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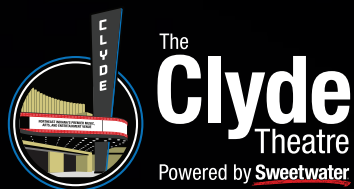
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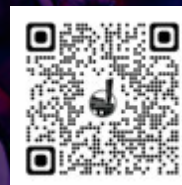
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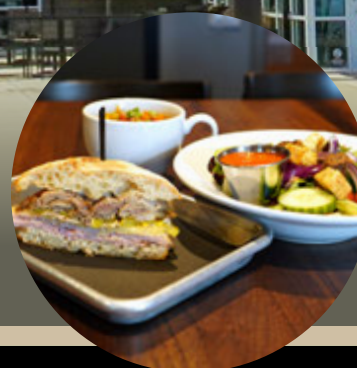
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# Catch reunited Flecktones at Clyde

*Béla Fleck performing with original lineup during 6-show June tour*

BY WHEAT WILLIAMS

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

How can we describe one of the most unusual musical groups you'll ever see?

What you'll see when the original lineup of Bela Fleck & The Flecktones visit The Clyde Theatre on Saturday, June 10, is tough to put into words, but here goes.

## LOOKING FOR NEW SOUND

In 1988, 30-year-old maverick banjo player Béla Fleck was at the top of the bluegrass world. He was determined to "take the banjo to galaxies unknown" as his collaborator Victor Wooten would later put it.

Evolving from the 19th-century Scotch-Irish Appalachian folk music called old-time string-band music, bluegrass came into being in the World War II era through its godfather, mandolinist Bill Monroe. By the early 1970s, a new generation of pickers with a decidedly hippie outlook, led by mandolinist Sam Bush and his band New Grass Revival, were pushing the boundaries.

Totally lacking any Appalachian working-class pedigree, Fleck grew up in New York and broke out in Boston in the late '70s. In 1981, Bush invited him into the second lineup of New Grass Revival. These virtuosos were a country-song-oriented vocal band known for tightly composed songs. Their main concession to tradition was that they didn't use drums.

In 1988, as the band was winding down, Fleck, now in Nashville, Tennessee, was itching to create a new sound open to all the progressive elements he could shoehorn into it. He wanted his own band of truly unique players. It would be strictly instrumental with longer pieces and extended improvisation, crossing over into jazz and funk, and featuring drums. He commissioned an electric banjo he could sonically treat like a rock guitar and went looking for the most unusual non-bluegrass players he could find.

## FORMING THE BAND

Fleck recruited Howard Levy, a classically trained keyboardist who had 20 years before developed an incredible facility on the harmonica. Now, your basic harmonica plays only the seven diatonic notes in one key, not all 12 chromatic notes found on other instruments.

A blues player carries a suitcase of harmonicas tuned to different keys and switches among them for each song. Levy, however, invented a technique where he could overblow and bend the pitches to get all 12 notes out of a standard seven-note harmonica, enabling his melodies to go anywhere that jazz or classical music required. Nobody else could play that way.



COURTESY PHOTO

The original lineup of Béla Fleck & The Flecktones will be at The Clyde Theatre on June 10.

## BÉLA FLECK & THE FLECKTONES

8 p.m. Saturday, June 10

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The two members that completed the Flecktones were brothers from a family band that put out a single R&B album in the mid-80s which went nowhere.

Bass guitarist Victor Wooten was eking out a living playing restrained backup for singers in Nashville clubs. He could slay audiences with devastating, rapid-fire funk: slapping, arpeggiated chord progressions, tapping, harmonics, every trick known to bass players and then some. He developed an original up-and-down-picking technique using his thumb. What blew Fleck away is that Victor could play three-fingered banjo rolls on his bass. Much shredding would ensue.

Rounding it out was percussionist Roy "Future Man" Wooten. He had invented his own electronic instrument by gluing small trigger pads onto a guitar-shaped synthesizer, connecting cables to drum machines that he played live by tapping on the triggers with his fingertips.

## SOLO PROJECTS

Béla Fleck & The Flecktones released their self-titled debut album in 1990. On the tail end of the jazz fusion and new-age movement, the band rapidly built a following, blasting through boundaries, categories, and genres. They played Jay Leno's *Tonight Show* and *The Arsenio Hall Show*, opened for the band Chicago, and blew away every jazz festival crowd they got in front of.

The quartet lasted for a three-album run until Levy left in 1992. The Flecktones continued as

a banjo power trio for a few albums and then added a saxophone player. Levy would return for their 10th studio album in 2011. They won four Grammy awards along the way.

The Flecktones, it turns out, were a springboard for the members to go off into other projects, particularly Fleck and Victor Wooten.

Fleck spun out a prolific career not only guesting with jazz players but also classical musicians like bassist Edgar Meyer and Indian tabla player Zakir Hussain. He composed orchestral music, including ground-breaking concertos. Of course he was drawn back to acoustic bluegrass. He married singer and banjo phenomenon Abigail Washburn, forming a duet in life and art that could well be the founding of a dynasty.

Victor Wooten quickly became established as a musician's musician virtuoso, praised by famous players before him, such as the great Marcus Miller, Stanley Clarke, and Bootsy Collins. He's put out a string of solo albums and collaborations with innovative bassists like fretless jazzier Steve Bailey and rapper Divinity Roxx, but his life's work is teaching. He travels the country and the world, always coming back to his Bass Nature Camp every summer where students from all over the country convene to study and jam. Whenever the schedule permits, he tours with his siblings as the Wooten Brothers.

Flecktones reunions are rare and brief. Don't miss this opportunity to hear some amazing music that words just can't describe, played by an unlikely collection of misfits who ever locked into the tightest ensemble you've ever heard.

"The band is a creative idealistic project, one that somehow connects with people in a profound way," Fleck has said. "Nothing about any of that has changed in over 30 years. The Flecktones are touring for the sheer love of playing and celebrating our friendship."





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Along with music, there will be plenty of other activities at Solfest. COURTESY PHOTO

School of Rock returns to Solfest this year at Metea County Park on Saturday, June 10.

# Sun shining on county parks thanks to Solfest

## Music festival moving to Metea Park to raise money for trails, trees

BY JOSHUA SCHIPPER  
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Following its triumphant return last summer, Solfest has set its sights on raising money for county parks and a day packed with stellar music and a variety of activities.

Following year's at Fox Island County Park, the event was moved to Parkview Field in 2022.

This year's festival will move again as Fox Island recovers from a severe storm last year, taking place on Saturday, June 10, at Metea County Park from 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

### WELL-KNOWN LOCAL BANDS

This marks the second year Sarah Loshe and Josh Wiley have organized the event, taking over after the festival's hiatus between 2019 and 2021. Proceeds generated from ticket sales will go to funding Metea Park and Fox Island.

"They only have three employees at both parks," Loshe said in an interview with *Whatzup*. "So in total, they only have six county employees among the two county parks. Most people don't know that. So they need all the help they can get. They don't ask for it, but they can use it. And they really do rely on our support from the community for the county parks."

Loshe said that when festivalgoers arrive, they will be met with music from two stages.

Headlining the event will be local favorite

U.R.B., who describe themselves as "a mix of reggae, hip-hop, rock-n-roll, and heavy in the funk." They will take the main stage at 9 p.m.

Another notable band she pointed out is Left Lane Cruiser, which perform at 7:30 p.m. on the main stage.

Loshe said the band "was huge in Fort Wayne that left the scene. And now, I'm having them back, and everybody's really excited."

Music begins at the main stage at 11 a.m. with School of Rock, followed by Los Galaxy, Phil Schurger, Wailhounds, Grateful Groove, Moser Woods, Left Lane Cruiser, and U.R.B.

On the side stage, things are acoustic, with Patti Whitmoss kicking things off at 11 a.m., followed by Sunny Taylor, Shelly Dixon, A Picker & A Grinner, Esther Rose, Gracie Jo, Dan Dickerson & Haiden Marie, and Adam Baker.

### EVEN MORE ENTERTAINMENT

Along with a day filled with music, festivalgoers will also encounter a number of food and craft vendors through the Fort Wayne Maker's Market.

"You can start walking around and get yourself a drink from Mad Anthonys or a food truck," Loshe said. "And then you can move on through to go look at the vendors, local vendors. Everything from artists, painters, to homemade, handcrafted items for all ages."

Participants will also have the opportunity for swimming and other water-based activities as well as children's activities like face-painting and henna.

Acrobatic performers will also be on hand, as will Pyroscope with their entertaining fire shows, LED spinning, and juggling.

Donation-based kayaking provided by Earth Adventures will be available until 6 p.m.

### SOLFEST

11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, June 10

#### Main Stage

11 a.m.: School of Rock

Noon: Los Galaxy

1:30 p.m.: Phil Schurger

3 p.m.: Wailhounds

4:30 p.m.: Grateful Groove

6 p.m.: Moser Woods

7:30 p.m.: Left Lane Cruiser

9 p.m.: U.R.B.

#### Side Stage

11 a.m.: Patti Whitmoss

1 p.m.: Sunny Taylor

2:30 p.m.: Shelly Dixon

4 p.m.: A Picker & A Grinner

5:30 p.m.: Esther Rose

5:45 p.m.: Gracie Jo

7 p.m.: Dan Dickerson & Haiden Marie

8:30 p.m.: Adam Baker

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A unique childrens' activity, Loshe noted, will be the "foam party" hosted by local business Bubble Buddies.

### PASSION FOR PARKS

Loshe has a fiery passion for Allen County's parks and wants to ensure both have the resources that they need to continue serving the community.

"I have special love for both of them," she said. "No. 1, they both have a really nice lake that the kids can swim in, and there's a little beach and stuff, and that's not everywhere. But Fox Island is closed right now from the

storm devastation last year, so they're planting trees right now."

During the month of May, volunteers planted trees every Saturday in an attempt to restore and reforest Fox Island with the help of funds from Solfest 2022.

According to Loshe, while Solfest was held at Parkview Field, hosting the event at Metea Park helps show people the natural public spaces that their money benefits.

"I want people to see where we're raising money for," she said. "I want them to come and enjoy the park that we're trying to help. I want to show people where it's at. I don't want them to just give money. I want them to give money and then come see where it's going."

Loshe said that she goes to the county parks to ask them directly about their greatest needs then directs the funds generated from Solfest to fill those deficits.

This year, some of the funds will go toward park classes that teach about reforestation and how to plant and grow trees.

"We need to have classes to educate them and I want to pay the teachers," Loshe said. "That's not a thing. They're just going to be expected to do it during their hours and not get paid extra for it. ... I'm making sure that all the money that goes from the kayaks goes to Fox Island for the tree-planting education and any tools or anything that they may need towards reforestation and reopening the park."

"I like to hear their needs, I go straight to them. I go straight to (park and education manager) Natalie (Haley) at Fox Island and say, 'What do you need? How can I make your life easier?' Because they're actually on the property doing the work and making things better for the people who are there: us, the community."



# Silent film series puts pipe organ in spotlight

*Grande Page supplies music, sounds effects during Embassy shows*

BY ANTHONY GADSON  
WHATZUP EDITOR

The pipes, the pipes are calling.

A mere 95 years ago, Page Organ Company of Lima, Ohio, installed the Grande Page Pipe Organ in Embassy Theatre, known as Emboyd Theatre at the time.

As one of just three organs built of its size, the pipe organ has become iconic in Fort Wayne, leading the Embassy to showcase it whenever it can. The organ was in the spotlight during the Buddy Nolan Memorial Concert on May 20. It's next shot to shine will be when it's used for its original purpose, supplying sound to a silent film.

"When the Embassy opened up, they were doing silent films and vaudeville performances," Embassy Marketing Director Crissy Moloney said. "So, it's been a part of our history as long as we've been here, 95 years.

"It was designed to pair with silent movies," she added. "So it has all the sound effects, like the trains, the birds, and the whistles. There are 1,300 pipes, and all of them have a different sound."

Clark Wilson will be at the organ on June 11 during a screening of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. On June 25, Cletus Goens will accompany *Our Hospitality* and *One Week*. Wilson returns for the final two performances in the series, playing for *The Ten Commandments* on July 16 and *Why Worry?* and *Bumping Into Broadway* on Aug. 6.

## HEART OF THE EMBASSY

Shining during the silent-film and vaudeville era, Emboyd Theatre welcomed in the top stars of the day, including Perry Como, Lawrence Welk, Louis Armstrong, and Duke Ellington. As the "talkies" began to enter the fray, demand faded. The Emboyd was sold to Alliance Amusement Corporation and renamed Embassy Theatre.

As the organ began to take a backseat as talkies became more prevalent, Nolan was



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Silent films return to Embassy Theatre this summer with the iconic Grande Page Pipe Organ supplying the music and sound effects.

among a devout group that helped maintain "Miss Page."

Following the closure of the accompanying Indiana Hotel in 1971, the Embassy was staring demolition in the face until a group led by Robert Goldstine formed the Embassy Theatre Foundation.

The group raised \$250,000 through its Save the Embassy campaign, although the campaign might as well have been known as Save the Grand Page Pipe Organ.

"The whole reason it was saved was because of the pipe organ, because the pipe organ is actually built into the walls of the Embassy," Moloney said. "The folks that saved the Embassy were actually trying to save the pipe organ. By saving the pipe organ, they saved the Embassy. We just try to celebrate that and highlight the pipe organ with different shows, because it is very important to our history."

## NOT OUTSHINING THE MOVIE

Someone well aware of the historic and musical significance of the pipe organ is Goens, who has been playing it since 1983 and calls it "a one-man orchestra."

"It's a sound like no other," he said. "It was one of the Page company's largest. They built three that were the size of ours. One went into a broadcasting station in Chicago. The other went into (Avalon Theatre in the Catalina Casino) on Catalina Island in California."

What makes the pipe organ so special is how much it can do through its more than 1,100 pipes that range between 16 feet and 7 inches. Along with music, players also push buttons for sound effects.

"It's loads of fun," Goens said. "You do have to prepare. By the time I score a film for a public audience, I have spent hours watching that

## SILENT FILM SERIES

**THE HUNCHBACK NOTRE DAME**

3 p.m. Sunday, June 11

**OUR HOSPITALITY AND ONE WEEK**

3 p.m. Sunday, June 25

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

3 p.m. Sunday, July 16

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film, learning where the cues are, where the pratfalls are, where the suspenseful moments are. For all intents and purposes, I try to use period-friendly music. I may not use music from exactly that year. I don't necessarily use the original score, because in many cases, the score is not always available. I do all of my own scoring work."

Although the pipe organ is a star, Goens says it should not be *the* star.

"The movie is the star," he said. "My accompaniment should be under the movie and supporting the movie all the way through."

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

To get whisked back in time, tickets for the silent films are just \$10, which includes a small popcorn. Even better, members get in free, as do those 12 and under and those 65 and older.

*The Hunchback of Notre Dame* is a 1923 film starring Lon Chaney as Quasimodo. The renowned Chaney went on to star in *The Phantom of the Opera*, while his son, Lon Chaney Jr., became a horror genre icon.

"On June 25, we're going to do a Grandparents Day so people can bring their grandchildren and hopefully cultivate that memory that they will want to keep coming back," Moloney said.

If you do make the day a family affair at the Embassy, Goens will play Miss Page alongside the 1923 comedy *Our Hospitality*, starring Buster Keaton. Keaton also stars in *One Week*, which will precede *Our Hospitality*.

