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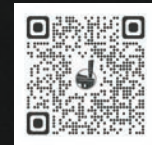
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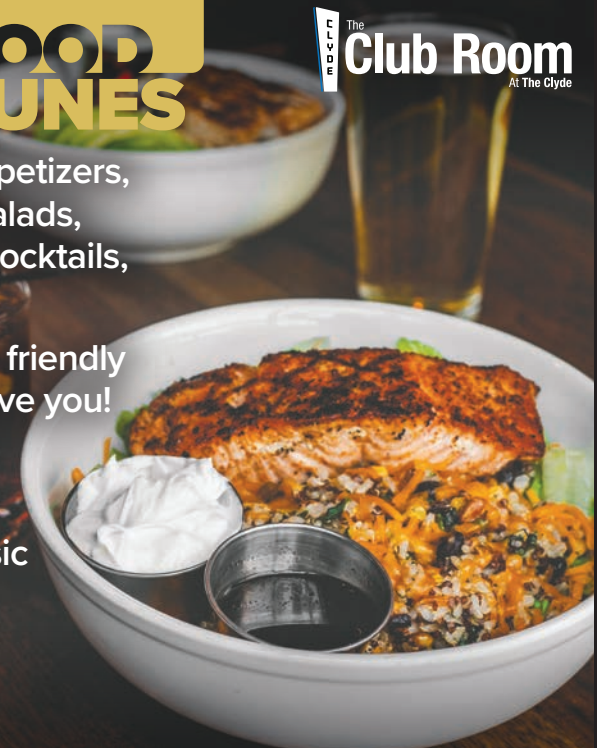
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A festival you can sink your teeth into

BBQ Ribfest makes way back to Headwaters with meat, drinks, live music

BY ANTHONY GADSON

WHATZUP EDITOR

It might not be the first nor last, but BBQ Ribfest is among the most notable summer festivals at Headwaters Park.

Entering its 27th year, the festival returns Thursday, June 13, to Sunday, June 16, serving up some of the best barbecue in the country plus music, drinks, and children's activities.

TO SAUCE OR NOT TO SAUCE

Each year, nearly 40,000 people come through the gate at Ribfest, bringing appetites with them.

"We're doing 20 tons of it," co-founder Mark Chappuis said of the meat destined to hit the grills and smokers. "Even these barbecue guys are so impressed with Fort Wayne. The crowd is mellow, everyone's having a good time. You have some ribs and couple cold brews and kick back to blues music."

There will be seven ribmasters at this year's festival, including Ohio's After Hours and Pigfoot; Cowboys of Texas; Porky Chicks of Arkansas; Big Boned BBQ and Carolina Rib King of South Carolina; and our very own Timmy's of Hometown.

"A lot of those guys have won awards all over the country, and another thing is you have an opportunity to try distinct barbecue from different parts of the country," Chappuis said about the festival's draw. "Texas barbecue is a whole lot different than the vinegar-based South Carolina barbecue."

The sauces might be different, but do not be afraid to eat those succulent meats without them. For many, the dry rub is all you need when coupled with the smoky meat.

"They all put out 5-gallon vats of barbecue sauces," Chappuis said, noting there will also be vendors selling sauce. "They have pretty funny names for them. There's Sissy Sauce, which is obviously the mild, then there's the kick-your-butt sauce like the XXX Devil's Spit. They kind of warn you."

"You can add a lot of sauce, but those guys get frustrated sometimes because they say the ribs are so good with just the rub that you ought to think about taking a bite or two with just the way they make them."

DIVERSE MUSICAL ACTS

Once you get your plate of ribs, brisket, pulled pork, chicken, or a combo of them all, you'll want to head over to the pavilion where the music will be jumping.

While the festival is free every day until 5:30 p.m., the evening \$5 cost to see the music will be well worth it with local act The Wailhounds taking the stage first at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday.



COURTESY PHOTO

The smell of ribs will fill the area at Headwaters Park from June 13-16 as BBQ Ribfest returns with plenty of smoked meats and live music.

BBQ RIBFEST

11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13

11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday, June 14

11:30 a.m.-9:45 p.m. Saturday, June 15

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"We had The Wailhounds the first year," Chappuis said. "We have a special spot in our hearts for The Wailhounds. They haven't been around for 35 years for nothing. They're cool guys and put on a cool mix of music. That's going to be a great way to kick things off."

After The Wailhounds, the Van Halen tribute act Jump takes the stage to close out the opening night.

On Friday, 15-year-old blues guitarist Danny Garwood begins his set at 6 p.m.

Despite his age, Garwood, nicknamed "Guitarwood," is an accomplished musician, having shared the stage with Buddy Guy and Christone "Kingfish" Ingram, as well as opening for Ally Venable during her recent stop at Baker Street Centre.

"For a young kid to be slinging out the blues he does (is something)," Chappuis said. "He's kind of a blues purist. He likes his Stevie Ray Vaughan and his Buddy Guy stuff. Of course, he's played with Buddy Guy and a lot of the greats. He's a kid on the way up."

Miles Minor Band out of Chicago will follow Garwood with Louisiana's Tyron Benoit Band capping off Friday night.

On Saturday, Big Daddy Dupree's Broke & Hungry Blues Band takes the stage at 2:30 p.m., followed by Deuce 'N a Quarter Band at 6:15 p.m. and the John Mellencamp tribute act Seymour finishing things up at 8:15 p.m.

Sunday will feature the Fort Wayne All-Stars Blues Jam, where attendees can take part in the show from 1-6 p.m.

FATHER'S DAY TRADITION

Along with the jam, another Sunday tradition has been bringing Dad to the festival — he gets in free with \$5 cover being charged for everyone else over 12 years of age.

"It took a couple of years, but now it's pretty amazing what a huge day Father's Day is for us," Chappuis said. "Over the years, I've had a lot of people come up to me and say, 'I want to thank you guys for doing this. We took our dad down here 12 years ago,' and sometimes dad's still around and sometimes he's not."

Dad might also be eager to attend the festival to give him time away from the grill while also getting some tips from other ribmasters.

"Barbecue is a process," Chappuis said. "It's not like spending a half-hour throwing a steak on the grill."

"These guys are smoking and grilling, for their briskets, 14 hours or more. I've tried perfecting brisket the past 27 years, and I still cannot."

Local duo Left Lane Cruiser release *Bayport BBQ Blues*

Blues outfit dedicated album to memory of Deep Blues fest founder

Our favorite dirty blues duo **Left Lane Cruiser** have released a new studio album, *Bayport BBQ Blues*. The album blends **Freddy J. IV's** commanding, gritty vocal rasp and positively nasty hoodoo slide guitar work with **Brenn Beck's** rhythmic stomp to make for a heady firestarter for your house party, backyard barbecue, or juke joint get-down.



Local Band Beat
NICK BRAUN

The 11 tracks were recorded in town by **Jason Davis** of Off the Cuff Studios and mastered at Boiler Room Mastering in Chicago.

With songs such as "Big Momma Shake," "River Picker," and "Turkey Vulture," this album honors the blues in its purest and most powerful form.

The album is dedicated to the memory of the late Chris Johnson, creator of Deep Blues Festival. Some may recall that in 2008, LLC recorded a tribute song to him simply called "Mr. Johnson."

You can get yourself a CD or vinyl copy of *Bayport BBQ Blues* at Bompstore.com.

In addition, the band recently wrapped a run of dates with Kyuss' John Garcia and are on a European tour until July 7. Hopefully, when they return to town we will get a local gig to feast our eyes and ears on the new material.

Sorry Charlie change name

The rock outfit **Sorry Charlie** recently took to social media to announce they were changing their name. From this point forward

they are now known as **Zero Tolerance**. Same great rock, same great energy, just going by another name.

Zero Tolerance are scheduled to perform at Piere's on Saturday, June 29, along with **Mr. Asylum, Hell Came Home, Downfall**, and **#IYKYK**.

Peachtree reunite for show at teds

The members of **Peachtree** are getting together for a performance at teds beerhall on Wednesday, July 3, from 6:30-9:30 p.m., their first gig since 2019.

The band was in existence only a short spell before taking hiatus to pursue other musical projects. Members **Austin Marsh, Jonah Leatherman, Lance Roberts**, and **Colton Conrad** are known for their work in such bands as **Red Arrow, The Union Project, Austin & The Avenue, Jonah Leatherman Band**, etc.

Their Peachtree performance will be a few hours of country/rock covers and maybe even some gems off their 3x4 EP.

Sum Morz add new guitarist

Sum Morz have announced **Jeff Cottle** as their new guitarist after losing longtime guitarist **Craig Stephan** to cancer.

Many of you know Cottle's work in **The Kickbacks, SODA: System of Dying Angels**, etc., and he will be a perfect fit for the band.

The band is set to perform at Andy Music Fest at Buck Lake Ranch, Aug. 3-4.

Octopussy bring back Chains set

If you attended this year's Down the Line at Embassy Theatre, your jaw was dropped by **Octopussy's** performance of Alice in Chains classics.

With the combination of brothers **Jason Bair** and **Eric Bair** with **John Reuille** and **Jason Diamond**, they recaptured Alice in Chains' magic with a high-energy, electrifying



PHOTO BY PETER LEE

Fort Wayne blues duo **Left Lane Cruiser (Freddy J. IV, left, and Brenn Beck)** have released a new album, *Bayport Blues BBQ*.

experience from start to finish.

If you missed it, the band will be doing it again on Saturday, July 13, when they open for **Hinder** at the Three Rivers Festival.

This time around, they will rock a full hour of nothing but Alice in Chains.

Let THEM fulfill your goth rock needs

Vocalist **Lord Demise**, drummer **Coınt Chücküla**, bassist **Jam**, guitarist **Spectre**, and keyboardist **Grimss** make up **THEM: Fort Wayne's Goth Rock**.

"I've been wanting to do this type of band for over 12 years, and when I finally got all the right people together, something magical happened, and it all just clicked musically," Chücküla said.

"We started as a HIM tribute band, but once I got all the players together and started practicing, we realized very quickly that we had a unique original sound."

Their sound is very Depeche Mode, Type O Negative, and Nine Inch Nails spattered with shades of Alice Cooper, Ministry, and Rammstein. In fact, those are some of the artists they cover in their set.

The band recently made their debut at Piere's, where they were making new friends

that led to more bookings.

Their next show will be at Piere's on Saturday, June 15, with **Now I'm Nothing, Four Middle Fingers**, and **Phaze66**. They return to Piere's on June 22 with **Land of Linkin**, and will be at Thirty3 in Hudson on July 5, and Carl's Tavern in New Haven on July 6.

In addition, they are writing and recording original music that they plan to have out later this year so be on the lookout.

Smooth sailing for Yacht Party

Local yacht rock band **Yacht Party** is taking on the smooth rock from the late '70s and early '80s. Expect to hear hits by Steely Dan, Hall & Oates, Christopher Cross, and others that would fit being played from the deck of a luxurious yacht on the high seas.

The band is made up of drummer/vocalist **Nick Barbieri**, keyboardist/guitarist **Adam Trudel**, guitarist/saxophonist **Pat Hannon**, guitarist **Greg Titzer**, and bassist **Chris Faith**.

You will have the opportunity to check these guys out Friday, June 14, at Vinland Reserve Winery, June 15 at The Club Room at The Clyde, and July 13 at Sylvan Cellars in Rom City opening for **Barenaked Ladies**.

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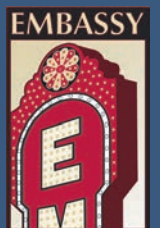
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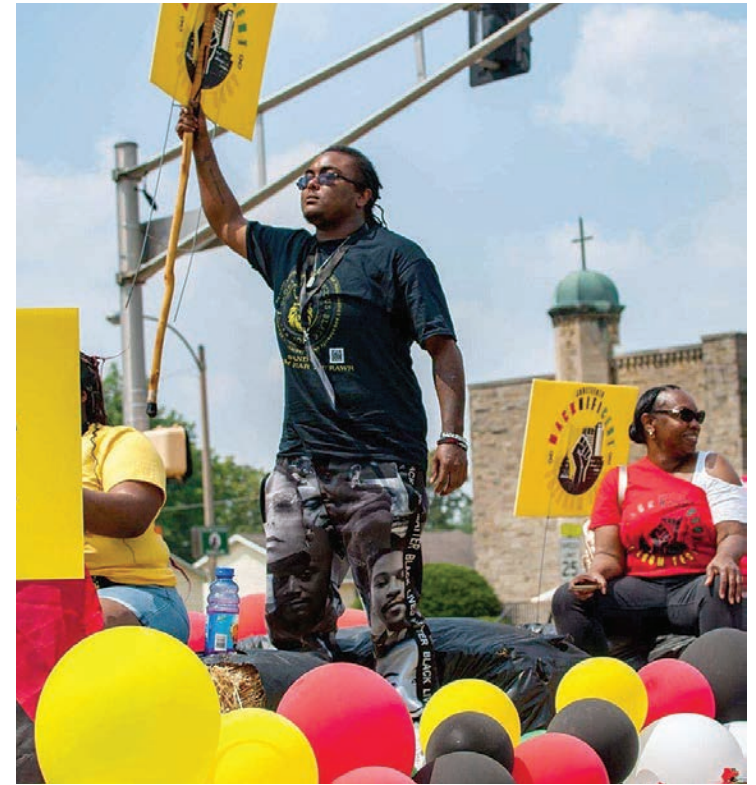
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Prior to Macknificent Freedom Fest activities at McMillen Park on Saturday, June 15, the ALC Promenade will travel down Oxford Street from Weisser Park, where the Keepers of the Light Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m.



