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# **Sweetwater hosts free Will Dailey show**

Singer-songwriter offers unique experience with his 10 Dollar Song Tour

### BY ANTHONY GADSON WHATZUP EDITOR

When Bose asked independent singer-songwriter Will Dailey to showcase their portable PA system at Sweetwater Sound, he had one request. "I work on a lot of their products that are kind

of for the traveling troubadour lifestyle," he said of his partnership with Bose. "I'm going to be out there for that, so I told them, 'I'm on tour. I'll go out there for you guys, but if I'm in Indiana, I want to have show.' I don't get to Indiana enough. I'm really on the East Coast, sometimes Chicago, and Southern California — that's where I play the most, and Europe. I have this indie career that I can make work for me, but America is a big place and I rarely get to Indiana."

You can get a chance to see this top 20 Billboard-charting artist when he stops by Sweetwater for a free show on Wednesday, May 24.

### **CUTTING OUT DISTRACTIONS**

"The traveling troubadour" has been on the road opening for The Wallflowers and Rhett Miller. He's also been doing solo gigs as part of his innovative 10 Dollar Song Tour.

The 10 Dollar Song Tour features Dailey performing his regular show, but there's a song you can hear only via an "antique" Discman. After paying what you'd like to hear the song, you put on the headphones and get a listen to his song "Cover of Clouds."

In a phone interview from the road, Dailey said he enjoys putting his music out on streaming platforms. However, "Cover of Clouds" is an ode to Joni Mitchell and highly personal to him. He fears it will get lost in the avalanche of content that now engulfs us on a daily basis.

"Writing songs is what I do for myself, and putting them out is what I do to connect," he said. "I love when a song connects on a platform. But this particular song, it's six-and-a-half minutes long, and it's a tribute to an artist that influenced me and the people that introduced that artist to me. I thought, 'Wouldn't it be a shame to put this song into the abyss of all our content.' And not just music platforms, but all of our content. They might click on it, then get a text message in the middle of it, and they're out. I just thought, 'Not this time. Not this particular song.'"

Instead of getting distracted while listening to a song, putting the headphones on and immersing yourself in this one might be a bit different.

"Some people are like, 'This is the best song you've ever written, and now I'm angry that I can only listen to it once.' Some people are getting very emotional," he said. "Some people are getting emotional because they wonder if they've been listening to music correctly because they didn't look at their phones."



Will Dailey will perform a live show at Sweetwater Sound on Wednesday, May 24.

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COURTESY PHOTO

A fan listens to Will Dailey's "Cover of Clouds"

through an "antique" Discman in Philadelphia.

LIFE-CHANGING ALBUM

"I feel like I'm doing the right thing, even

What makes the song so important to Dailey is

"Someone just said, 'Here's this record,' and

the role hall of fame folk icon Joni Mitchell played

in his life while he said he was just trying to learn

it was Clouds," Dailey said. "I was still trying to

learn to play a C chord, and this person who was

dating my mother at the time, then became by

stepfather, had a guitar and showed me the open

tuning to 'Chelsea Morning,' which I had no right

learning. I couldn't play a C chord, and he's trying

to play Guns N' Roses and Nirvana songs.

though it's something I have to explain," he said.

### WILL DAILEY

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to show me this thing she did. That window and door was opened in my mind at a young age. That album always stayed with me."

Dailey said while he thoroughly enjoys the likes of Led Zeppelin and Pearl Jam, it's those artists that fly under the radar that really intrigue him. Citing Joan Armatrading, he said he was so "upset" that he only learned about her seven years ago.

### TRYING SOMETHING NEW

Having shared stages and studio spaces with the likes of Eddie Vedder and Willie Nelson, Dailey has won numerous Boston music awards. And though it might sound like he prefers the days of yesteryear, he's not against streaming platforms, saying he had just been listening to Spotify on his road trip. However, for this song, he was looking for something more intimate.

"It's a real quagmire that we're in," he said. "It's really wonderful that everyone has access to this same platform. There's so much beautiful work out there, and I'm talking television shows, books, articles, blogs, videos on YouTube, tutorials, and a 100,000 songs every day. I'm excited to put new music out online. This one song fosters a healthier relationship for me with the people I'm asking to participate in it.

"Come to the merch table and listen to a song that is only available on a Discman on a headphones that you can only listen to once," he added. "The responses are wonderful, but also far more fulfilling for me for his particular piece of music."

# Things are about to heat up at bluegrass festival

### Joe Hott headlines 4 days of music in Kendallville

### **BY DEAN JACKSON** WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

If there ever was an artist in the right spot, it's Joe Hott.

The bluegrass/country performer is ripe with authenticity. When he speaks, his Appalachian roots flow from his mouth like honey off a biscuit. Even his band, The Short Mountain Band, is a homage to the mountain that looms behind his childhood home in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia.

He talks about his walk. He lives his musical walk. For a minute, you can't help but bask in the nostalgia. You feel like you are escorted back to classic country with stars like Ralph Stanley or Bill Monroe

After a minute or two, you notice a similarity in sound and style to Hank Williams, and come to think of it, you might see a little resemblance, too.

Hott doesn't object to the comparison.

"That's not a bad image to have," he said. "He was one of the best. We try to incorporate his songs. He's one of my favorites."

The 615 Hideaway Records artist is one of the key acts coming to the annual Northern Indiana Tri-State Bluegrass Association Memorial Day Festival at the Noble County Fairgrounds in Kendallville, Thursday, May 25, through Sunday, May 28.

For a schedule of acts and more information, go to bluegrassusa.net.

### MAKING THE OLD SOUND NEW

Hott's debut 2017 album, *The Last Thing on My Mind*, put him on the chart, as he was nominated for Inspirational Bluegrass Artist of the Year by the Inspirational Country Music Association. His 2018 single "West Virginia Rail" reached No. 1 on the Roots Music Report's bluegrass chart.

His is a mix of gospel with strong instrumentals, including the banjo, guitar, bass, mandolin, and a train whistle that has become a signature sound.

You can hear the passion. It's hard to keep from tapping. It's high energy, it's active. Even the slow



Joe Hott & The Short Mountain Band will be among the headliners at the NIBGA Bluegrass Festival over Memorial Day weekend in Kendallville.

songs pull you in. His bio says it best by calling him "a must see, a must hear."

He admits he's not sure why.

"I reckon we have to do our best to put on a great show for everybody," he said. "We try to include the music people aren't hearing anymore, stuff that's hard to find. We try to bring that history back and the fun memories back when those songs were brand new.

Hott's mission is intentionally focused on preserving a historical, traditional sound.

"It's gone by the wayside, but we are going to keep it going for as long as we can," he said. "We incorporate some of the old-school traditional country. We do a couple of Buck Owens songs and songs from his era. We mix in a little gospel and round out the show the best we can."

Hott reasons the legends of the genre have stood the test of time.

"They'll never be replicated or replaced in any way," he said. "They cleared the way in the business. Of course, we wouldn't be here without them."

### STICKING WITH TRADITION

One of the selling points is the music's rugged soul. He says his



My Brother's Keeper will perform Saturday-Sunday, May 27-28.

That's my No. 1 goal is to keep it real

try music is becoming hillbilly rock.

Without pointing fingers, he'll

quickly tell you it's OK. He says it's

He has his theories on how coun-

and keep it simple."

not his battle.

show comes from the heart and the mood it creates.

"For the most part, it's all about feel," he said. "You just listen to how the song is going to go. I like to keep it as real and as natural as possible without adding a whole lot to it.

### NIBGA BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25 6 p.m. Friday, May 26 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 27 10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 28 Noble County Fairgrounds 580 N. Fair St., Kendallville \$20-\$30 (260) 918-4790

"I don't know the reason for the big separation," he said. "I know even bluegrass lately has gone more on the progressive side. We always hone in on the traditional side of it. That's what best suits us.

"I guess everybody has their unique style that they want to put on or twist. I hope the tradition will stick around."

Even if it's fading, that's where his roots are planted.

"It crossed my mind a time or two," he said. "I know the genre has had its struggles throughout the years. Yet it always seems to circle back. I hope that's the case again this time. I think people venture out for so long searching for new stuff. But they always come back home in a sense and recapture their roots and start listening to the traditional sound again."

### WORKING ON ALBUM

His roots in the church clearly show in the music he plays. As the son of a pastor, he says there is an added passion to incorporating gospel into the show.

"That's our way of spreading the word and people are wanting to hear the old-time gospel music, you don't hear it at all," he said. "I'm really hungry for it. We're really glad to be able to supply it."

It's a model he copies from The Stanley Brothers.

"They did a lot of traditional bluegrass and honky tonk, but they always made room for the sacred songs and gospel," he said.

The Kendallville festival is part of a modest 2023 schedule that takes Hott to about a dozen or around the country while he stays close to home to focus on writing and producing new songs.

"We are traveling light at the moment," he said. "Hopefully, next year we'll start adding even more to the list. Maybe we do, you know, four- or five-day runs. Right now, we are just weekend warriors. We are focusing on a new album."

# **Comedy show shines light on Fort Wayne's Finest**

### Bob Hearts Abishola writer returns home for 2nd annual showcase

### **BY ANTHONY GADSON** WHATZUP EDITOR

It seems there are more national comedians than ever coming through town, be it Katt Williams, Jerry Seinfeld, Jim Gaffigan, or Bert Kreischer.

However, Jamarcus "JT" Turner wants you to know there are plenty of homegrown comedians right here in the Summit City. To that end, the former writer for *Bob Hearts Abishola* organized Fort Wayne's Finest comedy show last year, with the second edition set for Saturday, May 27, at Arts United Center.

The inaugural show featured himself with Kool Kat, Lunett Thomas, Alex Eakin, and A.M. 2 Funny, but there will be an entirely new lineup this year.

"We have such an abundance of talent in Fort Wayne, I will not have to repeat picks," Turner said. "It will be years before I have to repeat someone. We have a very robust comedy scene around here. It's just there aren't a lot of places to showcase them."

Showcased this year will be Turner, Isiah Gray, Jesse McIntire, Jared Scott, and Stacey Stark.

### **FINDING A PLACE FOR LAUGHS**

Citing Summit City Comedy Club, Studio7, and Wrigley Field Bar & Grill as some of the few spots comedians can get in front of an audience in town, Turner formed Fort Wayne's Finest as another outlet. Along with getting comedians in front of an audience, the show is also recorded and edited so the performers have a reel they can distribute.

He said last year's reel helped him reach the final round of qualifiers to perform at this summer's Just for Laughs festival in Montreal.

"I had never done a big show with a lot of people in attendance, something prestigious, something I see a lot of other comedians doing in other places," Turner said about forming Fort Wayne's Finest. "Then I realized I wanted to do that for my friends. So, last year I was like, 'I'll shoot a special. I'll call it Fort Wayne's Finest, put a couple of my friends on the ticket."

And Arts United Center perfectly fit what he was going after.

"I think that's one of the most beautiful venues we have in Fort Wayne," he said. "A lot of people I know had never even been in that theater, and they definitely had not been in there for any kind of comedy show."

### HELP ALONG THE WAY

Growing up in Fort Wayne, Turner always dreamed of being a comedian. However, for a



Professional comedy writer Jamarcus "JT" Turner will host Fort Wayne's Finest on Saturday, May 27, at Arts United Center.

long time it was just that, a dream.

"I would tell my friends, 'I'm going to be on *ComicView* by the time I'm 19. I'm going to do this. I'm going to do that.' Then I came back to Fort Wayne have my half-semester in college and I got a job, because I got someone pregnant," the Elmhurst grad said.

