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# “Gem” Attraction

## La Porte County Historical Society Museum Exists as Living Biography

by William Halliar

The La Porte County Historical Society Museum is a history time capsule. Within its protective walls are housed the treasures of our county's past: artifacts, documents, memorabilia and ephemera that relate the stories of those who have lived for so many generations on Lake Michigan's southern shores.

The museum holds the story of those who first came to this land and claimed it as their own, and those who have lived and worked here for so many years. It is a repository where we, who are living and working now, can relate our stories, preserve them and pass them down to future generations.

By the foresight of the La Porte County Historical Society, these memories have been collected over the last 108 years so ensuing generations learn stories of success and failure, the highest achievements of our citizens, as well as the low points of our collective family's story.

The museum is, in effect, a living biography of La Porte County. Its collection and telling of stories is an ongoing process, and the preservation of these treasures is the Historical Society's goal.

That mission is one that has not gone unnoticed.



The museum's life-sized replica of Octave Chanute.

There are more than 500 museums in Indiana, but among them, the La Porte County Historical Society Museum was listed as a “Gem” attraction in the 2011 AAA Tour Book.

The museum's origins date back to 1906. “A Twentieth Century History and Biographical Record of La Porte County Indiana” (1904), a monumental work by a prominent La Porte resident, the Rev. E.D. Daniels (1846-1921), sparked public interest in

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the preservation of local history. In response, a La Porte County Historical Society was proposed and an organizational meeting held Jan. 30, 1906.

In February of that year, the organization was established and began holding meetings in La Porte's first library building. The stated intent was *“literary and scientific with the express purpose of the finding a location for the preservation of county relics.”*

to add to their personal collection.

Upon Jones' passing, his will went into probate in La Porte Circuit Court. In it, a bequest was made to the city of La Porte that it receive his considerable and famous collection of antiques and firearms. The one stipulation was that the city would prepare a suitable place to house the collection, and make provisions to ensure it would be properly cared for or curated. If this was not possible, the collection would go to Chicago's Field Museum. Fortunately,



The La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

A fortuitous event, in the history of the Historical Society, occurred in 1921 with the acquisition of the William A. Jones collection. Jones owned a successful iron foundry in Chicago and a fine home in La Porte, the present location of Arbor Hill Inn, a bed and breakfast. Jones and his wife spent many years traveling in Europe and the Americas seeking items

the Historic Society found a home for the collection in the old La Porte library building.

The Society's collections have been housed in various locations over the years as interest in the project grew and the number of objects in the collection increased. It moved to the county courthouse basement to the La Porte County security complex

and finally in 2006 to a permanent home in the beautiful, spacious, colonial-style building that once housed the Kesling automobile collection, 2405 Indiana Ave. A well-kept lawn and commodious parking lot welcome visitors to a building decorated with features rescued from historic local buildings, including doors from the Fildes Mansion and iron gates from the Fox Woolen Mills.

Within its walls are housed more than 80,000 artifacts of natural history and heirlooms of La Porte County residents. These heirlooms include furniture, household items and tools brought to the area by original pioneers. Products manufactured in La Porte County over the years are on display, as well as a large collection of antique toys and rare dolls. Of particular interest to girls of all ages are the furnished doll houses.

Much of the extensive collection is showcased in period rooms: a highlight of any visit to the museum. Visitors can enjoy a stroll through the past as they peruse the interior of a pioneer log cabin, imagine relaxing in a Victorian parlor or having a morning cup of coffee in a 1920s kitchen. Also on display are a business office and doctor's office, as well as a turn-of-the-century dentist office, including early examples of the dentist's trade. Each of these interesting displays is accompanied by a directory itemizing and describing every item on view.

A popular exhibit getting an upgrade tells the Belle Gunness story, documenting a gruesome chapter in La Porte history. Here, one can read about a local woman who lured unsuspecting men to her farm, only to steal their money and dispatch them brutally, then bury them on her property. The visitor can view artifacts from the farm, including a cart used to haul bodies from the house to grave sites, and the skull of an unknown victim: a permanent guest at the museum.



The Belle Gunness display, which is being revamped.

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The W. A. Jones collection of weapons.

In the museum's lower level is the W.A. Jones collection of antique firearms and weapons, considered, by some, to be one of the finest in the world. Here, the visitor can inspect weapons from every age collected from all over the world. Included in the collection are many artifacts commemorating the various military engagements in which the United States has been involved. The Jones collection is augmented by the Historical Society's extensive collection, making this display truly worth the time to study.

Take a walk up the museum's central staircase, passing beneath a life-sized replica of Octave Chanute flying across the ceiling with the aid of his flying contraption, and you enter another world of wonder: Dr. Peter Kesling's collection of vintage automobiles. This amazing assembly of ancient horseless carriages consists of more than 30 vintage automobiles collected and restored by Kesling and his wife, Charlene.



A 1982 stainless-steel DeLorean immortalized in the “Back to the Future” movies.

The collection also consists of automobiles that reach as far back in history as the 1903 Winton, which was driven by Kesling and his wife from California to New York in 2003 to commemorate the first coast-to-coast automobile journey made by Dr. Horatio Jackson way back in 1903, to a 1982 stainless-steel DeLorean immortalized in the “Back to the Future” movies.

This amazing display is highlighted by an important group of cars built by Indiana manufacturers, including: a 1929 Auburn Cabin Speedster; a 1935 Auburn Boattail Speedster; a 1930 Cord L-29; and a 1937 Model 812 Cord “Coffin-nose.” Last, but not least, the group is rounded out by the most impressive 1929 Duesenberg Model J.

History — as well as movie — buffs will enjoy inspecting the 1948 Tucker “Torpedo,” which is No. 12 in the 50 built by the innovative Tucker Corporation of Chicago. This particular car was featured in the 1988 movie “Tucker: The Man and His Dream” starring Jeff Bridges. Other automobiles in this fine collection include a 1910 Velie, a 1912 Baker Electric Coupe and a 1914 Mitchell.

Suspended from the ceiling are several full-sized early aircraft, while lining the



The museum's 1948 Tucker “Torpedo,” along with the videocassette promotional piece for the 1988 film “Tucker: The Man and His Dream.”

walls and every available space on the upper floor of the museum building are vintage toys and other curious collections.

A most important function of the Historical Society is preservation of the archive of county history, lovingly and faithfully curated and maintained by La Porte County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz. A recent addition to this collection is the archive containing all past issues of The News-Dispatch. Schultz catalogs and indexes all information published about activities in the county and files them with indexes so they can be preserved and accessed by future generations.

Isaac Newton is quoted as saying, "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." The museum houses the stories of our ancestors, the small and the great, the humble and the giants, of times past. By studying their lives we can take advantage of what has been learned, possibly avoid the pitfalls and propel ourselves further.

We, too, can stand on the shoulders of giants.

(Call 219-324-6767 or visit [www.laportecountyhistory.org](http://www.laportecountyhistory.org) for more information about the museum. In next week's edition, William Halliar's interview with La Porte County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz.)



The museum's large collection of rare dolls.



A portion of the museum's Prehistoric and Natural History Displays.



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## Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series

The Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series continues with Mark Sudeith at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Christ Church (the former First Congregational Church), 531 Washington St.



