

This Week

SUMMIT CITY COMIC CON — Comic book convention featuring comic creators Gabriel Hardman, Robert Atkins, Mike Norton, Tom Scioli, Katie Cook and Hilary Barta at the Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 12**, \$10 (children 12 and under free with paid adult), www.SummitCityComicCon.com

THE VOICES OF UNITY FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA — Fundraiser for Defending the Gold campaign at The Summit (former Taylor campus), Fort Wayne, **4 p.m. Saturday, May 12**, \$20, 481-6719, <http://fashionextravaganza-auto.event-brite.com>

STAR VIEWING — The Fort Wayne Astronomical Society telescope will be open to the public at the Jefferson Township Park, New Haven, **2 hours following sunset every Saturday thru October**, free, donations accepted, fortwayneastronomicalsociety.com

Authors, Readings,

Poetry

NO FENCES ALOUD — An open mic night for writers, particularly in the genres of short stories and poetry at the Peace Frog Coffee House, Fort Wayne, **7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month free**, 755-5527

JESUS SEMINAR STUDY GROUP — Discussion of *Profiles of Jesus* at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, Fort Wayne, **7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10**, 744-1867

Lectures, Discussions,

Films

CULTURE OF A CITY FOR F.U.N. BREAKFAST — A presentation on what makes up the culture of a city with a focus on Fort Wayne, with breakfast, at Link's Wonderland, Fort Wayne, **8-9:30 a.m. Friday, May 11**, \$4.50-\$7.50, 420-0765

WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT - YESTERDAY AND TODAY — Senior engineering student Zachery Estes speaks as part of Science Central's Lunch with an IPFW Scientist at Science Central, Fort Wayne, **11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., May 12**, \$10 members, \$16 non-members, 424-2400 ext. 451 for reservations

HISTORY OF THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD — Part of the Science Sunday series at Unitarian Universalist Church, Fort Wayne, **10 a.m. Sunday, May 27**, free, 744-1867

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE: BOOK DISCUSSION PART 1 OF 2 — A discussion of the strategies presented in the book by Glen E. Singleton at the downtown Allen County Public Library, Meeting Room B, Fort Wayne, **7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 31**, free, 420-0765

HALL'S RESTAURANTS: ALL AROUND TOWN SINCE 1946 — Don "Bud" Hall speaks as part of the George R. Mather Lecture Series at the History Center in Fort Wayne, **2 p.m. Sunday, June 3**, free, 426-2882, www.fwhistorycenter.com

CULTURES OF COLOR: SKIN COLOR AND COLORISM — Facilitated dialogue on how the dynamics, issues, and impact of colorism, shadeism, and skin color preferences across cultures at the downtown Allen County Public Library, Meeting Room B, Fort Wayne, **1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12**, free, 420-0765

TRF Coming Sooner Than You Think

With the Fort Wayne's favorite annual tradition, the Three Rivers Festival, now just around the corner again, it seems time to check in on some of what we have to look forward to. The kickoff takes place on Saturday, July 14 with, as always, the Three Rivers Festival Parade. Sponsored once again by Lutheran Health Network, the parade will begin at 9:45 a.m., providing the official launch of a week of activities, events and, above all, fabulous food of all varieties.

The theme for this year's parade is "Community Landmarks and Legends," and it is certainly true that Fort Wayne has a healthy respect for its rich history and architecture. There would be no better time to pay homage to that than in the city's most cherished and beloved traditions. Adding even more meaning to the parade will be the appearance of its grand marshal. Actually make that "marshalls," as this year TRF is honoring veterans returning to the Summit City, the men and women who have sacrificed much more than a few years of Three Rivers Festival parades for their country. Honoring them provides a special and fitting way to say "welcome home."

Once the parade is over there will be a wide range of activities to fill out the rest of your Saturday — or to fill out the rest of your weekend. Art in the Park takes place that first weekend of Festival, July 14-15, and will once again provide an outlet for the artistic talents of people in Fort Wayne and beyond, with a juried art show the event's centerpiece. Taking place at Freimann Square and Main Street, Art in the Park also includes the Crafters' Market, a popular

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opportunity to see work somewhat different but every bit as artistic as the works included in the juried show.

