

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

All times are Eastern unless otherwise noted.

Current cinema

New releases

Spider-Man: Far From Home ★★★ (Jasper 8 Theatres) Tom Holland, the best movie Spider-Man of the bunch, stars in this refreshing, down-to-earth chapter in the Avengers saga. It's a zesty, not overly dark slice of entertainment, bursting with pyrotechnics, sharp humor and just enough life-and-death ingredients to keep you interested throughout. (Superhero action, PG-13, 2 hrs. 15 min.)

Currently playing

Aladdin ★★★ (Jasper 8 Theatres) Despite a couple of large, genie-blue stumbles along the way, Guy Ritchie's live-action version of Disney's "Aladdin" is on balance a colorful and lively adventure suitable for all ages and a touching romance featuring two attractive leads. I liked the flying carpet, too. (Musical fantasy, PG, 2 hrs. 8 min.)

Toy Story 4 ★★★★★ (Jasper 8 Theatres) Woody (Tom Hanks), Buzz Lightyear (Tim Allen) and Co. return in this worthy addition to the "Toy Story" library, bringing back some of the most beloved characters in the history of animated film and introducing us to a fantastically entertaining new bunch of toys. (Animated adventure, G, 1 hr. 40 min.)

IMAX

Showplace Cinemas East, 1801 Morgan Center Drive, Evansville: "Spider-Man: Far From Home." www.showplacecinemas.com

Events

Attractions

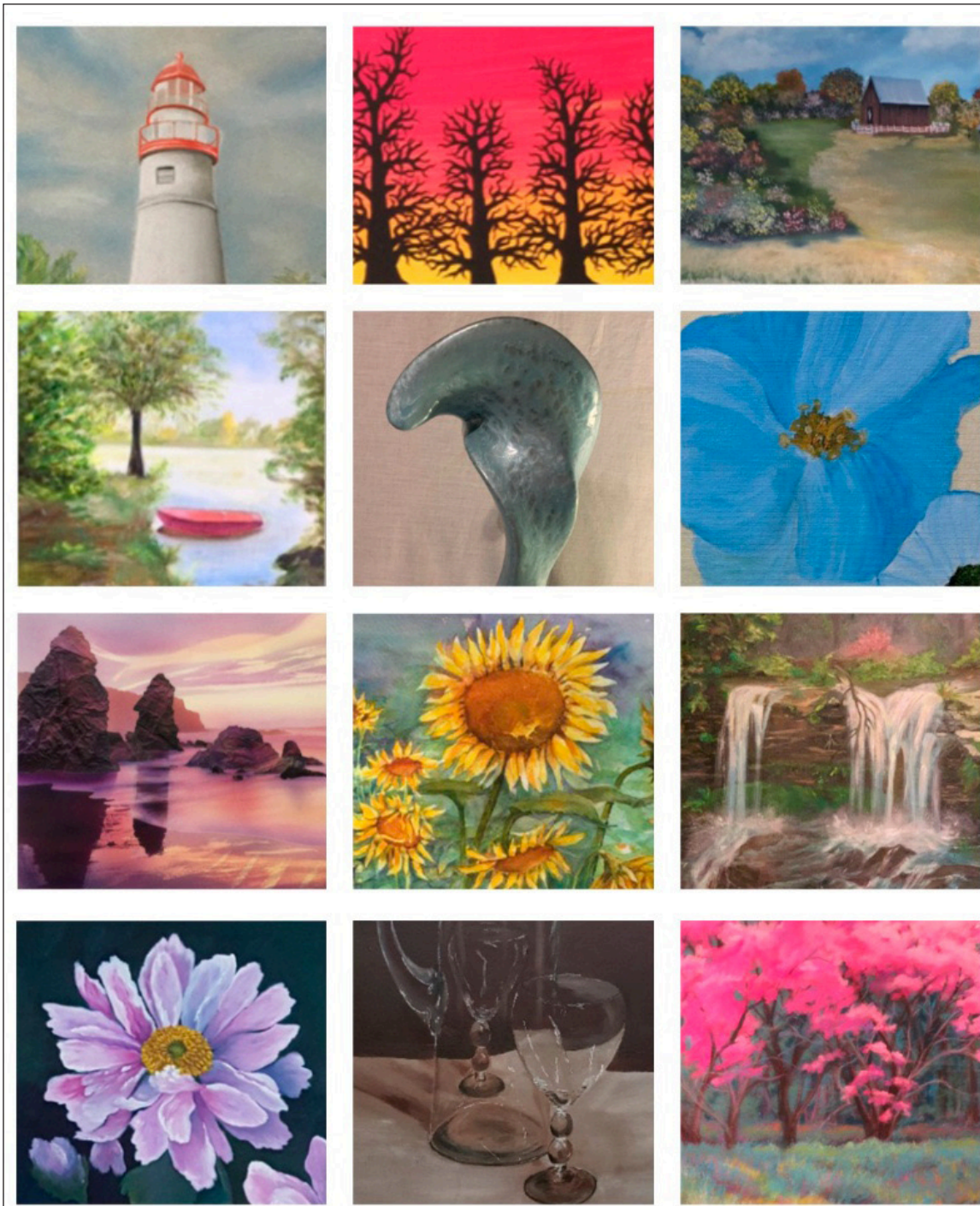
Angel Mounds Historic Site, 8215 Pollack Ave., Evansville. **Hours (CT):** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. www.angelmounds.org