Macknificent strives for community unity

Juneteenth celebration will take place June 15 at Weisser, McMillen

BY ANDREW McNAIR
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

The best part of the Fort Wayne summer festival scene is the wide array of opportunities to experience culture and traditions outside of your own.

Traditional celebrations and acknowledgments of cultural milestones lead us to a better understanding of one another's backgrounds and connections.

Acknowledgment of the past and celebration for today are what Juneteenth is all about.

Juneteenth is a federal holiday June 19, marking the day federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, in 1865 to deliver news that slavery was outlawed, although it took two-and-a-half years for the news to reach Texas.

In Fort Wayne, it will be celebrated with a high degree of joy and fun with the Macknificent Freedom Fest at Weisser and McMillen parks on Saturday, June 15.

CELEBRATING UNITY

Juneteenth celebrations have a rich history in Fort Wayne, tracing their roots back to the Pontiac Street Festival in the early '90s.

Under the guidance of Baba Kweku Akan at the Fort Wayne Parks Department, Juneteenth was officially celebrated at Weisser

Park for the first time in 2004.

The popular annual festival was halted due to the pandemic, but the community quickly rallied to stage a series of coordinated smaller celebrations to continue the tradition.

The following year, those smaller groups staged a collaborative week of individual celebrations, which were seamlessly transitioned back into a single large annual event in 2021: The Macknificent Freedom Fest.

This year's edition kicks off Saturday morning at Weisser Park Youth Center with the Keepers of the Light ceremony, a Rites of Passage Ceremony for those leaders who pledge to be righteous custodians of the celebration.

Young leaders aged 12-18 work to become Renaissance Leaders, committing to embody the Five Wells of leadership as outlined by former Morehouse College President Robert Michael Franklin Jr.: Well-Read, Well-Spoken, Well-Dressed, Well-Traveled, and Well-Balanced.

Next up is the ALC Promenade, starting at the Weisser Center at 11:30 a.m. sharp and marching up Oxford Street to McMillen Park for the Opening Ceremonies at 1 p.m. This event represents the spine of the community, with nerves reaching out throughout the streets from a strong column.

Participants are encouraged to perform, bring banners, and be seen by the community. All participants must use signage and music that is uplifting, family-friendly, and in the spirit of unity in the community.

Promenade registration is required at macknificentfreedomfest.com, but attendees

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Weisser Park

3000 Hanna St., Fort Wayne
10 a.m. — Keepers of Light Ceremony
11:15 a.m. — ALC Promenade

McMillen Park

3901 Hessen Cassel Road, Fort Wayne
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can join at the rear behind the Second Line and enjoy the walk along with the party.

The Rosa Parks Citilink bus will be waiting to return walkers to their cars at Weisser Park.

At McMillen Park, live entertainment takes the main stage at 1:30 p.m. and runs until 5:30 p.m., featuring We Are CheckMark starting at 4:30 p.m.. From 5:30-6 p.m. there will be a DJ set that you will not want to miss.

This is a complete festival, and there are lots of activities for all families.

Kickball, a basketball tournament, and flag football will provide plenty of action for participants and attendees. The competitions start at 2 p.m. at McMillen Park.

DEVELOPING LEADERS

The "Macknificent" name references the transition to McMillen Park and the memory of the late Costella Mack, the beloved community leader who developed and implemented a feeding/food program for children called Kids Cafe. Since its inception in 2011, the program

continues to provide food and nourishment to hundreds of children each year at McMillen Park Center, Weisser Park Center, Jennings Center, and Cooper Center.

Opportunities abound to learn personal histories firsthand with a human library starting at 2 p.m. There will be a Children's Corner to occupy the little ones.

Attendees will find tons of information from community organizations and sponsors. The organizers have striven to make Macknificent a festival with true diversity, much more than in any previous Juneteenth celebration.

The Macknificent Fest is led by the Art Leadership Center, under the stewardship of Adrian Curry, whose roots with local Juneteenth celebrations run through his life.

The ALC celebrates the Five Wells and is designed to "systematically develop Renaissance Scholars and Artists with a Global Conscience."

"The Renaissance leaders are going to be the ones fulfilling the purpose: connecting the leaders in organizations in serving the community," Curry said. "We have a focused vision of developing an elite education system, a school that continuously develops these leaders, and they become their own instructors, even."

"And it's alongside a global percussion theater. I think that's really important for the community to know and support and get behind. Because these leaders are our future. This is a small testament of what they can achieve with proper training. We just need to support them."



Six Foot Blonde will be at The Socialite at Proof on Friday, June 14, with local support from Private Education. COURTESY PHOTO

Six Foot Blonde reach the Summit

Bloomington act brings pop, soul to Proof, June 14

BY ANTHONY GADSON
WHATZUP EDITOR

As their name suggests, Bloomington's Six Foot Blonde are turning heads.

"We used to sing with another girl (Emma Spartz) that was 6-foot-2 and both of us at the time had blonde hair," vocalist Julia Rusyniak said of the memorable band name.

"It also represented somebody taking control of their confidence. And it represented Emma and I dancing on stage, not being afraid to wear heels, and be the tallest person in the room and celebrate our confidence as women and musicians and belters with powerful voices. It stemmed from, 'Oh, you're both tall and blonde,' and became something so much more."

Spartz stepped away from the band in 2022, but Julia Rusyniak will be joined by bassist Dom Heyob, drummer Brian Healey, guitarist Elliott Obermaier, guitarist Zach Patrick, and her brother/key-boardist John Alex Rusyniak at The Socialite at Proof on Friday, June 14, for an all-ages show with local support from Private Education.

CHANGING LINEUP, SOUND

Maybe it's their name, but it feels like I've been hearing about Six Foot Blonde for years. However, the Indiana University alums and students are relatively new.

"In the middle of the pandemic,

that was a little bit of our sanctuary — to be able to play together in our COVID bubble," Obermaier said. "Coming out the pandemic, we had a couple opportunities to play at a local venue called Bluebird. That went really well throughout our college experience.

"Eventually, that transferred to venues like the Hi-Fi (in Indianapolis) and Chicago. Before we knew it, we were kind of swept along for the ride."

The band released two singles and an EP with Spartz and a horn section of Adam Cohen and Kaleb Weisenfluh.

The songs have a neo-soul feel to them, reminiscent of Fort Wayne acts like Kangaroo Kourt and Sun.Dyle. However, with the departures of the horns and Spartz, Six Foot Blonde's sound has changed a bit, evident on the single "Perpendicular Universe," which was released in August.

"So many of (Spartz's) influences were blues and soul and mine, I'd say, were pop, indie, and soul. So, our common ground was soul," Julia Rusyniak said.

"Our future stuff is a bit more indie, but we still pay ode to our roots and the live-music feel."

The band is actually in the midst of releasing an album in August, with singles dropping this summer.

HAPPY ACCIDENT

Although they formed during the pandemic, the members have been connected much longer.

"We all knew each other in some sort of way," Julia Rusyniak said. "My brother's childhood friend, Brian our drummer, grew up down

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the street from us. Elliott and Dom went to high school together.

"I feel like it worked out very serendipitously. We're really lucky that we all decided to go to IU. It worked out beautifully."

Julia Rusyniak is actually still enrolled at Indiana, with Patrick pursuing his master's. However, none of the Hoosiers were focusing in on music while in school.

"None of us were music majors despite IU having such an amazing music program," Obermaier said. "Dom and I were the only ones to have any sort of music minor or music study. Because we never meant to (form a band), I think that made it a lot easier of, 'Oh my gosh, this is happening to us! Let's just go in,' rather than feeling like we were working constantly."

They all have other focuses at this point in their lives, but the band is at the top of the list, which leads to their trip to the Summit City.

"We're on our first national tour this summer," Obermaier said. "Fort Wayne is a city we're well aware and there's a lot of former IU students that mentioned, 'Hey, you should play Fort Wayne. There's a vibrant scene up there.' We played with The Nabby Pamby (at the 2023 Burning Couch Festival) and they said Fort Wayne is a great spot. We're in Detroit the next night, so it worked out."

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Singer-songwriter Gracie Jo will perform her uplifting songs during Solfest on Saturday, June 22, at Metea County Park.

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Solfest celebrates sun, parks

Annual festival returns to Metea with music, fun

BY ANTHONY GADSON
WHATZUP EDITOR

While many festivals take place downtown, a trip north along State Road 1 toward Leo-Cedarville will be well worth your time on Saturday, June 22.

As you travel out of the city, you'll come across Metea County Park. There, you can pay your \$20, if you did not get your \$15 presale ticket, and spend a day soaking in nature with a hike or swim alongside live music from noon-10 p.m.

GET INTO THE GROOVE

The musical lineup is a who's who of Fort Wayne talent.

"Bands that make you want to dance," organizer Sarah Loshe said when asked about what she looks for when filling out the lineup.

Music kicks off at noon with young musicians from Fort Wayne's School of Rock, followed by Gracie Jo at 12:30 p.m., Patti Whitemoss at 1 p.m., Sunny Taylor at 1:30 p.m., JJ & McRae at 2 p.m., Moderate Rock at 2:30 p.m., Adam Baker at 3:30 p.m., U.R.B. at 4 p.m., Dan Dickerson at 5 p.m., Grateful Groove at 5:30 p.m., Phil Schurger at 6:30 p.m., The Wailhounds at 7 p.m., Catfish Seminar at 8 p.m., and Pink Droyd

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closing things out at 9 p.m.

All the names should look familiar — outside of Catfish Seminar, who will be making the trip from Nashville, Tennessee.

"My boyfriend and I were actually working a festival out of town," Loshe said. "They were playing there, and I told them what we were doing for the parks. He said he'd love to be a part of it."

HELPING PARKS

What Solfest is doing for the parks is raising funds for Metea and Fox Island county parks. Fox Island is still in the process of reforestation following a storm in 2022.

"We asked what they need right now to make their lives easier at

the park, project-wise," Loshe said. "For instance, Fox Island needs a new sprayer to protect the trees we planted last year. We help them go through the red tape. One hundred percent of the profits go to them."

Proceeds will help with upgrades to the Nature Center at Metea, which is hosting Solfest for the second straight year.

"Metea was great. Everyone loves it," Loshe said. "The space is huge. We still have the lake, we still have the bounce houses. I have six bounce houses this year, including an obstacle course."

Along with the bounce houses, you will be able to spend the day hiking through the woods and swimming in the lake, where there will be some music being played.

"It will be like a whole separate thing over there by the lake," Loshe said.

Solfest will also have local drinks from Fortlandia Brewing and Ambrosia Orchard, as well as food trucks and a marketplace.

In short, there will be no shortage of activities.

"There's always something hands-on to do," Loshe said. "This year, we're going to have tie-dye. There will be a tie-dye station where you can tie-dye a Solfest T-shirt."

If you'd like to help with the event, Loshe said she's still seeking out sponsors and vendors. If interested, contact Loshe at (260) 494-6905.

"We still need some help," she said.

Enjoy drinks, zoo, music at Rock & Roar

Rock & Roar at Fort Wayne Children's Zoo is back! The summer music series for those 21 and older will take place on select Fridays throughout the summer and feature some of the local music scene's favorite acts.

This year's lineup includes **Good Night Gracie** on June 28, **James & The Drifters** on July 12, **Whoa, Man!** on July 26, **JacksonVibe** on Aug. 9, and **The Sweetwater All Stars** on Aug. 23.



Out and About

NICK BRAUN

What's cool about these events is that not only do you get to hear good music, but you can purchase an adult beverage and stroll through Central Zoo, Asian Trek, Indiana Family Farm, and Australian Outback Adventure. The Crocodile Creek Adventure Ride, Z.O&O Railroad, and Endangered Species Carousel rides are included with admission. How cool is that? I mean, when else can you sip on an IPA, wave at the monkeys, relax on a canoe ride, and listen to some good tunes?

Tickets for each event can be purchased online at kidszoo.org.

Ukulele player comes to Sweetwater

Sweetwater Sound have announced they will welcome Hawaiian ukulele virtuoso **Jake Shimabukuro** along with the **Fort Wayne Philharmonic** on Saturday, Sept. 14, outside in their pavilion.

That evening, you will be in for a delightful evening combining jazz, rock, blues, folk, and classical with the unlikeliest of instruments — the ukulele.

Last fall, Shimabukuro released *Grateful*, his most personal project to date, featuring 22 collaborations with a who's who of Hawaii-based artists.

Tickets can be purchased at the Sweetwater campus and online at sweetwaterpavilion.com and ticketmaster.com.

Rush tribute band booked at Honeywell

Rush fans should get ready as Honeywell Center welcomes **The Rush Tribute Project** to Wabash on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Combining skilled musicianship with exciting performances, The Rush Tribute Project (known as RTP to its dedicated fanbase) deliver the magic of Rush's famous live concerts.

