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Dig in to a summer Savor Fort Wayne

Visit Fort Wayne preps delectable treat for city

BY MICHELE DeVINNEY
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

In a year of steady cancellations, it's time to anticipate a new event that is happening only because of Covid-19.

Fans of Savor Fort Wayne, a Visit Fort Wayne initiative to get people into the city's diverse and delectable restaurants, will be happy to know that there is a summer version planned for this year, something that would not be happening if not for the pandemic.

GOOD TIME TO STEP UP

"Typically Savor Fort Wayne is around the second week of January, and we start planning for the next one as soon as that one is over," said Emily Stuck, programs and events manager for Visit Fort Wayne. "We'd always talked about doing

one in the summer, but summer is usually such a busy time for us."

When the lockdown was announced in late March, the folks at Visit Fort Wayne were about to welcome the Division I women's regional bracket for the NCAA March Madness tournament. In the blink of an eye, that was canceled along with a bevy of other anticipated events.

But that wide-open schedule provided an opportunity.

"The tourism sector was very hard hit by the quarantine," Stuck said. "I mean, everyone's been hit hard, but the tourism sector has been especially hit with restaurants and hotels having to close during what should have been a busy time. We had always thought about a Summer Savor, and we thought this would be a good time and started making plans quietly around April. It was hard to know what to expect when we reopened, but we just started talking about it then."

SPECIAL MENU FOR YOU

For those who may not have taken advantage of

SAVOR FORT WAYNE

Wednesday, August 5-Sunday, August 16
Happening at 28 participating restaurants
and breweries around Fort Wayne
(260) 424-3700
Details and menus at savorfortwayne.com

this culinary opportunity in previous years, Savor Fort Wayne features a wide variety of restaurants and breweries which offer special menu deals for those visiting during the Savor dates (this summer's is August 5-16).

Normally the restaurants pay a registration fee to participate, with that money being used to market the event and the eateries. But this time there's a bit of a change.

"We felt like asking these restaurants to pay a registration fee now wasn't right," Stuck said. "So we've been appealing to our sponsors more than ever to help us pay for the marketing."

"We actually held off awhile on marketing

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PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

2Toms Brewing Company
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Bahn Mi Barista
Black Canyon
Burger Bar
Chop's Wine Bar
Club Room at the Clyde
Club Soda
Copper Spoon
Duesy's Sports Bar & Grille
Eddie Merlot's
Junk Ditch Brewing Company
Mastodon Grill
Mi Pueblo
The Oyster Bar
Nikita
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The Pub @ 1802
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Three Fires Pizza
Three Rivers Co Op Deli
Three Rivers Distilling Co.
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or even announcing anything because we needed to see how the governor's Back on Track plan went, and we were supposed to be at stage 5 by July 4. That's been pushed back, so we're trying to make it work with the restaurants and make it more comfortable for everyone who wants to participate.

"In the past it was dine-in only because we wanted to pack those restaurants. Obviously now, that can't happen, and the restaurants have been great to work with in all of this. Most of them that stayed open or have reopened have been doing a lot of carryout orders, so they have that system down, and some of the restaurants have outdoor seating which may be more comfortable for some. And then other people might just say, 'I'm ready to go back to Club Soda,' and will prefer to eat in the restaurant.

"We just recommend that those who plan to eat in call ahead for a reservation so the restaurant can make sure they maintain the capacity and a crowd doesn't gather."

GREAT TIME TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE

Stuck said the August dates were set because it's typically the time that kids go back to school or families are on their last vacation of the summer. But with all of that still up in the air, Summer Savor provides an excellent chance to get out of the house, even if it's just to pick up take-out.

Menu offerings from each of the 28 participating restaurants are being added daily to the savorfortwayne.com website. Additionally, there are icons indicating which



PHOTO BY KELLY BENTON

restaurants offer patio seating and which offer carryout options, providing flexibility for wherever diners are in their comfort level.

"We're really excited about the variety of restaurants we have participating this time," Stuck said. "They're really all over the spectrum and include some old names, some new names, and all different kinds of cuisine.

"And people can check our website to see who's offering what. It also provides information about each participating restaurant and

what they prefer. For example, Ruth's Chris prefers that you call first.

"Each restaurant has been great to work with, and it's nice to help them after some tough months. The statistic for tourism is that 47 percent of those jobs have been affected by Covid, and some of the restaurants are just reopening," Stuck said. "Many of them have smaller staffs now, so it's really important to support our local restaurants right now and remind the community that they're still there."

Fort Wayne Civic stages musical of bubbly resilience

Legally Blonde The Musical centers on Elle Woods, a young, caring, and effervescent young college student. Her story unfolds when her heart and a chunk of her self-worth is crushed by her college sweetheart, Warner.

Expecting a marriage proposal, Warner tells Elle that he is breaking up with her and has been accepted into Harvard's Law School. Down but not out, Elle, with the support and guidance of her Delta Nu sorority sisters, is accepted into Harvard Law School.

Go Elle!

As her life, love, and law adventures continue, Elle suffers the "slings and arrows" of disappointment and self-doubt. Ever resilient, Elle conquers law school. Along the way she discovers new friends, true love, and most importantly, herself.

Yay Elle!

And now the story heads to the theatre in the time of Covid-19. The last time I wore a mask on stage was in a *commedia dell'arte* class and performance in graduate school.

However, the rehearsal masks for our show were not worn to inspire humor but, unfortunately,

LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre

7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7
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2 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday,
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Director's Notes

BETH TURCOTTE

to avoid illness. These remarkable community artists, designers, and crew were up to the Covid-19 challenge and created a joyful, though sometimes challenging, safe rehearsal process for all involved. On behalf of the creative

team and artist, we hope you enjoy Fort Wayne's Civic Theatre production of *Legally Blonde The Musical*!

To allow for social distancing, *Legally Blonde* is being performed at the Foellinger Outdoor Theatre.

Tickets are on sale now through Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation, (260) 427-6000, or in person at 705 E. State Boulevard, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Phone and box office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. You can also order tickets online at fwcivic.org.

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Eclectic • 1530 Leesburg Road, Fort Wayne • (260) 432-8966
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Dreamers Hookah Lounge

Music/DJ Hookah Bar • 1407 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne • (260) 424-0442
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Duesy's Sports Bar & Grille

Sports Bar • 305 E. Washington Ctr. Road, Fort Wayne • (260) 484-0411
EXPECT: 27 huge flat-screen TVs with all your favorites sports — NASCAR and more; live trivia 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays; kitchen opens at 11 a.m. w/custom burgers, specialty sandwiches, BBQ, flatbreads, salads and wraps. **GETTING THERE:** Corner of Washington Center and Coldwater roads, just south of I-69. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-midnight or later daily. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

Flashback Live

Dancing/Music • Behind Evans Toyota, Fort Wayne • (260) 483-1979
EXPECT: The city's only retro dance club with 80s, 90s and today's music. Live entertainment every Friday & Saturday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. as well as the city's hottest DJ between sets and into the late night! Family friendly from 4-9 p.m. with full menu of appetizers, wings, pizzas and sandwiches. Outdoor patio with a full service bar and dance area! **GETTING THERE:** Behind Evans Toyota at Coliseum Blvd. and Lima Rd. **HOURS:** Open 4 p.m. Thurs.-Sat. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex, ATM on site

Hamilton House

Neighborhood Bar • 3950 E. Bellefontaine, Hamilton • (260) 488-3344
EXPECT: Great atmosphere with a beautiful view of lake; 20 beers on tap, 6 large HDTVs w/DirecTV (NFL Package during season), internet juke, pool table, karaoke every Friday (9 p.m.), live bands every Saturday (8 p.m.) Memorial Day thru Labor Day. **GETTING THERE:** Corner of roads 1 and 427. **HOURS:** 10 a.m.-1 a.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-3 a.m. Thurs.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-12 midnight Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa

Latch String Bar & Grill

Pubs & Taverns • 3221 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne • (260) 483-5526
EXPECT: Fun, friendly, rustic atmosphere. Daily drink specials. Mondays, \$2.75 imports; Tuesdays, \$3 margaritas & \$1 tacos; Wednesdays, \$2.50 well drinks and 59¢ bone-in wings; Sundays, \$2.50 bloody Marys. Live bands Friday, Sunday, & Tuesday; open mic Wednesday; karaoke Monday, Thursday & Saturday. No cover. **GETTING THERE:** Where Clinton and Lima roads meet. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-12:30 a.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa

Mad Anthony Brewing Company

Brew Pub/Micro Brewery • 2002 S. Broadway, Fort Wayne • (260) 426-2537
EXPECT: 20-plus beers freshly hand-crafted on premises with a full bar featuring craft cocktails and more. Expanded menu full of old favorites and exciting new entrees, "One of the best pizzas in America," large vegetarian menu. Sunday Carry-out available. **GETTING THERE:** Southwest of downtown Fort Wayne at Taylor Street and Broadway. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon-Thurs; 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Fri-Sat; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

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Hubie Ashcraft — Variety at Auburn City Steakhouse, Auburn, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 333-7337

Joe Justice — Variety at El Azteca, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 482-2172

Sweetwater All Stars — Variety at Madison Street Plaza, Decatur, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 724-2604

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Alyssa Enright — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Friday Night Vibes — Variety at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Gamble and Patterson — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. No cover, (260) 482-1618

Good Rockin' Tonight — '50s rock at Fountain Park, Van Wert, 7 p.m. free, (419) 238-6722

Hate Unbound, Man Vs., Cremated Souls, Eljo — Metal at Carl's Tavern, New Haven, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. \$5, (260) 749-9133

James Baker Duo — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Rekt — Variety at Mitchell's Sports Bar & Neighborhood Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 387-5063

Thunderstruck w/The Mark May Band — AC/DC tribute at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 7-11:30 p.m. \$10-\$15, (260) 602-1831

Stare because you care at the Bird & Cleaver

Bird & Cleaver will host a unique contest of great focus on Saturday, Aug. 15. The Wells Street eatery is sponsoring a staring contest for those of you with an icy stare or steely glaze.

This bracket-style contest starts at 6 p.m. and will be all about pageantry and fun. Masks are required, but a prize for best mask will be awarded. There will also be a special guest emcee and referee on hand.

All proceeds will be donated to Friends & Family Fund.

To enter the staring contest, email birdandcleaver@gmail.com. Come cheer on your favorite contestant. Get those eye muscles in shape and prepare to walk away with the top prize.



Out and About

NICK BRAUN

chair or blanket with you. In case of inclement weather, the show will be moved indoors.



MORE ON THE WEB

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code above and see videos by Static Fly and Damon Mitchell.

FIVE METAL SONGS

Local metal stalwarts **Static Fly** will release a five-song EP titled *Black Mass* on Friday, July 31. Recorded at Sweetwater Studios, this gem will be available through numerous streaming platforms with physical copies coming mid-August.

For a taste of the new material, the band put together a couple videos for the tracks "All in my Head" and "Nowhere to Hide" which can be found on YouTube and on the band's Facebook page.

MITCHELL GOES TO BOSTON

Local guitar slinger **Damon Mitchell** recently released a music

video for his new single "In Boston" which he wrote when he was thirteen. Eleven years later, the song is seeing the light of day with a great video to boot.

You can check out the video on YouTube and let me just say, it is professionally done and well worth the watch.

A live version of the track can also be found on Mitchell's latest effort, *Tell Us Something We Don't Know*.

Upcoming gigs for Mitchell include Auburn Brewing Company on July 31, Hop River Brewing Company on Aug. 22, and Crescendo Café at Sweetwater on Sept. 11.

Tierra Gibson — Variety at Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, noon-1 p.m. no cover, (800) 222-4700

Todd Harrold Collective — Variety at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Adam Baker & The Heartache w/The Paper Heart — Indie folk at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 422-5896

Chris Worth — Variety at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 5-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 920-4377

Chris Worth & Company — Variety at Four D's, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 490-6488

Fleshwound — Variety at Hamilton House, Hamilton, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 488-3344

Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra — Classic rock/funk at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Helicon's Peak — Variety at Someplace Else Saloon, Claypool, 8 p.m.-midnight no cover, (574) 566-3280

James Baker Trio — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Jess Thrower — Variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Jupiter in July, One Car Garage — Rock at The Muse On Main, Fort Wayne, 7-11:30 p.m. \$8-\$10, (260) 999-4108

Matt Fawcett — Christian at LaSalle Bed and Breakfast Inn, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. donation, (425) 306-6360

Patrick Daley — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Purple Thriller — Variety at Flashback Live, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. \$5, (260) 422-5292

Rumours ATL — Fleetwood Mac tribute at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 7-11:30 p.m. \$10-\$15, (260) 602-1831

Todd Harrold Collective — Variety at Billy's Downtown Zulu, Monroeville, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 623-3583

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Lindsey Becker — Variety at Trubble Riverside, Fort Wayne, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. no cover, (260) 220-8613

Monday Blues Jam Sessions with G Money — Blues at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

Dash — Variety at Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, noon-1 p.m. free, (800) 222-4700

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Alicia Pyle Quartet (APQ) & Friends — Jazz at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Hubie Ashcraft Trio — Summer Nights at the Embassy at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 5-9 p.m. \$5, (260) 424-5665

Todd Harrold Collective — Variety at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 5:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

Big Caddy Daddy — Variety at Madison Street Plaza, Decatur, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 724-2604

Davey Squires — Variety at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m. \$5, (260) 399-6336

Jon Durnell — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at Black Canyon, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 203-5900

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Adam Baker & The Heartache — Indie Folk at Golfo di Napoli Dairy, Warren, 6 p.m. no cover, (260) 355-5975

Dakota Parker — Variety at Green Hat Lounge, Wabash, 5:30-8:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 563-0111

Friday Night Vibes — Variety at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Helicon's Peak — Variety at The Post, Pierceton, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. no cover, (574) 594-3010

James Baker Duo — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Lucky Tubb & The Modern Day Troubadours w/Pete Dio and the Old & Dirty — Country at The Muse On Main, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m. \$10-\$12, (260) 999-4108

Mountain Dewe Boys — Country at Andrews Summer Festival, Andrews, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 786-3848

Randy Spencer — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Sanctus Real — Christian contemporary at Fountain Park, Van Wert, 7 p.m. free, (419) 238-6722

Shamarr Jones — Rhymes and beats at Carl's Tavern, New Haven, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. \$10, (260) 749-9133

Sideband — Variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Todd Harrold Collective — Variety at Dreamers Hookah Lounge, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. no cover, (260) 424-0442

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Andy Music Fest: Sum Morz, BDP, SARIC, Plumdingo, Adam Baker & The Heartache, Pop N Fresh, Clinton Kelley, The Illegals — Variety at Buck Lake Ranch, Angola, 1:30-8 p.m. \$5, (260) 665-6699

Blue Pluto — Jazz at West Central Quarantine Concerts, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. donation requested, (425) 306-6360

Casual Friday, DJ Double K — '90s Variety at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.-midnight \$10-\$25, (260) 422-7625

Chris Worth & Howard Sims — Variety at American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 423-4751

Helicon's Peak — Variety at The Post, Pierceton, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. no cover, (574) 594-3010

James Baker Trio — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Matt Record — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Todd Harrold Collective — Variety at Soul Pig BBQ, Decatur, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 301-9800

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Andy Music Fest: Jeff Sonanta, Sietch Ramshackle, Justin Bailey, Mom N Pop N Fresh, The Kickbacks — Variety at Buck Lake Ranch, Angola, 2-5 p.m. \$5, (260) 665-6699

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Monday Blues Jam Sessions with G Money — Blues at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Alicia Pyle Quartet (APQ) & Friends — Jazz at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Fatima Washington — Summer Nights at the Embassy at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 5-9 p.m. \$5, (260) 424-5665

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

The Bulldogs — Variety at Madison Street Plaza, Decatur, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 724-2604

Casting Crowns — Contemporary Christian at Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$102 and up for maximum 6 people per car, (260) 482-9502

Hubie & Missy — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at Brewskies Bar & Grill, Angola, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 833-9676

Tom Koenig — Variety at Auburn City Steakhouse, Auburn, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 333-7337

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Chris Worth — Variety at Dreamers Hookah Lounge, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 424-0442

Dirty Deeds w/Completely Unchained — AC/DC tribute at Kehoe Park, Bluffton, 6:30-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 824-6069

Friday Night Vibes — Variety at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

James Baker Duo — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Mantra of Morta, Demons of Wrathica, Northaven, FS, Sweet Stage of Hell — Metal at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. \$7, (260) 399-6336

Pan Man Dan — Variety at HT2, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 616-0444

Tierra Gibson — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Anti-Clutch, Graveripper, Filth Spewer, Black Crown Serpent — Rock at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m. \$5, (260) 399-6336

Chelsea Erickson — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Cold Call — Variety at Hamilton House, Hamilton, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 488-3344

D Ferren & The Sad Bastards — Rock/variety at West Central Quarantine Concerts, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. donation requested, (425) 306-6360

James Baker Trio — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

The Kickbacks — Rock at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover 21+, (260) 422-5896

