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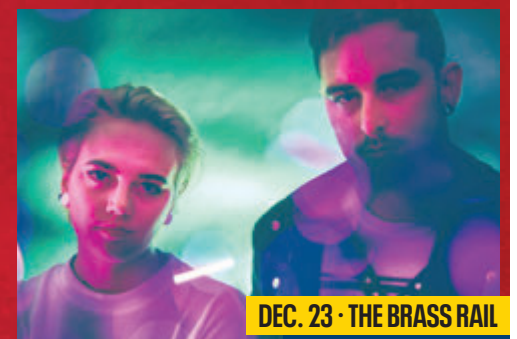
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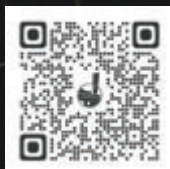
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Activities landscape isn't barren this winter

Dropping temperatures do not mean you have to lock yourself indoors

BY SHELBY PRICE

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Although temperatures have been mild — knock on wood — there is still plenty to do as the winter season has officially begun.

Fort Wayne has tons of winter activities to offer for people of all ages, from sledding and ice skating to toboggan runs and festivals.

GETTING OUT

To start us off, Wild Zoo Wonderland continues at Fort Wayne Children's Zoo through Dec. 30.

With your paid admission, you can check out the red pandas and stingrays while also catching a holiday story with Santa Claus.

If you are looking for something more physical, skate on over to Headwaters Park and check out their seasonal ice-skating rink. Operating until Feb. 25, the rink is open Tuesday-Sunday, with theme nights on Jan. 12 (Skate It Off), Jan. 21 (Frosty Flow), Feb. 1 (Dancing Through the Decades), Feb. 4 (Practice Makes Perfect), and Feb. 17 (Skating with Miracle Sister).

Of course, there is also the art of sledding. Most popular is the OG sled hill in Franke Park, but that is definitely not the only place to take a dive. Shoaff Park, Johnny Appleseed Park, and the Hickory Center School Hill are all also fantastic spots for speeding down a hill.

And if you really want to pick up speed, head to Pokagon State Park in Steuben County for the toboggan run. Bring \$20 along with your park entrance fee to race down the 1,780-foot-long and 90-foot-tall refrigerated track, so it operates when there isn't even snow on the ground. The top speed on this track is 42 miles per hour, so your goal is set.

KEEPING WARM

Personally, I am not very much of a winter gal. I look for activities indoors, where I can stay nice and cozy. You know what makes for a perfect relaxing day? A spa day!



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Whether you're a fan of the outdoors or indoors, Fort Wayne has a lot to offer during wintertime.

Luckily for us, there are plenty of options, including The Woodhouse, 6388 W. Jefferson Blvd., in Covington Plaza; Cali Spa, 1615 W. Dupont Road; 5 Elements, 1824 W. Dupont Road; Tranquil Touch, 2845 E. Dupont Road in Parkwood Office Plaza and 3927 Kraft Pkwy. Suite B; and Intouch Salon Spa, 4633 E. Dupont Road.

After having a relaxing day, maybe you want to go out with your friends. You could head to Crazy Pins, 1414 Northland Blvd.; Pro Bowl West, 1455 Goshen Road; or MVP Lanes, 3810 Lake Ave., grab a drink, and bowl the night away.

If you want to travel a little farther, Roanoke has a Game On Virtual Sports Lounge, 141 S. High St., that is also plenty of fun.

Feeling artsy? Head to Painting with a Twist, 6425 W. Jefferson Blvd., in The Village at Time Corners. This art studio hosts nights where you can paint your own canvas, and enjoy a drink if you'd like. There are nights for those 5 and older, as well as those for 18 and older and even 21 and older.

FEELING FESTIVE

As the weather inevitably turns colder in 2024, there will be a couple of downtown festivals to break the monotony.

On Jan. 27, Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation hosts the 13th annual Winterval. The event is centered downtown but will also have activities at Lindenwood Nature Preserve, The Old Fort, and the Fort Wayne Curling Club. Come out and enjoy ice carvers, do crafts, take a hike, or participate in one of the many options taking place.

Deeper into the winter season, Downtown Fort

Wayne brings back their Weather the Fort festival on Feb. 18 at The Landing. Since 2016, Weather the Fort has been drawing crowds who enjoy live music, interactive art, ice carvers, fire dancers, and adult beverages.

FUN ON A BUDGET

One of my favorite things to do during the holiday season is get in my car and drive around and see all the beautiful holiday decorations.

Some houses put in so much time and money to shine bright and it brings me such joy to see the Christmas lights and the inflatables twinkling for everyone to enjoy.

If you have never taken the time to do this, the time has come. Grab some friends, make some hot chocolate, jump in the car, and see what houses you can find.

And if you come up empty, you can always swing by Franke Park for Blue Jacket's annual Fantasy of Lights through Dec. 31. There you will find all the decorations your heart desires at \$15 per passenger vehicle.

Predicting a snow day coming up? Grab a shovel and some gloves and head outside to build your very own Frosty. One of the cheapest and most fun activities of the year is going outside and building something in the snow.

Here is a fun tip: Put food coloring and water in a spray bottle and take your snow creations to the next level. You also don't have to stick to a traditional snowman. Build a turtle, a castle, a large circle ... the possibilities are endless.

Whatever you choose to do this chilly season, stay safe, stay warm, and have fun!

There's going to be a Rumble at Memorial Coliseum

Midget cars returning for silver anniversary inside the Expo Center

BY JOSHUA SCHIPPER

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

If you thought that a bit of cold weather or even the start of winter could stop the auto racing season, think again.

Spectators will have the chance to feel the rumble of midgets, winged and non-winged 600cc midgets, Baker Racing Engines Quarter Midgets, and go-karts zip around a concrete oval as Rumble in Fort Wayne returns to the Expo Center inside Memorial Coliseum from Dec. 29-30.

COLISEUM TRADITION

The Fort Wayne indoor midget racing scene began in 1953 in a converted hockey rink inside Memorial Coliseum. The racing was put on hold while the Expo Center was being constructed, which resulted in the birth of Rumble in Fort Wayne on a larger oval in 1998.

This year marks the 25th year for Rumble. "Just the fact that it has been able to go that long, is pretty amazing," said Larry Boos, promoter and race director of the two-day event.

Boos, who was raised in the auto racing scene, said the uncertainty of who is going to win will keep spectators on the edge of their seats. He said that because of the close confines of the race, luck just might be as important as driver skill.

"It's a 1/6-mile oval, and everything happens so quickly, that if somebody happens to be at the right spot at the right time, and maybe has never won a race before, this could be their chance to move into the limelight," Boos said.

LOOKING FOR FIRST WIN

Among those looking to be in "the right spot at the right time" will be third-generation driver Joe Liguori of Lebanon, Indiana. He is attempting to capture a victory that has



PHOTO BY CHUCK REED

Veteran racer Joe Liguori of Lebanon, Indiana, will be vying for his first Rumble in Fort Wayne victory Dec. 29-30 at Memorial Coliseum.

eluded him since his 2007 rookie year.

"Each year, as I mail in my entry form, I say to myself, 'Maybe this is the year,' and our team gets to work in preparation of the challenge," Liguori said in a press release.

Liguori plans to race in his highly modified Cliff Jacobs chassis that was built in 1990 and has been updated through the years.

Liguori's stats include three top-three, eight top-five, and 16 top-10 finishes.

He came close to winning last year, leading the race in strong contention for the win when his tire made impact with an infield marker, ending his run.

"I was very upset at the time, but at the end of the night, I was back to being me, head up and smiling," Liguori said. "I have tried nearly everything to change my luck, and it has become somewhat of a standing joke among my racing friends.

"This year, I had foam can coolers imprinted with 'oX Rumble Winner' on them. I sure hope they become outdated quickly."

There have been several notable events in

Rumble's 25-year history.

NASCAR Hall of Famer Tony Stewart's 12 wins at The Rumble leads everyone, while his closest rivals, Russ Gamester and Billy Wease, are tied with five.

BACK FOR MORE

Standing in the way of that first win of Liguori will be Jim Anderson of Joliet, Illinois.

The five-time national midget champion won The Rumble in 2010.

"Racing indoors at the Rumble is very intense," Anderson said in a press release. "The close wheel-to-wheel action is something you have to experience first-hand to enjoy. I've always enjoyed this great event for not only the racing, but also for getting to hang with so many friends from all over who we only see when they come to Fort Wayne."

ACTION-PACKED

Boos stressed the uniqueness of The Rumble, saying while it might be as loud as a concert, it's going to have a "completely different

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feel and a lot of different sights.

"I think it's a form of entertainment that you're not going to see anywhere else in the Fort Wayne area," he said. "I think the uniqueness of it having the full horsepower cars directly in front of them — the seating is pretty much right at the track boundaries, and the sights and sounds — it's pretty intriguing."

Boos said everyone can find something exciting about indoor racing.

"It's for anybody that loves high-speed action, you know, in-your-face action," he said. "It would be like a kid going to a hockey game and waiting for the fight to break out. You know, you go to a race, and you're sitting there just waiting for the action to begin. And, you know, there's accidents, I mean, there's crashes, and there's good side-by-side racing."

He did caution that with the racing being so loud, ear protection is warranted.

LIFELONG VENTURE

Boos has been involved in racing since he graduated from high school, and brings 50 years of experience to The Rumble.

After promoting numerous auto racing events throughout the Midwest, the former Rumble promoter approached him in 2005 to coordinate racing events. Then, in 2018, he was offered the opportunity to purchase the event and has been the promoter, race director, and, as he puts it, the "do it all" since.

"Just growing up, my family towed me along, they were avid race fans," he said. "Ever since I was old enough to sit on a bleacher board, they would tug us to a race track, and I just became a fan of it. ...

"I actually got started doing the news releases and everything. And then it just developed into, you know, one thing after another to where now I do the whole deal."

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Globetrotters bring antics to Coliseum

Hall of Fame inductees were not always about comedy and trick shots

BY ANDREW McNAIR
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

One of the best things about organized sports is the uncertainty of the final result. Die-hard fans invest their emotions into the possibility of the thrill of victory with the understanding they might feel the agony of defeat.

But what if you want to watch the pinnacle of athletic ability without the stress of ending up on the losing side? The Harlem Globetrotters are here for you.

The Harlem Globetrotters bring their brand of stunning athleticism and outrageous showmanship to Memorial Coliseum on Jan. 2.

They will once again face the Washington Generals, who have lost more than 27,000 matchups with the Globetrotters. Promotional materials will tell you the Generals have a chance, but they have not won a game in more than 50 years, so odds are Globetrotter fans will go home happy.

SOCIAL, POLITICAL IMPACTS

Ape Saperstein founded the original Harlem Globetrotters in 1926. At that time they were a competitive team made up of players who could not play in an organized professional league in an era of segregation.

When they beat the NBA champion Minneapolis Lakers back-to-back in 1948 and 1949, the NBA had a reckoning about racial policies. In 1950, Nathaniel “Sweetwater” Clifton became the league’s first Black player when the New York Knicks signed him away from the Globetrotters.

The Globetrotters took advantage of the attention they received from the wins over the Lakers and embarked on their first world tour in 1950. That tour earned them their long-standing nickname of “Ambassadors of Goodwill” from the State Department. Despite the tensions of the Cold War, they played before the largest audience ever to see a basketball game — 75,000 people packed into East Berlin’s Olympic Stadium in 1951 during their 25th anniversary tour.

This was a serious team at the time. One season featured the talents of Wilt Chamberlain, arguably the most talented basketball player of his era. Chamberlain continued his association with the Harlem team, playing with them occasionally during the offseason from his Hall of Fame career.

Around that time, they began the long association with the Washington Generals, who became their regular opponent and an obvious foil for their on-court antics.



HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Harlem Globetrotters bring their 2024 World Tour to Memorial Coliseum on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The Generals legitimately won a game on one night in 1971 when the Globetrotters lost track of the score and couldn’t mount a comeback in time.

It would be The Generals’ only competitive victory. (So far.)

POP CULTURE

The Globetrotters’ popularity skyrocketed in the 1970s and led to some distinctive pop-culture mashups.

They had a self-titled Saturday morning cartoon and appeared as guests on numerous Hanna-Barbera cartoons. They had a live-action variety show called *The Harlem Globetrotters Popcorn Machine*, a title that could not be more perfect for a forgotten ’70s variety show.

They had a superhero-themed cartoon called *The Super Globetrotters*. They even helped Scooby-Doo and the gang solve a mystery and squeezed some kitsch out of the early ’80s with 1981’s *The Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan’s Island*.

That golden era of The Globetrotters made international superstars of Curly Neal, Meadowlark Lemon, and Geese Ausbie.

The 1980s brought U.S. Olympic Champion Lynette Woodard to the team in 1985, the first female ever to play professional basketball. Her presence with the Globetrotters helped ensure the viability of the WNBA.

At age 38, she left the Globetrotters to become the oldest rookie in the WNBA,

joining the Cleveland Rockers in the league’s inaugural season in 1997.

In the 2000s, the Globetrotters continued to tour the world and became the first complete team inducted in the Pro Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002.

They were regularly featured in Fox’s *Futurama* TV series as some of the best scientific minds in the universe, specializing in tomfoolery.

ALL ABOUT FUN

The current version of the Harlem Globetrotters features everything a basketball fan could ask for — ridiculous long-range shooting, impossible dribbling tricks, and thunderous slam dunks. They also bring along their mascot Globie to wow the kids and their own DJ to keep the music bouncing.

If you crave the intensity and unpredictability of a competitive basketball game, maybe the Globetrotters aren’t for you. There are plenty of high schools, colleges, and pro teams in Indiana that can scratch that itch.

After decades of entertaining and influencing the world, the Globetrotters aren’t worried about the competition. They’re playing for fun, and their specialty is sharing that fun with their audience.

There is nothing in the sports world that competes with the Harlem Globetrotters for fun. Even the castaways of *Gilligan’s Island* knew that.

Quick Hits LOCAL EVENTS

COUNTDOWN AT THE CLUB ROOM

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

THE CLUB ROOM AT THE CLYDE

If you are looking for what is sure to be one of the biggest New Year’s Eve celebrations in The Fort this year, you do not need to look any further than Countdown at The Club Room at The Clyde.

Ring in 2024 the right way as The Club Room offers a specially prepared menu with food and drink specials along with some terrific music.

The Todd Harrold Band will perform at the early session, from 5:30-8 p.m. This portion of the night will be free, but reservations are highly encouraged.

At 8 p.m., the action picks up as \$25 tickets reserve your seat and get you a complimentary drink in anticipation of The Sweetwater All Stars taking the stage at 8:30 p.m. The band will keep the party going all the way until the ball drops at midnight, and then some.

Reserve your table and purchase a ticket at clydeclubroom.com. — Chris Hupe



UGLY SWEATER RUN

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

JK O’DONNELL’S IRISH ALE HOUSE

The 10th annual Fleet Feet Ugly Sweater Run takes place through the streets of downtown at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, starting at JK O’Donnell’s, 121 W. Wayne St.

A run for fun rather than competition, this event offers an opportunity to gather up your family and friends for a 3-mile run while viewing the numerous holiday lights hung with care throughout the city.

An after party at JK O’Donnell’s will follow, where the prestigious Ugly Sweater Contest will take place.

In keeping with the season, admission is three non-perishable food items that will be donated to Community Harvest Food Bank to help feed the hungry in our community. — Chris Hupe

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Vanilla Shortcake reuniting at Wrigley

It's been about 15 years or so since the local outfit **Vanilla Shortcake** have performed together. That is scheduled to change on Thursday, Dec. 28, at Wrigley Field Bar and Grill, 6527 E. State Blvd.

That evening, **Jon Hill**, **Dan Willig**, **Ben Porter**, **Ivan Graham**, and **Dave Pagan** will join forces for improv funk and hip-hop.

With Graham in Los Angeles and Hill in Chicago these days, the opportunities to get together have been few and far between. However, thanks to the holidays, these cats will all be in town and have decided to reunite for an evening of jams and other gifts that your ears will have to open in person.