The Marketplace will be opened from Wednesday, July 18 through Saturday, July 21, and the always popular Children's Fest will once again take place on the final two days of the Festival, Friday-Saturday, July 20-21. Children's Fest is one of the festival's biggest attraction if the number of small, painted faces is any measure of its popularity. Rides for the small kids can be found at the Fest while even more rides can be found during the Downtown Midway. Nothing says TRF like filling a small tyke's stomach with fare from Junk Food Alley, then putting them on a ride that spins them like a crazy top. Good times.

Of course, plenty of others favorites will also be returning, including the Bed Race and Super Seniors' Day (both July 18), the Waiter-Waitress Contest (July 16) and International Village (July 20-21). More details about those will be provided in future columns, but for additional information, check out www.trfonline.org.

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COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE: BOOK DISCUSSION PART 2 OF 2 — A discussion of the strategies presented in the book by Glen E. Singleton at the downtown Allen County Public Library, Meeting Room B, Fort Wayne, **7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21**, free, 420-0765

ASTRONOMY AND UNIVERSAL EXPANSION — Part of the Science Sunday series at Unitarian Universalist Church, Fort Wayne, **10 a.m. Sunday, June 24**, free, 744-1867

GEOLOGY AND THE SCIENCE OF EARTH — Part of the Science Sunday series at Unitarian Universalist Church, Fort Wayne, **10 a.m. Sunday, July 15**, free, 744-1867

Storytimes

BARNES & NOBLE STORY TIMES — Storytime and crafts **Mondays and Thursdays** at 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble-Jefferson Pointe, Fort Wayne, 432-3343

BARNES & NOBLE STORY TIMES — Weekly storytime **Wednesdays and Fridays** at 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble-Glenbrook, Fort Wayne, 482-3720

HUNTINGTON CITY-TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY STORY TIME SESSIONS — Stories and activities for children birth through seven years at the Huntington City-Township Public Library, main branch, **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** for children two through seven years at the Markle Branch **Thursdays**, free (registration required), 356-2900 or 758-3332

STORY TIMES, ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS AT ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY:
ABOITE BRANCH — Born to Read Storytime, **10:30 a.m. Mondays**, Smart Start Storytime, 10:30 a.m. **Tuesday**, Baby Steps, **10:30 a.m. Wednesdays**, 421-1320

DOWNTOWN BRANCH — Storytime for preschools, daycare and other groups, **9:30 a.m. Wednesdays**; Smart Start Storytime for ages 3-6, **10:30 a.m. Wednesdays**; PAWS to Read, **6:30 p.m. Thursdays**, Babies and Books, **10 a.m. Fridays**; Toddler Time: stories, songs and activities for toddlers, **10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Fridays**, 421-1220

DUPONT BRANCH — Smart Start Storytime for ages 3-5, **1:30 p.m. Tuesdays & 10:30 a.m. Thursdays**, PAWS to Read, **4:30 p.m. Wednesdays**, 421-1315

GEORGETOWN BRANCH — Born to Read Storytime, **10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mondays**, Baby Steps, **10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tuesdays**, PAWS to Read, **4 p.m. Tuesdays**, Smart Start Storytime, **10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Thursdays**, 421-1320

GRABILL BRANCH — Born to Read, **10:30 a.m. Tuesdays**, Smart Start Storytime, **10:30 a.m. Wednesdays**, 421-1325

HESSEN CASSEL BRANCH — Stories, songs and fingerplays for the whole family, **6:30 p.m. Tuesdays**, 421-1330

LITTLE TURTLE BRANCH — Storytime for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m. **Mondays and Tuesdays**, PAWS to Read, **6 p.m. Mondays**, 421-1335
NEW HAVEN BRANCH — Babies and books for kids birth to age 2, **10:30 a.m. Thursdays**, 421-1345

