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AUBURN — Members of local rock band Choice played their first note together in 1976.

Forty years later, they're still not ready for their final chord.

"It's been a marvelous journey, that's for sure. It's just not over yet," said guitar player Dan Cory.

But the band members are paying attention to their 40th anniversary. They're collecting photos and memories from their fans online. They're also planning an anniversary concert Aug. 12 at the DeKalb Outdoor Theater in Auburn with several guest performers.

Fans who see the band these days say,

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"I can't believe you guys are still together," Cory said.

Choice's members probably could not have foreseen their longevity in the mid-1970s, when Cory and lead guitar player Dan Quinn recruited singer Mike Penland and teenage drummer Mike Good to join the group.

Back in those days, "Every top 40 song

that would come out, we learned it," Cory said. Then it was new music. Now it's classic rock.

"We're still doing a lot of the same material we did way back when," Penland said. "I think people come for nostalgia or maybe just to relive some of those songs. ... They don't really find this kind of music live. ... I think that's kind of the draw."

The band has developed a loyal fan base over the decades.

"We call our followers our friends and our family," Good said.

These days, those fans are finding Choice in different places. In earlier times, the band played primarily in bars. Now it's street

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Sounds of the Sixties and Seventies

Listen to Choice play the classic hit 'Mustang Sally' in a video at KPCNews.com

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Trump confident at Fort Wayne rally Stutzman optimistic

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FORT WAYNE — Energized by a boisterous crowd of over 10,000 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Donald J. Trump said Sunday he is confident Hoosiers will help him secure the Republican presidential nomination with a big win in Tuesday's Indiana primary.

A new poll released Sunday by NBC/Wall Street Journal/Marist showed Trump with a widening lead in Indiana, 49 percent to 34 percent for Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and 13 percent for Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

The 69-year-old billionaire New York real estate developer is aiming for a first ballot victory at the GOP National Convention in Cleveland in July. Winning the lion's share of Indiana's 57-delegate prize would keep the Trump train rolling toward that goal of earning the 1,237 delegates needed to claim the nomination.

Trump promised to restore the economy in Fort Wayne, throughout Indiana and the United States if elected this fall.

"Fort Wayne lost one in four manufacturing jobs since NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement which began in 1994)," he said. "Now they want to do TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership). Cruz wants it; it's going to be a disaster. It will be worse than NAFTA."

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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks to a crowd at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Sunday afternoon in Fort Wayne. He said he is confident he will win Tuesday's Indiana primary.

happening is that our jobs are going to Mexico; China and Japan are taking our business."

Trump said "bad trade deals" have particularly hit the Hoosier steel and auto industries hard; but he vowed to restore those jobs.

Trump then turned his guns on his last two Republican foes — Cruz and Kasich.

"They are hanging by their fingernails," he said. "They have no road to victory and Cruz has done something no one has seen before. He's the first person in the history of the United

States who picked a running mate (Carly Fiorina, the former CEO of Hewlett-Packard) but he has no chance to win. Lyin' Ted, I want to congratulate you."

Reacting to the sustained cheers from the crowd, Trump added: "Lyin' Ted — he walks in with the Bible held high, then he puts it down and then he lies."

Trump also reminded the audience that Cruz was born in Canada and his eligibility to run for the highest office in the land could be challenged by

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INDIANAPOLIS — If Indiana Republican primary voters have the same faith in U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman that he has in them, he just may be one step closer to taking his anti-establishment, conservative approach to the U.S. Senate.

On the road from an event in Indianapolis, Stutzman said Sunday he feels good about his chances in Tuesday's Republican primary as he vies with U.S. Rep. Todd Young for the GOP nod to replace the retiring U.S. Sen. Dan Coats.

"I'm very optimistic going into Tuesday," Stutzman said.

The winner of the Republican primary will square off against Democrat and former 9th District U.S. Rep. Baron Hill in the fall.

Young is a Marine from Bloomington who has raised more money than Stutzman. Young also has the support of U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who Stutzman said has thrown \$2 million into Young's war chest.

Stutzman said Hoosier voters can see through the big money interests that are backing Young and going after him.