Music will get started at 8 p.m. and won't cost you a dime.

Come out and see the crew once again and talk them into making this an annual event.

In addition to that show, Pagan will return to Wrigley Field the following night with his band **U.R.B.**, so you might as well put that on the calendar, too.

Co-headlining metal tour stops at Piere's

Veteran metal bands **Voivod** and **Prong** have announced a co-headlining 2024 North American tour that includes a stop at Piere's on Thursday, March 21.

Both bands will be on the road in support of recent albums. Voivod's 40th anniversary album, *Morgoth Tales*, was released in July and Prong's 13th album, *State of Emergency*, was released in October.

Fans can expect to hear the new material as well as classic favorites, delivered with the raw energy and passion that both bands are renowned for.

This is a good snag by Piere's. Don't miss it!

Tickets for this all-ages show are available at etix.com and at all Wooden Nickel locations.

Flo Rida performing at Jay County Fair

The Jay County Fair is set to take place down in Portland from July 6-13.

Along with the demolition derby, rodeo, truck and tractor pull, and straw races, you can add a global superstar as **Flo Rida** and **DJ Kronik** will headline the grandstand on Friday, July 12.

That's right, the rapper behind the apple-bottom-jeans-boots-with-the-fur anthem "Low" is coming to rural Indiana.



COURTESY PHOTO

Vanilla Shortcake will get back together for a show at Wrigley Field Bar & Grill on Thursday, Dec. 28.

In all, it will be a party with a care-free summer vibe and feel-good hits like "Whistle," "Good Feeling," "Club Can't Handle Me," and "Right Round."

Portland is about an hour south of The Fort, but will be well worth the trip for this event.

Tickets for the Grammy-nominated rapper are available at etix.com. For more information on the fair, go to jaycountyfair.com.

Up-and-coming artist to play at Brass Rail

On Thursday, Dec. 28, The Brass Rail will host up-and-coming musical artist **Myron Elkins**.

Elkins never set out to be a musician, and, in fact, became a welder in his hometown of Ostego, Michigan, after graduating high school.

However, fate had other plans. After entering a local battle of the bands competition a few years ago and finishing second, the experience opened Elkins eyes to a very different career path.

Now, at 21 years old, he's one of music's most intriguing new artists with the release of his debut album, *Factories, Farms, & Amphetamines*.

With a gritty, whiskey-soaked voice and licks that would gain approval from the Allman Brothers and ZZ Top, Elkins is someone to keep an eye on. Lucky for us, he's coming to Fort Wayne that evening and will be joined by **Pete Dio & The Old and Dirty**.

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Votes are in for downtown window displays

The final votes have been counted and the results are in for the ninth annual Holiday Window Decorating Contest, presented by Downtown Fort Wayne.

More than 20 downtown businesses and organizations participated, with this year's theme being Silver Bells.



News and Venues

JEN POIRY PROUGH

Contestants were awarded first, second, and third places in three categories.

Most Thematic: First — Club Soda; Second — Stoner's Funstore; Third — Peerless Cleaners

Most Fort Wayne: First — JK O'Donnell's Irish Ale House; Second — Sweets on Main; Third — Citilink

People's Choice: First — Club Soda; Second — Markey Bonding; Third — Citilink

Voting began during the Night of Lights on Nov. 22, and ended Dec. 10.

Voters were automatically entered to win a \$100 Downtown Fort Wayne gift card in partnership with Yiftee, and one area voter was randomly selected as the winner.

Civic Theatre seeks college interns

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre is looking for college interns. This paid theater production internship is for current college students for the upcoming spring semester.

An interest in technical theater is preferred, but candidates do not need to have prior experience. Training will be provided.

Application deadline is Dec. 22 for the internship that runs from Jan. 8-May 24.

For more information, contact director of education Danielle Andersen at dandersen@fwcivic.org or go to workandlearnindiana.com/internships/detail/25891.

Painted Tree Boutiques opens

Painted Tree Boutiques recently held their grand opening in the space formerly occupied by Bed Bath & Beyond at Jefferson Pointe Shopping Plaza.

Described as "an Etsy marketplace and Pinterest catalog come to life," the shop offers space for individual vendors to sell their wares in a farmers market-type atmosphere.

Painted Tree Boutiques got their start in 2015. The Fort Wayne shop is first in Indiana and 36th in the country, with another nine in the works.

The store is open daily from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.



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Sweets on Main, 123 W. Main St., participated in Downtown Fort Wayne's Holiday Window Decorating Contest, taking second in the Most Fort Wayne category.

Three Rivers Music Theatre hosting fundraiser

Three Rivers Music Theatre is holding a one-night holiday concert on Friday, Dec. 22, to reach their fundraising goal.

Led by founder Andy Planck, some of the city's finest cabaret singers will present classic holiday favorites to raise funds for their educational and artistic programs.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at their new location just off Wells Street, 416 W. 4th St.

For \$25 tickets, go to threeriversmusictheatre.com/shows.

Indiana Musical Theatre announces season

The local nonprofit Indiana Musical Theatre Foundation recently announced their 2024 season.

As they've done in the past, the theater company will kick off their season with their Black History Month Concerts Series. After devoting the previous two shows to Sam Cooke and Otis Redding, this year's production will be *The Songs of Stevie Wonder* on Feb. 23-24 at RKF Studios, 2446 Lake Ave.

The season continues with the premiere of Darby LeClerc's play *The Longest Night* from April 12-21, with the cabaret *The "Do Not Sing" List* slated for June 14-15.

The show moves to North Side High School for Fort Wayne Summer Music Theatre's production of *Legally Blonde the Musical* from July 12-21.

Moving to Arena Dinner Theatre, IMTF will put on *Chicago* from Sept. 13-29, with the season closing back at RKF Studios with *Christmas on Lake*, Dec. 13-14.

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Baker Street Centre (formerly C2G Music Hall)

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EXPECT: Great live music on one of Fort Wayne's best stages. Diverse musical genres from local, regional, and national acts, all in a comfortable, all-ages, family-friendly, intimate atmosphere. Excellent venue for shows, events, presentations, meetings, and gatherings. Food catered by local vendors during some shows. **GETTING THERE:** Downtown on Baker between Ewing and Harrison, just south of Parkview Field. **HOURS:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors one hour earlier. **ALCOHOL:** Beer & wine during shows only. **PMT:** Cash, check, credit/debit

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EXPECT: Golden Tee, jukebox, 3 TVs, free Wi-Fi, deck patio, motorcycle parking available. Daily food & drink specials: \$1 cones & \$2.50 18 oz. domestics Sun.; 50¢ wings & \$3 pitchers Mon.; \$1 tacos & \$1.50 domestic longnecks Tues.; \$1 drafts & 1/2-price pizza Wed.; \$12 buckets & \$1 sliders Thurs.; \$4 pitchers & smoked BBQ ribs, tips & chicken specials Fri.; \$12 buckets Sat. **GETTING THERE:** Corner of Jefferson and West Main Street, 2 minutes from downtown. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-3 a.m. daily. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, ATM

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Quick Hit LOCAL EVENT

FORT WAYNE KOMETS' NEW YEAR'S EVE GAME SUNDAY, DEC. 31 • MEMORIAL COLISEUM

An opportunity to start off your New Year's Eve celebration right begins with the traditional Fort Wayne Komets' New Year's Eve hockey game at Memorial Coliseum.

The puck drops at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31, as the Komets take on the first-place archrival Toledo Walleye. This is sure to be a feisty and hard-fought contest that will go a long way toward deciding the eventual outcome

of the ECHL's Central Division.

With the "early" start, you will have plenty of time to watch this spirited affair before heading to where you need to be to watch the ball drop. Or, you'll just have plenty of time to get home and into bed.

You will want to get to the game early since this is always one of the highest-attended games of the season. — Chris Hupe

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Move would legalize opens drinks downtown

Downtown Fort Wayne is poised to allow alcohol outside of restaurants and bars. The city council has introduced an ordinance that would allow patrons to take drinks outside to roam about areas known as Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas (DORA). The ordinance still needs to be approved and get the thumbs up from the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

Last spring, Indiana lawmakers gave cities and towns authority to allow public consumption during specific times and in specific zones, called a DORA. Fort Wayne's zone would stretch as far south as Douglas Avenue and north to Promenade Park, approximately two blocks wide. This would include The Landing and most downtown eateries.



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Within the proposed area, people will be allowed to carry open alcohol containers only sold by vendors or designated permittees approved by the mayor's office. Patrons will be limited to two designated cups and must consume or dispose of the drinks within the designated area at authorized times. The area will be clearly defined with signage.

Businesses in those areas would be granted permits by the city if they already had the required alcohol permits and licenses.

In some cases, catering permits would also be a requirement.

Learn to make sushi at Saisaki

There's still time to sign up for a sushi-making class at **Saisaki**, 200 E. Main St. The class is designed for couples, but that can be a friend, a family member, or, of course, a significant other.

The last classes of 2023 are Dec. 30 and 31 from noon-2 p.m.

Call Saisaki at (260) 739-5286 to get registered or learn more.

Cosmos moving into Chestnut Plaza

There's another delicious option for southwest Fort Wayne. **Cosmos House of Pancakes** is heading to Chestnut Plaza, near Scott and Illinois roads.

The popular breakfast spot will move into space the space formerly occupied by Hotel Tango.

Cosmos also operates at 9807 Lima Road.

Polar Plunge at Howie's on Hamilton

Even if you aren't dipping your toe into the cool water of Hamilton Lake, you can still enjoy the Polar Bear Plunge Watch Party on Dec. 31 at **Howie's on Hamilton**, 3950 E. Bellefontaine Road in downtown Hamilton.

Festivities get going at 11 a.m. with the big splash at 2 p.m. There will be drink specials and chili to keep you warm.

Bell Mansion hosts *Gatsby* party

The Bell Mansion, 420 W. Wayne St., will ring in the new year with a *Great Gatsby* party on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Set in the 130-year-old mansion, this themed-event features a full dinner, live DJ, appetizers, finger foods, and desserts from 7 p.m.-1 a.m.

To purchase tickets, go to thebellmansion.com

Christmas Day dining options

Here's a quick list of local eateries that say they will be open on Christmas.

- Asakusa, 6224 Lima Road, noon-8:30 p.m.
- Chug King Express, 3101 N. Anthony Blvd., 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Double Dragon, 117 W. Wayne St., noon-9 p.m.
- Eddie Merlot's, 1502 S. Illinois Rd., noon-8 p.m.
- Haru Sushi Izakaya, 40356 Coldwater Road, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
- IHOP, 4403 Coldwater Road; 1535 W. Washington Center Road; 6839 W. Jefferson Blvd.
- Koto Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi, 301 Washington Center Road, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Nori Asian Cuisine, 2882 E. Dupont Road, 4-9 p.m.
- The Han Dynasty, 6401 W. Jefferson Blvd., 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Paradise Buffet, 1411 Shook Dr., Auburn, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Passion Fin Asian Bistro, 918 Woodland Plaza Run, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Sapporo Steakhouse, 6150 Lima Road, noon-8 p.m.
- Storming Crab Cajun Seafood, 520 Coliseum Blvd. East, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Q House, 1125 E. Dupont Road, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Red Lobster, 4825 Coldwater Road, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Ruth's Chris Steak House, 224 W. Wayne St., 3-8 p.m.

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Live Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

David Lucas — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$30, (260) 844-8444

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Matt Rife — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Matt Rife — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Comedy Snapshot — 7:30-9 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 399-6336

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Open Mic Night — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 844-8444

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Hoosier 500 Comedy Competition — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$25, (260) 844-8444

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Hoosier 500 Comedy Competition — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$25, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Hoosier 500 Comedy Competition — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$25, (260) 844-8444

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Robert Kelly — 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Open Mic Night — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 844-8444

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Taylor Williamson — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$25, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Taylor Williamson — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$25, (260) 844-8444

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Open Mic Night — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 844-8444

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Funny Marco — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Funny Marco — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Funny Marco — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

Live Music LOCAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Adam Strack — Variety, 6:30 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

Chris Dodds — Holiday, 5 p.m., Fort Wayne Guitar Exchange, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 247-6976

Jazz Jam — 7 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Joe Hess Band — Country, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Phil Schurger Trio Jam Session — Jazz, 8-11 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 399-6336

Tronic Thursdays — EDM, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Chris Worth — Variety, 8 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

Dave Nelson Jazz Trio — Jazz, 6:30 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

Eric Clancy — Smooth, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

MG5 — Yacht rock, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Hubie Ashcraft — Country, 8 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

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

Los Electro w/Skill Issue, Mudland — Latin rock, 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 399-6336

Matthew Sturm — Holiday, 5 p.m., Fort Wayne Guitar Exchange, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 247-6976

Piques — Rock, 7 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

#IYKYK (The 906 Band) — Pop, 9 p.m., Bar 13, Piercetown, no cover, (574) 688-0889

The Last Chiefs — Variety, 8:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

To Breathe Again w/Grounds, OLC, Vile Eyes — Hard rock, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Alicia Pyle Duo — Smooth, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Big Dick & The Penetrators — Classic rock, 9:30 p.m., Wacky Jac's, Angola, no cover, (260) 665-9071

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

Ethan William Bowers — Singer-songwriter, 9 a.m., YLNI Farmers Market, Olde East End Building, Fort Wayne, no cover

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Open Mic Night — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 844-8444

Rene Vaca — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Jamie Lissow — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 844-8444

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Jamie Lissow — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Jamie Lissow — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 844-8444

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Open Mic Night — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 844-8444

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Mike Cronin — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$16, (260) 844-8444

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Pablo Francisco — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$30, (260) 844-8444

Tim Allen — 8 p.m., Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 424-5665

Funayurei w/The Igloos, CloudMaker — Electronic, 9:45 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Night To Remember — Variety, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

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

Jeff McDonald — Variety, 6 p.m., Deema, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 209-2930

Jess Thrower — Singer-songwriter, 7 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

JJ & McRae — Classic hits, 9:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

Jon Durnell — Variety, 8 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

My Sacrifice — Creed tribute, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 422-6064

Pete Dio & The Old and Dirty w/Jonah Leatherman — Honky tonk, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

Phree w/The Wailhounds — Phish tribute, 8 p.m., Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 485-1038

Rick Moore — Variety, 9 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

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Live Music

LOCAL CALENDAR

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Sun.Dyle w/Augmentasia — Jazz fusion, 7 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 399-6336

The Laills — Variety, 6 p.m., E Brewing Company, South Whitley, no cover, (574) 377-6098

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 8 p.m., American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 423-4751

ZB Smith w/Mary Mitchener, Sam Clay — Holiday, 5 p.m., Fort Wayne Guitar Exchange, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 247-6976

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Alicia Pyle — Holiday, 11 a.m., Charlie's Place, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5292

Christmas For The Fort — Holiday, 4:15-5:15 p.m., The Pointe Church, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-0000

James Baker Trio — Jazz, 5 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 444-5898

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

James Baker Trio — Jazz, 4 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 444-5898

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

John Reichle — Variety, 7 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

Open Acoustic Jam — Acoustic, 5 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Open Mic w/Chris Hambrick — 9 p.m., Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 483-5526

Open Mic w/JJ & McRae — 7 p.m., Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 747-9964

Phil Plays Dead — Grateful Dead tribute, 7:30 p.m., Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 485-1038

Lee Cook — Classic hits, 6 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Joe Justice — Variety, 10 a.m., Ashton Creek Health & Rehab, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 373-2111

Los Electro — Latin rock, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Chris Worth — Variety, 6 p.m., The Wild Crab, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 444-5966

Myron Elkins w/Pete Dio & The Old and Dirty — Heartland rock, 8 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$9, (260) 267-5303

The Haggens — Country, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Phil Schurger Trio Jam Session — Jazz, 8-11 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 399-6336

Secret Mezzanine — Alternative, 8:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

The DeeBees — Variety, 7 p.m., Adams Lake Pub, Wolcottville, no cover, (260) 854-3463