PONTIAC BRANCH — Teen cafe, **4 p.m. Tuesdays**, PAWS to Read, **5 p.m. Thursdays**, Smart Star Storytime for preschoolers, **10:30 a.m. Fridays**, 421-1350

TECUMSEH BRANCH — PAWS to Read, **6:30 p.m. Mondays**, Smart Start Storytime for kids age 3-6, **10:30 a.m. Tuesdays**, YA Day for teens, **3:30 p.m. Wednesdays**, Wondertots reading for ages 1-3, **10:30 a.m. Thursdays**, 421-1360

SHAWNEE BRANCH — Born to Read for babies and toddlers, **10:30 a.m. Thursdays**, Smart Start Storytime for preschoolers, **11 a.m. Thursdays**, 421-1355

WAYNEDEALE BRANCH — Smart Start Storytime, **10:30 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays**, Born to Read Storytime for babies and toddlers, **10:15 a.m. Tuesdays**, PAWS to Read, **4:30 p.m. first and third Wednesdays**, 421-1365

WOODBURN BRANCH — Smart Start Storytime, **10:30 a.m. Fridays**, 421-1370

Kid Stuff

KID'S ART EXPLORATION — Children grades K through grade 6 will work with various art materials and techniques at Arlink, Auer Center for Arts and Culture, Fort Wayne, **6-7 p.m. Wednesdays, May 23, June 6 & 20**, \$20, 424-7195

TWEEN SCENE — 4th, 5th and 6th graders will learn explore a different topic every month at the Huntington City-Township Public Library, **4:15-5:15 p.m. Monday, May 14 and the second Monday of every month**, free (registration required), 356-2900

EAA CHAPTER 2 YOUNG EAGLES RALLY — Airplane rides (weather permitting) for kids ages 8-17, parent or legal guardian must be present at Smith Field Airport, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 12, June 9, Aug. 11 and Sept. 8**, free, 693-6191, www.eaa2.org

MOTHERS DAY MAKE & TAKE GARDENING CRAFT WORKSHOP — Presented by Huntington Area Master Gardeners at Huntington City-Township Public Library Main Library, Huntington, for kids age 4 to grade 5, **10 a.m. Saturday, May 12**, free (pre-registration required), 356-2900.

MAKE YOUR OWN MONSTER — Kids in grades 3-8 will learn to sew their own monster at Arlink, Auer Center for Arts and Culture, Fort Wayne, **2-4 p.m. Saturday May 12**, \$30-\$35, 424-7195

SWEETWATER ACADEMY OF MUSIC ROCK CAMP — Week-long program for experienced musicians ages 12-18 at Sweetwater Sound, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays June 4-8, July 9-13, July 23-27, July 30-Aug. 3 and Aug. 6-10**, \$350-\$400, 432-8176 ext. 1961, kelly_lentine@sweetwater.com

KID'S HORSE AND CREATIVITY CAMP — Kids will share in creating a performance with horses, costumes, dance, singing and theater at Creare Ranch, **Tuesdays, June 12-July 24**, \$100 for full day camp, \$20 per individual session (when available), 248-8433, www.creareeranch.com

BISHOP LUERS SUMMER CAMPS — Bishop Luers High School hosts summer athletic and fine arts camps **June 18-Aug. 3**, 456-1261, www.bishop-luers.org

BEHIND THE SCREEN — Kids see how the Embassy's Grande Page organ makes a silent movie come alive and participate in creating mosaics, rubbings and more as they experience the Embassy up close at the Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, **9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, June 27-28 and Tuesday, July 10**, \$5, 424-5665, www.fwembassytheatre.org/behind-the-screen.htm

SUMMER STEM CAMP — Students age 11-14 will participate in a range of science, technology, engineering and math activities at Ivy Tech Community College-Northwest, Fort Wayne, **8:30-3:30 June 18-22 and July 16-20**, \$149 for one week or \$298 for both weeks, IvyTech.edu/northeast/stem

