



## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Orange County HomeGrown Kicks off Concert Series and Farmers Markets**

*Organization offers a variety of events for tourists and community members*

ORANGE COUNTY, Ind. – Orange County Homegrown Arts is sponsoring a free two-hour concert Thursday, May 17 at the French Lick Springs Hotel lawn (directly left of the main entrance) as part of its summer long Lawn Chair Concert Series. Thursday's concert will feature Appleseed String Band at 6:30 p.m. and Swallowtale at 7:30 p.m.

The series will last May through September and concerts will be held the first, third and fifth Thursday of each month. Locations will vary between the Orange County Courthouse Square and the French Lick Springs Hotel lawn.

The concert series showcases the area's extraordinary musicians with a wide range of musician genres. Gospel nights will be held May 31 and August 30; singer songwriter night is September 20; and student musicians perform before the concerts on June 7, July 19 and September 6.

The Orange County HomeGrown Arts Lawn Chair Concert Series is made possible by volunteers, audience contributions and a grant from the Jasper Community Arts Center, Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information on locations and featured artists, [CLICK HERE](#).

The Orange County HomeGrown Valley market will also open Thursday, May 17 and every Thursday through October from 1- 6 p.m. in the French Lick Town Parking Lot on Hwy 56 by the Police Department. Tourists and residents can do their midweek shopping at the market where they'll find produce, baked goods and crafts grown or created by the vendors themselves.

The Orleans Farmers Market will also officially open Saturday, May 19. The market is located on the west side of the Historic Congress Square in Orleans. The hours will be held from 8 a.m. to noon May through September. In October, the hours will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

Special guests for the opening day ceremonies at the Orleans market will include Robert Henderson, Orleans town board president; Mary Mininger, of the Paoli Mennonite Fellowship Church; and musician, Pete Webb.

In addition, tourists and residents can find several things to do at the HomeGrown Farmers Markets. Each market includes checkers, chess, yahtzee and dominos every week for its visitors. Citizens also have the opportunity to browse their "Buck-a-Book" trailer where they can buy used books for a dollar or trade two

books for one book. 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. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#) .

Reserved seating ticket prices are \$10 per show for Resort Rewards members; \$15 per show for all others. If you buy tickets for both shows on the same Sunday, the price is \$25 per ticket (savings of \$5). "The Hoosier Jubilee" is open to all ages. Management asks that all guests younger than age 18 be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, [click here](#) or [www.hoosierjubilee.com](http://www.hoosierjubilee.com) .