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NIGHTLIFE

DEER PARK PUB

Eclectic • 1530 Leesburg Rd. Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-432-8966
EXPECT: Home to Dancioke, 12 craft beer lines, 75 domestic and imported beers, assorted wines, St. Pat's Parade, keg toss, Irish snug and USF students. Friday/Saturday live music, holiday specials. Outdoor beer garden. www.deerparkpub.com. Wi-Fi hotspot. EATS: Finger food, tacos every Tuesday. GETTING THERE: Corner of Leesburg and Spring, across from UFS. HOURS: 2 p.m.-1 a.m. Mon.-Thurs., noon-2 a.m. Fri.-Sat., 1-10 p.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Beer & Wine; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc

DICKY'S WILD HARE

Pub/Tavern • 2910 Maplecrest, Fort Wayne • 260-486-0590
EXPECT: Live bands Saturday nights; Family-friendly, laid back atmosphere; Large selection of beers. EATS: An amazing array of sandwiches & munchies; Chuck Wagon BBQ, seafood entrees and pizza. GETTING THERE: 2 blocks north of State St. on Maplecrest at Georgetown. HOURS: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Fri.-Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Amex, Visa, Disc

DON HALL'S FACTORY PRIME RIB

Dining/Music • 5811 Coldwater Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-484-8693
EXPECT: Private rooms for rehearsal, birthday, anniversary celebrations. EATS: Fort Wayne's best prime rib, steaks, chops, seafood & BBQ. GETTING THERE: North on Coldwater to Washington Center, 1/4 mi. from I-69, Exit 112A. HOURS: 11 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: Checks, MC, Visa, Disc, Amex, DC

DON HALL'S TRIANGLE PARK BAR & GRILLE

Dining/Music • 3010 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-482-4343
EXPECT: Great Prime Rib, Steak, Chops and excellent Seafood menu, along with sandwiches, snacks and big salads. Very relaxing atmosphere, with a huge sundeck overlooking a pond. Daily dinner and drink specials, live music every Wednesday and Saturday night, and kids love us too! More online at www.donhalls.com. GETTING THERE: Two miles east of Glenbrook Square, on Trier Road between Hobson and Coliseum Blvd. HOURS: Open daily at 11 a.m. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: Checks, MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

EARLY BIRD'S

Dancing/Music • Behind Evans Toyota, Fort Wayne • 260-483-1979
EXPECT: Fort Wayne's home to a whole new level of sophisticated nightlife. Offering amenities such as exclusive V.I.P. rooms, bottle service, a martini bar and party deck. Ladies always in free. EATS: Free pizza. GETTING THERE: Behind Evans Toyota at Coliseum Blvd. and Lima Rd. HOURS: 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Fri.-Sat. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

FIREFLY COFFEE HOUSE

Coffeehouse • 3523 N. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne • 260-373-0505
EXPECT: Peaceful, comfortable atmosphere; live music on Friday & Saturday, 5-6:30 p.m.; local artists featured monthly; outdoor seating. (www.fireflycoffeehousefw.com). Free wireless Internet. EATS: Great coffee, teas, smoothies; fresh-baked items; light lunches and soups. GETTING THERE: Corner of North Anthony Blvd. and St. Joe River Drive. HOURS: 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat.; 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: None; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

FLASHBACK ON THE LANDING

Retro Dance Music • 118 W. Columbia St., Fort Wayne • 260-422-5292
EXPECT: Fort Wayne's only retro dance club spinning the best of the 70s, 80s and 90s. Lighted dance floors and multiple disco balls take you back in the day. VIP bottle service available. EATS: Free pizza. GETTING THERE: Downtown on The Landing. HOURS: 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Fri.-Sat. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

THE GIN MILL LOUNGE

Sports Bar • 3005 E. State, Fort Wayne • 260-484-5561
EXPECT: Smoker-friendly beer garden, great atmosphere, 12 TVs, including 110" HDTV. Darts, boxing machine. Karaoke Thursdays at 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Live bands on Monday thru Wednesday and Friday-Saturday. Open at 5 p.m. on Sundays. Great drink specials. EATS: Full menu; lunch and dinner specials. GETTING THERE: Corner of East State and Santa Rosa. HOURS: Open 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat., 5 p.m.-3 a.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

THE BERGAMOT w/IVORY WEST — Organic pop at C2G Music Hall, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., \$8 adv., \$10 d.o.s. thru brownpapertickets.com, 426-6434
BIG CADDY DADDY — Rock at Checkers Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 489-0286
BONAFIDE — Variety at Club Paradise, Angola, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, 833-7082
COMEDIAN MASTER MAJOR w/UNCLE O.G MUFASA — Comedy at Neon Armadillo, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m., \$7 adv., \$8 d.o.s., 490-5060
COUGAR HUNTER — 80s glam rock at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., \$5, 422-5055
DAN SMYTH — Acoustic at Mimi's Retreat, Auburn, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 925-2008
EYES — Classic rock at Eagles Lodge, Huntington, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 365-7048
FISTAFACE w/DEMERICIA, COFFIN WITCH AND RISE TO FALL — Metal at Berlin Music Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., \$5, 580-1120
FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC — In the End is My Beginning program, featuring Beethoven's *Overture to the Creatures of Prometheus*, Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* and Mozart's *Requiem*, at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., \$15-\$60, 481-0777
HOPE ARTHUR w/SUNNY TAYLOR AND ZACH KERSCHNER — Acoustic at Wooden Nickel, North Anthony, Fort Wayne, 1 p.m., no cover, 484-3635
JASON ALDEAN w/LUKE BRYAN — Country at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., sold out, 800-745-3000
JESSE BROWN — Country at Rusty Spur Saloon, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, 755-3465