Calls For Entries/
Auditions

1ST ANNUAL FANDANA FILM FESTIVAL —Huntington University is seeking film submissions in the categories of narrative, documentary and animation as well as one category for high school students, deadline to submit films is **June 1**, \$25, www.fandanafestival.com/film

Dance

OPEN DANCES

BALLROOM DANCING — Ballroom dancing at American Style Ballroom, Fort Wayne, group lesson/open dancing, **8-10 p.m. Friday, May 11**, \$5, 480-7070

DANCE OF UNIVERSAL PEACE — Participatory circle dancing of meditation, joy, community and creating a peaceful world with Mich Peaceful Sisters and Steve Vachon at Fort Wayne Dance Collective, **7-10 p.m. Saturday, May 12**, fragrance-free, \$7, 424-6574 or 602-9361, www.fwddc.org/dup

CONTRA DANCE — Dance to live, old-time string band music at the North Campus Building, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, **8-11 p.m. Saturday, May 19 and June 16** (beginner lessons at 7:30 p.m.), \$5-\$8, 244-1905, <http://web.me.com/contrafortwayne>

DANCE OF UNIVERSAL PEACE — Participatory circle dancing of meditation, joy, community and creating a peaceful world with leaders Naomi Wilansky, Dan Liechty and Steve Vachon at Fort Wayne Dance Collective, **7-10 p.m. Saturday, June 9**, fragrance-free, \$7, 424-6574 or 602-9361, www.fwddc.org/dup

DANCE INSTRUCTION

LINE DANCING — Dance instruction, Neon Armadillo, Fort Wayne, **6-9 p.m. Thursdays**, \$4, 490-5060

BALLROOM SOCIAL — Open dance and lessons at International Dance Arts Studio, Fort Wayne, **6-8 p.m. Fridays** (followed by social dancing until 10 p.m.), \$5, 416-7733

RHYTHM AND SMOOTH WORKSHOP — At American Style Ballroom, Fort Wayne, **9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12**, \$20, 480-7070

SALSA SUNDAYS — Group salsa lesson followed by open dance at K. Monique's Studio of Dance, Fort Wayne, **4:30-6:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Sundays** \$5, 624-7009

POPPIN WORKSHOP — Workshop by FlexAblyladeez of the Mighty Zulu Kingz, **4-5 p.m. Saturday, May 19** at Fellowship Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, \$5, 487-1949, www.tomahawkzulus.tk

BREAKDANCE WORKSHOP — Workshop by B-Boy Squirt of the Mighty Zulu Kingz, **5-6 p.m. Saturday, May 19** at Fellowship Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, \$5, 487-1949, www.tomahawkzulus.tk

Instruction

DROP-IN YOGA IN THE GARDEN — Yoga instructed by Lana K. Hake at the Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, **5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays**, \$5-\$7, 427-6440, www.botanicalconservatory.org/

DROP-IN ZUMBA IN THE GARDEN — Zumba with licensed instructor Hillary Halsema at the Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, **6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays**, \$5-\$7, 427-6440, www.botanicalconservatory.org/

FREEDOM FROM SMOKING CLASSES — A seven week course conducted by Natalie McLaughlin, RN in Room 264, IPFW Athletics Center, Fort Wayne, **5:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays thru May 16**, free, 481-6808

IPFW COMMUNITY ARTS ACADEMY — Art, dance, music and theatre classes for grades Pre K through 12, **ongoing weekly lessons**, prices vary, call 481-6059 for more information

SWEETWATER ACADEMY OF MUSIC — Private lessons for a variety of instruments in rock, jazz, country and classical are available from a variety of professional instructors, **ongoing weekly lessons**, \$100 per month, 432-8176 ext. 1960, http://academy.sweetwater.com

TRAINING TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER NATURALIST — Potential volunteer naturalists will learn about local plants, animals, and history in preparation for leading nature hikes and staffing the Moser Park Nature Center this summer at Moser Park Nature Center, New Haven, **1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 12-13, and May 19-20**, 749-2212

HPV INFORMATION SESSION — Information for both parents and teens, along with free pizza and family photos, in Bauer Hall of Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, **6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15**, free, 481-0403 or 481-0400

