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moe. music hits the Erie concert stage



moe. rock band members from left to right are Al Schnier, Jim Loughlin, Rob Derhak, Vinnie Amico and Chuck Garvey.

by Jeanine Noce
a & e editor

Hammerstein Ballroom on Nov. 25. One of the tour's highlights is in Erie.

Five guys in a band -what moe. could you want?

The rock band moe. is coming to the Warner Theater next Friday, Nov. 2. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 if purchased in advance and \$22 at the door.

moe. is embarking on its 10-year anniversary tour. The rock band finished the second annual moe. down over Labor Day weekend in New York City and began traveling for three months straight.

The tour began in Boston on Sept. 14 and will end in New York City's

"We've played some amazing gigs, like performing Woodstock '99 or closing our summer tour with a free show in Albany, N.Y. where we drew 15,000 fans," said bassist Rob Derhak in a press release. "But some of the best gigs we've ever had were the ones in a sweaty basement, or attic somewhere in the bowels of Buffalo nearly 10 years ago."

Moe. has five band members. Al Schnier plays the guitar and does vocals. Rob Derhak plays bass and does vocals as well. Chuck Garvey plays guitar and sings. Vinnie Amico plays the drums and Jim Loughlin plays per-

cussion and acoustic guitar. The name moe. comes from the old Louis Jordan song, 'Five Guys Named Moe.' The band formed in 1991 in Buffalo, N.Y. Moe. relocated to Albany, then to New York City and now are living throughout the northeast.

"Drawing on influences ranging from the Allman Brothers to Camper Van Beethoven, the upstate New York jam band moe. has won over a devoted following with their funky live shows and grassroots ethic," said critic Christina Cramer in a press release.

"Dither" is moe.'s current release on Fatboy Records, which was in stores on Feb. 6. The band has independently released several albums on its own label Fatboy Records. moe. has also signed with Sony's 550 Music and distributed the albums "No Doy" and "Tin Cans & Car Tires."

moe.'s touring schedule consists of more than 200 live shows per year. The group also has a large fan base growing from the use of the Internet. moe. was one of the first bands to broadcast live shows and send out a band newsletter using the Internet. Due to this, the band has gained thousands of solid listeners and loyal fans which are known as "moe.rons." In 1997, "Rolling Stone" named moe. one of the top 10 underground bands of the year.

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Mason Farms Haunted House - a real scare!

by Jacob Boring
staff writer

If you are looking for a festive way to celebrate Halloween, why not try a haunted house? This year, for the first time, Mason Farms has set up a haunted house. Sponsored by local radio station Star 104, this Halloween attraction is guaranteed to make you scream.

The "Haunted House of Terror," located at 839 Peninsula Drive in Erie was designed by Richard Buziewics.

After experiencing the haunted house firsthand, I was given the opportunity to take a look behind the scenes. The design was put together with an immense amount of time and energy. There are triggers which can be set off, and cameras throughout the establishment to ensure precise timing for delivering scares. Also, a number of well hidden spots lurk for "creatures of the night" as they wait for their next victim. A short corn maze offers a few scary surprises.

The design of the haunted house was made to ensure the safety of the participants. There are cameras to help the staff to see if people seem panicked or to point out people who look safe to scare the "beejeepers"

out of.

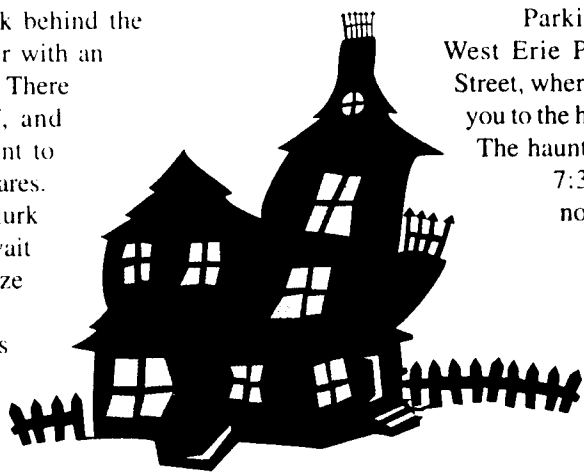
A number of exits are located throughout the haunted house, though they are not visible. These can be used for any people who do not want to continue.

Each group that travels through the haunted house is also closely monitored to allow the staff to see if anyone is unable to handle the environment. The haunted house is designed to scare those who can handle a scare without putting anyone in real danger.

The journey through the haunted house takes about 20 minutes. The price is \$8 for adults age 12 and above, and \$6 for children.

Parking is available at the West Erie Plaza on West Eighth Street, where a shuttle bus will take you to the haunted house and back.

The haunted house is open from 7:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. now through Oct. 30.



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*Release Date: 10/26 Special thanks to Media Play for providing information

'The Ellen Show' - coming out of the closet again!

by Jamie Salapek
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Ellen DeGeneres, a renowned comedian and role model for some women, has delivered her comedy routines to audiences for years. Best known for her hit TV show, "Ellen," DeGeneres has been caught in the public eye for her controversial coming out of the closet, as well as her intimate relationship with actress Anne Heche.

DeGeneres shied away from the cameras after her TV show ended and her sexual preference caused much criticism and controversy. A popular question on many fans minds was: "Where's Ellen?" Well, she's back and she's funnier. She's returned to primetime television with a new twist on comedy.

In "The Ellen Show," she plays a high-profile, over-worked Internet executive, whose life flashes before her eyes as she watches her Internet company go belly-up. Packing up her belongings and pride, she moves from her exclusive New York apartment back to her small, no-name hometown. Just when she thinks things couldn't get any worse, she moves back in with her peculiar mother (Cloris Leachman) and not so lucky-in-love sister (Emily Rutherford). She may be in for more than what she bargained.

Emmy-winner DeGeneres has one of the best comedies of the new season. Her quick wit and classic sarcasm keeps the audience in suspense for what she could possibly come up with next. This thirtysomething and openly gay woman finds herself starting over in a place she least expected.

"The Ellen Show" premiered on Sept. 24. If you haven't caught a glimpse of what DeGeneres has in store this season, you can watch her show on CBS Friday nights at 8 p.m.



FILE PHOTO

"The Ellen Show," new this season, can be seen on CBS Friday nights at 8 p.m.

Death of a Salesman comes to the Erie Playhouse

Show Dates and Times:

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All Productions Located at:

The Erie Playhouse, 13 West 10th St., Erie

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