Hoagland Pavilion, Hoagland, no cover, (407) 836-6777

The Smithereens w/Driver 8 — 4 a.m., Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$60, (260) 492-6064

Todd Harrold Band — Variety, 9 p.m.-midnight, Lakelife Bar & Grill, Warsaw, No cover, (574) 244-2100

Tom Koenig — Acoustic variety, 9-11:59 p.m., Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, no cover, (574) 457-7100

Triple Shot — 5-8 p.m., Hartland Winery, Ashley, no cover, (260) 587-3301

Young the Giant — Indie rock, Headlining the Middle Waves Music Festival, 7-11 p.m., Middle Waves, Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$70, (260) 427-6715

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

10,000 Maniacs w/Mary Ramsey — 7 p.m., Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$49.50, (260) 747-0989

Pat Benatar w/Neil Giraldo — Rock, 7 p.m., Sweetwater Performance Pavilion, Fort Wayne, \$52.50, (260) 432-8176 x1137

Todd Harrold Band — Variety, 6-8 p.m., Downtown Huntington, Huntington, No cover

MONDAY, JUNE 20

Blues Jam Sessions w/G Money and Special Guests — Blues, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

8420 Band — Classic rock, 5-8 p.m., Sonrise Church, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 469-3700

Alyssa Enright — Alternative, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 645-3663

Biff & The Cruisers — Oldies, 8 p.m., Whitley County Old Settlers' Days, Downtown Columbia City, Columbia City, no cover

Debutants — Bluegrass, 6 p.m., Trubble Brewing, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 427-6000

Jackson Browne — 4 a.m., Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$49-\$157, (260) 427-6715

Lee Carter Cook — Soft rock, 6-9 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

Island Vibe — Variety, 5:30-6 p.m., Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 424-5665

Roustabout — Variety, 6:30 p.m., Union 12, Columbia City, free, (260) 203-0239

The Goddamn Gallows w/Totally Orange Machine — Rockabilly, 8 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 267-5303

Wednesday Jazz Sessions — Jazz, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

Whoa, Man! — Rock, 8 p.m., Whitley County Old Settlers' Days, Downtown Columbia City, Columbia City, no cover

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Corduroy Road — Americana, 6-9 p.m., Monroeville Market, Monroeville Community Park, Monroeville, no cover, (260) 615-3352

Doug Henthorn — Decatur Summer Concert Series, 7-9 p.m., Madison Street Plaza, Decatur, no cover

Gray Matter — Classic rock, 5-9 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

Hubie Ashcraft Band — Country, 6-8 p.m., Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, Auburn, no cover, (260) 925-1444

Jen & The Foggy Creek Band — Americana, Lunch on the Square, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Downtown Improvement District, Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 427-6000

Michael Patterson — 6:30-9:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Myron Elkins — Country, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

Roger Marshall Band — Country, 8 p.m., Whitley County Old Settlers' Days, Downtown Columbia City, Columbia City, no cover

Rylie Lynn Band — Americana, 5-8 p.m., Ossian Health Communities, Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center, Ossian, no cover

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Variety, 6-9 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, No cover, (260) 854-9463

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Billy Hunt w/DJ Strange, Woodbaby Larro — Variety, 8 p.m., The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 999-4108

Chris Rutkowski and Rich Cohen — Jazz, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Cook & Belle — Country, 7-9 p.m., Riverside Park, Warren, Warren, no cover

Cream Camino — Alternative, 7:30 p.m., Fountain Park, Van Wert, OH, free, (419) 238-6722

G-Money Band — Blues, 6-8 p.m., The Landing, Fort Wayne, No cover, (260) 222-7174

George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic — 6:30 p.m., Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$135, (260) 492-6064

Hotel California — Eagles tribute, 8 p.m., Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 427-6715

Hotline — Classic rock, 8 p.m., Whitley County Old Settlers' Days, Downtown Columbia City, Columbia City, no cover

Jess Thrower — Singer-songwriter, 5-7:30 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn Patio, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6000

Jimmie Allen — 7 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, \$30, (260) 854-9463

Last Child — 8-10 p.m., Kehoe Park, Bluffont, no cover, (260) 824-1520

Legendary Train Hoppers — Variety, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

Namen Namen w/Los Lemons, Zach & Henry — Indie rock, 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 399-6336

Necromoon w/Swell Time, Jagua — Rock, 9:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Patriotic Pops — Orchestra, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fort Wayne Philharmonic, DeKalb Outdoor Theater, Auburn, free, (260) 952-2611

Randy Spencer — Acoustic, 7-10 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

Rylie Lynn Band — Americana, 8:30-11:30 p.m., Knockin' Boots Saloon, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 433-6933

Soundboard Institute Performance — Piano, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$25, (260) 563-1102

The Why Store — Rock, 7 p.m., Mitchell's Sports & Neighborhood Grill, Fort Wayne, \$5

The Wingmen — Classic rock, 9 p.m.-midnight, Oakwood Resort, Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, no cover, (574) 457-7100

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Andy Pauquette Duo — Acoustic, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Austin Marsh — Acoustic variety, 7-10 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

Brian Rook — 7-10 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

Jim Weber & Erica Lee — 5-8 p.m., Hartland Winery, Ashley, no cover, (260) 587-3301

Middle Names w/Los Lemons, The Namby Pamby — Alternative, 9:45 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Neon Straightjackets w/Sahara — Rock, 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 399-6336

Pink Droyd w/Grateful Groove, Phil Schurger — Variety, 6-10 p.m., Rock the Plaza, Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 421-1200

Ron Rumbaugh — Variety, 6 p.m., Fremont Moose Lodge, Fremont, no cover, (260) 495-5407

Rylie Lynn Band — Americana, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., The Hideaway, Bluffton, no cover, (260) 824-0455

Scotty Austin w/Static Fly, Superhawk, Six Feet to Salvation, Blood of Heroes — Rock, 7:30 p.m., Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

Sunglasses at Night — '80s rock, 7-10 p.m., Turners Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 471-8876

Sweetwater All Stars — R&B, 8-11 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

The Haggens Band — Country, 8 p.m., Whitley County Old Settlers' Days, Downtown Columbia City, Columbia City, no cover

Thunderstruck w/Disco Curls, 906 Band, and Mentally Unstable — AC/DC tribute, 7:30 p.m., The Eclectic Room, Angola, \$20-\$25, (269) 625-8817

Todd Harrold Band — Variety, 7-10 p.m., Soul Pig BBQ, Decatur, No cover, (260) 301-9800

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

American Legion Band — Patriotic, 2 p.m., Riverfront Fort Wayne, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 427-6000

Community Worship Celebration — 7-8:30 p.m., Kehoe Park, Bluffont, free, (260) 824-1520

Patriotic Pops — Orchestra, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, free, (574) 457-7100

The Hooten Hallers w/Pete Dio and The Old & Dirty — Blues rock, 8 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$9-\$11, (260) 267-5303

U.R.B. w/The Kyle Haller Band, Jonah Leatherman, Shruggin' Sisters — Save Maumee fundraiser, 1-8 p.m., The Phoenix, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 387-6571

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Blues Jam Sessions w/G Money and Special Guests — Blues, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

OK Boomer — Variety, 6-9 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

School of Rock Fort Wayne w/Nashville, East Cobb House Band Show — Rock, 6 p.m., The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 999-4108

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Mischief — 6:30-9:30 p.m., Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 645-3663

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Chris Worth — Variety, 7-10 p.m., 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 490-6488

Colin Boyd & The Pinch Hitters — Jazz, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

J Tubbs — DJ, 5:30-6 p.m., Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 424-5665

Jeff McDonald — Oldies, 5:30 p.m., American Legion Post 296, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 456-2988

John Durnell Band — Variety, 5-8 p.m., Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 744-0998

The Best Kept Secret — Variety, 6:30 p.m., Union 12, Columbia City, free, (260) 203-0239

Three Hundred East w/JD3 Trio — Variety, 5:30 p.m., Riverfront Fort Wayne, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 427-6000

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Variety, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Rack & Helen's, New Haven, No cover, (260) 749-5396

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YouTuber Rob Scallon partnered with Sweetwater to create the world's largest pedalboard in 2019.



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Greg Koch, left, of the Koch Marshall Trio will appear at GearFest.



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Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Buddy Guy will be among 20 artists that will be a part of Sweetwater's livestreamed GearFest this year.

Musical icons, YouTubers join GearFest 2022

Online two-day event features performances, interviews, giveaways

BY JOSHUA SCHIPPER
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Sweetwater Sound's annual GearFest returns in an online-only format Friday, June 24, running through Saturday, June 25, featuring exclusive product launches, artist interviews and performances, as well as deals on gear and much more.

A VIRTUAL EVENT

Sweetwater will livestream the festival, with a number of notable content creators uploading exclusive backstage content to their YouTube channels under the hashtag #GearFest.

During the two-day livestream, Sweetwater will give away more than \$10,000 worth of gear to select fans watching online. Two lucky winners will receive a Home Studio Collection, which includes a UA interface, microphones, keyboard controller, and more.

Fortunate online attendees could also win the Guitar Player's Dream package, which includes guitars from Breedlove and Epiphone, the Line 6 Helix Multi-effects Floor Processor, Supro combo amp, Bose PA, and more. Beyond the giveaways, shoppers and

gear enthusiasts can take advantage of sweet deals on music gear and audio equipment throughout the stream.

Viewers will not want to miss the wide variety of artists who will be interviewed and perform. The star-studded lineup of nearly 20 artists includes guitarist Greg Koch of the Koch Marshall Trio and legendary blues artist Buddy Guy.

MEET THE INFLUENCERS

Multi-instrumentalist and YouTuber Rob Scallon will also be one of the artists featured on the livestream.

In 2019, Scallon partnered with Sweetwater to build the largest guitar effect pedalboard, earning a Guinness World Record with a total of 319 pedals, 34 pedalboards and over 500 feet of cable. Outside of breaking records, Scallon is well known for his 2014 symphony cover of Pharrell Williams' "Happy," which he compiled using several videos recorded on the video-sharing app Vine.

Various other content creators will go behind the scenes at GearFest starting as early as June 20, with more potential videos being released through July 5. These creators plan to produce exclusive content available on YouTube, which fans can find by following #GearFest on the platform.

