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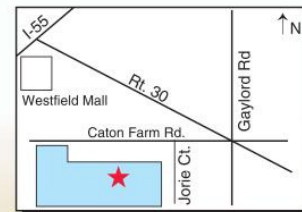


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Joliet-based sand sculptor Brian Turnbough won a world championship in doubles sand sculpting earlier this year with this sculpture of the Charge of Achilles.

Photo courtesy of Brian Turnbough



You could be a community contributor!

Kristine Schlismann, communications director for Joliet Township High Schools, has consistently contributed to Inside Joliet, sharing great stories of about the high schools. It's easy to join the conversation; just email articles, photos, information and ideas to the email below.

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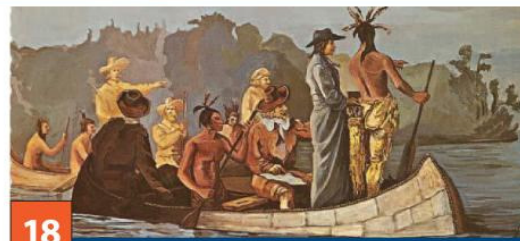
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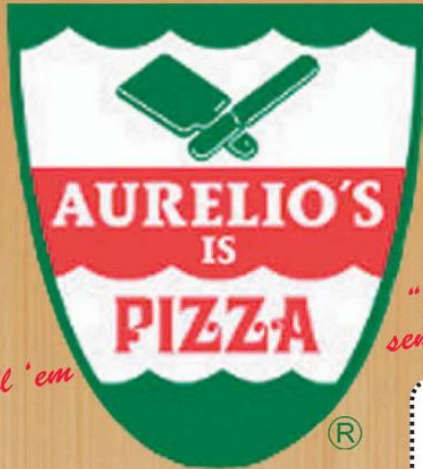
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Wow, it's already November. Where has the time gone? We're fully in the grips of the holiday season and our minds are turned to menus and shopping malls.



Thoughts of turkey, dressing and trimming the tree aren't immediately on the mind of Joliet-based artist Brian Turnbough. This month, Turnbough, one of the top sand sculptors in the world, is in Kuwait coordinating what may be the largest sand sculpture ever attempted. Turnbough will be working with a team of 70 sand sculptors to turn an area the size of four soccer fields into multiple scenes from "One Thousand and One Nights."

Additionally, this month, we are introduced to Brian Benton, the city's new chief of police. He was appointed the city's top cop after the retirement of former chief Michael Trafton.

As always, we ask you to continue sharing your stories with us at Inside Joliet. Email me your stories, ideas for stories and, of course, any photos that you wish to share. Our goal is to make the magazine a reflection of the community, a place where residents may share their stores and highlight the positive things going on in the city. If you enjoy receiving this magazine in the mail each month, let us know by becoming a part of the publication and adding your piece. Don't forget to tell us how we're doing by completing our survey below.

Alex Keown

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Shuttle Changes

Bus now departs from city's transportation center.

by Peggy Thomas
Community contributor

Peoria Charter Coach announces, effective Aug. 19, that its five daily shuttles from the Louis Joliet Mall parking lot will move to the city of Joliet's new Multimodal Transportation Center at Union Station in downtown Joliet.

The company has offered airport shuttles for the past 20 years to and from Midway Airport and O'Hare International Airport, and shuttles will now be available to and from both airports from downtown Joliet. Peoria Charter will also provide bus service to Pontiac, Normal, Illinois State University, and Peoria from downtown Joliet.

The reason for the move is the customer demand for overnight parking. Joliet's new transportation center offers \$1 per day parking and includes overnight, long term parking at the same daily rate. Tickets for the shuttles may be purchased online at peoriacharter.com and the fare to either airport is \$26. Parking payments can be made with



The new downtown multimodal transportation center is the departure site of shuttle buses to the airports and other locations.

Photo by Alex Keown

New Location

The new \$42 million multimodal transportation center, which provides more parking, is located next to Union Station in downtown Joliet.

cash or credit card at the new transportation center parking lot on South Chicago Street, just south of the elevated railroad tracks by Union Station.

Peoria Charter Coach is headquartered in Peoria and has a fleet of 60 motor coaches.

It was founded in 1941, when Walt Winkler sold his family's car and bought a bus to transport Caterpillar factory workers during the gas rationing of World War II. Today, the company

transports 470,000 people annually and is under the direction of the third generation.

"Peoria Charter's stop at the new transportation center in downtown Joliet validates the major investment that the State of Illinois, the City of Joliet, and other agencies and railroad companies have made in the new transportation center," City Manager Tom Thanas said. "The new transportation center is well on its way to becoming a true multimodal facility that links Joliet area residents to the rest of the world through one center."

Thanas predicts that "Joliet will become the major transportation hub for the southwest suburbs."

For more information contact Peoria Charter President Bill Winkler at wink@peoriacharter.com

PACE Change

PACE is offering a late trip serving Lockport, Lemont, and Joliet Metra Stations. In addition to its regular schedule, Route 755 operates an evening trip that departs from Chicago Union Station at 7:30 p.m. and uses flexible routing to serve Bolingbrook (PACE Park-n-Ride at Old Chicago), Lemont (Metra Heritage Corridor Lemont Station at New/Lock-



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Schools

Recognizing Leadership

by Kristine Schlismann
Community contributor

Joliet Central High School Principal John Randich presented JTHS Superintendent Dr. Cheryl McCarthy with a special leadership award at a Board of Education meeting earlier this year.

The award recognizes her service leadership and dedication as the SouthWest Suburban Conference president for the 2012-13 school year.

The award signifies McCarthy's involvement with the conference as well as her dedication to JTHS and the SWSC institutions.



JTHS Superintendent Cheryl McCarthy was recognized for her leadership skills. Photo courtesy of Joliet Township High Schools

Bolivian Scholars at USF

The University of St. Francis is proud to welcome Joyce Quevedo and Rommel Villa Barriga, of Bolivia, to campus this year. Quevedo and Villa Barriga are recipients of the USF Bolivia Scholarship, which each year, brings two students from the University of San Francisco Xavier in Sucre to study for a semester at USF.

"After less than a week on campus, both students have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome and generosity of the USF community," said USF Director of Campus Ministry Joe Wysocki,

The scholarship was started seven years ago by a friend of the university and former secretary to the bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet, Natalie Bayci. —Nancy Pohlman

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Government

City of Joliet Taps new Chief of Police

by Jessica Reiter
Community contributor

City Manager Tom Thanas appointed Commander Brian Benton to the position of Chief of Police. Chief Benton replaced Chief Michael Trafton who retired in August after 28 years of service with the Joliet Police Department.

“The selection of a new police chief was made from three well qualified commanders in the Joliet Police Department. Chief Benton’s knowledge, experience and leadership skills convinced me that he was ready for the challenge of leading our police department in protecting the residents of Joliet. Chief Benton will join a long line of outstanding police chiefs who have risen the ranks of JPD to lead the department,” Thanas said in a press release.



Brian Benton is the new chief of police.
Photo courtesy of City of Joliet

The appointment of Benton is a permanent appointment and not as an interim chief of police.

Benton is expected to be in his new position immediately.

“I am honored to serve the residents of Joliet as chief of police,” Benton said. “I believe in the importance of working

with the community to ensure the safety of our community and I look forward to leading the fine men and women of the Joliet Police Department towards this goal.”