Sudeith began his organ studies at the University of Minnesota. He has performed organ recitals in venues throughout the South Chicago/Northwest Indiana region, including the Organ Historical Society National Convention in Chicago. He also is a pianist, recently playing the Dohnanyi "Variations on a Nursery Song" with the Northwest Chicago Symphony, as well as numerous performances of con-

temporary music with the MAVerick Ensemble of Chicago.

He has a doctor of music in piano performance from Indiana University and is professor of music at Chicago State University, where he has taught since 1984.

Donations will be accepted for organ maintenance. Call (269) 469-0051 for more information.

## Lunch With the League

Alicia Ebaugh, La Porte County Solid Waste District education coordinator/public outreach, is the featured speaker at Lunch With the League at noon Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Lindo's Restaurant, 3940 Franklin St., Michigan City.

Ebaugh will hold a question-and-answer session on recycling opportunities the district makes available to La Porte County residents. She also will outline why changes recently were made to materials accepted in the county's curbside recycling service.

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1991 to reduce waste. Its mission is to help La Porte County "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle."

Presented by League of Women Voters of La Porte County, meetings are open to the public. Reservations are not required. Attendees buy lunch from the menu. Call Sue Webster at (219) 874-6809 or visit [www.lwvlaporte.org](http://www.lwvlaporte.org) for more information.

## Alumni Soccer Game

The annual Alumni Soccer Game is Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Marquette Athletic Complex on West 10th Street.

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## Chicago Playwright Discusses Latest Work Headed for New York

by Kayla Weiss

Joel Drake Johnson, whose latest play, "Rasheeda Speaking," premieres in January in New York, returned to his hometown of New Buffalo, Mich., as the guest speaker at the July 29 Harbor Country Book Club meeting.

A Chicago playwright and former teacher at Northwestern University and Adlai Stevenson High School, where he taught playwriting, Johnson got his start as a writer at Chicago's critically acclaimed Econo-Art Theatre, which produced five of his plays. "Four Places," "Before My Eyes," "A Guide for the Perplexed" and "The End of the Tour" were first produced at Chicago's Victory Gardens Theatre under the direction of Sandy Shinner. "Four Places" then was produced in Los Angeles by The Rogue Machine Theatre where, under the direction of Robin Larson and featuring Tony nominee Roxanne Hart, it gained more critical acclaim that included five Ovation

Award nominations, four nominations from the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle and a Garland Award for Best New Play. It has since been produced at numerous theaters throughout the U.S. and Germany.

Johnson also has won three Illinois Arts Council grants, including one for "A Blue Moon," which was first produced at Chicago Dramatists. Other works include "As the Beaver" and "The Fall to the Earth," which have been produced in cities such as New York and Los Angeles, with Tony nominees portraying his characters.

"Rasheeda Speaking," which will be directed by Cynthia Nixon of "Sex & the City" fame and starring two-time Oscar-winner Diane Weist ("Hannah and Her Sisters"), was sparked by occurrences Johnson



Joel Drake Johnson listens to comments made during the July 29 Harbor Country Book Club meeting.

witnessed regarding the differences between races. It addresses the new wall of suppressed discomfort, fear and paranoia between different races and cultures that have emerged in the post-racial era of "Yes We Can."

"I was in a hospital one day, waiting to see my doctor, and I happened to overhear this conversation between these two white men, who were talking about the African-American receptionist in derogatory terms," Johnson said. "I was astonished that people could still be like this – holding these derogatory, racial conversations in today's society."

"We're supposed to be living in this extremely tolerant society, but here I was, listening to these two men talk down on other races. It was unbelievable, so I decided to write about it, which is how I came up with the premise for 'Rasheeda Speaking'."

The play follows the life of Jaqueline, a black receptionist at a white physician's office as she deals with racial and sexist tensions while her boss plots to oust her by enlisting his meek, white female coworker as a workplace spy. Tensions rise as relations between the two women quickly deteriorate, turning their once-cordial workplace into a battlefield of innuendo, paranoia and passive aggression.

"I wrote Jaqueline in a very specific way, because I always wanted her to be the hero of the story, whether you see her that way or not," Johnson said. "She is perfectly aware of what is happening behind her back, and she responds appropriately and passionately, and that's what I love about her character."

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## “Thinking Big” Theme of Chamber Music Festival

The theme is “Thinking Big,” so expect the Michigan City Chamber Music Festival to explore the expansive limits of traditional ensembles when the 13th season arrives Aug. 9-17 in Michigan City.

The free event will present five formal recitals, three concerts for children, an “open rehearsal” and an outdoor concert featuring local adult amateur instrumentalists performing with festival musicians.

Chamber music traditionally is small, conductorless ensembles — usually a quartet or trio. This year, in keeping with the “Thinking Big” theme, the programs will feature larger ensembles, including Felix Mendelssohn’s “Octet for Strings.”

composer, University of Illinois; Zofia Glashauser, violinist and concertmaster of the South Bend Symphony; Gabriel Schlaffer, principal viola of South Bend Symphony; David Peshlakai, principal cello of Kalamazoo Symphony; William King, clarinetist, University of Michigan; and Jasmin Arakawa, professor of piano at University of Southern Alabama.

Three new musicians this year are violinists Jameson Cooper and Jacob Murphy from the Euclid String Quartet at Indiana University-South Bend and flutist Martha Counsell Vargas, professor of flute at Western Michigan University.



Sunny Gardner Orbovich



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Musicians and presenters include: Grammy nominated Nic Orbovich, violinist and festival artistic director; Sunny Gardner Orbovich, festival education director, who presents the concerts for children; Robert Auler, professor of piano at State University of New York; Wesley Baldwin, professor of cello at University of Tennessee; soprano Melisa Barrick Baldwin; Rudolf Haken, professor of viola and

The festival schedule is:

**Saturday, Aug. 9**

**“Big Opening”**

7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St., Michigan City. Selections include: a string quintet by Brahms; a clarinet trio by Beethoven; “La Chanson D’Eve” by Faure and “String Quintet in G Major” by Brahms.

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**Tuesday, Aug. 12****Concert for Children: "A Musical Trip to the Zoo"**

6 p.m. at First Presbyterian undercroft.



Rudolf Haken

Hear music written about animals, inspired by animals, even music that imitates animals. Music by composers such as Vivaldi and St. Saens will represent birds, rhinos, opossums and elephants.

The program concludes with Rudolf Haken's "The Sick Frog," a piece he composed when he was 10. Youngsters also participate in a make-and-take art project. A light meal will be served.

**Wednesday, Aug. 13****"Big Premiere"**

7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian.

Selections range from Brahms and Ravel to Rudolf Haken's "Piano Concerto in F." The lineup includes: "Sonata for Cello and Piano in F Major" by Brahms; "Chansons Madecasses" by Ravel; and "Clarinet Trio" by Muczynski.

**Thursday, Aug. 14****"Open Rehearsal"**

Noon to 2 p.m. at Urban Soles, 624 Franklin St.,

Michigan City.

Watch festival players rehearse Mendelssohn's "Octet for Strings."

**Friday, Aug. 15****"Big Ideas"**

7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian.

Called "one of the biggest nights in festival history," selections include: songs from Leonard Bernstein's "Peter Pan"; J.S. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"; Mendelssohn's "Octet for Strings"; "Much Ado About Nothing" by Korngold/Schlaffer; and arrangements of J.S. Bach favorites for piano.

**Saturday, Aug. 16****Concert for Children**

Noon at Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.