One of these content creators that fans will be able to follow is popular YouTuber Coop3rdrum3r. The creator is known for his energetic drum covers of hit music, original

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songs, and drum lessons. He boasts 2.68 million subscribers and has uploaded seven videos with over 10 million views. His 2014 cover of Ellie Goulding's "Burn," in which he plays his drums with flaming drumsticks, amassed over 35 million views.

Rhett Shull will also produce content for fans. On his channel, Shull offers his subscribers advice on equipment, discusses guitar tone, and teaches aspiring guitarists how they can take their playing to the next level. He also offers paid lessons online, as well as his own line of equipment and gear presets.

Drummer Zack Graybeal, also known as ZackGrooves, will make some exclusive content for subscribers and fans on his YouTube channel. Groves had been playing small jazz clubs and bars before he became one of the fastest growing drum channels on YouTube. According to GearFest, "There are a lot of jokes involved, but an even equal amount of love for music. This has led him to new opportunities such as an album that he's working on, endorsements, and more gigs."

Peter Dankelson is another content creator who will feature the scoop from GearFest on his channel during the event. The mission of his channel and business, Pete's Diary, is to spread "positivity and self-acceptance." According to his website, the 21-year-old

has undergone 37 surgeries to correct birth defects from Goldenhar Syndrome. After picking up the guitar in 2015, Dankelson has taken advantage of his talents, social media, and musical abilities to spread his message and motivational videos to "over half a million followers daily."

YouTuber Robert Baker will also post content to his channel. Baker, a professional guitar instructor, songwriter, and video producer started posting his original music and lessons on YouTube, and has built his subscriber base of 425,000 over the last 15 years. By the age of 21 he was a full-time guitar instructor. According to his bio, Baker is "forever the student," saying that if he isn't writing or teaching music, he's studying it.

Organizers invited the ever-talented Corey Congilio to cover backstage events at GearFest 2022. Congilio has experience as a touring guitarist and educator, and is versed in all contemporary styles. According to GearFest, the artist has performed with Joss Stone, David Lee Murphy, Lucie Silvas, Radney Foster, Casadee Pope, Derek St. Holmes, Danielle Bradbery, Laura Bell Bundy, and others. While his YouTube channel is known for weekly guitar lessons, he also tests our new gear for his followers, which makes him the prime source to follow for exclusive and informative content from GearFest.

For more information or to sign up for GearFest email updates, go to www.sweetwater.com/gearfest.

Local musicians work hard to keep you entertained

Playing becomes full-time jobs for many area artists

BY ANTHONY GADSON
WHATZUP ASSOCIATE EDITOR

It's a labor of love.

Your night out for some food and drinks, followed by live entertainment, might be relaxing for you, but it can be exhausting for the wait staff, bartenders, and, yes, the musicians.

But, of course, the musicians would not have it any other way.

"It's all worth it, because it's my favorite thing to do," The Bulldogs' keyboardist Bob Zymslony said. "I'm not sure what I'd do without it. We're going to keep playing as long as we're physically able, and as long as we still sound good."

Zymslony isn't alone in that sentiment.

The Bulldogs, Hubie, Ashcraft, Tom Koenig, and Chris Worth keep themselves busy with music, many of whom have turned it into a full-time job.

"About two years ago, my wife told me I had too many irons in the fire," Koenig said, noting he has 120 shows scheduled this year. "She told me to concentrate one, so I could at least get better at one of them."

LIGHTING THE FIRE

Koenig keeps himself busy with shows throughout the area, but it was never really his goal to do so.

A guitar player the past 30 years, he says he only started playing live eight years ago after Sean Elsten saw he had posted a picture of his guitar next to a fire and some whiskey on Facebook.

"He asked me to come up and play at Crooked Lake," Koenig said of his first fireside strumming with Elsten. "We finished up, and he asked if I wanted to come back the following week, and that continued all summer."

Koenig said more and more people came around to hear them play, and at the end of the summer they visited Nauti Turtle in Angola, and convinced the owner to let them play once the musical act was finished: the first gig for what would become Loose Grip.

The duo then played at Beamer's, which is also now closed, got a call



Among local acts keeping you entertained each week are, clockwise from above, The Hubie Ashcraft Band, Chris Worth, The Bulldogs, and Tom Koenig.

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back, and the two have been playing ever since, with Koenig also playing solo gigs.

"Wish I had started (playing live) 22 years earlier," Koenig said.

Since their humble beginnings, the two have opened for the national act The Chainsmokers during a popup show at The Venue in Angola in 2017, recorded in Nashville, Tennessee, and traveled to Cancun to play.

"All of this happened because two guys were playing around a fire," Koenig said.

WORTH THE PRICE

Like Koenig, Worth wasn't exactly looking to turn his musical talent into a career.

Worth says he came to Fort Wayne in 1999 to take care of his mother, and thought he had left his musical career on the West Coast.

"I was out singing at the old Piere's one night, and I was offered a gig on the spot," he said. "Things kind of blew up after that. I wasn't even really trying to get back into it."

But back into is what happened.



"Things are booming right now," Worth said. "The last five weeks, I've been playing six gigs a week. It's kind of like chocolate cake, you love it, but at a point you could use some broccoli."

According to Worth, who often performs with Scotty Patton, Howard Sims, Ron Rumbaugh, and Kenton Snyder, the only break he's gotten over the years is when the coronavirus pandemic first struck, sidelining him about seven weeks, which he described as "great."

With the break over, Worth can be heard singing R&B, hip-hop, country, or Frank Sinatra at bars, wineries, corporate gigs, universities, and everywhere in-between. When it comes to venues, Worth says he really only cares about one thing: "I like the ones that pay me," he laughs.

ON THEIR OWN TERMS

For Zymslony and The Bulldogs, the music scene has become old hat.

Formed nearly 30 years ago as Spike and The Bulldogs, Zymslony says Spike opted to retire about nine

years ago and moved to Utah, but the band marched on.

"We thought, 'How are you going to replace Spike?'," he said.

And they didn't, they just continued to tour festivals, campgrounds, and other family events with their classic 1950s and 1960s music.

"We used to go looking, but now we don't," Zymslony said about booking shows. "We have what we can handle."

Zymslony says the band, which includes Wayne Neukom, Bernie Stone, Kenny Taylor, and Maggie Hawkins, has 38 shows scheduled between Memorial Day and the end of September, and he uses the winter months to get upcoming seasons ready, while only playing seven or eight shows between November and May.

"We're not a bar band," he says about having limited shows during the winter months.

Instead of playing shows, Zymslony keeps himself busy drawing up contracts and getting everything in order with venues, as the band is an LLC, and isn't just getting cash



when they show up to play.

"It's run like a business," he said. "With the amount of shows we do and money we make, it's gonna be hard to keep that under the rug from the IRS."

LIVING THE DREAM

The Bulldogs' longevity is made clear with the fact they have a connection with fellow local musician Hubie Ashcraft.

"I started playing guitar at 12," Ashcraft said. "My dad was a guitarist who played with Spike and The Bulldogs and some others, including John Mellencamp's band, since they were both from Seymour."

Taking a cue from his father, Ashcraft began playing professionally at 15, and he hasn't looked back.

"It was exciting, because I was in high school, and to do something I was so passionate about was a dream come true," he said. "It's a blessing to make music a career."

The Hubie Ashcraft Band has toured as far away as New Jersey and performed in Nashville, Tennessee, a number of times, sharing the stage with the likes of national country music acts Luke Bryan, Trace Adkins, Randy Travis, and the legendary George Jones.

"We always learn something from those shows," Ashcraft said.

On Aug. 24, Hubie Ashcraft Band, which includes Missy Burgess, Tim Thurston, Travis Gow, Seve Sullivan Doyle, and Logan Weber, will play at the Bash on the Bay in Put-in-Bay, Ohio, along with Brad Paisley, Jake Owen, and Paulina Jayne.

It's those kinds of shows that has kept Ashcraft going over the years.

"It hasn't died down," he said about his passion. "It's the same as it was when I was 15. I love playing music and getting up in front of a crowd. There's nothing like it."

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- 4 — **MOTIONLESS IN WHITE**
Scoring the End of the World
- 5 — **ELTON JOHN**
Madman Across the Water (50th Anniversary)
- 6 — **KREATOR**
Hate Uber Alles
- 7 2 **PRINCE & THE REVOLUTION**
Live (2022 Remaster)
- 8 10 **ANGEL OLSEN**
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Roman New Time

*Your Voice
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Can you feel it? It's that warm and fuzzy feeling when there's a shift in the local music scene. It's exciting, kind of dangerous, and all-encompassing when you lock in. There seems to be this whole new vibe happening in Fort Wayne. Namen Namen, Uncle Muscle, Burial Party, Snakehandler Church, and Squirrel Cage are bands that seem to be dominating stages and ears as of late, and with that comes a new wave of insane talent and proof that Fort Wayne can hold their own against big boys like Chicago, Cleveland, Philly, and Louisville.

Another band on that list is Roman New Time, the weirdo-pop side project of Ron Record, drummer for the insatiable Namen Namen. Where Record's main gig paints Midwest Parquet Courts and Television dreams, Roman New Time is going full lo-fi Sebadoh-meets-Malkmus with a touch of K Records magic. Wonky drum machines, indie pop harmonies, and just the right amount of chaos makes his debut *Your Voice As a Cymbal* a new favorite musical oddity.

If you're looking for angular post-punk riffs and attitude for miles, then you may be in for a surprise. Imagine your teen brother finding a box of broken Casio keys, Radio Shack mics, and that out-of-tune acoustic guitar in your closet and making something really cool out of them on GarageBand. A cassette left on your pillow that says "Your Voice As a Cymbal," that makes you feel proud and equally a failure at the same time. That's Roman New Time.

Songs range from wobbly melancholy ("Lullaby Bobby," "Fun Hex") to pop music eating itself inside out ("Junior," "Walls With Wings"). "Copy and Paste Any Good Feeling" is bittersweet pop that veers almost into avant garde territory. Record seems to love building pop songs, then deconstructing them and piecing them together with whatever is lying around. Fans of early Malkmus, No Age, K Records, and R. Stevie Moore will find much to love and appreciate here. Seven tracks that never do the same thing twice. Beautiful weirdo pop art.

The local music scene is popping right now, and Roman New Time is helping lead the way.