DREAM IT UP — A four-week, two-hour course focusing on discovering and recovering your creative self, gathering insights and energy from horses at Creare Ranch, Columbia City, **6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays thru May 15**, \$100, 248-8433, www.creare-ranch.com

HPV INFORMATION SESSION — Information for both parents and teens, along with free pizza and family photos, in Neff Hall Room 101, IPFW, Fort Wayne, **6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 22**, free, 481-0403 or 481-0400

ALL LEVELS YOGA — At Arlink, Auer Center for Arts and Culture, Fort Wayne, **6-7 p.m. Wednesdays, May 23, June 6 & 20**, \$10, 424-7195

SUMMER SELF-DEFENSE — At Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, **8:30-9:30 a.m. Saturdays, June 2-Aug. 25**, \$44-\$50, 427-6011, www.fort-wayneparks.org

TAI CHI & QIGONG — At Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, **6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, June 12, July 10 and Aug. 14**, \$10-\$25, 427-6011, www.fort-wayneparks.org

Spectator Sports

BASEBALL

TIN CAPS — Upcoming home games at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne **THURSDAY, MAY 10** vs. South Bend Silverhawks, 7:05 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 11 vs. South Bend Silverhawks, 7:05 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 12 vs. West Michigan Whitecaps, 5:05 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 13 vs. West Michigan Whitecaps, 3:05 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 14 vs. West Michigan Whitecaps, 7:05 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 15 vs. West Michigan Whitecaps, 11:05 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 19 vs. Bowling Green Hot Rods, 7:05 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 vs. Bowling Green Hot Rods, 3:05 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 21 vs. Bowling Green Hot Rods, 7:05 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 26 vs. Bowling Green Hot Rods, 7:05 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 27 vs. Bowling Green Hot Rods, 7:05 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 28 vs. Bowling Green Hot Rods, 3:05 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 29 vs. Bowling Green Hot Rods, 7:05 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 vs. Great Lakes Loons, 7:05 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 31 vs. Great Lakes Loons, 7:05 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1 vs. Great Lakes Loons, 7:05 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9 vs. South Bend Silverhawks, 7:05 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 vs. South Bend Silverhawks, 3:05 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 11 vs. South Bend Silverhawks, 7:05 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12 vs. Lansing Lugnuts, 7:05 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 vs. Lansing Lugnuts, 7:05 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14 vs. Lansing Lugnuts, 7:05 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22 vs. Lake County Captains, 7:05 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 vs. Lake County Captains, 7:05 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24 vs. Lake County Captains, 3:05 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 25 vs. Lansing Lugnuts, 7:05 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26 vs. Lansing Lugnuts, 7:05 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 vs. Lansing Lugnuts, 12:05 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 vs. Bowling Green Hot Rods, 7:05 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 5 vs. Bowling Green Hot Rods, 7:05 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 6 vs. Bowling Green Hot Rods, 7:05 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 vs. Beloit Snappers, 7:05 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 12 vs. Beloit Snappers, 7:05 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 13 vs. Beloit Snappers, 7:05 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 14 vs. Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, 7:05 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 15 vs. Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, 3:05 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 16 vs. Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, 7:05 p.m.

ROLLER DERBY

FORT WAYNE DERBY GIRLS — Upcoming home games at the Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne **SATURDAY, MAY 12** Bomb Squad & S.W.A.T. vs. Killamazoo Derby Darlins, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

WWE RAW SUPERSHOW — John Cena, CM Punk, Chris Jericho, Randy Orton, Big Show, The Miz, R-Truth, Sheamus, Kofi Kingston, Dolph Ziggler, The Divas and many more in this live broadcast to the world at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, **8:15 p.m. Monday, June 25**, \$17-\$97, http://www.memorialcoliseum.com/

Sports & Recreation

TREK THE TRAILS — Join local trail users for weekly bike rides along the Fort Wayne Trails: Towpath Trail **6 p.m. Tuesday May 15**; Rivergreenway: St. Joseph **6 p.m. Tuesday, May 22**; Rivergreenway: St. Marys **6 p.m. Tuesday, May 29**, free, 427-6228, www.fortwayneparks.org