"*Our Hospitality* is actually a long film, it's a full feature. It's 75 minutes," Goens said. "That's a lot of notes on a keyboard. So, I have to know where the film goes, what the main themes and sub-themes are throughout."

Cecil B. DeMille's 1923 film *The Ten Commandments* will be shown on July 16. The grandiose Biblical film cost Paramount \$600,000 to make, but was its highest-grossing film until DeMille's 1949 film *Samson and Delilah*.

The series closes with another short preceding the feature, with *Bumping Into Broadway* leading into the comedy *Why Worry?* starring Harold Lloyd.

"We try to pick movies that have some popularity and throw one in that has a cult following," he said.

While the movies are the stars, the Grande Page Pipe Organ will also be shining. And if you have not had the pleasure of hearing it in all its glory, here's your chance.

"There's a common phrase in the pipe organ world, and that is, 'An organ always sounds its best in the building it was designed for.' I will absolutely agree with that," Goens said. "I don't know if you can take the Embassy organ out of the Embassy and put it in another building, I don't care where that building is, and make it sound as good as it does right there in its original home."



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On Saturday, June 10, from 5-11 p.m., the second annual Connor Brite's Wildflowers Benefit Concert will take place at the Madison Street Plaza in Decatur.

The fundraiser will be fun for the whole family with food trucks, beverages, raffles, and live music by **Ethan Corral, School of Rock Fort Wayne**, and **Good Night Gracie**.



## Out and About

NICK BRAUN

Proceeds will benefit Connor Brite's Wildflowers, a nonprofit organization created to provide music lessons in Adams County and to teach our youth that music never dies.

The program is a loving tribute to Connor Brite who was one of three young men tragically killed by an impaired driver on June 7, 2020. He was only 22.

The loss of the three Belmont High School alums left the Decatur community devastated. One of the things that survived the accident was Brite's favorite CD, Tom Petty's *Wildflowers*, which is a good representation of his musical taste. In fact, his first concert was seeing Petty while in the sixth grade, which led him to more concert adventures down the way.

To honor Brite's deep love for music, his family, friends, and supporters in his hometown created the Wildflowers program.

As a matter of fact, the program opened its doors this month and provides kids in the 5th-12th grade with introductory lessons on guitar, drums, and piano/keyboards. This session of lessons will run for five months before taking a short break and picking back up.

The best thing about it is that the lessons are provided at no cost to the students, thanks to community donations, T-shirts sales, and the annual benefit concert.

The lessons are conducted Monday-Thursday in Room 406 at the Merit Center in Decatur. Instructors include Teri Morningstar and Sydney Sanderson for guitar, Curt Rash for drums, and Debbie Christian on piano. Together, they run half-hour lessons that you don't necessarily have to bring your own instrument to. Not only are the lessons free, but the organization has instruments students can take home for practicing during the duration of the program. That works out perfectly for families in low-income circumstances who can't afford to rent or buy instruments.

If you follow Connor Brite's Wildflowers on Facebook,



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**Curt Rash offers instruction as part of Connor Brite's Wildflowers program in Decatur.**



**Connor Brite**

then you probably have seen them shopping at Sweetwater Sound a few weeks ago for instruments, so you know they have some instruments of worth.

"We have a number of people that are helping to get the program on the ground," said Jeff Brite, Connor Brite's father. "It's a work in progress, and we are continuing to come

up with new ideas and learn along the way.

"One thing is for certain. The kids are excited and the instructors are really enjoying themselves, which is one of the most fulfilling things."

Again, the program is just taking off, but as long as students have the desire to learn music and teachers are willing to guide them, the sky is the limit.

They hope to expand the program in the future. For now, it's about keeping Brite's spirit alive through his love for music.

So come out June 10 to show your support and take in some great live music. In case the weather doesn't cooperate, the event will be moved indoors to the Riverside Center at 231 E. Monroe St., Decatur

For more info on the program or how to donate, go to [cjbwildflowers.com](http://cjbwildflowers.com).

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# Artists get chance to aid neighborhoods

The Fort Wayne Public Art Commission is seeking proposals from artists for Phase 1 of a pilot program called Shout-Out: Fort Wayne! The artists would work collaboratively with two neighborhood association leaders and residents to express a story, idea, or characteristic of each neighborhood through temporary public art installations.



## News and Venues

JEN POIRY PROUGH

Shout-Out: Fort Wayne! was created to empower neighborhoods to develop and activate their unique identities through public art. The program creates opportunities for inclusion, engagement, education, and dialogue between neighborhood residents through a deeply participatory program.

The emphasis for Phase 1 is on neighborhood engagement and temporary art installations rather than artistic skill. The selected artist will demonstrate experience working productively with diverse groups of people in the imagination, creation, and installation stages of projects. Community engagement is the objective for the entire process rather than being limited to idea input at the beginning. The artist will work with individual neighborhood association leaders to select a set of engagement activities that align with resident interests and aspirations for temporary art installations.

For more details on the application process, selection criteria, and proposal submission, go online to fwcommunitydevelopment.org.

## Seated scooters available downtown

Veo has added 100 seated scooters for people to rent in addition to the stand-up electric scooters that have been available for years.

The seated scooters are here for a one-year trial, according to Nick Jarrell, manager of Right of Way & Landscape Services for Fort Wayne.

The scooters can be ridden only on the street in a bike lane. Just like the stand-up scooters, they are limited to a top speed of 12 mph, and riders must be 18 or older.

Police will stop riders who are seen driving recklessly.

## Citilink wants to help you get to work

Citilink has partnered with Commute with Enterprise to give individuals an easier commute to work.

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great solution to lowering transportation costs and wear and tear on your vehicle and increasing your ability to accept employment.

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## Late Night Basketball returns June 3

The Fort Wayne United Late Night Basketball Initiative, in partnership with the Renaissance Pointe YMCA, provides a safe, structured, and empowering environment for youth and young adults while exposing them to much more than basketball.

Males, ages 16-25, are invited from 8-11 p.m. each Saturday in June and August to Renaissance Pointe YMCA, 2323 Bowser Ave., to play basketball, engage with local leaders, and take advantage of opportunities like employment and record expungement.

## YLN Farmers Market sets evening hours

Beginning June 7, the YLN Farmers Market, which operates on Saturdays at Berry and Barr streets, will add a Wednesday evening market in the courtyard of the History Center, 302 E. Berry St.

Hours will be from 4-7 p.m. through Aug. 30.

Vendors will be on hand along with food trucks and local musicians. Street parking will be available.

## Get a workout in during Germanfest

Germanfest week kicks off Wednesday, June 7, at 7 p.m. with the Germanfest 5K, a family event that starts and ends inside Lawton Park.

After the race, take your race bib to the entrance for the Germanfest to gain one free entrance for each bib.

## Carroll offers performing arts camp

The Carroll High School Performing Arts Department will hold a kids' performing arts camp June 19-21 from 9-11 a.m. for students entering grades 3-8.

The camp will focus on singing, dancing, and acting with a live performance on the main stage to cap off the event. Attendees will learn from the performing arts teachers at Carroll High School as well as their students.

Registration is \$70 and includes snacks and a T-shirt.

To register, go to carrollshowchoirs.org/kids-camp.

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# Union 12 brings people together

You can't be all things to all people, but **Union 12**, 7563 E. Lincolnway Road, near the line separating Allen and Whitley counties, is trying. It's a part reception hall, part wedding venue, and part pop-up food truck park.

"We do anything from weddings to corporate events to birthday parties and anything like that," event and marking manager Courtney Hile said. "We have public events, we do sip and shop events, and we just hosted our first adult prom."

By thinking outside the box, Union 12 has created a unique resource for the area.

"We just brainstormed as a team and thought of things that would bring in different crowds," Hile said. "Something that isn't being done in the community or to honor people."

Now in its third season, their Wednesday evening summer food truck festival stretches to Aug. 16.

"We have food trucks, a live band, an open bar, shopping vendors, and theme nights through the summer," Hile said.

From 5:30-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, a half-dozen trucks or so park at the property. I'm told each week has a different collection of trucks. There will always be a dessert option or two.

That includes nights specifically designed for first responders and teachers. They even engage kids with events devoted to superheroes and pets. One night is set for family portraits.

Hile says what happens is a rich cross-section of personalities and local vendors

"My favorite part is having a community event that everyone can come to. It brings out different people because of the different theme nights."

## Visit Royville for food trucks, music at teds

Speaking of food trucks and live music, **teds beerhall's** Food Truck Thursday is off to a strong start, running through Sept. 14 in Royville. That's a little sliver of land around Coldwater and Union Chapel roads.

Coming up at teds, 12628 Coldwater Road, on June 1 will be Basketcase supplying music at 6:30 p.m., while Alto Grado, Banh Mi, Flora & Lilly, One Love, The Brown House, Whip & Chill, and Who Cut the Cheese food trucks are slated to be there.

## Enjoy food while helping animals

In Albion, Black Pine Animal Sanctuary's Hot Summer Nights will bring food trucks together from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, June 2.

Enjoy great entertainment and food and benefit programs for rescued and rehabilitated animals.

## Ivy Tech food truck begins operating June 6

Ivy Tech Community College's Grasshopper Food Truck begins its summer schedule June 7 and continues through July 27 at its North Anthony campus.

Operating from the north parking lot — that's the one facing Coliseum Boulevard — lunch is served Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The truck is open for dinner Thursday evenings from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

## Rise 'n Roll gets national attention

It's hardly a secret how good **Rise 'n Roll Bakery** doughnuts are. We've been chowing down on them for quite a while.

Now, they are getting national attention from The Underground Donut Tour, which scouts the best doughnuts in the country.

Hot off the presses, the 2023 "America's Greatest Donut" campaign awarded the bakery chain in nine of 22 categories with the cinnamon caramel doughnut as the overall fan favorite. The bakery also won top honors for the greatest cake doughnut (red velvet), greatest cream-filled doughnut (Boston cream), greatest jelly-filled doughnut (old fashioned), greatest unique flavor doughnut (mocha), greatest unique topping doughnuts (crunch delights), and greatest yeast doughnut (cinnamon caramel).

By the way, you can grab a free cinnamon caramel doughnut on National Doughnut Day, Friday, June 2.

## Rail Experience set to depart in Angola

The **Indiana Rail Experience** gets into full swing this summer with several food-oriented excursions.

The schedule includes the Donuts and Dad's Train and Summer BBQ Train on June 17 and the Ice Cream Train June 24 and July 16. There are also excursions including wine and chocolate and wine and whiskey.

Trips depart from Angola Depot, 611 W. Maumee St.

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## Quick Hit LOCAL EVENT

### ZACHARIAH SMITH

7:30 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 3 · HONEYWELL CENTER, WABASH

Millions of fans watched as Wabash native Zachariah Smith came up just a bit short of the title of *American Idol* winner this year. So, it is with great anticipation that The Honeywell Center hosts his return home on Saturday, June 3.

Smith started his career at a young age by singing and attending various Honeywell Arts & Entertainment youth programs,

so this will be an extra special return.

Amazing versions of "Don't Bring Me Down," "Ironie," and "Wanted Dead or Alive" endeared him to the masses on the show, and now Smith will command the hometown stage once again to the delight of those who knew him "back then" and those who have just discovered his incredible singing talent. — *Chris Hupe*



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# Embark on musical journey with Howlin' Hounds' Quentin Wright

*Warsaw native's passion lands him in ALT Spotlight*

BY SHELBY PRICE  
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

A new Midwest country band has landed themselves in Fort Wayne.

The Howlin' Hounds are a mix of country, rock n' roll, and indie music.

One of the members, Quentin Wright (guitar/harmonica/vocals), spoke with *Whatzup* about his upbringings and his musical journey since he's featured in the ALT 99.5FM/102.3FM Homegrown Spotlight. You can catch his interview with DJ Zack Skyler at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, and Sunday, June 4.

## BORN TO ROCK

Born and raised in Warsaw, Wright grew up in a household of music.

"I first got into music because of my dad," he said. "He is a die-hard Kiss fan, and I grew up learning what rock and roll was. My grandpa raised me on old Hank (Williams) Sr. songs. I really love Brian Wilson (of The Beach Boys) and Paul McCartney (of The Beatles). All of these artists have unique and creative songwriting, and I hold them very close to my heart.

"I've been writing songs since I was in fourth grade and have been playing instruments since fifth grade," he added. "My main instruments are guitar and harmonica!"

Wright added that being raised on a farm called for lots of memories of playing music outdoors. I'm not sure if farm animals are the best critics, but I'm positive they are good listeners.

## STEPPING UP HIS GAME

Wright lives his life surrounded by music.

He works at Sweetwater as a music store sales engineer and says the job has played a large part in his journey.

"When I first moved up here, I felt like a small fish in a big pond,"



COURTESY PHOTO

The latest entry into the ALT Homegrown Spotlight is Quentin Wright. He can be seen performing solo or front his band, The Howlin' Hounds.

## ALT HOMEGROWN SPOTLIGHT

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he said. "I quickly learned how to step up my game in writing, playing, and performing. I gained the kind of life experience you don't ask for and went through hard times that made me a better composer as well as a person."

## PLAYING AT PORCHFEST

The Howlin' Hounds have some shows coming up, including PorchFest in the Williams Woodland Park Neighborhood on Saturday, June 3. For more information on this event, check out our last issue where we feature a story all about PorchFest!

The Howlin' Hounds also plan to release their first EP, *Midwest Sound*, in early July with a full-length album expected to follow in August.

Make sure to follow them on social media to stay up to date with all of their upcoming projects.

Being a newer band, finding your voice and style can be challenging. It's clear to me that The Howlin' Hounds are excited and passionate to continue defining their sound while also exploring multiple genres.

## CREATING HIS OWN SOUND

While Wright has been making music his whole life, in 2022 he released his own five-song EP, *imperfect Paradise*.

He describes his music as, "Combining sounds from old and new, the music has a sound when you hear it sounds familiar but brand new."

Wright originally had a group named Quentin Wright and His Howlin' Hounds.

I asked him to give me some insight on when this project changed and why.

"The Howlin' Hounds is my dream project, because I'm finally making the music I've always wanted to create," he said. "I'm not trying to be anyone or sound like a specific artist. I am just being me, and because of that, the music is more real and you can tell from the songs!"

"The band members change pretty frequently, depending on recording or show dates. I would say the name changed when I found out that it was easier to write out "The Howlin' Hounds" instead of the full name. I do go back and forth on it depending on the show though, which does make it a little confusing sometimes haha."

Wright has big plans ahead and I am very excited to see where his music takes him next.

Make sure to check him out at PorchFest and be on the lookout for more music to come from Wright.