Your Voice As a Cymbal is out on Beet Fat Records and available anywhere you can stream music. — *J. Hubner*

Thunder Dopamine



Thunder haven't made a lot of noise stateside since 1990's *Backstreet Symphony*, but the band has maintained a presence in their native UK over the years. Their 14th studio album

proves they still have something to say.

The guitar playing and songwriting of Luke Morley and the spot on delivery of vocalist Danny Bowes have always been at the center of Thunder's music, and the band continues that formula here. Out of the box, "The Western Sky" serves notice that there are going to be hooks aplenty on this one. More rockers follow beginning with "One Day We'll Be Free Again" and "The Dead City," followed by the superior "Last Orders." In true Thunder style, the band also includes three ballads, spread evenly throughout this double disc, creating a nice flow. "Unraveling" is one of those ballads and stands out as the best song on the album, though the immediacy of "Black" and its subject matter of depression is a strong contender as well the catchy "Even If It Takes a Lifetime," which discusses equality, an extremely relevant topic in today's world.

Yes, Thunder are alive and well and putting out quality work three decades into their existence. There's a lot to digest within these 16 tracks, including the soulfulness of "Big Pink Supermoon," the drama of "I Don't Believe the World," and the subtlety of "Just a Grifter," but you'd be hard pressed to find a sour note.

There likely won't be a more complete and consistently excellent album this year. Keep this one on repeat. — *Chris Hupe*

John Scofield John Scofield



Guitarist John Scofield has had a storied career since the early '70s, first as a guest player with everyone from Charles Mingus and Chet Baker to Gary Burton and Miles Davis, then starting in 1977 a prodigious run of solo albums that run the gamut between fusion, acid jazz, funk, and experimental. He's collaborated with Medeski, Martin, and Wood, Gov't Mule, and Pat Metheny and recorded cover albums dedicated to everything from soul, country, and rock 'n' roll.

On the 70-year-old jazz guitarist's latest, simply titled *John Scofield*, Scofield makes an all solo guitar release peppered with original compositions and covers of artists that influenced him. Using just a looper pedal, Scofield creates a sparse, yet effective, solo album of depth, breadth, and heavy with music history.

Scofield has always found a balance between restrain and chaos in his playing. From the fresh from Berklee perfectionism of his early solo albums, to the rambling funk/psychedelic looseness of albums with Medeski, Martin, and Wood, his trio with Steve Swallow and his blues/funk excursions with Larry Goldings, Scofield serves no one master throughout his career. He serves them all on his first ever solo guitar record.

"Coral" is quiet and beautiful, giving a regal feel to Keith Jarrett's classical-meets-jazz composition. Baker's "It Could Happen To You" gets the Scofield treatment in a big way. You can almost imagine a smoky downtown club with ice tinkling in glasses as Scofield lets it rip on stage. There's a

Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

Tiger

We Are Puppets
(1996)



Tiger wasn't around long enough to make much of an impression, but man, they were a good British band. This was their debut, and it certainly fits in the latter part of '90s indie rock.

It opens with "My Puppet Pal," a grinder heavy in percussion, melodic grunge, and post punk that borrows from the seminal '70s band Television. "Race" also grabs the pop-punk genre and meets the same vibe as Jet or The Strokes, but it's a little snappier.

I personally think they were a better band than the aforementioned, and I was saddened when they split up.

The groove continues in "Storm Injector," which is complemented by some valuable harmonies that give it a little charm in front of some synthesizers that harken back to the mid-80s. Funky synthesizers in "On the Rose" sound like a combination of The Smithereens and Tom Petty. Yes, this band could manage the late '70s Petty vibe with the groovy Jersey sound of The Smithereens, yet it still had a punk sound without being too righteous or commercial like Green Day. "Sorry Monkeys" is three-chord, synth garage rock, but again, those backing harmonies and rhythm guitars from Julie Sims make it poppy enough to be radio-friendly (but only in Europe). And the two-minute "She's OK" is plain delightful.

More gritty vocals from Dan Laidlar in "Ray Travez" and the quirky percussion can't be missed, resembling The Damned from the early '80s. The album closes with the soulful "Keep in Touch," which lulls you into a peaceful place before it chugs away like a completely stripped-down Oasis.

They released one more record in 1999 and then just disappeared. — *Dennis Donahue*

real swing to this track. And Scofield seems to be channeling Dr. John more than The Clash with his take on "Junco Partner." His original compositions are just as stunning, with "Honest I Do," "Mrs. Scofield's Waltz," "Since You Asked," and "Trance De Jour" being highlights. They range from guitar balladry and odd funk trips.

This nearly hourlong set is the perfect companion for a night at home with the lights down and the week in the rearview. Scofield doesn't seem to be slowing down in the slightest. In fact, he sounds as good and relevant as ever. *John Scofield* is essential work from one of our finest American guitarists and composers. — *J. Hubner*

Local bands: Send two copies of new CD releases to Whatzup, 5501 U.S. Hwy 30 West, Fort Wayne, IN 46818. Or send links to downloadable files to jon@whatzup.com. Also email any bio information, publicity photos, and cover art. Only professionally produced CDs or EPs are accepted.

City artist, Death Cab added to All IN Fest

We’ve told you about the new All IN Music & Arts Festival slated for Labor Day weekend at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Now we can tell you **Death Cab for Cutie** have been added as one of the headlining acts for the event that already includes **Daryl Hall & John Oates**, **John Fogerty**, **Cage the Elephant** and **Portugal. The Man**.

“Death Cab for Cutie brings a thrilling new dimension to our strong, diverse lineup of legends and modern stars for what will be a jam-packed weekend of music in Indianapolis,” festival co-founder Steve Sybesma said in a press release.

The festival also added six new local and regional acts to the bill, including Fort Wayne native **Jonah Baker**, and reported that tickets are selling fast.

Lovato back after four years

Demi Lovato has announced an extensive tour in support of her forthcoming record, set to be released Aug. 19.

The 32-date outing kicks off at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, Illinois, on Aug. 13, then heads to South America before stopping in Chicago Oct. 5 at Rosemont Theatre, and Detroit’s Fox Theatre on Oct. 7.

“I’m so excited to get back on the road after four years without touring,” Lovato said in a statement. “We’re working so hard to deliver an incredible show for all my fans, and I can’t wait to see them in person to celebrate this new music.”

Dead Sara and **Royal & the Serpent** have secured the opening slots on the tour.



Road Notes

CHRIS HUPE

On the Road

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10,000 Maniacs w/Mary Ramsey	June 19	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
5 Seconds of Summer	July 15	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
5 Seconds of Summer	July 16	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
5 Seconds of Summer	July 21	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
A Day To Remember	July 29	Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica	Cleveland
Adrian Belew	July 16	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
AAmerica	July 30	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Andrew Bird w/Iron & Wine	Aug. 6	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Anita Baker	July 22	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Anthony Gomes	June 17	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Anthrax w/Black Label Society	Aug. 4	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Arnez J	July 29-30	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
As I Lay Dying w/Whitechapel, Shadow of Intent, Brand of Sacrifice	July 2	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
August Burns Red w/We Came as Romans, Hollow Front, Void of Vision	Aug. 23	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Backstreet Boys	July 6	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Backstreet Boys	July 10	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Backstreet Boys	July 28	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Backstreet Boys	July 29	Hollywood Casino Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Banks	July 22	The Fillmore	Detroit
Barenaked Ladies	July 2	Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica	Cleveland
Barenaked Ladies	July 3	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Barenaked Ladies	July 20	PNC Pavilion	Cincinnati
Barenaked Ladies	July 1	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Bastille	June 17	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Beach House	July 12	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Ben Folds	June 24	Sound Board	Detroit
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy	July 1	The Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy	July 2	Kokomo Performing Arts Pavilion	Kokomo
Big Boi	June 17	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Big Time Rush	July 6	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Big Time Rush	July 7	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Big Time Rush	July 8	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Big Time Rush	July 10	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Big Time Rush	July 26	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Bikini Kill	July 23	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Billy Joel	July 9	Comerica Park	Detroit
Billy Strings	July 29-30	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
The Black Keys w/Band of Horses	July 16	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
The Black Keys w/Band of Horses	July 17	Hollywood Casino Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Blackberry Smoke	July 26	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Blackberry Smoke	July 30	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Blackberry Smoke	July 31	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Bobcat Goldthwait	July 22-23	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Bowling for Soup	July 2	The Fillmore	Detroit
Bowling for Soup	July 3	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Bowling for Soup	July 8	House of Blues	Chicago
Breeders	Aug. 11	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Brendan Schaub	July 14-16	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Brooks & Dunn	June 25	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Brothers Comatose	June 18	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Buddy Guy	July 27	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Buddy Guy	July 28	Centennial Terrace	Sylvania, OH
Buddy Guy	July 30	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Buddy Guy	July 31	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Cain	July 14	Jay County Fairgrounds	Portland
Carlos Mencia	June 23-25	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
CeeLo Green w/Los Galaxy, Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra	July 9	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Chase Matthew	June 16	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Chicago w/Brian Wilson	July 20	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Chicago w/Brian Wilson	July 23	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Chicago w/Brian Wilson	July 24	Hollywood Casino Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Chicago w/Brian Wilson	July 26	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
The Chicks	June 19	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville