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WALK — Spread the word about mental illness in a fund-raising walk with bounce houses, raffles, door prizes and music at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, **9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. walk Saturday, May 12**, donations, 447-8990

NORTH HIGHLANDS CENTER FOR LEARNING Mom's Day 5K Run & 3K Walk — Fund-raiser for the North Highlands Center for Learning at Grace Presbyterian Church, Fairhill Road, Fort Wayne, **9 a.m. Saturday, May 12** (8 a.m. registration), \$15-\$20, 312-1591

RUN WITH THE KNIGHTS — A 5K run/walk with the Bishop Luers Knights at Foster Park, Fort Wayne, **9 a.m. Saturday, May 12**, \$20, 456-1261 ext. 3039

LEND ME YOUR EARS WALK & FAMILY FUN FAIR — A walk fundraiser at Lawton Park, Fort Wayne, **11 a.m. Saturday, May 19**, \$10, 969-4455

KICKIN' IT FOR KIDS' SAKE CHARITY KICKBALL TOURNAMENT — A fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters at Fort Wayne Sport Club, Fort Wayne, **9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 30**, \$150/ team, 750-0325, www.fortwayne-sportclub.com

Tours & Trips

SCRAPBOOKING RETREAT — A weekend scrapbooking retreat for beginners or advanced scrapbookers at Manchester College, North Manchester, **June 1-3**, \$140, 982-5246, www.meetatmanchester.com

ANN ARBOR, MI — Bus trip to the art fairs, **Wednesday, July 18**, \$42 (includes continental breakfast), 486-3217

Volunteers

ALLEN COUNTY SPCA — Looking for volunteers aged 18 or older in the areas of cat socialization, dog walkers, special event planning, outreach event workers, laundry, handyman duties, painting projects and administrative duties. Orientation spots available in early February, call 744-0454 ext. 201, acspa.org

BLACK PINE ANIMAL PARK — Volunteers needed to help build permanent habitats for the park's animal population, 636-7383

H.O.P.E. FOR ANIMALS — Volunteers needed to work with an organization whose mission is to eliminate euthanasia of healthy, adoptable pets through education, low-cost spay and neuter surgeries and support of rescue and adoption. To volunteer in Fort Wayne, call 420-7729

VOLUNTEERS FOR RAPE CRISIS HOTLINE — Fort Wayne Women's Bureau needs volunteers to work several shifts per month by carrying a pager and returning calls. Scheduling is flexible. Volunteers receive 20 hours of training prior. 424-7977

Networking

FORT WAYNE CIGAR CLUB — Make new friends, drink great beer and smoke cigars. **8 p.m. May 26** (the last Saturday of every month) at Trion Tavern, New Haven, free, 547-2685

NEWCOMERS CLUB OF FORT WAYNE CASUAL COFFEE SOCIAL — Women who have moved to Fort Wayne or outlying communities within the past 18 months are invited to learn about the area from **9-11 a.m. June 6** (the first Wednesday of each month) at Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, free, 255-3553, www.fvnewcomers.com

FORT WAYNE FLAX AND FLEECERS SPINNING GUILD — Monthly meetings, guests welcome, **7 p.m. June 12** (the second Tuesday of every month) at Swinney Homestead, Fort Wayne, 637-8622

May

WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL SPRING FINE ARTS FESTIVAL — A celebration of the visual and performing arts with entertainment and art exhibits at Warsaw Community High School Performing Arts Center, Warsaw, **6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 17**, free, 574-371-5099

SPLENDOR IN THE GLASS WINE TASTING — PBS39's wine tasting event at Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, **6:30-9 p.m. Friday, May 18**, \$50, 484-8839, www.wfwa.org/WineTasting.html

FWAHS HOME SCHOOL RESOURCE EXPO — At Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 19**, \$2-5, www.memorialcoliseum.com

