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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

## SALUTE! to the troops



### Thousands enjoy music, honor vets

**T**HE Bartholomew County Memorial for Veterans overflowed with patriotism Friday as people honored veterans' sacrifices and enjoyed an evening of music and military displays.

The annual SALUTE! concert, presented by the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, was dedicated to veterans of the Korean War, including 16 from Bartholomew County who lost their lives in combat.

The plaza on the courthouse lawn was packed with lawn chairs as residents, decked in red, white and blue, sat under blue skies with temperatures in the mid-60s.

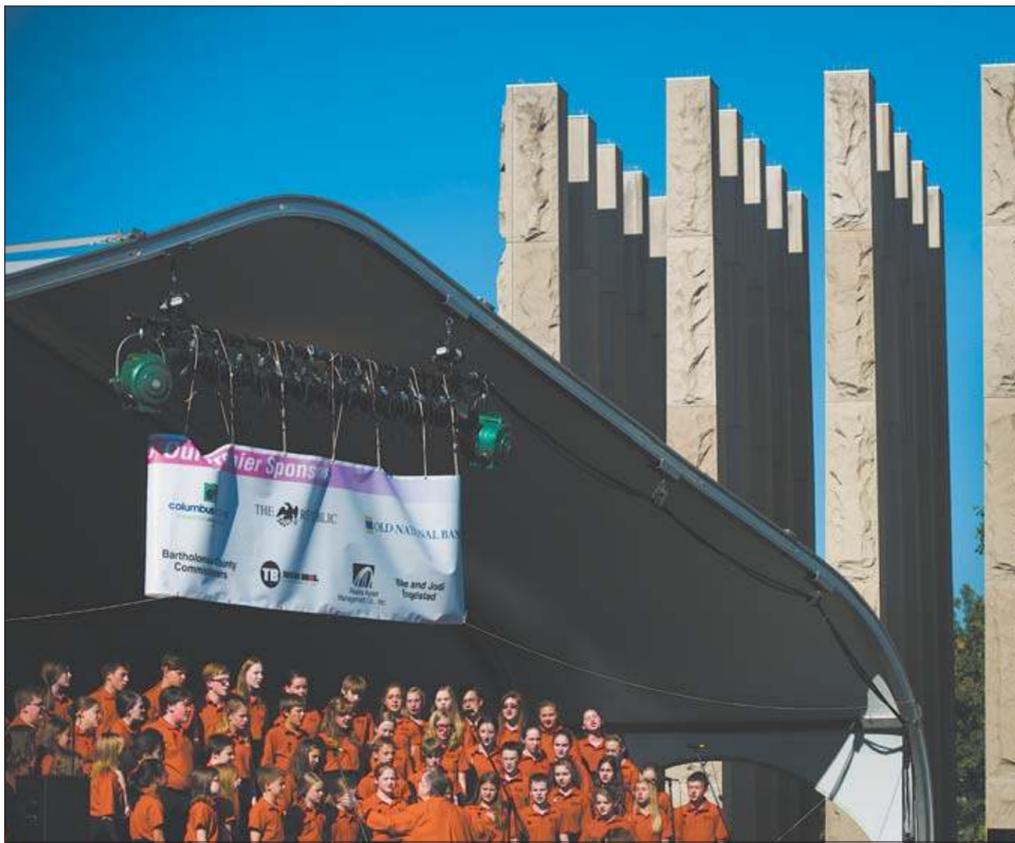
The crowd, estimated at 3,000 by city police, included all ages, but many were elderly veterans who had served in wars 60 and 70 years ago. Some were in wheelchairs; others walked with canes and walkers. Many made a point to wear their caps, proudly proclaiming they were veterans.

Korean War veteran Roy Sexton, 82, was attending his first SALUTE! concert, watching from a shady spot on the sidewalk across Second Street with his partner, Patti Voelz.

Sexton served with the Army in Korea during 1951 and 1952 and remembered the bitter cold winters and sweltering hot summers.