"We're in this race," he said. "That's why they're attacking me the

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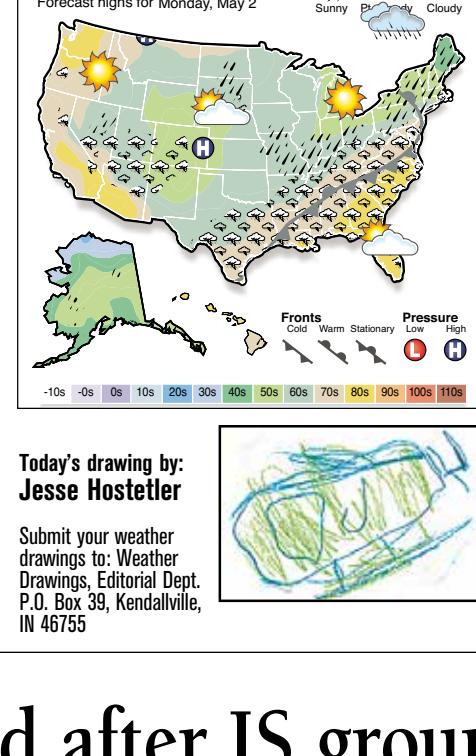
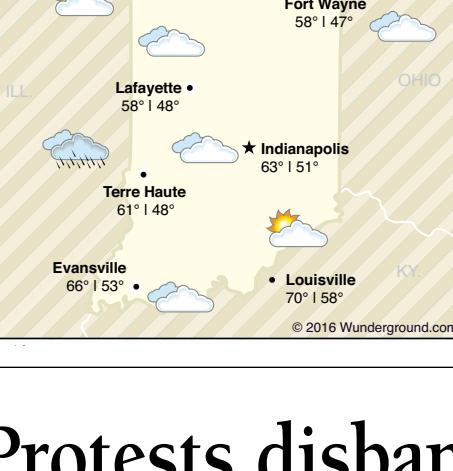
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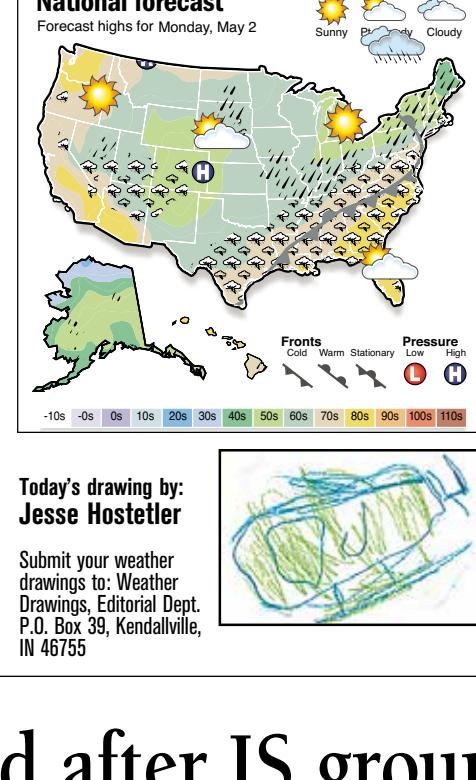
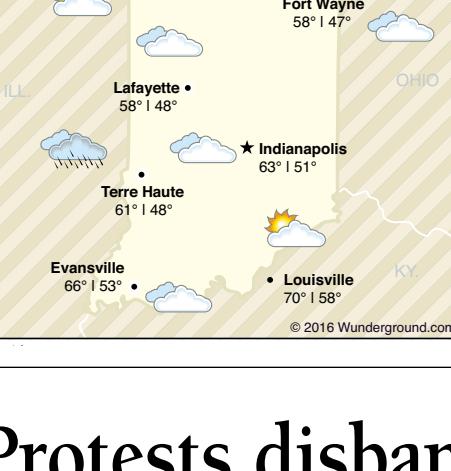
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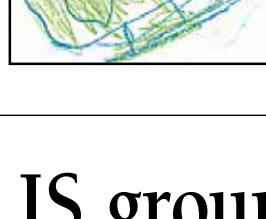
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