Mountain Dewe Boys — Country at Eagles Post 2653, Decatur, 8 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 273-7169

Todd Harrold Collective — Variety at KOA Campgrounds, Bluffton, 6 p.m. no cover, (260) 824-0127

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Monday Blues Jam Sessions with G Money — Blues at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Alicia Pyle Quartet (APQ) & Friends — Jazz at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Hubie Ashcraft and Missy Burgess — Variety at Mad Anthony Lakeview Ale House, Angola, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 833-2537

Q & The Coldfusion — Summer Nights at the Embassy at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 5-9 p.m. \$5, (260) 424-5665

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Austin Marsh — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Fort Wayne Music Festival: Cowboy — Variety at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m. \$10-\$20, (260) 422-7625

June Star — Variety at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 399-6336

MoRockinz — Variety at Madison Street Plaza, Decatur, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 724-2604

Todd Harrold Collective — Variety, Lunch on the Square at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 11:30 a.m. no cover, (260) 422-7625

Valerie Ingle — Variety at Auburn City Steakhouse, Auburn, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 333-7337

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Autumn Academy, OLC, Adience — Rock/pop at 1601 Harrison St., Fort Wayne, 11 p.m.-3 a.m. \$5-\$10, 50% off w/proof of Fort Wayne Music Festival ticket purchase, (260) 273-2573

Chris Worth & Company — Variety at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

Fort Wayne Music Festival — Variety at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 4 p.m.-midnight \$22.50-\$45, (260) 422-7625

Friday Night Vibes — Variety at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

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all for One's new podcast features readings from classic novels

While many things are still up in the air for the months ahead, all for One has an exciting lineup set for the 2020-2021 season.

The lineup includes *The Dreadful Journal of Phoebe Weems* in September, *A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas* in November, *Mary's Wedding* in February, and *The Charitable Sisterhood of the Second Trinity Victory Church* in April.

But like many other local arts organizations, all for One is branching out this year with some virtual entertainment. Those who



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may not feel comfortable in a theater can enjoy some of the programming that all for One has been offering for more than 25 years.

With its podcast *For Starters*, the faith-based theater company will be offering single chapter readings of some well-known as well as lesser-known works.

The readings will allow some local theater talent to share their voices. The result should provide a tantalizing introduction to some literary classics — all for One's bread and butter — which should in turn inspire many to read the remaining chapters of the book in question.

Among early novels to be shared are *Little Women*, *The Scarlett Pimpernel*, *Peter Pan*, *The Enchanted Castle*, and *The Boxcar Children*.

The program will launch in August, so check with all for One's Facebook page and the pages of *Whatzup* for further details.

VIRTUAL EDITIONS OF TRADITIONS

There are several other favorite events which will have a virtual edition this year, including Taste of the Arts and the popular Dinner Dance.

The good folks at Arts United are already busy creating virtual programming for this year's Taste of the Arts, with several different venues and arts organizations creating content that can be enjoyed at home in lieu of the annual August gathering at the Arts Campus.

The Dinner Dance has become a staple of Fort Wayne's fall social calendar, serving as

a fundraiser and a friendraiser for Positive Resource Connection. Once a somewhat small and underground event, a now diverse population gathers each October to celebrate and maintain focus on the battle against AIDS which is still more prevalent than people may think.

The Dinner Dance will include a virtual silent auction as well as other enticements to substitute for the annual party downtown.

Plans are still evolving for each, so check back in these pages or visit the Dinner Dance and Taste of the Arts pages on Facebook for more details.

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Nightlife

Mad Anthony Lake City Tap House

Music/Rock • 113 E. Center St., Warsaw • (574) 268-2537

EXPECT: The eclectic madness of the original combined with hand-crafted Mad Anthony ales and lagers. Carry-out handcrafted brews available. Live music on Saturdays. Expanded menu, including one of the best pizzas in America and a large vegetarian menu. **GETTING THERE:** From U.S. 30, turn southwest on East Center Street; go 2 miles. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-midnight Fri.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

Mad Anthony's Lakeview Ale House

Eclectic • 4080 N 300 W, Angola • (260) 833-2537

EXPECT: Twelve handcrafted beers on tap; also featuring Indiana craft beers and local wines. Patio with seating for 100; seven dock slips; 150-seat banquet facility. Expanded menu, including famous gourmet pizza, unique eats and vegetarian fare. **GETTING THERE:** Located on beautiful Lake James above Bledsoe's Beach. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Fri.-Sat. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

Mad Anthony Tap Room

Music/Rock • 114 N. Main St., Auburn • (260) 927-0500

EXPECT: The eclectic madness of the original combined with hand-crafted Mad Anthony ales and lagers. Expanded menu, including one of the best pizzas in America and a large vegetarian menu. **GETTING THERE:** Take I-69 to State Road 8 (Auburn exit); downtown, just north of courthouse. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-11 a.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-midnight Fri.-Sat.; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

Mitchell's Sports & Neighborhood Grill

Sports & Music • 6179 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne • (260) 387-5063

EXPECT: Family-friendly atmosphere, great food, all sports packages on over 70 TVs, craft beers, and more. Great food from wings and pizza to gourmet sandwiches and entrees. Bloody Mary bar Sundays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. **GETTING THERE:** On the corner of Getz Road and West Jefferson Boulevard, southwest Fort Wayne. **HOURS:** 4 p.m.-close Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-close Friday-Saturday. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

State Grill

Pub/Tavern • 1210 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne • (260) 483-5618

EXPECT: 1st Tavern to pour beer after Prohibition; located in a fun and friendly neighborhood; home of the XKE Cranials & most dangerous jukebox. Daily drink specials include \$2 Tall Boy PBR everyday, get grilled everyday with \$2 Fireball add-on special. Golden Tee. Free WIFI. Fort Wayne's Sammy Hagar bar & Santo Mezquila, Riverbend Pizza. **GETTING THERE:** Corner of State and Crescent. **HOURS:** 4 p.m.-3 a.m. Mon., 1 p.m.-3 a.m. Tues.-Fri., noon-3 a.m. Sat., noon-2 a.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** Cash only; ATM on site

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Live Music & Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

James Baker Duo — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Joe Justice — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Motor Folkers — Variety at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, IN, 8:30-11:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 760-1421

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 5-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 920-4377

Todd Harrold Collective — Variety at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 422-5896

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Blood of Heroes, Coffin Witch, Cremated Souls, Kill Thy Neighbor — Metal at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. \$8, (260) 399-6336

Bulldogs — Variety/oldies at Garrett's End of Summer Bash, Garrett, 4-7 p.m. no cover, (260) 348-3645

Fort Wayne Music Festival: The Y's Guys, DJ Double K — Variety at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.-midnight \$5-\$15, (260) 422-7625

Helicon's Peak — Variety at Corner Pocket Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 492-7665

James Baker Trio — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Renegade — Country at Hamilton House, Hamilton, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 488-3344

SideBand — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Todd Harrold Collective — Variety at American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, 6 p.m. no cover, (260) 423-4751

U.R.B. — Funk at West Central Quarantine Concerts, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. donation requested, (425) 306-6360

Picks GREAT THINGS TO DO IN FORT WAYNE AND BEYOND

BBQ Ribfest

6-11 p.m. Friday, July 31, and Saturday, Aug. 1
Headwaters Park, 333 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne
\$15 • bbqribfest.com

The organizers of Fort Wayne's BBQ Ribfest are helping us get back to normal as they present what has become one of the summers most anticipated annual events.

This year's festival was postponed from the usual Fathers Day weekend and will instead take place July 31 and Aug. 1 in its usual home of Headwaters Park.

Unfortunately, because of the events of 2020, the festivities are being trimmed from four days to just two and no national rib teams will compete in the Summit City this year.

With that in mind, music is the big draw this time around with a few local food and beverage vendors strategically stationed around the venue to help satisfy any cravings or thirsts you might encounter.

Thunderstruck, America's premier AC/DC tribute band, will perform on opening night, playing all the hits we know in as true a form as you'll likely ever hear them played without actually seeing the Australian legends themselves.

While Thunderstruck are the headliners, you'll want to get there shortly after the doors open at 6 p.m. to catch opening act The Mark May Band. That band



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features the former guitarist and vocalist for Dicky Betts & Great Southern.

If you're ears aren't ringing too badly following that show, stop back on Saturday to check out Rumours ATL, a Fleetwood Mac tribute act that is widely considered to be among the best at playing the songs of the British-American band that has sold over 120 million albums over five decades.