Chief Benton began his career as a police officer with the Joliet Police Department in 1990. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2000 and lieutenant in 2006. In 2008 he was named division commander. He most recently served as the investigations division commander and previously served as the quality assurance and technical services commander.

Benton has had various assignments throughout his career. He served as a neighborhood oriented policing officer, tactical officer, undercover narcotics investigator, patrol supervisor and narcotics and tactical unit supervisor.

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Health

Massage Can Help Overactive Muscles

by BPT News Service

An active life helps to keep bodies healthy and fit — but there is sometimes a price. Whether people are trying a new sport or simply pushing themselves to the next level in a workout routine, they may experience aches and pain. Massage therapy is one answer for that discomfort.

“Increasing activity can take a toll on our bodies,” says DeJuan Williams, massage therapy lead instructor at Everest College in St. Louis. “While there are many ways to ensure that our muscles, bones and joints stay healthy and injury-free, massage therapy is a great way to decrease stress, improve circulation and minimize fatigue.”

Williams says people who want to get fit, but are worried about the side effects,

should make sure they start slowly. If they haven’t been very active, they need to give their bodies time to adjust to the new regimen. “Having patience with your body can help minimize soreness,” he says.


If people do experience some discomfort after strenuous outdoor activities, massage therapy can help them deal with those consequences, Williams says. He has some tips for making massage part of a fitness program:

- **Find the right professional**, one who is licensed and insured and has academic credentials. “Reading online reviews and getting personal recommendations from friends are great sources,” Williams says.
- **Ensure compatibility**. At the first appointment, have a list of questions ready. “Ask them before you begin, to ensure you’re comfortable with the

therapist,” Williams says.


- **Customize your therapy**. Discuss with the therapist any massage preferences you have, including depth of pressure, room temperature and music.
- **Relax and enjoy**. The key to getting all the benefits of a massage is to relax both body and mind. “Especially if a particular muscle or joint area is sensitive from recent outdoor activity, try to breathe normally,” Williams says. “Massages should never hurt, so be sure to communicate any discomfort immediately.”
- **Stay hydrated, stay healthy**. “Always drink extra fluids before and after massages to ensure that your muscles are hydrated, and to help flush toxins from the body,” Williams says.

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Higher Education

Arvid Johnson Sworn in as USF Chief

Feast of St. Francis serves as backdrop to inauguration event.

by Nancy Pohlman
Community contributor

The Catholic, Franciscan heritage of University of St. Francis wasn't the only thing being celebrated on campus on Oct. 4. The Feast of St. Francis, a day that is annually reserved to honor the university's patron saint, served as the backdrop for another very important celebration: the inauguration of USF's new president, Arvid Johnson.

A mass in USF's St. Joseph Chapel was followed by a display of academic colors, the inauguration and a picnic reception on the Quadrangle. These events brought together USF faculty, staff and students; alumni; longtime donors; Joliet community leaders; delegates from regional schools, colleges and universities; and friends and supporters of higher education to welcome the university's ninth president. To pay homage to the university's Franciscan roots, Johnson elected to dedicate the inauguration and his presidency to the theme, "Called to Serve, Called to Lead."

Before joining the University of St. Francis community, Johnson served as dean of the Brennan School of Business and as a professor of management at Dominican University in River Forest. Prior to entering academia on a full-time basis in 2001, Johnson was a principal in a management consulting firm and worked with companies from startups to multi-million-dollar business units of Fortune 500 companies.



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Family Life

ARVID JOHNSON AND his wife, Anne, have three sons and are residents of Frankfort. They are active parishioners at St. Mary Catholic Church in nearby Mokena. Johnson holds nine U.S. and dozens of foreign patents.

Scholarship Announced

Funds available for county students.

On April 11 Give Something Back Foundation announced a new prefunded scholarship program that will be open to students attending traditional high schools in Will County. The GSBF Partner School Scholarship is designed to fund the cost of college for students who are people of high character, have a high level of academic achievement and are eligible for a full Pell Grant.

Students would have to participate in a non-academic program throughout their high school and college years while choosing between three partner schools: University of St. Francis in Joliet, Lewis University in Romeoville and Blackburn College in Carlinville.

In 2003, Lockport Township High School graduate, Bob Carr, wished to give something back to future generations of high school students at LTHS. In 2013, the decision was made to incorporate all of the traditional high schools in Will County. Carr hopes recipients of this award will also give back in the future if their financial circumstances permit.—*Steve Cardamone*



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Forum Examines Race

Panel featured USF students and staff.

The USF Justice and Pre-Law Club and Mock Trial Team hosted an event in collaboration with the Black Bar Association of Will County. "Black Community Forum: A Panel Discussion and Ideas for Solution-Focused Action Steps."

According to USF's Dr. Scott Washington, assistant professor of criminal and social justice, the event was particularly relevant considering the recent verdict in the George Zimmerman Case after the February 2012 shooting of Florida's Trayvon Martin. The issue of black male social disenfranchisement is a specific topic on the agenda, along with topics including community leadership and advocacy, responsible citizenry and accountability, educational rights and the economic impact of mass incarceration.

Judge Raymond Bolden discussed important issues as they pertain to the Joliet community. In addition, the group heard presentations by "future attorneys" from USF's Justice and Pre-Law Club and USF Mock Trial Team.—*Nancy Pohlman*



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Environment

Ways to Green Up Life at Home, Work

by BPT News Service

Reduce, reuse, recycle — a mantra that's been around for heard for decades — is being taken to heart by many Americans. Whether at home or at work, they're going green.

People who want to join the movement — whether during the 9-to-5 or 5-to-9 — can follow these tips to help Mother Earth and feel pretty good about themselves, too:

- **Conserve water.** The average American family uses more than 300 gallons of water per day at home, according to the EPA; that doesn't count work or school. People can reduce water use in many ways. At home and work, use WaterSense-labeled toilets, sinks and showerheads. Check out

epa.gov to find rebates for water-wise improvements. Additionally, remember to turn off water when you brush your teeth or are rubbing your hands together to generate soap bubbles. Keep showers to 10 minutes or less.

- **Look for products that use reclaimed materials.** Americans threw away about 250 million tons of trash, and recycled and composted almost 87 million tons in 2011, which is a 34.7 percent recycling rate, the EPA reports. It's likely to go higher soon, as recycled materials are going into more and more products. For instance, Ecore, a flooring company, uses reclaimed rubber tires to make commercial flooring. Old, exhausted treads of tractor-trailer tires are ground, screened and separated to remove contaminants, and then create

durable flooring for businesses.

- **Go green with greenery.** Be strategic about plants used in landscaping to help conserve water and reduce weeding. Use natural vegetation appropriate for the region. Ask a nursery or the state extension service about shrubs, trees and ground covers that are good alternatives to grass. Native plants quickly adapt to changing climate conditions, which reduces trimming and watering.
- **Place a few plants in the office and the home.** As part of plants' natural photosynthesis process, they absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, which helps to naturally clean the air. Some houseplants remove formaldehyde and benzene pollutants from the air. Try philodendron, spider plants or peace lilies.



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The Art of Sand Sculpting

Joliet artist who won a world champion title over the summer, heads to Kuwait for a massive sculpture project.

by Alex Keown
Editor

Often times when people look at sand their thoughts turn to ocean breezes and tropical climates. When Joliet artist Brian Turnbough looks at sand he thinks about art.