No matter if you just know the hits or go deep in the catalog, RTP has you covered as they deliver more than 40 years of Rush's amazing career. They also break out the lasers and visuals that will take you back to all those

Rush concerts you enjoyed back in the day.

Tickets can be purchased via honeywellarts.org.

Foellinger adds Collective Soul to lineup

Alternative rockers **Collective Soul** are the latest addition to Foellinger Theatre's summer concert list.

Presented by Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, frontman **Ed Roland** and his group roll into the outdoor venue on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

The group gained fame with the massive hit "Shine" off their 1993 debut *Hints Allegations and Things Left Unsaid*. They scored another top-10 hit with "The World I Know" off their self-titled sophomore release, which also contained "Where the River Flows" and "Gel."

They recently released their 12th studio album, *Here to Eternity*.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, June 14, at the Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation Department office at 705 E. State Blvd. and ticketmaster.com.

Bluffton hosts summer concert series

The Friday night Kehoe Concert Series in Bluffton is officially under way.

Held at Kehoe Park, this year's lineup includes **Mellen Cougar: Tribute to John Mellencamp** on June 14, **Def Legend: Tribute to Def Leppard** on June 28, **Community Worship** on June 30, **Hotel California: Eagles Tribute** on July 12, **The Insiders: Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers Experience** on July 26, and **Woomblies Rock Orchestra** on Aug. 2.

These free shows will take place from 8-10 p.m. except for Community Harvest and Woomblies Rock Orchestra which both start at 7 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

So, bring a lawn chair, blanket, bug spray, and settle on the grassy terrace steps to enjoy some live music at Kehoe Park this summer.

Brandon Lake stops at Coliseum

Tickets are on sale for **Brandon Lake's** Tear Off the Roof Tour that makes a stop at Memorial Coliseum on Thursday, Oct. 10.

The Grammy-winning Christian worship singer-songwriter will perform fan-favorites and new songs from the record-breaking album *Coat of Many Colors*.

His shows are built to inspire faith and bring hope to all communities.

His Fort Wayne performance will include special guest **Benjamin William Hastings**.

Tickets can be purchased at ticketmaster.com and at the Coliseum box office.

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Quick Hit LOCAL EVENT

THE 'DO NOT SING' LIST

7:30 P.M. FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 4-15 · RKF STUDIOS

Indiana Musical Theatre Foundation presents *The "Do Not Sing" List* for two nights, June 14-15.

Directed by Aaron Hawley, the shows take place at RKF Studios on Lake Avenue in Fort Wayne and feature some of Broadway's biggest and well-known songs, all of which should never be sung for an audition, unless, as they say, you have what it takes.

IMTF will prove they do have what it takes as they tackle songs ranging from "Defying Gravity" from *Wicked*, "Spring Time for Hitler" from *The Producers*, "Don't Rain on My Parade" from *Funny Girl*, "Waving Through a Window" from *Dear Evan Hansen*, "My New Philosophy" from *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, "Santa Fe" from *Newsies*, and many more. — *Chris Hupe*

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Library raising funds for Dolly Parton initiative

Allen County Public Library and the ACPL Foundation have announced a fundraising campaign to bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to the children of Allen County.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books each month to children up to 5 years old, free of charge through funding shared by state and local community partners. Children must be registered by a parent or guardian to receive the books.



News and Venues

JEN POIRY PROUGH

“Here at the ACPL, our children's services are second to none,” ACPL Executive Director Susan P. Baier said. “I have complete confidence that when a child uses our library, they will leave with the foundation to be a lifelong reader.”

“But equally important is the need for children to have books in their homes. We know that one in five young children do not have a book of their own, and that's why I am so thrilled our foundation wants to help us close that gap through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.”

Out of Indiana's 92 counties, 77 are fully covered by the program.

At its February board meeting, the ACPL Foundation voted to create a committee dedicated to bringing the program to Allen County. Upon launch, Allen County would be the largest county in Indiana with the program.

Nearly 900 Allen County families have already expressed interest in the program via Dolly Parton's Imagination Library website.

The ACPL Foundation must raise \$100,000 to fund the launch and sustain the first two years. Fundraising will continue until the goal is met.

The community is invited to make donations at acpl.info/imaginationlibrary or by visiting any ACPL branch.

Juneteenth lecture at downtown library

In celebration of Juneteenth, Jonathan W. White, Ph.D., will present “Abraham Lincoln, Juneteenth, and the Power of the Emancipation Proclamation” at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, in Allen County Public Library's Main Library Theater.

The lecture can be attended in person or virtually, but registration is required.

Register for virtual lecture at <https://tinyurl.com/52evzpxj> and in-person registration is at <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/11004430>.

Project Ballet hosts events for young dancers

Project Ballet will hold two themed events for young dancers this month: Ballet Under the Big Top on Wednesday, June 19, and Let It Snow on Thursday, June 20.

Both events will be from 5:30-6:45 p.m. and will include ballet, crafts, and a performance for the family at 6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$45 per person and is open to ages 4-9 (or 3-year-olds who have completed a program at Project Ballet). For more information or to registration, go to projectballet.org/themed-evenings.

PFW hosting pair of recitals

The Purdue Fort Wayne School of Music will hold two concerts this week.

An Emerging Artist Recital will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13. The concert features PFW piano performance major Christian Urizar, who will perform piano solo works by J.S. Bach, Haydn, Prokofiev, and Schumann.

At 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 14, the final recital of the Gene Marcus Piano Camp and Festival will feature performances by camp participants.

Both events will take place in Rhinehart Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. All recitals will also be livestreamed on the Gene Marcus Piano YouTube channel.

Fort Wayne Youtheatre releases 90th season

Fort Wayne Youtheatre, led by newly appointed Artistic Director Christopher J. Murphy, has announced the plans for their 90th anniversary season.

The fifth-oldest operating children's theater in the United States will kick off the Halloween season Oct. 18-20 at First Presbyterian Theater with *Shuddersome: Tales of Poe*. The show features *The Tell-Tale Heart*, *The Masque of the Red Death*, *The Raven*, and more of Edgar Allan Poe's spine-tingling stories.

Also at First Presbyterian Theater from Dec. 13-22, Youtheatre will present *Anastasia*. Inspired by the beloved film, this is the story of a brave young woman who sets out to discover if she's the legendary Russian princess.

From Feb. 21-23, Youtheatre will present *Something Happened in Our Town* as the latest addition to their Linda L. Ruffolo Young Heroes of Conscience Series. Neighbors Josh and Emma are best friends, but when a Black man is killed by a police officer, Emma and Josh have questions. The production will be at First Presbyterian Theater.

Youtheatre's second Stories from the Stacks: Theatre for Young Readers collaboration with the Allen County Public Library will be *Dragons Love Tacos* from April 26-27 at the downtown library. A boy and his dog are watching a TV show about dragons when they unexpectedly get caught up in the “Do's and Don'ts” of what to serve dragons to eat.

The show is aimed at Pre-K through third graders but promises to be entertaining for all ages.

All performances for *Dragons Love Tacos* are free, but tickets for the other shows go on sale July 1.

For more information on the upcoming season, go to fortwayneyoutheatre.org.

Gaslight Playhouse ready for 50th season

Gaslight Playhouse, the longest-running playhouse in Noble County, has announced their 50th season at the Community Learning Center in Kendallville.

The season begins Nov. 8-10 with *Drop Dead*, followed by *Puffs* from Feb. 21-23, and *Big Fish* from July 25-27, 2025.

Tickets go on sale Aug. 1 with flexible ticket options available.

For more information on the upcoming season, go to gaslightplayhouse.org.

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Nightlife

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Pufferbelly Junction pulls into downtown

With a historic train car and railroad depot, **Pufferbelly Junction**, 1022 Cass St., has plenty of nostalgia to make it one of area's most creative ice cream destinations.

It's now open adjacent to Promenade Park and Fort Wayne Outfitters, just off Wells Street downtown.

The ice cream shop features more than two dozen flavors of hand-dipped ice cream and homemade waffle cones. They'll rotate fresh flavors in often.

You can find unique tastes like honey lavender, lemon or strawberry cheesecake, non-dairy peanut butter and jelly, spumoni, and amaretto cherry amor.

There's also Albanese candy and other types you can purchase by the pound.



Off the Eaten Path

DEAN JACKSON

Outside is a renovated club car that can seat up to 30 people to enjoy ice cream, unless you prefer the gazebo.

Pufferbelly Junction is open Monday-Tuesday from 4-9 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday from noon-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday from noon-10 p.m., and Sunday from noon-8 p.m.

Get a taste of Greece at Greek Festival

Fort Wayne Greek Festival returns June 20-23 at Headwaters Park.

Along with enjoying authentic Greek music and dancing, you will also want to feast on authentic food.

Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, you can find sweets like baklava, kataifi, karidopita (walnut cake), koulourakia, kourabiedes (butter cookies), melomakarona (orange spice cookie in syrup), paximadi (biscotti), and tsoureki (sweet bread).

If you can put off the desserts, grab a gyro, roasted lamb, moussaka (ground beef, eggplant, potato, béchamel, and cheese in a tomato onion sauce), pastichio (Greek lasagna), saganaki (seared cheese), or a bevy of other options.

Powers plans weeklong celebration

It's being called a grand opening, but the weeklong event, July 8-13, for **Powers Hamburgers**, 1402 S. Harrison St., is one part tribute and one part showcase. Either way, it marks next chapter of service for the popular

burger shop.

This year, Salvatori's Hospitality Group purchased the downtown landmark. Since then, it's been an interesting mix of tradition and some new sizzle at the 84-year-old business.

They've expanded hours to include late-night dining, added outdoor seating, updated the parking lot, and revived the decor with memorabilia and photos.

Among the grand-opening activities are a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 8, with city officials, Powers family members, and VIP customers.

On Tuesday, July 9, there will be Slider Eating Competition at 6 p.m. Who wouldn't want to be the Powers Slider Champion?

On Wednesday, July 10, swing by for a vintage car show from 5-7 p.m.

On Thursday, July 11, and Friday, July 12, they showcase "Powers After Hours." Each night, the first 12 orders of their 12-pack Powers Pack will receive an exclusive T-shirt.

Saturday, July 13, will be a family fun day with games and activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Strawberries Around the Fountain returns

Auburn's Eckhart Public Library is hosting Strawberries Around the Fountain from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 20.

The event features strawberry shortcake and ice cream, with proceeds benefiting the library. For \$10, enjoy ice cream from The Brown House and biscuits, including gluten-friendly options, from The Deli at Sixth and Main.

There will also be hot dogs, as well as music, face painting, games, horse-drawn wagon rides, and a bounce house.

Kroger marks solstice with free ice cream

Kroger is offering a sweet deal for the summer solstice on June 20.

If you act quickly, the grocery chain is treating you to free ice cream. They'll give away 45,000 pints — 50 pints for each of the 900 minutes. That's 15 hours of daylight.

You'll need to go to Kroger.com to download a coupon and present it in-store. It's good for one pint on June 20 only.

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Quick Hit LOCAL EVENT

THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

JUNE 14-29 · ARENA DINNER THEATRE

Arena Dinner Theatre presents *The Drowsy Chaperone* on three consecutive weekends, June 14-29.

The Canadian musical has had major productions in New York and Los Angeles and won five Tony Awards in 2006.

Enjoy a meal of salad, Italian grilled chicken breast, and pineapple cake while watching the "Man in a Chair," as he has come to be known.



