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“She Arrived Wearing Huge Pearls” a work by graphite by Debrah Butler of Kent, Ohio.

## Annual juried art exhibit opens Sept. 4

### From Local Sources

**JASPER** — Jasper Community Arts announces that the 26th Annual Juried Art Exhibition can be viewed in the Krempp Gallery at the Jasper Arts Center from Sept. 4 through 27.

The exhibit includes a wide variety of media and techniques — watercolor, oil, acrylic, prints, photography, collage, sculpture, and graphite — and consists of two- and three-dimensional works by artists from Indiana, its contiguous states or former Dubois County residents. Jasper Community Arts will pres-

ent awards during the 5 to 7 p.m. opening reception Thursday, Sept. 5, at the gallery. A total of \$2,000 will be awarded in the categories of Best of Show, Award of Excellence, High Honor Award and five honorable mentions. The reception offers visitors an opportunity to meet the artists.

This year’s juror, Edward Trover, is a visual artist living and working in Terre Haute. He is the curator of collections and exhibitions at the Sheldon Swope Art Museum and director of the Terre Haute Museum of Modern Art. Trover’s interdisciplinary practice includes printmaking, paint-

ing, sculpture, writing, video, photography and multiple other forms of media. He received a Master of Fine Arts degree in visual studies from the Pacific Northwest College of Art, Portland, Oregon, in 2013, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in sculpture and printmaking from Indiana State University, Terre Haute, in 2010. His work has been screened and exhibited in the U.S. and abroad, including shows at Disjecta in Portland; Printed Matter in New York; the Experimental Film Festival in Portland; and at Videoholica in Varna, Bulgaria.

Artists selected by the juror for

the exhibit are:

■ From Indiana: Bill Whorral, Shoals; Diane Wunderlich, Newburgh; Robert Schwieger, Plainfield; Kit Miracle, Birdseye; John Oilar, Crawfordsville; Herb Anderson, Janice Greene, Joanne Massey and Rob Millard-Mendez, all of Evansville; Tom Brown, Greenwood; Wyatt LeGrand, Bloomfield; Katherine Fries, Indianapolis; and Mark Mullen, French Lick.

■ From Kentucky: Terry Rone and Iris Gentry, both of Henderson; Leeza Dukes, Owensboro; Dennis Mader and Marti, Plager, both of Louisville; and Bill Macin-

tire, Frankfort.

■ From Ohio: Lawrence Baker, Cleveland Heights; Carolyn Thompson, Akron; and Debrah Butler, Kent.

■ From Illinois: John Denhoutter, Edwardsville; Todd Snyder, East Peoria; and Caylie Cafferty, Peoria.

The Krempp Gallery, located in the Jasper Arts Center adjacent to the Vincennes University Jasper Campus, is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, until 7 p.m. Thursdays and from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays. School groups, clubs and students are welcome. Admission is free.

### ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

All times are Eastern unless otherwise noted.

### Current cinema

#### Currently playing

**The Art of Racing in the Rain** ★★½ (Jasper 8 Theatres) Thanks in large part to Kevin Costner’s voice work as a dog taking us through the life of his race car-driver owner (Milo Ventimiglia), this adaptation of the best-selling novel comes close to winning us over. But eventually it feels as if we’ve been inundated with too many scenes designed to turn on the waterworks. (Drama, PG, 1 hr. 49 min.)

**Good Boys** ★★★ (Jasper 8 Theatres) Yes, this is a raunchy, edgy, hard-R comedy about a trio of 12-year-old boys who drop the f-bomb every other sentence and get involved in all sorts of predicaments featuring sex toys and beer and molly, but even the most hardcore jokes have a good-natured and even sweet larger context. (Comedy, R, 1 hr. 30 min.)

**The Lion King** ★★★½ (Jasper 8 Theatres) Jon Favreau’s live-action/CGI remake of the Disney animated classic “The Lion King” is a solid and at times stunningly beautiful film with breathtaking attention to detail. The insanely talented duo of

Donald Glover and Beyonce are great as Simba and Nala. Billy Eichner and Seth Rogen kill as Timon and Pumbaa, and the CGI version of Scar (Chiwetel Ejiofor) is a work of art. This “Lion King” rules. And roars. (Fantasy adventure, PG, 1 hr. 58 min.)

#### On DVD

**Godzilla: King Of The Monsters** ★½ Five years after the world learned the hard way that supposedly mythic creatures are, in fact, real, everyone tries to figure out how to deal with them in a muddled and overlong sequel. As we get mired in heavy-handed lectures about how humans are the REAL monsters, it’s all so ... serious.