Turnbough, a world champion sand sculptor, is teaming up with 70 other top notch sculptors from around the world to tackle what is perhaps the largest planned sculpture in the world over a two month period in November and December in Kuwait.

"This is an absolutely tremendous and exciting project that I am proud to be taking part in," Turnbough said. "It's a big responsibility and opportunity."

To help coordinate the massive artistic undertaking, Turnbough has taken a leadership role through the Woodstock-based The Sand Sculpture Company, which is coordinating the sculptors and designs for the project, which is being funded by Kuwaiti interests. He has been tasked with coordinating the personnel for the event, including contracting with each sculptor, setting up travel plans for the artisans, organizing supplies that will be needed during the nearly two month period slated for the project and numerous other tasks.

To ensure they get the details right, Turnbough has tasked one of the sculpting team with familiarizing himself with the fables and coming up with a design scheme that is likely to include architectural sculptures, as well as images of the famous characters from the Arabic tales.

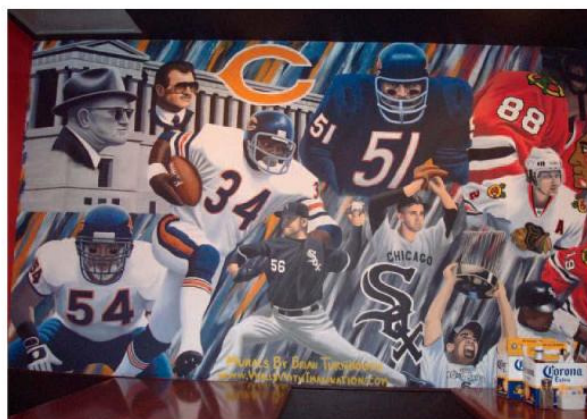
Because of his duties as a project coordinator, Turnbough said it's likely he will not get to spend as much time sculpting as he might like. If he is able to squeeze in two or three hours sculpting each day, he said he will be happy. In contrast, the other sculptors will be working eight to 10 hours each day.

A massive amount of river sand, approximately 35,000 tons, will be brought into the area of Kuwait where the sculptors will be working.



On his last visit to Kuwait Joliet artists Brian Turnbough sculpted this pickup truck during an event.

Photo courtesy of Brian Turnbough



In addition to being a sand sculptor, Brian Turnbough is also a talented muralist. This mural featuring scenes from Chicago's sports history hangs in a bar in the city.

Photo courtesy of Brian Turnbough

"Everything begins with the sand. You want good sand to carve. The better the sand quality, the more courageous you can be with your design. Better sand will allow you to go much more vertical with your designs," Turnbough said.

Turnbough said the project is sure to be provided with high quality sand in Kuwait.

In late October Turnbough and a few members of the sculpting team will travel to Kuwait to begin erecting wooden and plastic forms around the sand, which will compact the sand into material able to be carved. Forms will be stacked on top of each other so the artists can work from top to bottom on each sculpture.

"When carving sand you always work top to bottom. That way the slag sand falls down on areas that have yet to be touched and you don't have to go back over it with a brush," he said.

Additionally the packed sand bases will also serve as walkways throughout the planned sculpture garden, he said. Some walkway areas, such as carved stairs, will have wooden planks included to protect the edges from general wear and tear, Turn-



Brian Turnbough sculpted this detailed underwater sea scene in Hong Kong. Turnbough returns to Kuwait this month for a huge sculpting project.
Photo courtesy of Brian Turnbough

bough added.

Turnbough said thousands of people are expected to visit the sculptures once they are complete. The sculptures should remain in place for several months, before succumbing to the elements, he said.

“Sand sculpting has taken me to some interesting places that painting never would have. I love the fact I’ve gotten to travel the world and see some pretty unique places.”

Brian Turnbough

Although design plans for the Kuwait project have not been finalized, Turnbough said the sculptures will depict scenes from the popular Middle Eastern fairy tales “One Thousand and One Nights”, also known as “The Arabian Nights” on an area roughly the size of four soccer fields. Sculptors will create scenes from some of the famous tales, including “The Seven Voyages of Sinbad”, “Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves” and “Alad-

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4 ESSENTIALS TO SCULPT SAND

- **It all begins with** the sand. The best kind of sand to use for sand sculpting includes a good mixture of clay, which provides a bonding agent for the sand granules. Calling himself a sand snob, Turnbough said high quality sand allows sculptors to create tall sand structures without the need for a wide supporting base.
- **In addition to quality** sand, sculptors also utilize a wide variety of carving tools. Turnbough said typical tools used in sand sculpting include trowels, carving knives, ceramics tools and brushes. Some sculptors also use dental tools if they are carving sculptures that call for very fine details, Turnbough said.
- **Wood and plastic planks** are also essential to providing a strong base for the sand. The artists pack the sand into the forms to provide a stable structure from which to carve. Putting the forms together requires basic carpentry skills, Turnbough said.
- **Sand sculpting takes a** toll on the body and Turnbough said it’s important to keep in shape.

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din's Wonderful Lamp."

"These stories are very well known over there, so we have to make sure we get the details right when we sculpt. If we make a mistake because we're not familiar enough with the stories, it would be like someone coming over here and sculpting images of Pinocchio, but leaving out the fact he has a long nose," Turnbough said.

This trip to Kuwait will be Turnbough's second. A few years ago he took part in a sand sculpting project where he crafted a Ford pickup truck that was approximately three-fourths the size of a real truck. When it was complete the sculpture, which included a sand-sculpted pedestal, stood approximately 10 feet tall.

Getting started

It was while working on his degree in fine arts at Eastern Illinois University that Turnbough got turned on to sand sculpting. At the end of the spring semester 13 years ago Turnbough attended a sand sculpture demonstration by Ted Siebert, owner of The Sand Sculpture Company. Following the demonstration Turnbough, who primarily painted, said he was given a chance to create a sand sculpture for Siebert. He presented Siebert with a dragon carved from the packed sand, which led to a few additional meetings, then an offer of a summer apprenticeship. Turnbough said he had initially planned to work painting houses over that summer, but jumped at the chance to expand his art education.

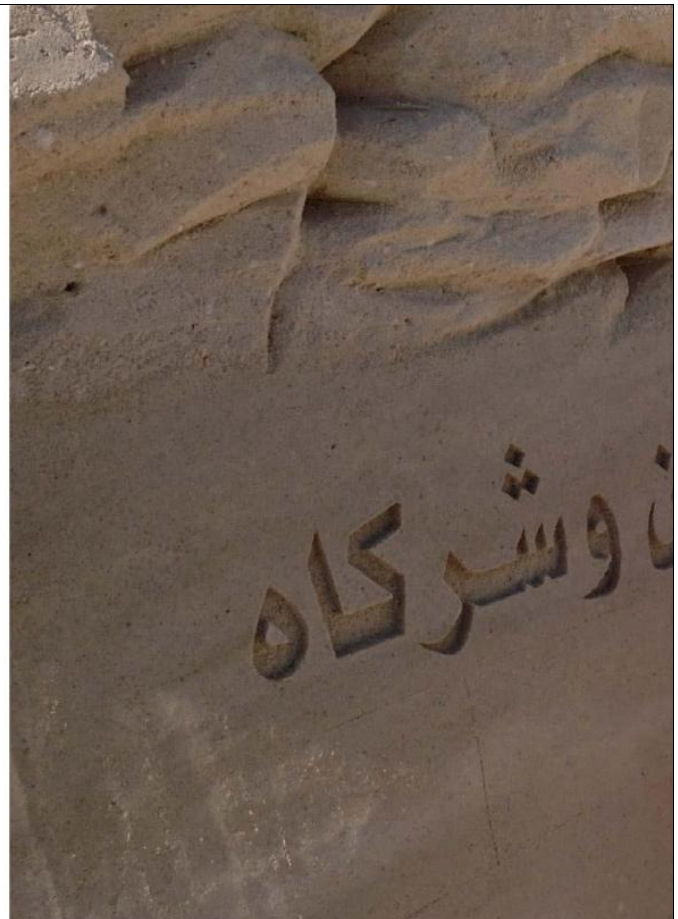
"I took to it like a fish to water and have been doing it ever since," Turnbough said.