The "man" puts on his favorite record, a cast recording of a fictitious musical, causing the recording to come to life right in front of him. Mix in two lovers on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man, a desperate theater producer, a not-so-bright hostess, two gangsters posing as pastry chefs, a misguided Don Juan, and an intoxicated chaperone, and you have the ingredients for a great evening. — *Chris Hupe*

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Live Music LOCAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Cherry Bomb — Rock, 6 p.m., Paige's Crossing, Columbia City, Free, (260) 244-5757

Gene Marcus Piano Camp & Festival Emerging Artist Recital w/Christian Urizar — Classical, 7:30 p.m., PFW Rhinehart Recital Hall, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 481-4739

Hubie Ashcraft — Country, 6 p.m., Madison Street Plaza, Decatur, Free

Jessie Doyle — Banjo, 6 p.m., Gallery K, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 705-2959

Joe Justice — Variety, 3 p.m., StoryPoint Senior Living, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 483-5590

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

Jump! — Van Halen tribute, 8 p.m., BBQ Ribfest, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 427-6000

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

StraitJack — Alan Jackson/George Strait tribute, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

OK Boomer — Classic rock, 5:30 p.m., Honeywell Center Carpenter Plaza, Wabash, Free, (260) 563-1102

The DeeBees — Variety, 5:30 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 619-3424

The Wailhounds — Rock, 6:15 p.m., BBQ Ribfest, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 427-6000

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Adam Strack — Variety, 7 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, Free, (888) 260-0351

Chris Worth — Variety, 7 p.m., Woodlands Senior Center, Columbia City, Free, (260) 248-8944

Danny Garwood — Blues, 6 p.m., BBQ Ribfest, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 427-6000

Ty Causey — R&B, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Gene Marcus Piano Camp & Festival Student Recital — Classical, 5:30 p.m., PFW Rhinehart Recital Hall, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 481-4739

Humans Among Us — Space rock, 8:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

#IYKYK — Rock, 8 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

James Baker Trio — Jazz, 5 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 444-5898

Janice Anne & Power Train — Rock/Country, 8 p.m., Hoagland Pavilion, Hoagland, Free, (407) 836-6777

JJ and McRae — Acoustic, 6 p.m., Glendarin Hills Golf Club, Angola, Free, (260) 665-5073

Lightnin' Rod & The Thunderbolts — Blues, 7 p.m., Lucerne Park, Warsaw, Free

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

Mellen Cougar — John Mellencamp tribute, 8 p.m., Kehoe Park, Bluffton, Free, (260) 824-1520

Miles Minor Band — Blues, 6:45 p.m., BBQ Ribfest, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 427-6000

Open Mic w/Acoustic Rush — 7 p.m., American Legion Post 160, Roanoke, no cover, 260-672-2298

Phil Plays Dead — Grateful Dead tribute, 7 p.m., Hop River Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 739-3931

Pottsie's Pastime — Variety, 8 p.m., The Local Saloon, Roanoke, no cover, (260) 676-2233

Shannon Persinger Duo — Jazz, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Six Foot Blonde w/Private Education — Alternative, 8 p.m., The Socialite at Proof, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 456-6542

Smokestack Jack — Classic rock, 8 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

Soundboard Live — Piano, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$10, (260) 563-1102

Spirit Bomb & My Dinosaurs Wear Ties — Anime/Warped Tour tributes, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 492-6064

Steven Crash Worley — Rock/Country, noon, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Sunglasses at Night — 80s, 6 p.m., Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, no cover, (260) 637-2980

The DeeBees — Variety, 10 p.m., Rack & Helen's, New Haven, no cover, (260) 749-5396

The Hubie Ashcraft Band — Country, 7 p.m., Markle Fish & Game Club Park, Markle, Free

The Probables — Americana, 7:30 p.m., Feel Good Fridays, Fountain Park, Van Wert, Free, (419) 238-6722

The Yacht Party — Yacht rock, 7 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 619-3424

Todd Harold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 6:30 p.m., Spikes Beach Grill, Warsaw, no cover, (574) 372-3224

Tyron Benoist Band — Rock, 8:30 p.m., BBQ Ribfest, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 427-6000

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Aleena & The Tall Boys — Variety, 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 619-3424

Alvvays w/Houndmouth, Pom Pom Squad, Murder by Death, Overlook — Alternative, 3 p.m., Middle Waves Music Festival, Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$40, (260) 482-6400

Joey O & The Vibe — Variety, 8 p.m., Howie's on Hamilton, Hamilton, no cover, (260) 488-3344

Augmentasia — Neo-soul, 5 p.m., Elijah's Restaurant & Bakery, Fort Wayne, \$10

Big Daddy Dupree's Broke & Hungry Blues Band — Blues, 2:30 p.m., BBQ Ribfest, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 427-6000

Deuce N' A Quarter Band — Blues, 6:15 p.m., BBQ Ribfest, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 427-6000

Drake White w/Clayton Anderson, Staci Stork — Country, 4 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, \$55, (260) 854-9463

Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra — Funk, 10:30 p.m., Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 485-1038

Hed Wurms — Variety, 9 p.m., What's Up Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 489-3488

Yacht Party — Yacht rock, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Jack Welty — Variety, 6 p.m., Chapman's Brewing: Electric Works, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 250-4371

Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra w/Burnt Violets, Jessie Mae, Jack's Beanstalk — Variety, 6 p.m., ACPL: Downtown, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 421-1200

Jailbreak — Classic rock, 8 p.m., The Hideaway, Bluffton, no cover, (260) 824-0455

James Baker Trio — Jazz, 5 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 444-5898

Now I'm Nothing w/THEM, Phaze66, Four Middle Fingers — Nine Inch Nails tribute, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

OK Boomer — Classic hits, 8 p.m., Hoagland Days, Hoagland Pavilion, Hoagland, Free, (407) 836-6777

Piques w/Mudland, Frogman & The Friends of Frogman — Alternative, 9:45 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Rekt — Rock, 5:30 p.m., Union Street Market, Fort Wayne, Free

Seymour — John Mellencamp tribute, 8:15 p.m., BBQ Ribfest, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 427-6000

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Todd Harold Band — Jazz, 9 p.m., Lakeliffe Bar & Grill, Warsaw, no cover, (574) 244-2100

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

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SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Fort Wayne All-Stars Blues Jam — Blues, 1 p.m., BBQ Ribfest, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 427-6000

Joe Justice — Variety, 4 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 619-3424

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Dave Landau — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$30, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Dave Landau — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$30, (260) 844-8444

Mike Moses w/Jason Dixie, Yvette Weems, Rick Reader — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Josh Firestine — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$20, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Ben Jones w/Hulin Sanders — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

Josh Firestine — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$20, (260) 844-8444

Superhero Improv Comedy Show — 8-9:30 p.m., Broken Pencil Improv, Cinema Center, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 426-3456

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Brent Terhune w/Asia Chardonay — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

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Joe Justice — Variety, 10 a.m., The Laurels, Butler, Free, (260) 868-2164

Open Mic Night — 6:30 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

Chris Worth — Variety, 7 p.m., Towne House Retirement Center, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 483-3116

Debutants — Newgrass, 5 p.m., Junk Ditch Brewing Company, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 203-4045

Open Mic w/JJ and McRae — 7-10 p.m., Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 747-9964

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

Songwriter Open Mic Night — 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

The DeeBees — Variety, 4:30 p.m., Redwood Inn, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-7543

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Cloakroom w/Necromoon, Pale Shade — Alternative, 8 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$15, (260) 267-5303

JJ and McRae — Acoustic, 6 p.m., Charlie's Place, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5292

Joe Justice — Variety, 1:30 p.m., Lincolnshire Place Senior Living, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 471-1620

Kaitlyn Schmit & Friends — Variety, 5 p.m., Union 12, Columbia City, Free, (260) 203-0239

Open Mic w/Jack Welty — 6-10 p.m., Four D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 490-6488

Ron Rumbaugh — Variety, 5:30 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 619-3424

Summoners Circle w/WoR, Cetracore, The Art of Deception, Detest the Throne, Hate Unbound — Metal, 7 p.m., Carl's Tavern, New Haven, \$15, (260) 749-9133

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 7:30 p.m., Rack & Helen's, New Haven, Free, (260) 749-5396

Q & The Cold Fusion — Jazz, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

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

John Potts — Variety, 6:30 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

Basketcase — Variety, 5:30 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 619-3424

Chris Worth — Variety, 5 p.m., Monument Pizza Pub, Angola, Free, (260) 319-4489

Connor Kelly w/Nick Allison & The Players Lounge — Alt-country, 8:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, (260) 267-5303

E5C4P3 — Journey tribute, 7 p.m., Decatur Chamber of Commerce, Madison Street Plaza, Decatur, Free

Gallery K Open Mic Night — Variety, 6 p.m., Gallery K, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 705-2959

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

Joe Justice — Variety, 4-7 p.m., Leo-Cedarville Farmers Market, Leo-Cedarville Downtown Plaza, Leo-Cedarville, Free

Karen Wehr & Friends — Country/rock, 5:30 p.m., Honeywell Center Carpenter Plaza, Wabash, Indiana, Free, (260) 563-1102

Joe Hess Band — Country, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

The Bulldogs — Oldies, 7 p.m., South Whitley Community Public Library, South Whitley Town Park, South Whitley, Free, (260) 723-5312

The DeeBees — Variety, 7:30 p.m., Lakelif Bar & Grill, Warsaw, no cover, (574) 244-2100

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Unity choir performing show ahead of global trip

Voices of Unity will be in New Zealand as part of World Choir Games

BY ANTHONY GADSON
WHATZUP EDITOR

The Unity Performing Arts Foundation is making its voice heard worldwide.

Fort Wayne's nonprofit with a focus on empowering young people will take its Voices of Unity Youth Choir to Auckland, New Zealand, for the World Choir Games in July.

But before that, the choir will host a season finale concert at PFW Music Center on June 22 to raise money and showcase their talent for a local crowd.

"It's a very expensive trip," Unity founder and CEO Marshall White said. "New Zealand is an expensive country, and to fly there is about \$2,700. The kids have been raising money and continue to raise money on an almost daily basis — going door to door and asking people to support them like that."

LIFE-CHANGING

Operating out of Ivy Tech's campus on North Anthony Boulevard, Unity Performing Arts has five programs to choose from with Voices of Unity being the organization's flagship group, rehearsing out of the Purdue University Fort Wayne Music Center.

"It's a program that only special kids can make it through," White said. "This is not a normal choir program. It is not a normal arts program. It's more like a development concept. We just use the arts to attract the kids. Once they come in, we are actually developing them, shaping them, and empowering them, and preparing them for life."

Along with Voices of Unity, Unity Performing Arts offers programs in creative writing, dance, public speaking, and leadership and development.

"If a kid joins Unity Performing Arts, he has the option of becoming a part of any of the discipline programs," White said. "The amazing thing about it is, if they join Voices of Unity, it's the most prestigious program, and it's going to require a lot more out of them."

"When a kid joins Voices of Unity and sticks



COURTESY PHOTO

Unity Performing Arts Foundation founder and CEO Marshall White is shown directing the Voices of Unity Youth Choir during a performance in 2016 at The Vatican. This year's youth choir will perform a Rise Up Concert on Saturday, June 22, at PFW Music Center ahead of their trip to Auckland, New Zealand, for the World Choir Games in July.

with it, they are very special. Very special."

Along with learning building blocks to a successful life, Voices of Unity has enabled children to see the world.

The choir has traveled to Shaoxing, China, (2010), Cincinnati (2012), and Riga, Latvia (2014) to take part in the World Choir Games. Along with the Games, Voices of Unity traveled to Europe in 2016, visiting Italy, Austria, and Hungary, and performing at The Vatican.

While Cincinnati might seem to be the least exotic of the locales, it was a big one for Voices of Unity.

"That was a good thing for us, because we were used as the marketing choir," White said. "They used us to actually market The Games in America. They spotlighted us. We did the opening ceremony with superstar Kirk Franklin. It was pretty amazing. We were like stars of the show."

RISING UP

Despite having won five gold medals at the Olympic-style World Choir Games, Voices of Unity and Unity Performing Arts as a whole took a big hit thanks to the pandemic.

The time away saw many of the kids in the program become adults. As they moved on to college or the workplace, or just decided to quit, Unity's membership took a big hit.

To return numbers to a pre-pandemic level, Unity began its Rising With Purpose campaign in 2022. That first year saw enrollment jump 68 percent.

While enrollment spiked, that meant new kids were replacing those that had sent Voices

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of Unity to unprecedented heights.

"This group of kids have only been together for about a year," White said. "This is a whole new generation of the Voices of Unity. The Voices of Unity prior to COVID, they were a stellar group of kids that had been with the organization over 20 years."

However, their inexperience does not faze White.

"What they have is heart," he said. "When you have the heart to want to know something, all you need is the right teacher. Part of my brand has always been taking nothing and creating something from that. It wasn't intimidating for me at all to take a group of non-singing kids and train them to become singers."

Helping in the process are folks like June McCullough, Jordan Applegate, Jordan Bridges, and Darren Harrison, who have worked with the children.

"We have a nice team of people working with the kids, and for the alumni to come back is just really amazing," White said.

PUTTING THE WORK IN

The desire of the children to help raise money exemplifies that type of youth it takes

to be a part of the choir.

"We expect and demand that they are excellent in every aspect of the lives: home, school, church, and in their community," White said. "So, the training they receive, they have to learn to apply that in every area they go into so they stand out, in essence, to be a leader in their community."

They have been rehearsing four days a week since January for New Zealand, where they will compete in the gospel category and perform a fellowship concert for residents. It's that concert that we will get a peek at June 22.

"We've made it a really strong benefit to the kids to be able to be exposed to the world," White said. "To give them that exposure before they go to college really helps shape their future."

As he makes an effort to improve children's lives, White has been working diligently to receive help financing such endeavors.

"The resources that are coming for kids that do bad is huge," he said. "The government is plowing out money for us to manage kids that have done bad, but they're not really doing anything for us to empower kids doing good. That's the message I'm trying to communicate to businesses to churches to politicians. We need to invest in the kids before they get into trouble."

"We're hoping we can get more people to support that concept."

Purchasing a ticket to their End of the Season Concert is one way to support this concept. But if you'd like to go a step further, you can donate at riseupunity.com.

Summit City brings laughs with Brooks' *Producers*

Cast has been laughing all through rehearsals for musical at Carroll

BY ALICIA RODENBECK
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

At this time of year, when graduations are bountiful and school is out for summer, there's a great deal of sentimentality that is found in looking at friendships: How people have grown and changed and loved and supported each other, and how will those friendships survive the changes that life brings.

Everyone knows, however, that the best part of friendship is sharing a laugh, and that laughter and friendship is on full display in Summit City Music Theatre's production of *The Producers* at Carroll High School, June 21-30.

HAVING FUN TOGETHER

The musical is based on Mel Brooks' film of the same name, the story of the unlikely friendship of Broadway producer Max Bialystock (Jeff Cox) and accountant Leo Bloom (Gavin Thomas Drew) and their hilarious quest to make the most money possible with a flop.