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**Gary Owen** — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$40-\$50, (260) 844-8444

**Studi07 Open Mic Comedy** — 8:30 p.m., Studi07, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 312-0964

### FRIDAY, JUNE 2

**Gary Owen** — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$40-\$50, (260) 844-8444

### SATURDAY, JUNE 3

**Gary Owen** — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$40-\$50, (260) 844-8444

**Improv Comedy Show** — 8 p.m., Broken Pencil Improv, Studi07, Fort Wayne, \$6, (260) 312-0964

**Max Price & Alisha Coley** — 7:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

**Jen Kober** — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$35, (260) 844-8444

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

**Open Mic Comedy Night** — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 844-8444

### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

**Jordan Jensen** — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$30, (260) 844-8444

**Studi07 Open Mic Comedy** — 8:30 p.m., Studi07, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 312-0964

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9

**Bored Teachers Comedy Tour** — 7:30 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35, (260) 747-0989

**Jordan Jensen** — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$30, (260) 844-8444

### SATURDAY, JUNE 10

**Davi Crimmins** — 7:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$50, (260) 426-6339

**Jordan Jensen** — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$30, (260) 844-8444

### SUNDAY, JUNE 11

**Jeff Leeson** — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

**Open Mic Comedy Night** — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 844-8444

### THURSDAY, JUNE 15

**Jamie Kennedy** — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$33, (260) 844-8444

**Studi07 Open Mic Comedy** — 8:30 p.m., Studi07, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 312-0964

## Live Music LOCAL CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, JUNE 1

**Alicia Pyle & The Locals** — Jazz, 11:30 a.m., Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 427-6000

**Basketcase** — Acoustic variety, 6:30 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

**Ethan William Bowers** — Americana, 8 p.m., The Green Frog Inn, Fort Wayne, no cover, 260-426-1088

**Funk/Jazz Open Jam** — 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6336

**Gary Allan & Tracy Lawrence** — Country, 7:30 p.m., Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$39-\$149, (260) 427-6715

**Lysaght & McRae** — Acoustic variety, 6-9 p.m., Chance Bar, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 449-9099

**The Haggens** — Country, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

**Reload** — Rock, 6 p.m., Monroeville Community Park, Monroeville, Free, (260) 615-3352

**The DeeBee's** — Variety, 6 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, no cover

**Tronic Thursdays** — EDM, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

**Violent J w/Ouija Macc, Esham** — Hip-Hop, 7:45 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$60, (260) 492-6064

**Whoa, Nellie** — Variety, 8:30 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

### FRIDAY, JUNE 2

**Austin Marsh** — Singer-songwriter, 6-7 p.m., Olive Twist, Auburn, no cover, (260)-333-0866

**Whoa, Man!** — Variety, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

**Chris Hambrick** — Variety, 7 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

**Ezyah w/CaseyTheKid, Swindle, Rook, KhamarryDrake** — Hip-Hop, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 492-6064

**Head Games** — Foreigner tribute, 7:30 p.m., Fountain Park, Van Wert, OH, Free, (419) 238-6722

**Jackson Vibe** — Variety, 6 p.m., Downtown Fort Wayne, The Porch Off Calhoun, Fort Wayne, Free

**James Baker Trio** — Jazz, 6:30 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 444-5898

**Marena Moonflower** — Variety, 7 p.m., Studi07, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 312-0964

**Mud Creek** — Variety, 5 p.m., Chain O'Lakes Festival, Noble County Circuit Courthouse, Albion, Free

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

**Pomegranate Whiskey Band** — Variety, 8 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

**Ron Rumbaugh** — Variety, 6 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, no cover

**Sunglasses at Night** — 80s, 8 p.m., Boardwalk Grill, Celina, OH, no cover, (567) 510-5012

**Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy** — Jazz, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

### SATURDAY, JUNE 3

**Adam Baker** — Acoustic variety, 12:30 p.m., Porchfest, Fort Wayne, \$15

**Big Dick & The Penetrators** — Classic rock, 8 p.m., Redwood Inn, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-7543

**U.R.B.** — Groove, 8-11 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

**James Baker Trio** — Jazz, 6:30 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 444-5898

**Joy Ride** — Variety, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 296, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 456-2988

**Kyle Hamilton** — DJ, 8 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

**Pete Dio & The Old and Dirty w/The My Ways** — Honky tonk, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

**Pharohound w/Persevere, Voice of Syllas, Seventh Crown** — Metal, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064



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The 2023 Van Wert Peony Festival is chock full of events for the whole family at Fountain Park. Taking place June 2-4, music entertainment includes appearances by Head Games: A Tribute to Foreigner on Friday night, Sunny Taylor on Saturday at 1 p.m. and the Will Freed Band at 7 p.m. The always popular Peony Festival Car Show takes place Friday night, while Saturday features the Grande Parade at 5 p.m., Street Outlaw Style Power Wheel Drags, a fishing derby and a bike rodeo. Of course, amusement rides will be available throughout for those seeking that type of



entertainment and plenty of carnival food and drinks. Finish things up Sunday with the all-day Pretty Porches contest and the third annual Burnout Contest at Van Wert Cinemas. — *Chris Hupe*



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Meet R. Weidner, author of *Awakening Dusk* (*Wings of Change Book 1*), at Half Price Books in Fort Wayne from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 3. Weidner will be available to talk about the book and sign copies. Purchase one and discover Raden Wade as he navigates the elven kingdom of Enicia, eventually crossing paths with Leoni, sister of

the House of Time. A world overflowing with giants, face-stealing shape shifters, betrayal, politics, and adventure around every corner, Amazon calls the story “riveting” and “beautifully written.” Without a doubt it will keep you turning pages at a blistering pace and leave you eager for the next installment in the series. — *Chris Hupe*

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**The Four Horsemen: A Tribute to Metallica** — 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 747-0989  
**Todd Harrold Band** — Jazz, 8 p.m., Lakelife Bar & Grill, Warsaw, no cover, (574) 244-2100  
**Zachariah Smith** — Vocalist, 7:30 p.m., Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$15-\$30, (260) 563-1102

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

**Blaze Ya Dead Homie w/ABK, Boondox, Bukshot** — Hip-Hop, 7:30 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$40, (260) 492-6064  
**Davey Squires & Friends Band** — Variety, 4 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 399-6336  
**Joe Valentine** — Variety, 1 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336  
**Mike Conley** — Acoustic, 8 a.m., Tom's Donuts, Angola, Free, (260) 665-3632

MONDAY, JUNE 5

**Baker Street Centre Open Mic** — 7:30 p.m., Baker Street Centre, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 426-6434  
**G-Money & Special Guests** — Blues, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

**Debutants** — Newgrass, 5 p.m., Junk Ditch Brewing Company, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 203-4045  
**Drum Circle** — 7 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176  
**Open Mic w/JJ & McRae** — 7 p.m., Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 747-9964  
**Smooth Tuesdays** — Classic hits, 6-9 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

**Chris Worth** — Vocalist, 6:30 p.m., Coyote Creek Bar and Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, 260 483 3148  
**jujubee w/Portmanteau, Random Animal Parts** — Variety, 7:30 p.m., Chain O'Lakes Festival, Noble County Courthouse Square, Albion, Free, (260) 636-2654  
**Kaitlyn Schmit & The Move** — Variety, 5:30 p.m., Union 12, Columbia City, no cover, (260) 203-0239  
**Sweet Strings Jam Session** — 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176  
**We Are Checkmark** — Variety, 7 p.m., Muddy River Concert Series, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, Free  
**Wednesday Jazz Sessions** — Jazz, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

**Chris Worth** — Vocalist, 6 p.m., Monument Pizza Pub, Angola, no cover, (260) 319-4489  
**Dark Horse** — Rock, 6 p.m., Monroeville Community Park, Monroeville, Free, (260) 615-3352  
**Funk/Jazz Open Jam** — 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6336

**Hold the Line** — Variety, 11:30 a.m., Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 427-6000  
**Lysaght & McRae** — Acoustic variety, 6-9 p.m., Chance Bar, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 449-9099  
**Nashville Thursdays** — Country, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989  
**New Millennium Jazz Orchestra** — Jazz, 7 p.m., Kendallville Community Learning Center, Kendallville, \$5, (260) 544-3455  
**Smile Empty Soul w/Autumn Academy, The Stone Eye** — Rock, 7:30 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 492-6064

**The Time Travelers** — Variety, 7 p.m., Chain O'Lakes Festival, Noble County Courthouse Square, Albion, Free, (260) 636-2654  
**Tronic Thursdays** — EDM, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

**Unforgettable!: Music of the '50s** — 50s, 7 p.m., Honeywell House, Wabash, free admission, (260) 563-2326

**Wayback Boys** — Acoustic variety, 6:30 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

**8420 Band** — Classic rock, 9 p.m., Rack & Helen's, New Haven, no cover, (260) 749-5386  
**Chris Worth & Company** — R&B, 8 p.m., Howie's on Hamilton, Hamilton, no cover, (260) 488-3344  
**Friday Night Vibes** — Variety, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989  
**Casual Friday** — Variety, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989  
**James Baker Trio** — Jazz, 6:30 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 444-5898  
**Rylie Lynn Trio** — Country/Americana, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge 242, Bluffton, no cover

**Simply Queen** — Queen tribute, 8 p.m., Kehoe Park, Bluffton, Free, (260) 824-1520  
**Skilla Baby** — Hip-Hop, 9 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$45-\$65, (260) 492-6064  
**Texas Hippie Coalition w/Gravel, Seven Stones** — Metal, 7:30 p.m., The Eclectic Room, Angola, \$20-\$25, (269) 625-8817  
**The Be Colony** — Rock, 6 p.m., Downtown Fort Wayne, The Porch Off Calhoun, Fort Wayne, Free  
**The DeeBee's** — Variety, 6 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, no cover  
**The Michael Weber Show** — Rock, 7:30 p.m., Fountain Park, Van Wert, Free, (419) 238-6722

**The Wingmen** — Classic rock, 6 p.m., Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, no cover, (260) 920-4377  
**Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy** — Jazz, 7 p.m., Spikes Beach Grill, Warsaw, no cover, (574) 372-3224  
**We Are Checkmark** — Funk/R&B, 8 p.m., American Legion Post 241, Waynedale, no cover, (260) 747-7851



# Germanfest returns with games, songs, dancing

*Something for everyone at cultural celebration that spans June 7-11*

**BY ANDREW McNAIR**  
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

German roots run deep in Fort Wayne. More than a quarter of its residents trace their family history back to Deutschland.

Those traditions go on full display every summer with the arrival of Germanfest.

This year's event kicks off at Headwaters Park on Wednesday, June 7, and runs through Sunday, June 11. Entry is free before 2 p.m., then \$2 from 2-5 p.m. and \$5 from 5 p.m. to close. Entry is free all day on Sunday.

## BRING THE FAMILY

Savvy locals will tell you the best part of the city's social scene comes alive during festival season downtown. Germanfest has been a huge part of that more than 40 years, and for good reason.

"Sorgenbrecher" means "worry breaker," and a night at the tent with a hearty German beer will definitely break your worries. There's always a lot of Sorgenbreching going on at Germanfest.

Like always, this year will feature an opportunity to enjoy a cold beer with several hundred of your friendliest neighbors.

But this year the festival has strengthened its commitment to families in Fort Wayne with the debut of Familienfest, a Saturday packed full of fun, games, prizes, and wiener dogs races from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. All of it is provided for free by local sponsors and the Germanfest committee to share the German culture with a broader swath of the city.

Familienfest includes lots of cool new stuff, including a graffiti wall, games for teens run by teens, K105 showing kids how to be a radio DJ, and of course the main attraction: Wienerdog Nationals at 4 p.m.

Icy the Eagle and Johnny TinCap will be hanging out with the kids at 12:30 p.m. The traditional German food will be available for sale in the main tent as always, but otherwise the entire Familienfest is free.

## FOR THE ADULTS

Speaking of the food ... the traditional recipes are still going strong. The brats get better every year. The German potato salad and sauerkraut are the perfect accompaniment for a fine German beer. Speaking of which, there's big news on the beer front.

Chapman's Brewing won a tasting contest to be the brewery of choice this year, and they are delivering with Chapman's Germanfest Schwarzbier. This unique brew will be available on tap at the tent through the festival week. It will also be available to take home at



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Folk dances are a mainstay at Fort Wayne Germanfest, which returns to Headwaters Park, June 7-11.



Games are not relegated to the children at Germanfest.

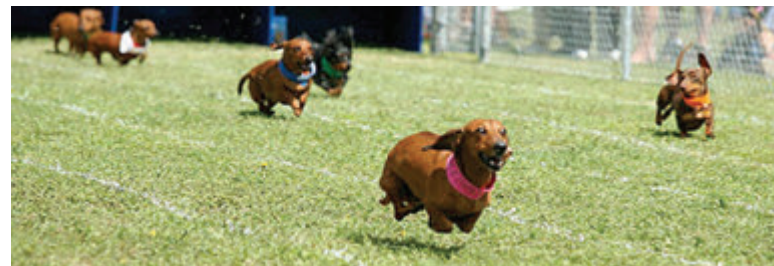
local liquor stores.

They're making only a limited amount. When it's gone, it's gone.

Next year's official Germanfest local beer will be a different recipe, so enjoy this one while you can.

More big news on the subject of beer: for the first time, Germanfest will be serving flights.

To give guests the best chance to enjoy a traditional brew, beertenders can now offer a selection of four German beers for just 20 bucks. That includes the Chapman's Germanfest Schwarzbier along with Spaten, Warsteiner Pilsner, and Warsteiner Dunkel. Guests who try a flight also get to vote for a favorite. Vote for a favorite and be entered in a drawing for a \$1,000 Colts ticket package.



Dachshunds will be off to the races during the Wienerdog Nationals at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 10.

## GERMANFEST

10:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Wednesday, June 7

10:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Thursday, June 8

10:30 a.m.-Midnight Friday, June 9

10:30 a.m.-Midnight Saturday, June 10

10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 11

Headwaters Park

333 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne

\$5 • [marketing@germanfest.org](mailto:marketing@germanfest.org)

## LET THE GAMES BEGIN

The games aren't just on Saturday and they're not just for kids.

Grown-ups will play Hammerschlagen at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. That's the game in which people run like maniacs and take turns pounding nails into a log. Good clean fun.

Thursday brings the popular Legs and Lederhosen at 7:30 p.m., the anonymous "costume" contest. Also good fun.

At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, check out Masskru-grennen, the brutal sport of holding a liter of beer at arm's length for as long as you can. Fun to watch, difficult to win.

## COMMUNITY

Germanfest is all about community, and

this year it's making an extra effort to spread friendship and love through the Summit City.

Thursday brings the Single & Mingle event at 6 p.m., a low-pressure, fast-paced meet-and-greet to create some new connections. Participants can meet their new BFF or potential soulmate to bring back downtown for free polka lessons at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

The focus is on local, and this year brings tons of new local vendors and booths with cool merch and lots of giveaways.

Local sponsors make Germanfest possible, but it's community pride that makes it work. Germanfest is 100 percent run by volunteers, and there are always plenty of opportunities to help.

The German tradition in this area was spearheaded by artisans seeking to keep their traditions of local craftsmanship alive. That spirit resonates in Germanfest, which seeks to use local resources to gather the community for shared fellowship.

Festival season is upon us, and it's time to share some fellowship. Whether it's an afternoon of dachshunds and family fun, or an evening of singing and sorgenbrecher over a local Schwarzbier, Germanfest is the perfect spot to relive old traditions and forge new ones.



# Spend day in paradise with band Island Vibe

*Duo's sole goal is to make sure you have a good time at shows*

**BY NICK BRAUN**

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

There is something magical about the tinnabulation of a steel drum. Without warning, the sound quickly transports you to a sun-soaked tropical island with a cocktail in hand and not a worry in the world.

That is the feeling steel drummer Doug Laughlin wanted to capture when he created the local outfit Island Vibe, a popular party band who gives country, rock, and pop numbers a tropical twist.

"I wanted to be the getaway for all those people working hard all week and ready to unwind," he said. "Island Vibe is your Key West connection."

Close your eyes and let Laughlin and Rod Bowers whisk you away to an island paradise when Island Vibe performs at el Azteca on Thursday, June 1, and Club Paradise in Angola on June 14.