Turnbough currently spends about half the year working on sand sculptures for The Sand Sculpture Company, based in Woodstock.

Turnbough described sculpting as "drawing from all different angles."

"Drawing is the foundation of any art form. If you can draw well, then you can go on to become accomplished in multiple art forms," he said. "Every art project begins with a paper and pencil."

After sculpting with Siebert and other artisans for several years, Turnbough began accepting solo projects through The Sand Sculpture Company and would travel on his own. Over



Turnbough carves Arabic lettering into the base of a sculpture during an event in Kuwait last year. Turnbough returns to that country this month to help lead what may be the world's largest sand sculpting project

Photo courtesy of Brian Turnbough

the years he has accepted jobs all over the world, including Oman, Kuwait, New Zealand, Hong Kong, England, Belgium, Canada and numerous states in the U.S.

"Sand sculpting has taken me to some interesting places that painting never would have," he said. "I love the fact I've gotten to travel the world and see some pretty unique places."

World champion

Over this past summer Turnbough competed in both the singles and doubles sand sculpting competitions at the world championships held in Atlantic City.

"It was a lot of fun going to that competition. It's great because we all know each other and we have a good time together. Everyone is there making their art, we're all trying to do our best work," Turnbough said.

Although he did not place in singles competition, Turnbough, working with a partner from Singapore, was able to grasp the golden ring of world champion after creating a sculpture of "The Charge of Achilles," which took the duo 30 hours to create from start to finish. Turnbough's partner, Joo Heng Tan, worked on the image of Achilles, while Turnbough sculpted the architectural forms, including the Parthenon, complete with soldiers marching down the side of the hill supporting the famous Greek structure, along with a series of Greek columns.

When Turnbough and Joo Heng discussed what they wanted

World Championship

2013

In the summer of 2013 Joliet artist Brian Turnbough and a partner won the world sand sculpting doubles contest.



to do at the world championships, they talked about what they thought the other artist's strength was. Joo Heng told Turnbough his strength was in "forced perspective," a way of sculpting which creates an illusion of depth in the piece.

In addition to his world title, Turnbough placed third in the American sand sculpting championship in Fort Meyers, Fla.

Other art

In addition to creating large sand sculptures, Turnbough is also a skilled painter, known for large murals with Chicago sports themes. One 15-foot long mural that hangs in a Chicago sports bar brought Turnbough to the attention of a Bobby Hull, the hall of famer from the Chicago Blackhawks, who commissioned a portrait from Turnbough – a thrill for the diehard hockey fan who adorned the walls of his Joliet home with original Blackhawks artwork.

Turnbough said the painting of Hull is hanging in a corporate box in the United Center, the home of the Blackhawks.

With his duties coordinating the trip to Kuwait, Turnbough said it will be some time before he begins to paint again.

"I've been so busy lately with sand sculpting that murals have almost become a second business to me," Turnbough said.



To Kuwait and Beyond

Following the Middle East project, Turnbough will find time to focus on his other preferred artistic medium.

Project scope

The Kuwait project will require the talents of 70 of the top sand sculptors in the world. That's an impressive collection of talent considering there are approximately 200 to 300 professional sand sculptors in the world, Brian Turnbough said.

Turnbough said most of the artists are familiar with each others work and will be able to seamlessly blend their styles as they work together to sculpt the visions from "One Thousand and One Nights."

"The artists tend to know what each other's strengths are. Some are great at architectural features and others are better at sculpting more natural elements, such as people, animals and plants," Turnbough said. "A lot of these artists, they're among the best sculptors in the world. This is going to be amazing."

With the project taking up an area the size of four soccer fields, each artists will certainly get the opportunity to put their own artistic stamp on the sculptures.

The artists will work approximately 10 hours each day for six weeks to complete the project. The sculptures are likely to incorporate lights and other electronics, Turnbough said. "It's normally very hot in Kuwait, so a lot of the cultural things there are done at night when the temperatures are much cooler. So we'll most likely include lights in the sculptures because people are likely to visit this at night," he said.

Murals

While sand sculpting has recently taken up the bulk of Turnbough's time, he still paints when he can. While most murals are typically painted straight onto walls, Turnbough paints his on large pieces of canvas.

He measures the space for the mural, cuts canvas to fit, stretches it across a frame and paints. He then rolls the canvas up and takes it to the project site and attaches it to the wall with staples and a bit of trimming material. He said that way if someone has to relocate, they can take the art with them. For example, one mural he painted hangs in a child's room in a residential home. The mural depicts famous Disney characters playing baseball at U.S. Cellular Field.

"If they have to leave, they can take it with them," he said. Turnbough's art can be viewed at the Facebook page of his company, Walls With Imagination. —Alex Keown

Exploring the Area's History

Jim Wright, president of the Homewood Historical Society recalls the travels of Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet to celebrate Native American Heritage Month.



A sculpture in the Chicago Portage National Historic Site, located at Harlem Avenue off of 48th Street, that commemorates Marquette's crossing between the Des Plaines and Chicago Rivers.

Photo courtesy of Jim Wright

by Jim Wright
Community contributor

Most students of Illinois history are familiar with the story of the early explorations of the state by Father Jacques Marquette and his companion Louis Joliet, few, however, may be aware that Marquette's travels may have taken him through Chicago's south suburbs, including portions of modern Joliet.

Marquette, a French Jesuit priest, was sent to the New World to do missionary work among the natives arriving in Quebec in 1666. Marquette spent many years preaching among the Ottawa and Huron tribes and also became an accomplished linguist learning a half a dozen Native American languages.

Marquette teamed up with Joliet, a fur trader and an experienced mapmaker and geographer. The two men and a group of five French voyageurs set off on their journey from St. Ignace (in Michigan) on May 17, 1673.

Over a month into their journey, Mar-

quette and Joliet ventured into an "Illini" Indian village and were welcomed and fed by the peaceful native peoples. On their departure, the Illini chief gave Marquette a Calumet, or peace pipe, and also lent his son to the explorers to guide them on their way.

On their return trip, the chief's son advised the group of a more direct route back to Lake Michigan via what is now the Illinois River and along its tributary, the Des Plaines River. The explorers and their crew easily carried the canoes between the Des Plaines and Chicago River, which flowed directly into Lake

Michigan.

Arriving back at St. Ignace in September 1673, Marquette vowed to return to Illinois to preach and establish a mission. Marquette and two companions set off on their return trip to Illinois on October 25, 1674. Harsh weather forced them to spend the winter near the portage of the Chicago and Des Plaines Rivers.