The Chicks	June 21	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
The Chicks	June 22	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Chris Brown	July 30	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Chris Brown	July 31	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Chris Brown	Aug. 2	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Chris Brown	Aug. 4	Hollywood Casino Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Chris Brown	Aug. 6	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Chris Isaak	July 16	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Cole Swindell	July 15	Jay County Fairgrounds	Portland
Collective Soul	July 15	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Collective Soul	July 19	Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica	Cleveland
Collective Soul	July 20	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Collective Soul w/Switchfoot	July 24	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Courtney Barnett	Aug. 10	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Cracker	June 22	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Crowbar w/Spirit Adrift	July 31	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Crown the Empire	June 17	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Darius Rucker	June 23	Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica	Cleveland
Darius Rucker	June 24	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Dashboard Confessional	Aug. 4	Holiday Park	Indianapolis
Dashboard Confessional	Aug. 5	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Dashboard Confessional	Aug. 6	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Dashboard Confessional	Aug. 8	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Daughtry w/Black Stone Cherry	July 30	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Dave Matthews Band	June 21	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Dave Matthews Band	June 24-25	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Dave Williamson	June 28	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
David Lee Jones	June 17	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Dead & Company	June 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Dead & Company	June 24-25	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Dead & Company	June 28	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Dead & Company	June 29	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Deadmau5	Aug. 27	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Death Cab for Cutie	July 8	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Def Leppard w/Mötley Crüe, Poison, Joan Jett	July 8	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Def Leppard w/Mötley Crüe, Poison, Joan Jett	July 10	Comerica Park	Detroit
Def Leppard w/Mötley Crüe, Poison, Joan Jett	July 14	FirstEnergy Stadium	Cleveland
Def Leppard w/Mötley Crüe, Poison, Joan Jett	July 15	Great American Ballpark	Cincinnati
Dermot Kennedy	July 13	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Dermot Kennedy	July 17	Palace Theatre	Columbus, IN
Dermot Kennedy	Aug. 13	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
The Devil Wears Prada	Aug. 5	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Dick Fox’s Golden Boys	June 25	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Dispatch w/O.A.R., Robert Randolph	Aug. 9	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Doobie Brothers	July 4	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Doobie Brothers	July 6	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
Doobie Brothers	July 7	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Doobie Brothers	July 10	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Doobie Brothers	July 12	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Doobie Brothers	July 14	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Drive-By Truckers	July 27	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Elevation Worship	Aug. 11	Huntington Center	Toledo
Elevation Worship	Aug. 12	EJ Nutter Center	Fairborn, OH
Elton John	July 18	Comerica Park	Detroit
Elton John	July 30	Progressive Field	Cleveland
Elton John	Aug. 5	Soldier Field	Chicago
Elvis Costello	Aug. 6	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Emily Wells	June 25	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Face 2 Face	Aug. 5	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Fitz & The Tantrums	June 18	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Five for Fighting w/The Verve Pipe	Aug. 13	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Fleet Foxes	Aug. 5	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Flogging Molly	June 17	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Flogging Molly	June 18	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester
Flogging Molly	June 19	Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica	Cleveland
Flogging Molly	June 25	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Foo Fighters	Aug. 1	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Frank Turner and The Sleeping Souls	July 10	Concord Music Hall	Chicago

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Gabriel Rutledge	June 30-July 2	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic	June 24	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Ginuwine w/Fatima Washington	July 14	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Giovannie and the Hired Guns	July 30	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Girl Named Tom	June 25	Fountain City Amphitheater	Bryan, OH
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 3	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 4	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 5	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 7	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 10	Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica	Cleveland
Great White w/Slaughter	Aug. 13	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Greg Morton	June 19	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
The Guess Who	July 28	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Halestorm	July 8	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Halestorm	July 12	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Halsey	July 3	Hollywood Casino Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Hank Ruff	June 25	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Hanson	Aug. 6	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Hanson	Aug. 7	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Hanson	Aug. 9	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Hanson	Aug. 10	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Helmet	June 21	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Here Come the Mummies	June 30	Kokomo Performing Arts Pavilion	Kokomo
Here Come the Mummies	July 16	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Hoodie Allen	Aug. 5	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Hotel California: Eagles Tribute	June 25	The Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Ian Bagg	June 17-18	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Incubus	Aug. 10	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
JP Sears	July 7-9	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jack Johnson	June 28	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Jack Johnson	June 30	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Jack Johnson	July 2	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Jack Johnson	July 3	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Jackson Browne	June 21	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Jackson Browne	June 22	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Jackson Browne	June 24	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Jefferson Starship	July 1	Kokomo Performing Arts Pavilion	Kokomo
Jim Breuer	Aug. 6	Honeywell Center	Wabash
John Moreland	July 17	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
John Mulaney	July 21	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Josh Groban	June 23	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
The Karens	Aug. 4	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Kid Rock	Aug. 12	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Kirk Franklin	June 18	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Kirk Franklin	June 21	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Kirk Franklin	June 22	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Kiwi Jr.	June 17	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Lake Street Dive w/Madison Cunningham	Aug. 9	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Lany	Aug. 7	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Lany	Aug. 8	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Lany	Aug. 12	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Lauren Sanderson	June 17	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Lauv	Aug. 12	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
LeAnn Rimes	July 8	Hard Rock Casino Cincinnati	Cincinnati
LeAnn Rimes	July 15	Holiday Park	Indianapolis
Leanne Morgan	Aug. 5	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Lee Brice w/Michael Ray, Tim Montana	June 17	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Lee Brice	June 18	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Leon Bridges	Aug. 21	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Leonid and Friends	June 30	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Lil Durk w/Rod Wave	July 2	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Lonestar	July 9	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Lyle Lovett w/Chris Isaak	July 17	Meadow Brook Amp.	Rochester Hills, MI
Lyle Lovett w/Chris Isaak	July 20	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Machine Gun Kelly	July 3	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Machine Gun Kelly	Aug. 11	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Mandy Moore	July 11	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Marc Broussard	July 13	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis

Maren Morris	Aug. 12	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Matchbox Twenty	June 17	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Matchbox Twenty	Aug. 3	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Matchbox Twenty	Aug. 5	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
Matchbox Twenty	Aug. 6	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Matchbox Twenty	Aug. 7	Hollywood Casino Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
MeWithoutYou	July 25	Bell’s Eccentric Cafe	Kalamazoo
MeWithoutYou	July 27	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
MeWithoutYou	July 29	Columbus Athenaeum	Columbus, OH
Meat Puppets	June 26	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Melissa Etheridge	Aug. 2	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Melvins	July 3	EI Club	Detroit
Michael W. Smith	July 29	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Middle Waves Music Festival	June 17-18	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Mt. Joy	June 26	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Mt. Joy	June 29	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Mt. Joy	Aug. 20	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Muscadine Bloodline	July 8	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
My Morning Jacket	June 21	Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica	Cleveland
My Morning Jacket	June 29	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
My Morning Jacket	July 2	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
New Found Glory	July 22	House of Blues Cleveland	Cleveland
New Kids on the Block w/Salt-N-Pepa, En Vogue, Rick Astley	June 17	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
New Kids on the Block w/Salt-N-Pepa, En Vogue, Rick Astley	June 21	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
New Kids on the Block w/Salt-N-Pepa, En Vogue, Rick Astley	June 24	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
New Kids on the Block w/Salt-N-Pepa, En Vogue, Rick Astley	June 25	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Night Ranger	Aug. 10	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Norah Jones	July 15	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Norah Jones	July 16	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester
Norah Jones	July 19	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
OneRepublic	July 28	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
OneRepublic	July 30	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
OneRepublic	July 31	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
OneRepublic	Aug. 2	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
OneRepublic	Aug. 3	Hollywood Casino Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
PJ Morton	July 22	The Vogue	Indianapolis
PJ Morton	July 23	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Pat Benatar w/Neil Giraldo	June 19	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Phish	Aug. 2	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Phish	Aug. 3	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Porno For Pyros	July 30	Metro	Chicago
Purity Ring	June 18	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Puscifer	July 2	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Quiet Riot w/Cougar Hunter	July 15	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Rage Against the Machine w/Run the Jewels	July 11-12	United Center	Chicago
Rage Against the Machine w/Run the Jewels	July 27	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Randy Houser	July 14	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Red Wanting Blue	Aug. 12	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Renny	July 10	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
* repeat repeat	June 18	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Rex Orange County	June 20	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Rex Orange County	June 22	Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica	Cleveland
Rex Orange County	June 24	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Rex Orange County	June 25	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester
Rhett Walker	June 18	Life Church	Huntington
Rich Vos	June 25	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Rival Sons w/The Velvetears	July 28	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Rob Zombie w/Mudvayne	July 21	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Rob Zombie w/Mudvayne	Aug. 3	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Rod Stewart	July 12	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Rod Stewart	July 16	Hollywood Casino Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Rod Stewart	July 19	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Rod Stewart	July 27	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Rod Stewart w/Cheap Trick	July 15	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville

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Road Notes

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Lamb of God adds shows

Lamb of God had to cancel their Fort Wayne appearance opening for **Megadeth** when singer Randy Blythe came down with an illness. But the band announced some additional opportunities to catch them in concert as they begin to tour in support of their newest album *Omens*, due out Oct. 7 and described by vocalist Blythe as “a reaction to the state of the world.”

The Fort is not on the itinerary, but they will stop at Huntington Bank Pavilion in Chicago on Sept. 24, Michigan Lottery Amphitheater in Detroit on Sept. 25, and TCU Amphitheater in Indianapolis on Sept. 26.

Killswitch Engage, **Baroness**, and **Suicide Silence** will open the shows.

Suicideboys support album

New Orleans-based rap duo **Suicideboys** will be hitting the road this summer in support of their upcoming album, *Sing Me a Lullaby My Sweet Temptation*, due out July 29.

The tour will be kicking off June 18 at Bonnaroo Music Festival in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and will continue on with performances at Huntington Bank Pavilion in Chicago on Aug. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre near Detroit on Aug.5, Ruoff Music Center near Indianapolis on Sept. 16, and PromoWest Pavilion in Cincinnati on Sept. 18.

All tour dates include **Ski Mask the Slump God**, **Snot**, **Maxo Kream**, and **DJ Scheme**, while the Detroit and Chicago dates also include **JPEGMAFIA**, and the Indianapolis and Cincinnati dates will include **Knocked Loose** and **Code Orange**.

Road Notes covers concerts within driving distance of Northeast Indiana. Send your news items to info@whatzup.com.