Local band Daily Driver, featuring guitarist Don Carr who played with the Oak Ridge Boys for 23 years and has also performed with the likes of Tim McGraw, Earl Thomas Conley, Merle Haggard, Marty Stuart, and even James Brown, will open. Masks will be required to enter. — Chris Hupe

New Wave legends to tour States next year

New Order and Pet Shop Boys were set to begin a tour of North America in September but have postponed the co-headlining stint until September of next year.

The two British new wave legends will play 12 shows in the States, including a gig at Huntington Bank Pavilion in Chicago on Oct. 1, 2021.

New Order last released an album in 2015. Titled *Music Complete*, it reached No. 2 on the Billboard UK album chart.

Pet Shop Boys released their 14th studio album last year, reaching No. 3 on the Billboard UK album chart and No. 1 on Billboard's Top Dance/Electronic Album Chart.

BACK IN BLACK IS BACK

AC/DC's *Back in Black* turns 40 years old this year, so a celebration is in order. In lieu of a proper tour by the Aussie legends, some famous fans got together to film a rockumentary about the album.

Hosted by Jared James Nichols, *AC/DC Back in Black 40th Anniversary: A Visual Celebration* features performances, testimonials, and guitar tutorials from **Slash**, **Twisted Sister's Dee Snider**, **William DuVall** of **Alice in Chains**, members of **Cage the Elephant**, **Trivium**, **Anthrax**, **Airbourne**, **Beartooth**, **Refused**, **Lamb of God**, **GWAR**, **The Runaways**, and even Hispanic music artists **Mana** and **Juanes**. It's an hour and thirty-four minutes well spent learning about one of the most iconic albums ever made. You can find it on YouTube.

METAL RESCHEDULED

Metal fans will be happy to find out **Sepultura** have rescheduled dates for their postponed 2020 tour featuring the legendary **Sacred**

On the Road

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38 Special	Sept. 26	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
5 Seconds of Summer	June 6 '21	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
5 Seconds of Summer	June 16 '21	White River State Park	Indianapolis
5 Seconds of Summer	June 18 '21	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Aaron Lewis	Sept. 19	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
The Airborne Toxic Event	Mar. 11 '21	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Alabama	Oct. 15	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Alabama	Oct. 23	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Alabama	Oct. 24	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Alan Jackson	Aug. 28	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Align	Sept. 10	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Amy Grant	Oct. 16	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Amyl and the Sniffers	Oct. 23	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Andrea Bocelli	Dec. 6	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Anthem Lights	Sept. 19	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Anthony Gomes	Nov. 6	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
Atlanta Rhythm Section	June 4 '21	T. Furth Center, Trine University	Angola
The Australian Pink Floyd Show	Aug. 29 '21	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Bad Bad Hats	Aug. 23	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Banda MS	Sept. 25-26	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Billy Joel	June 26 '21	Notre Dame Stadium	South Bend
Billy Strings	Dec. 29	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Billy Strings	Dec. 30	The Fillmore	Detroit
Black Stone Cherry w/Saint Asonia, Coldville, Calloused, Saints Among Us	Oct. 3	Eclectic Room	Angola
Blackhawk	Sept. 11	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Bob Zany & Costaki Economopoulos	Sept. 10	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Boney James	Oct. 7 '21	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Boz Scaggs	Aug. 11	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Brian Culbertson	Apr. 7 '21	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Brubeck Brothers Quartet	Nov. 1	The Palladium	Carmel
Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers	June 16 '21	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Buddy Guy	Oct. 22	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Building 429	July 9 '21	T. Furth Center, Trine University	Angola
Carol Burnett	Sept. 20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Casting Crowns	Aug. 13	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Chicago	Nov. 15	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Circa Survive	Jan. 14 '21	House of Blues	Cleveland
Circa Survive	Jan. 16 '21	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Circa Survive w/Gouge Away	Feb. 7 '21	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Clint Black	Oct. 15	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Coheed and Cambria w/Chon	Sept. 9	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Crowder	Sept. 18	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Dance Gavin Dance	Apr. 8 '21	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Dance Gavin Dance	Apr. 10 '21	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Dave Matthews Band	June 15 '21	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Dave Matthews Band	June 16 '21	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Dave Matthews Band	June 18-19 '21	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Dave Matthews Band	June 22 '21	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Dave Matthews Band	June 29 '21	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
David Foster w/Katharine McPhee	Jan. 19 '21	Fox Theatre	Detroit
David Foster	Jan. 21 '21	The Palladium	Carmel
David Phelps	Oct. 8	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
David Sedaris	Dec. 3	The Palladium	Carmel
David Spade	Aug. 7	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Dead Can Dance	Apr. 27 '21	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Dead Can Dance	Apr. 28 '21	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Def Leppard w/ZZ Top	Oct. 9	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Dennis DeYoung	Apr. 16 '21	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Deon Cole	Sept. 5	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Dokken w/Lynch Mob	Oct. 18	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Duke Dumateo and the Power Trio	Apr. 22 '21	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
The Fab Four	Aug. 29 '21	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Five Finger Death Punch	Nov. 5	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Five Finger Death Punch	Nov. 8	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Five Finger Death Punch	Nov. 9	Heritage Bank Arena	Cincinnati

Foo Fighters	Oct. 3	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	Cleveland
Foo Fighters	Oct. 5	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Foo Fighters	Oct. 7	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Foo Fighters	Oct. 13	Heritage Bank Arena	Cincinnati
For King & Country	Sept. 17	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Fozzy	Oct. 26	Apollo Theater	Belvidere, IL

Fozzy w/Through Fire, Royal Bliss, Zero Theorem, Black Satellite	Nov. 12	The Eclectic Room	Angola
Frank Marino & Mahogany Rush	Oct. 22	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Gabriel Iglesias	Oct. 18	United Center	Chicago
Gaither Vocal Band	Oct. 7	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Gaither Vocal Band	Nov. 7	The Palladium	Carmel
Gary Allan	Sept. 19	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Gladys Knight	Nov. 12	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Gladys Knight	Nov. 13	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Gladys Knight	Aug. 21 '21	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
The Glenn Miller Orchestra	Feb. 4 '21	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Gordon Lightfoot	Oct. 2	Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Grand Funk Railroad	Oct. 9	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Greer	Dec. 14	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Gregory Porter	Oct. 20	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Gregory Porter w/Ledisi	Feb. 17 '21	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Gretchen Wilson	Oct. 3	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Halsey	June 23 '21	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Halsey	June 25 '21	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Halsey	June 26 '21	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Hot Mulligan	Dec. 5	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
I Am He Said	Oct. 3	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
Iliza Shlesinger	Nov. 21	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Isaacs	Oct. 1	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
James Taylor w/Jackson Browne	June 9 '21	United Center	Chicago
James Taylor	June 11 '21	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
James Taylor w/Jackson Browne	June 12 '21	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
James Taylor w/Jackson Browne	June 14 '21	Nutter Center	Dayton
Jamey Johnson	Sept. 3	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Jamey Johnson	June 26 '21	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
Jeff Dunham	Nov. 19	Nutter Center	Dayton
Jeff Foxworthy	June 5 '21	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Jim Breuer	Nov. 27	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Jimmy Fortune	Sept. 11	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Jo Koy	Oct. 3	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Jo Koy	Nov. 12-13	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
John Cusack	Dec. 5	Masonic Cathedral Theatre	Detroit
John McCutcheon	Oct. 16	Old Town School	Chicago
John Michael Montgomery, David Nail	Sept. 5	Van Wert County Fair	Van Wert
John Potter	Nov. 10	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Johnny Mathis	Dec. 12	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
JoJo Siwa	July 17 '21	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Jonny Lang	Nov. 13	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Josh Turner	June 4 '21	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Juice	Aug. 13	Subterranean	Chicago
Justin Bieber	June 22-23 '21	United Center	Chicago
Justin Bieber	June 25 '21	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Justin Bieber	June 28 '21	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Kaleo	June 23 '21	The Fillmore	Detroit
Kansas	Sept. 26	Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Kaytranada	May 8 '21	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds	Sept. 18	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band	June 12 '21	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
The Killers	Oct. 9	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	Cleveland
Kindo	Aug. 18	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
King Krule	Dec. 2	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
KISS w/David Lee Roth	Sept. 11	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
KISS w/David Lee Roth	Sept. 12	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
KISS w/David Lee Roth	Sept. 14	Nutter Center	Dayton
Kool & The Gang w/The Sweetwater All Stars	Sept. 3 '21	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Ladies Night Out Comedy Tour	Feb. 5 '21	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
The Last Podcast on the Left	Aug. 12	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Lauren Daigle w/Johnnyswim	Mar. 11 '21	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne

