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Jaynes to present program to benefit Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer



Craig Jaynes, organist, will present a program of music on the organ, reminiscences and tales, drama, fun, seriousness and a bit of snark ... in other words, many of the things that make up life.

He will be performing at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, on Main Street, in Hoisington on Sunday, Sept. 4 at 2 p.m. Admission is a free-will offering to benefit Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer.

Mr. Jaynes lives in the middle of a garden outside of Jamestown, Ohio and is the resident musician (organist and choir director) of St. Colman Church in Washington Court House, Ohio, where he directs an ambitious music program and an annual concert series. Originally from Hoisington, he has studied organ with Paul Lundquist (University of North Dakota), Dorothy Addy and Diane Bish (Wichita, Kansas), and Virgil Fox (privately). He attended Wichita State University, Kent State University (BA), The Ohio State University and Clark State (OH) Community College (AAS-RN). His first organ 'job' was for the First Methodist Church in Hoisington, his first concert was at First Congregational Church in Great Bend and he will begin his 55th year as an active church musician on the weekend of the concert. He is a hospice and palliative care nurse in southwest Ohio and tends (more or less) his 2 1/2 acre English-style garden (www.englishgardenfarm.com) outside of Jamestown, Ohio (which is older and smaller than Hoisington!).

Mr. Jaynes said, "I am not among the top tier or even the second tier of organists, but I thoroughly enjoy it and enjoy playing and especially for folks back here, where it all began!" The public is invited to attend.





Best guess is that this is 1976. Hoisington's Traditional Labor Day Celebration always packs in a crowd, and this year was no different. The weather was cooperative with an overcast sky keeping the temperature down to a comfortable eighty during the parade. After the Parade Monday morning, the street crowded with people mingling and enjoying the carnival and stands all day long.

'A Nemorial; Time for Reflection'



Craig Jaynes, Organist, Jamestown, OH

Exploring the origins of Labor Pay

Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summertime fun and a day when thousands of people gather across the country for their final big barbecue blowouts. Labor Day has evolved into a holiday about relaxing with friends and family, and that has led to its origins getting somewhat lost in the celebratory shuffle.

Created by the labor movement in the late 19th century, Labor Day was established to highlight the achievements of American workers, both from a social and an economic perspective. Labor Day highlights one of the main benefits of being a citizen of the United States, the ability to have professional freedom and contribute to the prosperity and strength of the country through gainful employment. Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894.

Celebrated annually on the first Monday of September, it is believed that Labor Day was first promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which also organized the first labor-related parade in New York City. Although the true fathers of Labor Day remain a topic of debate, some historians maintain that Peter J. McGuire of the American Federation of Labor put forward the first Labor Day proposal in May 1882 after witnessing a labor festival in Toronto, Canada.

Labor Day was largely celebrated in the past with parades, speeches and a day off of work for the country's workers. Similar festivities occur to this day, with the gradual introduction of other events that mark the unofficial end of summer.

Sunday, September 4 - 2 p.m. St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Hoisington (5th & Main)

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