"My little brother (Jimi) told me that if he found an open mic, I would have to do it. We talked about it for years. We would sit in the living room and write jokes, but he passed away in October 2020 right in his sleep, just suddenly. Two weeks after he passed away, I saw a flyer for an open mic, and I had never seen one before in Fort Wayne. I started going to the open mics and never stopped."

Noting that he ends each of his sets with an "I love you, Jimi" tribute, Turner got his official start doing stand-up at Dreamers Hookah Lounge on Calhoun Street.

"It was during the pandemic, and people were not enthusiastic about laughing or listening to me do comedy," he said. "I didn't know I was funny until I went to a different place. No one was paying attention and no one cared. I came up with different jokes every week because it was the same people in there every week."

Finding a more receptive crowd at Wrigley,

Stacey Stark

Turner continued to hit the stage "because I loved it."

While dabbling in stand-up, he says he was working 60 hours a week at Allen Plastics Repair on Lima Road. With plenty of downtime at the job, he would get on Twitter to make jokes, grabbing the attention of comedian Yassir Lester, a writer on the hit HBO series *Girls* who has also appeared on such shows as *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, *The Mindy Project*, and *Duncanville*.

In January 2020, Lester sent Turner and direct message that changed his life.

"He said, 'I think you should write.'" Turner said. "He bought me the *TV Writer's Workbook* off Amazon and sent it to me and bought me a program called Fade In (professional screenwriting software) for my computer. I had to buy a \$100 computer at a pawn shop, and I just started writing scripts."

After writing a couple scripts that didn't fare well with Lester, Turner did write one that Lester told him to keep.

A year later, Turner took part in a nationwide search for Jon Stewart's Apple+ series *The Problem with Jon Stewart*. He made it to the final round of applicants, but did not get the job. But connections had been made.

"It was just something I was doing to stay

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sharp, so I wouldn't go crazy," Turner said about writing. "A couple hours (after being told he didn't get the job), the head writer wrote me back and said, 'We love your writing. We'd love to send it to an executive. Do you have anything we could send them?'"

That's when the script he had written for Lester came in handy. A few days after sending it to an executive, he had an interview to write for Chuck Lorre's *Bob Hearts Abishola*.

Going in believing it would be good practice, Turner landed the job and wrote 29 episodes. In January, he was released from his contract with thoughts of re-signing. However, the writer's strike threw a wrench in those plans.

### THIS YEAR'S PERFORMERS

Before returning for Fort Wayne's Finest, Turner said he'd be joining the WGA picket line in Los Angeles. But once he's back in the Summit City, he's excited to showcase the local talent.

"Stacey Stark has a deadpan delivery that I adore," he said. "She's so funny, so hilarious. Just think if Steven Wright and Tig Notaro had a baby."

"(Isiah Gray) is so smart and so funny, and it's so sharp. His jokes are so intricate and so well-crafted. He's a joke genius, honestly.

"Jesse McIntire, he's going to come out of nowhere for a lot of people, but I know he's going to kill. He has a brilliant mix of highbrow humor with low-brow execution."

"Jared Scott has only been out here for maybe a year, year-and-a-half, but he's created his own comedy show called *Peppers & Punchlines*. It's doing really great. He's taking it on tour now, so it's not just in Fort Wayne. It's like *Hot Ones* for comedians. You do super-duper hot peppers and try to get through your set. If you get through your set after doing multiple rounds of eating these peppers, you get \$50."

Along with those four, he'll also be doing his own set, and he wants to give the audience their money's worth.

"I can't do the same jokes that I did last year," he said. "That's a nonstarter for people around here to pay \$20 to see, as far as they are concerned, a no-name. Like, my name is on TV, but they don't see me on their Vines.

"If they're gonna come see me and pay money and feel like they got a good show, I have to give them all new jokes, they have to be funny, and it has to be a night that's worth their time."



# **Gear up for Summer Nights at Embassy**

The folks at Embassy Theatre have announced the lineup for their eighth season of Summer Nights at the Embassy, which begins Wednesday, July 12, and runs through Aug. 30.

These shows run from 5:30-9 p.m. in the multilevel Yergens Rogers Foundation Ballroom with access to the Parkview Health Rooftop Patio where



patrons can view our city's breathtaking skyline. A cash bar and food concessions

will also be available.

The acts set to perform are The Dead Pickers Society on July 12, Basketcase on July 19, Ty Causey on July 26, Alicia Pyle & The Locals on Aug. 2, Todd Harrold Band on Aug. 9, Sunset Musica on Aug. 16, Chris Worth on Aug. 23, and Hubie Ashcraft Trio on Aug. 30.

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All individual tickets will run you only \$5 and can be purchased at ticketmaster.com, fwembassytheatre.org, and in person at the STAR Bank box office at the Embassy starting at 10 a.m. Friday, June 2. Flex passes will once again be available for \$30 (eight tickets for the price of six).

Each ticket directly supports Embassy Presents programming, education offerings, and the upkeep and restoration of the beautiful and historic Embassy Theatre.

### Music scene heating up in Monroeville

The lineup is set for this year's Monroeville Summer Concerts at the Monroeville Community Park, 421 Monroe St.

Except for June 15, free concerts will be held from 6-9 p.m. every Thursday.

Things kick off June 1 with a downtown car show and music by Reload. From there, it will be Dark Horse on June 8, StraitJack on June 22, Mason Dixon Line on June 29, OK Boomer Band on July 3, Mismatched on July 6, Wallen Road on July 13, Jiggs Hendrixson Band on July 20, and Dave Liles Band on July 27.

In addition, the Monroeville Harvest Festival will take place on Aug. 3-5 and feature performances by Hubie Ashcraft Band on Aug. 3, Whoa, Man! on Aug. 4, and Jesse Kellie Adams and Mismatched on Aug. 5.

### The Clyde books Kings Kaleidoscope

On Sunday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m., The Clyde will welcome the faith-based alternative rock band Kings

### Kaleidoscope.

Employing a wide array of styles from math rock and hip-hop to chamber pop and anthemic indie rock, the group continues to blur genres and find favor with secular and nonsecular audiences.

Opening the show will be indie rockers **Mike Mains** & The Branches.

Tickets are on sale at clydetheatre.com, over the phone at (800) 514-3849, or in person at The Clyde box office and Sweetwater Sound.

### Nita Strauss performing at Eclectic Room

If you were taken in by **Nita Strauss**' guitar work when she performed with Alice Cooper at Memorial

Coliseum this month, then I have good news for you. The guitar virtuoso is embarking on a monthlong solo tour between her Cooper shows.

The Summer Storm Tour will make a stop at The Eclectic Room in Angola on Friday, June 23, at 7:30 p.m. She will be joined by special guests Lions at the Gate.

Tickets are available via TicketWeb.

After her solo tour wraps up, she will jump back in with Cooper who has a run of August dates with Mötley Crüe and Def Leppard before embarking on a co-headlining tour with Rob Zombie.

### Catch Alexander Craig at The Rail

When producer, singer-songwriter, and prodigal son of rock Alexander Craig visits The Brass Rail on Thursday, June 15, he'll have local band Left Lane Cruiser as his opening act.

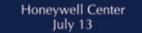
The Minnesota-based artist wrote and produced a handful of albums and performed thousands of gigs as Crankshaft from 2008-18. With a new perspective on life, he decided to get rid of the persona and reinvent himself using his given name.

His songs are as wide-ranging as his character; swampy gut-bucket blues to blistering punk inspired rock n' roll. It's a perfect match with Left Lane Cruiser. This show will only cost you \$7 at the door.

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A musical performance by vocalist Tselot Seyoum will highlight the May 19 fundraiser for Agape Mobility Ethiopia.

An informal evening of music, fellowship and stories at A Divine Encounter Café, 1019 Coliseum Blvd. E., will feature the Ethiopian gospel singer as she leads worship songs in English and Amharic, sharing details about Ethiopian culture along the way.

Snacks and beverages will be available for

purchase and proceeds benefit Agape Mobility Ethiopia's mission of providing mobility and dignity to every citizen of Ethiopia.

More than 800 wheelchairs and 900 sets of therapy and rehabilitation equipment have been distributed to date.

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**Tselot Seyoum** 

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# Fire & Light reschedules Brigadoon shows

Due to air-conditioning issues at the University of Saint Francis Performing Arts Center on Friday night, Fire & Light's performance of *Brigadoon* was canceled at intermission.

Shows have been rescheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, May 19, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Satur-

day, May 21.

An update on tickets can be found at fireandlightproductions.com.

### Fort Wayne in Bloom winners

The votes have been tallied and Downtown Fort Wayne has announced the winners of the third annual Fort Wayne in Bloom Window Decorating Contest.

Venues JEN POIRY PROUGH Decorating Contest. Split into three categories, Citilink's window took home the People's

Choice Award. In the Most Thematic category, Poptique Gourmet Popcorn took first place, followed by Visit Fort Wayne and Sharon's Victorian House of Gifts. Poptique also took the top spot in the Most Instragrammable category, followed by Citilink and Blush Bridal & Beauty Boutique.

### True Tale of Robin Hood coming to Foellinger

The teen edition of *Marian, or the True Tale of Robin Hood* will be performed at Foellinger Theatre, 3411 Sherman Blvd., on Saturday, May 20, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$15.50 for stadium seating and \$103.50 on the floor.

This production made national news due to the controversy surrounding its initial cancellation at Carroll High School.

The production was made possible by the efforts of the students involved in the production and a host of adults in the community.

### MLK's son coming to monument dedication

On June 5, the Fort Wayne Public Art Commission will unveil *Pillars of Hope and Justice*, a public art monument in downtown Fort Wayne at 6 p.m.

Designed by artists Shane Allbritton and Norman Lee with RE:site Studio, the monument commemorates the June 5, 1963, visit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Fort Wayne, during which he gave a speech at the former Scottish Rite Auditorium sharing his vision for nonviolent resistance.

King's son, Martin Luther King III, will travel to Fort Wayne for the dedication at on the northwest corner of West Main and Ewing streets.

The monument dedication will be followed by a 60th Anniversary Celebration which will be held in the nearby University of Saint Francis Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center (the former Scottish Rite Auditorium) at 7 p.m.

The celebration will include remarks from King III and a recitation of the speech his father made during his visit to Fort Wayne.

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# **Tropic Chicken, Azteca meld well**

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Last week, I stepped into **el Azteca** to see for myself how the new and improved mash-up with **Tropic Chicken** was going.



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From my vantage point, it's seamless.

For the present, it operates as two restaurants in one — the casual Tex-Mex sit-down dinners long associated with el Azteca and the quick-serve taquería of Tropic Chicken.

On my visit, I crept in and found my way to a corner table just after the fading dinner rush.

Some of the staff had Tropic Chicken shirts. They used two unique menus, so be sure to ask for both. I was told the final menu is a work

in progress. They are aiming for a finalized slate by June, if not sooner.

Staff said some items, only a few, will drop off the menu. But not to worry, it's more of a housekeeping thing. They are making it more efficient to streamline the operation.

That's where the torta comes in. I'll call it a sandwich packed with meat and vegetables. I ordered the steak torta with mayonnaise, lettuce, avocado, and tomatoes.

Proteins ranged from the familiar with steak, ham, and chicken and expanded to traditional meats like saudero (similar to flank steak), chorizo, spit-roasted pastor, and the unique lengua (tongue) and milanesa. I held off on the lengua ... for now.

Of course, all of this is stuffed into the torta bread, a thick, crusty slightly sweet panini-like sandwich shell.

I can't wait to experiment with the new flavors and how the culinary dust settles at the new el Azteca.

From what I can tell, the synergy will open up a new universe of options.