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Road Trips

LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

Austin Marsh	
June 17	Kora Brew House and Wine Bar, Bryan, OH
July 28	Father John's Microbrewery, Bryan, OH
The Bulldogs	
June 16	Daleville Splash Pad Park, Daleville
June 30	Triangle Park, Defiance, OH
July 3	Hickory Acres Campground, Edgerton, OH
July 4	West Lake Park Pavilion, Topeka
July 9	Tipton City Park, Tipton
July 23	Weller Plaza, Hartford City
July 29	Downtown New Castle
Aug. 12	Bethel Pointe, Muncie
Aug. 19	Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen
Aug. 26	Quincy Village Park, Quincy, MI
Sept. 3	Fish Lake Family Resort, Fremont
Sept. 9	Matthews Covered Bridge Festival, Matthews
Sept. 23	Ducktail Run, Gas City
Oct. 29	Alexandria Eagles, Alexandria
Dec. 31	Fremont Moose Lodge, Fremont

Grateful Groove	
July 23	Briali Winery, Fremont

Hubie Ashcraft Band	
June 17	Summer Fest, Chicago
June 24-25	T&J's Smokehouse, Put-in-Bay, OH
July 13	Cass County Fairgrounds, Cassopolis, MI
July 29	Edon Days, Edon, OH
Aug. 5	Little Nashville Festival, Nashville, IN
Aug. 12	Schweizer Festival, Tell City
Aug. 19-23	T&J's Smokehouse, Put-in-Bay, OH
Aug. 24	Put-In-Bay Airport, Put-in-Bay, OH
Oct. 14	Five Star Dive Bar, Elkhart
Nov. 4	Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto
Nov. 25	VFW Post 5713, Celina, OH
Nov. 26	Lori's Roadhouse, West Chester, OH

Jiggs Hendrixson Showband	
June 17	Two Lakes Tavern, Manitou Beach, MI

Jonah Leatherman	
June 18	Smiling Skull Saloon
Aug. 27	Buzz Bomb Brewing, Springfield, IL

Motor Folkers	
Nov. 11	American Legion Post 215, LaGrange

Mountain Dewe Boys	
July 9	Amishville Tractor & Engine Show, Geneva

Sunny Taylor	
July 15	Red Rambler Brewery, Wauseon, OH
Aug. 20	Stoney Ridge Winery, Bryan, OH
Sept. 17	Brew Nation, Celina
Dec. 23	Stoney Ridge Winery, Bryan, OH

Tom Koenig	
June 16	Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI

Vines & Harmony Music Festival (Grateful Groove, K. Edward Smith, Shane Bond, Amara Gilraine, Josh Ayers, Sarah Ellsworth, James Valon Ellsworth)	
July 23	Briali Winery, Fremont

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Roger Waters	July 23	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Roger Waters	July 26	United Center	Chicago
Roger Waters	Aug. 2	Heritage Bank Arena	Cincinnati
Ryan Niemiller	Aug. 10	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Sada Baby	June 18	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Santa Fe Klan	Aug. 11	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont
Santana w/Earth, Wind & Fire	July 2	Hollywood Casino Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Santana w/Earth, Wind & Fire	July 5	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Santana w/Earth, Wind & Fire	July 8	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Santana w/Earth, Wind & Fire	July 9	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Scarface w/Formaldehyde Funkmen	July 31	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Scotty Austin w/Static Fly, Superhawk, Six Feet to Salvation, Blood of Heroes	June 25	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Sean Kingston	Aug. 12	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Shawn Mendes	July 15	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Shawn Mendes	July 19	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Shayne Smith	Aug. 5-6	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Sleeping Sirens w/Don Broco, Point North, Garzi	July 16	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Sleeping with Sirens	July 14	House of Blues Chicago	Chicago
Sleeping with Sirens	July 15	Ohio State Reformatory	Mansfield, OH
The Smithereens w/Driver 8	June 18	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Soul Rebels	June 23	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Starset	July 9	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Starset	July 10	Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
Stray Kids	July 1	United Center	Chicago
Suicideboys	Aug. 2	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Suicideboys	Aug. 5	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Swedish House Mafia	Aug. 13	United Center	Chicago
Tash Sultana	June 17	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Tears for Fears w/Garbage	June 17	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Tedeschi Trucks Band	June 28	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Tedeschi Trucks Band	July 13	PNC Pavilion	Cincinnati
Tedeschi Trucks Band	July 24	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Tedeschi Trucks Band	July 26	RiverEdge Park	Aurora, IL
Theory of a Deadman w/Nonpoint	July 12	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Third Eye Blind	July 7	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Third Eye Blind	July 8	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Third Eye Blind	July 12	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Thomas Rhett	July 16	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Todd Rundgren	July 9	The Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Tomorrow X Together	July 7	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont
Tower of Power and Lettuce	Aug. 11	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Train	June 18	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Train	June 19	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Train	July 12	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Train	July 13	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Train	July 15	Hollywood Casino Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Wavves	Aug. 4	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Wavves	Aug. 5	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
The Weeknd	July 24	Soldier Field	Chicago
The Weeknd	July 27	Ford Field	Detroit
Why Don't We	June 24	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Why Don't We	June 30	PNC Pavilion	Cincinnati
Why Don't We	July 2	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Why Don't We	Aug. 3	KeyBank State Theatre	Cleveland
Willie Nelson w/Jason Isbell	June 25	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Willie Nelson w/Jason Isbell	June 26	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Willie Nelson w/ZZ Top, Gov't Mule	July 29	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Willie Nelson w/ZZ Top, Gov't Mule	July 30	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Young the Giant	June 18	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
ZZ Top	July 1	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
ZZ Top	July 2	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
ZZ Top	July 5	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Zac Brown Band	July 9	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Zac Brown Band	July 28	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Zac Brown Band	July 29	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI

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- Across**

1. Sheet

5. ___ Jones, Grammy-winning drummer

9. Actor/comedian Philips

12. "Holy moly!"

13. So firm as to be unbreakable

15. A fisherman may spin one

16. Immature guy

17. Horse used in equestrian sports

19. "Stay (I Missed You)" singer, ___ Loeb

20. Low-___

21. Clear the blackboard

23. Neighbor of Ida.

25. Belcher's rival on *Bob's Burgers*, Jimmy ___

26. "Put a lid ___!"

27. Omar ___, Grammy-nominated drummer, producer, and composer

30. Slugger Sammy's family members

31. Aerosmith hit "Janie's Got ___"

32. Rick ___, musician, audio engineer, and music theorist

35. Church bench
36. Cylinder-shaped pasta

37. Presidents' Day mo.

40. Part human, part cobra race in Indian mythology

42. Person of equal rank

44. Slang term for a television

46. Pre-euro money

47. Exotic dancer and German spy, executed by a French firing squad in 1917

48. The U of *Law & Order: SVU*

49. Tire pressure meas.

50. On ___ (without a contract)

51. Leave in, to an editor
- Down**

1. Musician, singer, and songwriter, ___ Frampton

2. Tequila source

3. Eric ___, blues-rock guitarist

4. Adam and Eve's garden

5. Compounds formed by the combination of two identical molecules

6. Noah's landfall

7. Harry Potter's best friend

8. Leo of *Seinfeld* or Fester of *The Addams Family*

9. *The Book of the Unnamed Midwife* author Meg, and family
10. Serious disease commonly spread by mosquitos

11. Peculiar

14. Phi follower

18. Swarm

22. Carly Simon hit, "You're ___ Vain"

24. Aliens, for short

25. Wrestler's goal

26. Tic-tac-toe win

27. WWII general Arnold

28. Timetables

29. Iraqi neighbor

30. Part of a rose

32. Beatles hit, "Let It ___"

33. Concert finale

34. Relating to the lack of oxygen

36. Trails

37. False move

38. Like a haunted house

39. ___ Young, country pop solo artist

41. ___ few rounds

43. Positive

44. Little devil

45. Protestant denom.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Adam Sandler and Juancho Hernangomez star in *Hustle*, now streaming on Netflix.

Engaging new content to stream

There is suddenly an abundance of worthwhile content on streaming services. Maybe not anything essential, but lots of very watchable stuff. Here are my selects:



Screen Time
GREG W. LOCKE

HUSTLE (NETFLIX)

Noted basketball superfan Adam Sandler finally makes a big basketball film. This one is about an NBA scout who goes rogue after his mentor dies. The flick features the best on-screen basketball we've seen in a film since *Blue Chips* and sees Sandler balancing humor and drama with more skill than ever. I watched this one twice the day it came out. An easy, fun watch, especially if you're a big basketball fan.

DIRTY DADDY: THE BOB SAGET STORY (NETFLIX)

Chris Rock and Jim Carrey joking around about Bob Saget with all of his friends for 80 minutes or so. Saget has a reputation for being beloved and quite the Hollywood socialite, and here's the proof. This one plays through like a mix between a roast and a memorial, and it's a fun, breezy watch that passes like night.

LOVE ON THE SPECTRUM (NETFLIX)

A show where producers not only follow people on the spectrum as they try to "find love," but also where the producers attempt to pretty deeply manipulate the subjects and the audience. This one ain't art, but the subjects are fun and sweet. A wholesome show that will often leave you wondering if it's OK to laugh. Netflix has three seasons of this show available, two set in Australia and one in the U.S.

OUTER RANGE (AMAZON PRIME)

Josh Brolin, Lili Taylor, and Imogen Poots lead this high-end western set in Wyoming.

This one is beautifully shot and acted, and will hopefully be the star vehicle Poots has been looking for. Two words: dark mineral. Eight episodes, an easy, engaging binge.

THE CARD COUNTER (HBO MAX)

Paul Schrader's much anticipated followup to the great 2017 film *First Reformed* sees Oscar Isaac at the center, playing an ex-military interrogator turned gambler. Schrader writes big, brave scripts, and not all of them work. This one works. It doesn't feel like a drop dead classic like *First Reformed* or *Auto Focus* did when they came out, but *The Card Counter* is certainly essential Schrader.

IRMA VEP (HBO MAX)

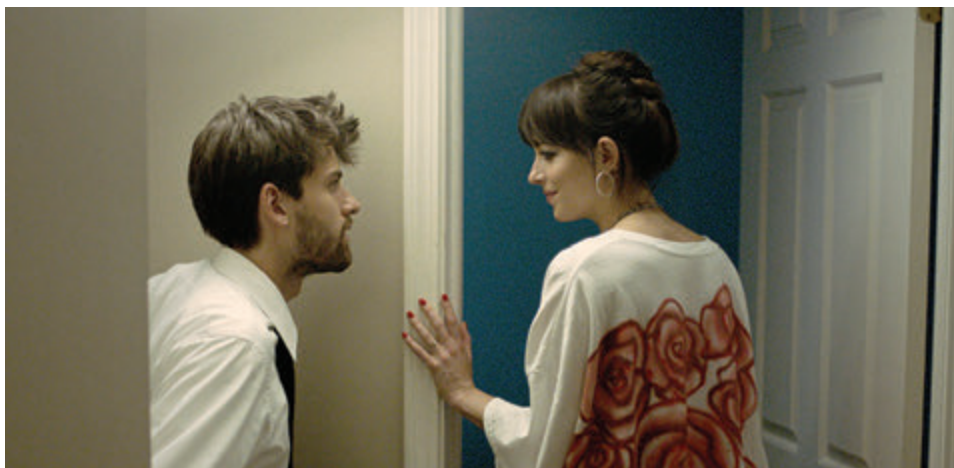
Based on his 1996 film of the same name, *Irma Vep* is Olivier Assayas' first venture into the American serial market, and he does a wonderful job in this eight-episode drama that has rightly been described as "purposefully pretentious." My biggest takeaway was: "Wow, Alicia Vikander is one of the best actors on the planet." A fun, unique watch.