**Rocketman** ★★★½ Hardly a standard showbiz biopic, this glitzy, ambitious and gorgeously appointed interpretive musical proves worthy of Elton John’s glorious artistry. Taron Egerton delivers a powerful and resonant performance as the living music legend, and the film pulls no punches when focusing on Elton’s mercurial personality and deep dives into addiction. (Music biography, R, 2 hrs. 1 min., 2019)

#### IMAX

**Showplace Cinemas East**, 1801 Morgan Center Drive,

Evansville: “Hobbs & Shaw.” www.showplacecinemas.com

### Events

#### Attractions

**Angel Mounds Historic Site**, 8215 Pollack Ave., Evansville. **Hours (CT):** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. www.angelmounds.org

**Big Splash Adventure**, Valley of the Springs Resort, 8505 W. State Road 56, French Lick. 877-936-3866 or www.bigsplashadventure.com

**Falls of the Ohio State Park Interpretive Center**, at the end of West Riverside Drive, Clarksville. **Hours:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. www.falloftheohio.org

**Holiday World & Splashin’ Safari**, Santa Claus: **Hours (CT): Spashin’ Safari opens one hour after and closes one hour before the rest of the park:** 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday and Aug. 31 and Sept. 1-2; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Aug. 21 and Sept. 1-2; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sept. 7 and 14; 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturdays, Sept. 21-Oct. 26, and Sundays, Sept. 22-Oct. 27. www.holidayworld.com

**Indiana Caverns**, 1267 Green Acres Lane S.W., Corydon. Features a 25-minute boat ride, a waterfall, thriving cave life and Big Bone Mountain. **Hours:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily April through October and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily November through March. Closed Christmas. www.indianacaverns.com

**Indiana Railway Museum**, French Lick. Excursion trains depart from the former Monon Railroad Passenger Station. The two-hour, 20-mile trip takes passengers through several limestone rock cuts, part of the Hoosier National Forest and the 2,200-foot Burton Tunnel. **Train rides:** 1 p.m. Sunday, Saturday and Tuesday. **Special events: Wild West Hold-Ups**, Aug. 31-Sept. 2. **Museum hours:** 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, free. 800-748-7246 or www.indianarailwaymuseum.org

**Jasper City Mill**, 160 Third Ave. The mill features cornmeal ground on site, craft items, old-fashioned candy and local products. **Exhibit (changes every six months): Dubois County Art Guild Gallery Walk**, items from artisans and rustic Amish furniture available in the gift shop. **Featured Artist: Diane Elkins Winger of Crystal**, through October. **Hours:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays.

**Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial**, Lincoln City (all times CT). **Park hours: Memorial Visitor Center**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, through Sept. 30; **farm**, staffed daily through Labor Day; **nature center**, open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays; **Colonel Jones Home**, noon-4 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays, June-August. www.nps.gov/libo/ or 812-937-4541

**Louisville Zoo**, 1100 Trevilian Way. **Hours:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., through Sept. 22. www.louisvillezoo.org

**Marengo Cave Park:** The Crystal Palace walking tour features a formation-filled room and huge flowstone deposits, while the Dripstone Trail walking tour is known for its profusion of delicate soda straw formations, slender totem pole stalagmites and penny ceiling. **Hours:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. http://marengocave.com

**Mega Cavern**, 1841 Taylor Ave., Louisville. **Historic Tram Tours, Mega Zips and Mega Quest**, an underground ropes challenge. Closed major holidays. 877-614-6342 or www.louisvillemegacavern.com

**Mesker Park Zoo**, 1545 Mesker Park Drive, Evansville. **Hours (CT):** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. 812-435-6143 or www.meskerparkzoo.com

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# Action movie with half a brain is no fun

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Against all better judgment, another installment of the “Fallen” series has arisen.

## Angel Has Fallen

★ 1/2

**Cast:** Gerard Butler, Morgan Freeman, Piper Perabo, Jada Pinkett Smith, Lance Reddick, Nick Nolte, Tim Blake Nelson, Danny Huston  
**Rating:** R for violence and crude language throughout.



SIMON VARSANO/LIONSGATE/WP NEWS SERVICE

Gerard Butler stars in “Angel Has Fallen.” The film opens Friday at Jasper 8 Theatres.

Well, maybe not all better judgment. Those who stand to squeeze even more money from a franchise that has already earned nearly \$376 million at the worldwide box office (for “Olympus Has Fallen” and “London Has Fallen”) surely thought a third movie was a good idea. That means we get to sit through another chapter in the adventures of Mike Banning, a Secret Service agent code-named Angel, and played by Gerard Butler as an indiscriminate macho man.

In the forgettable but fun “Olympus,” we watched as Banning fended off a North Korean terrorist plot to assassinate the U.S. president. What that 2013 film lacked in originality was made up for by tense direction, courtesy of Antoine Fuqua (“Training Day”), and action sequences that, despite gratuitous neck stabbings, were viscerally gratifying.

