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Storytelling to be featured at conference

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The Learning Edge III conference on innovative approaches to using language and literature in the K-8 classrooms will be held Saturday, October 1, in the Wright Administration Building, sponsored by the University of Southern Indiana Extended Services. "Tellin' Tales" will be the theme with the conference held in conjunction with a storytelling festival at USI sponsored by the Arts Council of Southwest Indiana.

Bobby Norfolk, performer, writer, director in children's television, and a contributing author to the recently published *Writer's Choice*, will headline "Tellin' Tales" and also will conduct a late-morning storytelling workshop for the Learning Edge conference. Norfolk is a former park ranger and comedian who has become a master storyteller and has won three Emmys for his work in children's television.

"Telling Tales" programs will be held in the afternoon and evening, all open to the public. The lineup includes Bob Payne, guitarist, 12:45 p.m.; Kathy Culmer, 1 p.m.; Lola Teubert, 1:25 p.m.; Norfolk at 1:45 p.m.; Mike and Paula Boegnik, 2:45 p.m.; Linda Bruns, 3:05 p.m.; and Janice Tenbarger, 3:30 p.m. Ghost stories will be featured at a 7 p.m. session.

The Learning Edge conference registration fee prior to September 26 is \$30, after that date \$34; full-time students may register for \$20 before September 26 and \$34 after that date. Learning Edge participants may attend any or all "Tellin' Tales" sessions free of charge, while a nominal fee will be charged the public, including: \$10 all day; \$5 morning workshop; \$3 afternoon sessions; and \$3 adults, \$1 children 12 and under, evening ghost stories. For information, call USI Extended Services, 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600, or the Arts Council, 812/422-2111.

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