

## Music

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the Caribbean. The family will perform several times throughout the Broomcorn Festival on all three days.

### Extreme variety

Longtime happy-go-lucky band, Jane Doe, will again appear at the Broomcorn Festival. They will play at the beer pavilion, on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Band leader Darrell Wilson said they play what he calls "extreme variety" with music spanning genres across 50 years. They do everything from classic rock, today's pop, old and new country and much more.

"We're just a fun, party band. You want to have the idea of being bright and colorful and upbeat," said Wilson.

Jane Doe is based out of Mattoon and started performing six years ago. They took a break after the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 but reformed in October 2022. Wilson said the band has performed three times at Broomcorn, but he has been playing at the festival for 30 years in various capacities.

The band now consists of five members: Darrell Wilson on drums; Randy Bushue on lead vocals; Corey Mosely plays lead guitar and vocals; Quinn Weddel plays the bass guitar; and Dusty Maninfor plays a multitude of instruments including the keyboard, piano, saxophone, and acoustic guitar as well as delivering vocals.

Wilson came up with the name. His idea was that you can start fresh since nobody knows "Jane Doe," ( a name often used as a place-holder or for an unidentified woman).

"Nodoby knows who Jane Doe is, but hopefully everyone will know who Jane Doe is in the future," said Wilson.

### 80s throwback

If you find yourself craving a throwback to more "tubular" times, BoomBox just might be what you need.

The retro party band plays music for audiences of all ages. They will be performing at the beer pavilion on Friday, Sept. 8, during the Broomcorn Festival.

The band plays a variety of 80s hits, including Prince, Poison, Madonna



Jane Doe

and Joan Jett and more.

Their website reads, "When you come to a BoomBox 80s Band show, dress in your favorite 80s attire, or come as you are, just come ready to be transported back to 1984!"

### Christian performance

Jake and Mikayla from

Casey will perform at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at the First Christian Church in Arcola.

Jake Hoult and Mikayla Joy, are growing more and more in popularity. Based out of central Illinois, the musical duo has impressed audiences throughout the midwest region and beyond with their tight harmonies, impressive instru-

mentation and amazing stage presence.

The duo provides a high-energy Country Music show, with elements of Outlaw, Rockabilly, Gospel, Bluegrass and more.

The married couple has been performing onstage together for 8 years now. They have played stages throughout Indiana and Illinois, as well as Branson,

Mo., Pigeon Forge Tenn., and Nashville Tenn.

When not on stage, you can find them writing and recording new music.

In 2023, Jake and Mikayla released their album titled "Roots" at Midamerican Records in Nashville, Tenn. Jake and Mikayla bring an unforgettable experience to every single performance.

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