DARE TO DREAM YOUTH RANCH SPRING CARNIVAL — Horse rides, hay rides and other family events at Dare to Dream Youth Ranch, Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 19**, free, 494-5232, www.daretodreamyouthranch.org

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST GARDEN PARTY — Day-long event featuring lecture on "Where the Wild Things Are" by Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp, workshops, coffee bar and luncheon at UU Meeting House, Fort Wayne, **Saturday, May 19**, \$30-\$32, 432-4249, www.uufortwayne.org

GUN & KNIFE SHOW — At Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 19 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, May 20**, \$2-6, www.memorialcoliseum.com

JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE CYPHER — Breakdance and Poppin Battles with proceeds to the World Relief Fund for the Congo, **6 p.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, May 19** at Fellowship Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, \$5 (12 and under free), 487-1949, www.tamahawkzulus.tk

GUN & KNIFE SHOW — At the Fort Wayne War Memorial Coliseum, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 19 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, May 20**, \$2-\$6, 482-9502

June

FORT WAYNE GERMANFEST — Eating, drinking, German musicians and dancers at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, **Sunday-Saturday, June 3-9**, \$2-\$5, http://www.germanfest.org/

NEW HAVEN CANAL DAYS — Festival, parade, carnival and rides in New Haven, **Tuesday-Saturday, June 5-9**, www.newhavencanaldays.org/

ACRES BLUE JEAN GALA — Fundraiser for ACRES Land Trust at Joseph Decuis Farm, 6 miles north of Roanoke, **6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 7**, \$52 (VIP Preview Party tickets, \$152), 637-2272, www.acreslandtrust.org/BJG2012

BBQ RIBFEST — Blues, brew and BBQ at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, **Thursday-Sunday, June 14-17**, bbqribfest.com/

WILDWOOD PARK HISTORIC HOME AND GARDEN TOUR — A tour of nearly a dozen historic houses and gardens, Fort Wayne, **12 noon-5 p.m. Saturday, June 16**, \$10-\$12, 426-5117

APPLESEED QUILTERS SHOW — More than 300 quilts to be exhibited with vendors and workshops at the Fort Wayne War Memorial Coliseum, **9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 21-22 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 23**, \$5, www.appleseedquiltersguild.com

IPFW RIVERFEST 2012 — A festival celebrating our rivers with music, art, family, food and fun along the St. Joseph River on the IPFW campus, **9 a.m.-12 midnight Saturday, June 23**, free, ipfwriverfest.org/

OLD SETTLERS DAYS — Midway with food, rides and entertainment, downtown Columbia City, **Tuesday-Saturday, June 26-30**, http://www.facebook.com/pages/Old-Settlers-Days/211973512168901

July

WING DING 34 — Exhibits, ceremonies, demos, seminars, entertainment and more at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, **12-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 3** (with a welcome party following in downtown Grabill from 6-10 p.m.), **8 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday, July 4, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday, July 6, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, July 7**, wing-ding.org/

THREE RIVERS FESTIVAL — Tasty treats, amusement rides, fine arts and crafts, entertainment and a BedRace at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, **Friday-Saturday, July 13-21**, free, 426-5556, threerivers-festival.org

EEA CHAPTER 2 PANCAKE BREAKFAST — A fundraiser for EAA Air Academy candidates, Smith Field Airport, Fort Wayne, **7-11 a.m. Saturday, July 14**, \$6, 490-8614, www.eea2.org

WOODBURN DAY IN THE PARK — Family-oriented events, entertainment and activities at Woodburn Park, Woodburn, **9 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14** free, 632-5328, www.cityofwoodburn.org

PRIDE FESTIVAL — Live entertainment, dancing, beer tent and GLBT workshops and march at Headwaters Park East, Fort Wayne, **7 p.m.-12 a.m. Friday, July 27 and 11:30 a.m.-12 a.m. Saturday, July 28**, 602-6860, www.fwpride.org

August

FANDANA FESTIVAL — Huntington's hit music, art and film festival at Huntington University, Huntington, **Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11**, \$10-\$48, www.fandanafestival.com