Tronic Thursdays — EDM, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

Zach Kershner — Singer-songwriter, 6:30 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Good Night Gracie — Variety, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

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

Macaiah Caudill — Singer-songwriter, 7 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

Meka Schwartz — Singer-songwriter, 8:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

Rich Cohen & Chris Rutkowski — Smooth, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Sunglasses at Night — Variety, 8 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

Vacation w/Uncle Muscle, Skull Cult — Alternative, 9:45 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

We Are Checkmark — Funk/R&B, 8 p.m., American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 423-4751

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Face 2 Face: A Tribute to Elton John & Billy Joel — Tribute, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 747-0989

Gray Matter — Variety, 7 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

Hubie Ashcraft — Country, 8 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

Yacht Party — Yacht rock, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

#IYKYK (The 906 Band) — Pop, 9 p.m., Hideaway Lounge, Bluffton, no cover, (260) 824-0455

Jack Welty — Variety, 8:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

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

Joe Donnell — Variety, 6 p.m., E Brewing Company, South Whitley, no cover, (574) 377-6098

Josey Scott's Saliva w/Danny D. & The Dirty Royals, After Midnight — Hard rock, 7 p.m., The Eclectic Room, Angola, \$20-\$30, (269) 625-8817

Los Electro — Latin rock, 7 p.m., The Hook and Ladder, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-5652

New League Record w/Split Parasite — Punk, 7:30 p.m., Keep Time Barbershop, Fort Wayne, \$5

Private Education w/The Indigo Society, My Darling Death — Alternative, 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 399-6336

Rick Moore w/Hudnalls & Friends, The Kickbacks, Z.B., Oao Monci, Sevio & Yaweh, Laguna, Crystal C-Note Clouse, Stan Stan, Finch the Human, Velpoh — Variety, 7:30 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$15, (260) 492-6064

Shannon Persinger & Eric Clancy — Smooth, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Ta'korei Moore — Variety, 6 p.m., Deema, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 209-2930

The DeeBees — Variety, 5 p.m., Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, no cover, (260) 920-4377

Todd Harrold & Michael Patterson — Variety, 6 p.m., Deema, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 209-2930

We Are Checkmark — Funk/R&B, 8-11 p.m., American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 423-4751

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8420 Band — Classic rock, 8:30 p.m., Navy Club Ship 245, New Haven, \$10, (260) 493-4044

Austin Marsh w/Jonah Leatherman — Americana, 4-7 p.m., The 6 on James, Angola, no cover, (260) 624-3644

Big Dick & The Penetrators — Classic rock, 9 p.m., American Legion Post 381, Rome City, \$10, (260) 854-2477

Chris Worth — Variety, 9 p.m., American Legion Post 240, Avilla, no cover, (260) 897-2225

Cougar Hunter — Hair metal tribute, 8 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

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

Man of the Flood w/Abadeer — Alternative, 9:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Melvin & Megan Mullins — Country, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 296, Fort Wayne, \$35, (260) 456-2988

MotherShip — Smooth, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Phase Shift — Electronic, 9 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 492-6064

Ross Kinsey — Variety, 5 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

New Year's Celebration w/Sweetwater All Stars — R&B, 7:45 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 747-0989

The Deebees — Variety, 6 p.m., Acme by Full Circle, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 480-2264

Todd Harrold Band — Jazz, 4:30 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

G-Money & Special Guests — Blues, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Drum Circle — 7 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Smooth Tuesdays — Classic hits, 6 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Sweet Strings Jam Session — 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Wednesday Jazz Sessions — Jazz, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Nashville Thursdays — Country, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Freak on a Leash & System of Dying Angels w/Phobia, Inconvenienced by the System, Moderate Rock, Controller, Voice of Syllas, Beyond the Fathoms, Faith in Nothing — Tributes, 6:30 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 492-6064

Friday Night Vibes — Variety, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

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

Necromoon — Alternative, 9:45 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Rylie Lynn Band — Country/Americana, 8 p.m., Morgan's Tap & Grill, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 747-0816

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The DeeBees — Variety, 7 p.m., Howie's on Hamilton, Hamilton, no cover, (260) 488-3344

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 10 p.m., Rack & Helen's, New Haven, no cover, (260) 749-5396

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Dakota Parker — Variety, 7 p.m., Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, no cover, (260) 563-0111

Flesher w/Grim Karma, Still I Rise, Maleficence Enthroned — Metal, 9 p.m., Carl's Tavern, New Haven, \$15, (260) 749-9133

I Love Saturdays — Variety, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

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

The Deebees — Variety, 6 p.m., Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, no cover, (260) 637-2980

Middle Names w/The Part You Left Out, Exterminate All Rational Thought, Private Education — Alternative, 9:30 p.m., The Socialite at Proof, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 744-0333

The Namby Pamby w/thinning., Ulna — Alternative, 8:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Todd Harrold Band — Variety, 7 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

Who TF is Justin Time w/Nu Breed, Jesse Howard, Lil Wyte, Larry Dale Reed, Overtime, Hitman, Rich Regal, Kingery, Traphouse Koda, Fedora Mic, The Stixxx, TimbrWolfTone, Chad Armes, DJ Seefoe — Hip-hop, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$40, (260) 492-6064

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

G-Money & Special Guests — Blues, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Open Acoustic Jam — Acoustic, 5 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Smooth Tuesdays — Classic hits, 6 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Wednesday Jazz Sessions — Jazz, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Nashville Thursdays — Country, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Chapped Lips — Alternative, 9 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Ethan William Bowers — Singer-songwriter, 7 p.m., Draft Taproom, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 739-3147

Friday Night Vibes — Variety, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Jailbreak — Classic rock, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 241, Waynedale, no cover, (260) 747-7851

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

The Deebees — Variety, 6 p.m., Redwood Inn, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-7543

Two Friends — DJ, 10 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$45-\$120, (260) 492-6064

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

I Love Saturdays — Variety, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Infinite Sadness — Smashing Pumpkins tribute, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

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

Middle Names — Alternative, 9:15 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Mike Almon — Variety, 7 p.m., Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, no cover, (260) 563-0111

Resurrection: A Journey Tribute — Journey tribute, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$20, (260) 747-0989

The Wingmen — Classic rock, 5 p.m., Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, no cover, (260) 920-4377

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 7 p.m., Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, no cover, (574) 457-7100

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

G-Money & Special Guests — Blues, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Open Mic Night — 6:30 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Smooth Tuesdays — Classic hits, 6 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Sundogsarah — Alternative, 8:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Wednesday Jazz Sessions — Jazz, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Jazz Jam — 7 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Nashville Thursdays — Country, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Nelson — Acoustic, 7 p.m., Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$29-\$59, (260) 563-1102

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Friday Night Vibes — Variety, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

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

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Red Temple Pray — Rock, 9:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

The Little Mermen — Disney tribute, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$20-\$35, (260) 563-1102

The Rylie Lynn Trio — Country/Americana, 7 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

Static Arm w/Red Temple Pray, Second to Last — Rock, 10 pm., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-53003

The Wingmen — Classic rock, 8 p.m., The Local Saloon, Roanoke, no cover, (260) 676-2233

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Abbie Thomas — Variety, 7 p.m., Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, no cover, (260) 563-0111

Debutants Ball — Newgrass, 7 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$20, (260) 747-0989

Duke Tumatoe & The Power Trio — Blues, 8 p.m., Baker Street Centre, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$45, (260) 426-6434

Hellbilly Deluxe w/11th Hour, One-X, Chains Over Razors, Persevere — Rob Zombie tribute, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

I Love Saturdays — Variety, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

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

Mac Day w/J. Tubbs — Mac Miller tribute, 9 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

My Dinosaurs Wear Ties — Pop-punk/emo, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$8, (260) 492-6064

Randy Spencer — Variety, 7 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

The DeeBees — Variety, 5 p.m., Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, no cover, (260) 920-4377

Thunderstruck: America's AC/DC Tribute — AC/DC tribute, 7:30 p.m., Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$25-\$75, (260) 563-1102

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 8 p.m., American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 423-4751

Young Artist Statewide Competition — Band, 10 a.m., Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, Free, (574) 267-8041

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Puddles Pity Party — 7 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 747-0989

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

G-Money & Special Guests — Blues, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Open Acoustic Jam — Acoustic, 5 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Smooth Tuesdays — Classic hits, 6 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Wednesday Jazz Sessions — Jazz, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Fight Night w/RMC Mike — Hip-hop, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$40, (260) 492-6064

Nashville Thursdays — Country, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Friday Night Vibes — Variety, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

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

Overlook — Alternative, 9:45 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Antlerhead w/Weekend Run Club — Indie rock, 9 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Connor Noble — Variety, 7 p.m., Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, no cover, (260) 563-0111

I Love Saturdays — Variety, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

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

Pink Droyd: Celebrating 30 Year of The Division Bell — Pink Floyd tribute, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$35, (260) 747-0989

The DeeBees — Variety, 7 p.m., Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, no cover, (574) 457-7100

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 6 p.m., Deema, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 209-2930

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Foy Vance — Singer-songwriter, 7 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$29.50-\$54.50, (260) 747-0989

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

G-Money & Special Guests — Blues, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Smooth Tuesdays — Classic hits, 6 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

Wednesday Jazz Sessions — Jazz, 7 p.m., no cover

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Nashville Thursdays — Country, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Bone Thugs-N-Harmony — Hip-Hop, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$75, (260) 492-6064

Friday Night Vibes — Variety, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Gary Puckett & The Union Gap — Rock, 7:30 p.m., Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, OH, \$19-\$69, (419) 238-6722

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

Little River Band — Soft rock, 7:30 p.m., Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$39-\$100, (260) 563-1102

Rylie Lynn Band — Country/Americana, 8 p.m., The Local Saloon, Roanoke, \$5, (260) 676-2233

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

CloudMaker — Electronic, 9 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Gray Matter — Variety, 7 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

Hubie Ashcraft Band w/Rylie Lynn Band — Country/Americana, 9 p.m., Vinnie's Bar, Decatur, no cover, (260) 729-2225

I Love Saturdays — Variety, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

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

Liquid Stranger w/Champagne Drip, DrinkUrWater, Xotix, Sonorous — Electronic, 10 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$90, (260) 492-6064

Parker & Fox — Bluegrass, 7 p.m., Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, no cover, (260) 563-0111

Smells Like Nirvana — Nirvana tribute, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 492-6064

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Jujubee w/Augmentasia, Mudland — Alternative, 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 399-6336

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

G-Money & Special Guests — Blues, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Drum Circle — 7 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

John 5 — Rock, 7 p.m., The Eclectic Room, Angola, \$30-\$40, (269) 625-8817

Smooth Tuesdays — Classic hits, 6 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Sweet Strings Jam Session — 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Wednesday Jazz Sessions — Jazz, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Nashville Thursdays — Country, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Sons of Mystro — Violin, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$29-\$55, (260) 563-1102

Tyler Hubbard — Country, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35, (260) 747-0989

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Friday Night Vibes — Variety, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

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

Necromoon — Alternative, 9:45 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Randy Spencer — Variety, 7 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

Tennessee Whiskey Chicago — Christ Stapleton/Eric Church tribute, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$25-\$45, (260) 563-1102

The Deebees — Variety, 6 p.m., Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, no cover, (260) 637-2980

Yacht Rock Revue — Tribute, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$59.50, (260) 747-0989



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Synthpop duo Funayūrei open up on third album

Album release show for Open Me Carefully on Dec. 23 at The Rail

BY ANTHONY GADSON

WHATZUP EDITOR

When you see the name Funayūrei, you may wonder, “What’s that all about?”

Well, you’re not alone.

Funayūrei is not only the moniker of local synthpop duo Mandy Kawa and Rob Parker, but also vengeful spirits that have died at sea in Japanese folklore.

“It was like, ‘Here’s an idea.’ And (Kawa) was like, ‘Cool.’ We never talked about it again,” Parker said about the name. “And it’s a double-edged sword because on one hand, no one seems able to pronounce it. On the other hand, it was definitely not taken.”

Hard to pronounce or not, the name is working as Funayūrei are the latest entry in the ALT Homegrown Spotlight, with interviews airing at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, and Sunday, Dec. 24, as well as Thursday, Dec. 28, and Sunday, Dec. 31.

If radio interviews are not enough, you can also catch them Saturday, Dec. 23, when they celebrate the release of their third album, *Open Me Carefully*, at The Brass Rail with CloudMaker and The Igloos.

TAKING A CHANCE

Funayūrei’s journey began where many Fort Wayne bands begin — Sweetwater Sound.

“We were both in different music groups at the time,” Kawa said, herself in Sea Mountains and Parker in Blue Wave. “I went through a really big life change, and the music project I was doing just wasn’t suiting me anymore. Rob and I were working at Sweetwater, and we had some mutual friends, and he randomly approached me and asked if I wanted to do some music together. I was like, ‘Sure, why not?’ and it ended up working really well.”

“Is that how it happened?” Parker responded. “I think it was you that approached me.”

“Was it? Maybe. Maybe I did,” Kawa said with a laugh.

Parker said he had initial reservations about working on a side project.

“If I’m going to be in a musical project, I just want to be able to focus on it and put everything I’ve got into,” he said. “So, the idea of doing a side project was kind of like, ‘Oh, I don’t know.’ But we eventually did and immediately had a song done. Then, we had a couple more done. At that point, we were like, ‘We’re on to something here.’”

That first song was “Untouchable,” which was recorded in September 2018. Just eight months later, it found its way on Funayūrei’s



PHOTO BY CHRIS BARRY

Local synthpop band Funayūrei, comprised of Mandy Kawa and Rob Parker, will perform an album release party for *Open Me Carefully* on Saturday, Dec. 23, at The Brass Rail.

debut album, *Liminal*.

SPLITTING DUTIES

From the opening song on *Liminal*, the title track sets the tone for a synth throwback.

“Old industrial ’80s stuff like Skinny Puppy or any of the EDM-type stuff,” Parker said of his influences, which include Depeche Mode and The Cure.

Over Parker’s music is the soothing, melodic voice of Kawa, who grew up on the music of Janet Jackson, Madonna, Aaliyah, and Amy Winehouse, while also being inspired by Kali Uchis.

“That’s where I get most of my vocal melody and lyric ideas or inspiration,” Kawa said.

For the most part, it’s Parker supplying the music and Kawa the lyrics, although Parker has dabbled on the writing side. Some of that occurred on the duo’s sophomore effort, 2021’s *Not Forever, But for Now*.

“Very occasionally, I’ll give a song a working title, which sometimes ends up being the title,” he said. “‘Empress’ (on *Not Forever, But for Now*) is an example of that. Very occasionally, I’ll have lyrics. ‘Dirge’ from the last album is an example of that, where I really had something I wanted to say.

“Still, I would much rather her do the lyrics.”

DRAWING INSPIRATION

On their latest release, which hit streaming

services on Dec. 15, Kawa’s focus was solely on lyrics, putting more of herself into the songs.

“I took a slightly different approach with the way I was writing lyrics this time,” she said. “The whole album is inspired by this book of letters that Emily Dickinson wrote to her lover (Susan Huntington Dickinson), which is also called *Open Me Carefully*.

“I wanted to approach this album like every song was a letter I was writing to somebody. It just made it feel more personal and made me feel more vulnerable and less obscure and ambiguous with what I was saying.”

Kawa’s inspiration may have come from Dickinson, but for Parker, anything could lead to a song.

“Quite often, a song will be inspired by something completely random,” he said.

“Where Mandy has a message she’s trying to send out, there’s a song on our last album, ‘Sex Tape,’ which for me was musically inspired by a song that plays on the very first *Silent Hill* game,” Parker said. “Inspiration will come from all sorts of random places.”

“We also have a song that was inspired by *The Lion King*,” Kawa said of “Over” from *Open Me Carefully*.

Wherever inspiration comes from, it worked for the duo on *Not Forever, But for Now*. They received praise for the album, with a particularly positive response from the *Internet Killed the Video Store* podcast sticking with Parker — for better or for worse.