I'll check back soon with an update.

### Don't miss Japanese dishes at Cherry Blossom

As you check out the vendors and cosplayers at the **Cherry Blossom Festival** from noon-6 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, at Purdue Fort Wayne's Walb Union, be sure to swing by its Taste of Japan.



Unsure what a torta is? Swing by el Azteca to find out.

There, you can enjoy sushi, yakitori, gyoza dango, curry, yakisoba, ramen, teriyaki fried rice, and donburi. Japanese drinks and ice cream are available, too.

### Hoppy Gnome offering trip to Spain

On Tuesday, May 23, **The Hoppy Gnome** is taking their menu across the Atlantic as they host a Night in Southeast Spain.

Your \$60 ticket includes four tapas courses and a specialty cocktail.

### **Dunkin Donuts eyes downtown location**

A plan to add a new doughnut shop to downtown Fort Wayne is working its way through Allen County Plan Commission.

The proposal would put a Dunkin Donuts at 1117 S. Clinton St., just south of the Subway at the corner of South Clinton and East Jefferson Boulevard.

### Rusty's Ice Cream marks two years

Celebrations often include ice cream, and the definitely happened when **Rusty's Ice Cream** in the White Swan Plaza marked its second anniversary on Saturday, May 13, with a 1980s-themed party, complete with a DeLorean as seen in *Back to the Future*.

### **Chimney Cakes adds savory option**

For months, **Chimney Cakes**, the Romanian-Hungarian pastry shop at 1202 W. Main St., has captured the attention of the area with the sweet-rolled goodness at its new shop. Now we've gotten word of a new item: Turkey Hummus Panini.

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### THIS WEEK ON ALT FORT WAYNE



Features a local artist every Thursday and Sunday at 7 pm on ALT Fort Wayne

MAY 18 AND 21: *Clyde Cyrus* MAY 25 & 28 AND JUNE 1 & 4: *Quentin Wright* 



An hour of local Fort Wayne music every Friday at 7 pm on ALT Fort Wayne



Every Thursday at 5:50 pm and every Friday at 7:35 pm during ALT Homegrown Showcase



### Live Comedy

LOCAL CALENDAR

### **THURSDAY, MAY 18**

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 19

Faizon Love - 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

### SATURDAY, MAY 20

Faizon Love — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444 Scott White - 7:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy

Club @ 469, New Haven, \$20-\$30, (260) 426-6339

### SUNDAY, MAY 21

Faizon Love 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

### **MONDAY, MAY 22**

Rory Scovel - 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, (260) 492-6064

### **TUESDAY, MAY 23**

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

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

### **THURSDAY, MAY 25**

**5 Comics For \$5** — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$12, (260) 844-8444

### FRIDAY, MAY 26

Ryan Sickler - 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$26-\$56, (260) 844-8444

### SATURDAY, MAY 27

DJ Dangler — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$20-\$30, (260) 426-6339

Fort Wayne's Finest Comedy w/Jamarcus "JT" Turner, Isiah Gray, Jesse McIntire, Jared Scott, Stacey Stark - 8 p.m., Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$50, (260) 422-4226

Ryan Sickler - 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$26-\$56, (260) 844-8444

### SUNDAY, MAY 28

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

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

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 1**

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

### 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

Max Price & Alisha Coley - 7:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$20-\$30, (260) 426-6339

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 6**

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

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### **Ouick Hit** LOCAL EVENT

### **BUDDY NOLAN MEMORIAL CONCERT** 7:30 P.M. SATURDAY, MAY 20 · EMBASSY THEATRE

Embassy Theatre will celebrate the life of their late organist when they present the Buddy Nolan Memorial Concert with Organist Dave Wickerham on Saturday, May 20.

Originally from Philadelphia, Nolan moved to Fort Wavne in 1947 where he discovered the Emboyd Theatre's Grande Page Theatre Pipe Organ.

1952 when the theater became The Embassy and remained house organist until the theater fell dark in 1972.

He then played an important role in bringing Embassy Theatre back to life by playing a benefit show in 1975 that helped refurbish the building.

Without his talents, The Embassy might only be a memory today. — Chris Hupe

He was the house organist in

### Live Music LOCAL CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, MAY 18** Caley Conway w/The Namby Pamby,

Swell Time — Alternative, 8:45 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Debutants - Newgrass, 6:30 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

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

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

Jazz Jam — 7 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Kenny Chesney w/Kelsea Ballerini — Country, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, (260) 483-1111

Lysaght & McRae — Acoustic variety, 6-9 p.m., Chance Bar, Fort Wayne, no

Motor Folkers — Rock, 7-10 p.m., Adams

Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no

Party Boat - Tropical rock, 5 p.m., Harley-Davidson of Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne,

The DeeBee's - Variety, 5 p.m., Vinland

The Hubie Ashcraft Trio — Country, 6

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

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$10, (260) 563-1102

### FRIDAY, MAY 19

8420 Band - Classic rock, 7 p.m., Defiance Eagles Aerie 373, no cover

Bad Wolves — Metal, 7:30 p.m., The Eclectic Room, Angola, \$25-\$35, (269) 625-8817

Bella's Bartok w/Boat Show — Groove, 9:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$9, (260) 267-5303

Big Caddy Daddy - Rock, 8 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, \$10, (260) 854-9463

BigMeow - 80s, 6:30 p.m., Chapman's Brewing, Columbia City, Free, (260) 244-6252

Chris Worth - Vocalist, 6 p.m., Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, no cover, (260) 920-4377

Eric Clancy Duo — Piano/bass, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Sweetwater All Stars - R&B, 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

Jess Thrower — Singer-songwriter, noon, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Joe & Greg's Acoustic Jams — Variety, 8 p.m., Trubble Public House, Roanoke, no cover, (260) 673-9056

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

Moonspell w/Eleine, Zacara, Burdens Within — Goth metal, 7:30 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, (260) 492-6064

Motor Folkers - Classic rock, 8 p.m., Louie's Bar & Grill, Syracuse, no cover, (574) 457-3944

Scotty Butters — Variety, 8 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

Set the Hook - Classic rock, 7 p.m., Early Ford V-8 Museum, Auburn, no cover, (260) 927-8022

Snakehandler Church w/The Maybe-Naughts, Faith in Nothing - Heavy rock, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

Sunglasses at Night - 80s, 9 p.m., Michelle's, Churubusco, \$5, (260) 693-1233

Zach Kerschner — Variety, 7 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

### **SATURDAY, MAY 20**

Adelita's Way w/Otherwise, Moon Fever, Above Snakes - Rock, 7 p.m. The Eclectic Room, Angola, \$22.50-\$28, (269) 625-8817

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cover, (260) 449-9099

Lake Pub, Wolcottville, no cover, (260) 854-3463

Joe Hess Band — Country, 7-10 p.m.,

cover, (260) 747-0989

no cover, (260) 220-8837

Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, no cover

p.m., James Cultural Plaza, Auburn, no cover

Westbound Situation — Jazz, 7:30 p.m.,

### Live Music Local Calendar

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Atomic Collapse w/Grounds, Use of Force, A Problem For Tomorrow — Hardcore punk, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

Buddy Nolan Memorial Concert w/ organist Dave Wickerham — 7:30 p.m., Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

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

**Chris Worth & Company** — Vocalist, 8 p.m., American Legion Post 47, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 209-3960

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

Fleetwood Gold: The Fleetwood Mac Experience — Fleetwood Mac tribute, 7:30 p.m., Baker Street Centre, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 426-6434

**OK Boomer** — Variety, 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

Jon Shoulders — Acoustic, 8 p.m., Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, no cover, (260) 563-0111

Kerosec w/The Doomsday Crew — Rock, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

Motor Folkers — Classic rock, 5 p.m., Hartland Winery, Ashley, no cover, (260) 587-3301

Ross Kinsey — Variety, 7 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

Scotty Butters — Acoustic, 8 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

Speed Knobs w/Carbon Decoy, Squirrel Cage — Rock, 9:45 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 423-4751

Tselot Seyoum — Ethiopian singer-songwriter, 6 p.m., A Divine Encounter Cafe , Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 422-8961

We Are Checkmark — Funk/R&B, 7 p.m., Hotel Tango, Fort Wayne, no cover, (317) 653-1806

West Central Quartet — Jazz, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

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Zach Comer — Singer-songwriter, 4 p.m., Hotel Tango, Fort Wayne, no cover, (317) 653-1806

### SUNDAY, MAY 21

Al Stewart & The Empty Pockets — Singer-songwriter, 7 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$39.50-\$54.50, (260) 747-0989

New Millennium Jazz Orchestra — Jazz, 2 p.m., ACPL: Downtown, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 421-1200

### MONDAY, MAY 22

**G-Money & Special Guests** — Blues, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

### **TUESDAY, MAY 23**

Andrew McMahon w/Unlikely Candidates, Griffin William Sherry — Alternative, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$29.50, (260) 747-0989

**Brea Williams** — Variety, 7 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

Joe Justice — Acoustic, 2 p.m., Park Place Senior Living, Free

Motor Folkers — Rock, 7 p.m., Black Canyon Restaurant, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 203-5900

**Open Acoustic Jam** — Acoustic, 5 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

Lee Cook Trio — Variety, 6-9 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Travis Tritt w/War Hippies — Country, 7:30 p.m., Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$45-\$145, (260) 563-1102

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

**aL Jacquez** — Acoustic, noon, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Chris Worth & Company — Vocalist, 6:30 p.m., Union 12, Columbia City, no cover, (260) 203-0239

Joe Justice — Acoustic, 2 p.m., Evergreen Senior Living, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 637-2830 Tom Koenig — Variety, 6 p.m., Club Para-

dise, Angola, no cover, (260) 833-7082

West Quintet — Jazz, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989 Will Dailey — Rock, 7 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

### **THURSDAY, MAY 25**

Adam Baker — Acoustic variety, 6 p.m., Arcola Inn & Ale, Arcola, no cover, (260) 625-4444

**Chris Worth** — Vocalist, 5:30 p.m., Trine, Bon Appetit Cafe, Angola, no cover, (260) 665-4100

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

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

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

NIBGA Bluegrass Festival — Bluegrass, 6:30 p.m., Noble County Fairgrounds, Kendallville, \$45, (260) 347-0666

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

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

Rozzi Music — Variety, 6 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

Willie Nelson & Family — Country, 8 p.m., Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$59-\$269, (260) 427-6715

### FRIDAY, MAY 26

Alligator Blackbird — Variety, 7 p.m., Hop River Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 739-3931

**Carl Peters** — Variety, 8 p.m., Trubble Public House, Roanoke, no cover, (260) 673-9056

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

Dave Leonard & The Minus 1 Band — Variety, 8 p.m., Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 267-6082

Casual Friday — Variety, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

**Gray Matter** — Classic hits, 7 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

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

Saturday, May 20

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Thursday, June 22

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THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME

**BUDDY NOLAN** 

Sunday, June 11

Friday, June 16

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Joe Justice — Acoustic, 2:30 p.m., University Park Rehab, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 484-1558

John Potts Trio — Variety, 8 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

Lisa McDavid — Piano/vocal, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

NIBGA Bluegrass Festival — Bluegrass, 5:30 p.m., Noble County Fairgrounds, Kendallville, \$45, (260) 347-0666

Michael W. Smith — Contemporary Christian, 8 p.m., T. Furth Center, Trine University, Angola, \$40-\$65, (260) 665-4990

Motor Folkers — Classic rock , 6 p.m., Glendarin Hills Golf Club, Angola, no cover, (260) 665-5073

