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Local Literature: area authors

by Liz Fee

Our local scribes have been busy producing new books for their fans, and a number of them have reached the shelves this past year.

Matt Pavelich offered his fourth published work of fiction, "Survivor Said". The nineteen stories in this critically acclaimed collection have diverse backgrounds, but all depict the gritty reality of survival in an adverse world. His characters range from a mythical humanoid who is the last of his kind, to a young girl who detests her piano lessons. This book and his last novel, "The Other Shoe". Are available at the Fact and Fiction in Missoula, and on Amazon books.

Jerry Nicolai came out with "My Story". Which takes a long, hard look at the aftermath of the abuse of Native American children by priests and nuns and the difficulties those children encountered before the abuse was finally acknowledged.

The cover picture of Chief Cliff is exceptional. This book is available from Jerry, and at the Preston Hot Springs Library. Jerry's first book, "Indian Heaven", is no longer in print.

Sharon Flesch offers her modern West romances, "The Courtship of Amanda Timmons" and "Emily's Eyes", through Kindle. The latter is a sequel to her first novel, "Montana Morning", which is her only book available in print. Sharon is presently working on two more novels, one of which will be based in the 1800's. Sharon says life is too short to write stories without happy endings. *(continued on page 8)*



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Presidents Message

Hello,

Welcome to our new H.S.A.S. 1st Annual Summer Edition. A glossy exciting newsletter. Many thanks to all that made this a reality. Many, many hours went into this undertaking.

A special thanks to Leslie Smith and Trudy Berge for their extra time and effort. "Let's all read this one."

So many things are going on this summer. Hot Springs student Albert Williams performed at the Stillwater Christian academy's music festival on April 18th, congratulations to Albert for a great performance. Albert is also signed up at the U of M for voice lessons June 21st – June 27th. Albert has agreed to volunteer during the children's summer art camp here in Hot Springs, where he will assist Camp Director Susan Roberts along with serving as assistant teacher's aide.

The Juried Art Show awards and reception is on May 16th, 6:00-8:00pm at the Wall St Place. Mr. Rick Harter from Plains, Montana will be our Juror. Mr. Harter is a talented artist who primarily works with oil and acrylic paints. A special thanks to Bonita Ralph for distributing posters for our Art Show in 17 communities, what would we do without members like her! Thank you Bonita.

Be sure to check Alameda's to see what events they have this summer. Remember to have your dancing shoes ready for music Friday and Saturday nights at one of these locations, Symes Hotel, Montana Bar, Fergie's Pub or Creekside Inn.

Our summer here in Hot Springs is filled with all kinds of things to do ... Plus Music!!!

Don't forget the 4th of July, have fun, stay safe and enjoy summer.

Thank you,

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Local Artist: Joan Nevarez

by Liz Fee

Multitalented Joan Nevarez was introduced to clay and paints at her birthplace in Orlando, Florida by her mother and aunt, both artists. Her aunt supported herself by making and selling porcelain dolls, so Joan learned the basics of pottery at the early age of four. As she grew and studied she also became a sculptor, painter, and photographer, and has garnered many prizes at our juried shows. She was lucky enough to study under Rudy Autio, among others, in her student days at the U.of M.



Her life has not been all fun and games. She escaped from an extremely abusive husband when still a very young woman, fleeing to Montana with her infant son. She said she felt a kinship with her fellow plane passengers—all Vietnam refugees. After living, working, and studying various places, including Alaska, she came to Hot Springs looking for a place that would accept peacocks, and wound up on a small farm net to the Lonepine Reservoir. There she raises goats (a lot of them), chickens, and attempts a garden which the goats usually demolish.

Joan was one of the early volunteers for our summer arts camp, teaching pottery to the area children for a couple of years.

A few years ago she stepped in a deep hole and broke her leg, nearly resulting in the amputation of her foot. Good neighbors helped with her animals until the leg healed, and she is back riding her bicycle the 10 miles or so to town.

Joan turned 69 in April of this year, but continues her independent life on her farm, and grows ever better creating her portraits, landscapes, masks, and everything else that gets her creative juices flowing.



