

IN BRIEF

Gerry Hines to promote new book at libraries

THREE OAKS — Gerry Hines is planning author meet-and-greets at two Southwest Michigan libraries to promote his new book, "Made From Sapphire."

From 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, he will be at Galien Township Public Library, 302 N. Cleveland Ave.

From 11 a.m.-2 p.m. July 9, he will be at Three Oaks Township Public Library, 3 N. Elm St.

Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

"Made From Sapphire" is a story about a college student who accidentally makes a pact with a demon named Sapphire and becomes her master.

Indigan Storyteller production is July 8

THREE OAKS — Indigan Storyteller will produce "Stories Never Told to Mom and Dad" on July 8 at Nido Bianco, 16860 Three Oaks Road.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with stories from six area residents to begin at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$10.

Tickets are available at the door or online at www.indiganstoryteller.org.

KOS now accepting camp registrations

BENTON HARBOR — Kids On Stage is accepting registrations for its "A Year With Frog and Toad" music theater camp.

The two-week camp for first- to ninth-graders is from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 11-15 and 18-22.

The performance of "A Year With Frog and Toad" will be at 7 p.m. July 22.

Cost for the camp is \$320. Scholarships are available by contacting Doug Fordyce at doug@dougskidsonstage.com or 313-2795.

Registration forms are available online at dougskidsonstage.com.

Matthew Payovich to discuss liturgical art

NILES — The Niles Art Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Niles District Library, 602 E. Main St.

Matthew Payovich, teacher of drawing and painting at Lake Michigan College and the Krasl Art Center, will present "Why Turn to Liturgical Art?"

He will describe his approach and methods, illustrated with selected examples of his work. Show and tell is always welcome.

Meetings are free and open to the public.

For more information, visit nilesartassc.webs.com or email nilesart49@gmail.com.

South County Democratic Club meeting July 11

NILES — The South County Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. July 11 at its office, 309 N. Fifth St.

Nicki Britten from the Berrien County Health Department will be the night's speaker.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m.

Win a ride on a fire truck

LAWRENCE — The Friends of the Lawrence Library and the Lawrence Township Fire Department are sponsoring a contest open to all Lawrence elementary students to win a ride in a fire truck for the first day of school.

Students will be eligible to enter the contest when they have read for 10 hours by Aug. 13. Those interested in entering must fill out a form at the Lawrence library, 212 N. Paw Paw St., by Aug. 6 and complete the 10 hours of reading by Aug. 13.

When the form is complete, a ticket will be issued.

The winner will be announced at the Ox Roast Parade.

For more information, call 674-3200.

Cass County COA hosting Grand Festival

CASSOPOLIS — The Cass County Council on Aging will host the 13th annual Grand Festival on July 8.

The Lowe Center, 60525 Decatur Road, will transform into an amusement park for this free event celebrating grandparents and their grandchildren.

From 2-4 p.m., guests can enjoy hay rides, a jumping castle, a petting zoo, balloon animals, a climbing wall and more. Entertainment from Ronald McDonald will begin at 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 445-8110 or visit www.casscoa.org.

Local retired school personnel to meet

CASSOPOLIS — The Cass County chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will meet at 1 p.m. July 21 at the Cass County Council on Aging, 60525 Decatur Road.

Prior to the business meeting, registered pharmacist Claudine Damaske will answer questions about medications covered by insurance plans.

Food and cash donations will be collected for Cassopolis Helping Hands.

Retired school employees and their spouses are eligible for membership.

For more information, contact Shirlev at 663-2686.