The experience was not good for Marquette who was ill much of the trip.

By Easter 1675 Marquette did visit and preach to the Kaskaskia tribe at the Grand Village of the Illinois, near Starved Rock on the Illinois River.

Continued ill health forced his early departure in April. Marquette and his men, led by many of the Illini, traveled north on the Illinois and Des Plaines Rivers.

At present day Joliet, the group traveled eastward on Hickory Creek through present day New Lenox and Frankfort. From there, Dr. Kenneth Schoon, a pro-

fessor at Indiana University-Northwest, wrote in his book, *Calumet Beginnings*, that “they parted from the Indians and made a short portage – most likely to Butterfield Creek, downstream to Thorn Creek, then down to what is now the Little Calumet River.... east to the Grand Calumet River to its mouth” at Lake Michigan.

Although Marquette was a meticulous record keeper, he was sick with dysentery most of this trip, which was not well documented. He eventually succumbed to the disease on May 18, 1675, at age 38, on the shores of Lake Michigan near Ludington.

Without Marquette’s records we will never know the exact route he took in 1675, but the theory Dr. Schoon and others pose is quite plausible. Butterfield Creek is only a short distance from Hickory Creek east of Harlem Avenue in Matteson, and it is well documented that our area rivers and creeks were wider and deeper in the pre-settlement era than they are today.

If Marquette did take this route, his last journey would have taken him through the southern boundaries of Homewood and Flossmoor on Butterfield Creek, through Idlewild Country Club, across Homewood just north of Holbrook Road, and through the Glenwood School to the point where the Butterfield and Thorn Creeks join.

If indeed true, Homewood, Flossmoor and other south suburbs would have figured prominently in the earliest explorations of Illinois by perhaps one of the most renowned of its explorers, Pere Jacques Marquette.

Jim Wright is president of the Homewood Historical Society.



Louis Joliet, the namesake of this community, was an early area explorer who travelled with Jacques Marquette. This statue of Joliet is in front of the Joliet Public Library.

Photo by Alex Keown

1673 The year that Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet set off on a journey from Quebec seeking the Pacific Ocean.

Marquette and Joliet’s travels took them *down the western shore of Lake Michigan* to the Fox River (at present day Green Bay), west to where they portaged to the Wisconsin River from where they eventually found themselves on the “Messipi” or Mississippi River. The group traveled down the Mississippi along the western boundary of what is now Illinois.

—*Jim Wright, president of the Homewood Historical Society*

GREAT WATER A SEARCH FOR THE PACIFIC

In 1673 Father Jacques Marquette was appointed by the governor of New France to act as chaplain and a missionary on an expedition whose goal was to find the “Messipi”- the “Great Water”- the natives said flowed into a sea. The French hoped this would lead them to the Pacific Ocean. The Frenchman canoed as far south as the Arkansas River on the Mississippi. They went no further south as this territory was under Spanish control and by then they realized that the Mississippi led into the Gulf of Mexico, not the Pacific Ocean.

—*Jim Wright, president of the Homewood Historical Society*

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This artistic painting features Marquette and Joliet’s historic trip down the Mississippi River.

Photo courtesy of Jim Wright

USF a Top Tier School

Joliet Catholic college earns ranking of distinction from U.S. News & World Report.



University president Arvid Johnson, left, said the most important indicators of a college is the educational fulfillment of the students.
Photos courtesy of University of St. Francis and Alex Keown

by Nancy Pohlman
Community contributor

For the 10th consecutive year, the University of St. Francis has been ranked in the top tier of U.S. News & World Report's 2014 edition of "Best Colleges."

For the fourth consecutive year, USF has also been given the distinction of an "A+ SCHOOL for B STUDENTS" from U.S. News & World Report. USF is one of only 45 Master's Midwest schools to receive this distinction.

"While being recognized for our quality in these rankings is exciting, the most important indicators of our success as educators is that our students have a great learning experience, graduate and find jobs that launch their careers," said USF's new president Arvid Johnson, who took office in June.

USF's ranking in U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges" rose by two spots, from 40 to 38.

Earlier in the year, USF was also ranked among the best online education programs in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. In its "Best Online Education Programs 2013", USF was 28th of 237 schools for its online bachelor's programs and 33rd of 101 schools for online graduate nursing programs. The university also was ranked 65th of 208 for online graduate education programs and 80th of 213 for online graduate business programs.

Among Illinois schools ranked in U.S. News & World Report's listing, USF has the top ranking online graduate nursing programs of any public or private school. Among private

schools in Illinois, USF has the top ranked online bachelor's programs and top ranked online graduate business programs. USF was the second ranked online graduate education program among private schools in Illinois.

"While being recognized for our quality in these rankings is exciting, the most important indicators of our success as educators is that our students have a great learning experience, graduate and find jobs that launch their careers."

Arvid Johnson, college president

A pioneer in online learning, USF has been one of the largest providers of online education in Illinois since it piloted its online business program 15 years ago. USF is also one of the 155 colleges and universities rated "Best in the Midwest" by The Princeton Review. The "regional best" colleges list constitutes only 25 percent of the nation's four-year colleges. "Regional best" colleges and universities were selected primarily for their excellent academic programs, but also based on what students reported in a survey about their campus experiences.

The University of St. Francis has been named a "College of Distinction" by CollegesofDistinction.com. The university has also been listed as one of the Most Affordable Online Colleges by AC Online.

Nancy Pohlman is director of university relations.

New Faculty Member at USF

Jeffrey Skibins teaches recreation, sport and tourism management courses.

by Julie Futterer
Community contributor

The University of St. Francis Recreation, Sport & Tourism Management Department announces the addition of Assistant Professor Jeffrey Skibins, Ph.D. to its staff.

Skibins received a Ph.D. from Clemson University, an M.S. from Illinois State University, and a B.A. from Illinois Wesleyan University. He has several years of experience working as a natural resource manager and interpreter for numerous conservation agencies in Chicagoland.

Research focus

The focus of Skibins' continuing research is improving biodiversity conservation associated with ecotourism. He has conducted research throughout the United States, Africa and Australia. He has worked with national parks and zoos around

the world consulting on issues of conservation and interpretation.

His findings are reported in premier academic journals and he is a frequent speaker at international conservation conferences.

RSTM program

Established in 1974, USF's RSTM program has prepared students to enter the leisure services profession for nearly 40 years.

The program was one of the first in the nation to become accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions, and has been continuously accredited since 1983. The mission and vision of USF's RSTM program is to create a transformative learning environment that fosters excellence, leadership and service.

Major concentrations include Community Recreation & Park Resources, Sport Operations Management, Therapeutic Recreation and Tourism and Hospitality Management.

The University of St. Francis in Joliet serves 3,400 students nationwide, offering undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs in arts and science, business, education, nursing, health care and social work.

For information, call (800) 735-7500 or visit stfrancis.edu.

BY THE NUMBERS New freshman class is largest in University of St. Francis history.

FRESHMEN

240

First time students at USF.

TESTS

23

Average ACT score of freshman class.

GPA

3.43

Average grade point average of new class.

TRANSFERS

200

Students who came from other schools.