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Lauren Daigle w/Johnnyswim	Mar. 12 '21	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Lauryn Hill	Sept. 9	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Leonid & Friends w/The Sweetwater All Stars	Nov. 20	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Little Big Town	Oct. 1	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Little Big Town	Oct. 22-23	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Little River Band	Sept. 4	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
The Lone Bellow	Aug. 5	Bell's Eccentric Cafe	Kalamazoo
The Lone Bellow	Oct. 30	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Los Lobos w/The Summit	Mar. 27 '21	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Lost Dog Street Band	Dec. 15	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Louis Tomlinson	Apr. 15 '21	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Louis Tomlinson	Apr. 17 '21	The Fillmore	Detroit
Luke Bryan	June 10 '21	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Maren Morris	June 18 '21	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
Maren Morris	June 19 '21	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Marshmello	Sept. 9	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Martina McBride	Aug. 28	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Matt Stell w/Chris Bandi and Ray Fulcher	Sept. 19	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Melissa Etheridge	Sept. 25	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
MercyMe w/Mac Powell, Micah Tyler	Apr. 8 '21	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Michael Buble	Feb. 23 '21	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Michael Buble	Mar. 20 '21	Heritage Bank Arena	Cincinnati
Michael W. Smith	Oct. 9	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Mike Birbiglia	May 21 '21	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Milky Chance	Nov. 5	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Million Dollar Quartet	Oct. 22 '21	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Ministry w/KMFDM, Front Line Assembly	Apr. 9 '21	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Ministry w/KMFDM, Front Line Assembly	Apr. 10 '21	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Ministry w/KMFDM	Apr. 12 '21	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Molly Hatchet	Oct. 15	Eclectic Room	Angola
The Musical Box	Nov. 6	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
NateWantsToBattle	Apr. 18 '21	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
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Newsboys w/Mandisa	Aug. 29	Fair Haven Church	Hudsonville, MI
Night Ranger	Oct. 31	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Nikki Glaser	Nov. 28	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Nombe	Mar. 27 '21	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Oak Ridge Boys	Oct. 2	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Olafur Arnalds	Oct. 30	Rubloff Auditorium	Chicago
Omarion, Bow Wow, Ashanti, Pretty Ricky, Ying Yang Twins, Sammie, Soulja Boy	Apr. 9 '21	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Papadosio	Sept. 11-12	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Parkway Drive w/Hatebreed, Knocked Loose, Fit For a King	Sept. 1	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Pat Hazell	Mar. 16 '21	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Phil Vassar	Sept. 26	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Poco	June 25 '21	T. Furth Center, Trine University	Angola
Pokey LaFarge	Mar. 12 '21	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Postmodern Jukebox	Sept. 18	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Pure Prairie League w/The Why Store	Sept. 18 '21	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
REO Speedwagon	Oct. 30	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Restless Heart and Shenandoah	Oct. 30	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
The Revivalists	Oct. 24	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Ricky Gervais	Feb. 8-9 '21	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder	Sept. 12	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Rita Moreno	Oct. 3	The Palladium	Carmel
Ron Keel Band	Aug. 22	Home Run Memorial Park	Kenton, OH
Ron White	Jan. 23 '21	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Russ	May 22 '21	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Russ	June 3 '21	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
Ryan Niemiller	Feb. 25 '21	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Ryan Stevenson	Sept. 24	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Samantha Fish	Aug. 25	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
Samantha Fish w/Southern Avenue	Aug. 27 '21	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Sarah Brightman	Oct. 15	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Scotty McCreery	Sept. 5	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Sleaford Mods	Oct. 7	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Snow Patrol	Oct. 17	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Straight No Chaser	Mar. 26 '21	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Styx	Mar. 13 '21	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Styx	July 22 '21	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Tech N9ne	Oct. 16	The Fillmore	Detroit
Terry Fator	Oct. 17	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
The Teskey Brothers	Oct. 11	Vic Theatre	Chicago
The Texas Tenors	Sept. 16	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
They Might Be Giants	May 31 '21	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Thomas Rhett	June 17 '21	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Thomas Rhett	June 18 '21	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Thomas Rhett	June 19 '21	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Three Dog Night	Oct. 23	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Tigran Hamasyan	Sept. 7	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
TobyMac w/Cochren & Co.	May 3 '21	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Todd Rundgren	Jan. 30-31 '21	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Tower of Power w/Sweetwater All Stars	June 9 '21	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Trace Mountains w/Jess Throver	Oct. 13	Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Travis Tritt	Oct. 2	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Travis Tritt	Mar. 18 '21	Hobart Arena	Troy, OH
Trevor Hall	Sept. 9	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Trevor Noah	Nov. 22	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Walk Off the Earth	Feb. 17 '21	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Ward Davis	Nov. 19	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Weathers	Feb. 28 '21	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
The Weeknd w/Sabrina Claudio, Don Toliver	June 21 '21	United Center	Chicago
The Weeknd w/Sabrina Claudio, Don Toliver	June 24 '21	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Whiskey Myers w/Bones Owens	July 30 '21	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Widespread Panic	Apr. 1-3 '21	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Willie Nelson	Apr. 23 '21	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Yardbirds	Oct. 2	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
Zach Williams w/We the Kingdom and Cain	Oct. 4	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne

Road Notes

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The new dates kick off in March 2021 and include Detroit on March 13, 2021; Chicago on March 14, 2021; and Cleveland on March 23, 2021.

Sepultura's latest album, *Quadra*, was released on Feb. 7. **Crowbar** and **Art of Shock** will open the shows.

CALLING OUT AN S.O.S.

Save Our Stages is a movement originated by the National Independent Venue Association aimed at persuading Congress to provide some financial support to small, independent venues that are not able to open during the pandemic.

Their statement argues that the independent venues were the first to close and will be the last to fully reopen. With zero revenue but continuing obligations like mortgage/rent, bills, loans, taxes, and insurance, 90 percent of independent venues report they will close permanently in a few months without federal funding.

Current PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) funding will not solve the crisis as most small venues do not meet the filing criteria.

Many artists, including **Dave Grohl** of **Foo Fighters**, **Mavis Staples**, **Lady Gaga**, **André 3000**, **Coldplay**, **Willie Nelson**, **Billie Ellish**, and **Gary Clark Jr.** are encouraging fans to write their Congressional representatives and encourage them to support independent venues with funding that will help them survive.

You can check it all out at [SaveTheStages.com](https://www.savethestages.com) to ensure we have a nice selection of places to go see shows when things get back to “normal” in the future.

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Road Trips

LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

Bulldogs

July 31	Final Fridays Concert, Warren, IN
Aug. 1	Stateline Festival, Union City, IN
Aug. 7	Bethel Pointe Health, Muncie, IN
Aug. 19	FROG RV Rally, Elkhart, IN
Aug. 21	Quincy Main Street, Quincy, MI

Hubie Ashcraft Band

Aug. 1	Edon Days, Edon, OH
Aug. 7	Little Nashville Festival, Ottawa, OH
Aug. 8	Schweizer Festival, Tell City, OH
Aug. 21	Wren Days, Wren, OH
Sept. 6	Park Carnival, Ottoville, OH

Joe Justice

July 31	Sycamore Lake Wine Co., Columbus Grove, OH
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Jordan Lawson

Aug. 14	Golfo di Napoli Dairy, Warren
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Mountain Dewe Boys

Aug. 22	American Legion Post 211, Portland, IN
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Camping and music together at Andy Fest

Venerable Buck Lake Ranch stage the locale

BY STEVE PENHOLLOW
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

The Andy Music Fest grew out of annual camping trips that the members of the band Sum Morz used to take together.

They were musical camping trips, to be specific — probably the sort of thing that just naturally happens when musicians go camping.

One year, hardly anyone showed up. That upset lead singer Crystal “C-Note” Clouse so much that she created a festival as a way of compelling those no-shows to attend in the future.

IN MEMORY OF ANDY

She called it the Andy Music Fest. It was named for Andy Hiatt, brother of Chad Hiatt, the band’s rhythm guitarist. Andy Hiatt was a huge fan of the band and of the camping trips and he was quite sick at the time.

He subsequently passed away in 2017. “He got brain cancer as a young teen,” Clouse said. “He survived it and went on to spend 30 years traveling and speaking. In the end, it was throat cancer. But, man, he really lived during the time in between.”

The Andy Music Fest continues in his memory.

And not even Covid-19 can stop it this year. The 2020 edition of the festival will happen at Buck Lake Ranch in Angola on Aug. 8 and 9. Tickets sales will be capped at 250.