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.fallsoftheohio.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.-9 p.m., Sundays-Fridays through July 28; 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturdays through Aug. 10; and. 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



LOCAL TALENT ON DISPLAY

The 51st Annual Dubois County Art Guild Exhibit at the Krempp Gallery inside the Jasper Arts Center, adjacent to the Vincennes University Jasper Campus, opens Wednesday and features work in a variety of mediums by local artists in the guild. A public reception and celebration will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11. Small paintings will be given away during the reception. The exhibit closes July 29. Krempp Gallery 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.

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. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays through July 25. **Special events: Wild West Hold-Ups**, Thursday-Sunday and July 27-28; and **Chocolate Tasting Train**, July 20. **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

Spirit of Jasper: Ride and Dine, Jasper Train Depot, 201 Mill St., 6 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday and July 20, Aug. 17 and Sept. 7 and 21. The train travels to Cuzco. A catered meal and beverage from the Schnitzelbank Restaurant are served and a cash bar is available. Reservations preferred. www.spiritofjasper.com or 482-9229.

Spirit of Jasper: Jasper to French Lick Express, Jasper Train Depot, 201 Mill St., 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. July 13, Sept. 14 and Oct. 5. The train ride takes 1 hour and 45 minutes each way; passengers spend about 3½ hours in French Lick. A cash bar is available and beverages and light snacks are sold. \$40. www.spiritofjasper.com or 482-9229.

Spirit of Jasper: Chocolate, Wine & Dine, Jasper Train Depot, 201 Mill St., 6 p.m. July 27 and Oct. 12. Reservations preferred. www.spiritofjasper.com or 482-9229.

Spirit of Jasper: Pizza & Beer Ride and Dine, Jasper Train Depot, 201 Mill St., 6 p.m. Aug. 24 and Sept. 28. Reservations preferred. www.spiritofjasper.com or 482-9229.

Spirit of Jasper: Fall Foliage Ride and Dine, Jasper Train Depot, 201 Mill St., 4 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 19 and 26 and Nov. 2 and 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27 and Nov. 3. The train travels to Cuzco. A catered meal and beverage from the Schnitzelbank Restaurant are served and a cash bar is available. Reservations preferred. www.spiritofjasper.com or 482-9229.

Wilstem Ranch, Paoli: **Grizzly, Giraffe and Kangaroo Encounters**. www.wilstemranch.com or 812-936-4484

Other events

Jasper Famers Market, 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays through September.

Huntingburg Farmers Market, 7-10 a.m. Saturdays through Oct. 19, Market Street Park.

YMI Picnic and Car Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Huntingburg.

Thunder Over Patoka, 8 p.m., Saturday.

Upcoming events

Sommerfest, Haysville, noon-5 p.m. July 12, 8 a.m.-11 p.m. July 13.

Nine and Dine Couples Scramble, 5:30 p.m., July 12, Sultan's Run Golf Club. Registration required; 812-482-1009.