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“It was such a good review, that during the entire making of this album, that’s all I could think about: ‘It has to be as good as that.’ There was a lot of just crippling self-criticism,” he said. “This was a difficult album for me to make.”

PLAYING LIVE

The album took a little longer to make than their previous two efforts, but life — and day jobs — do get in the way sometimes.

“It’s not like we’re able to come in and do this every day,” he said of his home studio. “Otherwise, it would be like every six months.”

That positive review they received from the podcast may have also played a role in the recording process.

“There’s a song called ‘Like Me,’ and we probably went over it 100 times,” he said. “Eventually it was done. It took me months to get to, ‘OK, maybe I actually like this song.’”

If their previous two releases are any indication, it’s a pretty safe bet plenty of people will be enjoying that song and the other nine on *Open Me Carefully*.

Some of those songs will be performed at The Rail, a show Parker has been busy preparing for.

“I kind of do the old Depeche Mode approach, which was, they’d have tape machines in the back playing backing tracks for like the drums and bass lines,” he said. “Things like that would all be on the backing track, and we’ll decide what parts we want to play. I mean, we don’t want to just be up there miming. But for the melodies and hooks and things like that, we’ll decide what we’ll actually play and what will be in the backing track.

“I just made a huge spreadsheet for it,” he said about keeping everything organized ahead of the show.

And while they hope to add some more shows in the future, they know The Rail will bring some energy with a stellar lineup on Dec. 23.

“If you want an audience, The Rail is the place to do it,” Parker said.

There's still time to pack in more Christmas cheer

Make the most of final days before Dec. 25 is upon us

BY SHELBY PRICE
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Can you hear the sleigh bells jingling yet? Christmas is finally here!

It feels like just yesterday there were fireworks in the sky and fake skeletons in the yard, but now there are presents under the tree and mistletoe hanging from the archways.

Unsure what your Christmas plans are? You have come to the right place. Here is a list of activities happening this festive week.

CELEBRATION

If you have ever wanted to meet Santa's reindeer before they embark on their big trip, Jefferson Pointe Shopping Plaza has you covered. Live reindeer will be in the Fountain Court area from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23, for one last photo opportunity before heading back to the North Pole.

Christmas Eve is always busy, busy, busy. Take a nice break and head to brunch at Charlie's Place, 4201 N. Wells St., at 11 a.m. to enjoy a special menu of delicious food and

live music from Alicia Pyle.

I have to admit, being an adult and not getting your picture taken with Santa can be a real bummer. Don't fret! The Brass Rail, 1121 Broadway, is hosting a Santa Photo Shoot with Bambi Guthrie Photography from 9-11:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22. Grab a beer as multiple Santas and helpers get you a photo to remember.

After a fun day of play, visit the Blue Jacket's Fantasy of Lights at Franke Park. The 2-mile loops features 550 pieces ranging from small displays to some more than 30 feet. This light show is the perfect way to celebrate the holidays.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve services are always popular with singing, candle-lightings, and Scripture readings.

The services always draw a crowd and just a few that will be conducting Christmas Eve services are Brookside Church, 6102 Evard Road, at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Heartland Church, 1025 Vance Ave., at 7 p.m.; First Assembly Fort Wayne, 1400 W. Washington Center Road, at 6 p.m.; Plymouth Congregational Church of Fort Wayne, 501 W. Berry St., at 10 p.m.; St. Joe United Methodist Church, 6004 Reed Road, at 10 a.m., 7 p.m., and 11 p.m.; Resurrection Lutheran Church, 14318 Lima Road, at 9 p.m.; Grace Pointe Church of



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Holiday cheer will be in abundance during Santa Photo Shoot with Bambi Guthrie Photography at 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22, at The Brass Rail. While that will be for those 21-and-over, there's plenty of other activities for all to enjoy.

the Nazarene, 8611 Mayhew Road, at 10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; and The Pointe Church, 5335 Bass Road, at 9 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., and 4:15 p.m.

FEELING CRAFTY

Another option for Christmas week activities is to head to the Tall Rabbit Café + Community, 2001 S.

Calhoun St., for some live music. At 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23, Sierra White and Patrick Wayne will be covering all of your favorite holiday songs and having a coloring contest for children.

Looking to make a Christmas craft? Swing by the Peabody Public Library, 1160 E. State Road 205, in Columbia City from 2-4 p.m. on

Friday, Dec. 22, during their Drop-In Christmas Craft session when you can make Christmas Tree Cup you can take home. This session is for youths 6 to 18 years old, but adults can get in on the fun from 5:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, to make ornaments out of puzzle pieces.

Still feeling crafty? On Saturday, Dec. 23, Board and Brush, 6817 Lima Road, is hosting a Santa Visit with pictures and a chance to decorate your very own mini sign for Santa to see on Christmas morning! Pre-registration is required for the 11 a.m.-1 p.m. workshop.

GETTING INTO THE ... SPIRITS

Just up the road in DeKalb County, Byler Lane Winery, 5858 County Road 35, Auburn, is hosting Christmas Singo from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23. It will be a night full of singing bingo and delicious wine with the Drop It Like It's Hot food truck as well.

Over at Deer Park Irish Pub, 1530 Leesburg Road, they'll be throwing a Christmas Party that starts Friday, Dec. 22, and bleeds into Saturday, Dec. 23, with the ugliest Christmas sweater receiving a gift card. JJ & McRae will also be performing from 9:30-11:30 p.m. on Dec. 23.

Hop River Brewing Company, 1515 N. Harrison St., is also getting into the holiday spirit with their Holiday on Harrison from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22.

And, of course, Copper Spoon's Miracle on Jefferson, 301 E. Jefferson Blvd., will be open 5 p.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday, ready to serve you some holiday cheer. This is an outdoor pop-up Christmas-themed bar, so wear your best Christmas sweater and stay cozy in the heated tent.

As you can see, there are plenty of events for you to enjoy leading up to Christmas day.

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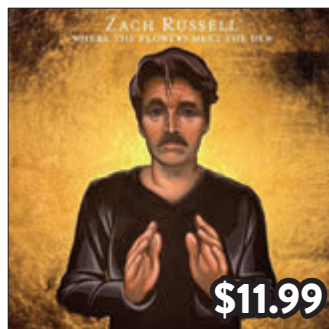
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- 6 1 **NEIL YOUNG**
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- 7 — **CHILDREN OF BODOM**
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- 8 8 **BLUE ÖYSTER CULT**
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ABaomination Various Artists

There's no denying Sweetwater Sound is full of talented musicians. With that in mind, Mitchel King decided to create an album of music created by his co-workers in the music store.

While some had been pre-recorded, songs on *ABaomination* also feature some recorded in King's studio. With Sarah Gayle providing cover art, the album was released this year with a compilation so diverse there is undoubtedly something for everyone.

The album's namesake, Greg Baum, gets things started on a fun, upbeat note with "Susie Says Hello." Baum also gets the chance to close out the album with the 18th track, "On Love," a slower song that perfectly bookends this album.

In between, you have rock from city favorites Piques, who adopt some country twang on their stellar "D.O.A. (Underground)," which is a highlight on their own 2023 album, *Yes And*.

That rocker is followed by "Lonely at the Top" by Onionhead featuring Brian Lemert, which sends you straight back to some '70s pop rock. This is a true highlight on the album.

From there, you get a bit of everything, from blues rock with Matthew Sturm's "Breaking" and Bobby McKee's "Seen It Coming" to alternative rock with Mudland's "News," Cowboy Abhyasi's "Demons," Ripped Apart's "Devoured," and Michael / Jackson's "Dropout." Cowboy Abhyasi's number is particularly interesting, and I hope to hear more from him.

There is also something for those that dig the electronic sound with Listening Eye's "Least-Dream," Blank Stairs' "Chronophasia," Portia Davis' "Redford, MI," and Ben Francis' "Free Fall."

Those looking for something a little heavier can enjoy Craymeco's "The Deadly Spell," and hip-hop connoisseurs can kick back to Tyler Pulse's "Sexy and Sublime."

When it comes to a musician and their guitar, singer-songwriters Chase Weeks ("Burned Out") and Quentin Wright ("Daisy") get their moments.

In all, if you're looking for a nice collection of local musicians in one place, swing by the Sweetwater Music Store to grab your copy of this compilation. — *Anthony Gadson*

Peter Gabriel i/o

Peter Gabriel's first album in 21 years, *i/o*, finds the 73-year-old singer dipping into the sound of his early work.

He's been teasing this album for decades, but most of his 21st century output has been orchestral re-recordings. After the long wait, one would expect the end product to be a bit underwhelming. Gabriel,



however, does not disappoint on this release.

The album comes in three different mixes: the digital version includes both the *Light Side* and *Dark Side*, while the third mix is for Dolby Atmos. Though the two common mixes may not bring too much different for the casual listener, their inclusion in the release proves Gabriel wants fans to get as much as they can out of this album.

The album title, *i/o* (input/output), is a clever reference to the unique mixes of each song. In fact, each *Light Side* recording was released one at a time on each full moon of 2023. The *Dark Side* was released on the following new moon.

Songs like "Panopticom" and "Olive Tree" harken back to his '80s output, while piano-driven ballads like "So Much" and the title track are more reminiscent of songs he has contributed to soundtracks in recent decades.

Overall, this album will appease fans old and new as the track list was curated from a rumored 130 tracks. Whether you want to dissect the differences between *Light Side* and *Dark Side* or just enjoy the album playing twice, there is something for every Gabriel fan. — *Jamie DeVinney*

Kurt Vile

Back to Moon Beach

Kurt Vile's *Back to Moon Beach* comes fresh off last year's (*watch my moves*). It's nine songs (six on the vinyl release), two of which are covers.

Vile continues to hone his songwriting skills, bringing melodies into sharper focus and up from the hazy waters from which they came. He's settling into his classic American songwriter position nicely.

Sufjan Stevens has Vile beat by seven minutes when it comes to longest EP release with his *All Delighted People* coming in at 59 minutes. But this isn't a competition. Vile does his thing his way, and we're the better for it.

"Another good year for the roses" opens the EP with a great rolling groove and tasteful piano that brings to mind Vile's 2015 album *B'lieve I'm Goin Down...* The song delves into beautiful chaos at the end.

"Touched somethin (caught a virus)" is a beautiful strummer with ghostly tremolo guitar and mournful lyrics. The steel guitar of late Rob Laasko adds real depth. "Like a wounded bird trying to fly" with its electro beat and birds chirping has a dreamy feel to it. It's reminiscent of the vibes found on 2013's *Wakin on a Pretty Daze*.

The vinyl version of this album ends on the beautiful "Tom Petty's gone (but tell him I asked for him)," a highlight on this epic EP. Lamenting on the loss of a music legend and Vile never getting to meet him, it's a bit country and a bit folksy with Vile delivering a bright-eyed vocal delivery.

The digital version of the EP includes three other tracks, a great cover of Bob Dylan's "Must Be Santa" with Vile's daughters singing backup. Vile also covers Wilco's "Passenger side" to great



Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

Christmas Rock Songs

Various Artists

Another Christmas is approaching, and the music continues to meet the audio nostalgia we have with the holiday.

Although most of the songs produced recently are covers of classics, I still appreciate some of the Christian standards. But rock artists have also carved their initials on the tree.

So here are some of my favorites, both familiar and obscure.

10. "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," Bruce Springsteen (1975) — The Boss nails this version of the 1934 gem which includes a frosty sax arrangement from the late Clarence Clemons.

9. "2000 Miles," Pretenders (1983) — Gorgeous vocals from Chrissie Hynde in front of Robbie McIntosh's pronounced guitar.

8. "Run Rudolph Run," Chuck Berry (1959) — Actually co-written by the guy who wrote the original "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" song. Hail, hail Chuck Berry.

7. "Father Christmas," The Kinks (1977) — Sort of an anti-Christmas song. The lyrics are definitely post-punk.

6. "Little Saint Nick," The Beach Boys (1964) — Two minutes of Mike Love and his golden voice. Hit the beach and go surfing for Christmas.

5. "Wonderful Christmastime," Paul McCartney (1979) — Although not his best work, it still shines during the season.

4. "Happy Xmas (War Is Over)," John Lennon (1971) — Phil Spector added exquisite backing vocal harmonies from the Harlem Community Choir, 30 kids from the ages of 5-12.

3. "Christmas Eve/Sarajevo," Trans-Siberian Orchestra (1996) — Bombastic with a heavy dose of progressive rock, this is a Christmas jam from the band that wrote the book.

2. "Christmas Wrapping," The Waitresses (1981) — Forgetting the cranberries and the world's smallest turkey then hooking up? This was probably the first new-wave Christmas song ever written. (R.I.P. Patty Donahue)

1. "I Believe in Father Christmas," Greg Lake (1975) — Simply beautiful, it is more about the reason, not the season. Just a timeless piece of music, no matter how you celebrate. — *Dennis Donahue*

effect, giving the nearly 30-year-old song new life. There's also a different mix of "Cool Water" from (*watch my moves*).

Fifty-two minutes an EP does not make, but we'll forgive Vile for that. Because it's still 52 minutes of Vile, so who's going to complain? Not me. *Back to Moon Beach* is worth the trip. — *J. Hubner*

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Poor Things worthy of high praise

Poor Things, the recent recipient of a record-setting seven awards from the Indiana Film Journalists Association, is a lot. Then again, it never pretends it isn't. The opening shot is awash with what seems like a thousand hues of blue, cerulean bleeding into cobalt as a woman with her back to the camera prepares to jump off a bridge.

This is the latest grandiose vision from director Yorgos Lanthimos, whose previous film, *The Favourite*, was a provocative take on the costume drama. His newest is certain to widen some eyes in the audience as well. But unlike the recent *Saltburn*, Lanthimos' provocations are borne organically from the story he's telling and convey a deeper subtext than simply being shocking for the sake of being shocking.



Reel Views

BRENT LEUTHOLD

Emma Stone gives a career-best turn as Bella Baxter, a young woman living under the care of deformed surgeon Dr. Godwin Baxter (Willem Dafoe). We learn Godwin found Bella moments after she attempted suicide and tapped into his mad scientist side to reanimate her while she still had a bit of brain activity left. The experiment saved Bella's life, but left her with the mental capacity of an infant, able to form rudimentary sentences and discover the world around her anew.

Helping her along is one of Godwin's students, Max McCandles (Ramy Youssef), who quickly develops feelings for Bella while assisting her. But when Godwin's brash lawyer Duncan Wedderburn (Mark Ruffalo) stops by the house one day, he sets out to free Bella from her bondage and travel across the world with her.

The world of *Poor Things* is entirely its own, but it begins in a version of Victorian London with steam engines and resurrection machines and incorporates even more anachronisms and impossibilities as the setting expands. The production design is a swirling canvas of Terry Gilliam-esque futurism with German Expressionist monumentalism, a surreal palette upon which to tell this exceedingly peculiar journey. With his music score, composer Jerskin Fendrix finds appropriately wonky motifs to weave into the music. For instance, Bella's theme sounds like a harp that is being played in a giant sink filled with dirty dishwater, its undulating timbres matching the uneven steps of Bella's toddler-like gait.

If this all sounds oppressively weird, Stone's transcendent performance alone makes *Poor Things* well worth seeing. It's a tremendously physical role, requiring her to mimic the movements of a newborn at the outset, then slowly recalibrating motor skills as her character finds her footing.

It's also language-centric work, and exceptionally funny to boot, as Bella starts with choppy phonetics and soon forms more complex sentences with abandon for tact or social grace. The notion of "polite society" is examined through numerous lenses, and through her character, Stone navigates the contradictions and quandaries that the so-called cultured class throws her way. Tony McNamara, who also wrote the biting screenplay for *The Favourite*, gives her devilishly humorous lines to play with all the way along.

Poor Things is getting all sorts of critical acclaim, and rightfully so, but I must confess a tiny gripe with



COURTESY PHOTO

Emma Stone delivers one of her best performances in the new film *Poor Things*.

