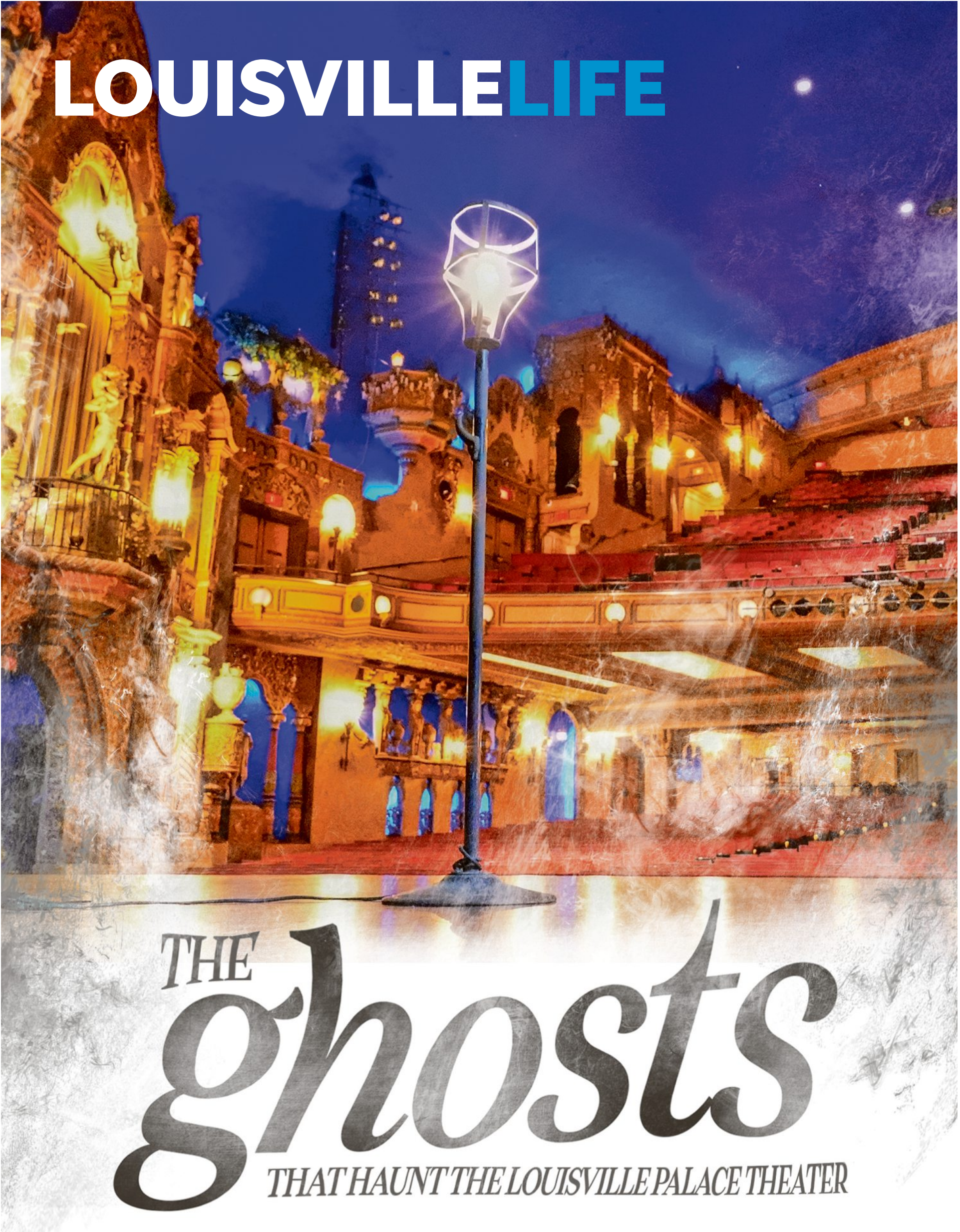




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Longtime Louisville Palace chief engineer Fred Frisch died at the theatre in 1965. ● But that doesn’t mean he quit working there. ● According to staff, Frisch’s ghost wears black pants, a flannel shirt and thick black rimmed glasses and tends to appear at the Palace when the theater, or someone important to it, is in danger. ● Theaters, in general, can be magnets for paranormal activity, because they’re typically filled with big energy, colorful personalities, and superstitions. The staff at the Louisville Palace, 625 S. Fourth St., think of Fred as more of a guardian angel than a ghost. ● If you mess with his theater, Fred might just mess with you. **See GHOSTS, Page 2C**

“Ghost Light” in the Music Hall at the Louisville Palace Theater. PHOTO BY MICHAEL CLEVINGER/LOUISVILLE COURIER JOURNAL;
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Here’s the Frymire Winter Weather Forecast for 2025-26



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Go ahead and make room on your refrigerator door for the Frymire 2025-26 winter forecast.

The Frymire family has released its highly anticipated annual report using Dick Frymire’s secret formula to predict the winter weather.

The Frymire Winter Weather Forecast, released in mid-October, calls for “overall a cooler December than normal with cold weather in early January.”

Frymire was known nationwide as a Kentucky folklorist, weather prognosticator, and businessman who used folk methods to create popular winter forecasts. He passed away in 2013 but not before sharing with his secret technique



J.L. Frymire son of famous folk forecaster Dick Frymire. ARON BORTON/
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and formula for reading the bark and leaves of a Japanese Maple tree to predict the winter forecast with his family,

who has carried on the tradition.

For decades, Kentuckians have looked forward to the Frymire forecast and prognostications, which gained worldwide recognition when he was featured on local and national television shows, including “The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson” and later with Jay Leno, where Frymire treated the talk show host’s headache using a banana peel.

He was also the author of 10 books including “The World According to Dick Frymire: Folk Medicine & Common Sense.”

Using signs in nature to predict winter weather, like Frymire, can be a lot of fun and can be anywhere from 65-70% accurate. In fact, sites like the Farmers’ Almanac claim that predictions can be 80-85% accurate, but their efficacy has been debated.

Here’s a look at the 2025-26 Frymire Winter Weather Forecast

Frymire Winter Weather Forecast 2025-26

- Nov. 4: killing frost
- Nov. 10: sleet
- Dec. 20: 4 inches of snow
- Dec. 26: 4 inches of snow
- Dec. 29: flurries
- Dec. 31: cold snap
- Jan. 1-4, 2026: cold snap
- Jan. 7, 2026: 10 inches of snow
- Jan. 8, 2026: coldest day, 3 degrees
- Jan. 17-18, 2026: 7 inches of snow
- Jan. 23, 2026: 1 inch of snow
- Feb. 6, 2026: 1 inch of snow
- Feb. 16, 2026: 5 inches of snow
- Feb. 18, 2026: 4 inches of snow
- March 7, 2026: wet snow
- March 8, 2026: 3 inches of snow
- March 12, 2026: first robin of spring appears

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