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Dubois County 4-H Fair, July 15-19, Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds, Bretzville.

Fireman's Ball, 5-11 p.m. July 27, Ferdinand Community Center.

Strassenfest, Aug. 1-4, Jasper.

Evansville Hydrofest 2019: Roar on the River!, Aug. 16-19. www.tropevansville.com/event/events/evansville-hydrofest-2019

Latino Festival, Aug. 30-31, Huntingburg City Park.

Holland Community Festival 160th Celebration, Sept. 13-15, Holland Park.

Ferdinand Folk Fest, Sept. 21, 18th Street Park.

Herbstfest, Sept. 26-29, Huntingburg City Park.

Exhibits

Krempp Gallery

Exhibit: 51st Annual Dubois County Art Guild Exhibit, through July 29, public reception 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 11. **Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays and noon to 3 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library

Exhibit: Icons and Drawings by Br. Michael Moran, CP, through Aug. 30. **Hours:** Call 357-6401 or 800-987-7311 or visit www.saintmeinrad.edu/library/hours/

Other galleries

Ivy Tech Bower-Suhrheinrich Visual Arts Center, 3501 N. First Ave., Evansville. **Hours (CT):** 1-6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Closed major holidays. www.ivytech.edu/southwest

Flame Run Glass Studio and Gallery, 815 W. Market St., Louisville. **Hours:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Closed major holidays. 502-584-5353 or www.flamerun.com

The Green Building Gallery, 732 E. Market St., Louisville. **Hours:** 9-5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays and 4-9 p.m. Saturdays. Closed major holidays. www.thegreenbuilding.net/gallery/index.html or 502-561-1162

New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, 506 Main St. **Hours (CT):** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Closed major holidays. 812-682-3156 or www.nhgallery.com

Dubois County Museum

Membership: 2019 memberships are available.

Storytime for Kids, July 13 (theme is fishing); Aug. 10, (theme is bees); and Sept. 14 (theme is apples).

Jasper Strassenfest displays, Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 1-4.

Johnny Appleseed Comes to the Museum, 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 24.

Archaeology Day, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 7.

Permanent exhibits: Our Eldest Daughter, The Cold War (1945-1991), Black Heritage in Dubois County, Grand Army of the Republic, A Bicentennial Remembrance: The Story of German Immigration to Dubois County, Safari Room, The Story of Bill Schroeder and the Jarvik Heart; Main Street Dubois County (a model town from the 1900s featuring 17 businesses, including Stewart Hotel, Schutz's Shoe Service and a funeral home, doctor's office, jail, barbershop, church, bank, surveying office and bar), Grand Army of the Republic, Little Pioneer Children's Play Area (includes one-room schoolhouse, book nook, toy area and dress-up area), Lewis and Clark keel boat, The Law in Dubois County, Honoring the Military, The Civil War Diary of William C. Benson, Model Trains, Dubois County in World War I, The Spanish-American War and Dubois County, Huntingburg Wagon Works, Girl Scouting in Dubois County, People of the Woodlands, Trace the Buffalo, Pioneer Area, Germans, Land Owners Map, Early Settlers of Dubois County, Cheering our Champions, Furniture, Civil War Flag, Prisoners of War, The Mills of Dubois County. Also, Heidt Blacksmith Shop, depicts the original shop from Ferdinand; Lindauer Sandstone Quarry and Grindstone Works of St. Henry, displays days of sandstone manufacturing; Eckert Log Home, assembled log home inside the museum shows building material and home life inside a German-style log home; Women's Work is Never Done, choreographs the daily work week of pioneer women; History of Coal Mining; Meyer Planing Mill of Haysville; Ferdinand Sawmill; Huntingburg Buggy Works wagon; History of Boy Scouting; Antique Farm Machinery, featuring more than 75 pieces, including a binder, reaper, corn shredder and 1879 Buckeye hoe wheat drill; Tinker the Horse, represents the contribution of animals to the history of the area; silver smelter from Buck Shoals in Haysville; giant fruit press; threshing machine belted to a Kitten engine, one of five working steam engines; cane press and evaporator pan like the one used to make Birdseye molasses; and murals of Zoar, Birdseye, Celestine, Dubois, Duff, Ferdinand, Huntingburg, Portersville/Boone Township, St. Henry/Johnsburg, St. Anthony/St. Marks, Holland, Haysville, Ireland, Jasper and Schnellville.