The annual concert will feature a performance by the Michigan City Ecumenical Children's Choir.

**Saturday, Aug. 16****Adult Amateur "Play-In"**

4 p.m. at Arturo's Baked Goods, 2613 E. U.S. 12, Michigan City.

The new event lets local adult amateur players join festival musicians Rudolf Haken and David Peshlakai in an informal concert.

**Sunday, Aug. 17****"Big Country"**

3 p.m. at First Presbyterian

The festival conclusion celebrates music from Russia, and features winners from the annual Harold A. Smith Youth Chamber Competition. Selections include a piano quintet by Shostakovich and a piano trio by Tchaikovsky.

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## Memorial Gardens Tour

The Third Annual Memorial Gardens Tour is at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, on the grounds of The La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave.

Six “residents” of La Porte County cemeteries will be represented. There will be first-person presentations offering facts about the life and activities of each at a specific time in their life. Three are male and three are female, each representing an individual who owned and operated a business in the county. Replicas of each one’s grave marker will be on the site where the “resident” will present information to attendees.



Grave markers created during last year’s tour.

Tour information has been researched and compiled by La Porte County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz, who will be the tour guide, introducing each “resident” and providing additional historical and biographical information. Those being portrayed are Edith J. Backus (public stenographer), Gerhardt F. Decker (La Porte hardware store owner), Mary B. Hartwell (book and stationery store owner), Frank B. Heusi (grocer-turned furniture store owner), Adelheid Schumm (milliner) and George John Staiger II (Michigan City hardware store owner).

A handout will be provided to include information about the depicted “residents.”

Regular museum admission fees will be charged, which includes admission that day to the museum after the tour. In the event of rain, the tour will be conducted in the museum’s meeting room.

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## Chicago Lyric Opera Preview

International Friendship Gardens, 2055 U.S. 12, will present its eighth annual preview of the upcoming Chicago Lyric Opera season at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, in the Symphony Garden.

Performers include soprano Kimberly Jones, who has performed for years with Michigan City’s presentation of Handel’s “Messiah,” mezzo-soprano Jessye Wright, recipient of the Ardis Krainik Memorial Prize from Chicago’s National Bel Canto Foundation, tenor Cornelius Johnson, who sang the leading role in “Troubled Island,” the No. 1 Classic/Opera event in Chicago in 2013, and accompanist Jason Balla, who has served a musical directorship at Chicago Sinai Congregation.

Making his debut in the Gardens is baritone Bill McMurray, who has more than 30 operatic roles and performances to his credit throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Back as narrator is Charlie DeWitt, a lecturer in opera history.

The program is:

- “Don Giovanni” — “*Ah, chi mi dice mai,*” “*Il mio tesoro*” and “*Deh vieni alla finestra.*”
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- “Porgy and Bess” — “Summertime,” “Bess You is My Woman Now,” “It Ain’t Necessarily So!” and “Aw Lawd, I’s on My Way.”

Standard seating is \$25 and premier seating \$35. Reservations may be mailed to P.O. Box 8834, Michigan City, IN 46361, called in to (219) 878-9885 or at [www.newsite.friendshipgardens.org](http://www.newsite.friendshipgardens.org).

## Beverly Shores Depot Friday

Beverly Shores Depot Friday is from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at The Depot of Beverly Shores Museum & Art Gallery, 525 Broadway.

The featured artist is M.J. Loftus, who exhibits paintings of a small Irish island. Also planned is a short reading by Joan Crean O’Leary.



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## Michigan City Art League Workshop

Michigan City Art League will present an acrylic/oil workshop by League member/local artist Scott Schwaller from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.

Schwaller is a legally blind artist living and working in La Porte. He has been an acrylic painter for more than 12 years and considers his style to be impressionistic realism. A graduate of Purdue University-North Central with a degree in liberal arts, he admits it is getting harder to paint as his sight continues to deteriorate, but he is determined to continue as long as he can find his canvas. He has often been heard to say, "Painting is like poetry that you cannot find the words for."



Schwaller stands with his work, "Ham and Beans."

Class size is limited. The cost is \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members. A \$25 deposit is due by Wednesday, Aug. 13. A supply list will be available. Lunch will be ordered from Jimmy John's.

Contact Betty Thomas at (219) 879-0903 or by email at [bpthomas700@yahoo.com](mailto:bpthomas700@yahoo.com) for more information. Follow MCAL on facebook at [www.facebook.com/MCAL1932](http://www.facebook.com/MCAL1932) and at [www.MCAL1932.wordpress.com](http://www.MCAL1932.wordpress.com)

## Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available through Westchester Public Library:

• **Summer Concert and Family Film Series Finale on Friday, Aug. 8, at the Thomas Park bandstand in downtown Chesterton.**

The South Shore Brass Band performs at 7 p.m., followed by "The Lego Movie" at around 8 p.m. Both events move to the Library Service Center at Indiana and Calumet if the weather is poor.

• **Free movie showing, "Divergent," at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The movie is rated PG-13.

• **"Local Life in the New Century: 1900-1910" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Eva Hopkins and Nancy Hokanson will highlight what it was like to live in the area during the first decade of the 20th century. Light refreshments will be served.

• **Free Poetry Appreciation Group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Share and discuss the craft of poetry. Registration is not necessary.

• **"Gabe's World for Adults" in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library.**

The craft program for adults meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21. Make polymer clay beads with a skull pattern on Aug. 18, and a bead and wire steampunk octopus on Aug. 21. The library provides materials.

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## How to take advantage of the Portals

Last month I pointed out that everyone (90%) searches for homes on the Internet; principally on Zillow, Trullia, and Realtor.com. And I said that three things sell houses on these portals. **Photos**, **Good text**, and **Price**. I pointed out that you must keep your property from being **eliminated** at the internet level.

So what should Sellers do?

Make sure your agent uses a professional to shoot the **photos** with large format so they reproduce well. Realtor.com claims that the more photos you have the more likely someone will look at your house. So put up at least 20 photos for a house. Make sure you have an aerial for land.

The **text** should avoid phrases like, "this house," "unusual" "unique" and all the clichés real estate agents use. The text should paint a picture and have at least a touch of humor.

But the most important issue is **price**. If your house has not sold in 90 days after listing, the price is not right. Right price is no more than 5% higher than the comparables indicate. Right price is that you have gotten at least one showing per week. Right price is when internet reports indicate scores of people are doing "listing views" of your property every week on the portals. Right price means you need to reduce the price if you have had 10 showings and no offers.

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## Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

*The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:*

• **Ranger's Choice Hike from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8.**

Call or stop by the Visitor Center on Friday morning to learn the hike's location.

• **Central Beach Sunset Hike from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8.**

The ranger-led hike reveals the threats faced by the dunes, and what can be done to protect them.

• **Junior Wildland Firefighter Program from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at the campground amphitheater.**

Meet the park's fire crew and learn about their jobs and equipment. Children then receive a Junior Wildland Firefighter activity book and patch.

The campground is at Broadway and U.S. 12 in Beverly Shores.

• **Chellberg Farm Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9.**

Tour the Chellberg Farmhouse and learn about the lives of early Duneland farm families.

The farm is off Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter.

• **Campground Program from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Dunewood Campground Amphitheater.**

Learn about the diversity of park resources, and how park staff and volunteers help maintain that diversity and keep the park healthy.

The campground is located at Broadway and U.S. 12 in Beverly Shores.