Director Chapman Shields finds the dynamic relationship between Bloom and Bialystock as the heart of the show.

"It's a buddy comedy about these two friends, and it's not a traditional love story about friends falling in love with each other," he said.

What is ironic and a bit funny about this particular production of *The Producers* is that two of Summit City Music Theatre's own producers are cast in the leading roles.

"It's very funny, actually," Drew said of himself and the theater's co-founder Cox. "Yep. Both of us have been producing things for Summit City for quite some time. It seems very fitting that we both got cast in these roles."

In a case of life imitating art, Drew and Cox, who last shared the stage in *The Addams Family*, have also become great friends.

"We discovered we like trying to be funny together," Cox said of their first collaboration. "Gavin, it's easy to be onstage with him because you know, he'll go with whatever curveball you throw or whatever curveball comes up. So it's just you feel more at ease doing this type of show



COURTESY PHOTO

Jeff Cox, top, and Gavin Thomas Drew star in Summit City Music Theatre's upcoming production of *The Producers*, which will be shown at Carroll High School from June 21-30.

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with him."

Drew echoes this sentiment, saying "to do this show with Jeff Cox, who has been a very long time friend of mine, is just really, really special. I mean, we're not solving any great problems in the world with this show. It's just a comedy, it just exists for the laughs, but I'm enjoying it so much."

The laughs are really what Shields and his cast are the most excited about.

"It's a great time right now with everything going on in the world to be able to just sit back and laugh," Shields said. "A lot of theater is meant to move you or leave you feeling shame. This one is really designed to make you laugh."

"This script, it's so funny that like, I am just in awe of the writing," Drew said. "So it's a lot of pressure to just keep this script as written."

Cox agrees. "I just think it's relentlessly funny. I think that the interactions between Max and Leo as their relationships develop. It's just really it just gets funnier as the play goes on."

LAUGHTER IS BEST MEDICINE

The cast and creative team all appreciate Brooks' unique ability to channel hilarity but

also variety.

In order to capture the big production value, Summit City Music Theatre reached out to choreographer Mara Cover from Indianapolis to help with the staging of some of the iconic numbers.

"There's just so much variety in the show," Cox said. "That is another thing that was really appealing about it. There's just a ton of variety, you know, two tap dance production numbers, first real tap dance, and then there's the little old ladies with the walkers doing their thing."

The production has a cast of 25, and Shields is very pleased with the efforts they've put forth.

"It's all there, everything you'd expect. We're putting our own Summit City twist on it, of course, but Mara has it looking really cool," he said.

Fun is not exclusively reserved for the audience.

Drew admits it has been difficult at times to keep a straight face.

"We're cracking up backstage and on stage," he said. "If the trend holds, the audience will be rolling in the aisles."

And that is just what Shields hopes his cast accomplishes.

"Sometimes laughter is the best medicine," he said. "So there could be somebody going through some stuff in life or just in general, the world's crazy and not in a great place, but there are certain individuals who may really be struggling. There could be anything, from depression or divorce. This may be the medication for that.

"If you come to this and don't laugh, then we really can't help you, but it's designed for you to enjoy it."

Quick Hits

LOCAL EVENTS

JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

11 A.M. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19
TILLMAN PARK

Bring yourself, your family, and as many of your friends as you can find to enjoy some time outside in the sunshine as Community Harvest Food Bank celebrates Juneteenth, the federal holiday recognizing the end of slavery.

This free event will be 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, at Tillman Park in Fort Wayne with scheduled activities including several giveaways. There will also be cornhole contests, a bottle ring toss, face painting and animal balloons for the kids, dancing, and a K9 unit and fire truck on site.

Food options include hot dogs and chips, popcorn, and ice cream perfect for a summer celebration.
— Chris Hupe



FUTURE READY w/MIKE WOODSON

6 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19
THE CLYDE THEATRE

Indiana University head men's basketball coach Mike Woodson will be the keynote speaker at a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne.

Getting Future Ready will be Wednesday, June 19, at The Clyde Theatre and will focus on inspiring the next generation.

The Future Ready campaign aims to provide our youth with the tools they need for success, focusing on positive initiatives and proven outcomes.

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The Kickbacks
WTKB FM

Fort Wayne's The Kickbacks worship at the altar of '90s alt rock.

If you grew up in The Fort listening to The Edge 96.3-FM during the Clinton years, then TKB will tickle those nostalgia buttons in a big way. Bands like Everclear, Semisonic, Fuel, and Stone Temple Pilots waver just in the background of this trio's guitar-heavy sound. One minute, it's chugging guitars and metal-ish drums, the next, it's pop hooks and melody-heavy choruses as the name of the game.

WTKB FM plays out like a satellite feed from some alternate reality where your radio dial is consumed by our Fort Wayne rock fellas. Big riffs and pop touches are interspersed with fake commercials to make for an engaging and sprawling hour-plus listen.

"Alone" opens things up with radio static that leads into Everclear-esque guitar rockery, complete with more "woahs" than you can shake a stick at. "Like a Dog" has a driving rhythm section and a nod to "Hit the Road Jack" before big guitars and barking "woofs" give us something in between Candlebox and Fuel. "This Too Shall Pass" brings to the table some AC/DC riffage with a melodic vocal delivery. "Falter" is balladry done right. The guitar melody brings to mind Love's "Alone Again Or," via The Damned. But then the song locks into some post-grunge riffage.

Elsewhere, "Mind Games" is not a John Lennon cover but a gasoline-fueled rocker, while "My Hero" is pure pop-inflected '90s rock.

Interspersed throughout the album are ads, as if you were on a road trip. Some are fun and some are goofy, but all go to make *WTKB FM* a concept album whose concept is that of a late-night drive through the Midwest, and The Kickbacks are our burnt out, slightly drunk DJ.

WTKB FM is The Kickbacks having fun and rocking out in one fail swoop. Airing '90s rockers with a modern flavor, *WTKB FM* is the voice on the radio dial telling you one more shot and one more beer never hurt anybody. — *J. Hubner*

Willie Nelson
The Border

When Willie Nelson came through town last year at the age of 90, I thought, "Wow, he's still active." When I saw he had released an album on May 31 at 91, I thought, "Wow! He is still active!"

In fact, the releases have been coming fast from the man simply known as Willie. Earlier this year, he released a jazz album, *At Midnight: Willie Nelson*, and had a greatest hits collection released in 2023 as well as a live album, *Long Story Short: Willie Nelson go Live at the Hollywood*



Bowl. He also released *I Don't Know a Thing About Love* and *Bluegrass* in 2023.

When it comes to original material, *The Border* is Willie's 100th studio album, with his first, ... *And Then I Wrote*, coming out in 1962.

On his latest effort, the ol' Texan's voice might be a bit more gravely, but it's quintessential Willie.

There's storytelling on the Southwest-tinged opening track "The Border" and "Hank's Guitar." And there's plenty of reflection in tracks like "Once Upon a Yesterday," "I Wrote This Song for You," and my favorite, "Many a Long and Lonesome Highway" and its exquisite steel guitar.

You also get the lighthearted Willie on "What If I'm Out of My Mind" and "Made in Texas," as well as songs from the heart with "I Wrote This Song for You," "Kiss Me When You're Through," "Nobody Knows Me Like You," and closer "How Much Does It Cost."

Through 100 albums, Willie has never veered off his course. He's played by his own rules, and you know what you're gonna get. *The Border* is no different. Put the needle down and let Willie's voice and the easy-flowing instrumentation take you away. — *Anthony Gadson*

Kerry King
From Hell I Rise

Thrash titans Slayer hit the road in 2019 for a final tour before disbanding.

But it seem guitarist Kerry King wasn't ready to hang up his spiked arm bands. He put together a new band which included Death Angel singer Mark Osegueda, guitarist Phil Demmel, bassist Kyle Sanders, and Paul Bostaph on drums (who took over drumming duties after original Slayer drummer Dave Lombardo left.) The result is *From Hell I Rise*, an old-school thrash metal album that will scratch that Slayer itch for those missing the metal titans as well as classic thrash of the '80s heyday.

The album opens with "Diablo," an instrumental that lands at just under two minutes. We then go right into the punishing "Where I Reign," an all-out assault on the senses and a whip-lash-inducing headbanger. Osegueda lays down a vicious bark that does a good job of capturing the Tom Araya howl but with a more blood-curdling screech. King's guitar chops haven't waned, continuing to be one of the best metal rhythm guitarists in the business. Demmel, Sanders, and Bostaph fill the gaps nicely.

"Idle Hands" is another scorcher, bringing to mind those *South of Heaven* days. A precision metal blow to the frontal lobe.

There's not much variety here, but when you put an album like *From Hell I Rise* on, you're not looking for moments of quiet reflection. You want to be bruised, bloodied, and beaten by razor riffs, nuclear drum blasts, and bloody spittle sprayed on the mic. King and Slayer weren't about acoustic interludes. They were about speed and songs



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The Seeds
A Web of Sound
(1966)



On The Seeds' second LP, the band took their sonic, distorted garage rock to another level by sprinkling in some blues and psychedelic from the mid-60s.

Utah native Sky Saxon was able to match the energy of The Rolling Stones, but the band dug in a little harder to create three-minute gems for jukeboxes as the turbulent '60s began.

The record opens with "Mr. Farmer," a disguised anti-drug tune which was really a pro-marijuana song that was banned from most American radio stations. "Pictures and Designs" touches on the blues-psych movement that was rampant during this period, and "Tripmaker" checks all the boxes to meet the heavy garage-rock genre.

"A Faded Picture" brings the tempo down, and at just over five minutes is uncharacteristic of the band's "get in and get out" arrangements that made them popular with the kids. The blues are obvious, and it shuffles around with light percussion for tempo and some groovy organs from Darryl Hooper. "Rollin' Machine" has a more pop feel and could have been recorded by The Monkees if you close your eyes.

Side Two carries just two songs, the first one being "Just Let Go," another Stones-y track that contributed to critics comparing Saxon to a "poor imitation of Mick Jagger."

The closer "Up in Her Room" a heavier track that rambles on for almost 15 minutes. The song is about what you think it is and is one of the most underrated songs from 1966.

The band had little success going into the 1970s, and Saxon went on to play in other variations of the band as the genre settled down before post-punk brought it back. — *Dennis Donahue*

about serial killers and Satanic imagery. King's band is sticking to that mission statement to the letter. Songs like "Crucifixion," "Everything I Hate About You," "Rage," and "From Hell I Rise" will put you through the wringer. No mercy, because you don't deserve it.

From Hell I Rise won't be for everyone. If you weren't a fan of albums like Slayer's *Reign in Blood*, *South of Heaven*, *God Hates Us All*, or *World Painted Blood*, then this won't change your opinion. But if you pine for those classics and the wicked riffing of classic '80s thrash metal, then King has an album for you. — *J. Hubner*

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Directorial debut is worth a watch

This summer, one Shyamalan simply isn't sufficient. While M. Night Shyamalan has the concert-set thriller *Trap* due out in August, his daughter, Ishana Night Shyamalan, has struck first blood with *The Watchers*, a supernatural horror offering based on A.M. Shine's breakthrough novel.

Though she's worked as second unit director on her father's recent films *Old* and *Knock at the Cabin* while also writing and directing a handful of episodes for the Apple TV+ series *Servant*, this is Ishana's first time writing and directing for the big screen. Her directorial debut displays promise from the outset with a tantalizing hook and properly spooky atmosphere, but eventually comes undone with inconsistent pacing and telegraphed third-act developments.



Reel Views

BRENT LEUTHOLD

The Watchers centers around Mina (Dakota Fanning), a young American stuck in the haze of her troubled past while working at a pet shop in Ireland. Tasked with delivering a prized parrot to a customer hours away from the store, Mina finds herself lost in the deep Irish forest with a broken-down car.

Soon, night falls and worrisome noises draw her to the only building in the area and Madeline (Olwen Fouéré), who is standing by the open door offering Mina shelter. The situation doesn't get any less strange when Madeline demands Mina stand with her, along with two other lost forest dwellers, Ciara (Georgina Campbell) and Daniel (Oliver Finnegan), in front of a one-way mirror so the quartet can be observed by an unseen entity.

Can the four of them find their way out of the woods before the creatures they call "The Watchers" penetrate their bunker?

Like her father's most memorable movies, Ishana Night Shyamalan's *The Watchers* has a high-concept premise perfect for an enticing teaser trailer. From a marketing perspective, it's fortunate that the clip features the most accomplished stretch of filmmaking front-and-center. The four members of "The Coop," the characters' name for the enclosure they find themselves in, kill time playing records and DVDs until the sun goes down and ritual dictates that they gather in front of the glass to be "watched." It's a juxtaposition between mundane domesticity and paranormal ceremony previously employed by similarly grabby entertainments like *Lost* and *10 Cloverfield Lane*.

It's never an easy thing to follow up on such a persuasive pitch with a narrative that cleverly unpacks the opening gambit, and that's where *The Watchers* predictably falters. The more we learn about the titular observers, the less interesting the story becomes. Instead of focusing on the troublesome and tense aspects of sharing a confined living space with three strangers, Shyamalan decides to press forward with the more generic horror elements of her tale.

It's not necessarily that the reveal of who *The Watchers* are is disappointing, but as a director, Shyamalan can't exactly figure out where she wants to take things from there. Once the bird flies the proverbial coop, it lands in territory we've seen dozens of times.