He recalled catching malaria after drinking contaminated water, but otherwise was not injured.

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**From top:** Vietnam veteran Kenneth Horsley (Air Force) adjusts his hat as the music plays Friday at the annual SALUTE! concert conducted on the grounds of the Bartholomew County Memorial for Veterans. The Columbus Indiana Children's Choir performs with the towers of the county memorial in the background. A Korean War-era airplane flies over the square during the Pledge of Allegiance.

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## State tallies ISTEP snags

District doubts only 14.2% of pupils disrupted

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About 14.2 percent of Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. students who completed online ISTEP testing this month experienced a computer disruption, based on a preliminary assessment released Friday.

CTB/McGraw-Hill, the vendor hired to administer the standardized test in Indiana, reported that 380 of 3,233 local students in Grades 3-6 and 312 of 1,650 students in Grades 7-8 were affected by computer disruptions while trying to complete the mandatory assessment tests.

That's 11.8 percent of eligible test takers in the district's elementary schools and 18.9 percent of eligible test takers in the district's middle schools, said Bill Jensen, the school system's director of secondary education.

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## Drug sale results in bond of \$200,000

Informant buys morphine patch from area man

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A Columbus man is in jail on a \$200,000 bond after he was arrested for selling a morphine patch to a confidential police informant.

Michael E. Cusack, 31, who has no permanent address, was booked Tuesday into Bartholomew County Jail on court warrants charging him with dealing in a Schedule II controlled substance, a Class B felony, and possession of a controlled substance, a Class D felony. A jury trial was set for 8:30 a.m. Aug. 31 during an initial hearing on Thursday.

Cusack was living in the



MICHAEL E. CUSACK

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## Ready to dive into summer? Be sure to have fun, but also stay safe

### Into the water

Donner Aquatic Center officially kicks off the swim season today.

■ **Memorial Day weekend:**

Open from noon to 6 p.m. today, Sunday and Monday, then closed Tuesday through Friday.

■ **Regular season:** June 1 to Aug. 18 (closed June 7-9 for swim meet).

■ **Hours:** 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

■ **Cost:** \$2 for 3- to 5-year-olds; \$3.50 for 6- to 17-year-olds; \$4 for 18 and older; free for under 3. Season tickets \$40 a person for ages 3 and up.

■ **Free public swim sessions:** 5 to 6 p.m. daily

**Information:** 376-2680 or www.columbusparksandrec.com

The three-day Memorial Day weekend is here. Whatever your plans are, have fun, but be safe.

### POOL TIME

Area swimming pools are set to open this weekend, but with daytime temperatures in the low 70s then dropping into the 40s or 50s, attendance may be down a bit.

"It's still going to be fun," said Jim Lemke, aquatics manager for Columbus Parks and Recreation.

Donner Pool was filled two weeks ago.

Lemke said he's not expecting a record crowd, but swimmers will show up no matter what the temperature happens to be.

### SUN DAY

It's also the season for sunburns, cold weather or not.

The National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention suggests applying sunscreen that is at least SPF 15 at least 15 minutes before exposure.

Don't be fooled if the sun is hiding behind the clouds. The council says 80 percent of ultraviolet rays can get through the clouds and cause sunburns and skin damage.

Also, don't forget the sunglasses.



### PICNIC TIME

Memorial Day weekend means picnics.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reminds picnickers to keep cold foods at 40 degrees or below and hot foods above 140 degrees.

Steak and pork should be cooked to 145 degrees or above, ground beef to 160 degrees and chicken breasts to 165 degrees.

Never use the same platter for raw meat and cooked meat, and remember to wash your hands often when cooking.



### ROAD WATCH

Lt. Matt Myers, spokesman for the Columbus Police

Department, advises using caution, making good decisions and never drinking and driving.

"We ask that you party responsibly and make sure you have a designated driver," Myers said.