Hours: The museum, 2704 N. Newton St., is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays,

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Admission charged. Can be found on Facebook and at www.duboiscountymuseum.org. 812-634-7733

Huntingburg Museum

On exhibit: Commercial, manufacturing, military, school and social club memorabilia; the Geiger bedroom, family Bible and other belongings; a dollhouse inside a grandmother clock; a pony cart; and a 1950s kitchen.

The museum is in Huntingburg City Hall, 508 E. Fourth St. **Hours:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays unless City Hall is closed and by appointment. Closed major holidays. 683-2211.

French Lick West Baden Museum

Exhibit: The Art of the Monon — The Howard Fogg Paintings, through Sept. 1. **Hours:** The museum, located at 469 S. Maple St., Suite 103, is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. www.flwbmuseum.com

Other museums

Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum, 311 W. Second St., Owensboro. **Hours (CT):** 10 am.-5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. bluegrasshall.org

Evansville African American Museum, 579 S. Garvin St. **Hours (CT):** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and noon-5 p.m. Saturdays. Closed major holidays. 812-423-5188 or www.evansvilleaamuseum.org

Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science, 411 S.E. Riverside Drive. **Hours (CT):** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. 812-425-2406 or www.emuseum.org

Frazier History Museum, 829 W. Main St., Louisville. **Exhibits: Freak Power: Hunter S. Thompson's Campaign for Sheriff**, through Sept. 2; **Olmsted's Louisville: 1891 to the Present**, through Sept. 15; **Celebrating the Sounds of Kentucky**, Sept. 19-February 2020. **Hours:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. 502-753-5663 or www.fraziermuseum.org

Henager Memories & Nostalgia Museum, 8837 S. State Road 57, Elberfeld. **Hours (CT):** 8 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Closed major holidays. 812-795-2230 or www.henagemuseum.com

Indiana Military Museum, 715 S. Sixth St., Vincennes: **Hours:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Tuesdays and

Thursdays-Sundays. 812-882-1941 or http://indianamilitarymuseum.com/

Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville, 22 S.E. Fifth St. **Hours (CT):** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. 812-464-2663 or www.cmoekids.org.

Owensboro (Ky.) Museum of Fine Art, 901 Frederica St. **Hours (CT):** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Fridays and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. 270-685-3181 or www.omfa.us

Owensboro Museum of Science and History, 122 E. Second St. **Hours (CT):** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays.

Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy, 20 Red Skelton Blvd., Vincennes. **Hours:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. 812-888-2105

Reitz Home Museum, 224 S.E. First St., Evansville. **Hours:** 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. CT Tuesdays through Sundays. Closed major holidays. 812-426-1871 or www.reitzhome.com

Speed Art Museum, 2035 S. 3rd St., Louisville. Exhibits: **Yinka Shonibare MBE: The American Library**, through Sept. 15; and **Ebony G. Patterson: ... while the dew is still on the roses**, through Sept 29. **Hours:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. 502-852-5555

Science Centers

Kentucky Science Center, 737 W. Main St., Louisville. **Hours:** 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and noon-6 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. 800-591-2203 or www.kysciencecenter.org

Night Life

Dances

American Legion Post 147, Jasper: 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, **line and couples dancing**. \$5, 482-5426 for information.

French Lick Senior Center, 785 S. Bears Bend Road: 7-9:30 p.m. Fridays, dance with live band.

William Tell Center, 1301 11th St., Tell City, 7-10 p.m. CT Saturdays. Open to all ages; smoke and alcohol free. \$5, includes snacks. Sponsored by the William Tell Senior Citizens.

Bars

Gaslight, Huntingburg: **Open Mic Night**, 8-11 p.m. Thursdays.

Casinos

Tropicana, Evansville: **That 80's Band**, Friday-Saturday; **Get Sideways**, July 12-13; **Wildfire**, July 19-20; **Back to Avalon**, July 26-27. www.tropanacasinos.com

French Lick Casino: Casino Lounge (8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.) — **Dusty Miller**, Saturday. 888-936-9360 or www.frenchlick.com/entertainment/concerts

On stage

Jasper Arts Center

Main Stage Series — Lorrie Morgan, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28; **6 Guitars**, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8; **Christmas With The Isaacs**, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14; **Hiplet Ballerinas**, 7:30 p.m. March 13; and **Shaun Johnson's Big Band Experience with Tonic Sol-Fa**, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22.

