

BEST BETS

Kelsea Ballerini brings first headlining tour to Amsoil

Kelsea Ballerini, who recently became the youngest current member of the Grand Ole Opry, brings her first headlining tour, Miss Me More, to Amsoil Arena today. The southern-raised musician has strong pop vibes. Her tour's title track, from her 2017 release "Unapologetically," is a list of all the things — red lipstick, high heels, her friends — she gave up to be with the ex, an unnamed lipstick loathing shorty. "I thought I'd miss you," she sings, then delivers the punch: "But I miss me more."

Also on the bill: Brett Young, the Academy of Country Music's new male vocalist of the year, and Brandon Ratcliff, a young musician who grew up on the scene: his mother is Suzanne Cox of the Cox Family.

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IN THEATERS

Opening Friday

"The Hustle"

Anne Hathaway and Rebel Wilson star as female scam artists, one low rent and the other high class, who team up to take down the dirty rotten men who have wronged them. 1:35, PG-13, Premiere, Duluth 10, Lakes 10

"Peterloo"

In 1819, British forces charge on a peaceful pro-democracy rally at St. Peter's Field in Manchester, England, which results in the Peterloo Massacre. 2:34, PG-13, Zinema 2

"Pokémon: Detective Pikachu"

Ace detective Harry Goodman goes mysteriously missing, prompting his 21-year-old son, Tim, to find out what happened. Aiding in the investigation is Harry's former Pokémon partner, wise-cracking, adorable super-sleuth Detective Pikachu. 1:44, PG-13, Premiere, Duluth 10, Lakes 10

"Poms"

A comedy about Martha (Diane Keaton), who moves into a retirement community and starts a cheerleading squad with her fellow residents, proving that it's never too late to follow your dreams. 1:31, PG-13, Duluth 10, Lakes 10

"The Public"

An act of civil disobedience turns into a standoff with police when homeless people in Cincinnati take over the public library to seek shelter from the bitter cold. 2:02, PG-13, Zinema 2

"Tolkien"

As a young student, J.R.R. Tolkien finds love, friendship and artistic inspiration among a group of fellow outcasts. These early life experiences soon inspire Tolkien to write the classic fantasy novels "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings." 1:52, PG-13, Duluth 10, Lakes 10

Also showing

"Avengers: Endgame"

Adrift in space with no food or water, Tony Stark sends a message to Pepper Potts as his oxygen supply starts to dwindle. Meanwhile, the remaining Avengers — Thor, Black Widow, Captain America and Bruce Banner — must figure out a way to bring back their vanquished allies for an epic showdown with Thanos — the evil demigod who decimated the planet and the universe. PG-13, 3:01, Premiere, Duluth 10, Lakes 10

"Breakthrough"

Based on an inspirational true story, Joyce Smith's son John falls through an icy Missoula lake, but she refuses to give up as he lies lifeless. Her steadfast belief inspires those around her to continue to pray for John's recovery. PG, 1:56, Premiere, Lakes 10

"Captain Marvel"

Taking place in the Marvel universe after "Avengers: Infinity War," U.S. Air Force pilot Carol Danvers (Brie Larson), becomes one of the universe's most powerful heroes when Earth is caught in the middle of a galactic war between two alien races. PG-13, 2:12, Lakes 10

"The Intruder"

Scott and Annie Russell buy their dream home from widower named Charlie (Dennis Quaid) in Napa Valley, Calif. Their newfound paradise soon turns into a living nightmare when Charlie begins to show up and interfere in their daily lives. PG-13, 1:42, Duluth 10

"Long Shot"

When Charlotte Field (Charlize Theron) decides to make a run for the presidency, she impulsively hires Fred (Seth Rogen), a free-spirited journalist, as her speechwriter — much to the dismay of her trusted advisers. R, 2:05, Premiere, Duluth 10, Lakes 10

"Ugly Dolls"

In the adorably different town of Uglyville, weirdness is celebrated. But after traveling to the other side of a mountain, Moxy (Kelly Clarkson) and her friends discover the town of "Perfection." Animated, PG, 1:30, Duluth 10, Lakes 10

Summaries from IMDb and official movie websites.

Smelt Parade



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Smelt: Celebrate it, eat it

From the files of oh-so-Duluth: the annual Smelt Parade, by the Magic Smelt Puppet Troupe — which includes an homage to well-dressed smelt royalty, stilt-walkers and silver hues, and a festive collection of musicians. Also, you. The parade's keepers have been hosting smelt-decorating workshops in the weeks leading up to the parade, so expect plenty of DIY fish-on-a-stick.

The parade starts near the Aerial Lift Bridge, then winds along the Lakewalk (with the help of the Brass Messengers) and ends at Zeitgeist Arts Atrium, where there is — naturally — a smelt fry.

Magic Smelt Puppet Troupe's Smelt Parade is 3:30 p.m. Sunday near the Aerial Lift Bridge. Smelt fry is at 5 p.m. at Zeitgeist Arts Cafe, 222 E. Superior St.

Beer birthday bash

Bent Paddle Brewing Co. celebrates its birthday with a block full of music, food trucks, family friendly games and more.

The event is hosted by DJ Ben Quam and the cast of the podcasters from Take It With You and the lineup includes the band Woodblind, Lazylightning 420, which channels the Grateful Dead, Gaelynn Lea, an internationally touring, fiddling folk musician. There will be skateboarders, glass blowing, a giant sand box and a Caribou antler toss.

Festivity is at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bent Paddle Brewing Co., 1832 W. Michigan St. Tickets: at brownpapertickets.com.



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'Government Inspector' comes to NorShor Theatre

Rumor has it, a disguised government inspector is en route to a small Russian town. The mayor and the mayor's people freak out because they've been up to no good. Luckily, they figure out who he is: Ivan Khlestakov, who is staying at the local inn. Or is he.

Farce ensues in the production directed by Michael Kraklio.

Duluth Playhouse's "The Government Inspector" is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday May 9-19 and 2 p.m. May 19 at the NorShor Theatre, 211 E. Superior St.



Chicago

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Chicago returns to Amsoil

A longtime rock 'n' roll band with Grammy Awards, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and 21 Top 10 singles returns to Amsoil Arena for a concert on Wednesday.

Chicago first played Duluth in the early 1970s and most recently played in 2013. According to a reviewer at the latter show: "Saturday in the Park" had everybody on their

feet, 'Hard to Say I'm Sorry' got everybody back down ..."

Other hits by Chicago, which has had lineup changes in its 50-plus years, range from "If You Leave Me Now" (1976) to "You're the Inspiration" (1984) to "Look Away" (1988).

Chicago plays at 7:30 p.m. May 15 at Amsoil Arena. Tickets: Start at \$40.50, available at jadepresents.com, and Ticketmaster outlets including the DECC box office.

Get 'Caught Up' in 38 Special

38 Special, a longtime Southern rock band known for songs like "Caught Up in You," "Hold On Loosely," and "Second Chance" plays a show Friday at Wessman Arena. Also on the bill: Chris Kroeze of NBC's "The Voice."

The band, active for more than 40 years, has played the region a few times. It played the DECC Arena in 1999 and a reviewer described fans as "on a rock 'n' roll trip deep into the Ronald Reagan years."



38 Special

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