POOR THINGS

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the movie, and that's with some of the cinematography by Lanthimos regular Robbie Ryan. He's a terrific DP, responsible not only for *The Favourite* but other exquisitely-shot films like *C'mon C'mon* and long-take fantasia *Medusa Deluxe*. Here, he uses a myriad of film lenses to contribute to the movie's otherworldly field but overdoes it in a few places. At several points, he uses a lens so narrow that it looks like a porthole on a cruise ship, and it comes across as a bit too forced for my tastes. During a rollicking dance scene like the one from *The Favourite*, he even moves to handheld with this constrained focus. The results are fussy and overindulgent.

Having said that, it's a minor nitpick and certainly doesn't keep *Poor Things* from remaining a major artistic achievement from one of the most fascinating filmmakers around.

New movies coming to theaters

▪ *Aquaman and The Lost Kingdom*, starring Jason Momoa and Patrick Wilson, is a superhero sequel in which Aquaman is forced to protect Atlantis and his loved ones from devastation after an ancient power is unleashed by Manta obtaining the cursed Black Trident.

▪ *Anyone But You*, starring Sydney Sweeney and Glen Powell, is a romantic comedy about a pair of young attractive people who pretend to be a couple during a destination wedding in Australia, even though they secretly hate each other.

▪ *Migration*, starring Kumail Nanjiani and Elizabeth Banks, is an animated adventure comedy about a family of ducks who try to convince their overprotective father to go on the vacation of a lifetime.

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Plenty of heavy hitters at festival

The Sonic Temple Art & Music Festival has announced **Slipknot**, **Pantera**, the original **Misfits**, **Disturbed**, **Limp Bizkit**, and **Evanescence** among the headliners of the annual hard rock and heavy metal gathering in Columbus, Ohio.

This year's festival will take place May 16-19 at Crew Stadium and will see no fewer than 120 bands perform during four days of metal madness.

Many of the usual suspects will be there including **Breaking Benjamin**, **In This Moment**, **Theory of a Deadman**, **Seether**, **A Day To Remember**, and **Falling in Reverse**. A reunited **Staind** will be a nice addition as will a reunited **Flyleaf**, former Slayer guitarist **Kerry King**, and the recently resurrected **Kittie**, who promise new music in 2024.

Basically, just about everyone in the genre will be there, and if you are a fan of the harder side of music, this is the place you will want to be in May.

Tickets are on sale.

Peter Hook plays LPs in full

Peter Hook & The Light are setting out on tour across the world in 2024 with some U.S. dates just announced.

The shows kick off near the end of August, stopping at Riviera Theatre in Chicago on Sept. 7 and Royal Oak Music Theatre in Detroit on Sept. 10.

Throughout the tour, Hook will perform the *Substance* albums by his former bands Joy Division and New Order in full.



Road Notes

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On the Road

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A Flock of Seagulls	Jan. 26	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
A Perfect Circle	May 1	Wintrust Arena	Chicago
A Perfect Circle	May 2	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
A Thousand Horses	April 28	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
AJR	April 12	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
AJR	April 14	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Adam Ant	March 26	Auditorium Theatre	Chicago
Adam Ant	March 27	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Aerosmith	Jan. 4	Heritage Bank Center	Cincinnati
Aerosmith	Jan. 23	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Aimee Mann	Feb. 28	Cincinnati Memorial Hall	Cincinnati
Aimee Mann	Feb. 29	Royce Auditorium	Grand Rapids
Aimee Mann	March 2	Cahn Auditorium	Chicago
Air Supply	March 15	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Alkaline Trio	March 8	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Alkaline Trio	March 15	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Alkaline Trio	March 16	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Allison Russell	Jan. 14	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Allison Russell	Jan. 16	Royce Auditorium	Grand Rapids
Amaarae	March 21	House of Blues	Chicago
Amon Amarth	May 5	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Amon Amarth	May 7	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Amy Grant	May 13	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Andrea Bocelli	April 7	Heritage Bank Center	Cincinnati
Andrea Bocelli	April 13	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Andrea Bocelli	April 14	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Andres Cepeda	April 13	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
anees	Feb. 3	House of Blues	Cleveland
Anjelah Johnson-Reyes	March 22-23	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Anxious, Koyo, & One Step Closer	March 13	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Aprile Macie	Feb. 14-17	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Arlo Parks	March 16	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Ashley McBryde	May 30	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Ashley McBryde	May 31	The Fillmore	Detroit
Asleep at the Wheel	May 18	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Augustana	Jan. 31	The Toby	Indianapolis
Augustana	April 26	Park West	Chicago
Avenged Sevenfold	March 9	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Avenged Sevenfold	March 11	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Avenged Sevenfold	March 13	Heritage Bank Center	Cincinnati
Avenged Sevenfold	March 19	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Avenged Sevenfold	March 26	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Bad Bunny	March 28-30	United Center	Chicago
Bad Bunny	April 6	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Bad Religion & Social Distortion	May 11	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Bad Religion & Social Distortion	May 12	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Bad Religion & Social Distortion	May 17	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Bad Religion & Social Distortion	May 18	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Bailey Zimmerman	March 1-2	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Bailey Zimmerman	March 7-8	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Bailey Zimmerman	March 9	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Beach Weather	March 3	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Beach Weather	March 5	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Beach Weather	March 9	House of Blues	Cleveland
Beach Weather	March 10	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Beartooth	Jan. 12	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Beartooth	Jan. 16	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Beartooth	March 8	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Beartooth	March 12	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Beartooth w/The Plot In You, Invent Animate, Sleep Theory	March 16	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Belle and Sebastian	May 3	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Belle and Sebastian	May 4	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Belle and Sebastian	May 6	Bell's Eccentric Cafe	Kalamazoo
Big Head Todd & The Monsters	Jan. 18	The Palladium	Carmel
Big Head Todd & The Monsters	Jan. 20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Big Head Todd & The Monsters	Jan. 21	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit

Big Head Todd & The Monsters	Jan. 23	House of Blues	Cleveland
Big Something	April 10	The Summit	Columbus, OH
Big Something	April 14	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Big Something	April 20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Birdtalker	April 11	Old Town School of Folk Music	Chicago
Birdtalker	April 12	A&R Music Bar	Columbus, OH
Birdtalker	April 13	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Black Pumas	Jan. 25-27	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Black Veil Brides	May 3	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Black Veil Brides	May 5	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Black Violin	March 19	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Black Violin	March 22	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Black Violin	March 23	KeyBank State Theatre	Cleveland
Blackberry Smoke	Feb. 22	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Blackhawk	May 10	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Blake Shelton	Feb. 23	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Bleachers	May 25	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Bleachers	June 4	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Blood, Sweat, and Tears	May 24	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Bombay Bicycle Club	March 14	Metro	Chicago
Bone Thugs-N-Harmony	Feb. 2	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Born of Osiris & Attila	April 14	The King of Clubs	Columbus, OH
Born of Osiris & Attila	May 25	Bottom Lounge	Chicago
BoyWithUke	April 22	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
BoyWithUke	April 25	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
BoyWithUke	April 26	House of Blues	Cleveland
Brandon Lake	April 19	Wolstein Center	Cleveland
Brandon Lake	May 2	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Briston Maroney	Feb. 13	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Brothers Osborne	June 13	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Brothers of the Heart	March 28	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Bruce Hornsby & yMusic	March 9	The Palladium	Carmel
Bruce Hornsby & yMusic	March 10	Pick-Staiger Concert Hall	Chicago
Bryan Adams	Feb. 27	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Bryan Adams	Feb. 28	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Bryce Vine	March 2	House of Blues	Chicago
Bryce Vine	March 3	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Bryce Vine	March 5	The Fillmore	Detroit
Bryce Vine	March 6	House of Blues	Cleveland
Burna Boy	Feb. 21	Wintrust Arena	Chicago
Burna Boy	Feb. 22	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Busta Rhymes	April 11	The Fillmore	Detroit
Busta Rhymes	April 14	Radius	Chicago
Busta Rhymes	April 18	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Cain	June 1	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Canaan Cox	April 15	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
The Castellows	March 16	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Casting Crowns	April 19	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
The Celtic Tenors	March 21	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Celtic Woman	March 20	Palace Theatre	Columbus, OH
Celtic Woman	March 28	KeyBank State Theatre	Cleveland
Celtic Woman	April 7	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Celtic Woman	April 9	DeVos Performance Hall	Grand Rapids
Celtic Woman	April 10	Lima Civic Center	Lima, OH
Celtic Woman	April 12-13	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Celtic Woman	April 19	Aronoff Center for the Arts	Cincinnati
Chappell Roan	April 6	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Charlie Worsham	Feb. 24	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Charlotte Sands	March 27	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Chelsea Cutler	Feb. 29	The Fillmore	Detroit
Chelsea Cutler	March 1	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Chelsea Cutler	March 2	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Chelsea Wolfe	March 19	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Chris Cagle	April 20	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Chris Knight	Jan. 20	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Chris Stapleton	May 31	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Chris Stapleton & George Strait	May 4	Lucas Oil Stadium	Indianapolis
Circles Around the Sun	March 15	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis

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Road Notes

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“It still amazes me how enjoyable it is to play the *Substance* LPs,” Hook said in a statement. “The contrast between Joy Division and New Order is very apparent, but both complement each other very well. My only frustration is not being able to play more of our records each night.

“I am totally looking forward to the next phase. So, let’s enjoy some *Substance* and get ready for the future.”

Throwback night in Plymouth

Throwback at the Track features headliner **Ginuwine** with **Digital Underground**, **Color Me Badd**, **DJ Kool**, and **Candyman** on Aug. 3 at the Plymouth Motor Speedway in Plymouth.

One of the biggest names in music at the tail end of last century, Ginuwine hit it big in 1996 on the strength of his single “Pony,” helping ignite the path to selling more than 10 million albums during his career.

Digital Underground is, of course, most famous for their 1990 hit single “Humpty Dance” and Color Me Badd rose to stardom with hits “I Wanna Sex You Up”, “I Adore Mi Amor” and “All 4 Love.”

It should be a fun night.

New Kids back on the road

While we are on the subject of the ’90s, we might as well mention **New Kids on the Block** will tour heavily in 2024.

The group will head out on the Magic Summer 2024 Tour, reimagined from their 1990 tour of the same name, to bring their long list of hits to fans craving a bit of nostalgia.

Jonathan and Jordan Knight, Joey McIntyre, Donnie Wahlberg, and Danny Wood will all appear on the trek that promises nostalgia at every turn.

The tour kicks off at Blossom Music Center in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, on June 14, followed by a stop at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre in Chicago on June 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre outside Detroit on June 18, and Riverbend Music Center in Cincinnati on June 21 before wrapping up the tour with a show in at Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio, on Aug. 23 and the finale in at Noblesville’s Ruoff Music Center on Aug. 25.

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Clay Walker	Feb. 10	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Code Orange	March 1	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Cody Jinks	April 13	Wings Event Center	Kalamazoo
The Cold Stares	Jan. 12	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Cold War Kids	Feb. 23	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Cold War Kids	Feb. 26	House of Blues	Cleveland
Cole Swindell	June 7	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Cole Swindell	June 8	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Colin Hay	March 20	Howard L. Schrott Center	Indianapolis
Colin Hay	March 23	Cahn Auditorium	Chicago
Colin Hay	March 24	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Colin Hay	March 26	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Colin Hay	March 28	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Connor McLaren	Dec. 22	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Corey Holcomb	April 12-13	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Corey Taylor	Feb. 13	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Corey Taylor	Feb. 14	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Corey Taylor	Feb. 17	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Couch	Jan. 27	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Craig Conant	March 13	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Craig Gass	Feb. 1-3	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Crosses	Feb. 13	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Crosses	Feb. 14	The Fillmore	Detroit
DJ Shadow	Jan. 31	Metro	Chicago
DJ Shadow	Feb. 1	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Dallas String Quartet: The Bridgerton Tour	May 10	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
Dan + Shay	March 14	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Dan + Shay	March 15	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Dan + Shay	March 22	United Center	Chicago
Danny Brown	March 20	Metro	Chicago
Danny Gokey	May 17	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Darcy & Jer	Feb. 17	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Darcy & Jer	Feb. 18	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
David Lucas	Dec. 21	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
David Phelps	March 1	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Davy Knowles	Feb. 17	Baker Street Centre	Fort Wayne
Dayseeker w/ Polaris, Rain City Drive, Avoid	April 30	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Death Cab for Cutie & The Postal Service	April 30	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Devil Wears Prada & Fit For a King	Jan. 19	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
Devil Wears Prada & Fit For a King	Jan. 21	House of Blues	Cleveland
Dirty Loops	April 3	House of Blues	Chicago
Disney Princess: The Concert	March 12	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Disturbed	Jan. 22	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Disturbed	Feb. 6	Huntington Center	Toledo
Dixon’s Violin	Jan. 6	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Dizgo	Feb. 3	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Don McLean	May 18	Trine T. Furth Center	Angola
Don Omar	March 21	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Drake	Feb. 20-21	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Drake	Feb. 24	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Drake White	March 9	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Drake White	April 20	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Drake White	May 2	House of Blues	Cleveland
Drake White	May 3	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Drake White	May 4	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Drew Holcomb & The Neighbors	April 15	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Drew Holcomb & The Neighbors	April 18	House of Blues	Chicago
Duke Dumont	Dec. 22	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Duke Tumatote & The Power Trio	Jan. 20	Baker Street Centre	Fort Wayne
Dustin Lynch	April 26	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Ed Bassmaster	Jan. 27	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Eggy	Feb. 18	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Elevation Worship & Steven Furtick	Feb. 23	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Elevation Worship & Steven Furtick	Feb. 24	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Elle King	Feb. 22	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Elvie Shane	Feb. 3	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis

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Em Beihold	March 2	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Em Beihold	March 5	Skully's Music Diner	Columbus, OH
Emmylou Harris	May 22	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Etta May & The Southern Fried Chicks	April 7	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Excision	Dec. 22	Navy Pier	Chicago
Excision	March 27	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Extreme	Feb. 7	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Fall Out Boy & Jimmy Eat World	March 26	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Fall Out Boy & Jimmy Eat World	March 29	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Flatland Cavalry	Jan. 25	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Flatland Cavalry	Jan. 26	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Flatland Cavalry	Jan. 27	MB Financial Park	Chicago
Flogging Molly	March 1	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Foghat	March 29	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
Foreigner & Styx	June 11	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Foreigner & Styx	June 12	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Foy Vance	Jan. 28	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Funny Marco	Jan. 12-14	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
G Flip	May 25	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
G-Space	Dec. 23	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
G. Jones	Jan. 14	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
G. Jones	Jan. 19	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jan. 12	Park West	Chicago
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jan. 17	The Ark	Ann Arbor
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jan. 18	The Vogue	Indianapolis
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jan. 19	House of Blues	Cleveland
Gaelic Storm	Feb. 28	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Gaelic Storm	Feb. 29	Bell's Eccentric Cafe	Kalamazoo
Gaelic Storm	March 15-16	House of Blues	Chicago
Gaither Vocal Band	June 7	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Games We Play	March 27	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Gary Allan	March 9	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Gary Numan	March 11	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Gary Puckett & The Union Gap	Feb. 2	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
Giant Rooks	April 21	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Ginger Billy	Feb. 23-24	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Glenn Hughes	Feb. 9	The Token Lounge	Detroit
Glenn Hughes	Feb. 10	Arcade Theatre	Chicago
Glenn Hughes	Feb. 13	Hobart Art Theatre	Hobart
Glenn Hughes	Feb. 14	Blue Note	Cincinnati
Gloria Trevi	May 17	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Gloria Trevi	May 18	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Godsmack	April 20	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Greensky Bluegrass	Dec. 29	The Fillmore	Detroit
Greensky Bluegrass	Dec. 30-31	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Greensky Bluegrass	March 2	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Greensky Bluegrass	March 6	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Greta Van Fleet	May 19	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Grouplove	March 16	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Grouplove	March 17	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Grouplove	March 19	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Grouplove	March 20	Bogart's	Cincinnati
The Guess Who	May 3	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Guster	March 22	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Guy Penrod, Joseph Habedank, & Lynda Randle	June 6	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Gwar	March 13	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Gwar	March 28	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
The Hails	Feb. 23	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Haken	Feb. 21	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Haken	Feb. 22	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Haken	Feb. 24	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Hannah Wicklund	May 10	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Hauser	June 9	Fisher Theatre	Detroit
Hauser	June 11	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Herman's Hermits w/The Grass Roots, The Buckingham	April 13	Honeywell Center	Wabash
The Hip Abduction	May 2	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Home Free	April 3	Paramount Theatre	Anderson