Backstage Series — Winston Churchill: The Blitz, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 18; **Goldstein-Peled-Fiterstein Trio** 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7; and **Che Apalache**, 7:30 p.m. March 14.

Live @ The Astra — The McNasty Brass Band, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16; **Well-Strung**, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25; and **The Second City: The Best of The Second City**, 7:30 p.m. March 7. =

Family Fun Series — Mutts Gone Nuts, 3:30 p.m. Oct. 12.

Season tickets are available by calling the arts center at 482-3070. Single ticket sales begin Aug. 1.

Actors Community Theatre

Plays: "Into the Woods," July 25-28.

All of the shows will be performed at the Jasper Arts Center. Season tickets and two-event packages are available at ActorsCommunityTheatre.com.

Historic Astra Theatre

Concerts: second annual **Rock Lotto**, 7 p.m. July 20; and **National Park Radio**, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 24

Buy tickets and make donations at www.TheNextAct.org.

Area concerts

Abbeydell Hall, Legend of French Lick, 7328 W. County Road 100, West Baden Springs: **I've Got the Music in Me**, July 11 and 30. **The American Variety Show**, Aug. 23 and 30; Sept. 6, 11, 13 and 19; and Oct. 10, 17 and 23. **Christmas Treasures**, Nov. 17, 19 and 30; and Dec. 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21. www.sildernightentertainment.com

Huntingburg Music Hall, 312 N. Main St.: **Tim Atwood**, July 22, \$25.

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THEATRES

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SHOW TIMES FOR JULY 1-JULY 4
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ALADDIN ^(PG)
MON-THURS: 1:20 • 3:55 • 6:30

***ANNABELLE COMES HOME** ^(R)
MON-THURS: 1:50 • 4:20 • 6:45

CHILD'S PLAY ^(R)
MON: 1:45 • 3:55 • 6:15
TUES-THURS: 6:15

MEN IN BLACK INTERNATIONAL ^(PG-13)
MON: 1:40 • 4:05 • 6:35

SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 ^(PG)
MON: 2:00 • 4:00 • 6:20
TUES-THURS: 1:35 • 4:00 • 6:20

***SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME 2D** ^(PG-13)
TUES-THURS: 1:45 • 4:05 • 4:25 • 6:45 • 7:05

***SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME 3D** ^(PG-13)
TUES-THURS: 1:20

***TOY STORY 4** ^(G)
MON: 1:55 • 2:15 • 4:10 • 4:40
 6:30 • 7:00
TUES-THURS: 1:25 • 1:40 • 3:50 • 4:10 • 6:35

YESTERDAY ^(PG-13)
MON-THURS: 1:45 • 4:15 • 6:50

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Doors open at 6:15 p.m., 7 p.m. show. 812-684-9010

Jasper Riverwalk: The Hiding, 7-9 p.m. July 20.

Lincoln Amphitheatre, Lincoln City: Purple Veins: A tribute to Prince, July 27; **Ben and Noel Haggard**, Aug. 10; **John Waite**, with special guest **Henry Lee Summer**, Aug. 24; **Celebrate the Sounds of the Summer of '69**, Aug. 31; **Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra**, Sept. 7; and **Hard Day's Night: A Tribute to the Beatles**, Sept. 28. Season tickets available. lincolnamphitheatre.com

Market Street Park, Huntingburg: Concert series, 5-11 p.m. Fridays, July 26 and Aug. 23; bands have not been announced.

Other concerts

Congress Square, Orleans: **Johnathan Len**, July 13; **River Cities Concert Band**, July 27; **SweetWater Band**, Aug. 10; and **Lick Creek Band**, Aug. 31. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and are free.

