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Orange County HomeGrown Kicks off Concert Series and Farmers Markets

Organization offers events for tourists and community members

ORANGE COUNTY, Ind. – Orange County Homegrown kicked off its lawn chair concert series May 4 on the Southside of the Paoli Courthouse Square. This series showcases the area's extraordinary musicians with a wide range of musical genres.

The series will last May through September and concerts will be held the first and third Thursday of each month. Community members and tourists are able to enjoy the music of local bands and artists from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. In case of rain, concerts will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Paoli located one block off the eastside of the square. Concerts are made possible through a grant from the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) and the Jasper Community Arts Commission (JCAC).

Orange County HomeGrown, an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, not only promotes area artists through their concert series, but local farmers as well. The organization sponsors farmers markets located in Orleans and French Lick that feature produce, art, crafts, and baked goods grown, created, made and/or baked solely by local vendors.

Area artists and farmers make it easy for Orange County HomeGrown to promote the small-town neighborly values, the natural forests, the cultural and recreational opportunities, and the healthy family farms that make Orange County an attractive place to live, work, play, raise a family, start a business or retire.

The Valley farmers market opening day was held May 17. Market hours are every Wednesday from 1 to 7 p.m. at the community center located in French Lick. The Orleans market opened May 20 and will be open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Tourists and community members can find several things to do at the HomeGrown farmers markets. Each market includes checkers, chess, yahtzee and dominos every week for patrons. Citizens also have the opportunity to browse their “Buck-a-Book” tent where they can either bring a book to trade or buy a book for a buck. The Orange County HomeGrown farmers market also offers a master gardener who will provide a gardening question answer service. A variety of activities are offered each week at the Valley and Orleans farmers markets. Visit the www.orangecounty.travel events page for a complete list of events and a music series schedule.

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