• **Pinhook Bog Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10.**

Take a self-guided hike into Indiana's only quaking bog. Rangers and volunteers stationed along the trail help visitors understand the site filled with carnivorous plants. Allow one hour to walk the trail and tour the bog.

• **"Miller Woods Hike" from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

The length of the ranger-led stroll varies from a half mile to three miles. Call (219) 395-1821 for details of the week's hike.

• **Perseids Meteor Shower from 8 to 10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at West Beach.**

Join a ranger for the annual meteor shower. There is a \$6 per car fee at West Beach, which is off County Line Road near the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary.

• **"Every Day is Family Day at the Douglas Center" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Participate in hands-on family activities in the park's west end visitor center, especially the new outdoor Nature Play zone where unstructured play is encouraged. Follow the new extension trail

through the rare oak savanna habitat to Lake Michigan's shoreline. Inside the center, help feed the resident turtles and fish or make a free craft.

• **The free Junior Ranger Program from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center and Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

A variety of Junior Ranger programs exist, from a short Beachcombers Activity Page to an extensive Junior Rangers Booklet. Complete a program and earn a prize. Stop by the Visitor Center or Douglas Center to pick up a free program booklet.

• **"Park in Focus" from 1 to 3 p.m. every Saturday through Dec. 27 at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Park staff will host special programs focusing on park resources, hot topics in research, new environmental films or guest speakers.

• **"Kid's Rule" 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 28 at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

Join a ranger in the Visitor Center's activity room for stories and activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

*The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is on Lake Street north of U.S. 12 in the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.*

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## “Birds of a Feather” Theme of 9-Hole Women Golfers Guest Day

“Birds of a Feather, Flock Together” was the theme for the 9-Hole Women Golfers Guest Day on July 17 at Long Beach Country Club.

Sixty eight golfers swarmed the golf course. There were several species of birds on every tee, from rob-

ins and cardinals to herons and sparrows.

The festivities began Monday night at Kathy and John Kenefick’s home in Duneland Beach.

Before the golfers took flight, a breakfast was served highlighting early bird berries, birdseed squares and



First Place Front 9: Orioles — Joan Carey, Mary James, Ann Rain and Barbara Beardslee.



First Place Back 9: Woodpeckers — June Salmon, Colleen Meyer, Carol Excell and Kathleen Beeler.



2nd Place Front 9 — Nuthatches; Liz Slattery, Jane Wall, Ellen Holloway, Ann Rain



Second Place Back 9: Kingfishers— Mary O’Neil, Judy Curtin, Laura Henkel and Dorie Mertz.



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A luncheon followed the round of golf, with golfers greeted by hummingbird cocktails, flamingo salad

and bluebird berry tea muffins, all topped off with a dessert of kiwi and strawberry filled meringue.

*Submitted by Eunie Nondorf*

*(Captions in some cases do not indicate left to right)*



Straightest Drive Front 9 —  
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Straightest Drive Back 9 — Peggy Nystrom with Rima Binder.



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## Indiana Dunes State Park

*The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:*

### Friday, Aug. 8

#### • 3 p.m. — Snakes Alive.

Meet at the Nature Center for an educational look at snakes and their myths.

#### • 7 p.m. — Sunset Beach Yoga.

Bleu Lotus Yoga will offer a chance to stretch on the dunes beach. Registration a \$10 fee is required. Classes are canceled in case of inclement weather. Visit [www.bleulotusyoga.com](http://www.bleulotusyoga.com) to register.

### 7:30 p.m. — National S'mores Day Fun.

Celebrate National S'mores Day a day early by learning about the history, and camping culture, of the treat, then try different s'more variations and marshmallow games. Children 12 and younger must take a parent. Meet at the Wilson Shelter.

### Saturday, Aug. 9

#### • 9 a.m. — Hummingbird Banding Demonstrations.

Meet at the Nature Center as hummingbird bander Allen Chartier joins the group. Learn about the Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

#### • 1 p.m. — One Hummer of a Bird.

Meet at the Nature Center as Chartier discusses attracting and feeding hummers, and shares his current research.

#### • 4 p.m. — Summer Stargazing.

Visit the Nature Center for a day-time look at the summer night sky. The auditorium wall there will become a mini planetarium.

#### • 8:30 p.m. to dawn — Eighth Annual Perseid Meteor Stargaze and Snoring on the Sand.

Up to 50 to 100 shooting stars an hour can be seen during the annual event. Constellation talks and deep-sky viewing through the park telescope are planned. Take a lawn chair or blanket and meet at the Beach Pavilion. Visitors can fall asleep on the beach, but no tents are allowed. All beach camping must be within the main swimming beach.

### Sunday, Aug. 10

#### 8:30 a.m. — Informal church service at the campground shelter.

#### • 10 a.m. — Feed the Birds.

Join a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding. Get close views of chickadees, cardinals and woodpeckers.

#### 3 p.m. — Naturalist Beach Break.

Watch for the naturalist by the beach pavilion.

### Monday, Aug. 11

#### • 10 a.m. — Beautiful Blowout Trek.

Join a naturalist for an hour or so jaunt to the Beach House Blowout and back, during which visitors explore natural and cultural history. Meet at the Nature Center.

#### • 3 p.m. — Our Prairie Club Past.

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### Tuesday, Aug. 12

#### • 10 a.m. — Feed the Birds.

Join a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding. Get close views of chickadees, cardinals and woodpeckers.

#### • 3 p.m. — Fire on the Prairie.

Meet at the Nature Center to learn how prescribed fires help habitats, then help the naturalist start a fire if conditions are right. Children 12 and younger must take a parent.

### Wednesday, Aug. 13

#### • 10 a.m. — Bird Banding Demonstrations.

Take an up-close look at birds of the Indiana Dunes. Meet at the Nature Center.

#### • 3 p.m. — Turtle Time.

View turtles up close, and hear the stories behind them during the 45-minute program at the Nature Center.

### Thursday, Aug. 14

#### • 9:30 a.m. — Beach Yoga.

Bleu Lotus Yoga will offer the program every Thursday this summer. Registration is required and includes a \$10 fee. Classes are canceled in case of inclement weather. Visit [www.bleulotusyoga.com](http://www.bleulotusyoga.com) to register.

#### • 3 p.m. — Dune Lion Hunt.

Meet a naturalist at the Nature Center for a hike into the dunes in search of the elusive ant lion.