JOE JUSTICE — Variety at Autumn Ridge Country Club, Fort Wayne, 8-10 p.m., no cover, 637-8727
JOEL YOUNG BAND — Country rock at Vinnie's Bar, Decatur, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$3, 728-2225
KILL THE RABBIT — Rock at Martin's Tavern, Garrett, 10 p.m., no cover, 357-4290
MAIN STREET CRISIS — Classic rock at the Eagles, Kendallville, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 343-9030
MARK MARTELL, DOWNHERE, AARON SHUST AND JASON GRAY — "A Call to Love" tour benefiting World Vision at Blackhawk Ministries, Fort Wayne, 6:30 p.m., \$12 adv., \$15 door, 483-8236, http://star883.com/news/post/called-to-love-tour
MEAN STREAK — Classic rock at Traxside Bar & Grill, Garrett, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., cover, 357-4287
MEGAN KING — CD release acoustic at St. Regis Club, Warsaw, 8 p.m., \$10 thru brownpapertickets.com, 574-307-2582
MINDS EYE — Rock at Skullly's Boneyard, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 637-0198
MODERATE PAIN — Variety 80s at 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 490-6488
NATE HOLLEY — Acoustic at Duty's Buckets Sports Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 459-1352
OLD'N DIRTY — Rock at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 422-5896
THE OLD TIRE SWINGERS w/NORTH RIVER AGENTS — Bluegrass at The Dash-In, Fort Wayne, 9pm., \$3, 423-3595
PRIMETIME — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m., no cover, 489-2524

RENEGADE — Country rock at Paul's Pub, Kendallville, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 347-9980
RICH REDMOND — Drums at Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, 12 p.m., no cover, 432-8176
RISQUE — Rock at Piggy's Brew Pub, Angola, 9:30 p.m., cover, 665-7550
SAVANNAH — Country rock at the Post, Pierceton, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., \$3, 574-594-3010
SCOTT FREDRICKS — Acoustic at Gin Mill Lounge, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 484-5561
SUGAR SHOT — Mixed variety at Covington Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 432-6660
SUM MORZ — Rock variety at Skip's Party Place, Angola, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., \$5 after 8 p.m., 665-3922
SWIM SUIT MODELS — Rock at Piere's, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2:30 a.m., \$5, 486-1979
SYNERGY — Rock variety at North Star Bar and Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 471-3798
TEASER — Rock at Duff's, Columbia City, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 244-6978
TIM CAVERAZO w/ZAN — Comedy at Snickerz Comedy Bar, Fort Wayne, 7:30 & 9:45 p.m., \$10.50, 486-0216
TODD HARROLD TRIO — R&B jazz at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., no cover, 426-3442
TONY NORTON AND JIM ROSSINGTON — Acoustic at The Green Frog Inn, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 426-1088
TOP SHELF — Country at Eagles Lodge, Albion, 9 p.m., no cover, 636-8910
ULTRAVIOLET HIPPOPOTAMUS — Progressive at Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., \$5, 485-1038

This VH Line-up Worth the Wait, Price

I'm compiling this week's column fresh from standing in line at the Coliseum for Van Halen tickets. I know, I could have easily sat on my couch in my pajama bottoms and worn out concert T-shirt and done the same thing by ordering online. Perhaps I felt there was a better chance of up-close tickets by waiting in line with other eager VH fanatics, or perhaps I was seeking that old school feeling I used to get when lining up at L.S. Ayres, Wooden Nickel or the Coliseum on Saturday mornings to score tickets for my favorite acts. That was always the best feeling — showing up hours before the box office opened and sharing concert stories with those in line and anxiously waiting to see where your seats would be for that upcoming show.

But I think, when it comes down to it, I lined up at the Coliseum to save myself from the wallet-gouging service charges. Call me tight, but the charges sure haven't been kind as of late. Then again, have they ever been?

Anyway, I did score some tickets that I'm very pleased with, and I'm now more than ready for July 31 to get here. I actually caught this three-fourths reunited VH line-up in Cleveland back in 2007. Being very impressed, I've been anxiously awaiting their arrival in the Summit City. Sure the Van Hagar line-up has been here on numerous occasions, and David Lee Roth rocked the Three Rivers Festival back in 2003, but we haven't seen the Van Roth line-up here in the Fort since June 30, 1984. This show will indeed pack a punch of influential classics along with numbers from their current release, *A Different Kind of Truth*. The tix might not be in a price range that many might have hoped for, but you're going to see a quality show.

A local act that more than likely has some sort of Van Halen influence in them is preparing for another



Out and About

NICK BRAUN

big summer with a couple of new additions to the line-up. Big Dick and the Penetrators are continuing to awe audiences in the area with their special brand of classic rock. Recently the guys unveiled the addition of drummer Dave Trevino, whom you may have caught in U.R.B., and bassist Mike "Da Bear" Stott who brings road experience from Pittsburgh. Trevino replaces founding member Justin "Worm" Weber, and Stott comes in for another founder, Biker Dave Shappell, who moved to Florida where he can now ride his bike year round.

The original line-up had a good 12-year run together, opening for Jackyl, Night Ranger, April Wine and Ricochet and jamming at numerous bars, A.B.A.T.E. and H.O.G. events, backyard parties, weddings and even a funeral.

You can catch the new lineup June 9 at the C-Bar over in Van Wert and at an array of summer outings, including Bike Night at Hooters on Thursday, July 5; numerous A.B.A.T.E. events; and one that everyone should check out, the Sunshower Country Club Bare Butts Bike Rally, July 21-24. This clothing-optional, BYOB event takes place in Centerville, Indiana and features a bike and car show, food, swimming, camping, bike games and a bike ride. If there's ever a question of where the party is, rest assured BD&TP's aren't too far behind. Be sure to check them out this summer!

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