O'Sister, Brother w/Rosalind & The Way — Folk, 9 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 267-5303

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

Van Wert Area Community Concert Band — 7:30 p.m., Fountain Park, Van Wert, OH, Free, (419) 238-6722

### SATURDAY, MAY 27

8420 Band — Classic rock, 9:30 p.m., Wacky Jac's, Angola, no cover, (260) 665-9071

Adam Baker — Acoustic variety, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., YLNI Outdoor Farmers Market, Fort Wayne, no cover

**BigMeow** — 8:30 a.m., Whitley County Farmers Market, Downtown Columbia City, Free

Chris Worth — Vocalist, 6:30 p.m., Garrett Eagles Post 1357, Garrett, no cover, (260) 357-4295

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

Exterminate All Rational Thought w/ Remedy In The Rapture, The Part You Left Out — Rock, 9 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra — Funk, 8-11 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Jackson Vibe — Variety, 8 p.m., Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 267-6082

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

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**ALSO COMING TO THE EMBASSY:** 

Jess Thrower — Singer-songwriter, 7 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

NIBGA Bluegrass Festival — Bluegrass, 11 a.m., Noble County Fairgrounds, Kendallville, \$45, (260) 347-0666

Sleeping With Sirens w/Dayseeker, M.A.G.S. — Metalcore/Pop-punk, 7:30 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$29.50, (260) 747-0989

The Hubie Ashcraft Band — Country, 8 p.m., Cold Springs Resort, Hamilton, \$10, (260) 488-2920

We Are Checkmark — Funk/R&B, 8 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

### SUNDAY, MAY 28

**Bad Omens** — Metalcore, 7-8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35, (260) 747-0989

NIBGA Bluegrass Festival — Bluegrass, noon, Noble County Fairgrounds, Kendallville, \$45, (260) 347-0666

Mike Conley — Acoustic, 8 a.m., Tom's Donuts, Angola, Free, (260) 665-3632

Singer-Songwriter Open Mic — 3 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 399-6336

### MONDAY, MAY 29

**G-Money & Special Guests** — Blues, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

### **TUESDAY, MAY 30**

**Open Mic w/JJ & McRae** — 7 p.m., Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 747-9964

Sanguisugabogg w/Jarhead Fertilizer, Throne, Feticide — Metal, 7:30 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$16, (260) 492-6064

**Carolyn & Dave Martin** — Classic hits, 6-9 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

THE Embassy is

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

Unlikely Alibi — Variety, 5:30 p.m., Union 12, Columbia City, no cover, (260) 203-0239

Los Galaxy — Jazz fusion, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

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# Clyde Cyrus wants his music to help heal, inspire

### ALT Spotlight musician working on new album set for release this year

### **BY SHELBY PRICE** WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

When you receive a direct message from someone vou look up to, it can take your life in a completely new direction.

For Clyde Cyrus, that is exactly what happened. After receiving a message from Earl Sweatshirt in 2014, he began taking his hiphop career to new heights.

You can catch an interview with the latest ALT Homegrown Spotlight Artist on ALT 99.5FM/102.3FM at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, and Sunday, May 21. You can also catch his music during the station's Homegrown Showcase at 8 p.m. on Fridays.

### AN ODE TO MAC MILLER

Music had always been a passion for Cyrus. Since he was in his mom's womb, he was exposed to Wu-Tang Clan and Erykah Badu. His father was also a full-time rapper.

Being surrounded by music, it is no surprise that Cyrus wanted to become a musician himself. After getting into a little trouble after school, he released his debut single "1998," which brought in a ton of streams. This song truly kicked off his career, bringing him opportunities to meet some of his idols such as Joey Bada\$\$.

When talking to Cyrus about some of his inspirations, it is clear the late Mac Miller played an important role.

"I've got this song called 'Blu Eyez,' which is loosely dedicated to him where I rap, 'Sit back



The latest local musician showcased in the ALT Homegrown Spotlight is Clyde Cyrus.

and be patient, you bouts to witness greatness from a Ritalin patient bumping a Mac Miller playlist.' He's the only reason I chose a name with alliteration, and that perfectly encapsulates the influence he held on my music.

"Honestly, our entire generation was inspired by Mac, from what I can tell. Just look at all the craziest hip-hop movements from the 2010s such as Odd Future, Pro Era, TDE, and Griselda who have all worked with Mac and given him credit for boosting their careers. He's the epitome of an icon in my eves."

**GOING BEYOND MUSIC** 

Not only is Cyrus a musician, but he recently found himself getting into acting and modeling.

This year brought him a contract with Model & Talent Management, which has led him to adding a few more talents to his list of specialties.

"Honestly, I'm not exactly sure what led to me pursue acting outside of my grandma sarcastically telling me that I'm an actor," he said. "There's also this asteroid in the sky named 'Actor' that was in Aries when I was born. My

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grandmother is an Aries, so I saw it as a sign and applied to the same agency that signed Jonah Hill.

"After jumping through a few hoops, they accepted me into classes that include modeling as well. Music is merely one of my many talents and passions."

### LOOKING TO INSPIRE

Cyrus is working on an album with [bsd.u] and is hoping to have that finished this year. He talks about having tunnel vision when it comes to finishing this project.

He is deeply passionate about this album and is excited to show the world what he is capable of doing.

The first single off the album, "Move Aside," has more than 30,000 streams on Spotify since being released March 31. While we wait to hear this new album, Cyrus has more than 20 singles and an album vou can check out online.

According to his Instagram, it looks like he is taking his life into his own hands and powering through this year with passion and commitment. He is big into signs and what the universe has to say to him. Let's hope the universe sends him all the prosperity he needs.

"The world will know my name eventually, but for now, I want everyone reading this to know that my music is meant to heal and inspire," Cyrus said. "Therefore, if I've made any of your live's better with my art, then it is already a success. Thanks for tuning in!"

### Live Music Local Calendar

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### **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

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

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

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

12 WHATZUP MAY 18-24, 2023 Violent J w/Ouija Macc, Esham — Hip-Hop, 7:45 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$60, (260) 492-6064

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 2**

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

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

Friday Night Vibes - Variety, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

G-Herbo — Hip-Hop, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$40, (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

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

I Love Saturdays - Variety, 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

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

Randy Spencer — Variety, 7 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

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

### **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

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

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

Squirrel Cage - Rock, 7 p.m., Hop River Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 739-3931

Sweet Strings Jam Session -6:30-8:30p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

# Willie Nelson bringing The Family to Foellinger

### 90-year-old continues to go strong with trusty guitar, Trigger, by side

### **BY SARAH SENSENY**

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Fort Wayne welcomes Willie Nelson to Foellinger Theatre on May 25 for a honky-tonk night with The Family.

Along with celebrating his 90th birthday with a show at the Hollywood Bowl, this year has seen Nelson become an inductee into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, release a new album, win a couple Grammys, and launch a four-part documentary series.

Now, you can catch this living legend perform at a charming outdoor venue right in your Fort Wayne backyard. Supporting act Austin Snell has his own country sound that he calls grunge country.

### **ALL IN THE FAMILY**

Nelson sets out on tour with his backing band affectionately named The Family, which includes Mickey Raphael, Billy English, Kevin Smith, and Micah Nelson, with Raphael and English playing with Nelson since the 1970s.

Nelson's sister, Bobbie Nelson, passed away in March of last year. She learned to play music alongside her younger brother Willie. She had been an integral part of The Family since 1973, playing her piano with graceful skill on tour and on record.

Thanks to the four-part Willie Nelson  $\mathcal{E}$ Family documentary that was unveiled at the Sundance Film Festival this year, you can catch her and the rest of the band playing their country hearts out.

Nelson & Family tour in Nelson's Honeysuckle Rose V tour bus that is powered by Nelson's own brand of bio-diesel, Bio-Willie.

### **TRUSTY TRIGGER**

It's been 54 years, and Nelson's still wearing a hole in that spruce top of his Martin N-20 classical guitar Trigger.

Affectionately named after Roy Rogers' horse, Trigger has served Nelson for decades and he refuses to put it down. The guitar even made an appearance with Nelson in an episode of the animated series *King of the Hill*.

The mystic guitar has all but fused its spirit with its wielder, the two being inseparable since he first acquired the guitar in 1969. Trigger was even there during Nelson's transformation into outlaw country star in the 1970s.

But what makes Trigger so special? Over decades of continuous play, with more than 10,000 concert appearances, Trigger has sustained a hole between the bridge and the soundhole.

Martin built this spruce-topped guitar for



Country legend Willie Nelson will be at Foellinger Theatre on Thursday, May 25, with opening act Austin Snell.

use in classical music, i.e. played without a pick. But that wear and tear didn't put Nelson off. The counter-culture country hippie he is, he embraced it.

In his autobiography *It's a Long Story: My Life*, Nelson says about the guitar: "I heard it as a human sound, a sound close to my own voice."

Today, Trigger is one of the most recognized guitars in music history; its body bearing more than 100 famous signatures. The gut strings, classical make, Brazilian rosewood, and spruce combined with Nelson's own jive truly makes it one-of-a-kind.

### STAR-STUDDED 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

On April 29, Nelson celebrated his 90th birthday with a celebratory concert at the Hollywood Bowl.

Nelson performed with his trusty Trigger and The Family, but the concert featured a whole host of performers and actors. Appearances at the concert, officially titled *Long Story Short: Willie Nelson 90*, included Neil Young, Stephen Stills, Sheryl Crow, Snoop Dogg, George Strait, Beck, Dwight Yoakam,

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and Keith Richards.

The two-day event celebrated Nelson's contribution to music both modern and classic and had a profoundly jovial effect on all who attended.

### **ROLLING INTO ROCK HALL OF FAME**

Nelson's fellow inductees for this year's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame are as diverse as ever, including Kate Bush, Sheryl Crow, Missy Elliott, George Michael, Rage Against the Machine, and The Spinners.

Nelson announced his appreciation of the forthcoming induction, but the choice to induct a country music star has stirred up controversy. In truth, such discourse isn't a new conversation. Over the years, the Hall has broadened the definition of rock n' roll, PHOTO BY PAMELA SPRINGSTEEN

recognizing it not only as a musical genre, but a way of life.

Is Nelson rock n' roll enough to secure a spot among legends like Led Zeppelin, The Beatles, Fats Domino, and The Doors?

Admittedly, Nelson has led quite the rockn'-roll lifestyle. Back in the 1970s, his advent of outlaw country changed the course of country music, and he was the first country act to sign to Atlantic's rock-oriented label. At that time, some labeled him as a rock star, achieved by his uniquely amplified sound from the Baldwin-designed pickup on Trigger.

Apart from his musical leanings, Nelson has been heavily involved in activism, including Farm Aid, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act, the LGBTQ+ movement, and the use of biofuel.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame defines its performer category as "artists who have created music whose originality, impact, and influence has changed the course of rock and roll."

The induction ceremony will be Friday, Nov. 3, at Barclays Center in Brooklyn.





Information on how to protect the environment and all those that need it to survive will be available during the fourth annual Eco Fest on Sunday, May 21, at Headwaters Park.

# **Eco Fest is excellent learning environment**

Headwaters Park hosts one-stop shop to learn eco-friendly practices

### BY ANTHONY GADSON WHATZUP EDITOR

Having children changes people. For Addie Farris, the birth of her son in 2017 made her look around and decide to do something to ensure he will have a beautiful world to live in.

"I think a lot of parents can relate to having a child kind of shifts your perspective on the world," she said. "You might be worried about the world before a child, but all of a sudden you have one to take of, and you're like, 'Whoa, we have to take care of this place.'"