## MUSICALLY DIVERSE

Laughlin, a percussion connoisseur, is a longtime instructor at Sweetwater Sound where he not only teaches various instruments but also runs the community Drum Circle every first Tuesday of the month.

He cut his teeth in the music business at the age of 15 when he performed in a wedding band.

"I would put my gear in our Chrysler New Yorker and Mom would drop me off at the gigs, which wasn't the coolest thing for a teenager, but it worked," he said.

Laughlin remained musically active at North Side High School. In fact, his senior year just happened to be the first year for *Whatzup* Liddell Award honoree and band director Ed King, who retired in 2019 after 46 years. You do the math.

From there, Laughlin went on to tour with



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Rod Bowers and Doug Laughlin are all about fun with their band Island Vibe.

a disco-funk band, joined a Christian rock band, did percussion work for Fort Wayne Philharmonic, and played drums on comedian Heywood Banks' 1999 album *DifErnt*.

He is currently a member of Dumpster Drummers, a group of percussionists who educate children about the importance of recycling and environmental conversation through musical performance where they play different types of drums.

## FINDING A PERFECT FIT

The résumé he put together led him to his longest stint yet, Island Vibe.

He and keyboardist John McCormick formed Island Vibe in 2007. Their first show was at Dicky's Wild Hare and soon they were getting gigs all over town. Four years later, McCormick relocated to Florida and Laughlin was left to find a new sidekick.

"It was devastating when John left as we built this thing like a business and things were taking off," Laughlin said. "I auditioned a few guys before my buddy John Forbing told me about guitarist Rod Bowers, who was doing some solo stuff at the time."

Laughlin always wanted a guitarist because he wanted a little more rock in the band and the fact that the guitar is something people can easily relate to.

Bowers, a Huntington native, brought a new dimension with his guitar wizardry and strong vocals.

He got his start at the tender age of 7 performing in a family band with three older brothers and a sister. While in high school he was in a rock band called Thrill that had the pleasure of opening for such acts as Black Oak Arkansas, Wishbone Ash, and Uriah Heep.

Bowers eventually joined the country act Close Range, which some of you may recall was one of the house bands at The Picker here in town for a while.

He moved to Nashville, Tennessee, for a bit before returning to Indiana doing solo gigs, which he still occasionally does.

When he teamed up with Laughlin, it was something special. To say these two have a

## ISLAND VIBE

7 p.m. Thursday, June 1

El Azteca

535 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne

No cover • (260) 482-2172

6 p.m. Wednesday, June 14

Club Paradise

3861 N. Bay View Road, Angola

No cover • (260) 833-7082

strong bond is an understatement. Their connection sees them performing about 200 shows a year.

They have about 700 songs in the bank from hit-makers such as Tom Petty, Bruno Mars, Bob Marley, Toto, Zach Brown, Hall & Oates, Bob Seger, and Justin Timberlake.

You name an artist, and they probably cover them with their own tropical burst.

They even have a few originals, including fan-favorite "Love in the Water," which includes the lyrics, "Not on Champagne time, it's Mexican beer and a bottle of wine," which is sure to get anyone in the tropical spirit.

## FOCUSED ON HAVING FUN

Whether you see Island Vibe at a bar, wedding reception, or special event, what makes them so special is that you never know what they will have up their sleeves.

"We don't use a setlist. We shoot from the hip and play off the audience," Laughlin said. "We also toss in a lot of humor, self-deprecating jokes, and make it fun for all."

It's these sort of things that keeps folks coming to their gigs.

They both will be the first to tell you that they are complimented all the time on how deep their catalog is and how unpredictable their shows are.

And when fans speak, venues listen. Such is the case for Dave's Lake Shack in Angola who had the band performing every Wednesday for 13 years. They even had a long stint at el Azteca, performing weekly.

One thing is for certain, Island Vibe does it their way and want nothing more than for you to have a good time.

## Quick Hits LOCAL EVENTS

### RIVERDRUMS

4:30-10:30 P.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 6  
PROMENADE PARK

RiverDrums returns to Promenade Park in downtown Fort Wayne from 4:30-10:30 p.m. on June 6.

Personalities, artists, dancers, and musicians representing the diversity of cultures that makes Fort Wayne a vibrant community will present various ideas, using the city's three rivers as inspiration.

Free festivities celebrate community, and speakers will cover subjects ranging from the Pufferbelly Trail to the YMCA's Trail Buddies program, showing youth the way to a better world.

Performers include The Angel Project, Strings and Beats, Filipino Pride Dancers, a Japanese male troupe performing "Fisherman's Dance," Scottish Pipes and Drums, and Pyroscope Entertainment's fire dancing.

Also, Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehab will host a live raptor demonstration and the mascots from the TinCaps and Mad Ants will be on hand as you peruse the items in the silent auction and find nourishment at the food trucks. — *Chris Hupe*



PHOTO BY KELLY BEHM

### CHAIN O' LAKES FEST

JUNE 2 AND JUNE 7-10  
NOBLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
SQUARE, ALBION

Albion's annual Chain O' Lakes Festival kicks the summer off Friday, June 2, with a cruise-in on the courthouse square followed by four more days of events on Wednesday-Saturday, June 7-10.

A kiddie King and Queen will be crowned June 7 as carnival rides and amusements aimed at the younger members of the family, highlight the event.

Kid's Day, with discounted tickets, and the highly anticipated Chain O' Lakes Parade are slated for Saturday, June 10, along with Old Jail Museum tours, a fish and tenderloin dinner, the Lions Club Chicken BBQ, Incognito Cloggers, and a 5K Run/Walk.

Add music performances by jujubee, Portmanteau, and Random Animal Parts on Wednesday; The Time Travelers on Thursday; Whoa, Man! on Friday; and 28 Days on Saturday.

With all that, you have a festival worth attending each night. — *Chris Hupe*



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Various Artists
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Walk Around the Moon
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Drastic Symphonies
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## Spins LOCAL AND NATIONAL ALBUM REVIEWS

### The Lemon Twigs

*Everything  
Harmony*



Brothers Brian and Michael D'Addario hail from New York and since their 2016 debut have made a name for themselves as the preeminent purveyors of '60s/'70s power pop. Combining elements of garage, psych, power pop, and '70s AM, these two have built a discography that looks and sounds as if it was pulled right out of the Nuggets vault.

Besides looking the part in Ronnie Wood haircuts circa 1971 and wearing a wardrobe that seems to have come from the set of the Partridge Family, the Brothers D'Addario know their way around the studio. Both are vocalists and multi-instrumentalists, and both can expertly man the mixing board. The Lemon Twigs are the real deal.

The Twigs' newest album is a 13-track tour de force of '70s AM gold, touching on everything from the Raspberries, late '60s-era Bee Gees, Big Star, and even Donovan. But they add their own songwriting touches, making the influences and inspirations just an afterthought. At times, *Everything Harmony* can get a touch saccharine, but mostly it's bittersweet.

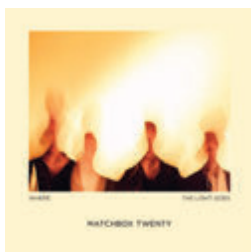
"When Winter Comes Around" opens with finger-picked acoustic and a Simon and Garfunkel sound. Folksy and melancholy, soon enough the brothers harmonize beautifully over a lushly layered arrangement. "In My Head" lays on the Big Star vibes with Chilton/Bell beauty. Jangly guitars and power pop clarity make this track soar. "Corner of My Eye" is ghostly and power pop perfection. The Lemon Twigs lock into Zombies territory, building ethereal harmonies into longing and late-night wistfulness.

"Any Time of Day" builds some great harmonies, but the song feels a bit stale before its time. "Every Day Is the Worst Day of My Life" has touches of Elliott Smith which isn't a bad thing, but with the lush arrangements that came before, the song doesn't really stand out.

The hits outshine the misses here since The Lemon Twigs are amazing songwriters and arrangers. All the string and horn arrangements were done by the brothers, as well as mixing duties. *Everything Harmony* is a near perfect vintage power pop album that fans of classic '60s/'70s pop rock will savor for years to come. — *J. Hubner*

### Matchbox Twenty

*Where the  
Light Goes*



Coming out the blocks on fire with the 1996 debut *Yourself* or *Someone Like You*, Matchbox 20 could be heard all over the airwaves

with "3 am," "Long Day," and "Push." Frontman Rob Thomas was heard even more when he appeared on Santana's "Smooth" from his 1999 album *Supernatural*. It seemed Thomas was the next big thing, but then things went pretty silent.

Opting to spell out the "20" after their debut, Matchbox Twenty have released only five albums, their latest coming after a 11-year delay. The question is: Why?

Nothing on *Where the Light Goes* is overly inspired, and I'm not sure 2023 was really crying out for anything else from Matchbox Twenty.

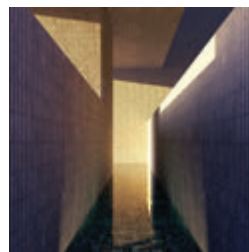
The opening track, "Friends," sounds like a band that's not even sure what they're trying to do. Instead of the classic pop rock, they seem to dabble in a little of this and that, sounding a bit like AJR with some '80s Peter Gabriel thrown in.

From there, songs do start to sound more like the Thomas we remember, but it's not really worth using the brain power to make it out.

Closer "Selling Faith" does show some promise, but not enough that you'd want to go out and purchase a Matchbox Twenty album. Luckily for these guys, we're in the streaming era, so someone might give it a listen. — *Anthony Gadson*

### Mandy, Indiana

*I've Seen a Way*



Mandy, Indiana came together thanks to UK musicians Valentine Caulfield and Scott Fair meeting at a gig. Caulfield's vocals sung in French mesmerized Fair and he realized he needed to work with her. Adding Simon Catling (synth) and Alex MacDougall (drums), Mandy, Indiana was born.

On the band's debut, Mandy, Indiana establish a sound quite unlike anything heard before. While the sound is post-punk/industrial-adjacent, it's not one easily pinned down. It's dance music on the cusp of self-immolation, grooves for the end times.

The sound of *I've Seen a Way* is as important as the songs themselves. Recorded in various locations for their own, unique sonic effects, the record echoes and bellows at times from some endless depth. Drums recorded in caves, vocals screamed in Bristol shopping malls all come together to make this record sound both synthetic and organic.

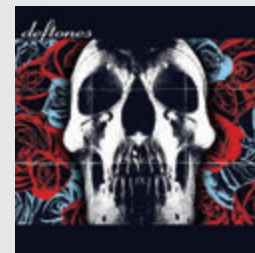
"Love Theme (4K VHS)" opens with wavering synth and ambient sounds, a touch of the grand and melancholy. It's longing is surprising, especially given what's next. "Drag (Crashed)" has a sharp dance beat like early Ministry with foreboding electronics and Caulfield's vocals that sound like they're coming out of speakers in a subway terminal. It's not about what she's saying (it's in French), but it's how she says it. The voice here is visceral and part of the machinery. It's disquieting and hypnotic. "Pinking Shears" has a junkyard rhythm and almost rap-like vocals. Wheezing noises gives it all an industrial tinge.

This is an album about rhythm and groove. The overall sonic world is built behind robotic percussion and Caulfield's playful and intimidating

## Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

### Deftones

*Deftones* (2003)



Deftones have been around since 1988 and have been described as everything from alternative metal to progressive rock. The fourth album from these guys checked several boxes of genres with both of the above listed plus an almost lo-fi sound. This is still one of my favorites from them.

"Hexagram" kicks it off with Chino Moreno's vocals (fresh from a break after a recent tour) hitting the nu-metal feel in front of heavy percussion and ramped up guitars of Stephen Carpenter. "Needles and Pins" feels like dated grunge but is familiar as a Deftones track with sludgy arrangements and heavy bridges in just under four minutes. And "Minerva" lets you catch your breath and has a cloudy shoegaze feel but is still hard in its production.

"Deathblow" also has a late-90's grunge mood to it but could be listed as nu-metal based on who was listening to it. If they had to have a ballad, this was it, yet the elements of psychedelic and lo-fi were obvious during the almost six minutes of hard droning that radiates out of your speakers. But they remind you of who they are in "When Girls Telephone Boys" as drummer Abe Cunningham lets it all hang out behind Moreno's heightened vocals. Very prickly guitars are in this one as well as it fades off into oblivion before "Battle-Axe" takes the temperature down to hit the grunge/nu-metal atmosphere again.

Deftones were a little too soft for metal-heads, and they were too chill to satisfy the grunge/indie scene. But they clearly have a sound and may be the reason the genre kept breathing.

On this release the band were in a "dark place," but the production and engineering were good enough to hide some of the flaws. — *Dennis Donahue*

voice. It tows that musical line where industrial music of the '80s started morphing into something more digestible to the masses. It's like these kiddos listened to New Order, Art of Noise, Coc-teau Twins, and Ministry and said, "Why can't we be them all?"

Even if you can't appreciate the nuts and bolts that went in to create this chaotic and cryptic album, you can appreciate Mandy, Indiana's dance floor grooves and nod to experimental noise all coming together in precision motion. It's a stunning listen. — *J. Hubner*

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# Live-action remake is pretty lifeless

After a pair of mild artistic successes in *Mulan* and *Cruella*, Disney retreats to the tried-and-true live-action remake formula that's made them billions in the worldwide box office with *The Little Mermaid*.

The latest entry from the Disney Renaissance period that now belongs in the current Disney Retread-issance era, like *Aladdin* or *The Lion King* before it, exists only to remind us of the original. There are bare minimum efforts to distinguish it from its source material or, heaven forbid, improve on it; there are a few new songs, some new subplots, and a new character or two.

But unlike the *Dumbo* or *Cinderella* remakes, the latter of which remains a shining example of what these "updates" should do, not enough time has passed for the 1989 original *Mermaid* to need refreshing.

We're reintroduced to the young mermaid Ariel (Halle Bailey) as she spends her days in the underwater kingdom of Atlantica while quietly longing for life above the ocean's surface. Thanks to her friends Scuttle (Awkwafina) and Flounder (Jacob Tremblay), she's developed quite a collection of human trinkets that she must hide from her human-hating father, King Triton (Javier Bardem). After a shipwreck allows Ariel the opportunity to rescue seafaring prince Eric (Jonah Hauer-King), she becomes infatuated and even more determined to make her above-land dreams come true. In crawls Ursula (Melissa McCarthy), a devious sea witch who offers to transform Ariel's tail into human legs to chase after Eric but demands her voice as payment.

Bailey obviously has big fins to fill in the title role and she certainly does all she can with the opportunity. She's a fantastic singer and unlike, say, Emma Watson in *Beauty and the Beast*, she doesn't have to rely on vocal processing to enhance her timbre. But there's something about the underwater scenes that limit the expressiveness of her face, which Bardem falls victim to in almost all of his scenes as well. I would assume it's whatever computer-generated effects they render atop the faces of the actors to make it look like they're underwater, but they really hinder the emotive facial qualities that make dramatic scenes work. Once Ariel makes it above water, Bailey's performance feels more alive, even though her songs are performed in voiceover since the character isn't able to actually sing along at that point.