Corydon Live (formerly Corydon Jamboree), 320 Hurst Lane, north of town square: **The Forgotten Trail Show**, first Saturday of each month. 812-734-6288 or www.corydon.live

Derby Dinner Playhouse, Clarksville: **The River City Boys: Salute to the Songs of the Statler Brothers**, Aug. 5; **Branson on the Road**, Aug. 26; **The Ladies for Liberty & The Soldiers of Swing**, Sept. 9; **How Great Thou Art: The Gospel Music of Elvis Presley**, Oct. 7; **The Return: A Beatles Tribute**, Nov. 4; 812-288-8281 or www.derbydinner.com.

The Ford Center, 1 S.E. MLK Jr. Blvd., Evansville: **Twins of Evil: Rob Zombie and Marilyn Mason**, July 14; and **Toby Keith**, Aug. 17. For the complete schedule, visit www.thefordcenter.com. For tickets call 800-745-3000 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

KFC Yum! Center, Louisville: **Backstreet Boys**, Sept. 13; **Carrie Underwood**, Oct. 17. For the complete schedule, visit www.kfcyumcenter.com. For tickets call 800-745-3000 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

The Kentucky Center, 501 W. Main St., Louisville: **Shawn Mendes**, Aug. 3; **Backstreet Boys**, Sept. 13; **Phil Collins**, Oct. 9; **Carrie Underwood**, Oct. 17; and **Chris Stapleton**, Nov. 2. www.kentuckycenter.org

Louisville Palace Theater, 625 S. Fourth St.: **The Piano Guys**, Nov. 23. For a complete schedule, visit www.louisvillepalace.com. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com

Victory Theatre, 600 Main St., Evansville (all times CT): **The Sweet Caroline Concert: A Neil Diamond Concert Celebration**, Aug. 10. www.evansvillephilharmonic.org or www.victorytheatre.com

Area plays

Lincoln Amphitheatre, Lincoln City: "Here I Grew Up" (story of Lincoln), July 11-13. lincolnamphitheatre.com

Plays

Actors Theatre of Louisville, 316 W. Main St.: **"Dracula"**, Sept. 4-Oct. 31; **"Hype Man"**, Sept. 11-Oct. 13; **"Measure for Measure"**, Oct. 9-27; **"A Christmas Carol"**, Nov. 20-Dec. 23; and **"The Santaland Diaries"**, Nov. 24-Dec. 23. 502-584-1205 or www.actorstheatre.org/visit/

ticketing-options/

Derby Dinner Playhouse, Clarksville: "The Savannah Sipping Society," through Sunday; **"Shrek: The Musical"**, Wednesday-Aug. 18; **"Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery"**, Oct. 2-Nov. 10; **"Spooky the Square Pumpkin: The Musical"**, Oct. 5-Nov. 9; **"Elf: The Musical"**, Nov. 13-Dec. 31; and **"Christmas in Candyland"**, Nov. 16-Dec. 23. 812-288-8281 or www.derbydinner.com.

Shawnee Summer Theatre, Bloomfield: **"Wait Until Dark"**, July 11-14; **"Grease"**, July 18-21; 812-384-3559 or www.shawneetheatre.org

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'Sinking City' sets mood, struggles to go anywhere

GAMING REVIEW

By CHRISTOPHER BYRD
WP News Service

"The Sinking City" is quick to set a mood but struggles to deepen it. Its supernatural elements aren't unnerving, its noirish elements rest on characters who are simply shady as opposed to morally complex and its technical shortcomings don't do it any favors.

On the Xbox One X, I noticed screen-tearing, texture pop-in and clunky NPC movements. Yet this open world game isn't without its merits. Its designers clearly wish to appeal to the intelligence of the player, but despite some interesting mechanics and design choices "The Sinking City" fails to be compelling over the long haul.

Set in the 1920s in the fictional Massachusetts city of Oakmont, the game follows Charles Reed, a veteran of the Great War who survived a shipwreck. Since his discharge from the Navy, Reed has become a private investigator. Assailed by troubling dreams of an enormous tentacled creature and a city submerged in water, Reed establishes a correspondence with Johannes Van der Berg, a man of questionable character who agrees to look into what's ailing Reed. After receiving a letter from Van der Berg that refers to an outbreak of strange visions in the general population, Reed is advised to journey to the city of Oakmont, the epicenter of the phenomenon.