“Ron Weimer [co-owner of Buck Lake Ranch] and I decided to move forward with it,” Clouse said. “I was like, ‘As long as we’re safe. As long as we do it safely.’ This isn’t going to be a free-for-all. We’re going to make sure everybody’s social distancing.”

BROWN FAMILY MUSIC

Andy Music Fest was, at least in part, created in the image of the Brown Family concerts that used to happen annually at Foellinger Theatre (Clouse is a former Brown).

Several Brown Family bands will perform at Andy Fest this year, including Pop n Fresh (fronted by Clouse’s parents, Ted and



COURTESY PHOTOS

Local band Pop n Fresh perform on the Buck Lake Ranch stage at a previous show.

Adam Baker and the Heartache is another local band that will join the festivities at Buck Lake Ranch.



Pamela Brown), Saric the Majestic Fuzzbeast (fronted by Clouse’s sister, Sarah Brown), and Plumdingo (fronted by Clouse’s sister, Dusty Brown).

Clouse also has a musical sister-in-law, Barbie Brown, who is a popular karaoke host. Barbie will be singing backup for Pop n Fresh during the festival.

Non-Brown acts include Adam Baker and the Heartache, Clinton Kelly, and a venerable local group with a naughty name. Let’s just call the lead singer Big Richard.

A band from Indianapolis named

Ramshackle will also appear, Clouse said.

There will be vendors selling clothing, jewelry and art, and food trucks selling...well, food.

Both tent camping and RV camping can be accommodated at Buck Lake.

BUCK LAKE RANCH GLORY DAYS

Buck Lake Ranch hasn’t exactly loomed large in our collective cultural consciousness in recent years. But it was once one of Indiana’s most famous music venues. “Nashville of the North” it was called.



The Kickbacks are also on the docket.

ANDY MUSIC FEST

Friday, Aug. 7-Sunday, Aug. 9
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Among the artists who performed on its stages: Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton, Jerry Lee Lewis, Gene Autry, Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn, Buddy Holly, George Jones, the Everly Brothers, Tammy Wynette, Elvis Presley, and Merle Haggard.

Among the comedians who appeared there: The Three Stooges.

“I actually scouted different places,” Clouse said. “Ron met with me and I was like, ‘This is perfect. This is music history and this is what we are.’ He’s really helped me build this because I had no idea what I was doing.”

Clouse said Weimer intends to return Buck Lake Ranch to its glory days.

“He’s putting a lot of work into it,” she said. “He has a vision for the place. I get excited every time he tells me about it. He’s making a green room for the band where he is going to cook for them. He wants to make band quarters where they can shower and stay.”

“He’s breathing life into it,” Clouse said. “He’s constantly working. Every time I see him, he is hard-core working on some project.”

Clouse said Chilly Addams, a local musician who died last December at the age of 49, performed at the festival last year because a Buck Lake appearance had always been on his “bucket list.”

Like Andy Hiatt, Addams lost a battle with cancer.

The Andy Music Fest exists as a tribute to musicians and music lovers who have been taken from us, but Clouse doesn’t want it to be seen as primarily a memorial.

“It’s not about people who have passed away,” she said. “It’s about celebrating music with friends. That’s it. That’s as simple as you can put it.”

ALBUM OF THE WEEK

EMMURE
HINDSIGHT

The nu metal and metalcore stalwarts have returned with their new album, *Hindsight*. Over 13 blistering tracks clocking in at a half hour, Emmore prove their potency through singles like "Gypsy Disco," "Uncontrollable Descent," and "Pig's Ear." Recording took place after the highly successful tour for their previous album and wrapped up just before the onset of the pandemic. Get *Hindsight* for \$11.99 on CD at all Wooden Nickel Music stores.

TOP SELLERS

WEEK ENDING JULY 26, 2020

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| 4 | - | PRIMAL FEAR
Metal Commando |
| 5 | - | NECK DEEP
All Distortions Are Intentional |
| 6 | 5 | MARGO PRICE
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Nick D'Virgilio

Invisible

Midlife crisis has been addressed by individual songs before. But in an industry driven by youth, a whole concept album about the topic has not surfaced — until now.

After an opening overture recorded by no less than the string section at Abbey Road, the protagonist in Nick D'Virgilio's narrative postulates that he is essentially invisible, unseen, and unappreciated in a meaningless career. As his poignant lyric says, "Hunger makes the mind do strange things / When you know you've got in you to do more than you ever dreamed."

Following that are songs of this attempt to throw off dull existence. The opening keyboard riffs of "Turn Your Life Around" are one of many musical doffs of the chapeau to Nick's late friend, Kevin Gilbert, but then the song ends up rocking. This sends us into the mega-funky "I'm Gone." Following is a reimagined, minor-key cover of "Money (That's What I Want)" that's just cool.

"Waiting for No One," a slow ballad, shows us the real star of this album: NDV's excellent expressive singing voice. "Invisible" is not a prog album or "a drummer's album," though those elements are present. This is more an all-around rockin' album, showing off D'Virgilio's talents at singing, writing, and playing other instruments.

The guest list of uber-musicians are from the prog and rock world's pantheon of players, including Jonas Reingold, Randy McStein, Tony Levin, and Rick Neilsen, plus all the great players and singers at Sweetwater Studios, under the skilled production hands of Mark Hornsby and Sir Surack.

After the shuffle "Snake Oil Salesman" comes the Beatle-esque single that conveys the album's concept most memorably, "Where's the Passion?"

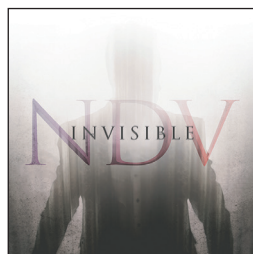
Next, the album goes all Spock's Beard-ish, with a fusion of gospel, rock, and prog in one of its strongest songs, "Mercy," that evokes the best memories of the D'Virgilio-led era of that band. That rocking and progging vibe continues into "Overcome" and "In My Bones."

Ghosts of Gentle Giant show up to haunt all of our souls in the multiple vocal permutations of "Wrong Place Wrong Time," where the album's protagonist almost loses his life, apparently while trying to save someone else's.

"Not My Time to Say Goodbye" is our hero's turning point, in the emergency room, as doctors try to save his life. He realizes the value of his "invisible" life, and there are still important things to accomplish.

The album wraps up with "I Know the Way," where he realizes the second chance he is given, that he is loved, and he goes on to a more appreciative existence.

This album is pop enough to pick out really likable lyrics and melodies right away, but it is also well-produced and deeply progressive enough to appreciate new things with each listen. — *Keith Roman*



Bob Dylan

Rough and Rowdy Ways

It's not surprising that, as he approaches 80, Bob Dylan is digging through his box of nostalgia in search of new things to say. His latest album is focused on old relationships, lost vitality, and unadorned memories. Menacing figures, mysterious riders, false prophets, pirates, and mythical warriors roam through the songs, full of faded bravado, obsolete virility, and old-fashioned notions of creativity.

The opening track, "I Contain Multitudes," comes off like a pseudo-intellectual version of Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire." Dylan runs through a litany of bad rhymes and name dropping that includes Poe, Anne Frank, Indiana Jones, the Rolling Stones, William Blake, Chopin, and Beethoven. He makes veiled references to Walt Whitman in the song's title and to David Bowie by clumsily rhyming the title with "all the young dudes." The name-dropping continues in "My Own Version of You" and "Mother of Muses."

The generals in the latter song also set the tone for the album's artistic machismo. In this song, Dylan calls on mythical women to give him inspiration. In "My Own Version of You," he robs graves to build a Frankenstein memory of a woman from his past. In "Crossing the Rubicon," he wreaks havoc through a mythical landscape.

Rough and Rowdy Ways is a stroll through the dusty shelves of the library, an hour of browsing through old history books, the classics, and biographies of famous men. It feels like Dylan's document of an era, an era that, at best, is long gone and maybe never really existed. — *Evan Gillespie*

Jason Mraz

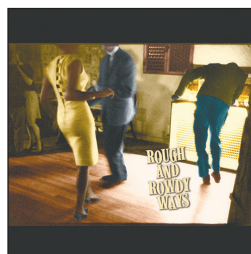
Look for the Good

As America grapples with a pandemic, economic catastrophe, and social unrest, most people have trouble finding anything to be optimistic about.

Not Jason Mraz. His latest album cranks the volume on his trademark happiness, settling stubbornly into a bouncy, look-on-the-bright-side vibe. Ironically, that's probably going to lead many listeners to loathe an album that's intended to spark good feelings.

It doesn't help that Mraz builds the album on the kind of poppy faux reggae that makes critics' blood boil. Even when a song's melody doesn't particularly fit the style (e.g., "Make Love"), there's an offbeat rhythm chugging in the background.