Most of the fan favorite songs return, including the most-cherished of the Disney "I Want" ballads "Part of Your World" and the dastardly show-stopper "Poor Unfortunate Souls." The respective performers do a commendable job replicating the magic of the original tunes, even though there isn't really much that can be added to them. "Under the Sea" gets the live-action "Be Our Guest" treatment of whipping a bunch of blurry CG effects across the screen and calling it fun. Lin-Manuel Miranda contributes new numbers "Wild Uncharted Waters" and "For the First Time," which fit in lyrically and thematically with the existing songs but don't best any of the classic original tunes. *Hamilton* fans will delight at the rap-sung Awkwafina-Daveed Diggs collaboration "The Scuttlebutt," while *Hamilton* detractors will likely groan and roll their eyes.



COURTESY PHOTO

Halle Bailey takes on the role of Ariel in Disney's live-action remake of *The Little Mermaid*.

## THE LITTLE MERMAID

Rated PG for action/peril and some scary images

2 hours 15 minutes · In theaters



*The Little Mermaid* suffers from the same problem as the rest of these Disney remakes when it comes to how the animals are designed. Even though we're dealing with talking crabs and seabirds that can somehow hang out for minutes underwater to converse, director Rob Marshall and his team still attempt to make these creatures look realistic as opposed to the cartoonish liberties that the animated original took. The fish Flounder suffers the most from this treatment; his bulging eyes and agape mouth make him more fit for a Mediterranean plate than as an active participant in this story.

Of course, none of this looks better with 3-D presentation, and for a movie that already has a lack of defined color and visual sharpness, I can't understand why this is even playing in 3-D anywhere.

Please stay out of the water and watch the far superior animated *The Little Mermaid* in hopes it will inspire Disney to get out of the shallow end and get back to producing new stories instead of rehashing existing IP.

## New movies coming this weekend

■ Playing in theaters is *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse*, an animated superhero sequel starring Shameik Moore and Hailee Steinfeld continuing the story of Miles Morales as he joins Gwen Stacy to complete a mission to save every universe of Spider-People.

■ Also coming to theaters is *The Boogeyman*, a supernatural horror movie starring Sophie Thatcher and Chris Messina about a pair of sisters who are still reeling from the recent death of their mother when their therapist father takes in a desperate patient who unexpectedly shows up at their house seeking help.

■ Streaming on Peacock is *Shooting Stars*, a sports biopic starring Marquis Cook and Wood Harris depicting a young Lebron James and his three best friends as they become the No. 1 high school basketball team in the country.

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# Halestorm, Lamb of God set to rock Upheaval

Upheaval is a two-day, mostly hard rock summer music festival at Belknap Park in Grand Rapids slated for July 14-15.

The opening night headliners include **Bring Me The Horizon** and **Lamb of God**, while **Falling In Reverse** and **Halestorm** finish things off the following evening.

Along with the headliners, rockers **Ice Nine Kills** will be there with **In This Moment**, **The Ghost Inside**, **Asking Alexandria**, and **Suicide Silence**.

If that's not enough, **Gwar** will take over The Intersection in Grand Rapids on Friday night as an official after-party show and **Wage War** will do the same on Saturday night.

Single-day tickets are selling for \$85 with two-day packages being \$159.

## Ice Nine Kills are must-see

In addition to their appearance at Upheaval, **Ice Nine Kills** will head out on the Fear The Premiere tour in August.

The band's ability to combine expert musicianship, great songs, and theatrical performances has given them a reputation for being a top must-see live band in the current hard rock scene.

Providing support on the tour will be **August Burns Red** and **Veil of Maya**.

You can catch this trio when the tour stops at Kemba Live! in Columbus, Ohio, on Aug. 8 and Agora Theatre in Cleveland the following night.

## Hives to support album

Swedish rock act **The Hives** have confirmed a tour this fall to support their upcoming album *The Death of Randy Fitzsimmons*, set to be released on Aug. 11.



### Road Notes

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## On the Road

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Confirm with the venue about any event you plan to attend.

3 Doors Down	June 16	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
3 Doors Down	June 17	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
3 Doors Down	June 21	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
3 Doors Down	July 7	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
5 Seconds of Summer	Aug. 16	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
5 Seconds of Summer	Aug. 23	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
5 Seconds of Summer	Aug. 25	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
5 Seconds of Summer	Aug. 26	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
50 Cent	July 27	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
50 Cent	July 29	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
50 Cent	Aug. 6	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
<b>AJ Wilkerson</b>	<b>Aug. 13</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Adele Givens</b>	<b>June 23-25</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Air Supply</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Alicia Keys	July 15	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Alicia Keys	July 17	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Alicia Keys	July 18	United Center	Chicago
All Time Low	June 9	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
The All-American Rejects	Aug. 22	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
The All-American Rejects	Aug. 24	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Altin Gun	July 13	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Altin Gun	July 21	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
<b>America</b>	<b>July 10</b>	<b>Foellinger Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Andy Grammer	July 21	Holiday Park	Indianapolis
Angela Aguilar	June 2	Auditorium Theatre	Chicago
Anita Baker	June 30	United Center	Chicago
Anita Baker	July 2	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Ann Wilson	July 14	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Ann Wilson	July 30	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
<b>Anthony Jeselnik</b>	<b>July 20-22</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Arcangel	Aug. 26	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Ava Max	June 1	House of Blues	Chicago
Avenged Sevenfold	July 26	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Avenged Sevenfold	July 28	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Barenaked Ladies	June 2	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Barenaked Ladies	June 3	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Barenaked Ladies	June 4	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
Barenaked Ladies	June 6	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Barenaked Ladies	July 21	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Barenaked Ladies	July 22	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Bebe Rexha	June 13	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
<b>Bela Fleck &amp; The Flecktones</b>	<b>June 10</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Ben Folds	June 17	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Ben Folds	June 24	Holiday Park	Indianapolis
Ben Folds	June 25	Motorcity Casino Hotel	Detroit
Ben Folds	July 22	Columbus Commons	Columbus, OH
<b>Bert Kreischer w/Tiffany Haddish, Fortune Feimster, Big Jay Oakerson, Jay Pharoah, Chad Daniels</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>Parkview Field</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Between the Buried and Me	June 28	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Between the Buried and Me	June 29	Newport Music Hall	Columbus
Between the Buried and Me	June 30	House of Blues	Chicago
Beyonce	July 22-23	Soldier Field	Chicago
Beyonce	July 26	Ford Field	Detroit
Big Time Rush	July 15	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Big Time Rush	July 16	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Big Time Rush	July 17	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Big Time Rush	July 19	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Big Time Rush	July 21	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Big Time Rush	July 23	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Billy Joel & Stevie Nicks	Aug. 5	Ohio Stadium	Columbus, OH
Billy Strings	June 10-11	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Billy Strings	June 16	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Billy Strings	June 17	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
<b>Black Stone Cherry</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>The Eclectic Room</b>	<b>Angola</b>

<b>Blackberry Smoke</b>	<b>June 17</b>	<b>Sweetwater Pavilion</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Blaze Ya Dead Homie w/ABK, Boondox, Bukshot</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Blind Fury</b>	<b>Aug. 17</b>	<b>Carl's Tavern</b>	<b>New Haven</b>
Blues Traveler & Big Head Todd and The Monsters	Aug. 12	Ravinia Park Pavilion	Chicago
Blues Traveler & Big Head Todd and The Monsters	Aug. 20	Holiday Park	Indianapolis
Booth Brothers, Legacy V, Greater Vision	June 6	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
<b>Bored Teachers Comedy Tour</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Breaking Benjamin	Aug. 15	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Bret Michaels' Parti-Gras	July 13	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Bret Michaels' Parti-Gras	July 29	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Bret Michaels' Parti-Gras	July 30	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
<b>Brittany Schmitt</b>	<b>June 22</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Brooks & Dunn	June 16	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Bryan Adams & Joan Jett	June 14	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Bryan Adams & Joan Jett	June 15	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Bryan Adams & Joan Jett	July 2	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Buddy Guy	June 24	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Buddy Guy	June 25	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
CNCO	June 22	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Caifanes	June 2-3	House of Blues	Chicago
<b>Candlebox</b>	<b>June 18</b>	<b>Sweetwater Pavilion</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Candlebox	June 22	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Candlebox	July 6	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Candlebox	July 9	House of Blues	Cleveland
Carin Leon	Aug. 10	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
<b>Chad &amp; JT</b>	<b>July 14-15</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Chapel Hart</b>	<b>June 17</b>	<b>Niswonger PAC</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
<b>Charley Crockett</b>	<b>July 1</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Charlie Puth	June 18	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Charlie Puth	June 19	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Charlie Puth	June 21	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Charlie Puth	June 24	Ravinia Park Pavilion	Chicago
The Chicks	Aug. 16	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
The Chicks	Aug. 17	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Chris Stapleton	June 2	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
<b>Cody Smith</b>	<b>July 23</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Collective Soul w/Jet Black Roses</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Cooper Alan</b>	<b>Aug. 25</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Counting Crows	June 17	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Counting Crows	June 18	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Counting Crows	June 24	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Counting Crows	June 29	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Culture Club	Aug. 4	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Culture Club	Aug. 5	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
The Cure	June 10	United Center	Chicago
The Cure	June 11	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
The Cure	June 13	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
<b>Cynic w/Atheist</b>	<b>June 29</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>DJ Diesel</b>	<b>Aug. 25</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Dale Jones</b>	<b>July 26</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Damien Jurado	June 12	Bell's Eccentric Cafe	Kalamazoo
<b>Damien Jurado w/Chris Pureka</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>The Brass Rail</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Damien Jurado	June 15	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Danny Brown & JpegMafia	July 28	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Danny Brown & JpegMafia	July 29	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Darius Rucker	Aug. 10	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Daughtry	Aug. 12	Motorcity Casino Hotel	Detroit
<b>Dave Mason</b>	<b>June 17</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Dave Matthews Band	June 27	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Dave Matthews Band	June 30-July 1	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Dave Matthews Band	July 7-8	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
David Phelps	June 8	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Dead & Company	June 9-10	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Dead & Company	June 13	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Dead & Company	June 27	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Death Cab for Cutie	June 4	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Def Leppard & Motley Crue	Aug. 8	Ohio Stadium	Columbus, OH

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<b>Demun Jones</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>Piere’s</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Dermot Kennedy	June 7	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Dermot Kennedy	June 9	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
<b>Diana Krall</b>	<b>Aug. 1</b>	<b>Foellinger Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Diana Krall	Aug. 3	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Dierks Bentley	June 2	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Dierks Bentley	June 3	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Dierks Bentley	July 8	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Dierks Bentley	July 9	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Dizgo	June 28	The Palladium	Carmel
<b>Don McMillan</b>	<b>July 25</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Don Toliver	June 20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Don Toliver	June 23	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
<b>The Doobie Brothers</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>Memorial Coliseum</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
The Doobie Brothers	June 26	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Drake	July 5-6	United Center	Chicago
Drake	July 8	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Dream Theater	July 7	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Dream Theater	July 8	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
<b>Ed Bassmaster</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>Piere’s</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Ed Sheeran	July 14	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Ed Sheeran	July 15	Ford Field	Detroit
Ed Sheeran	July 28	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Ed Sheeran	July 29	Soldier Field	Chicago
<b>Eddie Griffin</b>	<b>July 28-29</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Eddie Pepitone</b>	<b>June 18</b>	<b>Piere’s</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Edith Marquez	Aug. 25	The Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Elvis Costello & The Imposters	June 23	Horseshoe Casino	Cincinnati
Elvis Costello & The Imposters	June 25	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Elvis Costello & The Imposters	June 28	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
<b>Emerson, Lake and Palmer</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>Foellinger Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Enuff Z’Nuff w/The Quireboys, Bad Marriage, School of Rock, Cigarettes to Sunrise, Praise the Fallen</b>	<b>July 28</b>	<b>Piere’s</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Eric Church	June 23	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Eric Church	June 24	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Eric Church	July 14	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Eric Church	Aug. 11	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Eric Church	Aug. 12	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Erykah Badu	July 1	United Center	Chicago
Erykah Badu	July 2	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Extreme	Aug. 14	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Extreme	Aug. 17	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Fall Out Boy	June 21	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Fall Out Boy	July 15	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Fall Out Boy	July 16	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Fall Out Boy	July 29	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
<b>Faster Pussycat w/Jason Charles Miles, The Bites</b>	<b>June 20</b>	<b>Piere’s</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
First Aid Kit	July 22	The Salt Shed	Chicago
The Flaming Lips	June 11	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Flatland Cavalry	June 16	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
Fleet Foxes	June 14	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Fleet Foxes	July 9	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Foreigner	July 21	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Foreigner	July 22	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Foreigner	July 24	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Fortune, Walker, Rogers, & Issacs	June 7	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
(G)I-dle	Aug. 17	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont
Gaither Vocal Band	June 9	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Garbage	June 27	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Garbage	June 29	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Garbage	July 1	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Garbage	July 6	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
<b>Gary Allan &amp; Tracy Lawrence</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>Foellinger Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Gary Owen</b>	<b>June 1-3</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Gavin DeGraw	Aug. 17	House of Blues	Chicago
Gavin DeGraw	Aug. 18	Motorcity Casino Hotel	Detroit

Gavin DeGraw	Aug. 19	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
George Clinton	Aug. 24	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
George Clinton	Aug. 25	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
Ghost	Aug. 14	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Ghost	Aug. 15	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Ghost	Aug. 16	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Ghost	Aug. 22	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
<b>Gianmarco Soresi</b>	<b>July 6-9</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Godsmack & Staind	Aug. 9	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Godsmack & Staind	Aug. 10	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Godsmack & Staind	Aug. 12	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Gogol Bordello	July 27	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Gogol Bordello	July 28	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
Gogol Bordello	July 29	House of Blues	Cleveland
Gojira & Mastodon	Aug. 10	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Gojira & Mastodon	Aug. 15	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 18	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 19	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 20	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 22	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 23	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
<b>The Grass Roots w/The Buckingham, The Box Tops</b>	<b>June 10</b>	<b>Foellinger Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Greensky Bluegrass	June 30	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Greensky Bluegrass	July 1	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Guns N’ Roses	Aug. 24	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Hank Williams Jr.	June 9	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Hank Williams Jr.	June 17	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Hardy	July 1	Flannagan’s Dublin	Columbus, OH
<b>He Is Legend w/Greyhaven, For Your Health</b>	<b>July 7</b>	<b>Piere’s</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Herman’s Hermits</b>	<b>July 7</b>	<b>Foellinger Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
The High Kings	July 8	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
Hobo Johnson	Aug. 12	A&R Music Bar	Columbus, OH
Hobo Johnson	Aug. 13	Grog Shop	Cleveland
Hobo Johnson	Aug. 15	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
The Hold Steady	July 1	The Salt Shed	Chicago
<b>The Hooten Hallers w/Mucca Pazza</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>The Brass Rail</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
The Hoppers, The Browns, The Chitans	June 5	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Ice Nine Kills	Aug. 8	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Ice Nine Kills	Aug. 9	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Incubus	July 28	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Incubus	July 30	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Incubus	Aug. 1	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Incubus	Aug. 2	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Jackson Browne	June 3	Palace Theatre	Columbus, OH
Jackson Browne	June 7	Stranahan Theater	Toledo
Jackson Browne	June 19	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
James Taylor	June 21	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
<b>Jamie Kennedy</b>	<b>June 15-17</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Jason Aldean	July 20	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Jason Aldean	July 21	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Jason Mraz	July 29	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Jason Mraz	Aug. 1	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Jason Mraz	Aug. 2	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
<b>Jeff Leeson</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Jelly Roll	July 21	Porter County Fairgrounds	Valparaiso
Jelly Roll	Aug. 17	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
<b>Jen Kober</b>	<b>June 6</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Jerry Seinfeld</b>	<b>June 22</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Jesse & Joy	June 24	House of Blues	Cleveland
Jesse & Joy	June 25	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
<b>Jessica Kirson</b>	<b>June 29-July 1</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Jethro Tull	Aug. 18	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Jethro Tull	Aug. 19	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Jethro Tull	Aug. 20	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Jethro Tull	Aug. 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Jidenna	Aug. 17	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Jidenna	Aug. 18	Vic Theatre	Chicago

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Their taste of success came with the release of the 2000 album *Veni Vidi Vicious*, an album that contained the single “Hate To Say I Told You So.” They have released only three albums since but have failed to again reach those heights of commercial success.