PISTOL (HULU)

Danny Boyle directs a show about the Sex Pistols that stars Toby Wallace as Steve Jones. Talk about a no-brainer. If you're a fan of rock (specifically the punk movement of the mid- to late-'70s), then this one should be extremely enjoyable for you. Boyle is obviously a skilled director who loves this era and scene of music, but Wallace is a revelation. This is a young talent I'd watch in anything. Lucky for me, I love punk rock, bonus. Also, as you'd expect, this one is produced at cinema-level quality in every way. Maybe Boyle has another comeback in him after all.

Cooper Raiff and
Dakota Johnson
star in *Cha Cha
Real Smooth*, a
romantic drama
about a party host
and his friendship
with a woman
he met at a bat
mitzvah.

COURTESY PHOTO



Charming film another hit for Apple TV+

After taking *CODA* all the way to Best Picture Oscar gold this year, Apple TV+ continues their trend of putting down serious cash to acquire wholesome hits out of the Sundance Film Festival.

Though *Cha Cha Real Smooth* didn't quite score the \$25 million price tag that the streamer shelled out last year, \$15 million is still a chunk of change to put down for distribution rights of a movie titled after lyrics from a DJ Casper song. It turns out to be another laudable purchase from the formidable streaming service, by virtue of being in their wheelhouse of magnanimous entertainment, and in line with their quality-over-quantity pattern of content development. Putting the business aspects aside, it's simply a sweet movie with a smart script and two winning leads.



Reel Views

BRENT LEUTHOLD

Cha Cha Real Smooth follows amiable and adorable 20-something Andrew (Cooper Raiff) as he toils away at food court oddity Meat Sticks while living with his mom (Leslie Mann) and stepdad Greg (Brad Garrett). While taking his teenage brother, David (Evan Assante), to a bat mitzvah, he inspires young mother Domino (Dakota Johnson) and her autistic daughter, Lola (Vanessa Burghardt), to hit the dance floor and get funky to "Funkytown." Andrew takes this as a cue to try his hand at becoming a party host and professional DJ for the mitzvahs to come, while also helping take care of Lola while Domino's fiancé Joseph (Raúl Castillo) is perpetually out of town on business.

The 24-year-old Raiff, who is also the writer and director of *Cha Cha Real Smooth*, has an infectious energy and youthful exuberance that comes across in his performance and filmmaking. The sharp screenplay allows us to gain insight on who Andrew is by the instant and lasting connections he forms with those around him. By the time he and Domino have their second and third conversations, it seems like these two have known each other for years.

Andrew's boyish charm almost makes him seem too good to be true at times, but Raiff shades him with moments of ugliness, like his not-so-subtle jabs at his stepfather that show the downside of being so demonstrative. The inevitable romance between Andrew and Domino is necessarily given the most amount of screen time, but Raiff finds pivotal moments for Andrew to

CHA CHA REAL SMOOTH

Rated R for language and some sexual content
1 hour 47 minutes · Streaming on Apple TV+

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share with all the main characters where they truly see each other. Even though Andrew isn't exactly someone who is in a position to give out life advice, his younger brother still giddily looks up to him for tips about how to get through middle school.

There's a conversation Andrew has with his mother late in the film that is so open-hearted, gracious, and downright sweet that she jokingly asks him if he's trying to kill her as she tears up. Andrew's interactions with Joseph are understandably awkward and even terse, but their final scene together underscores how these two men with different backgrounds and sensibilities have found common ground.

Johnson, who also serves as a co-producer, has become something of a star in the indie movie circuit since her work in the *Fifty Shades* trilogy, and she delivers another well-calibrated performance here. Raiff and Johnson have a palpable chemistry that makes their time together feel vibrant, even if we've seen these story beats in other romantic dramedies before.

The film's overall arc is familiar as well, and even though it's still enjoyable, I hope Raiff is able to push himself even more artistically in his next effort.

Big-hearted and bright, *Cha Cha Real Smooth* is a charming and charismatic film that, indeed, goes down real smooth.

More new movies coming this weekend

▪ Opening only in theaters is *Lightyear*, an animated adventure starring Chris Evans and Keke Palmer that serves as an origin story for the Buzz Lightyear space ranger character that inspired the correlated toy from the *Toy Story* films.

▪ Streaming on Netflix is *Spiderhead*, a sci-fi thriller starring Chris Hemsworth and Miles Teller about two convicts living in a near-future society where prisoners can reduce their sentence time by volunteering for experiments using emotion-altering drugs

▪ Premiering on Hulu is *Good Luck to You, Leo Grande*, a romantic comedy starring Emma Thompson and Daryl McCormack exploring the relationship that develops between a retired widow and a young male prostitute after their initial tryst.

LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE

MONDAY BLUES JAM SESSIONS

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Stage & Dance

LOCAL CALENDAR

NOW PLAYING

Bright Star — A tale of love and redemption set against the backdrop of the American South in the 1920s and '40s, **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 10-11, June 17-18, and June 24-25; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 19**, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$40, (260) 422-4226

Legally Blonde — The popular 2000s film comes to life on the stage, **7 p.m. Thursday, June 16; 8 p.m. Friday, June 17; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 18; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 19; 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 21; 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 23; 8 p.m. Friday, June 24; and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 25**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$15-\$40, (574) 267-8041

Beauty and the Beast Jr. — Sixty-eight students taking part Creative Arts Council of Wells County's summer intensive will perform the Disney classic, **7 p.m. Friday, June 17; 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday, June 18; 3 p.m. Sunday, June 19**, Creative Arts Council of Wells County, Bluffton, \$10, (260) 824-5222

Fort Wayne Dance Collective June Family Concert — In collaboration with Ivy Tech's visual communications department, concert showcases students and artists, **4-6 p.m. Saturday, June 18**, North Side High School, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 424-6574

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

JUNE

Dreamgirls — Inspired by Motown and R&B legends of the 1960s-70s, show follows the rising stardom of an all-girl

singing trio from Chicago, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 25**, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$35, (260) 422-4226

Brigadoon — The mystery and beauty of the Scottish Highlands is the backdrop for Lerner and Loewe's tale, **7 p.m. Thursday, June 30; 8 p.m. Friday, July 1; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 2; 7 p.m. Sunday, July 3; 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 5; 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 6; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, July 7; 8 p.m. Friday, July 8; and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 9**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$15-\$40, (574) 267-8041

JULY

Hairspray — Fort Wayne Summer Music Theatre production shows teenager's dream to dance on TV show leads to big changes, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 8-9; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 10; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 15-16; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 17**, North Side High School, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$18, imtfinc@gmail.com

The Addams Family — This musical depicts the ghoulish family with an affinity for all things macabre, **7 p.m. Thursday, July 14; 8 p.m. Friday, July 15; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 16; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 17; 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 19; 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 20; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, July 21; 8 p.m. Friday, July 22; and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$15-\$40, (574) 267-8041

The SpongeBob Musical — Stakes are higher than ever as the residents of Bikini Bottom face annihilation of their undersea world, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 23; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 24; 7:30**

p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 29-30; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 31, Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$35, (260) 424-0646

The Comedy of Errors — In one of William Shakespeare's shortest and most farcical comedies, humor comes from slapstick and mistaken identity, **7 p.m. Thursday, July 28; 8 p.m. Friday, July 29; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 30; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 31; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4; 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5; and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$15-\$40, (574) 267-8041

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee — While disclosing stories from their home lives, tweens vie for spelling bee title, **7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 28-30, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 31**, Summit City Music Theatre, The Charles, Fort Wayne, (260) 437-6825

AUGUST

Smokey Joe's Cafe — Featuring a wide-ranging musical catalog that celebrates the humor, passion, and heartbreak of everyday life, **7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11; 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12; 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18; 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19; and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$15-\$40, (574) 267-8041

Lucky Stiff — Murder mystery comedy musical with mistaken identities, six million bucks in diamonds, and a corpse in a wheelchair, **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday,**

Aug. 5-6; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 12-13; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 19-20, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35, (260) 424-5622

The Play That Goes Wrong — Drama society tries to stage production of 1920s murder mystery, but it's not as easy as it sounds, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 12-13; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 19-20; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21**, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$18, (260) 422-6329

SEPTEMBER

Assisted Living: The Musical — These retired Boomers are partying like it's 1969, **2 p.m., 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8**, Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$20-\$30, (260) 563-1102

The Little Prince — An adaptation of the classic French children's novel, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 9-10; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 16-17; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18**, all for One productions, PPG ArtsLab, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$19, (260) 424-5220

Steel Magnolias — Step into Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 9-10; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 16-17; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18**, Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$25, (260) 424-5220

MasterChef Junior Live! — The cast of MasterChef Junior will gather for cooking demonstrations and challenges, **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, \$19-\$39, (419) 238-6722

OCTOBER

Disney Junior Live on Tour — Costume Palooza brings Disney Junior characters and Marvel Super Heroes together on stage, **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$29-85, (260) 563-1102

Todd Oliver & Irving the Talking Dog — Ventriloquist brings along pair of dogs to help entertain during family friendly show, **2 p.m., 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11**, Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$20, (260) 563-1102

Disenchanted — Original storybook heroines are none-too-happy with the way they've been portrayed have tossed their tiaras and have come to life, **7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16; 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23**, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$18, (260) 422-4226

Legally Blonde: The Musical — In the traveling Broadway show, Elle Woods sets out to attend Harvard Law School to get her ex-boyfriend back, but quickly realizes her potential, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, \$55-\$79, (419) 238-6722

NOVEMBER

Elf: The Musical — A young orphan mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole and raised as an elf, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6; 7:30 p.m.**

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday Nov. 18-19; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$35, (260) 424-5220

The Christmas Express — When Leo Tannenbaum arrives on a train that's not on the schedule, a sleepy backwater town starts to change, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 18-19; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20**, all for One productions, PPG ArtsLab, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$19, (260) 424-5220