That's not to say that the film doesn't have appealing aspects. It's exceptionally well shot by cinematographer Eli Arenson, who beautifully captures the haunting beauty of the Irish countryside and the chilly interior of



COURTESY PHOTO

Dakota Fanning, left, and Olwen Fouéré star in the new supernatural thriller *The Watchers*.

THE WATCHERS

Rated PG-13 for violence, terror, and some thematic elements.

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The Coop. The shots of Mina and the others interacting with the one-way mirror are aided by gorgeous computer-generated effects that gorgeously render reflections that point to the movie's theme of doubles and competing halves of one's identity.

It's also nice to see Fanning in a starring role again after a smaller part in last year's *The Equalizer 3*. Even if her character's personal journey isn't quite as interesting as the supernatural elements at play, Fanning makes Mina a protagonist with whom it's easy to sympathize.

The Watchers is not the strongest start for Ishana Night Shyamalan, but there are still seeds of a promising storyteller to watch for.

New movies coming this weekend

- Playing exclusively in theaters is *Inside Out 2*, an animated sequel starring Amy Poehler and Phyllis Smith following the personified emotions of a teenage girl as new feelings like Anxiety and Envy enter the mix.

- Screening at Cinema Center is *Tuesday*, a fantasy drama starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Lola Petti-crew about a mother and her terminally ill daughter as they're visited by a size-altering macaw that's the personification of death.

- Streaming on Hulu is *Brats*, a documentary about the Brat Pack, a group of young actors who frequently appeared together in coming-of-age films in the 1980s, and the impact on their lives and careers.

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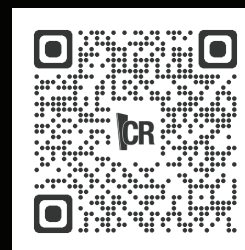
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Lauper is ready to bid fans farewell

Say it isn't so! Iconic singer **Cyndi Lauper** has announced her farewell tour with dates scheduled beginning in October.

Many may have thought the Cosentyx spokesperson was already retired as Lauper has not toured in more than a decade.

The announcement for the 23-date *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Farewell*

Tour comes in conjunction with the release of *Let the Canary Sing*, a documentary that is showing on Paramount+ exploring Lauper's life and career.

On tour, the 1980s pop icon will be accompanied by special guests throughout the tour but have not been announced yet.

Go see her for what may be the last time when Lauper stops at the Fox Theatre in Detroit on Oct. 24, Schottenstein Center in Columbus, Ohio, on Nov. 3, and the final show at United Center in Chicago on Dec. 5.

State Fair announces acts

They are calling it the "Best Concert Value of the Summer," and it is hard to argue.

The Indiana State Fair has announced five acts that will appear on the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage during the festival from Aug. 2-18, and they are significant names.

Three Dog Night will kick things off by bringing their hefty catalog of hits to the venue Aug. 2, followed by the incomparable **Gladys Knight** on Aug. 4. **Dogstar**, featuring **Keanu Reeves**, stops by Aug. 8. R&B legends **Bell Biv DeVoe** perform Aug. 9, and country music star **Gary Allan** wraps things up Aug. 16.

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Glack	June 19	Bogart's	Cincinnati
A Boogie With Da Hoodie	June 14	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
A Boogie With Da Hoodie	June 16	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
A Day To Remember	June 14	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
A Day To Remember	June 15	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
AJR	June 27	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
AJR	June 28	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
AJR	June 29	Allstate Arena	Chicago
AJR	June 30	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
The Afghan Whigs & The Church	June 25	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
The Afghan Whigs & The Church	June 27	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
The Afghan Whigs & The Church	June 28	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Alanis Morissette	July 16	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Alanis Morissette	July 17	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Alex Hooper	July 18	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Allen Stone	June 19	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Allen Stone	June 21	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Austin Meade w/Lakeview	June 27	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Band of Horses	June 15	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Band of Horses	June 17	House of Blues	Cleveland
Band of Horses	June 18	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Band of Horses	June 30	Holliday Park	Indianapolis
Band of Horses	July 9	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Band of Horses w/Carriers	July 10	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Banned from Utopia w/Paul Green Rock Academy	July 13	Sweetwater Sound	Fort Wayne
Barenaked Ladies w/Yacht Party	July 13	Sylvan Cellars	Rome City
The Beach Boys	July 1	Fraze Pavilion	Kettering, OH
The Beach Boys	July 5	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
The Beach Boys	July 6	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Ben Folds	June 27	Peristyle Theater	Toledo
Ben Folds	June 29	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Ben Folds	July 16	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Ben Platt	June 28	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Ben Platt	July 2	Wexner Center	Columbus, OH
Billy Currington	June 14	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Billy Joel & Stevie Nicks	June 21	Soldier Field	Chicago
Bonnie Raitt	June 25	Stranahan Theater	Toledo
Bret Michaels' Parti-Gras 2.0	July 12	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Brothers Osborne	June 13	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Brothers Osborne	June 15	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Brothers Osborne	June 21	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Brothers Osborne	June 22	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Brothers Osborne	June 29	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Bryson Tiller	June 22	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Bryson Tiller	June 25	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Bryson Tiller	June 26	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Caifanes & Cafe Tacvba	June 29	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Caifanes & Cafe Tacvba	June 30	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Chingo Bling	July 6	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Chiquis	June 21	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Chiquis	June 22	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Chris Stapleton	July 18	Huntington Center	Toledo
Chris Stapleton & George Strait	July 13	Ford Field	Detroit
Chris Young	July 10	LaPorte County Fairgrounds	LaPorte
Cloakroom w/Necromoon, Pale Shade	June 19	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Cody Smith	July 13	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Connor Kelly w/Nick Allison & The Players Lounge	June 20	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Dada	June 15	Park West	Chicago
Damedot	June 21	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Dan + Shay	July 18	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Daryl Hall and Elvis Costello & The Imposters	July 6	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Daryl Hall and Elvis Costello & The Imposters	July 8	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Dave Landau	June 14-15	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Dave Matthews Band	June 25	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Dave Matthews Band	June 26	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI

Dave Matthews Band	June 28-29	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Def Leppard & Journey	July 15	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Def Leppard & Journey	July 18	Comerica Park	Detroit
Dierks Bentley	June 13	Huntington Center	Toledo
Dierks Bentley	June 14	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Dierks Bentley	June 15	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Dirty Heads & Slightly Stoopid	July 11	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Drake White w/Clayton Anderson, Staci Stork	June 15	Sylvan Cellars	Rome City
Duke Tumatoe	July 11	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Earth, Wind & Fire	July 12	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Earth, Wind & Fire	July 16	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Earth, Wind & Fire	July 17	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Everclear	June 21	Central Park	Warsaw
Everclear	June 22	The Vogue	Indianapolis
The Flaming Lips	June 26	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
The Flaming Lips	June 29	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Foreigner & Styx	June 15	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Future Islands	June 28	Auditorium Theatre	Chicago
Future Islands	July 2	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Gabriel Rutledge	July 11-13	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Gary Allan	June 28	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Good Looks w/Extra Arms	June 24	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Grilwood	June 22	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Grupo Firme	July 19	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Guided By Voices	July 19	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Halestorm & I Prevail	July 11	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Halestorm & I Prevail	July 13	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Haley Reinhart	June 27	Magic Stick	Detroit
Hank Williams Jr.	June 21	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Hank Williams Jr.	June 22	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Hawthorne Heights	June 28	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Hawthorne Heights	June 29	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Hawthorne Heights	June 30	Cain Park	Cleveland
Hawthorne Heights	July 1	The Fillmore	Detroit
Hinder w/Octopussy, Dirty Vandals	July 13	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Hobo Johnson & The Lovemakers	July 16	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Hobo Johnson & The Lovemakers	July 17	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Hobo Johnson & The Lovemakers	July 19	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Hot Water Music	June 14	House of Blues	Cleveland
Iron & Wine	July 8	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Itzy	June 26	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Jacquees	June 29	House of Blues	Cleveland
James Taylor	June 23	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Jamey Johnson	July 18	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Janet Jackson	June 19	United Center	Chicago
Janet Jackson	June 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Janet Jackson	June 23	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Janet Jackson	June 25	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Janet Jackson	July 2	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Jason Mraz	July 19	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Jeezy	July 5	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Jeezy	July 6	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Jhene Aiko	June 19	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Jhene Aiko	June 20	United Center	Chicago
Josh Firestine	June 21-22	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Justin Timberlake	June 21	United Center	Chicago
Justin Timberlake	July 7	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Jxdn	July 7	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Jxdn	July 9	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
K-Von	July 19-20	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Kam Patterson	June 27-29	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Kenny Chesney	June 15	Soldier Field	Chicago
The Kid Laroi	June 25	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
The Kid Laroi	June 28	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
The Kid Laroi	July 2	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
The Kid Laroi	July 3	The Fillmore	Detroit
Kidz Bop	July 5	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Kidz Bop	July 6	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI

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Kimberly Perry	July 19	Central Park	Warsaw
Lake Street Dive	July 9	TempleLive	Cleveland
Lake Street Dive	July 12	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Lake Street Dive	July 14	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Lionel Richie & Earth, Wind and Fire	June 13	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Lita Ford w/Whoa, Man!, Eliza Toth	July 15	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Little Feat	June 18	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Little Feat	June 20	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Little Feat	June 22	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Los Hombres G	June 22	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Luke Bryan	June 27	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Luke Bryan	June 28	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Luke Bryan	July 12	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Luke Bryan	July 13	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Marcus King	July 16	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Maroon 5	June 21	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Maroon 5	June 22	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Medium Build	June 30	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Melanie Martinez	June 13	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Melanie Martinez	June 14	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Messer Chups w/Big Jaw	June 21	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Michael Franti & Spearhead	June 13	Riverfront Live	Cincinnati
Michael Franti & Spearhead	June 14	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Michael Franti & Spearhead	June 16	Cain Park	Cleveland
Middle Waves Festival w/ Alvvays, Houndmouth, Pom Pom Squad, Murder by Death, Overlook Mojahand	June 15	Parkview Field	Fort Wayne
Molly Hatchet	June 22	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
Murder by Death	June 16	Skully's Music Diner	Columbus, OH
Murder by Death	June 20	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
New Kids on the Block	June 14	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
New Kids on the Block	June 15	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
New Kids on the Block	June 18	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
New Kids on the Block	June 21	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Niall Horan	July 13	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Old Crow Medicine Show	July 9	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Old Crow Medicine Show	July 12	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Old Crow Medicine Show	July 13	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Orville Peck	June 13	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Parker McCollum	June 28	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo	July 10	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo	July 16	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Pedro the Lion	June 24	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Pedro the Lion	June 25	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Pepe Aguilar	July 5-6	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Pixies & Modest Mouse	June 18	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Pixies & Modest Mouse	June 19	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Pvris	June 15	House of Blues	Chicago
Pvris	June 16	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Red Hot Chili Peppers	July 5	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Robert Plant & Alison Krauss	June 14	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
Roberto Carlos	June 23	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Roger Daltrey	June 25	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Roger Daltrey	June 27	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Roger Daltrey	June 29	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
The Rolling Stones	June 15	Cleveland Browns Stadium	Cleveland
The Rolling Stones	June 27	Soldier Field	Chicago
Russ	June 23	United Center	Chicago
Sam Hunt	July 19	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Santana & Counting Crows	June 23	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Santana & Counting Crows	June 25	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Santana & Counting Crows	June 28	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Santana & Counting Crows	June 29	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Sarah McLachlan	June 13	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Sarah McLachlan	June 14	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Sarah McLachlan	June 16	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Skilla Baby w/Rob49	June 24	Piere's	Fort Wayne

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Dogstar goes on Vacation

The Indianapolis show will be **Dogstar's** first stop on their 28-show Summer Vacation tour in support of their latest album, *Some-where Between the Power Lines and Palm Trees*, released in October.

Additional dates in our region include GLC Live in Grand Rapids on Aug. 20 and Horseshoe Casino in Hammond on Aug. 23.

Brown County stays busy

Brown County Music Center in Nashville, Indiana, just announced Grammy and Brit Award winning singer **Joss Stone** will perform at their venue Aug. 7.

This is a huge addition to a good summer lineup at the venue that includes **Bachman-Turner Overdrive** on June 16, **Mike Campbell & The Dirty Knobs** on June 22, **Ben Folds** on July 16, **Kenny Wayne Shepherd** on July 27, **Night Ranger** on Aug. 1, **Steve-O** on Aug. 18, and Cinderella's **Tom Keifer** on Aug. 22.

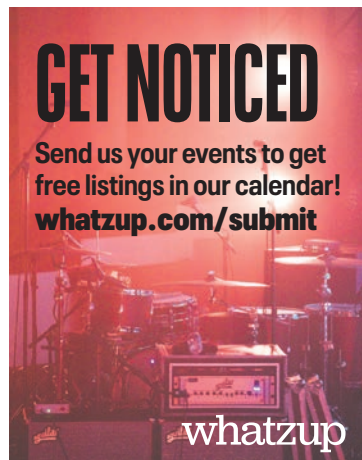
Travis visit The States

Scottish rockers **Travis** will set out on their most extensive tour of North America since 2009 early next year.

