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"I cannot comment on it until I see it," Monzo said.
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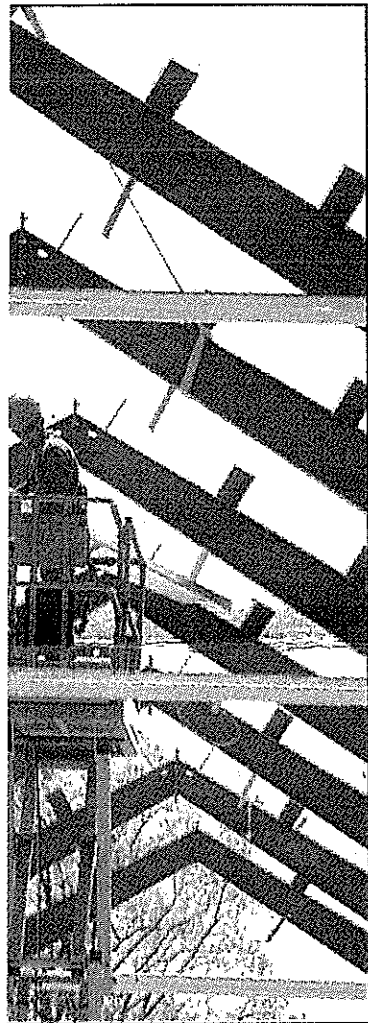


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Lincoln Highway songstress celebrates road's centennial

Cecelia Otto to perform free concert at Ligonier Town Hall on May 2

BY JENNIFER SOPKO
For the Latrobe Bulletin

In honor of the Lincoln Highway centennial in 2013, singer and composer Cecelia "Cece" Otto plans to follow America's first transcontinental highway from New York City to San Francisco, entertaining small-town America with vintage music concerts throughout her journey.

The six-month tour, called American Songline, will take the Chicago musician through 14 states and at least 20 cities and towns, including Ligonier, where the Lincoln Highway passes right through the heart of town along East and West Main streets.

Otto will perform a free concert at Ligonier's town hall at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, accompanied by pianist Aaron Gray, a junior at St. Vincent College majoring in piano performance.

The self-described professional artistic journey-woman will transport the audience back to the early 20th century, when the Lincoln Highway was the new, modern route for motorists to travel from coast to coast, and paint a picture of what life was like 100 years ago.

Ligonier will be Otto's fourth stop on her tour, which kicked off in mid-April at the Duplex Cabaret in New York City.

No two performances will be the same, according to Otto, who plans to customize each concert program from a selection of operetta, light classical and vaudeville songs popular during the highway's heyday, roughly the 1910s through the 1930s, as well as songs written about the highway. She will also work with local musicians in each town to create her unique set lists.

"I bring the music to the accompanist and ask them for feedback and favorites," explained Otto. "Your performance in Ligonier — this is the only one that's going to be this way."

The concept of what Otto calls her "singing travelogue" first materialized about five years ago, while Otto was seeking work in Chicago during the recession and started brainstorming about ways to combine her loves of music and travel.

"The word singing travelogue popped in my head immediately. It was kind of mind-blowing," she said via phone from Princeton, N.J., where she performed at the Bainbridge House on April 19.

However, it wasn't until a few years later, after Otto read Bruce Chatwin's 1986 book *The Songlines*, about Aboriginal Australians' adolescent rite of passage called "walkabout," that the American Songline project began to take shape.

Songlines are the ancestral trails that Australian



CECELIA "CECE" OTTO

Aborigines follow when they go on walkabout, all the while singing to their ancestors, Otto found.

She was intrigued by the walkabout concept and started thinking about a ways to replicate the idea of a musical journey in America, consulting the National Highway System guide for a route to travel.

With its distinction as America's first coast-to-coast highway and an upcoming centennial in 2013, the Lincoln Highway immediately caught her attention.

"The more I read about the Lincoln, the more I found how important it was for this country. We would not have the road system in this country today if not for the people who started the Lincoln Highway," said Otto.

"I saw there was still more to be discovered with this road, at least for me," she added.

Established in 1913, the Lincoln Highway is America's first named coast-to-coast highway and originally stretched 3,389 miles from Times Square in New York City to San Francisco, Calif. It was also the country's first national memorial to President

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State police: More drug

Clean sweep?

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 were filled with all the traditional
 foods and a little three-inch paska
 (a sweet Easter bread).
 Now he attends St. Michael's
 Orthodox Christian Church near
 Greensburg, whose pastor is the
 Very Rev. Father John Nosal.