ENROLLMENT RECORD Highest First Year Students

The University of St. Francis welcomed its largest freshman class in the school's history as the fall semester began Aug. 19. More than 240 freshmen stepped foot onto the Joliet campus this week, said Charles Beutel, vice president for admission and enrollment services.

The new students have an average ACT score above a 23 and an average grade point average of 3.43. About 46 percent of the freshmen also were in the top quarter of their high school class. The freshmen were joined by nearly 200 new transfer students coming from Joliet Junior College and other schools.—*Nancy Pohlman*

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The 240 students in the freshman class is the largest in school history.
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Nov. 25



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Creating a Winter Wonderland in Joliet

November kicks off the holiday festivities and that includes trimming the Christmas tree. Nov. 25 kicks off the annual ComEd Festival of Trees, which runs until Dec. 1 at the Rialto Square Theatre in downtown Joliet. Festivities will include a display of holiday trees, wreaths and decorations. There will also be showings of all the favorite holiday classic films, as well as numerous special events scheduled throughout the week. On their website Rialto officials said the event is "guaranteed to put ol' Ebenezer Scrooge himself in the holiday spirit. So chase away the Bah Humbugs today and become a sponsor for this extraordinary celebration!" General admission tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under. Children 2 and under get in for free.

—Alex Keown

Proceeds from the Festival of Trees benefit the Rialto Square Theatre Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports the mission of the theatre.

Nov. 21



Photo by Alex Keown

Rock In the Holidays with the Sounds of Brian Setzer

The former frontman to The Stray Cats is bringing his rockabilly style and his orchestra to the Rialto Square Theatre just in time for the holidays. Setzer, a three-time Grammy Award winner, brings the "Christmas Rocks 10th Anniversary Tour" to Joliet. He and his 18-piece orchestra will perform many of his hit songs, including numerous Christmas classics like "Winter Wonderland" and "Boogie Woogie Christmas."

rialtosquare.com

Nov. 23



Photo courtesy of hibu

Feedbags and Foot Gear, it's Time for the Give Then Gobble Run

The holidays aren't all about eating. They're also a time to remember those who may not have much food for their table. Register for the multiple races that day and bring some canned food for the Joliet Spanish Community Center's food bank. Sign up for the event by Nov. 23. Entry fees begin at \$25 for single runners, but group rates area available for both the Bunny Run and the Give then Gobble Run at Joliet Junior College.

spanishcenter.org

Nov. 29



Photo by Alex Keown

Start the Holidays with a Free Trip to the Joliet Historical Museum

A great way to begin the holiday season is with a free visit to the Joliet Area Historical Museum. The museum, located in the former Ottawa Street Methodist Church in downtown Joliet, is offering a day of free entry Nov. 29 with a waiver of the normal \$6 fee. Check out the many exhibits highlighting the history of Joliet and of course America's most famous roadway, Route 66.

jolietmuseum.org
815-723-5201

Arts

Artist Talks Pinhole Photos

Joliet photographer shares works, stories at event.

by John Lustig
Community contributor

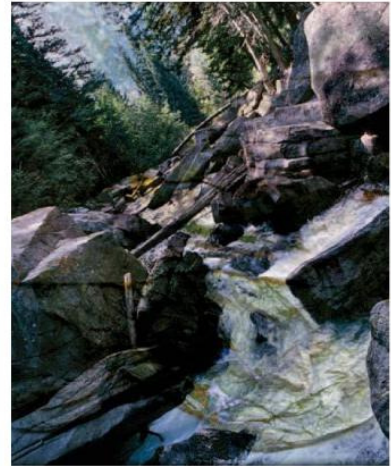
The Sunday Series of programs at the Illinois State Museum Lockport Gallery featured a presentation by photographer Jeff Crisman. Crisman's pinhole camera photographs capturing ancient ruins are on display in the current exhibition *Fragile Relations: Art, Nature, and Environment*.

This was a terrific opportunity to hear directly from the artist about his processes and ask questions about his work.

Joliet-based Jeff Crisman has been a photographer for over 30 years. His work ranges from long-term projects (like his tattoo documentation project) to

those with a focus on our environments, such as the pinhole camera photographs currently on display at ISM Lockport. Crisman taught photography at University of Illinois at Chicago and Chicago State University; he is currently teaching at Aurora University and Harrington College of Design.

His work was part of the recent *Fragile Relations: Art, Nature and Environment* exhibit which highlights the work of fourteen Illinois artists who are inspired by nature and the environment and show diverse ways of perceiving and experiencing the world. Further, through their work these artists delve into both the internal – or personal – and the external – or shared – environments.



Marjorie David's "Rocky Road" is one of the photos on display with Crisman's work.

Photo courtesy of Illinois State Museum Lockport Gallery

Joliet Graduate Starring in Online Video Series



Tim Baltz, a graduate of Joliet Central, is starring in an online video series.

Photo courtesy of Joliet Township High Schools

by Kristine Schlismann
Community contributor

Joliet Central High School graduate, Tim Baltz, Class of 1999, is continuing his successful acting career in an online video series on the satirical website *The Onion*.

Baltz showcases his comedic acting skills in the new series "Tough Season" presented by Lenovo on the *Onion.com*. The eight-episode series follows Brad Blevins (Baltz) as he tries to win a fantasy football league that he has done poorly in for years. Prominent NFL players are featured throughout the series to help Blevins with his team, including Chicago Bears running back Matt Forte, who appears in the first episode, streaming online now.

While this is Baltz's most recent recognition, he has also been considered a top candidate for a Saturday Night Live cast member by *Rolling Stone* magazine and one of "The 25 Funny People Who Should Get Their Own Show" by *complex.com*.

Additionally, he has performed with the renowned Chicago comedy group *Second City*, the *iO Improv Theatre* in Chicago, acted in *Big Ten Network's Friday Night Tailgate*, the web series *Shrink*, and some TV commercials. Baltz

has also performed in a number of stage productions, including several plays by William Shakespeare, according to his resume. He has written for *Chicago Sketchfest*, *TBS Just For Laughs Festival*, and served as co-writer for *Second City's Louisville* production of *It Takes A 'Ville*.

Watch the first installment of "Tough Season" at theonion.com/special/tough-season/.

Kristine Schlismann is the communications director for Joliet Township High Schools.



The Downtown Joliet Bridges

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The Cass Street Bridge in the above photo was built in the early 1930s and spans the Des Plaines River. The 294-foot bridge is held together with metal rivets and features a "rolling lift" to raise the bridge.



Photo by Alex Keown



Photo by Alex Keown



Photo by Alex Keown

There are five bridges spanning the Des Plaines River in downtown Joliet. The bridges were built between 1899 and 1935, according to historicbridges.org. The river served as a major source of commerce, for Chicagoland, allowing products to move from lake Michigan to the Mississippi River and then on to the port in New Orleans where the goods could ship anywhere.

Health

Myths and Truths About Diabetes

The disease affects nearly 26 million Americans — men and women about equally.

by BPT News Service

Diabetes, a disease so prevalent that it is labeled an epidemic in America, affects nearly 26 million children and adults, according to the American Diabetes Association. As that number grows, so does the urgency of finding a cure.

Health experts around the world research type 1, type 2 and gestational diabetes in hopes of discovering a cure. More than 13,000 top scientists, physicians and other health care professionals shared their cutting-edge research, treatment recommendations and other diabetes advances at the association's 73rd annual scientific sessions, held in Chicago.

