

IN BRIEF

Chartreuse welcomes artists with reception

ST. JOSEPH — A reception welcoming new artists Vicki Cook (fabricated metal jewelry), Kate Genellie (oil pastels) and Sharon Wilkinson (up-cycled wearable art) takes place from 6-8 p.m. tonight at Chartreuse Co-op Gallery, 304 State St.

Cook, who regularly teaches metal jewelry classes at the Krasl Art Center and Kalamazoo Institute of Art, creates wearable small scale sculptural work. Genellie uses oil pastels for paintings that communicate not just what she sees, but what she feels. And Wilkinson makes wearable art from previously worn clothing in the form of bags, dresses, skirts, and coats.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and artwork from select local student artists also will be featured. Admission is free.

For more information, call 983-0931 or visit www.chartreuseartgallery.com.

'They're Playing Our Song' opens at LMC

BENTON HARBOR — Lake Michigan College presents "They're Playing Our Song" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and March 27-28, and 3 p.m. Sunday and March 29 in Lake Michigan College Mendel Center's Hanson Theatre, 2755 E. Napier Ave.

The musical love story by Neil Simon, Carole Bayer Sager and Marvin Hamlisch centers on Vernon (Roy Bronkema), a neurotic and witty composer, who forms an unlikely partnership with Sonia (Renee Wright), an offbeat, aspiring female lyricist to write the next great



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"They're Playing Our Song," a musical love story by Neil Simon, Carole Bayer Sager and Marvin Hamlisch, will be staged at Lake Michigan College's Hanson Theatre beginning Friday night.

love song. The cast also features Brent Dennison, Jon Turner, Kyle Smith, Darcie Desjardins, Lindsey Lange and Abigail Snow. Calvin A. McClinton directs with choreography by Maria Pinkowski, and music direction by John Owens.

Tickets are \$7, \$5 for seniors, and free for LMC students.

For more information, call 927-1221 or visit www.lmcmainstage.org.

Mockingbird returns to Irish roots at Box

ST. JOSEPH — Mockingbird performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St.

Originally formed as an Irish-American bar band, Mockingbird — featuring Dolores Landeck, John Tolluizen and Mike Mason — returns to its roots for a select number of Irish performances during the St. Patrick's Day season. Saturday's set includes Irish favorites such as "Danny Boy," "Molly Malone," "Whiskey in the Jar," "The Wild Rover," "I'll Tell Me Ma" and "Take Her up to Monto." Steve Brundage opens.

forming in 1998. In addition to Kennedy, the current lineup features his nephews, Liam and Nolan Ladewski, as well as Chris O'Brien, Rob Weber and Jacob Turner.

Tickets are \$20. For more information, call 782-7653 or visit www.beckwiththeatre.com.

Southshore, Pokagon Band perform concert

BENTON HARBOR — The Southshore Concert Band and The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi present "The Elements of Storytelling: A Journey through Song and Dance" at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Mainstage Theatre, 2755 E. Napier Ave.

Members of The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi perform traditional songs such as "Welcome Song" and "Travel Song," as well as the rattle dance and round dance. The Southshore Concert Band, conducted by Dale L. Reuss, performs music from "Buffalo Jump Ritual," "When the Tears Fell" and "The Last of the Mohicans."

Images provided by The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi.

Citizen's Band of Potawatomi and historical websites, serve as a backdrop for this performance.

Admission is free. For more information, visit www.southshoreconcertband.com.

Liam Teague brings steel band to Howard

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Liam Teague and the Walla Walla University Steel Band performs at 7 p.m. Sunday at Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive.

Hailed as the "Paganini of the Steel Pan," Teague, a native of Trinidad and Tobago, is head of steel pan studies at Northern Illinois University. He has produced eight solo albums.

WWU's steel band, under the direction of Brandon Beck, has been in existence since 2002.

The concert includes Caribbean, South American, jazz and classical works.

Tickets are \$9, \$5 for stu-

dents and seniors.

For more information, call 471-3555 or visit howard.andrews.edu.

Tower of London hosts 'Thrones' premiere

LONDON (AP) — The fifth season of "Game of Thrones" had its premiere Wednesday at the Tower of London, an atmospheric landmark whose history is like the show: tangled, royal and bloody.

The series' stars walked a red carpet at the 1,000-year-old fortress, a former palace and prison where traitors were once tortured and executed.

The cast were sworn to secrecy about plot twists in the series, a phenomenon that has injected sex, blood and plots of Shakespearean complexity into fantasy television.

But Michael McElhatton, who plays Roose Bolton, promised "shocks" for fans of George R.R. Martin's books, on which the series is based.

Kennedy's Kitchen plays Beckwith Theatre

DOWAGIAC — Kennedy's Kitchen, the South Bend-based band led by John Kennedy, performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at The Beckwith Theatre, 100 New York Ave.

Rooted in traditional Irish music, stories and songs, Kennedy's Kitchen has been a staple in the regional music scene since