Holy Week at St. Michael's
 continues at 9 a.m. Wednesday
 with the Divine Liturgy of Pre-
 sanctified gifts. Great and Holy
 Thursday services include a 9
 a.m. Divine Liturgy of the Institu-
 tion of Holy Communion, wash-
 ing of the feet at 6:30 p.m. and
 Matins with 12 passion gospels at
 7. There are several services on
 Great and Holy Friday. Christma-
 tions (entering the Orthodox
 church) will be done at 8 a.m. Sat-
 urday, followed by the 9 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy of the Descent into
 Hades with 15 Old Testament
 readings. There will be three ser-
 vices Saturday evening beginning
 at 10:30, including a procession,
 matins and Divine Liturgy. Holy
 Pascha will be held at 11 a.m.
 Sunday.

For a more complete schedule
 of Holy Week at St. Michael's,
 and of Bright Week following
 Easter, see the church calendar at
 smichaelsgreensburg.org.

The Rev. Father Robert
 Popichak is pastor of Holy Ghost
 Orthodox Church in Slickville.
 Holy Unction will be held there at
 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, the 12 Pas-
 sion Gospels at 6:30 p.m. Thurs-
 day, Paschenytsia at 7 p.m. Fri-
 day, and Anticipation Obedniza
 at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. The
 Paschal Divine Liturgy is at 10:30
 a.m. Sunday. Info: holyghos-
 torthodoxchurch.org.

Holy Ascension Serbian
 Orthodox Church in Youngwood
 on Wednesday will observe Unc-
 tion at Holy Trinity Serbian
 Orthodox Cathedral in Pittsburgh.
 On Great and Holy Thursday,
 Vesprial Divine Liturgy will be
 held at 10 a.m., and 12 Passion
 Gospels at 6 p.m. On Great and
 Holy Friday, the Royal Hours will
 be observed at 10 a.m., with
 another service at 6 p.m.

The Vesprial Divine Liturgy is
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 10 p.m. The Paschal Divine Litur-
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 the Second Day of Easter, is
 known as St. George's Day, and is
 observed with a divine liturgy at
 10 a.m. The Rev. Father Milon
 Medakovich is pastor of Holy
 Ascension.

ations of people believed to
 be impaired by substances
 other than alcohol. Arrests for
 driving under the influence of
 drugs has nearly tripled
 statewide during that time. In
 2012, the DREs conducted
 2,257 evaluations, and a total
 of nearly 15,000 individuals
 were charged with DUI/drugs.

In 39 percent of the cases
 the motorists were determined
 to be under the influence of
 central nervous system
 depressant drugs. Other drugs
 identified in the evaluations
 included marijuana and syn-
 thetic cannabinoids (39 per-
 cent), narcotic analgesic drugs
 (35 percent) and central ner-
 vous system stimulant drugs
 such as cocaine and amphetam-
 ines (13 percent).

In more than 40 percent of
 the evaluations, the motorists
 were determined to be under
 the influence of more than one
 category of drugs.

Troopers who completed
 training in April are: Tpr. Paul
 Tononi, Troop A, Greensburg;
 Tpr. Jeffrey They, Troop B,
 Washington; Tpr. Christopher
 Filer, Troop D, Mercer; Tpr.
 Jason Young, Troop D, New

Airport

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 At the April authority meet-
 ing, Rossi vowed to keep the
 tower at Arnold Palmer Region-
 al Airport open despite federal
 funding cutbacks.

"Regardless of what the
 (Federal Aviation Administra-
 tion) does with the tower, we
 plan on taking all the political
 and necessary steps to make
 sure the tower will remain open
 at Latrobe at all times," Rossi
 said at that time.

When the sequester began,
 the local tower was to be closed
 next week. That was later
 delayed to June 15.

The disclosure that the tow-
 ers may not close came as sen-
 ators sought signatures on a letter
 to LaHood saying that that their
 support of the legislation "was
 based on the understanding that
 the contract towers would be
 fully funded."

The letter said the towers,
 which are staffed by employees
 under contract to the FAA, are a
 "vital public safety and econ-
 omic development asset for
 dozens of communities —
 many of them rural — in every
 corner of the country." It was
 circulated by Sens. Jerry
 Moran, R-Kan., and Richard
 Blumenthal, D-Conn.

The developments coincided
 with congressional passage of
 a follow-up bill that fixed a sten-
 ographic error in legislation that

Community

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The Compass Inn Museum on
 Route 30 East in Laughlintown
 will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. List-
 ed on the National Register of
 Historic Places, Compass Inn
 Museum offers a glimpse into
 1800s stagecoach travel. The
 complex include the original inn,
 reconstructed cookhouse, black-
 smith shop, barn and carpenter's
 shop all furnished with an exten-
 sive collection of period pieces.
 Enjoy "history with a smile" as
 you explore this meticulously
 restored circa-1790 stagecoach
 stop.