Although scientific sessions are primarily for medical professionals, their goal is to improve the lives of people affected by diabetes — shaping the direction of research, technology and care with a focus on treatment and prevention and ultimately finding a cure.

The in-depth scientific findings presented in Chicago have been trans-

lated into an easy-to-understand format, available at diabetes.org/breakingnews. People can view short briefings and interviews, and review new information.

The association estimates 25.8 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes, 8.3 percent of the population. Of those, 18.8 million cases have been diagnosed, but 7 million have not. Further, the association estimates 79 million people have conditions that could lead to diabetes.

About 2 million new cases of diabetes are diagnosed each year, mainly in people age 20 or older. Less than 1 percent of people under age 20 have diabetes; the numbers go up with age — 11.3 percent of people over age 20, and 26.9 percent of people over 65. The disease affects both men and women about equally — 10.8 percent of women age 20 and older, and 11.8 percent of men.

The American Diabetes Association aims to help people understand the facts. Among the top myths and misconceptions about diabetes:

Myth: Diabetes is not that serious a disease.

Fact: Diabetes causes more deaths a year than breast cancer and AIDS combined. Two out of three people with diabetes die from heart disease or stroke.

Myth: If you are overweight or obese, you will eventually develop type 2 diabetes.

Fact: Being overweight is just one risk factor; other risk factors are family history, ethnicity and age. Most overweight people never develop type 2 diabetes, and many people with type 2 diabetes are at a normal weight.

Myth: People with diabetes should eat special diabetic foods.

Fact: A healthy meal plan for people with diabetes is generally the same as a healthy diet for anyone — low in fat (especially saturated and trans fat), moderate in salt and sugar, with meals based on whole grain foods, vegetables and fruit. Diabetic and “dietetic” foods generally offer no special benefit.

Myth: People with diabetes can't eat sweets.

Fact: If eaten as part of a healthy meal plan, sweets and desserts can be eaten by people with diabetes. The key to sweets is to have a very small portion and save them for special occasions.

Myth: People with diabetes are more likely to get colds and other illnesses.

Fact: You are no more likely to get a cold or another illness if you have diabetes. However, people with diabetes are advised to get flu shots, because any illness can make diabetes more difficult to control, and therefore serious complications are more likely to develop.

For more information, visit diabetes.org.



About 2 million cases of diabetes are diagnosed each year.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Schedules are subject to change.
Call venues to confirm event information.

Let us know about any upcoming events.
Email us at joliet@hibu.com.

TUESDAY 22

Who-Dun-It

6 - 8 p.m.

WHAT: Use your detective skills to solve the mystery and discover who Dun It.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Road, Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2660

TUESDAY 22

Slightly Scary Stories

7 - 8 p.m.

WHAT: Enjoy some family friendly ghost stories and share a campfire snack.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library, 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2660

FAMILY

FRIDAY 25

After Hours Halloween Rave

4:30 - 9 p.m.

WHAT: There will be a costume contest, games, food, and possibly a mini ghost hunt.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Road, Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2660

FOOD

FRIDAY 25

Thorn Creek Chamber Players

7 - 9 p.m.

WHAT: Cellist Ingrid Krizan and the Thorn Creek Chamber Players will present a concert celebrating the autumn woods. (Ages 12 & Older)

WHERE: Forest Preserve District of Will County (Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve), 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet

PRICE: \$10

INFO: Call 708-747-6320

SATURDAY 26

Howloween Hoopla

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WHAT: Fourth annual Halloween dog extravaganza, guaranteed to be a howling good time! Bring your beloved companion or, if you are in the market for a furry friend, let a variety of rescue organizations cater to your doggie needs.

WHERE: Forest Preserve District of Will County (Whalon Lake), 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet

PRICE: Free

INFO: Call 708-534-8499

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TUESDAY 29

Teen Advisory Group

6 - 7:30 p.m.

WHAT: Eat pizza, earn volunteer hours and make the Teen department yours.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Road, Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2660

FOOD

SATURDAY 2

Cloud Computing Everyone

Noon - 1 p.m.

WHAT: Discover the benefits of cloud computing and learn how you can get started today!

WHERE: Joliet Public Library, 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2666

MONDAY 4

Game On

4 - 8 p.m.

WHAT: Drop in for some fun playing role playing and board games.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library, 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet

MONDAY 4

Supporting Your Student

6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

WHAT: This presentation provides tips on how parents can support their students as he / she searches for the "right fit" college. Topics include knowing the facts about college value, college visits, financial aid basics, teaching your student to budget, and common concerns.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Road, Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2660 or email cody.dailey@isac.illinois.gov

MONDAY 4

Movie Club

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

WHAT: Join for a free movie and snacks!

WHERE: Joliet Public Library, 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet

PRICE: Free

INFO: Call 815-740-2660

FREE

TUESDAY 5

Video Game Night

4 - 8 p.m.

WHAT: Have fun playing Wii video

games with your friends!

WHERE: Joliet Public Library, 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2660

WEDNESDAY 6

Snap Circuits

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

WHAT: Work with your friends to build a radio, burglar alarm, microphone, or other gadgets.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Road, Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2660

THURSDAY 7

Drama Group

6 - 8 p.m.

WHAT: Show off your acting skills at monthly meetings.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Road, Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2660

FRIDAY 8

Friday Night Madness

4:30 - 8 p.m.

WHAT: This is a monthly event that has a different theme each time. The theme for this program is Hunger Games. Video games, board games and card games like Munchkin will also be available for those who don't want to do the challenges.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Road, Joliet
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SATURDAY 9 Migratory Bird Hike 8 - 10 a.m.

WHAT: Nesting season has ended and the herons, egrets, and cormorants have scattered, but many birds still think Lake Renwick is great place to hang out. (Ages 7 & Older)

WHERE: Forest Preserve District of Will County (Lake Renwick Preserve - Heron Rookery Nature Preserve), 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet

PRICE: Free

INFO: Call 708-946-2216

FREE

SATURDAY 9 Technology Petting Zoo 1 - 5 p.m.

WHAT: Stop by the technology petting zoo at the JPL! Experts showcasing some of the newest tablets, eReaders, and mobile apps!

WHERE: Joliet Public Library, 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet

INFO: Call 815-740-2660

SATURDAY 9 Doctor Who Party 1 - 3 p.m.

WHAT: Showing part 1 of the Scream of the Shalka, an animated Dr. Who mini-series.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library, 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet

INFO: Call 815-740-2666

FAMILY

TUESDAY 12 Mock The Movie 6 - 8 p.m.

WHAT: Bring a group of friends to laugh at and mock a movie from the past.



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DECEMBER 17 5 P.M.

Merlin Coat Collection

WHAT: Merlin 200,000 Mile Shops are collecting new and gently used winter clothing for children ages newborn to teenager.

WHERE: Merlin 200,000 Mile shop is located at 845 N. Larkin Ave. in Joliet.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Road, Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2660

TUESDAY 12 Guys Read 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

WHAT: Hang out and talk about books and graphic novels! Enjoy pizza and soda!

WHERE: Joliet Public Library, 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet

INFO: Call 815-740-2660

FOOD

WEDNESDAY 13 Nature Play Day 10 - 11:30 a.m.

WHAT: Once a month, parents with young children are invited to Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve for a "Nature Play Day." (Ages 1-5)

WHERE: Forest Preserve District of Will County (Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve), 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet

PRICE: Free

INFO: Call 708-946-2216

FREE

WEDNESDAY 13 Computer Basics Class 2 - 3 p.m.