To do her part, she went beyond recycling, using less plastic, and conserving water. She decided to start Eco Fest, which returns to Headwaters Park on Sunday, May 21.

"(Creating Eco Fest) was really out of a need to create a shared community event that like, 'Hey, here's all these businesses that have eco-friendly practices or they're making ecofriendly items. Here's are all these nonprofit organizations right here in our community that are trying to make our little neck of the woods a better place.'" she said.

### **GETTING OFF GROUND**

Farris, founder and president of Eco Fest, actually began the festival while living in Toledo in 2019. After moving back to Fort

Wayne, she brought the idea with her. However, the first festival in Fort Wayne hit

a bit of a speed bump thanks to COVID-19. "It was originally slated for May, then we ended up postponing it until August," she said.

"We had a quite a few restrictions, but we still had over 700 attendees, so we were excited." Thanks to connections she already had in

Fort Wayne, she was able to attract a lot of organizations and vendors to join that first year. Luckily for her, she is friends with the owners of a popular food truck that draws a crowd everywhere it goes — Bravas.

"The people at Bravas, (brother and sister) Bo (Gonzalez) and Becky (Gonzalez), they have a very sustainable restaurant operation," Farris said. "When we got Bravas on board, that kind of helps. Once you get a big name, you're reaching out to other people, and you kind of give a rundown like, 'We have this organization and this business and this business.'

"I felt very honored that people gave us a chance. I'm sure there were a plenty of people that were like, 'I don't know anything about what this is or what is going on.' There's just a level of trust that has to happen when you're a new event."

Through that first festival, relationships were set that continue to help it grow.

"We made a lot of good connections that first year, especially with Dirt Wain," Farris said. "That was their first year in business. Brett (Bloom) reached out to me, and I was like, 'Of course we'd have composting at our event.' So that's how I got connected with Brett. Then all those vendors that were there

### ECO FEST

Noon-5 p.m. Sunday, May 21 Headwaters Park 333 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne Free · ecofestfw@gmail.com

that first year, we just keep making connections. It really is community oriented."

### PLENTY OF BOOTHS TO VISIT

The first two years of the festival that highlights environmentally friendly nonprofits and vendors were held at Headwaters Park West before moving across Clinton Street for more space.

The fourth annual festival includes 45 vendors, 24 nonprofits, and Bravas and Mercadito food trucks.

"I'm always pleasantly surprised when we get vendor applications in from new businesses that are popping up and I haven't been familiar with yet," Farris said.

Among those new vendors is Bottle Green (formerly Sustain Fort Wayne), a zero-waste and refill shop that hopes to soon open a storefront in Fort Wayne.

"You can buy laundry detergents and soaps and other household items and refill on those without having to buy all the additional packaging that you do at the grocery stores," Farris said. "We just have a lot of cool vendors like that."

Other vendors include composters like Dirt Wain and Ground Down, artists like Earth & Wear by Nicki, GrenDraws, and Swee Green, and food from O-Cha Thai, Shop Two Sixty, True Kimchi, and more. A full list can be found at ecofestfw.com.

There will also be plenty of nonprofits with information, including Hoosier Environmental Council, LC Nature Park, 3 Rivers Fruit Growers Club, Save Maumee Grassroots Organization, and Maumee Watershed Alliance, who will be offering 30-minute pontoon rides.

"You can sign up in advance (spartridge@ maumeewatershedalliance.org) or do a walk up," Farris said of the rides that cost just \$5.

"We will have yoga from Discover Yoga every hour on the hour, and it's free. Dirt Wain is getting their composting truck painted by Justin Lim. Tree Canopy Growth Fund is giving away free pecan trees."

### **CONNECTION IS MADE**

In the end, all the activities and fun surrounding the festival is about protecting the planet. Regardless of what you can do, every little bit helps. Through festivals like Eco Fest, you can find out even more that you can do, making connections along the way.

"When you look at sustainability and taking care of the environment, everything truly is intertwined," Farris said. "The things that fall under the sustainability umbrella are very broad and wide-reaching. You have food waste, composting, water quality, pollution, trash, recycling, landscaping, conservation ... you can go on and on. There's so many things that are connected that when you start reaching out to your community, there are so many connections."





ABOVE: Jen Poiry Prough and Ken Redmon share in a scene in First Presbyterian Theater's production of Clybourne Park. RIGHT: From left, Amber Walker, Joseph Adams, Cortney White, Derek Grabner, and Elizabeth Harber showcase the tension shown during the 1959 portion of Clybourne Park.

# **Cast excels in multiple roles for** *Clybourne* **Park**

Transformations take breath away during First Pres Theater show

hen asked why he chose to helm *Cly*bourne Park, currently running at First Presbyterian Theater in downtown Fort Wayne, director Prentis Moore said, "It's the piece that Fort Wayne needs."

I would go one step further and say this is the show Fort Wayne needs to see. The First Pres Theater show holds nothing



back, really encouraging conversations with their audience, so much so that First Pres Theaterplanned a panel discussion including civic leaders to further the discourses presented in the play.

Curtain Call ALICIA RODENBECK

The production feels incredibly intimate. The

almost cozy feeling of the First Pres Theater performance space lends itself beautifully to the setting of

the show where viewers find themselves in the living room of a home in a neighborhood on Chicago's South Side. The floor of the set is drawn right up to the edge of the audience, which draws viewers into the story, making them feel a part of the often contentious conversations. Speaking of contention, it should be said that the dialogue of *Clybourne Park* does contain strong language.

### SETTING THE STAGE

When lights go up on Act 1, set in 1959, we find a rather despondent Russ (portrayed in Week 1 by Kenny Redd and Thomas Wilson in Week 2) losing himself in Neapolitan ice cream

and a National Geographic. Meanwhile his picture-perfect wife, Bev (Jen Poiry Prough), is fussing over the packing of their belongings for their move to the north side of Chicago. Their Black housekeeper, Francine (Amber Walker) is assisting when the phone rings with an important call. Francine's husband, Albert (Cortney White), arrives to take Francine home. Then, minister Jim (Joe Adams) turns up for a visit to check on Russ, who has been withdrawn from the community.

On the phone is Karl (Derek Grabner), who later turns up with his deaf and pregnant wife, Betsy (Elizabeth Harber), to bring the news to Russ and Bev that the family purchasing their home is "colored." Angered not only by the unwanted attention to his feelings, but also the meddlings of his wife, minister, and neighbor, Russ storms to the cellar, then out of the house entirely. Meanwhile, Jim and Karl ask a cornered Francine and Albert how they would feel about moving into an all-white neighborhood. When Russ returns the conversation escalates, and Jim, Karl, and Betsy leave in a hurry, leaving Bev in tears and Russ fuming.

The entire cast does an excellent job embodying their 1950s roles. The play demands that some of the roles become almost caricatures of everyday lives in that era, and it is obvious that extra care has been taken to portray the period deportment accurately. Prough's Bev is perfectly on point. She portrays the gracious hostess with ease and captures the naivete of the stereotypical 1950s housewife very well. Her needling is sweet but sharp, and her emotional pleas tug at the audience's heart strings.

In Act 1 there is a particularly brilliant moment of staging, where, as Karl, Jim, and Russ engage in a rather racist questioning of Francine and Albert, the Black couple are backed against the wall and become trapped upstage while the argument escalates in

### **CLYBOURNE PARK** FIRST PRESBYTERIAN THEATER

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front of them. This positioning really allows the audience to take advantage of White and Walker's excellent reactions to the growing tension. This moment also discreetly portrays the trapped feelings of many people of color during the racially divided 1950s.

### DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE

When Act 1 ends, the scene makes an epic transformation.

I encourage the audience to remain in the auditorium during the intermission to witness it; by doing so, not only will they get to see the home set into disrepair, but they also will get the opportunity to musically travel through the decades while the destruction happens, as the ambient music progresses from doo wop to hip-hop.

It should also be noted that there is deliberately no blackout at the end of intermission; the transformed cast simply walk on stage and start going about their business.

### **SWITCHING ROLES**

Act 2, set in 2009, is an incredibly different mood.

The cast have now taken on their more modern roles. Steve (Grabner) and Lindsay (Harber) have purchased the house and plan to tear it down to build a newer, more modern home. They have come with their lawyer Kathy (Prough) to discuss community standards and the historical ramifications of their

remodel, with Lena (Walker) and her husband Kevin (White) and their lawyer Tom (Adams). The conversation is continually interrupted, several times by Dan (Redd/Wilson), a construction worker who is digging in the backyard. When conversation is finally able to get moving, Lena points out that the home has historical value, which should be taken into account

I believe it is Lindsay who points out that change can be good. Lena responds, "It might be responsible to ask ourselves who is responsible for this change and is that really the best thing for the community?"

Steve perceives an undertone of racism. Lindsay tries to prevent him from escalating the conversation by saying something offensive to which Steve quips, "What does offensive even mean?"

This opens a hostile conversation that ultimately leads to more arguments and the rather abrupt end to all civil conversation about the building permit.

 ${\it Grabner}\ is \ a \ standout \ -his \ transformation$ from the ultra-conservative chairman of the board to the uniformed tactless yuppie Steve is seamless. There is definitely a polarizing difference between the two and Grabner navigates it extraordinarily well.

Praise should also be given to Harber for the transformation from Betsy to Lindsay. Where in Act 1 her deaf character utilized predominantly subtle deportment and physicality work to create the character due to lack of speech, Lindsay is outspoken and has her thumb very much on the pulse of political correctness. Harbor's reactions and emotions are on full display in Act 2.

In the curtain speech, Sandman-Cruz said, "If you don't leave at least a little offended, we haven't done our job."

I encourage all of Fort Wayne to see Clybourne Park and be offended.

### **WOODEN NICKEL** AND NEAT NEAT NEAT

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brought to the mainstream by Kevin Parker and

Tame Impala just a few years earlier. Their '70s

haircuts and Partridge Family-adjacent outfits

matched perfectly with their slightly woozy but

Temples have just released their fourth full-

length, the big and boisterous Exotico. Produced

by Sean Ono Lennon and mixed by Dave Frid-

mann, Exotico has exquisite production that

brings the band's sound alive. Touches of '80s

electro transport the band's psychedelic pop

sound to new sonic territory while they still stay

true to the sound the band has been curating for

"Liquid Air" opens Exotico in a haze of late

2000s indie rock DavGlo. MGMT's Oracular

Spectacular haunts this album opener with over-

blown drums, '70s synth touches, and sounds

that whiz by your ears in hazy glee. "Gamma

Rays" has a sense of urgency to it, while giving us

earworm melodies. "Cicada" has a Middle East-

ern lean to it with slight psychedelic coloring

around the edges. "Giallo" has alien-esque mel-

odies and dreamy vocals, while "Time Is a Light"

sounds like some long-lost mid-80s electro pop

songs, offering up richly layered pop songs with

lush production and melodies that hang in the

air long after the song ends. The problem is that

at nearly an hour, Exotico feels a little long in

the tooth. With a little paring down to, say, 12

songs instead of 16, and 45 minutes as opposed

to nearly an hour, this would have been a much

there's still plenty to sink your teeth into on Exot-

ico. Temples can still write a great song, and they

know just the right amount of sonic confections

Despite what feels like a too long of runtime,

tighter and engaging listen.

to perk up ears. — J. Hubner

There's plenty of meat on the bones of these

look and sound, lock-

ing into the psych

pop-rock resurgence

pop-centric sound.

nearly a decade.

track.

century,

him addressing his struggles rising in the music industry and being someone in their 20s trying to navigate a world of social media and prescription drugs.