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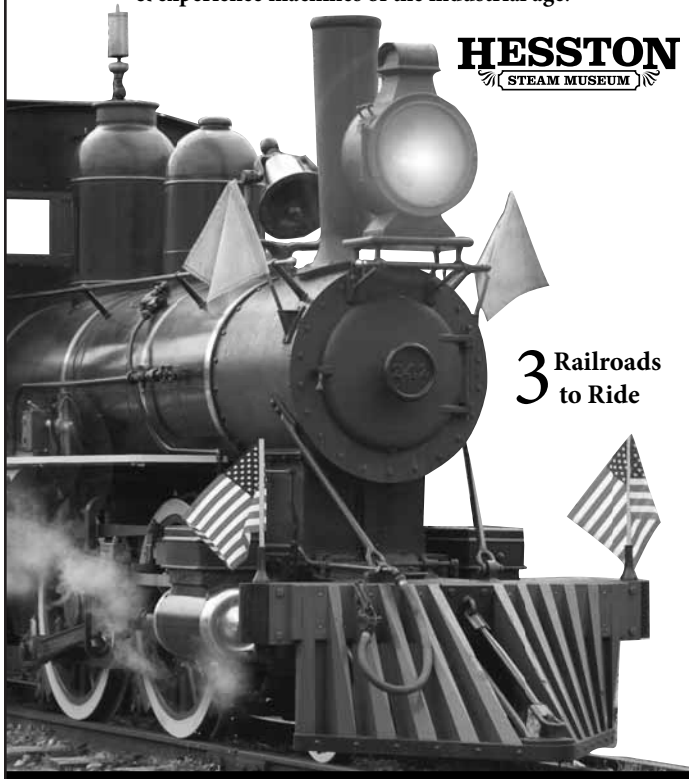
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A family-friendly tradition for 30 years, the New Buffalo Ship & Shore Festival runs Aug. 8-10, featuring everything from fireworks and live music to a lighted boat parade and art vendors.

Also on tap during the event, now back on Whitaker Street in downtown New Buffalo, is local cuisine, crafts, clothing and jewelry.

A popular attraction is the "Family Fun Fest" section. Hands-on activities from Curious Kid's Museum are planned, along with carnival games and face painting. On Saturday afternoon, Nancy's again is sponsoring the ice cream-eating contest. New this year, Chikaming Open Lands will host a live show, presented by the Lake Milton Raptor Rehabilitation Center, on the main stage at 11 a.m. EDT Saturday. A meet-and-greet with the birds, including Drako, a juvenile bald eagle rescued in New Buffalo, is at the Chikaming Open Lands booth.

The annual Bison Boosters Stampede 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, Aug. 9, starts and finishes at the New Buffalo Beach. Snacks and awards are provided at the end. T-shirts are guaranteed with pre-registration at NBAS.org. Race-day registration and packet pickup begin at 7:45 a.m. EDT, with the race starting promptly at 8:30 a.m. EDT. Free parking is available at the beach until 10:30 a.m. EDT.

Dusk on Saturday night heralds the arrival of the Lighted Boat Parade, followed by a fireworks display sponsored by Casey's New Buffalo and dedicated to Colleen Ryan's late husband, Tom Neubauer, who was her partner in producing and promoting Ship & Shore for the last several years.

The entertainment lineup is (all times Eastern):

### Friday, Aug. 8

- 5:30 p.m. — Top Secret Band.
- 7:30 p.m. — The Personnel.
- 10 p.m. — Sixteen Candles.

### Saturday, Aug. 9

- Noon — Deep Fried Pickle Project.
- 1:30 p.m. — Rebecca Anne Band.
- 3:30 p.m. — Slim Gypsy Baggage.
- 5:45 p.m. — '90s Exp: Don't Speak (No Doubt).
- 7:15 p.m. — '90s Exp: Funky Monks (Red Hot Chili Peppers).
- 8:45 p.m. — '90s Exp: Second Hand Smoke (Sublime).
- 10:15 p.m. — Jedi Mind Trip.

### Sunday, Aug. 10

- Noon — Venetia Sekema and the Luna Madre Band.
- 2:30 p.m. — Miles Nielsen and the Rusted Hearts.
- 4:30 p.m. — Mr. Blotto.
- 5:30 p.m. — Mr. Blotto.

The festival cost is a \$5 donation at the gate, while children 12 and younger are free. Hours (all Eastern) for the festival, presented by New Buffalo Business Association and Four Winds Casino, are: 5 p.m. to midnight EDT Friday, Aug. 8, 11 a.m. to midnight EDT Saturday, Aug. 9, and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT Sunday, Aug. 10. Visit [www.newbuffalo.org](http://www.newbuffalo.org) or call (888) 660-6222 for more information.

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It's been a year since Harbor Country Opera's production of "La Bohème" graced the stage at New Buffalo's Performing Arts Center.

That performance has been captured by cinematographer Rick Erwin in HD, complete with subtitles.

Harbor Country Opera will host a benefit showing at 7 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich.



A scene from last year's performance of "La Bohème."

Last year's performance drew a full house, but Harbor Country Opera founder Robert Swan said he heard from people that they were disappointed they didn't get to see it.

"So when I saw how great Rick Erwin's footage looked, I decided to do something about that," Swan said. "We have produced a nice crisp Blu-ray version and added subtitles."

"Although we can't compete with the Metropolitan's multiple cameras, in a way ours is almost more satisfying. It's really like having the best seat in the house."

A silent auction also is part of the evening. Tickets (a suggested \$25 donation) are available at the theater, online at [harborcountryopera.org](http://harborcountryopera.org) or by calling (269) 231-0027.



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## Crawford's Employee Earns R.O.S.E.



Jordan Mellen holds her framed R.O.S.E. certificate.

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Mellen was chosen by an impartial panel of judges based on an anonymous customer nomination that lauded her for friendly attitude and great service.

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"She not only has on-the-spot service, but her personality will bring you back time and time again! I'm really surprised everyone hasn't nominated her because all of her customers are always happy."

Mellen, who has been at Crawford's for less than a year, said she feels great about winning the R.O.S.E. award because it lets her know she's doing a good job.

"We get a lot of people in here who stay at the hotel for a short time because they're working on a local project or something. And I know many of them are away from their families," Mellen said. "I have a family, and I know how I would miss them, so I just try to make them feel like they're a part of our family when they're here."

Mellen received a framed certificate and rose corsage with a \$100 bill folded inside. She will be invited to the annual R.O.S.E. luncheon in the spring and be nominated for Indiana's annual Hoosier Hospitality Award.

## Fernwood Botanical Garden

The following programs are available at Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich.:

• **Natural Dying Demonstration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, both Eastern time.**

Niles Handweavers members will do natural dying demonstrations both days. The demonstrations are free with paid Fernwood admission.

• **Garden Station: Herb Garden from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 9.**

Family-friendly, hands-on activities are planned that focus on plants in Fernwood's herb garden. The program is free with paid Fernwood admission.

• **Garden Tours: Fernwood's Historical Plants from 2 to 3:30 p.m. EDT Sunday, Aug. 10.**

Take a guided walk through the gardens and learn the origins of the historical plants in Fernwood's collection. The program is free with paid Fernwood admission.

• **Second Sunday Concert: Guitarist Peter Aglinskis from 4 to 5 p.m. EDT Sunday, Aug. 10.**

WAUS Radio and Fernwood present the Second Sunday Concert at Fernwood on the Green. Admission to the garden is free after 3:30 p.m. EDT.

• **Garden Station: The Amazing Seed from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, Aug. 10.**

Stop by the garden station to learn about seeds. The program is free with paid Fernwood admission.

• **"Pond Study for Kids" from 10 a.m. to noon EDT Wednesday, Aug. 13.**

Children 6-10 can visit Fernwood's ponds to catch crayfish, tadpoles, dragonfly nymphs and giant water bugs. Dress in old clothes and shoes, and take a change of clothes.