Home Free	April 12	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Home Free	April 13	The Long Center	Lafayette
Hootie & The Blowfish	June 6	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Hootie & The Blowfish	June 7	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Hootie & The Blowfish	June 8	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Hot Water Music	May 3	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Hot Water Music	May 5	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Indigo De Souza	April 6	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Insomnium	April 15	Magic Stick	Detroit
Insomnium	April 16	House of Blues	Chicago
Ive	March 26	Allstate Arena	Chicago
JJ Grey & Mofro	March 22	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
JJ Grey & Mofro	March 23	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
JJ Grey & Mofro	March 24	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
JJ Grey & Mofro	March 27	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
JJ Grey & Mofro	March 28	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
JJ Grey & Mofro	March 29	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
JP Saxe	March 12	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
JP Saxe	March 16	A&R Music Bar	Columbus, OH
JP Saxe	March 17	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
JP Saxe	March 19	House of Blues	Chicago
JR De Guzman	March 14-16	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jack & Jack	March 26	A&R Music Bar	Columbus, OH
Jack & Jack	March 28	Bottom Lounge	Chicago
Jackson Dean	Feb. 16	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Jackson Dean	Feb. 22	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Jacob Collier	June 4	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Jacob Collier	June 5	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Jacob Collier	June 6	The Fillmore	Detroit
Jacob Collier	June 9	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Jacob Collier	June 12	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
James Arthur	May 7	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
James Arthur	May 11	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Jamie Lissow	Jan. 18-20	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jamila Woods	Feb. 23	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Jason Isbell & The 400 Unit	Feb. 29-March 1	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Jason Isbell & The 400 Unit	March 8	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Jason Mewes	March 8-9	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jay Leno	March 23	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
Jeremy Camp	March 23	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Jim Brickman	Feb. 15	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Jo Dee Messina	May 16	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Jo Koy	Feb. 4	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Joe Dombrowski	March 1-2	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Joe P	Feb. 20	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Joe Pug	Feb. 25	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Joe Satriani & Steve Vai	April 13	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Joe Satriani & Steve Vai	April 16	Fisher Theatre	Detroit
Joe Satriani & Steve Vai	April 18	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Joe Satriani & Steve Vai	April 20	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Joe Satriani & Steve Vai	April 21	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
John 5	Feb. 6	The Eclectic Room	Angola
John Anderson	May 31	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
John Caparulo	April 5-6	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
John Crist	March 9	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
John Mellencamp	March 17	Stranahan Theater	Toledo
John Mellencamp	March 22	Emens Auditorium, Ball State	Muncie
John Michael Montgomery & Eddie Montgomery	April 27	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
John Waite	Feb. 2	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Jon Batiste	Feb. 24	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Jon Batiste	Feb. 26	The Fillmore	Detroit
Jon Batiste	Feb. 27	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Jordan Davis	Jan. 12	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Joseph	Jan. 27	House of Blues	Cleveland
Josey Scott's Saliva w/Danny D. & The Dirty Royals, After Midnight	Dec. 30	The Eclectic Room	Angola
Josh Meloy	Feb. 10	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Josiah & The Bonnevilles	March 19	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis

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Quick Hit

LOCAL EVENT

SECRET MEZZANINE

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

DEER PARK IRISH PUB (+21)

Formed in Fort Wayne several years ago, Secret Mezzanine made a quick impact on the local music scene with their thoughtfully crafted indie rock songs that resonated with a large portion of the community.

Though members of the band are now scattered across the country, they get together when they can. One such opportunity will be over the holidays, at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28, at Deer Park Irish Pub.

The band will play selections from their latest album, *Field Guide to American Houses*, along with several other favorites, when they take the stage to remind us of what has endeared them to local and regional audiences over the years. — *Chris Hupe*

Road Trips

LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

The Bulldogs

Dec. 31	Fremont Moose Lodge, Fremont
Feb. 10	Eagles Aerie 1771, Alexandria
May 25	Fish Lake Family Resort, Fremont
May 30	Mentone Egg Festival, Mentone
June 5	James Dean Memorial Stage, Fairmount
June 15	CoCoLo's RV Campground, Lagro
July 20	Downtown Hartford City, Hartford City
July 22	Madison County Fair, Alexandria
July 27	Hickory Acres Campground, Edgerton, OH
Aug. 3	State Line Heritage Days, Union City
Aug. 9	Bethel Pointe, Muncie
Aug. 16	Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen
Aug. 23	Quincy Daze Festival, Quincy, MI
Sept. 5	Roann Covered Bridge Festival, Roann
Sept. 7	Matthews Covered Bridge Festival
Sept. 13	Back to the Fifties Festival, Lebanon
Sept. 20	Flatrock Creek Festival, Paulding, OH

Chris Worth

Dec. 30	Kick'n Kountry, Coldwater, MI
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Jailbreak

Jan. 27	Moose Lodge 2094, Defiance, OH
Feb. 3	Moose Lodge 1064, Bryan
Feb. 23	Elks Lodge 54, Lima, OH

James & The Drifters

Jan. 26	Hi-Fi, Indianapolis
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Joe Justice

Dec. 22	Stoney Ridge Winery, Bryan, OH
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Jujubee

Feb. 2	Max Dugans, Detroit
Feb. 3	Blind Pig, Ann Arbor

Left Lane Cruiser

Dec. 21	Hi-Fi, Indianapolis
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The Namby Pamby

Jan. 5	Hi-Fi, Indianapolis
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Red-Eye Lorelai

Dec. 31	Eagles Post 2233, Bryan, OH
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Spirit Bomb

Apr. 20	Masonic Temple, Cleveland
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Tom Koenig

Dec. 21	Kick'n Kountry, Coldwater, MI
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Juanes	March 7	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Judas Priest	April 28	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Judas Priest	May 1	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Judas Priest	May 4	Wings Event Center	Kalamazoo
K. Flay	March 15-16	1st Ward at Chop Shop	Chicago
Kane Brown	April 4	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Kane Brown	April 12	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Kansas	April 6	The Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Keith Sweat	Feb. 2	Wintrust Arena	Chicago
Kentucky Headhunters & The Outlaws	May 11	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Keyshia Cole	Feb. 29	Wintrust Arena	Chicago
Keyshia Cole	March 3	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
The Kills	Feb. 16	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
The Kills	Feb. 17	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Knox	Feb. 8	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Kolton Moore & The Clever Few	March 3	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
The Kooks	March 2	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
The Kooks	March 15	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Kristin Key	May 12	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Kurt Vile & The Violators	March 18	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Lary	March 28	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Lary	March 29-30	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Lary	April 2	The Fillmore	Detroit
Larry Fleet	April 11	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Lauren Daigle	May 29	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Lauren Daigle	May 30	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Lauren Daigle w/Blessing Offor	March 7	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Ledisi	March 26	Wexner Center	Columbus
Ledisi	March 28	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Ledisi	March 29	Fisher Theatre	Detroit
Ledisi	March 30	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Lee Brice	Feb. 18	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Lee Brice	March 7	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Leela James	Jan. 20	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Less Than Jake	March 26	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Less Than Jake	March 28	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Lilly Hiatt	March 7	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Lindsey Stirling	Dec. 31	Auditorium Theatre	Chicago
Liquid Stranger w/ Champagne Drip, DrinkUrWater, Xotix, Sonorous	Feb. 3	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Little River Band	Feb. 2	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Little River Band	Feb. 3	Morris PAC	South Bend
Los Angeles Azules	March 23	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Los Angeles Azules	March 24	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Los Lobos	April 6	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Lou Gramm	Feb. 17	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Lucius	Jan. 27	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Lyn Lapid	Jan. 23	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Mac McAnally	Feb. 23	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Machine Head	Jan. 31	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Machine Head	Feb. 2	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Machine Head	Feb. 3	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Maddie Zahm	Feb. 23	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Maddie Zahm	Feb. 26	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Maddie Zahm	Feb. 27	The Shelter	Detroit
Maddie Zahm	Feb. 27	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Maddie Zahm	March 2	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Maddy Smith	June 7-8	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Madison Beer	April 26	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Madison Beer	April 30	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Madison Beer	May 1	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Madison Beer	May 3	The Fillmore	Detroit
Magic City Hippies	Jan. 25	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Mahalia	March 25	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Mahalia	March 26	House of Blues	Chicago
Mannequin Pu**y	April 11	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis

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LOCAL EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENING WITH KEEP TIME BARBERSHOP SATURDAY, DEC. 30 KEEP TIME BARBERSHOP

Get in some needed practice for your big New Year’s Eve celebration and help a local business become a permanent resident in its current location by attending a Special Evening with Keep Time Barbershop on Saturday, Dec. 30.

Located at 1036 Huffman St. Keep Time Barbershop have been offered a chance to buy the building and are hoping the community will help them out while having fun in the process.

To get closer to achieving their goal, they are hosting this party from 4-7 p.m. with pizza from Papi’s Pizza, drinks, and music to entertain. A raffle will take place during the night with several chances to win one the amazing prizes that have been donated for the cause.

Following the party, Split Par- site will perform and New League Record will make their debut at 7:30 p.m. — *Chris Hupe*

LOS ELECTRO WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27 THE CLUB ROOM AT THE CLYDE

Wednesday nights are made for jazz in The Club Room at The Clyde.

Showcasing some of the best local and regional talent of the genre every week, Wednesday Jazz Sessions have become a destination event for music lovers in the area. The Club Room plans to usher 2023 out with a bang as the last session of the year will feature Los Electro.

Comprised of former members of local favorites Los Galaxy, Los Elec- tro have changed direction slightly from the original band to take on a Latin music flavor, playing every- thing from Latin rock to cumbia to salsa, all of which will have you dancing all night long even if you don’t leave your seat. — *Chris Hupe*

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Marc Broussard	March 14	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Marc Broussard	March 22	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Marc Broussard	March 23	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Matisyahu	March 8	House of Blues	Chicago
Matt Hansen	April 12	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Matt Maltese	March 28	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Matt Maltese	March 29	House of Blues	Chicago
Matt Rife	Dec. 22-23	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Meet Me at the Altar	Feb. 2	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Meet Me at the Altar	Feb. 3	House of Blues	Chicago
Melanie Martinez	June 13	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
MercyMe	April 19	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
MercyMe	April 20	Heritage Bank Center	Cincinnati
Meshell Ndegeocello	Jan. 19	Chicago Symphony Center	Chicago
Michael Flatley’s Lord of the Dance	Feb. 24	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Michael Palascak	Feb. 14	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Michael Rapaport	March 28-30	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Michael W. Smith	March 1	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Michael W. Smith	March 22-23	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Mick Jenkins	Jan. 19	House of Blues	Chicago
Mickey Darling	Jan. 27	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Mickey Darling	Jan. 30	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Mike Cronin	Jan. 25	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Ministry	March 12	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Ministry	March 13	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Ministry	March 14	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Mitski	March 21-24	Auditorium Theatre	Chicago
Mo Lowda & The Humble	March 21	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Molly Hatchet	May 4	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
Mom Jeans	March 27	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
Mom Jeans	March 28-29	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Monica Nevi	Feb. 29	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Morat	Jan. 24	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Morgan Wallen	April 4	Lucas Oil Stadium	Indianapolis
Motion City Soundtrack	Jan. 2	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Motion City Soundtrack	Jan. 3	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Motion City Soundtrack	Jan. 5	House of Blues	Cleveland
Mr. Big	Jan. 26	Ludlow Garage	Cincinnati
Mr. Big	Feb. 14	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Mr. Big	Feb. 20	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Mt. Joy	Dec. 28-31	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Mustard Plug	Dec. 29	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
NF	May 11	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
NF	May 14	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Nate Smith	Feb. 2	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Naturally 7	Feb. 24	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Neck Deep	Feb. 13	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Neck Deep	Feb. 14	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Neck Deep	Feb. 24	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Neck Deep	Feb. 25	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Nelson	Jan. 18	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Nick Shoulders	April 20	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Nickel Creek	Feb. 10	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Nickel Creek	Feb. 13	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Nickel Creek	Feb. 15	Mershon Auditorium	Columbus, OH
Nickel Creek	Feb. 16	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Nicki Minaj	April 12	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Nicki Minaj	April 20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Nicki Minaj	April 24	United Center	Chicago
Noah Kahan	May 28	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Noah Reid	Jan. 16	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Noah Reid	Jan. 18	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
Nora en Pure	Dec. 31	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Oliver Tree	Jan. 13	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Olivia Rodrigo	March 19	United Center	Chicago
Olivia Rodrigo	March 22	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Olivia Rodrigo	March 23	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit

One Hallelujah	March 21	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
One Hallelujah	March 24	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
One Hallelujah	April 4	Auditorium Theatre	Chicago
One Hallelujah	April 5	Fisher Theatre	Detroit
One Hallelujah	April 6	Wexner Center	Columbus
Otis Gibbs	Feb. 9	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Otoboke Beaver	March 15	House of Blues	Cleveland
Otoboke Beaver	March 16	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Our Last Night	May 4	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Our Last Night	May 10	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Our Last Night	May 11	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Pablo Francisco	Jan. 26	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Pantera	Feb. 20	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Parker McCollum	Feb. 3	Elliott Hall of Music	West Lafayette
Parker McCollum	Feb. 8	Wings Event Center	Kalamazoo
Parker McCollum	Feb. 9	Nutter Center	Fairborn, OH
Parker McCollum	June 8	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Parmalee	Dec. 29	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Patti Smith	Dec. 27	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Peezy	Feb. 1	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Peezy	Feb. 3	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Peter Frampton	March 18	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Phil Wickham w/Pat Barrett, Benjamin William Hastings	March 16	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Phora	Feb. 21	The Promontory	Chicago
Pink Sweats	Feb. 19	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Porno for Pyros	Feb. 26	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Porno for Pyros	Feb. 27	The Fillmore	Detroit
Portugal. The Man	Feb. 16	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Portugal. The Man	Feb. 17	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Post Sex Nachos	March 29	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Postmodern Jukebox	March 2	The Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Postmodern Jukebox	March 3	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Postmodern Jukebox	March 5	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
Postmodern Jukebox	March 6	The Long Center	Lafayette
Postmodern Jukebox	March 7	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Postmodern Jukebox	March 10	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
The Prize Fighter Inferno	Feb. 23	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Puddles Pity Party	Jan. 21	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Queensryche	April 12	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Queensryche	April 13	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Queensryche	April 14	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Queensryche	April 16	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
Queensryche	April 17	House of Blues	Cleveland
Real Estate	April 7	El Club	Detroit
Real Estate	April 11	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Real Estate	April 12	Mahall’s	Cleveland
Recoil	Dec. 30	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Rene Vaca	Jan. 17	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Restless Road	Jan. 13	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
Richard Marx	Feb. 18	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Ricky Montgomery	March 2	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Righteous Brothers	April 6	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Robert Kelly	Dec. 31	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
The Rocket Summer	March 11	Cobra Lounge	Chicago
The Rocket Summer	March 12	Magic Bag	Detroit
The Rocket Summer	March 13	Rumba Cafe	Columbus, OH
Rodney Atkins	Feb. 16	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Rodney Carrington	March 23	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Rodrigo Y Gabriela	May 14	TempleLive	Cleveland
Rodrigo Y Gabriela	May 15	Athenaeum Theatre	Columbus, OH
Rodrigo Y Gabriela	May 16	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Rodrigo Y Gabriela	May 18	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Ronnie & Kim Booth, Greater Vision, & Legacy Five	June 4	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Rumpke Mountain Boys	Feb. 2	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Russell Dickerson	March 1	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Russell Dickerson	March 2	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Russell Dickerson	March 7	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH

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Saint Asonia	May 3	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Saint Motel	April 17	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Sam Barber	March 6	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Sam Hunt	Feb. 22	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Sam Hunt	Feb. 24	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Sam Hunt	March 2	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Sam Roberts Band	Feb. 17	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Sammy Rae & The Friends	March 9	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Sarah Jarosz	April 24	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Sarah McLachlan	June 11	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Sarah McLachlan	June 13	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Say Anything	May 7	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Say Anything	May 14	House of Blues	Cleveland
Say Anything	May 15	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Say Anything	May 17	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Scotty McCreery	Jan. 27	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Set It Off	March 30	House of Blues	Cleveland
Set It Off	March 31	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Set It Off	April 1	House of Blues	Chicago
Set It Off	April 30	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Shovels & Rope	March 23	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Shovels & Rope	March 24	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Sierra Hull	March 22	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Silent Planet	Feb. 13	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Silversun Pickups	Feb. 27	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Silversun Pickups	Feb. 29	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Silversun Pickups	March 1	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Silversun Pickups	March 2	House of Blues	Cleveland
Silversun Pickups	March 3	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Silvestre Dangond	May 30	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Six Foot Blonde	Dec. 29	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Sleater-Kinney	March 20	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH

Sleater-Kinney	March 21	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Sons of Mystro	Feb. 8	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Starset	April 16	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Starset	May 16	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Static-X & Sevendust	Feb. 21	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Static-X & Sevendust	Feb. 22	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
The Steeldrivers	Feb. 17	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Stephen Marley & Damien Marley	March 29	The Fillmore	Detroit
Stephen Marley & Damien Marley	March 30	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Steve Hackett	March 22	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Story of the Year	Jan. 5	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Story of the Year	Jan. 6	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Story of the Year	Jan. 25	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Story of the Year	Jan. 26	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Straight No Chaser	Dec. 21-23	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Subtronics	Feb. 23	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
SunSquabi	Jan. 25	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Sundy Best	Jan. 27	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
The Surfratjettes	Feb. 14	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
TR3	Feb. 1	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
TWRP	April 2	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Take 6	April 26	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Tanner Usrey	March 9	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Taylor Williamson	Jan. 5-6	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
The Temptations	June 13	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Terri Clark & Deana Carter	March 16	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Tesla	March 2	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
The Texas Tenors	April 25	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
That 1 Guy	Feb. 21	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Three Dog Night	Jan. 26	Harrah's Hoosier Park	Anderson
Tim Allen	Jan. 26	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Tim McGraw & Carly Pearce	April 18	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis

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Tim McGraw & Carly Pearce	May 31	United Center	Chicago
Tim McGraw & Carly Pearce	June 1	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Time for Three	April 25	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Tinashe	Feb. 15	Radius	Chicago
Tinsley Ellis	March 16	Baker Street Centre	Fort Wayne
Tinsley Ellis	March 17	Jazz Kitchen	Indianapolis
Tinsley Ellis	March 19	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Tom Green	April 15-16	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Tommy James & The Shondells	March 30	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Toto	Feb. 25	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Toto	April 18	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Toto	April 21	Mershon Auditorium	Columbus, OH
Tow'rs	March 20	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Tower of Power	Feb. 29	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 22	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 23	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 26	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 26	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 28	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 28	Nutter Center	Fairborn, OH
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 29	Heritage Bank Center	Cincinnati
Travis Tritt	April 20	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
Treaty Oak Revival	Feb. 2	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Triumph, Gold City, & Guardians	June 3	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Tropidelic	Dec. 29	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Two Door Cinema Club	March 4	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Two Door Cinema Club	March 5	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Two Door Cinema Club	March 7	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Two Friends	Jan. 12	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Ty Segall	May 5	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Ty Segall	May 6	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Tyler Childers	June 11	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Tyler Childers	June 13	United Center	Chicago
Tyler Hubbard	Feb. 8	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Umphrey's McGee	Dec. 29-31	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Umphrey's McGee	Jan. 31	House of Blues	Cleveland
Umphrey's McGee	Feb. 2	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Umphrey's McGee	Feb. 3	The Fillmore	Detroit
Unspoken	Feb. 15	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Veil of Maya	Jan. 21	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Veil of Maya	Feb. 15	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Veil of Maya	Feb. 16	The Forge	Joliet, IL
Ventana	Jan. 13	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
The Vindys	Dec. 30	House of Blues	Cleveland
Walker & Royce	Feb. 9	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Warrant & FireHouse	April 19	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Waterparks	March 9	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Wayne Newton	April 18	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Wayne Newton	April 19	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Westlife	March 18	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Wheatus	June 9	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
William Black	March 29	The Vogue	Indianapolis
William Lee Golden & The Goldens	June 5	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Winter Jam 2024	Jan. 27	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Winter Jam 2024	Feb. 3	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Winter Jam 2024 w/Crowder, Lecrae, Cain, Kate Nichole, Seventh Day Slumber, Newsong	Feb. 15	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Winter Jam 2024	March 8	Wolstein Center	Cleveland
Winter Jam 2024	March 10	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Winter Jam 2024	March 24	Truist Arena	Cincinnati
The Wood Brothers	April 3	Southern Theatre	Columbus, OH
The Wood Brothers	April 5	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
The Wood Brothers	April 6	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Zach Bryan	March 6-7	United Center	Chicago
Zach Williams	April 14	The Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Zakk Sabbath	Dec. 31	House of Blues	Cleveland
Zakk Sabbath	Jan. 10	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Zoltan Kaszas	Feb. 9-10	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne

NOW PLAYING

An Evening with Lavendelle — One-woman burlesque show with interactive moments, **10:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31**, The Socialite (formerly The Tiger Room), Fort Wayne, \$65-\$90, (260) 744-0333

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Beginner Theater & Tech Workshop — Those 7 years and older learn acting, sewing, and set construction while rehearsing a different scene or skit to perform during one-day classes, **11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Jan. 2-5**, TekVenture Makerspace, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 750-9013

Art & Acting Classes — Partnership between Fort Wayne Urban League and Fort Wayne Civic Theatre offers weekly classes for those 14 and older, teaching acting and painting, **4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 9-Feb. 27**, Fort Wayne Urban League, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 745-3100

AUDITIONS

Bach Collegium — Auditions for new collegium members, by appointment, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, (260) 485-2143

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

JANUARY

Murder on the Orient Express — Fire Line Productions of Wabash puts on popular tale of train passengers investigating who is behind a slaying, **7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13**, Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$20, (260) 563-1102

The Sound of Music — Fire & Light Productions offers Rodgers & Hammerstein musical about postulant caring for seven children as Nazis take hold of Austria, **7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 18-19; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20**, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$16, (260) 422-4226

Huntington Theatre Guild: Act II Open Mic Night — Performers at least 8 years old may participate in family friendly singing, dancing, comedy, or spoken word, **7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19**, The Hive Center, Huntington, \$1, (260) 355-5103

Stomp — Touring group uses trash cans, brooms, lighters, and matchboxes to create inventive dance, music, and theatrical show, **6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$70, (260) 424-5665

Dinosaur World Live — Puppeteers guide giant Tyrannosaurus rex, Triceratops, Giraffatitan, Microraptor, and Segnosaurus through adventures, **7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$15-\$35, (260) 563-1102

Almost Maine — The residents of Almost, Maine, find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 26-27 and Feb. 2-3; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4**, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$18-22, (260) 422-4226

Dinosaur World Live — Puppeteers guide giant Tyrannosaurus rex, Triceratops, Giraffatitan, Microraptor, and Segnosaurus through adventures, **3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, \$15-\$39, (419) 238-6722

FEBRUARY

Summit City Sirens: Return of the Tease — Costumes encouraged for “Star Wars”-themed burlesque acts, **8-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2**, Piere’s, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$100, summitcitysirens@gmail.com

360 Allstars — Urban circus with BMX, basketball, breakdancing, beatboxing, acrobatics, and drumming, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$25-\$59, (260) 563-1102

Ragtime the Musical — Genesis Outreach presents stories of a young Harlem musician, a stifled upper-class wife, and a Jewish immigrant living in early 1900s woven together into tale of courage and compassion, **7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday Feb.**

16-17; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, USF Performing Arts Center, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$25, (260) 744-2800

The Color Purple — Family saga of woman who finds strength to triumph over adversity, presented by Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18**, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$35, (260) 422-4226

Love Notes — Love glides across stage in this Fort Wayne Ballet production, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11** (PPG ArtsLab, Fort Wayne); **7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13** (Eagles Theatre, Wabash); **and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14** (Auburn Cord Dusenber Automobile Museum, Auburn), \$20, (260) 422-4226

The Princess Bride: An Inconceivable Evening w/ Cary Elwes — Star of film on hand for screening followed by moderated discussion, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$25-\$150, (260) 563-1102

These Shining Lives — Four women sue their employer, the Radium Dial Company, for radiation poisoning, **7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 15-17, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17**, Studio Theatre, Merillat Centre for the Arts, Huntington University Theatre Company, \$6-\$13, (260) 359-4261

The Tempest — Shakespeare’s fairy-tale romance/comedy begins with a violent storm that wrecks a ship on a mysterious island, **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18; and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 22-24 (high school matinee 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20)**; PFW Department of Theatre, Williams Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$18, (260) 481-6555

Mean Girls Touring — Tina Fey musical about a naive new student that falls in with ionized frenemies, **7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$45-\$90, (260) 424-5665

The Peking Acrobats — Chinese acrobats perform daring maneuvers atop chairs and perform trick-cycling, precision tumbling, juggling, and gymnastics, **7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$25.50-\$55.50, (260) 424-5665

Thumbelina — Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company performs tale of girl born from flower that seeks her Flower Prince, **10 a.m. and noon, Saturday, Feb. 24**, Fort Wayne Ballet Studios, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 422-4226

Disney on Ice Presents Mickey’s Search Party — Adventure filled with world-class skating, high-flying acrobatics and unexpected stunts, **7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 22-23; 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24; 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$146, (260) 483-1111

The Barricade Boys: West End Party! — Touring act takes you on musical journey from *Les Misérables* to *Jersey Boys*, **7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, \$25-\$59, (419) 238-6722

The StepCrew — Combines Ottawa Valley step dance, Irish step dance, and tap with musicians from The Chieftains, Cherish the Ladies, and Bowfire, **7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$25-\$75, (260) 563-1102

MARCH

Rosie Revere, Engineer & Friends — Musical based on the books *Rosie Revere, Engineer*, *Iggy Peck, Architect*, and *Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty, which spotlights STEM curriculum, **10 a.m. and noon Friday, March 1**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$10, (260) 563-1102

The Prom — Four eccentric Broadway stars put a spotlight on trouble around an Indiana small-town prom, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 1-2; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 3; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 8-9; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 10; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 15-16; and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 17**, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$18-22, (260) 422-4226

On Your Feet: The Story of Emilio & Gloria Estefan — True story about heart and heritage and two people who became an international sensation, **7 p.m. Sunday, March 3**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, \$49-\$89, (419) 238-6722

Ailey II Master Class: Technique Class — Modern dance workshop with focus on utilizing strengths, exploring personal styles, and discovering unfamiliar ways of moving, **6 p.m. Wednesday, March 6**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 424-5665

Ailey II Master Class: Revelations Repertoire — Dance work using African-American spirituals, song sermons, gospel songs, and holy blues, **7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 424-5665

Ailey II: The Next Generation of Dance — Marking 50th anniversary of merging spirit and energy of country’s finest early career dance talent, **7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 424-5665

The Simon & Garfunkel Story — Immersive concert-style show chronicles journey of folk-rock duo, **7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$70, (260) 424-5665

Six Degrees of Separation — Young con man fools wealthy New York couple who discover their friends have had a similar encounter, in Fort Wayne Civic Theatre production, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 15-16; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 17; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 22-23; and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 24**, PPG ArtsLab, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$25, (260) 422-4226

Broadway Rox — Accompanied by band, Broadway performers celebrate songs of contemporary musicals, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$39-\$69, (260) 563-1102

APRIL

Hot ‘n’ Cole: A Cole Porter Celebration! — Two-act revue of Indiana native son’s gorgeous songs, including “Night and Day,” “In the Still of the Night,” and “It’s De-Lovely,” **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 5-6; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 7**; PFW Department of Theatre, Williams Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$20, (260) 481-6555

Celtic Woman — Blend of traditional and contemporary Irish music with Irish dancers, bagpipers, and an array of traditional instruments, **7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$49-\$149, (260) 563-1102

Pretty Woman: The Musical — Touring production based on hit Julia Roberts film with help from two-time Tony-winning director and choreographer Jerry Mitchell, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$75, (260) 424-5665

Whose Live Anyway? — Comedians from popular *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* take improv show on the road, **7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, \$19-\$69, (419) 238-6722

Black Snow — Dispirited Russian writer has novel adapted for the stage, but the production takes a dark turn, **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 19-20; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 21**; PFW Department of Theatre, Williams Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$18, (260) 481-6555

Ruby Bridges — Fort Wayne Youtheatre presents story of young Black girl who became face of school integration, **7 p.m. Friday, April 19; 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. (sensory friendly) Saturday, April 20; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 21**, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$16, (260) 422-4226

Romeo & Juliet — Accompanied by Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Fort Wayne Ballet performs Shakespeare’s story of star-crossed lovers kept apart by feuding families, **7:30 p.m. Friday, April 19; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 21**, (sensory friendly), Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$45, (260) 422-4226

Winnie-the-Pooh: A Dream of Honey — G-rated adaptation revisits favorite moments from classic A.A. Milne stories, as well as some new ones, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 19-20; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 26-27; 2:30 p.m. April 28**, all for One productions, PPG ArtsLab, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$22, (260) 422-4226

Mutts Gone Nuts — Four-legged performers, including two-time world Frisbee champion, take part in comedic show, **3 p.m. Saturday, April 20**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$15-\$35, (260) 563-1102

Dot Dot Dot — Musical follows Marisol’s journey to help friends and community break free from self-criticism and learn to let imaginations soar, **10 a.m. and noon Monday, April 22**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$10, (260) 563-1102

Go, Dog. Go! — Fort Wayne Youtheatre brings classic children’s book to life in show for pre-K through third grades, **6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25; 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (sensory friendly) Saturday, April 27; and 1 p.m. Sunday, April 28**, Downtown ACPL, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 422-6900

Madeline! — Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company presents tale of mischievous girl at boarding school run by strict Miss Clavel, **10 a.m. and noon, Saturday, April 27**, Fort Wayne Ballet Studios, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 422-4226

Alice: Dreaming of Wonderland — Action-packed theatrical circus full of surprises, amazing acts, video projection with 3-D mapping, and live music, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$25-\$65, (260) 563-1102

MAY

Jersey Boys — Follows evolution of four blue-collar kids who became one of the greatest successes in pop music in Fort Wayne Civic Theatre season finale, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 12; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 17-18; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19**, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$39, (260) 422-4226

Sesame Street Live: Say Hello — Favorite characters such as Elmo, Abby Cadabby, and Cookie Monster coming to neighborhood, **7:30 p.m. Friday, May 10**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 424-5665

The Father — This Fort Wayne premier is considered “the most acclaimed new play of the last decade,” **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11 and 17-18; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19**, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$18-22, (260) 422-4226

Pints en Pointe — Fort Wayne Ballet season finale is up-close performance with chance to speak with dancers, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11**, Fort Wayne Ballet Studios, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 422-4226

Mamma Mia! — Acclaimed production of bride-to-be seeking to identify her father with help of music from ABBA, **7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, May 28-29**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$80, (260) 424-5665

JUNE

Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour — Dance, sing, and learn as Blippi and Meekah discover what makes different cities unique, **6 p.m. Thursday, June 13**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$31.50-\$61.60, (260) 424-5665

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This piece by Steve Puttrich is part of The Holiday Show exhibit at Castle Gallery Fine Art.