Opening with a simple piano playing over the sound of a record spinning on "Two Along the Way," the record eventually gives way to an excellent guitar riff for the intro to a song that's been in heavy rotation for me: "Eulogy."

While he's not a rapper, he does the alternative rock version of rapping on "Eulogy," reminiscent of Why?. Opening with "Do I exist if I don't exist on the internet," he goes into being the "guinea pig generation of social media," and, "We have ADHD and anxiety, if you get too high, come hang glide with me." His lyrics of a doomed fate work nicely with the instrumentation, demanding more listens.

"Something To Hide" delves into a no-one-isperfect theme, saying Mother was the life of the party, Father was on painkillers, Sister had an eating disorder, and sweet ol' Grandma used to have a bad temper. All of this comes with a nice beat and EDM chorus.

These themes continue to another standout track, "Heather," A song about a fan that believed him from the start, DMing him in 2017 and continuing to communicate with him until she killed herself: "Message me, I don't reply/Wish I knew it was good-bye." It's truly a touching song that gives me goosebumps.

I had no idea who grandson was before giving this album a listen, but I'm glad I check this out. I will definitely be listening to more from this artist. — Anthony Gadson

### The Acacia Strain

When The Acacia Strain release an album, you expect it to be heavy. Well, don't expect to be

disappointed with their latest effort, Step Into the *Light*, their 11th studio album

From the opening guitar riff that gives way to Vince Bennett's guttural vocals on "Flourishing," you know you're in for a ride, and it only speeds up on "Calf's Blood."

Over the course of 10 tracks that come in at just 24 minutes, the metalcore band that hates the deathcore label never relents, making for a perfect album to get through a workout.

Chamber's Jacob Lilly helps out on "Chain," which is carried along by Kevin Bouldt's insane drumming.

Things don't let up on "Fresh Bones" and 'Teeth of the Cursed Dog" with imagery such as, "May the bodies I burn light the way."

Bouldt kicks things off on "Open Wound," a completely unrelenting song that wears me out when I even think about playing it.

More help comes on "Sinkhole" in the form of Sunami's Josef Alonso, providing a change of pace for the chorus of "We all die slow/Constructing the blood flow." Yeah, this album is not

### Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

### **Don Henley**

Building the Perfect Beast (1984)

After a nine-year stint with the band he formed, Eagles drummer Don Henley went out on



his own and released five solo records before reforming Eagles for several "Last Tour Ever" tours. This was his second solo release and featured four Top 40 singles over 18 months.

The album opens with "The Boys of Summer," a synthesized, coming-of-age track co-written by Tom Petty's guitarist Mike Campbell which still has sentimental value as we reach the latter part of the Boomer and Gen-X age brackets.

"Man With a Mission" could have fit on The Long Run, an Eagles album that got away from the Southern California roots from the early '70s and was more radio-friendly pop. Side One closes with "Not Enough Love in the World," a soft rock hit written about his brief relationship with Stevie Nicks.

Side Two opens with the title track, another pop track that wants to sound edgy (but doesn't) that drags on for almost five minutes. The record redeems itself with "All She Wants To Do Is Dance," a track with a nice, synthy groove, that broke into the Top 10. Written by illustrious sessions guitarist Danny Kortchmar, it encapsulates the left's criticism of the Reagan administration's involvement in Central America. It features background vocals from Patty Smyth (Scandal) and Martha Davis (Motels) and is pure '80s in its arrangement and accompanying video. "Sunset Grill," another Top 10, oozes melancholy and nostalgia and is thick with horns, pianos, and lyrics built around the famed Sunset Grill on Sunset Boulevard in L.A.

The album feels dated today, but the few tracks mentioned do stand the test of time as they strike a lyrical nerve almost 40 years later. — Dennis Donahue

### for the faint of heart.

In "Is This Really Happening," Acacia Strain's three-guitar lineup shines through. "Untended Graves" might by my favorite on this hit-themin-the-face-and-bolt-before-authorities-arrive album.

Closer "None of Us Asked To Be Here" slows the pace, but only for a minute before the concrete wall of sound falls on you.

For the metalcore fan, this is an album that should not disappoint. — Anthony Gadson

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before signing with a record label.

Mixing alternative with rap and EDM, grandson released numerous singles tackling political corruption and gun laws before his first fulllength debut album, Death of an Optimist, was released in 2020.

Three years later, he's back with I Love You, I'm Trying, which seems to get personal with Step Into the Light

# Hypnotic not worth remembering

The pulpy actioner *Hypnotic* is the kind of movie that entrances one with just how many other movies it very closely resembles, say, Danny Boyle's *Trance*, for starters.

Its general premise has been covered in cinematic adaptations of Stephen King's *Firestarter* and the



"Pusher" episode of *The X-Files*, while director Robert Rodriguez borrows liberally from the styles of Rian Johnson and Christopher Nolan in the process. Heck, there was even a forgettable Netflix thriller that came out two years ago that was also titled *Hypnotic*, and both films share similar elements of reality bending and psychological manipulation.

Reel Views BRENT LEUTHOLD

If the movie had managed to wield these influences wisely, it could have been salvageable, but with a progressively preposterous plot and lifeless

performances, this is one you'll want to snap away from your memory immediately.

Ben Affleck stars as Daniel Rourke, an Austin PD detective who hasn't been the same since his daughter was abducted from a playground years prior. His partner Nicks (JD Pardo) treads lightly with him and tries to keep his head on straight as they go about their work, which includes responding to an anonymous tip at a bank one day. The appearance of a mystery man, played by William Fichtner, at the scene causes Rourke to give chase, only to be thrown off the trail by what seems to be the perp's ability to control the minds of strangers.

The bank tip is traced back to Diana Cruz (Alice Braga), a fortune teller with whom Rourke meets and learns of Hypnotics, individuals trained by a shadowy government organization to psychically control others. With the help of Cruz, Rourke follows the clues that point to the powerful Hypnotic known as "Lev Dellrayne," in the hopes that it will lead him to his missing daughter.

Most specifically, Hypnotic recalls a mid-aughts Philip K. Dick action movie adaptation like *Minority* Report or Next; in fact, Affleck himself even starred in one: Paycheck. Working with Director of Photography Pablo Berron, Rodriguez's camera work also borrows the saturated hues and harsh shadows of a Jerry Bruckheimer product from that era. Rodriguez's screenplay, penned with co-writer Max Borenstein, similarly indulges in the hard-boiled dialogue you'd expect from a pre-Transformers Michael Bay picture. In fact, if the action in *Hypnotic* was more wall-to-wall and there were more explosions and lampposts, one could be convinced that this was a lost film Bay shot in secret with Affleck in between Armageddon and Pearl Harbor. Even though Bay has moved on to better fare since then, apparently Affleck inexplicably finds himself obligated to star in instantly dated potboilers like this.

It would make more sense if Affleck gave a committed or compelling performance in *Hypnotic*, but he seems like he could not care less about his character or what he's going through. He's almost comically gruff and stoic as our primary protagonist until he gets completely sidelined by an avalanche of reveals and twists in the third act.

Braga and Pardo don't make much of an impression in supporting roles, but they're saddled with dialogue



Ben Affleck gives an uninspired performance in Hypnotic.

### HYPNOTIC

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that's either leaden with sci-fi exposition or cop movie clichés. "Mind control? Bank accounts? Sounds like my ex-wife!" Nicks scoffs at Diana during their first meeting. The all-too-brief presence of veteran players Jeff Fahey and Jackie Earle Haley further underscores the notion that Rodriguez should have diverted some screen time away from Affleck to highlight more engaged performances.

Though Rodriguez has often worn many hats during previous productions, it's not clear why he put so much of his time and effort into a project that is working at the direct-to-streaming level. He's a fascinating filmmaker who's working outside the traditional Hollywood machine, alternating between passion projects like *Machete* and family entertainment like the *Spy Kids* series. I don't know where his latest venture fits within his previous filmography, but I respect someone who puts everything they have into an undertaking, even if it's ultimately unsuccessful.

Rodriguez came up with this story, co-wrote the script, co-shot and co-produced the movie, along with editing it by himself. How many creatives working with a \$65 million budget can say that?

### New movies coming this weekend

• Speeding into theaters is *Fast X*, the 10th chapter in the *Fast & Furious* franchise starring Vin Diesel and Michelle Rodriguez involving the son of a drug lord who seeks revenge on the *Fast* crew for the loss of his family's fortune at their heist in Rio de Janeiro.

• Streaming on Hulu is *White Men Can't Jump*, a sports comedy remake starring Sinqua Walls and Jack Harlow about a pair of young basketball hustlers who team up to earn extra cash.

• Available to rent is *Outpost*, a thriller starring Beth Dover and Dylan Baker about a survivor of a violent attack who searches for strength in the solitude of a lookout job but finds that her demons are still catching up with her.



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# Michaels' Parti-Gras will visit Blue Gate

**Poison** frontman **Bret Michaels** has been booked to appear at the Blue Gate Performing Arts Center in Shipshewana on Nov. 17.

Michaels will bring his Parti-Gras

tour to the town known for its history Amish world-class and flea market. showing off hits from a career that has spanned more than three decades. Michaels' reign has included Poison's

being Poison's frontman, a solo artist, a reality TV star, and a philanthropist and advocate for diabetes awareness.

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He has sold more than 100 million albums and even has his own flavor of Snapple tea, crafted during a challenge on *Celebrity Apprentice*.

This show will sell out fast, so get your tickets now if you think you want to go. Otherwise, you can try to catch Michaels when he plays bigger venues in like Pine Knob Music Center outside Detroit on July 13, Credit 1 Union Amphitheatre outside Chicago on July 29, and Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville on July 30.

### **Steve Miller in Shipshewana**

Another great Blue Gate booking comes in the form of **Steve Miller Band**.

Miller has been making music more than a half century with his *Greatest Hits* 1974-78 selling more than 15 million copies, making it one of the 25 best-selling albums of all time.

With a catalog that includes perennial classic rock favorites like "The Joker," "Take the Money and Run," "Rock'n Me," "Fly Like an Eagle," "Jet Airliner," "Jungle Love," "Swingtown," and "Abracadabra,"

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3 Doors Down	June 16	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
3 Doors Down	June 17	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, I
3 Doors Down	June 21	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, M
3 Doors Down	July 7	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, Oł
Adele Givens	June 23-25	Summit City Comedy Clu	b Fort Wayn
Adelita's Way			
w/Otherwise, Moon Fever, Above Snakes	May 20	The Eclectic Room	Angola
Air Supply	July 29	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Al Stewart & The Empty Pockets	May 21	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Alicia Keys	July 15	Rocket Mortgage FieldHou	
Alicia Keys	July 17	Little Caesars Arena	Detroi
Alicia Keys	July 18	United Center	Chicago
All Time Low	June 9	Kemba Live!	Columbus, Ol
Altin Gun	July 13	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Altin Gun	July 21	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapoli
America	July 10	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Andrea Bocelli	May 20	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemon
Andrew McMahon	May 20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness w/Unlikely Candidates, Griffin William Sherry	May 23	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Andy Grammer	July 21	Holliday Park	Indianapoli
Angela Aguilar	June 2	Auditorium Theatre	Chicago
Anita Baker	June 30	United Center	Chicago
Anita Baker	July 2	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, M
Anthem Lights	May 20	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewan
Anthony Jeselnik	July 20-22	Summit City Comedy Clu	
Ava Max	May 31	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroi
Ava Max	June 1	House of Blues	Chicago
Avenged Sevenfold	July 26	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, M
Avenged Sevenfold	July 28	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, I
Bad Omens	May 26	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Bad Omens	May 28	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Bad Wolves	May 19	The Eclectic Room	Angola
Barenaked Ladies	June 2	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OF
Barenaked Ladies	June 3	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnat
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, OF
Barenaked Ladies	July 22	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, M
Beartooth & Trivium	May 26	Old National Centre	Indianapoli
Bebe Rexha	June 13	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Bela Fleck & The Flecktones	June 10	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Ben Brainard	May 23	Summit City Comedy Clu	,
Ben Folds	May 30	Chicago Symphony Cente	
Ben Folds	June 17	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, Ol
Ben Folds	June 24	Holliday Park	Indianapoli
Ben Folds	June 25	Motorcity Casino Hotel	Detroi
Ben Folds	July 22	Columbus Commons	Columbus, Ol
Bert Kreischer w/Tiffany Haddish, Fortune Feimster, Big Jay Oakerson,			
Jay Pharoah, Chad Daniels	June 23	Parkview Field	Fort Wayne
Between the Buried and Me	June 28	Majestic Theatre	Detroi
Between the Buried and Me	June 29	Newport Music Hall	Columbu
Between the Buried and Me	June 30	House of Blues	Chicag
Beyonce	July 22-23	Soldier Field	Chicag
Beyonce	July 26	Ford Field	Detroi
Big Time Rush	July 15	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Big Time Rush	July 16	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, I
Big Time Rush	July 17	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH

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Riverbend Music Center

Pine Knob Music Theatre

Huntington Bank Pavilion

Van Andel Arena

TCU Amphitheater

The Eclectic Room

Clarkston, MI

Grand Rapids

Cincinnati

Indianapolis

Clarkston, MI

Chicago

Angola

Blackberry Smoke	June 17	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Blaze Ya Dead Homie			
w/ABK, Boondox, Bukshot	June 4	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Bones	May 23	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Bones	May 26	House of Blues	Chicago
Bonnie Raitt	May 20	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Booth Brothers, Legacy V, Greater Vision	June 6	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Bored Teachers Comedy Tour	June 9	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Bret Michaels' Parti-Gras	July 13	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Brittany Schmitt	June 22	Summit City Comedy Clu	b Fort Wayne
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 FieldHous	se Cleveland
Bryan Adams & Joan Jett	July 2	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Buddy Guy	June 24	Meadow Brook Amp.	Rochester Hills, 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
Candlebox	June 18	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Candlebox	June 22	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Candlebox	July 6	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Candlebox	July 9	House of Blues	Cleveland
Chad & JT	July 14-15	Summit City Comedy Clu	b Fort Wayne
Chapel Hart w/Lucas Hoge	June 17	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert, OH
Charley Crockett	July 1	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Charlie Puth	June 18	Meadow Brook Amp. Ro	ochester Hills, MI, MI
Charlie Puth	June 19	<b>Riverbend Music Center</b>	Cincinnati
Charlie Puth	June 21	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Charlie Puth	June 24	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Chris Stapleton	June 2	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Citizen Cope	May 26	Live at the Ludlow Garage	Cincinnati
Cold	May 25	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Cold	May 29	House of Blues	Cleveland
Collective Soul w/Jet Black Roses	July 9	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
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
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
Cynic w/Atheist	June 29	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Damien Jurado	June 12	Bell's Eccentric Cafe	Kalamazoo
Damien Jurado w/Chris Pureka	June 14	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Damien Jurado	June 15	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Danny Brown & JpegMafia	July 28	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Danny Brown & JpegMafia	July 29	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Dave Mason	June 17	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Dave Matthews Band	May 27	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
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	May 31	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Death Cab for Cutie	June 4	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Demun Jones	June 23	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Dermot Kennedy	June 7	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Dermot Kennedy	June 9	Meadow Brook Amp.	Rochester Hills, MI
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
Don Toliver	June 20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Don Toliver	June 23	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
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The Doobie Brothers	June 23	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
The Doobie Brothers	June 26	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, Ol
Drake	July 5-6	United Center	Chicag
Drake	July 8	Little Caesars Arena	Detroi
Dream Theater	July 7	Hard Rock Live Northern Inc	liana Gar
Dream Theater	July 8	Jacobs Pavilion	Clevelan
Ed Bassmaster	July 13	Piere's	Fort Wayn
Ed Sheeran	July 14	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, N
Ed Sheeran	July 15	Ford Field	Detro
Ed Sheeran	July 28	Chicago Theatre	Chicag
Ed Sheeran	July 29	Soldier Field	Chicag
Eddie Griffin	July 28-29	Summit City Comedy Clul	b Fort Wayn
Ella Mai	May 24	House of Blues	Chicag
Ella Mai	May 25	Old National Centre	Indianapoli
Ella Mai	May 27	Bogart's	Cincinna
Ella Mai	May 28	Newport Music Hall	Columbu
Ella Mai	May 30	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detro
Elvis Costello & The Imposters	June 23	Horseshoe Casino	Cincinna
Elvis Costello & The Imposters	June 25	Brown County Music Cente	r Nashville, I
Elvis Costello & The Imposters	June 28	Meadow Brook Amp.	Rochester Hills, N
Emerson, Lake and Palmer	July 13	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayn
Enuff Z'Nuff w/The Quireboys,	,		
Bad Marriage, School of Rock,			
Cigarettes to Sunrise, Praise the Fallen	July 28	Piere's	Fort Wayn
Eric Church	June 23	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, N
Eric Church	June 24	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, O
Eric Church	July 14	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinna
Erykah Badu	July 1	United Center	Chicag
Erykah Badu	July 2	Little Caesars Arena	Detro
Faizon Love	May 19-21	Summit City Comedy Clul	b Fort Wayn
Fall Out Boy	June 21	Wrigley Field	Chicag
Fall Out Boy	July 15	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinna
Fall Out Boy	July 16	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesvill
Fall Out Boy	July 29	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, N
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w/Jason Charles Miles, The Bites	June 20	Piere's	Fort Wayn
Feid	May 24	Old National Centre	Indianapoli
Fenne Lily & Christian Lee Hutson	May 26	Bell's Eccentric Cafe	Kalamazo
First Aid Kit	July 22	The Salt Shed	Chicag
The Flaming Lips	June 11	Agora Theatre	Clevelan
Flatland Cavalry	June 16	Bogart's	Cincinna
Fleet Foxes	June 14	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapid
Fleet Foxes	July 9	Old National Centre	Indianapoli
Foreigner	May 19	Wings Event Center	Kalamazo
Foreigner	July 21	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesvill
Foreigner	,		Tinley Park,
-	July 22	Credit Union 1 Amp. Blossom Music Center	, ,
Foreigner	July 24		Cuyahoga Falls, O
Fortune, Walker, Rogers, & Issacs	June 7	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewan
Frank Turner & The Sleeping Souls	May 19	Bogart's	Cincinna
Future Islands	May 21	The Salt Shed	Chicag
Future Islands	May 23	Majestic Theatre	Detro
Future Islands	May 24	Agora Theatre	Clevelan
G-Herbo	June 2	Piere's	Fort Wayn
Gaither Vocal Band	June 9	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewan
Garbage	June 27	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicag
Garbage	June 29	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesvil
Garbage	July 1	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinna
Garbage	July 6	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, N
Gary Allan & Tracy Lawence	June 1	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayn
Gary Owen	June 2-4	Summit City Comedy Clul	b Fort Wayn
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Harry Mack	May 25	The Fillmore	Detro
Harry Mack	May 27	House of Blues	Chicag
Harry Mack	May 30	Bogart's	Cincinn
Helloween	May 24	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak,
Helloween	May 26	Riviera Theatre	Chica
Herman's Hermits	July 7	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Way
The High Kings	July 8	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapo
Hippo Campus	May 24	The Salt Shed	Chica
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The Hubie Ashcraft Band w/Hillbilly Casino	May 19	Michiana Event Center	Shipshewa
Hunter Hayes	May 30	Vic Theatre	Chica
	July 28	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapo
Jackson Browne	June 3	Palace Theatre	Columbus, (
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James Taylor	June 21	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinn
Jamie Kennedy	June 15-17	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Way
Janet Jackson	May 24	Little Caesars Arena	Detr
Janet Jackson	May 26	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesv
Janet Jackson	May 27	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park
Jason Aldean	July 20	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, (
Jason Aldean	July 21	<b>Riverbend Music Center</b>	Cincinn
Jason Mraz	July 29	Meadow Brook Amp.	Rochester Hills,
Jeff Leeson	June 11	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Way
Jeff Tweedy	May 19-20	Vic Theatre	Chica
Jelly Roll	July 21	Porter County Fairgrounds	Valparai
Jen Kober	June 6	Summit City Comedy Club	
Jerry Seinfeld	June 22	Embassy Theatre	Fort Way
Jesse & Joy	June 24	House of Blues	Clevela
Jesse & Joy	June 25	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chica
Jessica Kirson	June 29-July 1	Summit City Comedy Club	
Jo Dee Messina	June 29	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewa
John Anderson	June 17	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewa
John Butler	May 20-21	Thalia Hall	Chica
John Conlee	June 15	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewa
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John Mellencamp	May 25-26	Connor Palace	Clevela
John Mellencamp	June 17	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detr
John Mellencamp	June 21	DeVos Performance Hall	Grand Rap
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Jon Pardi	July 20	Porter County Fairgrounds	Valpara
Jordan Davis	July 11	LaPorte County Fairgrounds	
Jordan Jensen	June 8-10	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Way
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the night will be filled with songs you know and love on Aug. 8.

Fort Wayne legend **Hubie Ash-craft** will open the show.

### **Grand Funk set for Van Wert**

On Nov. 4, **Grand Funk Railroad** will bring their American Band Tour to Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert.

The band currently consists of founding members **Don Brewer** and bassist **Mel Schacher**, along with singer **Max Carl** of .38 Special, guitarist **Bruce Kulick**, best known for his 12 years with Kiss, and keyboardist **Tim Cashion** who has had stints with Bob Seger and Robert Palmer.

### Starr continues to shine

Famed Beatles drummer **Ringo Starr** has announced a fall tour with his **All Starr Band** that includes a stop at Old National Centre in Indianapolis on Sept. 29, as well as visits to DeVos Performance Hall in Grand Rapids on Oct. 3, Chicago Theatre on Oct. 5, Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan, on Oct. 6, Masonic Temps in Detroit on Oct. 7, and Mershon Auditorium in Columbus, Ohio, on Oct. 10.

Starr's current band includes Steve Lukather, Colin Hay, Edgar Winter, Warren Ham, Hamish Stuart, and Gregg Bissonette.

Starr, whose most recent release was *EP*3 in 2022, was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1988 with the rest of the Fab Four.

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### **Quick Hits** ANDREW **McMAHON** 8 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 23 THE CLYDE THEATRE

Andrew McMahon's professional career dates back 25 years as frontman of Something Corporate, Jack's Mannequin, and his latest band, Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness.

Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness just released their fourth album, Tilt at the Wind No More, and will stop by The Clyde Theatre on Tuesday, May 23, to present some of those songs along with selections from the rest of his career.

Raised on the East Coast and in the Midwest, McMahon began writing songs at 9, drawing inspiration from the likes of Elton John and Billy Joel and eventually evolving into one of the most interesting song-writers of his generation.

The Unlikely Candidates and Griffin William Sherry will open the show. — Chris Hupe

### DANCER'S LEGACY 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 19-20 ARTS UNITED CENTER

Fort Wayne Ballet will celebrate the life and works of former leading Joffrey Ballet dancer Edward Stierle when it presents Dancer's Legacy:

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An Evening of Stierle, May 19-20 at Arts United Center.