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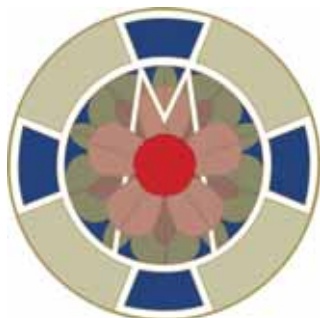


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# FIRST KARWICK PLAZA SUMMER CELEBRATION



## CELEBRATION

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Businesses in Karwick Plaza united Saturday, July 26, for the event that included free food, sidewalk chalk and the Michigan City Fire Department Exit Drills in the Home House. Participating businesses were Al's Supermarket, Dory Salon & Spa, Duneland Home & Hardware, Massage Therapy & Wellness Center, Merrion & Associates Realtors and Miller Pizza.

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## La Porte County Parks



All registrations and questions go through the Red Mill County Park Administrative Office, 0185 S. Holmsville Road, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 or visit [www.laportecountyparks.org](http://www.laportecountyparks.org) for more information.

### Pet Fest in the Park

The park will join with The La Porte County Small Animal Shelter to present the free event — rain or shine — from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at the shelter, 2855 W. Indiana 2, La Porte.

Vendors will have stations along a trail. Also planned are demonstrations, a costume contest, obedience tips, adopt a new pet and animal photography. Pets can take a dip in the pool, participate in an agility course and play fetch. Each pet receives a treat. All animals must be on a leash at all times, and “oops” bags will be provided. Aggressive or female animals in heat are not allowed.

### Summer Day Camp

Tuesday Treasures for youth 6-13 is from 9 a.m. to noon at Red Mill County Park.

The cost is \$8 per person/per program, which includes arts and crafts, games and snack. Pre-registration and payment are required one week before each program. The schedule is:

- Aug. 12 — Geo-Tree and Me. Learn about trees using geocaching and a first-person approach.

### Stroller, Baby and You

Aimed at toddlers and preschoolers, programs include music, dance, storytelling and a hike (weather permitting).

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. at Red Mill County Park. Dates are: Aug. 11 and 25, and Sept. 15. Call at least one week in advance to register.

### Senior Lifestyles

Join the free 55+ Club, a social club designed for adults 55 and older to learn and explore various types of nature. Free coffee is served to participants.

The group meets from 9 to 10 a.m. at Red Mill County Park. Sept. 10 is Understanding Medicare” with Denise Holmes.

### Parent & Child Discovery Days

The program includes arts and crafts, games and snacks. All activities are related to the program topic. Programs are appropriate for children 3 to 8, with an adult required to participate.

“Natures Treasures” is from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Red Mill County Park. The cost is \$5 per child/per program. Pre-registration and payment are required at least one week in advance or until full, whichever comes first.



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## Enrichment Corp. Grant Applications

Grant applications are available for the Michigan City Community Enrichment Corp.'s 2014-2015 grant cycle.

Forms can be found at <http://www.emichigancity.com/cityhall/boards/mccec/index.htm> or picked up from the round information desk at City Hall, 100 E. Michigan Blvd.

On March 19, the Enrichment Corp. awarded 58 grants totaling \$800,000 to Michigan City area charitable organizations. Since its inception in 1997, the organization has granted more than \$12.7 million in assistance to charitable organizations that directly benefit the Michigan City area. Awards only go to organizations that submit complete, timely applications. All applications must include evidence the organization is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) charitable group, and that service is within the Michigan City Area Schools boundaries.

The Enrichment Corp. is a public-benefit corporation created June 10, 1997, by an agreement between Blue Chip Casino and the City of Michigan City. It is independent of city government and has nothing to do with its budget. According to the agreement, the Enrichment Corp. receives \$750,000 per year from Blue Chip Casino, of which \$100,000 is paid annually to Washington Park Zoo and at least \$100,000 for programs that benefit Michigan City community children.

Completed applications must be post-marked by Friday, Nov. 21. This will be the only grant cycle for 2014-2015. Grant money for that cycle will be distributed during spring 2015. If the Enrichment Corp. receives a grant application before Nov. 7, notification will be given if it is not complete. That's why it is advised to submit applications early. All completed applications may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Michigan City Community Enrichment Corp., 100 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City, IN 46360. One original grant application and nine copies are required. Call (219) 873-1408, Ext. 382, for more information.

## Free Estate Planning Workshop

CLA Estate Services will present a free estate planning workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Microtel Inn & Suites, 9834 W. County Road 400 North, Michigan City.

The workshop will provide information for seniors on securing one's estate and retirement planning. Guests will receive a workbook and gain information regarding pros and cons of wills and trusts, how to avoid probate, long-term health-care concerns and tax-reduction planning.

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The following programs are available through  
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• **Fabulous Friday Film: "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8.**

The film is rated PG-13 and runs 2 hours, 40 minutes.

• **Lazy, Crazy Loops Mondays at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11.**

A limited supply of looms and rubber loops will be available, so take your own. Share ideas with others.

• **Yoga with David Kipley at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12.**

Kipley is a recent graduate of Dancing Feet Yoga's Yoga Teacher Program. All levels are welcome. Take a mat and wear comfortable clothes for the one-hour class that meets Tuesdays through Aug. 12.

• **Back-to-School Craft at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13.**

Participants ages 5-12 make a backpack. All materials are provided.

• **American Red Cross Bloodmobile from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12.**

Make an appointment by calling (800) GiveLife. Walk-ins are welcome.

• **Knitting Club for All Ages at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13.**

Take size 9 straight knitting needles, worsted yarn and tape measure (optional). Contact Joanne Hale at joeyAB1971@yahoo.com or (219) 814-4398.

Contact Robin Kohn at (219) 873-3049 for more information on library programming.

**Toastmaster Meeting**

Anyone interested in learning what it's like to be a Toastmaster can attend a local club meeting Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Lincoln Township Public Library, 2099 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, Mich.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. EDT, with an abbreviated "meeting of fun" at 7 p.m. EDT.

Toastmasters focuses on communication and leadership development. Those attending the local meeting will hear Josephine Dewey, Bridgman, Mich., a bronze-level speaker using her voice and body language to signify the roles of "the soldier," "the narrator" and "God" in an interpretive reading.

Also planned is the club's improv session, officially called "Table-Topics" and led by Owen Conner, St. Joseph, Mich. At the end of the meeting, Heidi Stoub, Stevensville, will give a three-minute evaluation speech of Dewey's interpretive poem.

Time for mingling, questions and refreshments is planned afterward.

Visit <http://twincity.toastmastersclubs.org> or contact the Open House Chair Karen Coffey at [kcoffey@coffeyatlaw.com](mailto:kcoffey@coffeyatlaw.com) or (773) 316-7619 for more information.

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## Footlight Award Winners

Footlight Players held its annual banquet July 26 to recognize the theater's 64th season award winners, as selected by Footlight's viewers.

The winners are:

- Leading actress – Marianne LaRiccia, "Lost in Yonkers."
- Leading actor – Jacob West, "I Hate Hamlet."
- Supporting Actress – Mary Kay Steele, "The Dream Continues."
- Supporting Actor – Alexander Bonner, "Passion of Dracula."
- Best Newcomer – Jacob West, "I Hate Hamlet."
- Best Lighting – Tom Montgomery, "I Hate Hamlet."
- Best Set Design and Construction – Donald Beck and Alice Dickey, "I Hate Hamlet."
- Best Costumes – Bonnie Quigley, "I Hate Hamlet."
- Best Musical Director – Lee Meyer, "The Dream Continues."
- Best Choreographer – Robert W. Komendera, "The Dream Continues."
- Best Director – Donald Beck, "I Hate Hamlet."
- Best Sound Designer – Donald Beck and Andrea Caprous, "I Hate Hamlet."
- Best Production – "I Hate Hamlet."

