The highlight of Family Weekend this year is again the family-friendly festival that celebrates friendship with an afternoon of live music, entertainment, food, fine art and an SBU student club and organizational fair. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, participants get to sample what the community has to offer. And residents can catch a glimpse into what students are passionate about outside the classroom.

“The event has components that are built into it that will bring parents back, such as the SBU student club and organization fair,” said Plesac, director of Student Activities.

“There will be more art and more food. It’s going to be bigger and better,” said Plesac.

The Fleetwood Mac tribute band Rumors will perform free of charge at the Town Hall Square. A local folk band My Good Friend Crow will perform in the Artist’s Ally between Five Star Bank and Ray’s Carpetette.

Stop by the Linger Longer Café and choose from a full menu of cuisine and gourmet coffee or listen to Tim Wright Live and Unplugged from 8-10 p.m. Other local restaurants, such as The Mason Jar and Don Lorenzo’s, will participate. For a quick bite, vendors from Randy’s Up the River, Zeno’s Pizzeria, Larry’s Food Wagon and many others will be on hand.

The alcohol-free event will feature something for people of all ages including inflatable amusements and a horse-drawn wagon. For a small fee participants can ride an inflatable mechanical bull. Plesac said money raised from this attraction would go to help an SBU organization There will also be free activities for kids, a Chinese auction and fine art, crafts and apparel for the whole family.

A committee made up of Allegany residents, University administrators, faculty and students met to address common issues that arise in college towns. The committee tried to improve relationships among university and community members.

“We thought, is there something we could do to bridge the community together in a positive way?” said Plesac.

‘Bonagany’ was born. Families can venture off-campus for more than just dinner out at a local restaurant. The previous club and organizational fair that used to take place on-campus during SBU’s Family Weekend was moved onto Main Street last year. The committee then built around this anchor event, said Plesac, adding art, entertainment and vendors.

Bonagany chairperson Lori Tiller said “It was the perfect pairing of the university and the community.”

Last year’s festival success was also due in part to sunny weather. If the weather is uncooperative this time around, the fair and music will be located under the covered complex at the Allegany Fireman’s Park off North First Street.

After the festival, be sure not to miss evening entertainment at the University.

At 8 p.m. catch comedian Dwayne Perkins as he takes the stage at the Reilly Center Arena. A relatively new face to the comedy scene, the Brooklyn-native knows how to stir up a crowd. He has appeared on Late Night with Conan O’Brien, The Late Late Show and Premium Blend. Doors open at 7 p.m.

At 9 p.m. Modern Classic Live’s “The Beatles: White Album” rocks the Reilly Center Arena. This ninth album was released at the height of The Beatles’ popularity, and is often hailed as one of the major accomplishments in popular music. Songs include John Lennon’s “Julia,” Paul McCartney’s “Back in the U.S.S.R.,” and George Harrison’s “While My Guitar Gently Weeps.”
Native American activist, environmentalist, economist and writer Winona LaDuke will discuss environmental justice at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, in Dresser Auditorium.

LaDuke, an Anishinaabekwe (Ojibwe) enrolled member of the Mississippi Band of Anishinaabeg (also known as Ojibwe and Chippewa) and mother of three, lives and works on the White Earth Reservations in Minnesota.

As program director of the Honor the Earth Fund, LaDuke works on a national level to advocate, raise public support and create funding for frontline native environmental groups. Honor the Earth seeks to create awareness and support for native environmental issues and develop resources for the survival of sustainable native communities.

She also works as founding director for the White Earth Land Recovery Project. The mission of the project is to facilitate recovery of the original land base of the White Earth Indian Reservation, while preserving and restoring traditional practices of sound land stewardship, language fluency, community development, and strengthening the native communities’ spiritual and cultural heritage.

In addition, she has worked for two decades on the land issues of the White Earth Reservation, including litigation over land rights in the 1980s. A graduate of Harvard and Antioch universities, LaDuke has written extensively on Native American and environmental issues. Her books include “Last Standing Woman” (fiction), “All Our Relations” (non-fiction), “In the Sugarbush” (children’s non-fiction), “The Winona LaDuke Reader” and “Recovering the Sacred.”