Its 2016 sequel, which revolved around a terrorist plot hatched by a Pakistani arms dealer, combined

direct-to-DVD-caliber special effects with xenophobic stereotypes of the worst sort, including the cringeworthy line, “Go back to F--head-istan.” If “Olympus” was largely indifferent to politics, “London” had an unmistakably conservative bent. At that point, it would have been easy to scrub all memory of this “Die Hard”-like franchise.

But “Angel” has seemingly reflected on the real-world events of the past three years to deliver a more nihilistic message: Everyone is to blame. In what you might expect to be a mind-numbing explosion-fest, the most novel thing

about the new movie is its thematic underpinning.

As the film opens, Banning is suffering from PTSD and abusing pain pills, thanks to the injuries of past two films. He’s on the verge of hanging up his earpiece, yet, predictably, he’s also about to earn a promotion to head up the Secret Service. During an assassination attempt by drone that leaves the president (Morgan Freeman) in a coma, every member of the presidential security detail is killed — except Banning.

When he comes to in the hospital, our hero is accused of planning the attack, as the only Secret

Service survivor. In a nod to the current political climate that will almost surely elicit groans, the FBI has found evidence on the dark web suggesting a link between Banning and the Kremlin. What follows are the sort of perfunctory twists and turns that any attentive viewer will spot from a mile away. But the way the movie shapes its plot into a kind of social commentary is worth chewing on. Who is to blame for our national panic? There is no simple answer.

In its search, “Angel” takes aim across the political spectrum: Russia-obsessed conspiracy theorists are a particular focus, as is a group of private citizens-turned-mercenaries (think: Blackwater). The sanest person in the film turns out to be Banning’s father (Nick Nolte), a kooky geezer living off the grid in West Virginia, where his concerns about the direction of society feel more justified than paranoid. You’d expect a meathead action movie to

play Nolte’s character for laughs, but he ultimately develops into a sympathetic figure — no surprise, given the film’s skewering of the political climate.

On the other hand, here’s the real mystery: How does an \$80 million movie end up looking so low-rent? Several exterior shots look like a soundstage. Action set pieces are laughably choreographed. In one, Banning flees an exploding building, but the CGI is so obvious that he never looks the least bit in danger.

Most action flicks would settle for thrilling violence and mayhem, in service of a utilitarian plot. “Angel” flips this formula on its head, delivering a surprisingly coherent story but with no discernible sense of fun. Maybe it’s worth giving the series another crack; “Angel’s” ending certainly hints at the prospect of another sequel. Then again, we all might be better off at this point if Banning simply traded his badge for angel’s wings

# Spicer will compete in ‘Dancing’

By BETHONIE BUTLER  
 WP News Service

Former White House press secretary Sean Spicer will compete alongside Christie Brinkley, James Van Der Beek and other notables on the upcoming season of “Dancing With the Stars.”

The lineup for Season 28 of the reality competition show, announced Wednesday on ABC’s “Good Morning America,” also includes the usual mix of athletes, singers, actors and reality stars. But Spicer is easily the most controversial pick. Exhibit A: the many harsh replies to his tweet celebrating the announcement, including some saying ABC was “normalizing” the former aide and that he had already “danced around so many questions while he worked in the White House.”

Spicer was rumored to be in talks with the show after leaving the White House two years ago, rankling many who have criticized him for frequent dishonesty in press briefings. That made for an awkward moment on “GMA,” where “DWTS” host Tom Bergeron cracked: “The nice thing is that Sean will be in charge of assessing audience size.”

Spicer began his White House tenure with the infamous (and provably false) claim that President Donald Trump’s inauguration drew the largest crowd ever. He later said he “absolutely” regretted the claim — an admission that followed his controversial appearance at the 2017 Emmy Awards. He explored his White House role in detail in his 2018 book “The Briefing,” which was widely panned by critics. Spicer’s other foray into the entertainment

world unfolded during his White House run when he was portrayed several times on “Saturday Night Live” by Melissa McCarthy — whose work got far better reviews.

Radio host Bobby Bones and his dancing partner Sharna Burgess won the most recent season of “DWTS.” The long-running series skipped its typical spring season this year, so it will end a year-long hiatus when the show returns on Monday, Sept. 16.

This season’s other cast mem-

bers include: “Queer Eye” co-host Karamo Brown; Fifth Harmony alum Ally Brooke; country singer Lauren Alaina; Kel Mitchell (of “Kenan and Kel” and “All That” fame); Mary Wilson, a founding member of the Supremes; former NBA star Lamar Odom; “The Office’s” Kate Flannery; former NFL linebacker Ray Lewis, who was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame last year; and the network’s most recent “Bachelorette,” Hannah Brown.

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