*The Death of Randy Fitzsimmons* will be their first studio album since 2012’s *Lex Hives*.

A proven live act that won’t disappoint, check them out in at El Club in Detroit on Nov. 4 or Bottom Lounge in Chicago on Nov. 5.

## Country stars flock to Ohio

Tens of thousands of people make the trek to Fort Loramie, Ohio, every year for Country Concert, featuring the biggest names in country music.

The 42nd annual festival will be no exception. The three-day event has booked **Tim McGraw**, **Dierks Bentley**, and **Luke Bryan** to headline the weekend.

Joining the festival will be **Brothers Osbourne**, **Jelly Roll**, **Elle King**, **Jon Pardi**, **Carly Pearce**, **Tracy Lawrence**, and **Blackhawk**.

Camping spots are available and single-day tickets start at \$148.

## Bash on the Bay returns

While we’re at it, another destination for country music fans should be Put-In-Bay in Ohio, Aug. 23-24.

Bash on the Bay will include **Luke Bryan** and **Brothers Osbourne**, as well as **Elle King**, **Dylan Scott**, **Ashland Craft**, and Mr. Worldwide himself, **Pitbull**.

A beautiful place to spend some time even when there isn’t a music festival, the only way to get there is to take a ferry from Port Clinton or Catawba Island, east of Toledo.

Of course, the ferries will be adding late-night service during the event so concertgoers can enjoy the show without worrying about getting stranded.

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Jimmy Eat World	Aug. 16	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Jimmy Eat World	Aug. 18	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Jimmy Eat World	Aug. 19	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Jimmy Eat World	Aug. 20	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Jo Dee Messina	June 29	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Jodeci, SWV, and Dru Hill	Aug. 10	Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre	Detroit
Jodeci, SWV, and Dru Hill	Aug. 11	Arie Crown Theater	Chicago
Jodeci, SWV, and Dru Hill	Aug. 13	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
John Anderson	June 17	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
John Conlee	June 15	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
John Mellencamp	June 17	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
John Mellencamp	June 21	DeVos Performance Hall	Grand Rapids
John Mellencamp	June 23-24	Morris PAC	South Bend
Jon Pardi	July 20	Porter County Fairgrounds	Valparaiso
Jonas Brothers	Aug. 22	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Jonas Brothers	Aug. 24	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Jonas Brothers	Aug. 25	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Jordan Davis	July 11	LaPorte County Fairgrounds	LaPorte
<b>Jordan Jensen</b>	<b>June 8-10</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Joss Stone	Aug. 22	Cain Park	Cleveland
K. Flay & Grandson	June 6	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
K. Flay & Grandson	June 9	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
K. Flay & Grandson	June 11	House of Blues	Chicago
Kamelot	Aug. 24	Vic Theatre	Chicago
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Kansas	June 17	Fisher Theatre	Detroit
Kansas	July 7	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Kansas	July 8	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Kansas	July 15	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
<b>Karlous Miller</b>	<b>Aug. 25</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Kathy Mattea & Suzy Bogguss	June 3	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
<b>Kelsey Lynn</b>	<b>June 15</b>	<b>Carl's Tavern</b>	<b>New Haven</b>
<b>Kidd G</b>	<b>July 28</b>	<b>The Eclectic Room</b>	<b>Angola</b>
Kidz Bop	July 26	Ohio State Fairgrounds	Columbus, OH
Kidz Bop	July 29	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Kidz Bop	Aug. 2	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
Kidz Bop	Aug. 4	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Kidz Bop	Aug. 5	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard	June 11-13	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Kreator & Sepultura	June 6	Vic Theatre	Chicago
<b>L.A. Guns</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>The Eclectic Room</b>	<b>Angola</b>
LL Cool J, The Roots, DJ Jazzy Jeff	Aug. 13	United Center	Chicago
LL Cool J, The Roots, Ice-T	Aug. 18	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
LL Cool J, The Roots, Jadakiss	Aug. 12	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
LL Cool J, The Roots, Jadakiss	Aug. 20	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Larry June	June 13	House of Blues	Chicago
Larry June	June 17	Elevation at The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Larry June	June 18	The Fillmore	Detroit
<b>Lee Brice w/Tyler Farr, The Hubie Ashcraft Band</b>	<b>July 22</b>	<b>Sylvan Cellars</b>	<b>Rome City</b>
<b>Legendary Shack Shakers w/Dexter Romweber, Viva Le Vox</b>	<b>June 13</b>	<b>The Ruin</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Less Than Jake	July 8	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Less Than Jake	July 9	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Less Than Jake	July 11	House of Blues	Cleveland
Lettuce & Steel Pulse	July 7	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Lettuce & Steel Pulse	July 8	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
<b>Life of Agony w/Sick of It All</b>	<b>Aug. 16</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Lil Baby	Aug. 23	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Lil Baby	Aug. 24	United Center	Chicago
Lil Baby	Aug. 26	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Lil Durk	Aug. 11	United Center	Chicago
Lil Durk	Aug. 13	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Lil Durk	Aug. 15	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Lil Durk	Aug. 16	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 4	Centennial Terrace	Sylvania, OH
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 5	Celeste Center	Columbus, OH
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 10	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 15	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis

Lionel Richie & Earth, Wind, & Fire	Aug. 5	United Center	Chicago
Local Natives	Aug. 20	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Louis Tomlinson	June 1	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Louis Tomlinson	June 2	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Louis Tomlinson	June 3	Smale Riverfront Park	Cincinnati
Louis Tomlinson	June 3	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Louis Tomlinson	June 6	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Louis Tomlinson	June 7	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Louis Tomlinson	June 15	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
lovelytheband	June 18	Bogart's	Cincinnati
lovelytheband	June 20	House of Blues	Chicago
<b>Ludacris w/ Juvenile, Chingy</b>	<b>July 28</b>	<b>Headwaters Park</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Luke Bryan	Aug. 17	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Luke Bryan	Aug. 18	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
The Lumineers	Aug. 25	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Lynyrd Skynyrd & ZZ Top	Aug. 19	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Lynyrd Skynyrd & ZZ Top	Aug. 20	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Lynyrd Skynyrd & ZZ Top	Aug. 25	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Lynyrd Skynyrd & ZZ Top	Aug. 26	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Machine Head	June 1	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Madonna	Aug. 2	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Madonna	Aug. 5	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Madonna	Aug. 9	United Center	Chicago
Maisie Peters	Aug. 9	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Maisie Peters	Aug. 13	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
<b>Marc Ryan</b>	<b>July 27</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives	June 2	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Matchbox Twenty	June 13	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Matchbox Twenty	June 14	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Matchbox Twenty	June 16	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Matchbox Twenty	Aug. 5	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Matchbox Twenty & The Wallflowers	Aug. 6	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL

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## Quick Hit

LOCAL EVENT

**SPRING CYCLE**  
8:30 A.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 3  
PROMENADE PARK

The 12th annual Fort4Fitness Spring Cycle will feature a variety of tour distances, from an 8-mile family ride to the Metric Century 100K, on Saturday, June 3.

Routes will begin and end at Promenade Park in Fort Wayne with participants receiving a commemorative T-shirt and finisher medal.

For those who want to participate in a different way, the new Wheels on the Promenade allows participants with scooters, rollerblades, wagons, strollers, and skateboards to maneuver a 1-mile course that highlights the beautiful downtown park without the added stress of the longer races. — *Chris Hupe*

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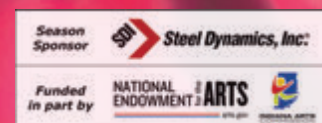


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# Road Trips

LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

<b>Austin Marsh</b>	
June 4	The Lamplighter Bar & Grill, Coldwater, MI
June 30	Dark Horse Social Club, Defiance, OH
July 14	JJ Winns Restaurant & Lounge, Montpelier, OH
July 28	Dark Horse Social Club, Defiance, OH
Aug. 11	Kora Brew House and Wine Bar, Bryan, OH
Aug. 13	The Lamplighter Bar & Grill, Coldwater, MI
Oct. 14	Kora Brew House and Wine Bar, Bryan, OH
Dec. 8	Kora Brew House and Wine Bar, Bryan, OH

<b>The Bulldogs</b>	
June 1	Mentone Egg Festival, Mentone
June 7	James Dean Memorial Stage, Fairmount
June 11	Elwood in the Park, Elwood
June 17	CoCoLo's RV Campground, Lagro
July 15	Greenwood Acres Family Campground, Jackson, MI
July 17	Madison County Fair, Alexandria
July 22	Downtown Hartford City, Hartford City
July 27	Downtown South Whitley
July 29	Hickory Acres Campground, Edgerton, OH
Aug. 11	Bethel Pointe, Muncie
Aug. 18	Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen
Aug. 25	Quincy Village Park, Quincy, MI
Sept. 2	Fish Lake Family Resort, Fremont
Sept. 3	Ligonier Marshmallow Festival, Ligonier
Sept. 7	Roann Covered Bridge Festival, Roann
Sept. 15	Flatrock Creek Festival, Paulding, OH
Sept. 16	Nappanee Apple Festival, Nappanee
Sept. 22	Ducktail Run, Gas City
Oct. 28	Alexandria Eagles, Alexandria
Dec. 31	Fremont Moose Lodge, Fremont

<b>Chris Worth &amp; Dave</b>	
June 1	Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI

<b>Hubie Ashcraft Band</b>	
June 17	Landeck Tavern, Delphos, OH
July 2	CoCoLo's RV Campground, Lagro
July 7	Michiana Event Center, Shipshewana
July 20	Edgerton Days, Edgerton, OH
Aug. 4	Little Nashville Festival, Ottawa, OH
Aug. 11	Edon Days, Edon, OH
Aug. 13	Clear Lake Kasota Island, Fremont
Aug. 17	Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI
Sept. 3	Moose Lodge 1473, Celina, OH
Sept. 29	Five Star Dive Bar, Elkhart
Nov. 3	Country Heritage Winery, Nashville, IN
Nov. 17	Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI
Nov. 18	Five Star Dive Bar, Elkhart
Nov. 24	Lori's Roadhouse, Cincinnati
Nov. 25	The Distillery, Toledo
Dec. 8	The Junction, Lansing, MI
Dec. 15	Country Heritage Winery, Nashville, IN
Dec. 22	McSober's Saloon, Coldwater, OH

<b>Loveseat!</b>	
June 1	Coles Bar, Chicago
June 2	The Old Miami, Detroit

<b>Neon Straightjackets</b>	
June 24	Ottawa Tavern, Toledo

<b>We Are Checkmark</b>	
June 10	Clear Lake Yacht Club, Fremont

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<b>Matt Mathews</b>	<b>Aug. 9</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>The Mavericks</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>Foellinger Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Melanie Martinez	July 5	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Melanie Martinez	July 7	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Melanie Martinez	July 8	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Melanie Martinez	July 11	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
<b>The Menzingers</b>	<b>Aug. 15</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Michael Franti & Spearhead	June 16	Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre	Detroit
Michael Franti & Spearhead	Aug. 14	Hensville Park	Toledo
<b>Micky Dolenz</b>	<b>July 28</b>	<b>Trine T. Furth Center</b>	<b>Angola</b>
Mike Gordon	June 21	Bell's Eccentric Cafe	Kalamazoo
Mike Gordon	June 24-25	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Mike Gordon	June 28	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
Modest Mouse	June 17	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Momma	June 17	Rumba Cafe	Columbus, OH
<b>Montana of 300 w/Litfrank, Ernie Wayne</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Morgan Wallen	June 22-23	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Morgan Wallen	June 29-30	Ford Field	Detroit
Morgan Wallen	Aug. 11-12	Ohio Stadium	Columbus, OH
<b>Motionless In White &amp; In This Moment</b>	<b>Aug. 16</b>	<b>Memorial Coliseum</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Mudvayne	Aug. 4	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Mudvayne	Aug. 5	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Mudvayne	Aug. 6	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Mudvayne	Aug. 8	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
My Morning Jacket	June 23	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
<b>NEEDTOBREATHE</b>	<b>Aug. 13</b>	<b>Sweetwater Pavilion</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
NF	July 12	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
NF	July 14	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
NF	July 18	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	Aug. 3	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	Aug. 4	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	Aug. 5	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	Aug. 9-10	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	Aug. 19	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
The National	Aug. 7	The Fillmore	Detroit
<b>Nick Hoff</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Nickel Creek	June 9	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Nickelback	June 16	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Nickelback	Aug. 9	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Nickelback	Aug. 13	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Nickelback	Aug. 18	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Nickelback	Aug. 19	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
<b>Nita Strauss w/Lions at the Gate</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>The Eclectic Room</b>	<b>Angola</b>
<b>Nitty Gritty Dirt Band</b>	<b>June 28</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Noah Kahan	June 23	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
O.A.R.	June 10	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
The Oak Ridge Boys	June 21-22	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
The Offspring	Aug. 22	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
The Offspring	Aug. 23	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
The Offspring	Aug. 25	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
The Offspring	Aug. 26	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Old 97's	Aug. 19	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Old 97's	Aug. 21	Rumba Cafe	Columbus, OH
Old 97's	Aug. 22	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
<b>The Outlaws</b>	<b>Aug. 19</b>	<b>Trine T. Furth Center</b>	<b>Angola</b>
Pantera	July 29	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Paramore	June 4	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Paramore	June 5	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Paramore	June 7	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Paramore	June 10	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Parker McCollum	June 24	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
<b>Pat Benatar &amp; Neil Giraldo</b>	<b>Aug. 22</b>	<b>Foellinger Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Pentatonix	Aug. 17	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Pentatonix	Aug. 26	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Peter Dinklage	June 21	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Peter Dinklage	June 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Phil Wickham & Brandon Lake	Aug. 19	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Pink	July 26	Great American Ballpark	Cincinnati

Pink	Aug. 12	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Pink	Aug. 16	Comerica Park	Detroit
Pixies	June 12	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Pixies	June 14	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Post Malone	July 8	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Post Malone	July 9	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Post Malone	July 11	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI

<b>Putridity w/Cenotaph, Immortal Suffering, Severed Headshop</b>	<b>July 26</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Quinn XCII	June 10	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Quinn XCII	June 11	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Quinn XCII	June 14	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Quinn XCII	June 16	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Quinn XCII	June 17	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
<b>Rahsaan Barber &amp; Everyday Magic</b>	<b>Aug. 3</b>	<b>Eagles Theatre</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Rebelution	June 28	The Fillmore	Detroit
Rebelution	July 1	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Rebelution	July 2	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland

<b>The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus w/Kingdom Collapse, 3REE</b>	<b>Aug. 17</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Regina Spektor	July 29	Canal Shores Golf Course	Chicago
Regina Spektor	July 30	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati

<b>The Rev. Peyton's Big Damn Band w/The Legendary Trainhoppers</b>	<b>Aug. 5</b>	<b>The Ruin</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Reverend Horton Heat	July 25	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Rick Springfield	Aug. 5	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Rick Springfield	Aug. 6	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Robert Plant & Alison Krauss	June 28	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
The Rocket Summer	July 2	Bottom Lounge	Chicago

<b>Rodney Atkins w/Matt Williams; Whoa, Man!</b>	<b>June 17</b>	<b>Double H Farms</b>	<b>Hamilton</b>
Rodrigo y Gabriela	June 16	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Rodrigo y Gabriela	June 17	Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre	Detroit
Rufus Du Sol	Aug. 8	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Rufus Du Sol	Aug. 9	Smale Riverfront Park	Cincinnati
Rufus Du Sol	Aug. 11	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Russell Dickerson	June 4	Flannagan's Dublin	Columbus, OH
Russell Dickerson	Aug. 11	Mercer County Fairgrounds	Celina, OH
Ryan Adams & The Cardinals	July 28	Holiday Park	Indianapolis
Ryan Adams & The Cardinals	Aug. 1	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH

Sad Summer Fest w/Taking Back Sunday	July 18	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Sad Summer Fest w/Taking Back Sunday	July 19	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Sad Summer Fest w/Taking Back Sunday	July 21	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Sad Summer Fest w/Taking Back Sunday	July 22	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Sam Hunt	July 27	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Sam Hunt	July 28	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Sam Smith	Aug. 15	United Center	Chicago

<b>Samantha Fish w/Jesse Dayton</b>	<b>July 30</b>	<b>Sweetwater Pavilion</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Samuel J. Comroe</b>	<b>Aug. 3-5</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Santa Fe Klan	June 27	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Santana	June 25	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Santana	June 27	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Santana	June 29	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Sante Fe Klan	June 23	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Seven Lions	June 1	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Seven Lions	June 3	Radius	Chicago

<b>Shaggy 2 Dope</b>	<b>Aug. 12</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Shania Twain	June 30	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Shania Twain	July 1	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Shania Twain	July 15	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
<b>Shaun Weiss w/Will King</b>	<b>June 30</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Shinedown	July 21	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Sisters of Mercy	June 5	The Fillmore	Detroit
Sisters of Mercy	June 6	The Salt Shed	Chicago
<b>Skilla Baby</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Slightly Stoopid	July 28	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Slightly Stoopid	July 29	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Slightly Stoopid	July 30	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis

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<b>Smile Empty Soul</b>			
<b>w/Autumn Academy, The Stone Eye</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Snoop Dogg & Wiz Khalifa	July 20	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Snoop Dogg & Wiz Khalifa	July 21	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Snoop Dogg & Wiz Khalifa	July 23	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
<b>Soccer Mommy w/Vundabar,</b>			
<b>DuPont Brass, The Namby Pamby, Mic Strong</b>	<b>June 24</b>	<b>Parkview Field</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Stephen Marley	July 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
<b>Steve Earle</b>	<b>Aug. 17</b>	<b>Eagles Theatre</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Stevie Nicks	June 23	United Center	Chicago
Straight No Chaser	July 1	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
The Struts	June 16	The Fillmore	Detroit
The Struts	June 18	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
The Struts	June 20	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
The Struts	June 23	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
The Struts	July 11	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Swell Season	Aug. 18	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Sylvan Esso	Aug. 14	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Sylvan Esso	Aug. 15	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
T-Pain	June 13	The Fillmore	Detroit
T-Pain	June 14	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
T.G. Sheppard & T. Graham Brown	June 16	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
TLC & Shaggy	June 21	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
TLC & Shaggy	June 23	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
TLC & Shaggy	June 24	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
TLC & Shaggy	June 25	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Taylor Swift	June 2-3	Soldier Field	Chicago
Taylor Swift	June 10	Ford Field	Detroit
Taylor Swift	July 1	Paycor Stadium	Cincinnati
Ted Nugent	Aug. 11	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
<b>The Temptations</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Tesla w/Buckcherry, Saving Abel	Aug. 5	Plymouth Motor Speedway	Plymouth
<b>Texas Hippie Coalition w/Gravel, Seven Stones</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>The Eclectic Room</b>	<b>Angola</b>
Thomas Rhett, Cole Swindell, & Nate Smith	July 28	United Center	Chicago
Thomas Rhett, Cole Swindell, & Nate Smith	July 29	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
TobyMac	Aug. 12	Mercer County Fairgrounds	Celina, OH
Tori Amos	July 9	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Tori Amos	July 11	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
<b>Train w/Better Than Ezra</b>	<b>Aug. 9</b>	<b>Foellinger Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Twice	June 28	United Center	Chicago
Two Friends	June 7	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Two Friends	June 8	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Two Friends	June 9	The Fillmore	Detroit
Two Friends	June 12	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Tyler Childers	June 6	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Tyler Childers	June 8	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Tyler Childers	June 11	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Underoath & The Ghost Inside	July 16	The Salt Shed	Chicago
The Used & Pierce the Veil	June 17	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
The Used & Pierce the Veil	June 19	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
The Used & Pierce the Veil	June 21	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Vanilla Ice w/Kid N' Play, Tone Loc, All 4 One, Young MC, C&C Music Factory	July 15	Plymouth Motor Speedway	Plymouth
<b>Violent J w/Ouija Macc, Esham</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Volbeat	July 30	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Walker Hayes	Aug. 4	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Walker Hayes	Aug. 5	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Wavves	June 9	Metro	Chicago
Wavves	June 10	El Club	Detroit
Wavves	June 11	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
We Are the Union	July 5	House of Blues	Cleveland
<b>We The Kingdom</b>	<b>Aug. 27</b>	<b>Sweetwater Pavilion</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Weezer	July 9	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Weezer & Modest Mouse	June 16	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Weezer & Modest Mouse	June 18	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Willie Nelson's Outlaw Country Festival	Aug. 11	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Willie Nelson's Outlaw Country Festival	Aug. 13	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
WonderRoad Festival	June 17-18	Garfield Park	Indianapolis

Yellowcard	July 12	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Yellowcard	July 13	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Yellowcard	July 16	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Young the Giant	June 16	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Young the Giant	June 17	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Young the Giant	June 20	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Young the Giant	June 21	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Young the Giant	June 23	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Young the Giant	June 25	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Yungblud	July 7	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Yungblud	July 8	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Yungblud	July 11	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Zac Brown Band	June 30	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Zac Brown Band	Aug. 6	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
<b>Zachariah Smith</b>	<b>June 3</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>

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# Art & Exhibits

LOCAL CALENDAR

## CURRENT EXHIBITS

**Art Deco Glass** — 120 works on display including those from Rene Lalique, Daum Nancy, and Pierre D'Avesne, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Fridays, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-6 p.m. Sundays, through Aug. 6**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

**The Art of Slowing Down: Women's Labor & Craft** — Mallory Donen uses hand-stitching and knitting to bring awareness to undervalued women's labor and traditional craft, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through June 4**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

**Below the Surface: A Deep "See"** — Bill Dutterer's exploration of human condition through elegant minimalism, funky renewed figuration, and cryptic personal iconography, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-6 p.m. Sunday, through July 2**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

**Color in Motion: Butterfly Exhibit** — Observe exotic butterflies emerge from their chrysalides amid multicolored flowers and foliage, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, through June 25**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 427-6440

**Cultivate, Grow and Nourish** — Hannah Burnworth exhibit includes two- and three-dimensional paper plants created to celebrate women, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through June 4**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

**Early Brown County Artists** — More than 100 pieces drawn from private collections, showcases the artists that came to Brown County in the first half of the 20th Century, **5-8 p.m. Friday; 4-7 p.m. Saturday through July 1**, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, free admission, kwallace@gmoa@gmail.com

**Garden Party: Outdoor Sculptures by Dorothy Gillespie** — Years before her famous exhibitions at Walt Disney World and Rockefeller Center, Dorothy Gillespie had a city-wide exhibition in Fort Wayne in 1979, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday through June 4**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

**Miró in New York, 1947** — Exhibit focuses on Spanish surrealist painter Joan Miró's time in New York when he made experimental intaglio prints at the legendary print shop Atelier 17, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-6 p.m. Sunday, through June 25**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

**Natural Appeal: Differing Approaches to the Landscape** — Assortment of landscapes from permanent collection, spanning more than 200 years and 15 mediums, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-6 p.m. Sunday, through Sept. 17**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

**PFW Juried Student Art Exhibition** — Art and design students' juried exhibition with awards by professional artist/adjudicator, **8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, through Aug. 11**, PFW Visual Arts Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 481-6709

**Return to Sender** — Solo exhibit by Jeff Schofield regarding pollution and nature, **11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 17**, Bread & Circus Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, bcgallery2020@gmail.com

**Roman F. Miller: Landscape Architecture & Art** — Germany, Miller's photographs emphasize change and a lack of control with light and shadow effects in the moment, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, through Aug. 13**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 427-6440

**Spring Palette** — Contemporary impressionism, plein air, and abstract paintings from acclaimed local and national artists, **noon-5 p.m. Wednesday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday**, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 426-6568

**Unity With Variety** — Hilarie Couture exhibit features 52 portraits of people living in Fort Wayne and video interviews, highlighting diversity in the community, **8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, through June 18**, Honeywell Center Clark Gallery, Wabash, free admission, (260) 563-1102

## ART CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

**Improv Quilting: Riffing on Tradition Workshop** — Using traditional quilt block shapes and slow stitching methods, Artlink's Jackie Daugherty teaches how to make an improv-style quilt while making a pillow, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 3**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, \$75, (260) 424-7195

## RECEPTIONS

**Return to Sender** — Jeff Schofield will host artist talk on his exhibit on pollution and nature, **2-3 p.m. Saturday, June 3**, Bread & Circus Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, bcgallery2020@gmail.com

## ART EVENTS

**Covington Art Fair** — Show returns for 31st year with juried fine artists from across country, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 24; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June 25**, Covington Plaza, Fort Wayne, free, covingtonartfair@asheragency.com

**Taste of the Arts** — Artwork, music, comedy, theater, dance, and more at The Landing, Promenade Park, Rousseau Plaza, and the Arts Campus, **11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26**, The Landing, Promenade Park, Arts Campus, Rousseau Plaza, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-0646

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

**Artlink 45th Members' Showcase** — Artists at least 18 years old and an Artlink member can drop off a piece of artwork of any medium that is under 36

inches in any direction between through June 4 for exhibition set for June 15-July 16, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through June 4**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-7195

**Premier Pastel Society of Indiana** — Nonprofit art association of regional artists is seeking artists 18 and older for exhibit opportunities, painting excursions and education. For more information, contact hilariecouture@gmail.com.

**Fort Wayne Artists Guild** — The local guild is seeking members looking to further their artistic knowledge, share work, and take part in local exhibits. All skill levels are accepted, you just must be 18 years old to join. For more information, go to **www.fortwayneartistsguild.org**

## UPCOMING EXHIBITS

**45th Annual Artlink Members' Showcase** — Exhibition is open to all mediums, offering an opportunity to view works of artists Fort Wayne and the surrounding area, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Noon-5 p.m. Sunday, June 15-July 16**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

**Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience** — Walk through painter's works like *Starry Night*, *Sunflowers*, and *Cafe Terrace at Night* as they are projected from floor to ceiling, **10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday; from June 24-Aug. 10, closed July 4**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$19.99-\$83.99, (260) 483-1111

**Frank Louis Allen Exhibit** — Originally from Biggleswade, United Kingdom, Allen is a legally blind artist that has been shown in Washington, D.C.; New York; and abroad, **6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7**, The Garden, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 639-6557

# Stage & Dance

LOCAL CALENDAR

## NOW PLAYING

**Disney's The Little Mermaid** — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre takes on animated film with dazzling costumes and technical theater with a fly system that gives Scuttle, the seagull, wings and Ariel the chance to swim to the surface, **7 p.m. Thursday, June 1; 8 p.m. Friday, June 2; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 4; 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6; 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 7; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8; 8 p.m. Friday, June 9; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 10**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$30-\$60, (574) 267-8041

**The Firefly Tour** — Fort Wayne Ballet takes show on the road for free performances in northeast Indiana, **7 p.m. Friday, June 2**, Summit City Square, Fort Wayne; **7 p.m. Saturday, June 3**, Roman Beer Stage, Angola; and **2 p.m. Sunday, June 4**, DeKalb Outdoor Theatre, Auburn; free, (260) 422-4226

**Mikautadze Dance Theatre** — Night will feature premiere of *Suite for Solo Viola and Dancers*, composed by David Mikautadze and choreographed by Elizabeth Mikautadze, as well as *Aheym* choreographed by Elizabeth Mikautadze, **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 2-3**, PFW Williams Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$18, (260) 481-6555

## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

**Dances of Universal Peace Midwest Retreat** — A blend of chant, live music, and simple movements in an experience of unity, peace, and integration, **9 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Monday, June 30-July 3**, Dance Collective Studios, Fort Wayne, \$125, monnierliz@gmail.com

**Summer Musical Theatre Intensive** — For high school students with week of classes and workshops provided by Ball State faculty and guest clinicians that culminates in a performance, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, July 24-29; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, July 30**, Three Rivers Music Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$300, info@threeriversmusictheatre.com

## AUDITIONS

**Bach Collegium** — Auditions for new collegium members, by appointment, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, (260) 485-2143

## UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

### JUNE

**Disney Junior's Dino Ranch Live** — Cassidy family tackles life in fantastical "pre-westoric" setting where dinosaurs still roam, **6 p.m. Friday, June 9**, Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$29-\$69, (260) 427-6715

**The Hunchback of Notre Dame w/ organist Clark Wilson** — First film in series that celebrates silent era stars Lon Chaney with accompaniment by the Grande Page Pipe organ, **3 p.m. Sunday, June 11**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

**Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville** — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre production about part-time bartender and singer on an island paradise who meets a beautiful, career-driven tourist, **7 p.m. Thursday, June 15; 8 p.m. Friday, June 16; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18; 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20; 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 22; 8 p.m. Friday, June 23; and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 24**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$20-\$50, (574) 267-8041

**Tick, Tick ... Boom!** — Autobiographical tale of *Rent* composer Jonathan Larson and the sacrifices he made to achieve his big break, **7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24; 1 p.m. Sunday, June 25; and 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 30-July 1**, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 422-4226

**In Review: Celebrating 25 Years of Fort Wayne Summer Music Theatre** — Celebration of cabaret covering songs from the last 25 years, featuring current and former Summer Music Theatre

performers, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17**, RKF Studios, Fort Wayne, imtfinc@gmail.com

**A Star's Born: The Concert** — Songs from each version of film and soundtrack of "A Star Is Born," including "The Man That Got Away," "Shallow," and the Oscar-winning "Evergreen," **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 25**; First Presbyterian Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$15, (260) 422-4226

**Splashes of Color: A Celebration of Jazz** — Vocal Artists of Heartland Sings, along with the Heartland Sings Jazz Orchestra, will perform a variety of songs culminating in the Midwest premiere of *Mass in Blue* by composer Will Todd, **7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23**, PFW Auer Performance Center, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$30, (260) 436-8080

**The Big Gay Cabaret** — Celebrate Pride Month with iconic hits from pop music, stage, and screen, **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24**, **Three Rivers Music Theatre**, Fort Wayne, \$18.25, infor@threeriversmusictheatre.com

**Our Hospitality and One Week w/ organist Cletus Goens** — Silent film series accompanied by Grand Page Pipe organ continues with a film and short, both starring Buster Keaton, **3 p.m. Sunday, June 25**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