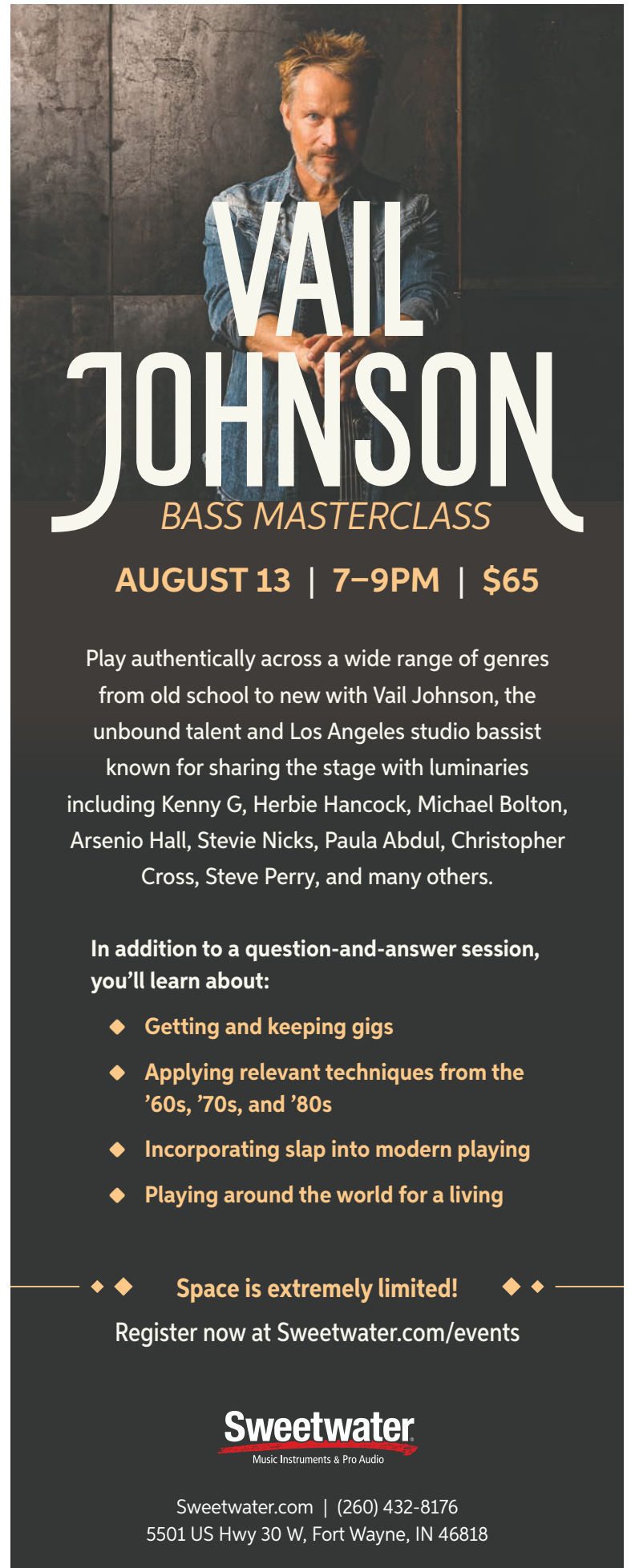
The multiple Brit Award winners saw a lot of commercial success with the 1999 release of their sophomore album *The Man Who*, as well as its successor, the 2001 album *The Invisible Band*.

Travis visit The Vic Theatre in Chicago on Feb. 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre in Detroit on Feb. 10, and Agora Theatre in Cleveland on Feb. 11.

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Snooper w/Youths in Asia	June 24	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Star Fest w/Crowder, Doe, Caleb & John, Blessing Offor, Canvas	July 6	Double H Farms	Hamilton
The Steel Woods	July 19	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Sugarhill Gang w/U.R.B., Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra	July 12	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Taking Back Sunday	June 18	House of Blues	Cleveland
Taking Back Sunday	June 19	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
The Temptations	June 13	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Third Eye Blind	June 28	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Third Eye Blind	July 2	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Third Eye Blind	July 5	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Third Eye Blind	July 6	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Third Eye Blind	July 7	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Tracy Lawrence	July 19	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Train & REO Speedwagon	July 10	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Train & REO Speedwagon	July 12	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Train & REO Speedwagon	July 13	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Train & REO Speedwagon	July 15	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Tyler Childers	June 13	United Center	Chicago
Tyler Childers	June 27	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
The Used	June 20	Hard Rock Live	Gary
The Used	June 21	Bogart's	Cincinnati
The Used	June 24	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
The Used	June 28	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
The Used	June 29	TempleLive	Cleveland
Violent Femmes	June 21	Ravinia Park Pavilion	Chicago
Violent Femmes	June 22	Columbus Commons	Columbus, OH
Walker Hayes	June 20	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Walker Hayes	July 12	FireKeepers Casino	Battle Creek
Young Buck	June 25	Piere's	Fort Wayne

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LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

8420 Band

June 15 Woodland Oaks Campground, Coldwater, Michigan

Austin Marsh

June 15 Kora Brew House and Wine Bar, Bryan, OH
June 28 The Dark Horse Social Club, Defiance, Ohio

Big Daddy Dupree's Broke & Hungry Blues Band

July 5 Downton Goshen, Goshen
July 10 Elkhart Indian Motorcycle, Elkhart
Aug. 10 Island Park, Elkhart
Aug. 21 Goshen Brewing Co., Goshen

The Bulldogs

June 13 Triangle Park, Defiance, OH
June 15 CoColo's RV Campground, Lagro
June 23 Callaway Park, Elwood
July 4 Topeka East Park, Topeka
July 13 Webster Depot Park, Dunkirk
July 20 Downton Hartford City, Hartford City
July 22 Madison County Fair, Alexandria
July 27 Hickory Acres Campground, Edgerton, OH
Aug. 3 State Line Heritage Days, Union City
Aug. 9 Bethel Pointe, Muncie
Aug. 16 Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen
Aug. 23 Quincy Daze Festival, Quincy, MI
Aug. 31 Grissom Air Force Base, Peru

Debutants

June 14 Brown Town Music Festival, Monterey
June 21 Red Wing Music Festival, Mount Solon, VA
June 28 Blue Ox Festival, Eau Claire, WI
Aug. 31 Hi-Fi, Indianapolis

Hubie Ashcraft Band

June 15 Landeck Tavern, Delphos, OH
June 29 Moose Lodge 2387, Fremont
July 12 Homecoming Festival, Bristol
July 17 James Dean Festival, Fairmount

July 18 Huggy Bear Campground, Middle Point, OH
July 19 Moose Lodge 2094, Defiance, OH
July 30 Concert in the Park, Gas City
Aug. 2 Little Nashville Festival, Ottawa, OH
Aug. 8 Kick'n Kountry, Coldwater, MI
Aug. 9 Edon Days, Edon, OH
Aug. 18 Kasota Island, Fremont

Joe Justice

June 22 Round Barn Winery, Baroda, MI

Ross Kinsey

Aug. 1 Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI
Oct. 24 Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI
Dec. 5 Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI

Spirit Bomb

June 22 Subterranean, Chicago
Aug. 3 Hi-Fi, Indianapolis

Sun.Dyle

June 13 The Cooperage, Milwaukee, WI
June 14 Buzz Bomb Brewing, Springfield, IL
June 15 The Space, Champaign
June 27 TreeLawn, Cleveland
June 28 Grog Shop, Cleveland
June 29 CODA, Cleveland
July 12 Woodlands Tavern, Columbus, OH
July 26 Al's Bar, Lexington, KY
July 27 Cave Valley Kava, Louisville
Aug. 3 The Pyramid Scheme, Grand Rapids
Aug. 16 Chapel of Philip Neri, Louisville, KY

Sunglasses at Night

Aug. 2 Boardwalk Grill, Celina, OH
Aug. 24 Moose Lodge 1473, Celina, OH

Todd Harrold Band

June 21 Coterie, Kokomo

Tom Koenig

June 15 Boardwalk Grill, Celina, OH

We Are Checkmark

June 15 Clear Lake Yacht Club, Fremont



Art & Exhibits LOCAL CALENDAR

CURRENT EXHIBITS

A Day in the Life — Hilarie Couture exhibit of oil paintings, pastel, and a watercolor of people, animals and places from Fort Wayne and beyond doing what they do on a day to day basis, **9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday; Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., through June 15**, ACPL Jeffrey R. Krull Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 421-1200

American Photography — Exhibit features 51 photographs on loan from Evansville Museum that are part of philanthropic endeavor by international and national photographers to express gratitude to institutions that support their art form, **5-8 p.m. Friday; 4-7 p.m. Saturday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday (closed on Sundays in July), through July 27**, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, free admission, (260) 704-5400

Color in Motion: Live Butterfly Exhibition — Exotic butterflies interact with multicolored flowers and foliage, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, through June 23**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 427-6440

Contemporary Collage — Impressionist Brenda Hofbauer's presents paintings made of colorful paper and acrylic medium, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, through June 27**, The Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 436-0927

Fantastic Realms — Kirsty Mitchell, Takashi Murakami, Jaune Quick-to-See

Smith, and Bertil Vallien explore dreamlands and their unusual characters, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through July 7**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Invisible Forces — Rowland Ricketts utilizes natural dyes and historical processes to create contemporary textiles that bridge art and design, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through July 7**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

PFW Summer Selections Exhibition — Selected works of all art majors, **8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Aug. 5**, PFW Visual Arts Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 481-6709

46th Members Showcase — Celebration of artists that support Artlink, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday; June 13-July 21**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

The Paintings of Gabriela Gonzalez Delosso: A Retrospective — Artist's narrative realism tells fascinating stories through her command of human figure, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through July 14**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Pottery by Janelle Slone — Owner of Relic Emporium in Angola shares her work, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, through June 27**, The Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 436-0927

The Spring Show — Latest exhibit features works from Jody Hemphill Smith, Doreen St. John, Fred Doloresco, Eric Rhoads, and more, **11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays**, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 426-6568

Wild and Free — Graphic designer and illustrator Dani Kiefer's work is on display, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday, through June 22**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 427-6440

RECEPTIONS

46th Members Showcase — Celebration of artists that support Artlink, **5-8 p.m. Thursday, June 13**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

ART EVENTS

The Art of Jerrod Tobias — Local muralist will have his works on display, **4-9 p.m. Friday, June 21**, Phan Gear Prints, Fort Wayne, free admission, phangeartprints@gmail.com

Covington Art Fair — Juried art show marks 32nd year with 100 local, regional, and national fine-art artists, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 22; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June 23**, Covington Shopping Plaza, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-3373

Stage & Dance LOCAL CALENDAR

NOW PLAYING

Disney's Beauty & The Beast — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre presents tale of young woman taken to castle of Beast, who is actually a young prince trapped under a spell, **2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 13; 8 p.m. Friday, June 14; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 15**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$31-\$61, (574) 267-804

Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour — Dance, sing, and learn as Blippi and Meekah discover what makes different cities unique, **6 p.m. Thursday, June 13**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$31.50-\$61.60, (260) 424-5665

The 'Do Not Sing' List — Indiana Musical Theatre Foundation presents Broadway's biggest songs that should not be sung at auditions ... unless you really have what it takes, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 14-15**, RKF Studios, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 225-8828

The Drowsy Chaperone — Recording of a fictitious 1928 musical comes to life that features a couple of eve of wedding, desperate theater producers, and two gangsters, **7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 14-15; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 21-22; 1 p.m. Sunday, June 23; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 28-29**, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 422-4226

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Fort Wayne Ballet Summer Camps — One-week introduction to ballet camps

for 3-6 and 7-10 year olds, **9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, July 22-26**, Fort Wayne Ballet Studios, Fort Wayne, \$125, (260) 484-9646

Dances of Universal Peace Fort Wayne — The Kekionga Convergence will host dances blending chant, live music, and simple movements through three-day event with registration through June 14, **6-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 28; 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, June 29; 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, June 30**, Events at The Summit, Fort Wayne, \$180-\$225, monnierliz@gmail.com

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

JUNE

Kiss Me Kate — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre presents musical comedy of actor attempting to win back his ex-wife's love during production of *The Taming of the Shrew*, **7 p.m. Thursday, June 20; 8 p.m. Friday, June 21; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 22; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 23; 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 25-26; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 27; 8 p.m. Friday, June 28; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 29**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$21-\$51, (574) 267-8041

The Producers — Fading Broadway producer and his accountant scheme to bilk investors out of money, but it all goes wrong in Summit City Music Theatre production, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 21-22; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 23; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 30**, Fort Wayne, (260) 437-6825

The Big Gay Cabaret — Iconic hits from pop music, stage, and screen will be performed to celebrate Pride Month, **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 21-22; 6 p.m. Sunday, June 23**, Three Rivers Music Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$21.60, (260) 450-8015

Superhero Improv Comedy Show — Broken Pencil Improv group play super-humans (and mutants) assembling to fight for truth, justice and maybe a few free drinks, **8 p.m. Saturday, June 22**, Cinema Center, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 426-3456