Bonnie Quigley was selected to join Footlight's Hall of Fame for 2014. Footlight President Robert Komendera selected member Alice Dickey for the 2014 President's Award.



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## Mamma Plans Return Concert

Jazz vocalist-songwriter Jenna Mammina will return to her hometown of St. Joseph, Mich., to present "An Intimate Evening with Jenna Mammina & David Lahm" at 7:30 p.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 9, at The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St.

Mammina has performed with talent such as Bobby McFerrin, June Millington, Rickie Lee Jones, Al Jarreau, Phish, David Sanborn, Ray Obiedo, Wil Ackerman, Liz Story, Tuck Address and Rosemary Clooney.

Lahm began playing classical piano at 7 and by 14 decided jazz and pop were his true calling. He's toured and recorded with the Buddy Rich Band and was the house pianist and accompanist at New York City's Village Gate.

Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 for students and seniors and free for children 12 and younger. Call (269) 983-3688, email [info@boxfactoryforthearts.org](mailto:info@boxfactoryforthearts.org) or visit [www.boxfactoryforthearts.org](http://www.boxfactoryforthearts.org) for reservations or more information.

## Writers Workshop

Three local writers, Mary Alan, Roland Johnson and Jerry Slauter, will present a writers workshop from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave.

The workshop is for anyone interested in writing and publishing, including: published authors; anyone interested in publishing something already written; individuals who feel they have a book or other written expressions in them; or those who have writing assignments.

Alan, La Porte County Poet Laureate 2010, has released a third book of poetry, "Full Spectrum Living." She also can be heard presenting poetry at Arts in the Park.

Johnson wrote "Jeremya Jones A Kings' Kid," the first in an intended series that aims to inspire young Christian readers.

Slauter wrote "Woodcutter's Revival," a historical-fiction novel set at the beginning of the final phase of the Industrial Revolution. He is a retired school teacher.

## Free Gallery Talk

A free gallery talk with artist/educator Eleanor Lewis is from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Brauer Museum of Art in Valparaiso University's Center for the Arts.

Lewis, a former Merrillville High School teacher whose work has garnered many awards, will discuss her exhibit of paintings at the museum.

Visit [www.valpo.edu/artmuseum](http://www.valpo.edu/artmuseum), or contact museum director/curator Gregg Hertzlieb at (219) 464-5761 or [Gregg.hertzlieb@valpo.edu](mailto:Gregg.hertzlieb@valpo.edu) for additional information.

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Footlight Players, 1705 Franklin St., will have auditions for its October production of the musical "Oliver!" on Sunday and Monday, Aug. 10-11.

Children's auditions begin at 5 p.m. and adult auditions at 7 p.m.

A large cast of children 7 and older, and adults of all ages, are needed. Be prepared to sing a portion of a song of your choosing with or without accompaniment (an easy song like "Happy Birthday" for young children is OK). The music director will be present to play piano. Those auditioning for character roles also will be expected to read excerpts from the script and participate in a simple dance audition. Families are welcome, and no previous acting experience is necessary.

Laura Meyer is the director and Lee Meyer the musical director. Performances run Oct. 3-5, 10-12 and 17-19. Call the director at (219) 874-5278 for more information.

## Genealogical Society

The La Porte County Indiana Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the La Porte Parks Department headquarters, 250 Pine Lake Ave.

Lester Chadwick, a Society member and officer, will present a program about the "Mountain Meadows Massacre." On Sept. 11, 1857, in Utah Territory, 100 to 140 members of a wagon train bound from Arkansas to California were killed in a cruel and treacherous attack. Chadwick heard a relative speak of the incident. His curiosity aroused, he studied historical accounts and discovered some of his grandmother's family were victims.

Applications for this year's residence awards closed July 31. The award presentation is Sept. 9. However, nominations for Genealogist of the Year are accepted until Sept. 30. Click on the links at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~inlcigs/> to read the details. The society also has a blog at <http://lpcgs.blogspot.com/> featuring highlights of previous meetings and a look at the upcoming program.

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Volunteers, who receive free admission, can fill two (or more) hour time slots from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in the following areas:

- Row Captains (relief for artists).
- Gallery Shop Tent (assisting with sales).
- Art Basket Raffle (free raffle).
- Entrance Gate.
- Exit Gate (stamping of hands for guests who would like to return later in the day).

Contact Adam Horton at (219) 874-4900, Ext. 208, or [ahorton@lubeznikcenter.org](mailto:ahorton@lubeznikcenter.org) for additional information.

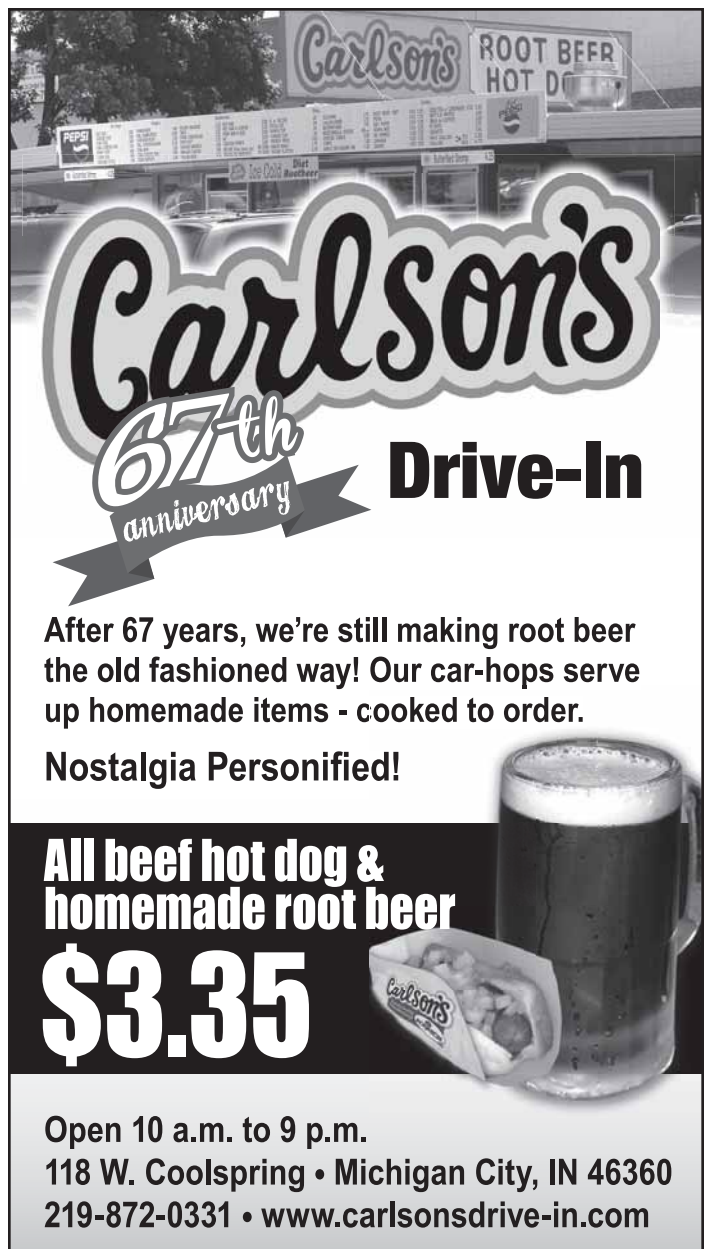
## Michiana Clowns

In celebration of National Clown Week (Aug. 1-7), Michiana Clowns will present two free shows at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.