Stierle died in 1991 at the age of 22 but left behind a compelling list

of choreography that still resonates today.

PBS Fort Wayne will be on hand to film both shows, as well as a dress rehearsal, as the ballet presents "Concerto con Brio," "Lacrymosa," "Empyrean Dances," and the three works featured in Dancer's Legacy.

A prodigy from the age of 4, Stierle became only the second American to win the gold medal at the Prix de Lausanne international ballet competition when he was just 16. Following another win at the International Ballet Competition a few years later, Robert Joffrey offered him a contract with Joffrey Ballet. — Chris Hupe

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Ricardo Arjona	May 26	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Robert Plant & Alison Krauss	June 28	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
The Rocket Summer	July 2	Bottom Lounge	Chicago
Rodney Atkins w/Matt Williams; Whoa, Man!	June 17	Double H Farms	Hamilton
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June 7	James Dean Memorial Stage, Fairmount
June 11	Elwood in the Park, Elwood
June 17	CoCoJo'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,
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Aug. 11	Bethel Pointe, Muncie
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Aug. 25	Quincy Village Park, Quincy, MI
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### Neon Straightjackets May 27 The Regal Beagle, Ypsilanti, MI

June 24 Ottawa Tavern, Toledo Tom Koenig May 25 Boardwalk Grill, Celina, OH

We Are Checkmark June 10 Clear Lake Yacht Club, Fremont

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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'Avesn, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Fridays, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; and 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; and 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

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, noon-5 p.m. Sunday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday through June 4, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467 Leonardo da Vinci: Artist & Engineer — Explores creative mind of artist, architect, and mathematician, focusing on engineering drawings and innovations, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through May 28, Science Central, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$12, (260) 424-2400

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; and 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; and noon-6 p.m. Sunday, through Sept. 17, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Parish — Painting, drawing, stitchery, weaving, sculpture, pottery, poetry, and more on display by members of the First Presbyterian community, noon-5 p.m. Thursday, through May 21, First Presbyterian Gallery, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-7421

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; and 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, May 18-June 17, Bread & Circus Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, bcgallery2020@gmail.com

Roman F. Miller: Landscape Architecture & Art — Hailing from Sister City Gera, 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; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 426-6568

### **ART CLASSES, WORKSHOPS**

Paper Floral Collage Workshop — Hannah Burnworth teaches all skill levels to create your own paper arrangements with found and handmade papers, 1:30-4 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Artlink, Fort Wayne, \$45, (260) 424-7195

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; and 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; and 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 online to 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; and 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 City Music The

Brigadoon — Traveler must decide to return to old life or stay with love interest in town that only appears one day every 100 years in this Fire & Light production, 7 p.m. Friday, May 19; and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, USF Performing Arts Center, Fort Wayne, \$13-\$15, (260) 241-3378

Clybourne Park — Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play is a razor-sharp satire about the politics of race, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$18-\$22, (260) 422-4226

Dancer's Legacy: An Evening of Stierle — Fort Wayne Ballet brings legacy of Edward Stierle to the stage and celebrates a gifted life cut short, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$35, (260) 422-4226

An Evening with Groucho — Award-winning actor and director Frank Ferrante portrays comedian Groucho Marx, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$25, (260) 563-1102

### **AUDITIONS**

*The Music Man*—Prepare to sing 32 bars of musical theater or golden age of Broadway. Bring sheet music for Summit

City Music Theatre production. Register at signupgenius.com, **6-8:45 p.m. Sunday, May 21**, PFW Williams Theatre, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 437-6825

### UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

Disney's The Little Mermaid — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre takes on animated film, 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 7; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8; 8 p.m. Friday, June 9; and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$30-\$60, (574) 267-8041

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

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

A Star Is Born: The Concert — Songs from each version of film and soundtrack are sung, including "The Man That Got Away," "Shallow," and the Oscar-winning "Evergreen," **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24; and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 25**; First Presbyterian Theater, 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

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 lowa town to purchase band equipment before he slides out of town is foiled by love interest that helps change his ways in this Summit City Music Theatre production, 7:30 p.m. July 8; 2 p.m. July 9; 7:30 p.m. July 15; and 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

The Ten Commandments w/organist Clark Wilson — Silent film series with accompaniment by Grande Page Pipe organ stars Theodore Roberts in two-part story, **3 p.m. Sunday, July 16**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

### Things To Do Local Calendar

### CURRENT

**Erin's House Common Bond Breakfast** — Fundraiser for organization that provides support to children, teens, and their families following a death with HGTV's Mina Starsiak Hawk, **7:30 a.m. Thursday, May 18**, Parkview Mirro Center, Fort Wayne, \$100, (260) 423-2466

Nature Explorers — Program for those 3-5 years old to enjoy a seasonal, nature-themed story, snack, and fun craft, 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 18, LC Nature Park, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 999-3153

**Bike Night** — Music by Party Boat, food, beer, and cornhole, **5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 18**, Harley-Davidson of Fort Wayne, free, (260) 489-4264

teds Food Truck Thursday — Enjoy food trucks, drinks, and live music, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, May 18**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

Guitar Masterclass w/Ariel Posen — Award-winning guitarist shares how to discover your own sound, build melodic themes, and incorporate improvisation techniques, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$100, (260) 432-8176

2-Day Recording Workshop w/Ariel Posen — Explore how to record and mix band's performances through techniques from Sweetwater chief engineer Shawn Dealey, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, Sweetwater Studios, Fort Wayne, \$895, (260) 432-8176

Agape Mobility Ethiopia Fundraising Dinner — Along with buffet of authentic cuisine, Ethiopian gospel singer-songwriter Tselot Seyoum will perform, proceeds help purchase wheelchairs to be distributed in Ethiopia. Make reservations by May 15, 6 p.m. Friday, May 19, Pathway Community Church, Fort Wayne, donation, (260) 498-7862

*Pursuit of Freedom* Screening — Story of Ukrainian family torn apart by addiction and human trafficking, proceeds go to nonprofit counseling organization Living Free Recovery, 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 19, Harvest Fellowship Church, Fort Wayne, donation, (260) 218-8299

Plant Sale with the Pros — Annuals, perennials, and indoor plants for sale to support the Master Gardeners of Allen County, **10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 20**, Allen County Extension Office, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 481-6826

Mind + Body Wellness Expo — More than 20 vendors, mental and physical health screening professionals, and chance at free diapers, haircuts, and other prizes, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Elevate City Church, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 745-1600

Hotel Tango's Sixth Birthday Bash — Grilling, drinks, games, giveaways, and live music by Zach Comer (4 p.m.) and We Are Checkmark (7 p.m.), **3-11 p.m. Saturday, May 20**, Hotel Tango, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 616-0444

*Historic Downtown Hotels* — ARCH presents Karen Richards discussion of Fort Wayne's rich history of downtown hotels, **1 p.m. Saturday, May 20**, Cinema Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-5117

BuskerFest — Streets of downtown Fort Wayne give way to musicians, fire dancers, living statues, magicians, and jugglers, **3-9 p.m. Saturday, May 20**, Downtown Fort Wayne, free, (260) 420-3266

Cherry Blossom Festival — Celebration of Japanese culture features music, food, vendors, and cosplay, Noon-6 p.m. Sunday, May 21, PFW Walb Student Union, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 704-3985

**Eco Fest** — Local vendors with sustainable practices and merchandise, nonprofits, live music, local food and beverages, giveaways, and educational demonstrations, **1-6 p.m. Sunday, May 21**, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, free, ecofestfw@gmail.com

Rocket Launch — Observe or bring your own rockets, motors, and supplies and launch using Summit City Aerospace Modelers equipment, **1 p.m.** Sunday, May 21, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 710-6976 Eco Fest Ecology Tours on the Rivers — Ride on Maumee Watershed Alliance pontoon to learn about river ecosystem and water quality, **1:30-4:30** p.m. Sunday, May 21, Headwaters Park West, Fort Wayne, \$5, spartridge@maumeewatershedalliance. org

Junk Ditch Food Truck Rally Tuesday — Weekly event features variety of food vendors, drinks, and live music, **5-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 23**, Junk Ditch Brewing Company, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 203-4045

Trek the Trails: Covington Elementary School — 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, May 23**, Covington Elementary School, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 969-0079

Union 12 Food Truck Night: First Responder Night — Get an up-close look at a fire truck and ambulance and enjoy eats from food trucks and the music of Chris Worth, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, Union 12, Columbia City, free, (260) 203-0239

### **FARMERS MARKETS**

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. Saturday, 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

### **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

### SPECTATOR SPORTS BASEBALL

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

Tuesday, May 23, vs. Lansing, 6:35 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, vs. Lansing, 6:35 p.m. Thursday, May 25, vs. Lansing, 7:05 p.m. Friday, May 26, vs. Lansing, 7:05 p.m. Saturday, May 27, vs. Lansing, 6:35 p.m. Sunday, May 28, vs. Lansing, 1:05 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, vs. South Bend, 6:35 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, vs. South Bend, 6:35 p.m. 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. Tuesday, July 4, vs. West Michigan, 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, vs. West Michigan, 7:05 p.m. Thursday, July 6, vs. West Michigan, 7:05 p.m. Friday, July 7, vs. West Michigan, 7:05 p.m. Saturday, July 8, vs. West Michigan, 6:35 p.m. Sunday, July 9, vs. West Michigan, 1:05 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, vs. Lake County, 7:05 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, vs. Lake County, 12:05 p.m.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### MAY

teds Food Truck Thursday — Enjoy food trucks, drinks, and live music, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, May 25**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

Wild Walkers: Pehkokia Woods — Adult hiking group meets on second and fourth Friday of month to visit different area of northeast Indiana, carpooling from Rural King, **8:30 a.m. Friday, May 26**, Pehkokia Woods, Huntington, free, (260) 427-5023

Tom's Donuts Memorial Day Block Party — Take part in summer celebration with contests, tournaments, food, and live music, 9 a.m. Saturday, May 27, Tom's Donuts, Angola, free, (260) 665-3632

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, May 27, IGA Parking Lot, Churubusco, free, (260) 468-0592

Short Fiction Saturday — Writers of all skill levels, genres, and subject matter come together to share short pieces of their work, **3 p.m. Saturday, May 27**, The Ruin, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 399-6336

Fort Wayne Memorial Day Parade — Begins at East State Boulevard, proceeds north on Parnell Avenue, and ends at Memorial Coliseum with a ceremony, 11 a.m. Monday, May 29, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 449-7861

Junk Ditch Food Truck Rally Tuesday — Weekly event features variety of food vendors, drinks, and live music, **5-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 30**, Junk Ditch Brewing Company, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 203-4045

Trek the Trails: Franke 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, May 30**, Franke Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 969-0079

**Beat Making for Girls** — Open to girls more than 8 years old who will learn first steps to Ableton Live, industry's most popular beat-making and production software, **7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 30**, Sweetwater Academy, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 432-8176

Union 12 Food Truck Night: Family Porrtait Night— Vilma Maria Photographer and Alivia Rae Photography will be on hand to take complimentary photos to go along with food trucks, vendors, and live music from Unlikely Alibi, **5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31**, Union 12, Columbia City, free, (260) 203-0239

Podcast Fundamentals: Podcast Promotion — Connect with other podcasters in area to meet and share ideas and hear from special guests and industry pros, **7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 432-8176

### JUNE

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

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

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 once-weekly learning sessions with instruments, songs, and movement for those 4-5 years old, 11 a.m. or noon Saturday, June 3, Sweetwater Academy, Fort Wayne, \$45, (260) 432-1137

Arab Fest — Sixth 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

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

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

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

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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.-1 1 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

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