Fort Ligonier's programming
 features Colonial culture, customs
 and craftsmen as visitors will
 meet British officers, see black-
 smithing demonstrations and
 enjoy the aroma of fresh breads as
 they are baked in the fort's field
 ovens. Additionally, there will
 be special activities for kids. Located
 at the intersection of routes 30 and
 711, Fort Ligonier will be open
 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on
 May 5.

The Ligonier Valley Rail Road
 Museum, located in the restored
 Darlington Station on Idlewild
 Hill Lane, will be open from 10
 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take time to tour
 the museum and the 1905 Bobber
 Caboose. Children will enjoy a
 trackless train ride.

New York socialite and eti-
 quette expert, Emily Post, will
 greet visitors and share details of
 her 1915 cross-country trip at the

Torrance

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the Reiner Building cafeteria at
 approximately 8:30 a.m. April
 25.

One patient said Jack threw a
 chair at him, striking the back of
 the head and resulting in minor
 injury to the man.

An occupational therapist for
 the hospital verified the
 patient's account. Jack also
 punched the therapist approxi-
 mately six times along his
 spine, resulting in minor pain.

A psych aide said that Jack
 punched him on the left side of

cleared late last week. It was
 designed to give LaHood flexi-
 bility to shift up to \$253 million
 among various accounts to
 "prevent reduced operations
 and staffing of the FAA," but
 the original measure lacked the
 letter "s" on the word
 "accounts."

President Barack Obama is
 expected to sign the bill quick-
 ly.

A spokesman for LaHood
 said the department was review-
 ing the legislation and will
 make a decision about the tow-
 ers.

The impetus for the legisla-
 tion was private pressure from
 the airlines whose business was
 disrupted by air traffic fur-
 loughs, coupled with public
 outrage from travelers who
 were forced to endure delays.

But political calculations
 also figured into a mini-drama
 that resulted in the bill's pas-
 sage late last week, as Obama
 and Republicans continue to
 blame one another for the
 inconveniences caused by
 across-the-board spending cuts.

Huerta testified recently that
 the cost of canceling FAA fur-
 loughs would be \$220 million
 through Sept. 30, leaving about
 \$33 million in freed-up funding
 to maintain the towers. He also
 said the agency is working with
 about 50 communities and air-
 port operators in hopes of
 arranging alternative funding.

Lincoln Highway Experience,
 located on Route 30 East. Visitors
 arriving between noon and 2 p.m.
 will be able to snag an autograph
 by Brian Butko on his latest Lin-
 coln Highway book. Celebrating
 the 100th anniversary of the Lin-
 coln Highway this year, the Lin-
 coln Highway Experience will be
 open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on
 May 5.

At the Southern Alleghenies
 Museum of Art on Route 711
 South, Ligonier, visitors will
 enjoy the exhibition, Highlights
 from the Permanent Collection:
 Celebration of the Wolf Family
 Donations, featuring 65 pieces
 from the museum's permanent
 collection showcasing exclusive
 works by nationally acclaimed
 artists, whose works are typically
 viewed only in books and metro-
 politan areas. Join SAMMA to
 experience this outstanding exhibi-
 tion, walk through the museum's
 picturesque gardens and partici-
 pate in family-friendly, educa-
 tional programs including a scav-
 enger hunt, self-guided tours, puzzles
 and more. Open from 1 to 5
 p.m.

Community Day attendees
 will receive a "passport" at the
 participating locations and those
 visiting three or more sites on
 May 5 will be eligible for a spe-
 cial prize drawing. Passports also
 feature a dining discount coupon
 as all are encouraged to stop by
 participating restaurants and
 receive a Community Day dis-
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 find certain concert pieces per-
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 to the popular music of that time.
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 and kept performing them over
 again and again," said Otto.

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 two original works from compos-
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 specifically for American Song-
 line, setting lines from *The Com-
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 Lincoln Highway* to music.

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 Songs" suggests how to prepare
 for a trip along the highway and
 also describes the towns along the
 highway, allowing Otto to cus-
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 the 1916 guide, giving her audi-
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His preliminary hearing with
 Bilik has been slated for May 8.

Lincoln

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 Abraham Lincoln.

The route connected major
 American cities and towns and
 allowed people to travel cross-
 country by car as they never did
 before. Businesses, restaurants
 and attractions flourished along
 the route during its peak, bringing
 revenue, and increased traffic, to
 towns on the Lincoln Highway.

Otto's project also harkens
 back to the vaudeville days of the
 early 20th century, when perform-
 ers traveled along the highway
 from town to town, collaborating
 with local musicians at each stop.

She said she is adhering to per-
 formance and travel practices of
 the time, only driving during the
 day (as headlights were optional
 on cars in the early days) and fol-
 lowing the original 1913 route of
 the Lincoln Highway as much as
 possible.