FEBRUARY 2023

Dragons & Mythical Beasts — Interactive show brings you face to face with magnificent monsters and terrifying beasts, **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$15-\$35, (260) 563-1102

Daddy Long Legs — A musical about an orphan who receives an anonymous gift of a college scholarship, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 17-18; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-25; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26**, all for One productions, PPG ArtsLab, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$19, (260) 424-5220

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Shakespeare Camp — Weeklong workshop with text analysis, character development, monologue work, and scene study, **9-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, June 20-24**, Creative Arts Council of Wells County, Bluffton, \$100, (260) 824-5222

Score! — Enrollment is open to students entering 7-9 grades for Embassy Theatre's summer program. Deadline to register is June 20 or until capacity is reached, **8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. July 11-23**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$450 (before June 20), \$550 (after June 20), (260) 424-6287

Wagon Wheel Conservatory — Summer workshops vary depending on age level. All grades listed indicate grade just completed, **10 a.m.-1 p.m. July 18-22 (Grades 3-4) 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 20-25 (Grades 5-7), 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 29-July 9 (grades 8-12)**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$200-\$300, (574) 267-8041

Summer Jazz Workshop — Jazz workshops with Miss Rina, **12:30-3:30 p.m.** for ages 9-12 and **4-7 p.m.** for ages 13 and up, **Saturday, July 9**, Restored to Glory Dance Ministry, Messiah Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, \$40, (260) 414-6262

Broadway Bootleg Camp — Broadway's Desi Oakley teaches disciplines of acting, dancing, and singing, for students from 15 to 19 years old, **July 20-22**, Leman Vocal Studio, RKF Studios, Fort Wayne, \$400-\$550, lemanvocalstudio.com

Fort Wayne Ballet Summer Camps — Fort Wayne Ballet is offering summer dance camps with ages 3-6 taking part in "Once Upon a Fairy Tale" camps, while kids 7 and up can take beginning ballet fundamentals in "Follow the Ballet Brick Road." Register at fortwayneballet.org, **9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 25-29**, Fort Wayne Ballet, Fort Wayne, \$90, (260) 484-9646

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Art & Exhibits

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CURRENT EXHIBITS

Artlink Members' Showcase — Exhibition celebrates individual artists open to all mediums, opening reception 5-8 p.m. Thursday, June 16, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and noon-5 p.m. Sundays through July 17**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

BIPOCA Gallery Opening Night — Celebrating BIPOC Voices through a digital art experience, featuring food from Black Seed Vegans, **6-10 p.m. Saturday, June 18**, Wunderkammer Company, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 348-0267

Color X Color: Selections from the Chuck Sperry Archive — More than 150 rock posters Sperry has printed for bands across the world, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through July 10**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$8, (260) 422-6467

Bill Blass: Fort Wayne's Fashion Designer — This exhibition illustrates Blass' life in honor of his 100th birthday, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through Sept. 30**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Handstitched Worlds: The Cartography of Quilts — Read quilts as maps, tracing the paths of individual stories and experiences that illuminate larger historical events and cultural trends, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through Sept. 11**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Lush and Lavish: Blooms in Art — Flowers have long been favorite subjects for artists because of their temperance and beauty, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through Aug. 28**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Next Wave: New Contemporaries of the Abstract Movement — The practitioners of the clandestine graffiti movement had the rare freedom to explore new trajectories and take risks in art, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through Aug. 28**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Our Forced Removal — Marking the 175th anniversary of the Miami Removal from Indiana, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-noon Friday, through September**, Whitley County Historical Museum, Columbia City, free admission, (260) 244-6372

Joys of Summer — Visual interpretations of summer season depicted by artists, including Jill Stefani Wanger and Steve Puttrich, **11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday through summer**, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 402-0920

Summer Selections — Works from students at Purdue Fort Wayne, **8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Aug. 10**, Visual Arts Gallery, Purdue Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, free (260) 481-6977

Synergy of a Multitude — Argentinian artist Paloma Marquez exhibits her works, **noon-5 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays through July 6**, Gallery K, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 705-2959

USF Creative Arts Student Highlights — Students at the University of Saint Francis School of Creative Arts exhibit their best work, **9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through June 19**, Jeffrey R. Krull Gallery in Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 421-1210

Ventures in Creativity — Showcases some of the area's finest art including oil and acrylic painting, watercolor, and pastel, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 1-5 p.m. Saturday, through June 23**, Rolland Art Center, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 399-7999

Working Together: A Collection of Collaborative Art — Exhibit of artists collaborating, such as clay artists with painters, a woodworker and jeweler, and a glass artist paired with a woodturner. A reception will be held **10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, through June 29**, The Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 436-0927

ART EVENTS

Art With Friends — Create art with provided materials or bring your own to share for all ages, **7-10 p.m. Tuesdays**, The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 999-4108

JK O'Donnell's Summer Staff Art Show — Artwork from Lauren Conklin, Derek Decker, Erin Duddy, MJ Goebel, En Hughey, Aimee Penn, and Jeremy Stroup will be on display, **6 p.m. Thursday, June 16**, JK O'Donnell's, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 420-5563

Covington Art Fair — Art festival that features a unique variety of local, regional, and national artists, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 25; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June 26**, Covington Plaza, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 639-2058

Painting at Promenade Park — Choose a landscape to paint and follow step by step with local impressionist artist and teacher Sarah Creason, **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, June 28**, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, \$30, (260) 427-6000

Art in the SkatePark — Slam City SkatePark's annual fundraiser features a silent auction and an art gallery dedicated to action sports, as well as food and music from DJ Dapone, **5-8 p.m. Saturday, July 2**, Slam City SkatePark, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 238-0398

Chalk Walk — Using pastels, artists of varying levels create their own work inside a designated square along Main Street near Freimann Square and Fort Wayne Museum of Art, **9 a.m. Saturday, July 9; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, July 10**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 422-6467

Art in the Park — Visit more than 100 artist and artisan exhibitors from across the country, **11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, July 9; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 10**, Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-5556



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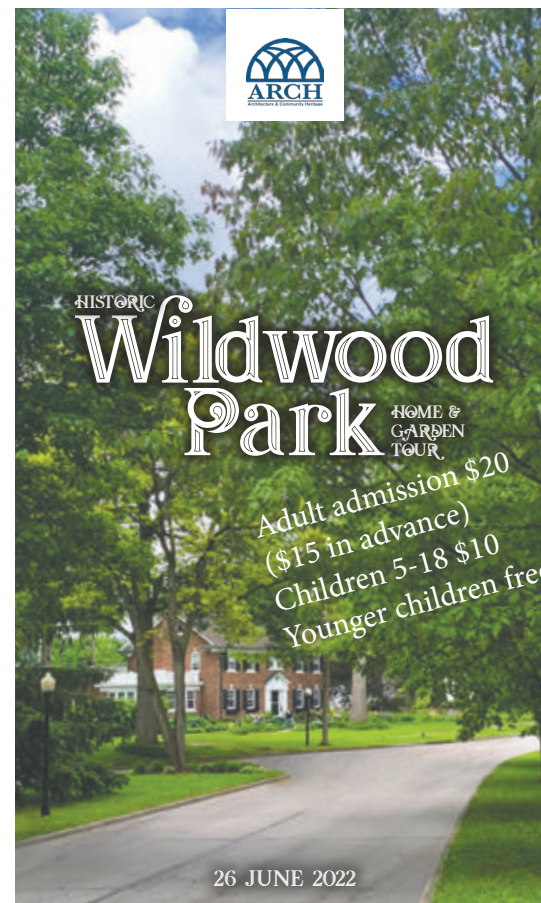
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LOCAL CALENDAR

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BBQ Ribfest — Four days of live music and barbecue served up by award-winning teams from across the country, **11:30 a.m.-midnight Thursday-Saturday, June 16-18; 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday, June 19;** Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$6, (260) 427-6000

Huntington Heritage Days — Four-day festival featuring a carnival, two car shows, strawberry feed, brat tent, duck race, parade (Sat. 10 a.m.), Hot Air Balloon Fest (weather permitting), Kids Zone, and JeFFFest, **5-10 p.m. Thursday, June 16; 4-11 p.m. Friday, June 17; noon-11 p.m. Saturday, June 18; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, June 19,** downtown Huntington, free admission, (260) 356-5300

Merry Lea Nature Explorers: Animal Adventures — Explore how the animals at Merry Lea fit into our farm ecosystem by getting up close to goats, chickens, and pigs, **9-11 a.m. Thursday, June 16,** Merry Lea Sustainable Farm, Albion, \$3.50, (260) 799-5869

Braiding Sweetgrass Book Signing — ACRES Land Trust will host Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants* for a discussion and book signing, **6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16,** Downtown Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 637-2273

Schitt's Creek Trivia Night — Teams of up to six will test their knowledge of hit show for chance to win gift cards, **7-9 p.m. Friday, June 17,** Kekionga Craft Company, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 493-0011

Father's Day Run/Walk/Ruck 5K — Course circles Lakeside Park's rose garden and shaded park with proceeds benefiting Associated Churches' programs, military families, and A Baby's Closet, **8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 18,** Lakeside Park, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$25, (260) 422-3528

Dino & Dragon Stroll — Walk among life-like dinosaurs and dragons while also helping local initiative Stomp Out Hunger by bringing nonperishable food items to be donated, **8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 18 (sensory-friendly session), 10-a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, June 19,** Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$27.99, (260) 482-9502

Goat Cheesemaking Workshop — Meet Merry Lea's resident goats and turn fresh goat milk into cheese that you can take home along with different recipes, **9 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 18,** Merry Lea Sustainable Farm, Albion, \$20, (260) 799-5869

Explorer Day — PBS Fort Wayne gives kids hands-on learning through a day packed with educational activities, games, and performances, **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 18,** Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 484-8839

Besties Brunch — Fort Wayne Youtheatre fundraiser features bottomless mimosas and Bloody Marys, brunch buffet, vendors, entertainment, **10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 18,** Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$75, (260) 422-6900

Macknificent Freedom Fest — June-teenth celebration features informational booths, vendors, food trucks, children's activities, live music by Midnight Mimosas, **2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 18,**

McMillen Community Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-2420

Outdoor Showing of *The Incredibles* — Food truck, activities, and trivia will precede showing of movie, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 18,** Sweets So Geek, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 312-5758

