

Golf or walk against cystic fibrosis

Sunny? No. Temps in the 70s? Maybe. Five things to do this weekend? Yes, plus a few. (Again perpetuating the erroneous stereotype that journalism majors can't do math. We can — I just don't want to constrain your options!) Indulge your five senses this weekend.

MOVE (AGAINST CYSTIC FIBROSIS)

● The late Charles Lynch II was born with cystic fibrosis and had lots of long stays at Children's Hospital as an older teen, where he noticed that the toys and activities given to patients were geared to the Dora the Explorer set.

He and his parents started Because We Can to provide older kids and teens with iPads or video games.

A golf tournament fundraiser for the nonprofit starts at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Triple Lakes Golf Course, 6942 Triple Lakes Road in Millstadt. Check in is at 7 a.m.; and Saturday morning registrants are welcome. The "3 Club Scramble" is \$300 for a

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four-person team.

"(The games and technology) helps the kids connect back to their friends ... especially the ones from out of town," said his dad Charles Lynch.

Want to donate or learn more about Because We Can? Go to <http://becausewecanfp.org/> — don't just Google Because We Can, that will lead you straight to Bon Jovi.

"He came out (with that song) about two weeks after we incorporated," Charles Lynch said. The Lynches and their son had been working on the nonprofit for about a year before Charlie died in 2013.

● Sponsored by Great Strides Metro East, a two-mile walk to fight cystic fibrosis is at noon Sunday at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. There's no fee for individual walkers; but the Great Strides foundation hopes to raise \$78,000 with the event. Expect children's activities and food. For more information, call 800-344-4823 or go to <http://fightcf.cff.org>, where they are also accepting donations.

● Lace up for the annual Law Day Run at 9 a.m. Saturday in downtown Belleville. Proceeds benefit the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation Inc., which provides access to civil legal assistance for low-income and elderly clients. Race day registration is from 7 to 8:40 a.m. at the parking lot at North High and East A streets in Belleville and costs \$30.

● For those who like to watch others do the moving and

cruising, Belleville's own Confluence Crush roller derby team hosts a double-header at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, 200 S. Belt East in Belleville. Tickets are \$12 at the door; Girl Scouts and military members get discounts. Go to <http://confluence-crush.com/> for more information.

SEE

The nationwide Italian Film Festival comes to Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville on Saturday with two films, "I, Harlequin" and "Palio" at 6 and 8 p.m. at the Liberal Arts Theatre. Admission is free. "Palio," about a horse race, won two awards at the Tribeca Film Festival. It's all part of the Italian Film Festival USA; go to www.italianfilmfests.org for more information.

TASTE

It's the first Sunday in May, so it's time for the Fruehlingsfest Antique & Garden Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday around the old stone mill in Maeystown. They promise antiques from some of the finest dealers in the Midwest. Local nurseries will be selling annuals, perennials and herbs; and (here's the "taste" part you've been waiting for) bratwurst, barbecue, potato pancakes, strawberry shortcake and wine.

SMELL

I'm not promising you a rose garden, but ...

● Milkweed plants, perennial and annuals, ground covers, vines and shrubs from St. Clair County Garden Club members' own gardens

will be for sale from 8 to 11 a.m. at Wild Birds Unlimited at 2657 N. Illinois in Swansea. Gardening advice is free; plants range from 50 cents to \$6.

● The Collinsville Garden Club is selling hostas, ferns, false Soloman seal, columbine, salvia, iris, coreopsis, day lilies, butterfly bush, bee balm, herbs and more at the sale from 8 to 11 a.m. at 303 N. Morrison in Collinsville. Advice from club members is free.

● Benefiting the Caseyville Public Library's children's summer reading program, the library has a "Big Bloomin' Sale" of plants and books from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the library, 419 S. Second St. Adult, young adult and children's books; houseplants, succulents, vegetables and flowers.

● Take a deep inhale at the 2016 Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Book Bazaar at St. Paul United Church of Christ at 115 West B St. in Belleville. Books — with that one-of-a-kind book smell — include paperbacks, old books, new and unusual selections. Saturday's hours are 8 a.m. to noon; admission is free and it's \$2 for a bag.

HEAR

What do you know about the battle of Abukir? Joseph Haydn was so moved by the battle that he wrote "Mass in troubled times," later changed to "Lord Nelson Mass." The Masterworks Choral will perform the mass at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Clare Catholic Church in O'Fallon. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door; military and seniors get a \$5 discount and students get a \$10 discount. Call 618-304-9094 for tickets; or go to <http://singmasterworks.org/> for more information.

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