WHAT: Learn about the parts of a computer, attaching devices (jump drives, etc) to a computer, basic operations in Microsoft Word, saving information and proper shut down of a computer.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library (Meeting Room B), 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet

INFO: Call 815-740-2660

WEDNESDAY 13 Stop Motion Lab 6 - 8 p.m.

WHAT: Learn how to make your own stop motion animations using iPad's.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library, 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet

INFO: Call 815-740-2660

THURSDAY 14 Steampunk Style 5:30 - 7 p.m.

WHAT: Steampunk style craft.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Road, Joliet

INFO: Call 815-740-2660

THURSDAY 14 Artist Alley 7 - 8:30 p.m.

WHAT: Calling all artists! Make art using digital and traditional mediums. Have iPads, sketch pads and plenty of supplies to create your masterpieces.

WHERE: Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Road, Joliet

INFO: Call 815-740-2660

SATURDAY 16 Junior Ecologists Club Noon - 3 p.m.

WHAT: Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve's "Junior Ecologists Club" offers fun-filled nature activities each month for young people. (Ages 9-12)

WHERE: Forest Preserve District of Will County (Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve), 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet

PRICE: Free

INFO: Call 708-747-6320

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SATURDAY 16 Recycled Gifts Workshop 9 a.m. - Noon

WHAT: Making gifts from recycled

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materials is both good for the Earth and good for your pocketbook! Attend this workshop to create unique gifts for anyone on your holiday list. (Ages 16 & older)
WHERE: Forest Preserve District of Will County (McKinley Woods - Frederick's Grove), 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet
PRICE: Free
INFO: Call 815-722-9470
FREE

SATURDAY 16
The Columbian Exposition-Through the Eyes of a Visitor
 2 - 3:15 p.m.
WHAT: Take a step back in time as toy visit the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 in Chicago. During this interactive presentation, your guide, dressed in the fashionable clothing of the 1890s, will take you on a stroll through the fair.
WHERE: Pre-Emption House Tavern, 523 S. Webster, Naperville
PRICE: \$10
INFO: Call 630-420-6010

SUNDAY 17
Full Moon Night Hike
 4 - 6 p.m.
WHAT: Learn to discern the different sounds of the fall woods at night. Join in this nocturnal exploration of the woods.
WHERE: Forest Preserve District of Will County (Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve), 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet
PRICE: Free
INFO: Call 708-747-6320
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MONDAY 18
Notable Book Discussion Group
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
WHAT: This month there is discussion on Why Does the World Exist by Jim Hoult.
WHERE: Joliet Public Library, 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2666

MONDAY 18
Taking the Tough Classes
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
WHAT: This presentation teaches students how to prepare for college by taking a rigorous high school curriculum.
WHERE: Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Road, Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2660

THURSDAY 21
Girls Read
 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
WHAT: Share your favorite books with your friends and discover new ones in this book club just for girls! Have pizza and drinks.
WHERE: Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Road, Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2660

FRIDAY 22
Fall Campfire
 7 - 8:30 p.m.
WHAT: As daylight fades into twilight at Goodenow Grove, the evening will be ignited with laughter, wonder, and warmth.
WHERE: Forest Preserve District of Will County (Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve), 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet
PRICE: Free
INFO: Call 708-946-2216
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SATURDAY 23
Volunteer Workday
 8 a.m. - Noon
WHAT: "Volunteer Workdays" provide an opportunity for you to contribute to your community, support your local environment, meet fellow nature-lovers, and get some fresh air and exercise.
WHERE: Forest Preserve District of Will County (Kankakee Sand Preserve), 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet
INFO: Call 815-722-7364 or visit rgauchat@fpdwc.org

FRIDAY 29
Storytime with Santa
 Noon - 5 p.m.
WHAT: Enjoy some holiday stories and get you picture taken with Santa before the light up the Holidays parade!
WHERE: Joliet Public Library, 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2660

SUNDAY 1
Winter Reading Begins
 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
WHAT: Read lots of books to earn prizes. There will be an online as well as paper version for logging in your books.
WHERE: Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Road, Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2660

MONDAY 2
The Path of a FAFSA
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
WHAT: The goal of this presentation is to teach high school seniors about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA),

what happens to student FAFSA information after it is submitted, and how to read an award letter form a college/ university.
WHERE: Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch, 3395 Black Road, Joliet
INFO: Call 815-740-2660 or email cody.dailey@isca.illinois.gov

WEDNESDAY 4
Wednesday Morning Walkers
 7:30 - 9 a.m.
WHAT: Follow the forest's seasonal changes, enjoy light exercise, and experience nature first-hand on two miles of Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve's winding trails. (Ages 11 & Older)
WHERE: Forest Preserve District of Will County (Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve), 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet
PRICE: Free
INFO: Call 708-747-6320
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WEDNESDAY 4
What's in the Sky this Month?
 7:30 - 9 p.m.
WHAT: Join backyard astronomers to find out what's visible in the evening sky each month.
WHERE: Forest Preserve District of Will County (Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve), 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet
PRICE: Free
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AND ANOTHER THING ...

Community Foundation Honors Philanthropists

Two area families praised for their work in Joliet, Plainfield and across Will County.

by Marilyn McSteen
Community contributor

The Will County Community Foundation, based in Joliet, honored two families during the 2013 Donor Recognition and Celebration of Philanthropy in August. The award is presented each year to those who provide philanthropic leadership for the benefit of the community and beyond. Donors and guests gathered at the Barber and Oberwotmann Horticulture Center to recognize Kathy and Tom Cawley and the Spesia Family for their commitment to the foundation and to celebrate the spirit of giving in Will County.

Lori and Doug Spesia instilled the spirit of philanthropy in their children – John, Chris, David and Sarah – through their strong Catholic faith and daily example. Doug Spesia was a founding trustee of The Will County Community Foundation. He and Lori set up one of the Foundation's first Donor Advised Funds. Their sons, John and Chris, along with their wives followed in their footsteps by establishing their own Funds. When Doug passed away three years ago, their son Chris took Doug's place on the board and has grown into his own valuable role. But the Spesia family has done more than just help the Founda-

tion. Their philanthropic spirit, financial resources, time and talent have been shared widely and have touched organizations that they value like Daybreak Center and Catholic Charities, Joliet Montessori School, The George Werden Buck Boys & Girls Club, local parishes, a Benedictine Monastery, and local Catholic education institutions.

Tom and Kathy Cawley both began their careers in education. With a shift to the financial advising field, they established The Voyager Group in 1999, which resides in a restored 1840's farmhouse near Essington and Division in Joliet. This physical setting says a lot about the values that drive them. Serving clients from a historic building reminiscent of a time when communities drew strength from coming together and neighbors helped neighbors. "We like to think of our clients as family because we have worked with them for so long," said Kathy.

Kathy and Tom had been looking for a way to give back locally and they felt that the Foundation was a place where they could impact community needs. Kathy came onto the Foundation's board and sits on the grants committee. When Tom and Kathy started a Fund at the Foundation, they did it in the name of their business and it became an opportunity to educate.



Tom and Kathy Cawley, center, are honored for their philanthropic work in Will County. They are joined by James Gaffney, the WCCF board chairman, left, and WCCF Executive Director Michael Trench, right.

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