Mraz hits all the highlights of positivity. There are calls to make love not war, take care of the environment, find your own specialness, and love your neighbor. "The secret to peace is to quiet the brain," he explains in "My Kind," "letting go with



Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

Thin Lizzy

Nightlife (1974)



Thin Lizzy began in 1969 as the Irish music scene explored mainstream rock with a nod to a traditional folk sound. This fourth record from the group was before the hit single "The Boys Are Back in Town" and explored an attractive, soulful rock sound, something they left behind after this release.

"She Knows" starts it off with some handsome guitars and almost belongs in the Yacht Rock category. Nothing over the top here, but wow, it still sounds really good with the extra guitars in the line-up. The title track has a jazzy tempo, and you can really hear the seamless emotions from vocalist Phil Lynott. "Still in Love With You" is another mellow yet heartfelt standard that again has Lynott's vocals behind some crafty guitars and a blues/jazz arrangement that the band almost completely abandoned after this album.

Side one closes with a piano-and-strings number, "Frankie Carroll." It fits but only because it is placed at the end of side one on a record (it disrupts the pace on a CD).

But side two comes back with a funky bass in "Showdown," a track that reminds one of Steely Dan. Again, this was when the band was still exploring their sound. It works because the guitars are so prominent.

The next track, "Banshee," is 90 seconds of Irish traditional folk (arranged for electric guitars) that clears the way for one of my favorite Thin Lizzy songs, "Philomena." I put this one up there with "Jailbreak" and "Boys..." as one of the pure Thin Lizzy songs that sets them apart from any other band, ever.

If you are a casual Thin Lizzy fan, and want to rediscover their sound, I highly recommend you start with this amazing collection of rock, soul, and jazz. — *Dennis Donahue*

all our hearts and letting love touch everything." If only it were that easy.

But everything in Mraz's world is easy. In "Good Old Daze," he lays out a plan for fixing everything that mainly involves chillin' and thinking good thoughts about things he might do.

The album's title recalls Mr. Rogers' classic advice for children to "look for the helpers" when they encounter a scary situation. It's not bad advice, but at least Mr. Rogers acknowledged that scariness exists. Mraz doesn't do that, and it weakens his message. — *Evan Gillespie*

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From left, Dan Stevens, Sheila Vand, and Jeremy Allen White star in *The Rental*.

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Hackneyed horror movie not worth renting

Following in the footsteps of his big brother James, Dave Franco makes his directing debut with *The Rental*, an insipid and immature horror-thriller that never finds a sense of place or purpose.

Franco tries to shake up the well-worn slasher genre by throwing in the romantic hang-ups of the mumblecore genre, but he doesn't seem to have the mechanics of either genre down.

Existing at the intersection of *Drinking Buddies* and *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, it lacks both the amiable character chemistry of the former and the over-the-top gory kills of the latter.

We're introduced to co-workers Charlie (Dan Stevens) and Mina (Sheila Vand) as they drool over a oceanview Airbnb. Since they just finished a big project, they reward themselves by booking it for a weekend away. Along with Charlie's wife Michelle (Alison Brie) and Mina's boyfriend/Charlie's brother Josh (Jeremy Allen White), the group makes their way to the picturesque rental property.

The sweet deal starts to sour when property manager Taylor (Toby Huss) gives them creepy vibes right from the get-go and it doesn't take long for unresolved sexual tension to rear its ugly head. After making other unsettling discoveries about the house, the four vacationers become the target of a series of violent confrontations from an unseen force.

The setup for *The Rental* — four friends going away for the weekend — is about as old as the slasher genre itself, so the devil, as they say, is in the details. The biggest issue with the film is that the screenplay, co-written by Franco and Joe Swanberg, doesn't adequately capitalize on this hackneyed jumping-off point.

Although Mina is certainly the most likable of the four friends, all of the characters are generally repugnant in their behavior and are increasingly difficult to empathize with.

It certainly doesn't help that Franco indulges some improvisational banter from the quartet, particularly a



Reel Views

BRENT LEUTHOLD

THE RENTAL

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banal set of exchanges interpolating the word "bro."

Franco also carries forth another proud tradition of bad slasher movies: dumb people making dumb decisions just so the plot can move forward. These four seem to be in their mid-30s, yet they have the decision-making abilities and childish senses of humor that would seem more in-line with a misfit group of teenagers.

As the circumstances behind the characters' stay become deadly, several obvious solutions emerge

only to be brushed aside in favor of other hair-brained schemes. It all leads to a head-scratching anticlimax topped off with some overbearing social commentary about *The Way We Live Today*. That the most chilling portion of the movie plays out over the end credits tells you everything you need to know about the previous 88 minutes.

Perhaps fitting for the on-screen buffoons, there are amateur mistakes made off-screen as well. While some of the cinematography by Christian Sprenger takes advantage of the idyllic locale, several key shots are sloppily rendered and unnecessarily murky. The editing by Kyle Reiter cuts away from or omits so many shots of potential violence that it almost seems like they were shooting for a PG-13 rating.

Normally I wouldn't dock a film for holding back on violent images, but when we're talking about a slasher movie, modesty is often not a virtue.

If the ScareBnB horror subgenre is to continue, it needs better torch-bearers than *The Rental*.

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Here are a few slightly-less-pedestrian picks I highly recommend, and how to access them:



Screen Time

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NORTHERN EXPOSURE (1990-95)

Anyone above 40 will likely at least peripherally remember this show about a New York City doctor (Rob Morrow) who gets stationed in a tiny Alaskan town full of lovable eccentrics.

Created by Joshua Brand and John Falsey, the complete *Northern Exposure* box set (26 discs, 86 hours, 110 episodes) can be had for a

measly \$54 via Amazon.

It's wholesome, funny, weird and, in my opinion, one of the all-time best binge watches. Whether you've already seen it or have never heard of it, *Northern Exposure* is an excellent way to kill a few weeks. You will fall in love with this tiny town.

THE WIRE (2002-08)

Regular readers of this column know of my obsession with this show. I watch the whole series once a year and have done so since 2009. I've often called it "my all-time favorite anything," and, considering I've watched it twice since Covid-19 started, I think it's safe to repeat that sentiment.

Sixty episodes over five seasons of the best written and acted television of all-time (in my opinion), *The Wire* has inspired several books and podcasts, including the currently running *Way Down in the Hole*, hosted by Jemele Hill and Van Lathan.

It's my favorite podcast of the year and I've fallen deeply in love with Van Lathan's

brain. I highly recommend either watching or rewatching this show alongside Hill and Lathan.

Also, last time I was at Wal-Mart, I noticed that they had the full series set (61 incredible hours!) available for \$50.

Best \$50 you'll ever spend? I say yes! I want to start *The Wire* over again right now just from writing this little blurb.

PEEP SHOW (2003-15)

This Channel 4 British comedy starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb (something of a modern, edgy, hipster-friendly Laurel and Hardy, sort of) is my comfort food.

Having a bad day? Put on a few *Peep Show* episodes. It's unlike any show you'll ever see in format, style, or presentation. But once you get past that, it's a hoot.

The elevator pitch is simple: we live inside the heads of two incredibly neurotic best frenemies as they attempt to get their lives together in London.

Seinfeld? I like it. *The Office*? I like that one,

too! But for my money, *Peep Show* is the funniest sitcom of all-time. And you can watch the whole dang thing (54 episodes, 22 hours) on Hulu.

ALFRED HITCHCOCK: THE ULTIMATE COLLECTION

There have been a whole lot of Hitchcock collections released over the years, and most of them are bad. Usually they'll package up two or three of his classics with 10 or more of his much lesser films.

This set, which you can get on Amazon right now for just over \$50, is a gem. Presented in a bound booklet, you get 15 Hitchcock films, including *Psycho*, *The Birds*, *Vertigo*, *North by Northwest*, *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, *Marnie*, *Rope*, and *Torn Curtain*.