Rocket Launch — Come and watch, or bring your own rockets and motors to launch using club equipment, **1:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 19,** Concordia Seminary Soccer Fields, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 710-6976

JeFFFest — Family friendly event featuring live music, art, crafts, and food vendors serves as finale to Huntington County Heritage Days, **5:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, June 19,** Downtown Huntington, free admission, (260) 358-0055

Old Settlers' Days — Festival including antique tractor drive, Pickleball and corn hole tournaments, tractor pulls, drag racing, amusement rides, and live music, **5-10 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 21-22, and Friday, June 24; 1-10 p.m. Thursday, June 23; and Saturday, June 25,** downtown Columbia City, free-\$25

Three Rivers Fruit Growers Club — Learn about planning for, planting, and growing fruit, **6 p.m. Tuesday, June 21,** Broadview Landscaping & Nursery, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 341-2287

Breakfast with Butterflies — VIP experience includes a personalized visit with exotic butterflies, a craft and a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit, and beverage, **9-10 a.m. Saturday, June 25,** Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$30, (260) 427-6000

Garden Walk & Plant Sale — Annual event offering a wide assortment of plants including annuals, perennials, and indoor plants, and prizes, **10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 25,** Purdue Extension-Al-len County, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 481-6826

River Rangers — Outdoor learning program designed for kids ages 5-12 with alternative STEM and nature-related topics, **10-11 a.m. every Thursday until Aug. 25,** Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

Story Time at the Park — Air, sunshine, and children's literature, **10-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 31,** Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 436-8080

FARMERS MARKETS

Allen County Marketplace — Monthly open air market at offering refurbished furniture, jewelry, artwork, pottery, soaps, home décor, produce, plants, and food trucks, **9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8,** Huntertown Family Park, Huntertown, (260) 873-3481

Downtown Wabash Farmers Market — Produce, meats, dairy products, home goods, plants, and arts, **8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays through Sept. 24,** downtown Wabash, (260) 563-1102

Fort Wayne's Farmers Market — Farm foods, baked goods, homemade natural items, and unique works from regional artisans, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays,** McCulloch Park, Fort Wayne, (260) 427-6000

Monroeville Farmers Market — Food trucks, in season produce, food, and crafts, **11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays through**

September, Cornerstone Youth Center, Monroeville, (260) 445-4396

Parlor City Market — Homemade, homegrown, and handmade goods from local vendors, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 17,** Parlor City Plaza, Bluffton, (260) 824-0510

Salomon Farmers Market — Fresh produce, baked goods, and artisan goods from local growers and makers, **4-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Sept. 7,** Salomon Farm Park, Fort Wayne, (260) 427-6790

Southside Farmers Market — Fort Wayne's oldest, continuously operated farmers market features fresh produce, eggs, meats, baked goods, jewelry, tea, and a snack counter, **8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 17,** 3300 Warsaw St., Fort Wayne

YJNI Farmers Market — Produce, baked goods, jewelry, honey, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays,** Berry and Barr streets, Fort Wayne

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

Greek Fest — 42nd annual festival returns to Headwaters Park to celebrate Greek culture with food, music, and dancing, **11 a.m.-11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 23-25,** Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, free 11 a.m.-4 p.m., (260) 422-7625

Ossian Freedom Fest — Live music, food, games for kids, and fireworks at dusk, **5:30 p.m.-dusk Thursday, June 23,** Ossian Health Communities, Ossian, free, (260) 622-7821

Wild Walkers — Biweekly adult hiking group that explores northeast Indiana, **8:30-10 a.m. Friday, June 24,** Deetz Nature Preserve, New Haven, free, (260) 427-6000

Leo-Cedarville Foundation Freedom Festival — Two-day festival features music, a collector car show, vendors, a playground, splash pad, and fireworks, **5-9 p.m. Friday, June 24; and 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, June 25,** Riverside Gardens Park, Leo-Cedarville, free, leocedarvillefoundation@gmail.com

Flow the St. Joe — Paddle from Spencerville to Leo-Cedarville, **9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 25,** Riverside Gardens Park, Leo-Cedarville, \$15-25, leocedarvillefoundation@gmail.com

Fort Wayne PUGfest — Parade, vendors, races, and contests like biggest and smallest pug, costume, and curliest tail, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 25,** Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 483-1111

Pride Fair — Live music, food trucks, activities, and organizations serving the LGBTQ+ community will be on hand, as well as a look at Fort Wayne Pride's new Pride Center, **12:30 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 25,** Plymouth Congregational Church, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 423-9424

Wildwood Park Home and Garden Tour — Includes 12 homes and three gardens, plus music, arts and crafts, food trucks, and a free trolley, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June 26,** ARCH, Wildwood Park neighborhood, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 426-5117

Fort Wayne Record Show — Shop thousands of records from vendors across four states, **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June**

26, Classic Cafe, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 482-2525

Save Maumee Fundraiser — Annual fundraiser with live music, dancers, food trucks, games, raffle, and fire performance group Pyroscope, **1-8 p.m. Sunday, June 26,** The Phoenix, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 417-2500

Grandma's Boy, High and Dizzy — Clark Wilson plays Grande Page Pipe Organ alongside 1922 film *Grandma's Boy* and 1920's *High and Dizzy*, both starring Harold Lloyd, **3 p.m. Sunday, June 26,** Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

Chess on the Riverfront — Basic chess instruction and friendly competition, **Noon-6 p.m. Sunday, June 26,** Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

Tales & Trails — Hear a tale and hike a trail with your preschooler to discover the natural wonders around you, **10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 28,** Merry Lea, Luckey's Landing, Albion, free, (260) 799-5869

Tunes & Trucks — Live music from Jon Durnell Band, entertainment, food trucks, and raffle prizes, **5-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 29,** Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 744-0998

Orchard Workshop: Summer Pruning — Learn various skills and tips on tree care and then apply these skills and practice pruning various fruit trees, **9-11 a.m. Thursday, June 30,** Merry Lea Sustainable Farm, Albion, \$15, (260) 799-5869

JULY

Strawberries in the Park — An evening of strawberry shortcake, story times, music, games, and face painting, **5-8 p.m. Friday, July 1,** Eckhart Public Library, Auburn, \$10, (260) 925-2414

Summer Fest: Independence Day Celebration — New Haven celebration will feature a parade at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, entertainment, food vendors, and children's activities, **6-9 p.m. Friday, July 1; 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 2,** Schnelker Park, New Haven, free, (260) 748-7000

Miami Indian Heritage Days: Miami Beadwork w/Katrina Mitten — Learn about the lasting heritage of the Miami and other regional Native American groups through local artists, performers, and presenters, **1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 2,** Chief Richardville House, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 426-2882

Healing Hands Night Market — Along with vendors, the event features live art, henna, live glass blowing, food trucks, fire spinners, **5 p.m.-midnight Saturday, July 2,** Healing Hands Spa & Boutique, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 459-4325

Glizzy Guzzler — Hot dog eating contest with cash prizes, **2-3 p.m. Sunday, July 3,** Summit City Brewwerks, Fort Wayne, \$25 to enter, (260) 420-0222

Moonshot: A Home Run Celebration — Reception with cocktails, complimentary beverages, and food, with VIP seating for the Patriotic Pops concert at 8:30 p.m., followed by a party, **5:30-11 p.m. Sunday, July 3,** Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, \$200, (260) 481-0777

Drum Camp — Two sessions for beginner to intermediate skill levels for those 10 years old and up to sharpen skills under guidance of drummer Larry Ford, **9**

a.m.-noon Wednesday-Friday, July 6-8; 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, July 6-8, Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, \$149, (260) 407-3833

Bee the Change — Activity that offers a positive reflection of self-worth and potential for positive impact in the community, **5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 7,** Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conserva-tory, Fort Wayne, \$1, (260) 427-6440

Wild Walkers — Biweekly adult hiking group that explores northeast Indiana, **8:30-10 a.m. Friday, July 8,** Merry Lea Learning Center, Albion, free, (260) 427-6000

Three Rivers Festival — Fort Wayne's largest festival features rides, concerts, and nightly activities, as well as Art in the Park and Children's Fest, **11 a.m.-11 p.m. July 8-16,** Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 422-7625

Emporium at Three Rivers Festival — Support local artists and crafters, while finding unique food, jewelry, soaps, clothing, and home decor, **4-9 p.m. Friday, July 8; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 9-10; 5-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 11-14; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 15-16,** Headwaters Park East, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 426-5556

Angola Balloons Aloft — Hot air balloon festival featuring 30 balloons, a classic car show, helicopter rides, and food vendors, **5:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday, July 8; 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, July 9; 7 a.m. Sunday, July 10,** Angola High School, Angola, free, (260) 665-5386

Auburn Shifters Car Club Car Show — Check out large collection of classic and muscle cars, **8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, July 9,** DeKalb Outdoor Theater, Auburn, free, auburnshifters@gmail.com

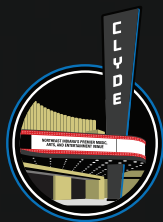
Book Signing: *Anything But Net ... I Never Shot Sports* — Local photographer Randy Jackson will sign his book of photos featuring the Mad Ants, downtown Fort Wayne, and Mastodons on Parade, **10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, July 9,** Visit Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-3700

Sunday Singles Brunch — Opportunity for those 40 years of age and older to go on 18 successive dates, along with brunch and a mimosa, followed by a downtown bike ride, **1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 10,** Pedal City, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 415-6167

Oliver Twist — Clark Wilson plays Grand Page Pipe Organ alongside 1922 silent film starring Lon Chaney and Jackie Coogan, **3 p.m. Sunday, July 10,** Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

BASEBALL

TinCaps — Upcoming home games at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne
Tuesday, June 21, vs. Great Lakes, **7:05 p.m.***
Wednesday, June 22, vs. Great Lakes, **7:05 p.m.**
Thursday, June 23, vs. Great Lakes, **7:05 p.m.***
Friday, June 24, vs. Great Lakes, **7:05 p.m.***
Saturday, June 25, vs. Great Lakes, **6:35 p.m.***
Sunday, June 26, vs. Great Lakes, **1:05 p.m.**
Monday, July 4, vs. Lake County, **6:05 p.m.***
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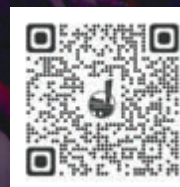
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