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2016 Summer Events in Hot Springs

All performances are from 8pm – 10 pm at the Symes Hotel unless otherwise indicated

Hours: Sunday-Thursday 7:00am-10:30pm Friday-Saturday 7:00am-midnight



May 2016:

- Fri 6th- Pamela Vankirk- Coffee Shop Contemporary
- Sat 7th- Montucky Hillbillies – Bluegrass
- Sun 8th-Mother's Day Brunch 10:00-Noon, Betty Lou Cannon playing music
- Fri 13th- Euphonium Spaceship- Celtic & Eastern Mediterranean
- Sat 14th-Kathy Colton & the Reluctants-Folk n Originals
- Fri 20th-Hot Flash Blues-Ladies Dance Band
- Sat 21st-Wayo- Boogie Woogie Piano
- Sun 22nd- Hot Springs Artists Society Corporate meeting – 3pm at the Symes –cake & coffee
- Fr 27th-Alex Boey-Guitar and Vocals, Rock n Folk favorites
- Sat 28th- Swingaderos-Bluegrass
- Sun 29th-Celebrate Memorial Day at the Symes-4:pm BBQ-Dance to Dusty Boots-
BBQ & Beer 4-6:pm

July 2016:

- Fri 1st-Barnaby Wilde-Retro Country
- Sat 2nd-Chris Kennedy-Guitar and Vocals, Country & Pop Favorites
- Sun 3rd- of July BBQ-Good Bad & the Ugly-Fireworks, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
- Fri 8th-Pamela Vankirk- Coffee Shop Contemporary
- Sat 9th- Wayo-Boogie Woogie piano
- Fri 15th-John Kelley-Blues
- Sat 16th-Hot Flash Blues- Ladies Dance Band
- Fri 22nd- Mark Chase- Americana
- Sat 23rd- Craig Barton- Piano-Vocals
- Wed 27th-Blues Festival Opener- Too Slim & the Taildraggers 8:00-10:00 Great Blues
- Fri 29th- Symes Hot Springs Blues Festival- John Kelley, Black Mountain Moan
- Sat 30th-Hot Springs Blues Festival- Rafael Tranquilino, Mike Bader Band, Zeppo,
Kevin Van Dort, Blues BBQ, Beer, Camping, Vendors, Soaking 2 day fun festival

June 2016:

- Fri 3rd- Hot Flash Blues- Ladies Dance Band
- Sat 4th-John Kelley- Blues
- Fri 10th- Andera Harsell- Roots n Rock
- Sat 11th- Andrea Harsell- Roots n Rock
- Fri 10th, 11th 12th-Homesteader Days: Rodeo-Parades-Car Show-Fun Run-Vendors-
Voo Doo Horseshoes-Street Dance 9:00pm – 1:00pm
- Fri 17th – Sat 18th-Private party no music
- Sun 19th-Fathers Day Dinner-5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Wayo will be playing Boogie Woogie piano
- Fri 24th – Skippin a Groove- Celtic
- Sat-25th- Private wedding

August 2016:

- 1-6th Hot Springs Artists Society Children's
Summer Arts Camp – Camas Recreation Center
- Thur 4th- Tracy Fordice Band- Rockin Blues
- Fri 5th- Jimni- Classic Rock n Originals
- Sat 6th- Good Bad and the Ugly- Classic Rock
- Fri 12th- Badgerhound-Hillbilly Rock n Roll
- Sat 13th- UL' Fire Tribal Dance-Belly Dancers
- Fri 19th-Hot Flash Blues- Ladies Dance Band
- Sat 20th- Polly O'Keary- West Coast Blues
Favorite
- Sun 21st Woodblind-Acoustic


September 2016:

- Fri 2nd-Chris Kennedy- Guitar and
Vocals, Country & Pop Favorites
- Sat-3rd-Jesse B.-Guitar & Vocal
- Sun 4th-Labor Day-BBQ, Beer, Andrea
Harsell 4:00-6:00
- Fri 9th-John Kelley-Blues
- Sat 10th-Pamela Vankirk- Coffee
house Contemporary
- Fri 16th-Hot Flash Blues-Ladies Dance Band
- Sat 17th-Wayo- Boogie Woogie piano
- Fri 23rd-Tin Cup- Bluegrass
- Sat-24th-John Kelley-Blues
- Fri-30th- Pamela Vankirk- Coffee
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Grace Larson lives in Kalispell and has written many books, including her latest, “Bum Lambs”. Another recent publication of great interest is, “An Immigrant Homesteader and Sheep”, which tells the story of the Dan Poloson family. Many area folks remember the huge sheep barn at the Poloson Ranch near Nirada.

Also, Fay Poloson Haines was a national champion barrel racer in her younger days. Grace said anyone who buys a book from her, and mentions the LaRue Hot Springs Museum, will guarantee a \$5.00 donation to the Museum. Her books can be obtained at www.montanagrancelarson.com.

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