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Art & Exhibits LOCAL CALENDAR

CURRENT EXHIBITS

By Women: A Selection from the Permanent Collection — Highlighting diverse women artists whose work encompasses topics ranging from identity and beauty to violence and equality, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays, through Sept. 13**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$20, (260) 422-6467

Creative abstracts by Stevie Ross plus Metal Sculpture & Colorful Glass — Showing for her first time with the gallery, **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, through July 30**, Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 436-0927

Here and Now: A Survey on New Contemporary Art — Eleven artists who contribute to the New Contemporary Art movement highlighting an expansion of style since postmodernism, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays, through Aug. 30**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$20, (260) 422-6467

Hidden Truths: New Paintings by Francisco Valverde — Valverde's work utilizes plastic materials to build complexity with the themes of obsession and freedom, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays, through Aug. 30**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$20, (260) 422-6467

Hope Dies Last: The New Armenia — Photographer Michelle Andonian traveled to the historic land of the Armenians to chase the ghosts of her ancestors, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays, through Sept. 27**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$20, (260) 422-6467

Salvador Dali's Stairway to Heaven — Illustrations originally made for a 1934 edition of *Les Chants de Maldoror* and a 1960 edition of Dante Alighieri's *The Divine Comedy*, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays, through Aug. 16**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$20, (260) 422-6467

The Art of Judith Peck — Figurative oil paintings by Washington, D.C., area and internationally shown artist Judith Peck, **Mondays-Thursdays by appointment, 5-8 p.m. Fridays, 4-7 p.m. Saturdays, and 1-4 p.m. Sundays, through Aug. 2**, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, free, (260) 704-5400

ART EVENTS

Plein Air — An informal group of artists enjoying the beauty of painting outside, **8 a.m. Wednesdays**, various locations, Fort Wayne, free, www.fortwayneartists-guild.org/plein-air

Drawn Together — Draw, sketch, doodle, and design with provided pencils and paper, **7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5**, Hop River Brewing Company, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-7195

Critter on Canvas — Paint a live critter on canvas (must pre-register and pre-pay ten days in advance), **2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16**, Fox Island County Park, Fort Wayne, \$30, (260) 449-3180

2020 Covington Art Fair — A two-day community event featuring fine arts, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23**, Covington Plaza, Fort Wayne, free, (412) 613-3353

Taste of the Arts Online — Celebrate the arts with streamed music, theater, and dance, **Aug. 29**, Arts United, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-0646

Art This Way Art Crawl — A live band, artist performing live, and gallery show at each various downtown location, **5-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18**, downtown Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 420-3266

COMING EXHIBITS

Kristy Jo Beber: Colorful Pottery & Paintings — Stoneware pottery with whimsical surface design and her new series of mixed media paintings, **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Orchard through Saturday, Aug. 1-31**, Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 436-0927

Posing Beauty in African American Culture — Explores the contested ways in which African and African American beauty have been represented in historical and contemporary contexts through a diverse range of media, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays, Aug. 22-Oct. 18**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$20, (260) 422-6467

American Impressionism: Treasures from the Daywood Collection — Featuring 41 elegant American paintings, originally from the private collection of Arthur Dayton and Ruth Woods Dayton, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays, Sept. 19-Dec. 13**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$20, (260) 422-6467

Color X Color: Selections from the Chuck Sperry Archive — Sperry continues to add to his thousands of posters for hundreds of bands, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays, Oct. 24-Jan. 31**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$8, (260) 422-6467

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CURRENT

Chalk It Up! — Explore the medium of chalk with provided supplies, daily and weekly themes: Sundays, Wellness; Mondays, Literature; Tuesdays, Games; Wednesdays, Conversation; Thursdays, Dance; Fridays, Science; Saturdays, Art; **2-8 p.m. daily, through Oct. 3**, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

Salomon Farmers Market — Baked goods, honey, crafts, food, entertainment, and children's activities, **4-4:30 p.m. Seniors & Higher Risk Individuals, 4:30-7 p.m. General Public, Wednesdays through Sept. 2**, Salomon Farm Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6028

Historic West Main Street Farmer's Market — Outdoor farm market with fresh produce and other goods, **3-7 p.m. Fridays, through October**, West Main Street Corridor, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 515-9700

Johnnie Mae Farm Market — Fresh vegetables grown on-site, **2-6 p.m. Fridays, through early fall**, 2518 Winter St., Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-5958

Full Moon Hikes — A moonlit adventure to experience nature through a new perspective, **8 p.m. Youth, 9:15 p.m. Adult, Fridays**, Lindenwood Nature Preserve, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6028

Ylni Farmers Market — Fresh produce, a wide variety of organic fruits and vegetables, hand-made jewelry and crafts, local artwork, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 26**, corner of Wayne and Barr Street, Fort Wayne, free, www.ylni.org

Present Tense, Future Calm — Showcase Garden designed to help you pause, relax, and reflect, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 pm Thursday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, closed Mondays, through Nov. 15**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$5, (260) 427-6440

Trek the Trails — Family-friendly bike rides typically 8-9 miles long, with average speed 10-12 mph, **6 p.m. Tuesdays, through Sept. 15**, various locations, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 969-0079

Black & White Film Series: Seven Chances — A financial broker must marry in order to inherit seven million dollars, **7 p.m. Friday, July 31**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

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Back to School Bash — Interactive activities and games, free food and school supplies (while supplies last), live music, and art vendors, **noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1**, Eckhart Park, Auburn, free, (260) 925-5430

Black & White Film Series: Cops — While training with the Viennese special police unit WEGA, Christoph shoots a man and begins internal battles of maintaining hero status or dealing with his symptoms of trauma, **7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

BBQ Ribfest — Enjoy music and food, **Friday, July 31, and Saturday, Aug. 1**, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 422-7625

Harvester Homecoming Festival — Celebrate Harvester's and Navistar's history in Fort Wayne with an all-Harvester classic truck show, historical displays, access to "Proving Grounds" test track, and a reception for those workers, **Friday, July 31- Sunday, Aug. 2**, Friday and Sunday truck owners only, Saturday open to the public 9 a.m. until dusk, Scout Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 241-0963

Miami Indian Heritage Days — Learn about Native American history with a guided tour of Chief Richardville House and Miami Beadwork with Katrina Mitten, **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1**, Chief Richardville House, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 426-2882

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Zoofari — Guests 21 and older can enjoy food, beer, and wine from more than 50 establishments while strolling through the zoo and listening to local bands, **6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7**, Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Fort Wayne, \$75-\$150, (260) 427-2040

Tacos, Tequila, and Margarita Fest — Ten taco vendors, three full bars, music, **11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8**, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 422-7625

Eco Fest — Celebrate going green with retail and nonprofit vendors,

kids' activities, workshops, food, and music, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9**, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 422-7625

Embassy Theatre Film Series: Milk — A biographical film based on the life of gay rights activist and politician Harvey Milk, **2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-5665

Cars & Coffee — Join regional car owners with classic, exotic, muscle, and favorite vehicles for free coffee, **9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15**, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, Auburn, free, (260) 925-3600

Embassy Theatre Film Series: Suffragette — A film about an early 20th century British woman who joins the suffragette movement despite obvious risks, **2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-5665

Embassy Theatre Film Series: 9 to 5 — Three businesswomen find a way to turn the tables on their no-good boss, **2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-5665

Tapestry Virtual Event — Enriching the lives of women in northeast Indiana with virtual activities and an online auction, **Aug. 24-28**, online, free, (260) 481-6854

Stargazing on the Riverfront — Explore the sky through telescopes and view constellations, **9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28**, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

Record Store Day Drops — Celebrate the culture of the indie record store and enjoy new title drops, **Regular store hours, Saturday, Aug. 29**, Wooden Nickel Records, Neat Neat Neat Records and Music, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 484-3635

Embassy Theatre Film Series: Mary Poppins — A magical nanny arrives at the Banks' residence to mend the family, **2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-5665

SEPTEMBER

Miami Indian Heritage Days — Learn about Native American history with a guided tour of Chief Richardville House and Miami Harvest with Dani Tippmann, **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5**, Chief Richardville House, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 426-2882

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Summer Intensive Showcase — Forty students showcase their work on stagings of *Birthday Variations* and *Will Rogers Follies*, **10 a.m. Friday, July 31**, Fort Wayne Ballet, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 424-0646

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

AUGUST

Always ... Patsy Cline — The true story of Cline's friendship with a fan from Houston, **7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 6-8; 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9; 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 13-15; 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16 (65+ only show); 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 20-22;**

6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$17-\$47, (574) 267-8041

Legally Blonde The Musical — A student is set to win back her ex-boyfriend by pursuing Harvard Law School, **7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug 7; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9**, Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, Foellinger Outdoor Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$33, (260) 427-6000

Play On! — A theater group attempts to put on a play despite the interferences of an author who keeps revising the script, doors and cash bar at 6:15 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., curtain at 8 p.m., **8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 7-8; 8**

p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14-15; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16; and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 21-22, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$40, (260) 424-5622

SEPTEMBER

Buckets N Boards — A high-energy show full of percussion, ridiculous songs, tap dancing, and more, **7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3**, Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$15, (260) 563-1102

Clue — Join the iconic oddballs as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up, **7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 10-12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$12, (574) 267-8041

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