

2018 Ferdinand Folk Festival singer-songwriter contest showcases local musicians

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David resides in Huntingburg with his wife of 34 years, Nina. Also known as The Singing Bugman, this Nashville recording artist, singer and songwriter is a three-time winner of the WBDC Country Showdown. He is also the owner of The Huntingburg Opry Hall located above the new Market Street Soup and Salad in Huntingburg. He has opened for Vern Gosden, Ronnie Robbins, John Barty and Lauren Alaina. "My inspiration and motivation comes from my childhood. When my father put on an old Merle Haggard record, I was hooked forever," he says. "My songs come from my heart and life experiences." He is also the father of two and grandfather of two.



Anna Wrasse

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Fifteen-year-old Anna Wrasse has been writing and performing original songs for four years. She was honored to perform for her third year in the Ferdinand Folk Festival Singer-Songwriter Showcase. "My songwriting has grown from my love of both writing and music," she says. "I am passionate about the way music is able to connect everyone and bring people together. I hope to tell stories of my personal experiences in a relatable way that is meaningful to others." Earlier this year Wrasse was recognized as "One to Watch" by Nashville Songwriters Association International.

Morning Tai Chi

In this free Tai Chi experience led by Ferdinand native, Vanessa Hurst, participants are invited to begin their day at the Folk Fest practicing an ancient art form to promote relaxation and natural balance—and create feelings of peace, calm, quiet and alertness.



Open to all ages, participants are encouraged to dress comfortably. Interested individuals should meet on the hill above the Main Stage just before start time of 10 a.m. There is no charge for the session, but donations are always welcomed.

Sifu Vanessa F. Hurst has taught 5Element Form Tai Chi for 12 years and is a Neural Synchrony™ facilitator, intuitive and author. Earning a master's degree in Natural Health, she shares her knowledge and vision and engages the inner wisdom of clients and students, toward an end result of increased mindfulness. She has training in medical intuition, Quantum Healing and Reiki.

The ninth-annual Ferdinand Folk Festival is a free, family and environmentally-friendly festival featuring internationally, nationally and regionally touring singer-songwriters. The festival also features many other events for all ages. Learn more about all events on Facebook and at www.ferdinandfolkfestival.com.

Environmental/Education

In the center of the art market are about 20 environmental and community groups—one of the region's largest assemblies of ecology, nature, health and wellness educators. It will include solar energy installers, air quality authorities, forest advocates, LGBTQ awareness/support organizations, astronomers, pet caretakers, organic farmers, music, art and theatre promoters. Each group is dedicated to creating vibrant communities and a sustainable environment for our children seven generations from now.

Environmental, community and wellness groups include:

CareSource, Indianapolis. Health care plan, materials focused on wellness, prevention and educational resources to improve health, plus health-related giveaways.

Council for Holistic Awareness & The Lounge Series, Jasper. Educational materials and sign-up sheets for Council for Holistic Awareness and Lounge Series.

Citizen's Climate Lobby, Evansville. Educational information about the Citizen's

Climate Lobby, building political will for climate change.

Dubois County Breastfeeding Coalition, Jasper. Lactation and baby care station, plus a private area for nursing mothers and a changing table.

Dubois County Solid Waste District, Jasper. Take Back the Tap program: promoting reusable water bottles, along with general reuse and recycling.

Ferdinand American Legion Post #124, Ferdinand. Raffle tickets for sale to benefit the Veteran's Memorial on north side of Ferdinand.

Friends of the Ferdinand Library, Ferdinand. Information about the Friends of the Library, recycled and donated books to give away.

Homestead Hempworx, Hardinsburg. CBD Oil and other legal products

Indiana Forest Alliance, Bloomington. Informational booth, will collect signatures for petition, hand out educational materials and t-shirt sales

Invasive Species Coalition of Dubois County, Jasper. Information about exotic invasive species, prizes and other giveaway items.

ONE-Dubois County, Jasper. Voter registration booth, attendees can also confirm registration and polling location, and make necessary changes.

Project ACORN, Ferdinand. Will provide flyers announcing the fall line-up of ACORN's classes, workshops, concerts and more.

Rosenvolk German Medieval Festival, Jasper. Informational fliers and other paper materials promoting this year's festival.

TRI-CAP, Jasper. Energy conservation brochures, plus information on all of Tri-Cap's programs.

Valleywatch, Inc., Evansville. Educational materials, petitions and pamphlet handouts.

Whole Sun Designs, Inc., Evansville. Tent talks. Whole Sun provides clean solar power to the Market Stage.