After suffering an unnatural flood which has left sections of the city underwater, Oakmont has become generally cut off from the rest of the country. Upon docking, Reed is disconcerted to find Van der Berg waiting for him by the pier. Brushing off Reed's misgivings, Van der Berg advises him to check in with Robert Throgmorton, patriarch of one of the city's wealthiest families, who has been looking into the causes of what's been chalked up as mass hysteria. Coincidentally, Throgmorton is in the vicinity waiting on news about the whereabouts of his son who has gone missing since he returned to port follow-



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"The Sinking City", developed by Frogwares, can be played on PC, PlayStation 4 and Xbox One.

ing a sea expedition.

Setting the pattern of things to come, Throgmorton agrees to some quid pro quo. He will assist Reed after the detective has discovered what's befallen his son. This case introduces you to the basics. Investigation sites should be explored until a notice appears on the screen saying that all key evidence has been found (though if you're like me, you'll strive for the notice saying that all evidence has been collected, even though it might not make for the best use of time.)

Although Reed can walk around and interact with things that are tagged with a hand icon, his most important insights come from his special ability to see traces of past events using his Mind's Eye which can be activated by pressing down on the d-pad. According to the game's backstory, Reed developed his extrasensory power after he survived a shipwreck that briefly left him seemingly deranged to his rescuers.

Using the Mind Eye ability slowly drains Reed's sanity, which appears as a blue bar on the screen. As Reed's sanity goes

down the environment begins to warp and eventually grow dark around him. Sometimes misshapen creatures will appear and attack.

The monster encounters are one of "The Sinking City's" weakest aspects. I found the action sequences stiff and the monsters uninspiring. The combat never got my pulse racing. Because ammunition isn't plentiful, I clobbered most enemies with melee attacks to conserve ammunition for larger threats. Doing so made me feel silly rather than emboldened.

Thankfully there are other design choices that make one feel

closer to the world. To progress, in later cases Reed will have to visit the archives of a police station, a hospital, a university and a newspaper. The game's presentation of archival research is clever. After approaching the appropriate desk you must select a text to be researched. Then you choose three parameters of research from different categories which may include city area, time period, population class — prisoner, official, etc. — and so on. I'm a sucker for such shows of good old-fashioned knowledge retrieval in a video game.

Once you've gathered enough

evidence from different sources you may visit your mind palace in the menus. There you can combine notecards with clues on them to draw different conclusions. Sometimes clues can be interpreted in ways which will lead Reed to pursue different courses of action.

I enjoyed the game's sleuthing mechanics but wished they had been served by a more engaging plotline than "The Sinking City's" revisionary approach to the fancies of H.P. Lovecraft. I found the game's yarns about headaches, madness and monsters fairly tame. But for those who may harbor reservations about Lovecraft (whose writings have inspired many video games) because of his anti-Semitic and anti-integrationist leanings, it should be said that "The Sinking City" puts the racism of 1920s America on display.

Many of Oakmont's suspicious, longtime residents practically spit the word "newcomer" at you, when you chat with them. Indeed, it's impossible to miss Oakmont's vocal anti-immigration lot. Eventually, Reed crosses paths with the Klan. (To my delight, I got an achievement for asking the imperial wizard to do a magic trick.) I didn't find the game's indictment of racism particularly stimulating but I applaud the developers for taking a stance against the more objectionable elements of their source material.

I wanted more from the "The Sinking City's" open world, more diversions so I didn't always feel on task, and more conversations that weren't so nakedly transactional, so that I could believe that the NPCs had reasons for being other than dispensing quests and information. Oh well, one thing that noir teaches is that there is no end to wanting.

Davis, Wade to cover NBA 2K20

From WP News Service

LOS ANGELES — Anthony Davis will be the cover athlete for the second time of a popular 2K Sports basketball video game.

The game company announced Monday that Davis will be featured on the front of NBA 2K20's standard and deluxe editions. The six-time All-Star shared the cover

with Stephen Curry and James Harden for NBA 2K16.

Three-time NBA champion Dwyane Wade, who recently retired, will cover the legend edition.

Davis had played seven seasons with the New Orleans Pelicans, but the Los Angeles Lakers recently agreed to trade for him. The agreement cannot be finalized until Saturday.

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