LaDuke is a former board member of Greenpeace USA and serves as co-chair of the Indigenous Women’s Network, a North American and Pacific indigenous women’s organization. In both 1996 and 2000, LaDuke ran for vice president on the Green Party ticket with Ralph Nader.

In 1989, LaDuke received the Reebok Human Rights Award, with which, in part, she began the White Earth Land Recovery Project. In 1994, she was nominated by Time magazine as one of America’s 50 most promising leaders under 40 years of age, and, in 1998, Ms. Magazine named her Woman of the Year for her work with Honor the Earth.

LaDuke was also awarded the Thomas Merton Award in 1996, the Ann Bancroft Award for Women’s Leadership Fellowship, the Global Green Award and numerous other honors. LaDuke and the White Earth Land Recovery Project recently received the prestigious international Slow Food Award for their work with protecting wild rice and local biodiversity.

Her visit to St. Bonaventure is sponsored in part by a grant from The James Martine Faculty Development Endowment and the University’s Diversity Action Committee.

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**CAB Movies on SBU Channel 9**

**Saturday, 9/23:** Glory Road
**Sunday, 9/24:** Dave Chappelle’s Block Party
**Monday, 9/25:** Failure To Launch
**Tuesday, 9/26:** Rumor Has It
**Wednesday, 9/27:** The Shaggy Dog
**Thursday, 9/28:** Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector
**Friday, 9/29:** Akeelah and the Bee

**Movie Showtimes Nightly:**
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Please direct questions and suggestions to Beth Eberth at ext. 2453.
Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and bestselling author Ron Suskind will be on campus Thursday, Sept. 28, for a free lecture at 8:15 p.m. in the Reilly Center Arena.

Suskind is the author of “A Hope in the Unseen, An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League,” (Doubleday/Broadway, 1998), which follows the two-year journey of a prickly, religious honor student as he escapes from a blighted, Washington, D.C., terrain to find a home at Brown University. The book, which was launched by a series in The Wall Street Journal that won him the 1995 Pulitzer Prize for Feature Writing, has been a favorite on U.S. campuses and in book clubs. Hundreds of universities and colleges across the nation have used his book in the classroom. This year, the freshman reading program, All Bonaventure Reads, selected “A Hope in the Unseen” as the common text all first-year students were asked to read before coming to campus in August.

Relying on unique access to former and current government officials, Suskind’s latest book, “The One Percent Doctrine: Deep Inside America’s Pursuit of its Enemies since 9/11,” reveals for the first time how the U.S. government - from President Bush on down - is frantically improvising to fight a new kind of war. Suskind shows readers what he calls “the invisible battlefield” - a global matrix where U.S. spies race to catch soldiers of jihad before they strike.

Suskind’s previous book, “The Price of Loyalty, George W. Bush, the White House and the Education of Paul O’Neill,” was a sweeping tour of the inner workings of the Bush administration. The New York Times #1 Bestseller follows the two-year arc of Paul O’Neill, the former Treasury Secretary and a principal of the National Security Council, as he and other senior officials assess the conduct and character of this presidency. Forbes selected “Price” as the “Business Book of the Year,” Fortune cited it as one of the 75 “smartest” books ever written, and it was awarded first prize as Best Book of 2004 by the Investigative Reporters and Editors.


Suskind has appeared on various network news programs as a correspondent or essayist and is a distinguished visiting scholar at Dartmouth College. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, and lives in Washington with his wife, Cornelia Kennedy Suskind, and their two sons.

Suskind’s visit is sponsored by St. Bonaventure’s Journey Project and First-Year Experience initiative.

The St. Bonaventure University Bookstore is offering “A Hope in the Unseen” at a discounted price of $12.75. The bookstore will have extended hours on Sept. 28, the day of Suskind’s visit. The bookstore, located in the Reilly Center, will open at 8 a.m. and remain open until after the evening lecture. Suskind will sign books in the bookstore following his lecture.

Connie Podesta, author, radio / TV personality, actress, comedian, is one of today’s most sought after experts in the field of human behavior as it relates to communication, change, relationships, and group/team dynamics. Internationally acclaimed for her ability to memorably blend intuitive, right-on-target content with an interactive and entertaining presentation style, Podesta takes “reaching one’s potential” to a whole new level.