JULY

The Wedding Singer — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre presents musical comedy based on Adam Sandler film about wedding singer who gives up on love after being stood up at altar, **7 p.m. Thursday, July 4; 8 p.m. Friday, July 5; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 6; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 7; 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, July 9-10; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, July 11; 8 p.m. Friday, July 12; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 13**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$21-\$51, (574) 267-8041

Legally Blonde: The Musical — Fort Wayne Summer Music Theatre production is Tony-winning musical about Elle Woods smashing stereotypes at Harvard Law School, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 12-13; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 14; 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 18-19; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 20; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 21**, North Side High School, Fort Wayne, \$18-\$22, (260) 225-8828



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Things To Do

LOCAL CALENDAR

CURRENT

BBQ RibFest — Ribmasters from across the country come together alongside live blues music, **11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, June 13-16**, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$7, ribsfestat-headwaterspark@gmail.com

Hoagland Days — Three-day festival with food, carnival rides, live music, children's activities, and demolition derby, **4-11 p.m. Thursday, June 13; 4:30-midnight, Friday, June 14; 11 a.m.-midnight, Saturday, June 15**, Hoagland Pavilion, Hoagland, free, haaa.usa@hoaglandin.com

Plant Bar Pop-Up — Wine and snacks will be provided as Fuller Plants will be on hand with Creative Women of the World's fair trade and local artist planters, **5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 13**, Creative Women of the World, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 267-9048

teds Food Truck Thursday — Weekly event with food trucks with live music from Basketcase, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, June 13**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

Center Stage: Fort Wayne's Premier Talent Show — Third annual talent show features local performers of all abilities and serves as fundraiser for Turnstone, **7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 13**, The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$50, (260) 483-2100

Wild Walkers: Olin Lake Nature Preserve — Adult hiking group meets on second and fourth Friday of the month, visiting different locations, **8:45 a.m. Friday, June 14**, Olin Lake Nature Preserve, Wolcottville, free, (260) 427-5023

A Taste of the Town: Mayor Sharon Tucker's Inaugural Gala — Event will feature food stations and live music by The Sweetwater All Stars, followed by dance party at 8 p.m. with Music Lover's Lounge for an additional \$50, **6 p.m. Friday, June 14**, The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$150, (260) 747-0989

Father's Day 5K Run/Walk/Ruck — Associated Churches' event will feature a free kids run beforehand and ruckers are asked to fill backpacks with 10 pounds of baby items to support A Baby's Closet, **8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 15**, Lakeside Park, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$35, (260) 422-3528

Kuehnert Milk House Grand Opening — Celebration includes giveaways, barn tours, calf-petting, children's activities, and tastings, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, June 15**, Kuehnert Dairy Farm, Fort Wayne, free, sarah@kuehnertdairy.com

Macknificent Freedom Fest — Juneteenth celebration begins with Keepers of the Light ceremony at Weisser Park, followed by ALC Promenade along Oxford Street to 1 p.m. celebration at McMillen Park with music, games, vendors, informational booths, and children's activities, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, June 15**, McMillen Park, Fort Wayne, free

Rocket Launch — Observe or bring your own rockets to launch into the sky, as motors and supplies and launch with equipment from Summit City Aerospace Modelers, **1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, June 16**, Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 710-6976

Juneteenth Freedom Day — Community event will have giveaways, cornhole, bottle ring toss, face painting, animal balloons, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, ice cream, dancing, K9 unit, and fire truck, **11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, June 19**, Tillman Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 447-3696

Union 12 Food Truck Nights: Teacher Appreciation Night — Weekly themed event has food trucks, vendors, and live music by Kaitlyn Schmit & Friends, **5-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 19**, Union 12, Columbia City, free, (260) 203-0239

The Garden Night Market — Monthly market has art exhibition opening, live music, local artisan vendors, and food trucks, **6-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 19**, The Garden, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 639-6557

Future Ready With Indiana Coach Mike Woodson — Woodson will be keynote speaker and take questions for Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne campaign that aims to provide youth with tools they need, **6:30**

p.m. Wednesday, June 19, The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$100-\$200, (260) 747-0989

Rock Camp — Meet fellow musicians between 12 and 18 years old during five-day camp, write and produce original song, record in professional studio, and perform at Sweetwater Pavilion, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 24-28; July 8-12; July 15-19; July 22-26; July 29-Aug. 2**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$449, (260) 432-8176

FARMERS MARKETS

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

Leo-Cedarville Farmers Market — Local produce, flowers, and handcrafted items with focus on local farmers and artisans, **4-7 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 26**, Leo-Cedarville Downtown Plaza, free, leocedarvillefarmersmarket@gmail.com

Roanoke Farmers Market — Main Street closes for outdoors market with local producers selling produce, flowers, plants, baked goods, and handmade items, **5-8 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 30**, Downtown Roanoke, free, discoverroanoke@gmail.com

South Side Farmers Market — Fort Wayne's oldest farmers market has produce, meat, baked goods, plants, and artwork, **8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays**, South Side Farmers Market, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 310-9499

The Farmers Market at Winona — Weekly market with fresh flowers and plants, coffee, cheese, meats, eggs, microgreens, produce, and baked goods, **8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 26**, Miller Sunset Pavilion, Winona Lake, free

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

Ylni Wednesday Farmers Market — Offers fresh and unique produce, meat, baked goods, and home-made crafts, **4-7 p.m. Wednesdays through July 31**, The History Center, Fort Wayne, free, market@ylni.org

SPECTATOR SPORTS

BASEBALL

TinCaps — Upcoming home games at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne

Tuesday, June 18 — Wisconsin, **7:05 p.m.**
Wednesday, June 19 — Wisconsin, **7:05 p.m.**
Thursday, June 20 — Wisconsin, **7:05 p.m.**
Friday, June 21 — Wisconsin, **7:05 p.m.**
Saturday, June 22 — Wisconsin, **6:35 p.m.**
Sunday, June 23 — Wisconsin, **1:05 p.m.**
Tuesday, June 25 — Dayton, **7:05 p.m.**
Wednesday, June 26 — Dayton, **12:05 p.m.**
Thursday, June 27 — Dayton, **7:05 p.m.**
Friday, June 28 — Dayton, **7:05 p.m.**

SOCCER

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

Sunday, June 16 — Chivas de Guadalajara (U23), **5 p.m.**
Friday, June 28 — Dayton, **7 p.m.**
Thursday, July 4 — Michiana, **7 p.m.**
Sunday, July 7 — Cleveland Force, **6 p.m.**
Saturday, July 13 — Kings Hammer, **7 p.m.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

44th Annual Greek Fest — Celebration of Greek culture will have dancers, authentic cuisine, jewelry, clothing, and live music, **11 a.m.-11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 20-22; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 23**, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 341-4458

Strawberries Around the Fountain — Fundraiser for Friends of Eckhart Public Library will have strawberry shortcake, free hot dogs and water, live music from Auburn's Main Street Porch Band, a book sale, face-painting, outdoor games, horse-drawn wagons,

and a bounce house, **5-8 p.m. Thursday, June 20**, Eckhart Public Library, Auburn, free, (260) 925-2414

teds Food Truck Thursday — Weekly event with food trucks with live music from John Potts, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, June 20**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

Tea Off for Tigers — Fourth annual golf scramble raises funds for Black Pine Animal Sanctuary to care for their big cats, **8 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, June 21**, Eel River Golf Club, Churubusco, \$100, (260) 636-7383

Historic Home & Garden Tour — Learn about Historic South Wayne Neighborhood while touring 10 homes and a garden in heart of neighborhood on National Register of Historic Places District, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 22**, Lifeway Bible Fellowship, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$20, (260) 426-5117

Pawasee Dog Parade — Awards will be presented to the best dressed dog, best dog trick, best tail wagging, and other categories, **11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 22**, Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, free, (574) 377-7543

Solfest — Annual event features 13 local bands, food trucks, vendors, educational booths, kayaking, and swimming, **noon-10 p.m. Saturday, June 22**, Metea County Park, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$20, (260) 494-6905

TekVenture's 18-year-old Birthday Bash — Maker activities and hands-on demonstrations including electronics and welding, plus prize drawings, cake and ice cream, **1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 22**, TekVenture, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 750-9013

Tales & Trails — Hear a tale and hike a trail with your preschooler to discover natural wonders around you, **10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 25**, Merry Lea Farmstead, Albion, free, (260) 799-5869

Union 12 Food Truck Nights — Weekly themed event has food trucks, vendors, and live music by The Hubie Ashcraft Band, **5-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 26**, Union 12, Columbia City, free, (260) 203-0239

teds Food Truck Thursday — Weekly event with food trucks with live music from Ross Kinsey, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, June 27**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

Wild Walkers: Blue River Trail — Adult hiking group meets on second and fourth Friday of the month, visiting different locations, **8:45 a.m. Friday, June 28**, Morsches Park, Columbia City, free, (260) 427-5023

Bike Night at Union Street Market — Monthly event welcomes motorcyclists to park at Dynamo Alley and enjoy food, drinks, and live music, **7-9 p.m. Friday, June 28**, Electric Works, Fort Wayne, free, manager@unionstreetmarket.org

Stoner's 75 Years of Magic Show — Fort Wayne magicians Andy Haines, Jim Barron, Del Proctor, and Rusty Ammerman, with Bill Reader serving as Master of Ceremonies, **7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 28**, Paper Mill on The Landing, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$10, (260) 426-1100

Columbia City Downtown Scavenger Hunt — Explore downtown while hunting for artistic pieces with those finding all the artwork being entered into drawing for gift cards, **8 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, June 29**, Downtown Columbia City, free, info.cconnect@gmail.com

Stoner's Funstore 75th Anniversary Block Party — Live magic, music, raffle drawings, and special ceremonies honor Dick Stoner and the Stoner family, **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 29**, Stoner's Funstore, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-1100

Vintage Baseball Showcase — Inaugural event between Indianapolis Blues and Elkhart County Railroaders is glimpse into the past using 1864 rules, vintage-style uniforms, and period authentic equipment, **2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 29**, Lawton Park, Fort Wayne, free, oldfortbaseballco@gmail.com

Ask Ben Franklin: In His Own Words — Bring your questions as Chautauqua-Wawasee's Patriotic Speaker Series continues with Barry Stevens portraying Ben Franklin, **4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 30**, Wawasee High School, Syracuse, free, (574) 377-7543

JULY

Fort Wayne Philharmonic: Moonshot — A Home Run Celebration — Pre-concert cocktail reception, followed by dinner, music, fireworks, **6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 2**, Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, \$200, (260) 481-0774

teds Food Truck Thursday — Weekly event with food trucks with live music from Austin Marsh, **5-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 3**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

Union 12 Food Truck Nights: Team USA/Military Appreciation Night — Weekly themed event has food trucks, vendors, and live music by The Mason-Dixon Line Band, **5-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 3**, Union 12, Columbia City, free, (260) 203-0239

Roanoke First Fridays — Downtown's Main Street comes alive with live music from Chelsea Dourson, local food, and kids' activities, **5-8 p.m. Friday, July 5**, Downtown Roanoke, free, discoverroanoke@gmail.com

Columbia City First Fridays: Downtown Street Market — Monthly downtown event will have food trucks, vendors, and live music by Parr T Band, **6-9 p.m. Friday, July 5**, Downtown Columbia City, free, info.cconnect@gmail.com

Miami Indian Heritage Days: Finger Weaving — Claudia Hedeem demonstrates techniques as part of History Center's 2024 series, **1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 6**, Chief Richardville House, Fort Wayne, \$7-\$9, (260) 426-2882

Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum 50th Anniversary — To mark milestone, museum will have free admission, special display of artifacts and archives, activities, giveaways, and refreshments, **2 p.m. Saturday, July 6**, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, Auburn, free, (260) 925-1444

Union 12 Food Truck Nights: Princess Night — Weekly themed event has food trucks, vendors, and live music by Rylie Lynn, **5-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 10**, Union 12, Columbia City, free, (260) 203-0239

teds Food Truck Thursday — Weekly event with food trucks with live music from Piques, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, July 11**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

Wild Walkers: Black Swamp Nature Center — Adult hiking group meets on second and fourth Friday of the month, visiting different locations, **8:45 a.m. Friday, July 12**, Black Swamp Nature Center, Paulding, OH, free, (260) 427-5023

Three Rivers Festival — City's largest festival returns for 55th year with midway, junk food alley, river excursions, and live entertainment each night, **10 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday, July 12-Saturday, July 20**, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-5556

Fly-In/Drive-In Lunch — Variety of aircraft and classic and collectible cars will be at Smith Field as you enjoy lunch with donations going to Youth Aviation Training Scholarship Fund, **11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, July 13**, Smith Field Airport, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 416-1991

Famous Hoosiers: John Wooden — Dr. Gunderman, author of Hoosier Beacons, shares tales about Indiana's own John Wooden, the legendary UCLA men's basketball coach that played at Purdue and coached at South Bend Central High School, **4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 13**, Wawasee High School, Syracuse, free, (574) 377-7543

Mac & Cheese Festival — More than 50 samples, drinks, entertainment, fireworks, and live music from Fleetwood Mac tribute band, **5-10 p.m. Saturday, July 13**, Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, \$39-\$65, (269) 492-9966

Kickboxing with 9Round — Monthly exercise class aimed at burning calories through kicking and punching, **9-10 a.m. Sunday, July 14**, Promenade Park Pavilion, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

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