You don't want a speeding ticket or to be involved in an accident, forced to spend a night in jail or even the hospital. That will ruin a holiday weekend in a hurry.

### Belle of the bells

Success rings loud and clear for longtime choir director

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Columbus police officer eager to run in Mill Race Marathon. On Sunday's Page D8



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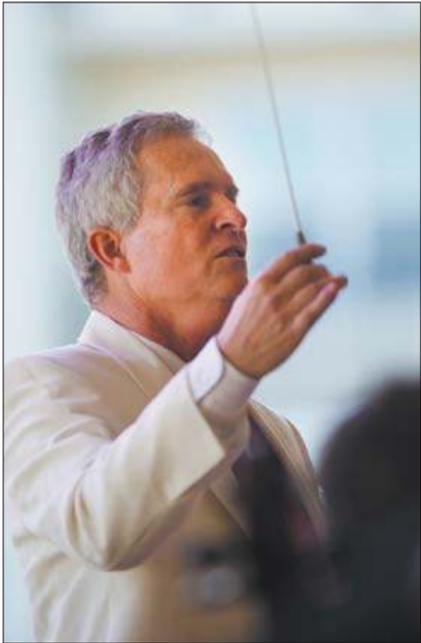
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# SALUTE!



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**Clockwise from top left:** Aaron Johnson helps his 23-month-old son Levi wave the flag Friday at the annual SALUTE! concert conducted on the grounds of the Bartholomew County Memorial for Veterans. Patrolman Curtis Nelson of the CPD/ISP Color Guard passes through the memorial. The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic performs. David Bowden directs the orchestra during the concert.



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## MUSIC

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Voelz, a regular at the concerts, said the beautiful weather made for a perfect evening.

"I always enjoy watching all the people and being here for the veterans," Voelz said.

Chuck Townsend, who served 14 months in Vietnam during 1966 and 1967, attended the concert with his wife, Judy, and his 8-year-old granddaughter, Caylin Reeves.

"I'm a veteran," he said. "This concert makes you proud. It's nice not to be forgotten."

Vietnam veteran Terry Foote, 65, had his lawn chair set in place by 10 a.m. Friday so he could be front and center for the concert.

"I'm always here," said Foote, who served with the Army's 1st Cavalry Division.

"There's not a day goes by that I don't think of the soldiers who didn't make it back. For me to not come here would be a disservice to them," he added.

To make room for the crowds, Second Street was shut down between Jackson and Washington streets, and lawn chairs quickly filled the area to hear the philharmonic. Also

### By the numbers

**3,000:** Estimated crowd

**86:** Young people in choir and jazz ensemble

**75:** Orchestra members

**13:** Years of SALUTE! concerts

performing were the Columbus Indiana Children's Choir and the Columbus North High School 25th Street Jazz Singers.

The aroma of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs filled the air as the Columbus North and Columbus East band boosters kept hungry concertgoers fed.

Many rushed to a closed portion of Second Street near Jackson Street where a vintage helicopter that flew in World War II and the Korean War had landed.

The helicopter, like the one seen in the "MASH" television series, intrigued the children and adults as it sat on the closed road, offering a perfect photo opportunity with the Second Street bridge in the background.

Karen Riley's sons, Elijah, 8, and Isaiah, 10, watched as

the large overhead blade slowly stopped and the pilot climbed out the glass-enclosed two-seat cockpit.

"It's looks like a Batcopter," Isaiah said.

Although Isaiah said he'd be willing to take a short spin in the helicopter, anything higher than a three-story building might be a little "horrifying," he said with a grin.

Next to the courthouse lawn, concertgoers also had the chance to see vintage jeeps from World War II and the Korean War, and a display of weapons from wars dating back to the 1800s.

Nancy Urbahns sat at a table along Second Street hoping for donations for veterans that would go to the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette.

A 25-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Columbus, she passed out silk poppy flowers made by veterans in exchange for donations.

She said she was especially touched when a little girl made a donation for a poppy so she could give the flower to her grandfather.

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