Art & Exhibits

LOCAL CALENDAR

CURRENT EXHIBITS

2023 92-County Art Show — Artists from across Indiana competed for spot in show, with 65 pieces chosen for exhibit and 16 artists receiving awards, including Whitley County's Adam Boyle; Kosciusko County's Brenda Stichter and Connie Strain; Allen County's Susan Wenger and Daniel Hollenbeck; and Wabash County's Terry Pulley, Mike Rogers, and David Ingols, **8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday**, Clark Gallery, Honeywell Center, Wabash, free admission, (260) 563-1102

Art Farm Holiday Pop-Up Gallery — Curated gallery featuring local and national artists works in ceramics, fiber, jewelry, mixed media, sculpture, printmaking, glass, and metal, **noon-6 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, through Jan. 14**, The Art Farm, Spencer-ville, free admission, (260) 740-8725

Art of Hope — Local artists share their works about recovery, healing, and hope, **8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Jan. 7**, PFW Visual Arts Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 481-6709

Beyond Face Value — Portraits from permanent collection put works spanning 500 years in conversation to examine how representations of identity have evolved, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through Jan. 28**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Fort Wayne Artists Guild: The Gallery at Jefferson Pointe — Rotating exhibit of local artists features oil and acrylic paintings, watercolors, pastels, and drawings, as well as ceramics, jewelry, and sculptures, **noon-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday, through Dec. 30**, Jefferson Pointe, Fort Wayne, free admission, info@fortwayneartistsguild.org

Holiday Showcase Exhibit: Timeless Tradition — Conservatory marks their 40th year with fresh-cut evergreens, a lush poinsettia tree, and deep ruby undertones, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday (through Dec. 23); noon-4 p.m. Sunday, through Jan. 7**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 427-6440

International Glass Invitational — Oldest and largest annual contemporary glass show in country features best studio glass artists in the world, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through Feb. 18**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Jewish History and Art Illuminated: 175 Years of Congregation Achduth Vesholom — Chronicles first Jewish congregation in the state of Indiana that was established in Fort Wayne in 1848, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through Jan. 28**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

The Holiday Show — Paintings that capture the winter season with works from CW Mundy, Jody Hemphill Smith, Doreen St. John, Fred Doloresco, Rosanne Cerbo, Pamela Newell, Donna Shortt, Terri Buchholz, and Beverly Bruntz, **11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays**, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 426-6568



COURTESY PHOTO

Anne Maddox of Grant County was awarded Best of Show for "Ecosystem" at Honeywell Arts and Entertainment's 2023 92-County Art Show.

Solemn Spaces: Works by Robert Kipniss — Exhibition from museum's archives dives into Brooklyn-born artist's shared stylistic characteristics between his writings and art, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through Feb. 25**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

ART CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Drawing Fundamentals Class — Adam Dick guides you through fundamentals of drawing over the course of eight weekly classes, **6-8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 3-Feb. 28**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, \$180, (260) 424-7195

Watercolor Class: Atmosphere & Mood — John C. Welty breaks down watercolor painting into basic steps over the course of eight weekly classes, **6-8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 3-Feb. 28**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, \$180, (260) 424-7195

Photography Fundamentals Class — Jarrod Spicer teaches basic tips for camera, from settings to editing programs over the course of four weekly classes, **6-8:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 9-30**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, \$90, (260) 424-7195

Long Stitch Journal Workshop — Hannah Burnworth guides you through build a book cover by scratch, fold signatures, and use simple long stitch to create small journal, **1:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, \$45, (260) 424-7195

Woven Bracelet Workshop — Using a simple weaving technique, Jackie Daugherty will help you create art piece on cardboard loom, **noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, \$40, (260) 424-7195

Book Cover Collage Workshop — Bring own book cover or used one supplied as Hannah Burnworth gives you tips to get started in the art of collage, **1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, \$35, (260) 424-7195

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Premier Pastel Society of Indiana — Nonprofit art association of regional artists is seeking artists 18 and older for exhibit opportunities, painting excursions and education. For more information, contact hilariemcouteure@gmail.com

Fort Wayne Artists Guild — The local guild is seeking members looking to further their artistic knowledge, share work, and take part in local exhibits. All skill levels are accepted, you just must be 18 years old to join. For more information, go to www.fortwayneartistsguild.org

Things To Do

LOCAL CALENDAR

CURRENT

Blue Jacket's Fantasy of Lights — Two-mile route around Franke Park with more than 165 holiday LED-lit decorations, **5:30-9 p.m. Sunday-Thurs-day; and 5:30-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through Dec. 31**, Franke Park, Fort Wayne, \$15 personal car/\$30 15-passenger van/\$60 bus or trolley, (260) 744-1900

Winter Solstice Bike, Hike, & Bonfire — Bikes should have proper lighting and walkers asked to bring flashlight or lantern to event that concludes with bonfire and complimentary refreshments, **5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21**, Salomon Farm Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

Fort Wayne Ugly Sweater Run — Take in night-time run through downtown with ugly sweater contest to follow at JK O'Donnell's, **6:30-11 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21**, JK O'Donnell's, Fort Wayne, three non-perishable food items, (260) 432-3270

Wild Zoo Wonderland — Visit animals in Red Panda Ridge and Santa Claus, ride train and carousel, and hear a holiday tale, **10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 22-24; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Dec. 26-30**, Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$12, (260) 427-6800

Christmas at Camp Holiday Drive-Thru Light Display — Drive along 3-mile route of holiday light displays with proceeds going to Camp Chief Little Turtle's scouting programs, **6-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 22-23**, Anthony Wayne Scout Reservation, Syracuse, free-will donation, (260) 432-9593

Santa & Reindeer Saturdays — The Big Man himself will be on hand for photos alongside his reindeer while you browse conservatory, **noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 427-6440

Live Reindeer at Jefferson Pointe — Reindeer visit shopping center to spend time with children, **5-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23**, Jefferson Point Shopping Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 459-1160

Kids for Nature Winter Camp — Those 4 years old through fourth grade explore habitats to learn about diversity of life in three-day camp, split into three age groups, **8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 27-29**, Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Fort Wayne, \$120, (260) 427-6800

Podcast Fundamentals: Podcaster Networking Night — Connect with other podcasters in area to meet and share ideas and hear from special guests and industry pros, **7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 432-8176

Paranormal Investigation — Bring your own equipment or borrow some for hunt designed for veterans and rookies, **7-11 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27**, The Bell Mansion, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 715-4106

River Rangers: Froggy Exploration — Science Central leads course for those in fourth-12th grades in amphibious anatomy with a hands-on frog dissection lab, **6-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28**, Promenade Park Pavilion, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 427-6000

A Special Evening with Keep Time Barbershop — Benefit to keep time for a long time will feature Papi's pizza, drinks, and a raffle, **4-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30**, Keep Time Barbershop, Fort Wayne, keeptime-barbershop@gmail.com

Science Central's Countdown to Noon — Celebrate the new year a little early with balloon drop at noon and 2 p.m., **10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31**, Science Central, \$11, (260) 424-2400

New Year's Eve Black-Tie Adult Prom — Separate rooms with one playing music from '70s, '80s, and '90s, while the other room will have DJs spinning music from the 2000s to today, **8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31**, Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, \$95, (260) 715-2858

Harlem Globetrotters — High-flying, comedic basketball team with trick shots and expert ball-handling skills take on Washington Generals, **7 p.m. Tuesday,**

Jan. 2, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$115, (260) 483-1111

Kids for Nature Winter Camp — Those 4 years old through sixth grade explore habitats to learn about diversity of life in three-day camp, split into four age groups, **8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 3-5**, Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Fort Wayne, \$120, (260) 427-6800

FARMERS MARKETS

Ft. Wayne's Farmers Market — Farm foods, baked goods, homemade natural items, and unique works from regional artisans, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays**, Franciscan Center, Fort Wayne, contact@ftwaynes-farmersmarket.com

Ylni Farmers Market — Produce, baked goods, jewelry, honey, pony rides, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays**, Olde East End Building, Fort Wayne, free, market@ylni.org

RECURRING EVENTS

Dungeons & Dragons Game Night — Join fellow enthusiasts for fifth edition game, **7-10 p.m. Tuesdays**, The Bell Mansion, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 715-4106

Flashlight Ghost Tour — Use flashlight to take ghost tour at former 15,000-square-foot funeral home, **9-11 p.m. Thursdays**, The Bell Mansion, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$25, (260) 715-4106

Ghost Tour — Tour 15,000-square-foot building listening to ghost stories along the way, **4-6 p.m. Saturdays**, The Bell Mansion, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 715-4106

Headwaters Park Ice Skating — Pavilion serves as ice rink, where you can bring own skates or rent pair for \$3, **4-9 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; noon-9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; noon-6 p.m. Dec. 31, through Feb. 25**, \$6, (260) 427-6000

SPECTATOR SPORTS

HOCKEY

Komets — Upcoming home games at Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne
Friday, Dec. 29 — Norfolk Admirals, **8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31** — Toledo Walleye, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6** — Iowa Heartlanders, **7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7** — Iowa Heartlanders, **5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19** — Worcester Railers, **8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20** — Worcester Railers, **7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21** — Worcester Railers, **5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2** — Cincinnati Cyclones, **8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4** — Kalamazoo Wings, **5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17** — Cincinnati Cyclones, **7:30 p.m.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

All American Outdoor Expo — Shop latest in outdoor goods alongside lumberjack shows, live fishing, air rifle range, live music, and demos, **noon-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 483-1111

Winter Bridal Spectacular — One-stop shop for brides-to-be, with everything from dresses to photographers, cake, and flowers, **noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 483-1111

Auburn First Friday — Night of samples with various flights, free family-friendly movie at Auburn Presbyterian Church, and storybook trail at Eckhart Public Library, **5-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5**, Downtown Auburn, Auburn, free, (260) 230-1204

Electric Works: A Powerful Story — Carol Long Lindquist will present lecture in monthly series, **2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7**, The History Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-2882

Tiny Musicians w/Esther Coplin — Those up to 3 years old enjoy nursery rhymes and songs, rhythm and movement exercises, and simple and fun instruments through four once-weekly classes, **10-10:45 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 10-31**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 432-8176

Tiny Musicians w/Audrey Davis — Those up to 3 years old enjoy nursery rhymes and songs, rhythm and movement exercises, and simple and fun instruments through three once-weekly classes, **9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 13-27**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$45, (260) 432-8176

Little Rock Stars — Ages 4-5 explore musical genres and instruments, collaborate with others, compose short songs, and expand vocal range over the course of three weekly classes, **11-11:45 a.m. or noon-12:45 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 13-27**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$45, (260) 432-8176

Fort Wayne Farm Show — Expo returns for 35th year with wide assortment of exhibitors and educational seminars, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18**; Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, (260) 483-1111

Mohini Dey Bass Masterclass — Learn internationally acclaimed Mumbai bassist who has shared the stage with Victor Wooten, Steve Vai, and Quincy Jones, **7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$90, (260) 432-8176

Dance Promenade: A Night at the Ballroom — All styles from waltz to rumba, swing to foxtrot, with local dance studios sharing their knowledge, **7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18**, Promenade Park Pavilion, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 427-6000

Napoleon Dynamite Screening w/Jon Heder, Efen Ramirez, Jon Gries — Enjoy cult classic movie with stars who played Napoleon, Pedro, and Uncle Rico, **7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 424-6287

Intro to Guitar for Kids — Those 10-17 years old learn building blocks during two-day class, **6-8 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 19-26**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$99, (260) 432-8176

28 Days Haunted Cast at The Bell Mansion — Party with the cast of Netflix show, **7-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19**, The Bell Mansion, Fort Wayne, \$100-\$230, (260) 715-4106

Vendors and Cast of 28 Days Haunted at The Bell Mansion — Shop local vendors and participate in a meet and greet with the cast of Netflix show, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20**, The Bell Mansion, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$230, (260) 715-4106

Intro to Guitar for Adults — Those 18 years and older go from zero to novice in two-day course, **2-4 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 20-27**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$99, (260) 432-8176

Paranormal Investigation with 28 Days Haunted Cast — Investigate The Bell Mansion with the cast of Netflix's show, **8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Jan. 20**, The Bell Mansion, \$125-\$230, (260) 715-4106

2023 USA Wrestling Kids Folkstyle Nationals — Inaugural event combines boys and girls competition, split into age groups from 8-under to 14-under, **8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Jan. 26-28**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, (260) 483-1111

Mizpah Shrine Circus — Seventy-eighth edition of show will have three rings of entertainment with animals, clowns, and performers, **7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26; 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$16-\$25, (260) 234-2172

FEBRUARY

Fort Wayne RV & Camping Show — Travel trailers, motor homes, fifth wheels, park models and toy haulers all in one place, **11 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, (260) 483-1111

Tiny Musicians w/Audrey Davis — Those up to 3 years old enjoy nursery rhymes and songs, rhythm and movement exercises, and simple and fun instruments through four once-weekly classes, **9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m. Saturdays, Feb. 3-24**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 432-8176

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Black Baseball in Fort Wayne — Tim Tassler will present lecture in monthly series, **2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4**, The History Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-2882

Tiny Musicians w/Esther Coplin — Those up to 3 years old enjoy nursery rhymes and songs, rhythm and movement exercises, and simple and fun instruments through four once-weekly classes, **10-10:45 a.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 7-28**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 432-8176

Fort Wayne Boat Show — More than 50 exhibitors at 43rd annual expo, **3-8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 8-9; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 483-1111

ChocolateFest — Kiwanis Club fundraiser for Riley Children's Hospital will have chocolate dipping stations, dinner, live music, and silent auction, **6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9**, Ceruti's Diamond Room, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 637-8184

Special Olympics Polar Plunge — Raise pledges to take dive into freezing water, followed by After-Splash Bash at Cedar Creek Church of Christ, 12606 Leo Road, **11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10**, Metea County Park, Leo-Cedarville, \$99 in pledges, (260) 402-9633

Turnstone Casino Night — Proceeds support Turnstone's programs, services, and mission to empower people with disabilities, **6-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16**, Turnstone Center, Fort Wayne, \$75, (260) 483-2100

MARCH

Tiny Musicians w/Audrey Davis — Those up to 3 years old enjoy nursery rhymes and songs, rhythm and movement exercises, and simple and fun instruments through four once-weekly classes, **9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m. Saturdays, March 2-23**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 432-8176

Little Rock Stars — Ages 4-5 explore musical genres and instruments, collaborate with others, compose short songs, and expand vocal range over the course of four weekly classes, **11-11:45 a.m. or noon-12:45 p.m. Saturdays, March 2-23**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 432-8176

The Vera Bradley Story — Franklin A. Johnson will present lecture in monthly series, **2 p.m. Sunday, March 3**, The History Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-2882

Tiny Musicians w/Esther Coplin — Those up to 3 years old enjoy nursery rhymes and songs, rhythm and movement exercises, and simple and fun instruments through four once-weekly classes, **10-10:45 a.m. Wednesdays, March 6-27**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 432-8176

3-Day Mixing Masterclass w/Michael Brauer — Seven-time Grammy-winning engineer will show you the process he used with John Mayer, The Rolling Stones, and Aretha Franklin, Paul McCartney, and My Morning Jacket, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, March 29-31**, Sweetwater Studios, Fort Wayne, \$1,195, (260) 432-8176

Tiny Musicians w/Audrey Davis — Those up to 3 years old enjoy nursery rhymes and songs, rhythm and movement exercises, and simple and fun instruments through four once-weekly classes, **9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m. Saturdays, March 30-April 27**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 432-8176

Little Rock Stars — Ages 4-5 explore musical genres and instruments, collaborate with others, compose short songs, and expand vocal range over the course of four weekly classes, **11-11:45 a.m. or noon-12:45 p.m. Saturdays, March 30-April 27**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 432-8176



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