**Kiss Me, Kate** — Leading lady and her ex-husband battle on stage and off in a production of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* in this Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre production, **7 p.m. Thursday, June 29; 8 p.m. Friday, June 30; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 1; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 2; 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 4; 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, July 6; 8 p.m. Friday, July 7; and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 8**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$20-\$50, (574) 267-8041

### JULY

**The Music Man** — Con man's attempt to get Iowa town to purchase band equipment before he slides out of town, **7:30 p.m. July 8; 2 p.m. July 9; 7:30 p.m. July 15; 2 p.m. July 16**, PFW Auer Performance Hall, Fort Wayne, (260) 437-6825

**Jesus Christ Superstar** — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre takes on Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice rock opera loosely based on the Gospels that follow last week of Jesus Christ's life, **7 p.m. Thursday, July 13; 8 p.m. Friday, July 14; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 15; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16; 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 18; 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 19; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, July 20; 8 p.m. Friday, July 21; and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 22**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$20-\$50, (574) 267-8041



# Things To Do

LOCAL CALENDAR

## CURRENT

**teds Food Truck Thursday** — Food trucks, drinks, and live music, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, June 1**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

**Authors & Ales** — Those 21 and older discuss *Broken (in the best way possible)* by Jenny Lawson, **6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1**, 2Toms Brewing, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 421-1200

**Van Wert Peony Festival** — Fishing derby for children, entertainment, art and vendor show, free concert parade, a car show, self-guided tours, **10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, June 2; 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, June 3; 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday, June 4**; Downtown Van Wert, free, vwpeonyfestival@gmail.com

**Chain O’ Lakes Festival Kick-Off Cruise-In** — Open to all cars, trucks, motorcycles, and tractors with music by Mud Creek, **5-8 p.m. Friday, June 2**, Noble County Circuit Courthouse, Albion, free, (260) 347-7927

**Auburn First Friday** — Micro Mini Car Cruise-In with music by LiveWire, shopping vendors, and plenty of food options, **5-8 p.m. Friday, June 2**, downtown Auburn, free, (260) 920-4109

**First Friday: Wabash Cultural District Celebration** — *American Idol* finalist Zachariah Smith plus more than a dozen arts and entertainment spots, **5-8 p.m. Friday, June 2**, downtown Wabash, free, (260) 563-0975

**Columbia City First Fridays** — Monthly event with lawn games, music by Light Steps Jazz/Funk Band, and food trucks and vendors, **6-9 p.m. Friday, June 2**, downtown Columbia City, free

**Fort4Fitness Spring Cycle** — Annual event begins and ends at Promenade Park, includes 8-mile Family Ride, short, medium, and long rides, and a Metric Century (63 miles), **8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3**, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, \$30, (260) 760-3371

**Tiny Musicians w/Audrey Davis** — Those up to 3 years old enjoy nursery rhymes and songs, rhythm and movement exercises, and simple and fun instruments through four once-weekly classes, **9 or 10 a.m. Saturday, June 3**, Sweetwater Academy, Fort Wayne, \$45, (260) 432-1137

**Mommy and Me Clay Class** — Caretaker creates pottery with child, with first class focusing on sculpture/throwing bowls and the second Saturday dedicated to glazing, **9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 3 and 10**, PFW Visual Arts Building, Fort Wayne, \$75, (260) 481-6619

**Turtle Town Artisan Market** — Inaugural market with produce, flowers, handmade crafts and items, and other small-business products, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 3**, IGA Parking Lot, Churubusco, free, (260) 468-0592

**Little Rock Stars** — Four weekly learning sessions with instruments, songs for those 4-5 years old, **11 a.m. or noon Saturday, June 3**, Sweetwater Academy, Fort Wayne, \$45, (260) 432-1137

**PorchFest** — Second annual event will have live music, artists, and storytellers, as well as food trucks, **11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 3**, Williams Woodland Park Neighborhood, Fort Wayne, \$15, williamswoodlandpark@gmail.com

**Arab Fest** — Seventh annual event with food, vendors, camel rides, henna, and music, **noon-7 p.m. Saturday, June 3; and noon-6 p.m. Sunday, June 4**, Headwaters Park West, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 414-6999

**Book Signing w/R. Weidner** — Author will sign copies of her book *Awakening Dust* with a limited amount for purchase, **1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 3**, Half Price Books, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 373-2140

**Miami Indian Heritage Days: Cookware from Local Clays** — Monthly series that teaches the heritage of the Miami and other regional Native American groups continues with making and using replica Native-style pottery with Erik Vosteen, **1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 3**, Chief Richardville House, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 426-2882

**Sassy Pride** — More than 30 vendors, Spaces performance, and vegan buffet supporting Brave Alliance Fort Wayne, **noon-6 p.m. Sunday, June 4**, Studi07, Fort Wayne, free, thesassyvegan20@gmail.com

**June Paddle Social** — Meet at Spencerville Covered Bridge for 9.5-mile journey down the St. Joseph River to Steady Eddy’s Station in Leo-Cedarville, **1 p.m. Sunday, June 4**, Spencerville Covered Bridge, Spencerville, free, neiwatertrails@gmail.com

**Browne and Hartke: Two Views of Vietnam War** — Ray E. Boomhower and Geoff Paddock speak during the monthly George R. Mather Sunday Lecture Series, **2 p.m. Sunday, June 4**, The History Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-2882

**Indiana Clarinet Experience (Grades 7-12)** — Six-day overnight program for students to have fun musical experience with dedicated faculty and young, energetic professionals, **9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, June 5-10**, PFW Rhinehart Music Hall, Fort Wayne, \$575, (260) 481-6619

**RiverDrums** — Fourth annual cultural celebration with drumming, dancing, live music, and food trucks, **4:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 6**, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 257-7479

**Trek the Trails: PFW Bridge Tour** — Family-friendly bike ride, 7-9 miles with average speed of 10-12 mph, although no one is left behind, bring helmet and water, **6 p.m. Tuesday, June 6**, PFW, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 969-0079

**Chain O’ Lakes Festival** — Live music, tours of Old Jail Museum, and a 4 p.m. parade on Saturday, June 10, **4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7; 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 8-9; and 8 a.m. Saturday, June 10**, Downtown Albion, free, (260) 347-7927

**Union 12 Food Truck Night: Pet Night** — Roots of Life Photography will shoot complimentary photos of pets, plus vendors and the music of Kaitlyn Schmit & The Move, **5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7**, Union 12, Columbia City, free, (260) 203-0239

**Fort Wayne Weavers’ Guild** — June’s meeting covers the diamond celebration, **7 p.m. Wednesday, June 7**, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 489-5367

## FARMERS MARKETS

**Downtown Wabash Farmers Market** — Find products like fresh produce, organic meats, homemade ice cream, hand-poured candles and soap, pottery, and metal and wood works, **8 a.m.-noon Saturdays through Sept. 30**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, free, (260) 563-0975

**Fort Wayne’s Farmers Market** — Farm foods, baked goods, homemade natural items, and unique works from regional artisans, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday**, Electric Works, Fort Wayne, contact@ftwaynesfarmersmarket.com

**South Side Farmers Market** — Shop locally grown produce, meat, eggs, baked goods, plants, crafts, jewelry, and more at market celebrating its 97th year, **8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 16**, South Side Farmers Market, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 310-9499

**Ylni Farmers Market** — Produce, baked goods, jewelry, honey, hayrides, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday**, Barr and Wayne streets, Fort Wayne, free, market@ylni.org

## STORYTIME AT THE PARK

**Storytime at the Park** — All ages welcome to read, sing, dance, and play at parks across Allen County, sponsored by Allen County Public Library, free, (260) 436-8080

**Thursdays through July 27**, Leo-Cedarville Town Park, 10-10:30 a.m.  
**Fridays through July 28**, Jack R. Harris Park, Grabill, 10-10:30 a.m.  
**Fridays through July 28**, Kreager Park, Fort Wayne, 10:15-10:45 a.m.  
**Mondays through July 31**, Franklin School Park, Fort Wayne, 10:30-11 a.m.  
**Mondays through July 31**, Schnelker Park, New Haven, 11-11:30 a.m.

**Wednesdays through Aug. 30**, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, 10-10:30 a.m.

## RECURRING EVENTS

**Fitness Park Drop-In Classes** — Learn to strengthen and tone your muscles using resistance train every Monday, **9:30 a.m.-10:15 am Mondays through June 12**, Community Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6460

**Country/Hip-Hop Beginner Line Dancing** — Get some exercise and learn a few moves, **7 p.m. Thursdays**, Charlie’s Place, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 222-7302

**Line Dancing Lessons** — Lessons followed by open dancing, **7-9 p.m. Fridays**, Knockin’ Boots Saloon, Fort Wayne, \$8, (260) 387-5063

**Sunshine Yoga w/Tara Lynn** — Start weekend off by centering mind and body, **11 a.m. Saturdays**, Studi07, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 312-0964

## SPECTATOR SPORTS

### BASEBALL

**TinCaps** — Upcoming home games at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne

**Thursday, June 1**, vs. South Bend, **7:05 p.m.**  
**Friday, June 2**, vs. South Bend, **7:05 p.m.**  
**Saturday, June 3**, vs. South Bend, **6:35 p.m.**  
**Sunday, June 4**, vs. South Bend, **1:05 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, June 13**, vs. Dayton, **7:05 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, June 14**, vs. Dayton, **7:05 p.m.**  
**Thursday, June 15**, vs. Dayton, **7:05 p.m.**  
**Friday, June 16**, vs. Dayton, **7:05 p.m.**  
**Saturday, June 17**, vs. Dayton, **6:35 p.m.**  
**Sunday, June 18**, vs. Dayton, **1:05 p.m.**

### ROLLER DERBY

**Fort Wayne Roller Derby** — Upcoming home games at SportONE Parkview Fieldhouse, Fort Wayne

**Sunday, June 11, Noon**  
**Sunday, July 9, Noon**

### SOCCER

**Fort Wayne Football Club** — Upcoming home games at University of Saint Francis’ Bishop D’Arcy Stadium, Fort Wayne

**Saturday, June 3**, vs. Liquid Football, **7 p.m.**  
**Sunday, June 11**, vs. Kings Hammer FC, **5 p.m.**  
**Sunday, June 18**, vs. FC Buffalo, **4 p.m.**  
**Friday, June 23**, vs. Inter Detroit, **8 p.m.**  
**Sunday, June 25**, vs. Cleveland Force SC, **5 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, June 28**, vs. Dayton Dutch Lions, **7 p.m.**  
**Sunday, July 2**, vs. Toledo Villa FC, **5 p.m.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**teds Food Truck Thursday** — Food trucks, drinks, and live music, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, June 8**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

**Mainstay’s Littlest Music Makers** — Board-certified music therapist helps children up to 3 years old facilitate positive interactions and support developmental growth with each of the four 45-minute Friday classes, **9 a.m.-11 a.m. Friday, June 9**, Mainstay Music Therapy, Fort Wayne, \$50, (260) 409-8246

**Wild Walkers: Robb Hidden Canyon** — Adult hiking group meets on second and fourth Friday of month to visit different area of northeast Indiana, carpooling from Salomon Farm Park, **8:45 a.m. Friday, June 9**, Robb Hidden Canyon, Hamilton, free, (260) 427-5023

**Huntington Trails Beer & Wine Festival** — Sample drinks from Indiana wineries, distilleries and breweries from across the country with live music and a silent auction, **6-10 p.m. Friday, June 9**, Huntington County Fairgrounds, Huntington, \$10-\$45, (260) 355-5103

**Allen County Marketplace** — Shop craft, food, and other vendors and enjoy live music at monthly event, **9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 10**, Huntertown Family Park, Huntertown, free, allencomarketplace@gmail.com

**Back to the Bricks** — More than 300 vehicles in downtown tour, Hippie Market, walking tour, food trucks, and live music, **11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, June 10**, downtown Auburn, free, (260) 920-4109

**Solfest** — Live music, kayaking, vendors, food trucks, and more as a fundraiser for Fox Island and Metea county parks, **11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, June 10**, Metea County Park, Leo-Cedarville, \$10, (260) 494-6905

**Luau & Spring Benefit for Bikers Against Predators** — Annual party for those at least 21 years old with music and food, **3 p.m.-midnight Saturday, June 10**, Pike’s Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 478-6200

**Second Sunday Creative Makers Market** — Shop crafts, vintage tools, vacuum cleaners, sewing machines, clothing, and furniture and also take part in games and tours, **1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 11**, TekVenture, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 341-4875

**2023 Gene Marcus Piano Camp & Festival** — Workshops, master classes, group sessions, and individual lessons during six-day camp for intermediate to advanced pianists in grades 7-12, **3-7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 11; 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 12-15; and 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday, June 16**, PFW Rhinehart Music Center, Fort Wayne, \$399-\$499, (260) 481-6059

**Sweetwater Rock Camp** — During five-day camp, musicians between 12 and 18 years old build a band, write and produce a song, record in professional studio, and perform at state-of-the-art venue, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 12-16; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 10-14; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 17-21; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 24-28; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 31-Aug. 4**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$449, (260) 432-8176

**Trek the Trails: Indian Trails Park** — Family-friendly bike ride, 7-9 miles with average speed of 10-12 mph, although no one is left behind, bring helmet and water, **6 p.m. Tuesday, June 13**, Indian Trails Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 969-0079

**Fort Wayne Flax and Fleecers Spinning Guild** — June’s meeting covers art yarn and core spun yarn, **7 p.m. Tuesday, June 13**, Salomon Farm Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 489-5367

**Union 12 Food Truck Night** — Food and dessert trucks accompanied by vendors and the live music of The Hubie Ashcraft Band, **5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14**, Union 12, Columbia City, free, (260) 203-0239

**Vera Bradley Annual Outlet Sale** — Popular bag and luggage brand returns for event that draws thousands from around country, **7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, June 14-16; 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, June 17; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 18**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, free-\$6, (260) 483-111

**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 15-17; 11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Sunday, June 18**; Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$6, ribfestat-headwaterspark@gmail.com

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**Zoofari** — Food and drinks from more than 50 local establishments, live music, and animals at fundraiser, **5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15**, Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo, Fort Wayne, \$85-\$175 (21-and-over only), (260) 427-6800

**Chicks’ Run** — Women’s 5K run with prizes, snacks, and wine and beer after the run, **7 p.m. Thursday, June 15**, Pickett’s Run Park, Bluffton, \$15, (260) 824-6069

**Juneteenth Macknificient Freedom Fest** — Annual celebration marks the end of slavery with music, games, vendors, a human library, horse rides, and bounce houses, **1:30-6 p.m. Saturday, June 17**, McMillen Park, Fort Wayne, free, macknificentfreedomfest.com



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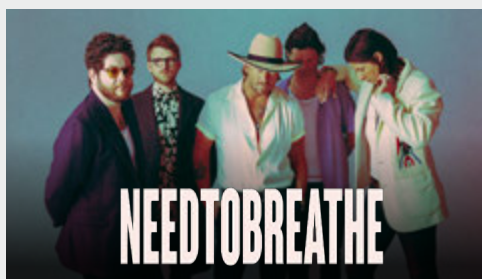
**CANDLEBOX**  
WITH SPECIAL GUEST THE DEAD DEADS

Rock | June 18



**SAMANTHA FISH FT. JESSE DAYTON**  
WITH SPECIAL GUEST ERIC JOHANSON

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