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### **Heart of Lebanon to Transform Downtown into a Living Time Capsule for 10th Anniversary “Decades of Music Festival”**

**LEBANON, IN** – The Heart of Lebanon is proud to announce a special summer celebration: the Decades of Music Festival. On July 18, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, the community is invited to witness a unique transformation as downtown Lebanon turns into a curated, block-by-block journey through musical history and pop culture.

This unique festival will feature three live music stages, each dedicated to specific eras spanning the 1920s through the 2000s. To anchor the experience, the streets will be integrated with a hand-selected timeline of pristine classic cars, representing automotive evolution from the 1920s to the 2000s.

"We wanted to do something that wasn't just a festival, but an immersive experience," says Sarah Howell, Event Coordinator for the Heart of Lebanon. "By integrating live music, unique local shopping, and a fun throwback atmosphere, we're bringing the history of these decades to life right here in the heart of Lebanon. It's a fun way to celebrate our organization's 10-year milestone while honoring the classic music and American culture that generations of our community have loved."

Reaching a decade of service marks a proud moment for the Nationally Accredited Main Street organization. Reflecting on the impact of the past ten years, Missy Krulik, Executive Director of the Heart of Lebanon, shared what this milestone represents: "We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate a decade of the Heart of Lebanon than by turning up the volume with a journey through the decades. For ten years, this community has been the center of everything we do, and this music festival is our way of saying thank you. It's a way to celebrate the years gone by and look forward to the decades ahead."

This milestone celebration is brought to life through a network of local and community partners. A grant from Discover Boone County, combined with the support of presenting sponsor Meta, has paved the way for this free community event. Their combined investment focuses directly on the cultural vitality of the historic county seat, driving foot traffic and support to the residents and small businesses of downtown Lebanon.

The festival layout includes several key attractions designed to create an unforgettable evening. Throughout the entirety of the event, attendees can explore the Vintage Village on Meridian Street. This specialty market will be packed with nostalgic finds and retro items guaranteed to take visitors down memory lane. Additionally, a live DJ with The Music Men will be spinning classic tracks providing the perfect musical backdrop until the Main Stage headliners begin.

To fully lean into the time-travel theme, attendees are highly encouraged to dress up in the fashion of their favorite decade as they explore and enjoy the downtown footprint.

Musical entertainment will serve as the heartbeat of the event, with three distinct stages positioned throughout the downtown footprint to highlight different eras of music history. To make the experience even more memorable, a limited number of special, era-branded event giveaways will be available for attendees at each specific area while supplies last. Attendees are highly encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs to comfortably sit back and enjoy the music.

Starting in Alley-Oop off at 6:00 PM on the north side of the Boone County Courthouse Square, audiences will be transported back to the early 20th century with performances by the Boone County Community Band. Founded in 1991 and composed entirely of local volunteers, the ensemble will capture the classic sounds of the 1920s, 30s, and 40s.

On the east side of the Lebanon Police Department starting at 7:00 PM, attendees can groove to the sounds of the 1950s, 60s, and 70s with a live set by BODACIOUS. Composed of Boone County natives from the original lineup that first found success 50 years ago, this crowd-favorite band is a staple at the Heart of Lebanon's Music on the Plaza events.

The evening will culminate at the Main Stage in the Plaza on Meridian featuring a high-energy performance by headliners Rockology Chicago, a party rock band from the Chicagoland area, will take the crowd on a journey through the greatest anthems of the 1980s, 90s, and 2000s at 8:00 PM. Because each decade's performance schedule overlaps—it gives you the freedom to catch a bit of everything, or #lingerlonger if you find a decade you just don't want to leave.

Guests can also take full advantage of downtown Lebanon's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). This allows festival-goers to purchase alcoholic beverages from participating downtown establishments in approved DORA cups and enjoy them legally while walking the festival footprint.

The festival footprint is strategically placed to seamlessly integrate with our historic downtown district, encouraging visitors to explore and support our fantastic brick-and-mortar storefronts and local restaurants throughout the evening. Admission to the event is free to the public.

For more information on the event, how to become a vendor, or how to register a classic vehicle, please visit [www.heartoflebanon.org](http://www.heartoflebanon.org) or contact Sarah Howell at [sarah@heartoflebanon.org](mailto:sarah@heartoflebanon.org).

## **About The Heart of Lebanon**

The Heart of Lebanon is a non-profit organization dedicated to the revitalization, preservation, and economic growth of downtown Lebanon, Indiana. Through community events, business support, and beautification efforts, the organization works to sustain a vibrant, welcoming downtown district that honors the city's historic character while fostering a thriving local economy for residents, visitors, and small businesses.