Her travels have already
 proven difficult at times, as the
 road is no longer the main thor-
 oughfare through cities and
 towns. Some portions have been
 renamed, rerouted, decommis-
 sioned and buried. Plus, the route
 is not consistently marked in
 every state.

In a sense, Otto said she finds
 it was a lot easier to travel along
 the Lincoln Highway 100 years
 ago, as it was the only good road
 to follow through whatever town
 a motorist was passing through.

During her journey, Otto will
 perform in every state along the
 Lincoln Highway. By the time she
 reaches the western terminus in
 September, Otto will have passed
 through New York, New Jersey,
 Pennsylvania, West Virginia,
 Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa,
 Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming,
 Utah, Nevada and California.

In addition, the musician will
 spend time exploring the commu-
 nities in which she's performing.
 She has also been visiting local
 historical sites, tracking original
 portions of the Lincoln Highway
 that have been defunct, renamed
 or rerouted, and recounting her
 progress through her blog and
 Twitter accounts.

Otto selected music for her
 concert programs by perusing old
 programs to see what was per-
 formed in concert halls in the
 early 20th century when the Lin-
 coln Highway was still referred to
 by its name and not the numbered
 highway system established in
 1926.

Her research also revealed that
 Lincoln Highway marches were
 composed for parades and other
 special events. In addition, popu-
 lar music throughout the century
 specifically referenced the high-
 way, including Woody Guthrie's
 "Hard Travelin'" (first recorded in
 1944-49), Al Jolson's "Golden
 Gate" (1928) and "God's Coun-
 try" from the 1930 musical
 "Babes in Arms" starring Mickey
 Rooney and Judy Garland.

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 ence a sense of how different life
 was a century ago in their com-
 munity.

"You read this and you realize

how much life had changed in 97
 years," Stolz said.

According to the composer,
 the language used, the town
 descriptions and the travel sug-
 gestions contained in the guide-
 book are very revealing about
 how America was not very far
 removed from the 19th century in
 1916.

The entry for Ligonier lists
 notable features and amenities in
 the town as four hotels, two
 garages, arches built at the city
 limits, two unprotected railroad
 crossings, two newspapers, elec-
 tric lights and waterworks.

While some things have
 changed in Ligonier over the cen-
 tury, the guidebook's mention of
 "beautiful scenery" remains spot
 on.

The American Songline project
 has been a grassroots effort, as
 Otto has sought help from thou-
 sands of people throughout the
 country to find performance ven-
 ues, book accompanists, secure
 lodgings and fund her travel
 expenses. Thanks to an online
 Kickstarter fundraising cam-
 paign, she was able to raise
 \$15,000 for her project.

Her primary goal has been to
 keep all performances free of
 charge to her audiences.

"I wanted to have this accessi-
 ble to as many people as possi-
 ble," explained Otto. "No one
 should have to pay to hear their
 own history."

Otto's American Songline
 project is one creative endeavor
 among many celebrations of the
 Lincoln Highway's centennial that
 are happening this year in
 communities along the historic
 highway.

"Cece has brought a whole
 'nother dimension to the Lincoln
 Highway's centennial, one that
 gets overlooked by those of us
 exploring the road and combing
 through old photos. It's great that
 someone so young and energetic
 is taking an exciting, untapped
 aspect right into the towns of peo-
 ple along the route," said author
 Brian Butko, a leading Lincoln
 Highway historian and director of
 publications for Pittsburgh's Sen-
 ator John Heinz History Center.

Weather permitting, Otto will
 also make an appearance at the
 Lincoln Highway Festival, which
 is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4
 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Lin-
 coln Highway Experience in
 Unity Township. From noon to 2
 p.m., Butko will be signing his
 new book, *Greetings from the
 Lincoln Highway, Centennial
 Edition*.

The festival is held in conjunc-
 tion with Community Day, during
 which visitors will have free
 admission to the Lincoln High-
 way Experience, Antiochian Vil-
 lage, Heritage Museum, Compass
 Inn Museum, Fort Ligonier, Ligo-
 nier Valley Rail Road Museum
 and Southern Alleghenies Mus-
 eum of Art in Ligonier.

Once her journey concludes at
 the western terminus in San Fran-
 cisco's Lincoln Park, Otto plans to
 publish a book documenting her
 American Songline journey, as
 well as publish new music
 inspired by her experiences trav-
 eling along the Lincoln Highway.

Otto hopes that her Lincoln
 Highway performances will give
 audiences a glimpse into what life
 was like in their town 100 years
 ago and as well as an appreciation
 for local history.

"I hope that people will look at
 their surrounding and these songs
 and get inspired in their everyday
 life and think about their history,"
 she said.

For more information on
 American Songline and to follow
 Otto's journey along the Lincoln
 Highway, visit <http://american-songline.net>
 or follow the musi-
 cian on Facebook and on Twitter
 at @Am_Songline.

Police: Man tried to