At the August alley meeting, a professional photographer will take a group picture and be available to take individual promotional photos. Darla "Maxine" Hernandez provided frozen treats as refreshments at the July meeting.

Michiana Clowns will perform from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16-17, in the children's tent at Lakefront Art Festival in Washington Park.

Members also are on the planning committee for the 2015 Midwest Clown Association Roundup (convention), which they will co-host in Merrillville with the Funny Bonz and Calumet Clown alleys.



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## IKAN Club Fundraiser

The IKAN Club from Parents & Friends Inc. will host a Port-a-Pit Chicken-Palooza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at the PAF main office, 2354 U.S. 35, La Porte.

The event includes not only food, but also shopping at the People's Boutique, a unique resale shop for men, women and children. Tickets, which are \$6.75 for chicken and \$3 for potatoes, are available in advance at the PAF main office.

Proceeds support continued community outreach efforts by IKAN (the group's name comes from the Greek alphabet — Iota-Kappa-Alpha-Nu). Past activities have included community cleanups, disaster relief and donations to the La Porte County Animal Shelter. All members are part of the non-profit PAF residential program, which provides custom-tailored support to people with intellectual disabilities so they can reach maximum independence.

Contact Matt Cunningham or Jeff Rupe at (219) 324-0656, or visit [www.facebook.com/pafinc](http://www.facebook.com/pafinc) for more information.

## Deep River Grinders

The Deep River Grinders will have a Shriners Benefit Game, with all donations given to the Shriners Children's Hospital, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at Deep River County Park.

The teams play baseball according to the original rules of 1858, where the striker is out if the ball is caught on the fly or on one bound, fair or foul. There are no called strikes, and a foul ball does not count as a strike. The rover/shortstop may play anywhere on the field.

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Prospective candidates can meet with representatives from: Blue Chip Casino; Menards; Powder Processing & Technology; Westville Correctional Facility and Camp Summit; Indiana State Prison and South Bend Work Release; Teleperformance; Parents and Friends Inc.; Alcoa Howmet La Porte; U.S. Coast Guard; Community Healthcare System; Calumet Pallet; Employment Plus; Speedway; TJ Maxx; Postmaster; Albanese Confectionery; Dollar General; Goodwill Retail Stores; HR Block; Bricklayers Union; Pipefitters Union; Electrician Union; IU Health La Porte Hospital; Dungarvin Roofers Local 23 and Hospice Franciscan Communities.

Contact Mandy Chalk at [mchalk1@ivytech.edu](mailto:mchalk1@ivytech.edu) for more information.

## Wiegand Receives Plaque



Elizabeth Grieger Wiegand has learned she will receive a rosewood plaque from Remington Registry, N.Y.

The plaque is from the publisher and is a Visionary Award for her accomplishments. It features the motto from Texas Woman's University, "*You stand as a testament to the history of women in culture.*"

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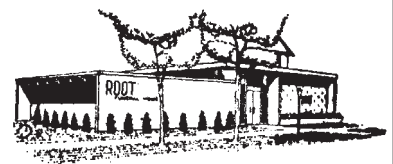
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## SSAA Exhibit Highlighted

For the third time in the past 15 months, The Chicago Tribune has cited a Southern Shore Art Association monthly exhibit as its "Pick of the Week."

The July exhibit "Summer of Art" was highlighted in the Arts & Entertainment section and featured a photograph of a painting by SSAA Advisory Board member Dana Dabagia, which appeared in the exhibit at the gallery, 724 Franklin St.

Former exhibits designated as the Tribune's "Pick of the Week" were "Fifty Shades of Female" and "Tomorrow, Back and Beyond," both in 2013.

The SSAA gallery is open from noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Visit [www.southernshore-artassociation.com](http://www.southernshore-artassociation.com) for more information.

## Book Giveaway

St. Ann of the Dunes Catholic Church, 433 E. Golfwood Road, Beverly Shores, will have a Book Giveaway after the 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Aug. 9, and from 8 a.m. to noon. Sunday, Aug. 10.

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Costumes are encouraged, but not required. A costume contest with prizes is planned.

The event is held rain or shine. Visit [www.lpcasa.com](http://www.lpcasa.com) or call (219) 324-3385 to register or for more information.

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"Judy Garland Revisited: A Multi-Media Narration by Richard Klein" is at 7 p.m. EDT Thursday, Aug. 14, at New Buffalo City Hall, 224 W. Buffalo St.

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"A Celebration of Women in the Arts," a benefit for The Michigan City Commission for Women, is at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at Uptown Center for the Performing Arts, 903 Franklin St.

The performance is at 6:30 p.m. The dress is business casual or creative attire. Hors d'oeuvres, sweets and a cash bar are planned.

Tickets are \$45. Space is limited, so reservations are required by Friday, Aug. 8. Email reservations to [MichiganCityWomen@gmail.com](mailto:MichiganCityWomen@gmail.com)

Call (219) 874-3760 for more information.

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**August 7-10** — “God of Carnage,” Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Thurs.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$12/\$10 Thurs. Reservations: (219) 874-4035, [www.footlightplayers.org](http://www.footlightplayers.org)

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**August 8** — Fabulous Friday Film: “The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug,” 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**August 8** — Beverly Shores Depot Friday, 5-7 p.m., The Depot of Beverly Shores Museum & Art Gallery, 525 Broadway.

**August 8** — Summer Concert and Family Film Series Finale, Thomas Park bandstand in downtown Chesterton. South Shore Brass Band/7 p.m., “The Lego Movie”/8 p.m.

**August 8** — National S’mores Day Fun, 7:30 p.m., Wilson Shelter at Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**August 8-10** — “The 39 Steps,” Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., Michigan City. Times: 8 p.m. Fri., 2 & 6:30 p.m. Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$16. Senior, group, student discounts. Reservations: (219) 874-4269, [info@festivalplayersguild.org](mailto:info@festivalplayersguild.org)

**August 8-10** — New Buffalo Ship & Shore Festival, Whittaker Street in downtown New Buffalo, Mich. Visit: [www.newbuffalo.org](http://www.newbuffalo.org)

**August 9** — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Eighth and Washington streets, through October. Second Saturdays, (chef’s demonstrations, special market activities, food truck, artists, music), 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**August 9** — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

**August 9** — Alumni Soccer Game, Marquette Athletic Complex, West 10th Street. Kickoff: 11 a.m. Info: [mrichardson@marquette-hs.org](mailto:mrichardson@marquette-hs.org), (219) 210-4507.

**August 9** — Third Annual Memorial Gardens Tour, 1 p.m., La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Regular museum admission fees charged. Info: [netster@csinet.net](mailto:netster@csinet.net), (219) 324-6767, (219) 326-6458.

**August 9** — Free movie showing, “Divergent,” 5 p.m., Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

**August 10** — Eighth annual preview, Chicago Lyric Opera season, 4 p.m., Symphony Garden at International Friendship Gardens, 2055 U.S. 12. Cost: Standard seating/\$25, premier seating/\$35. Reservations: mail to P.O. Box 8834, Michigan City, IN 46361, call in to (219) 878-9885 or [www.newsite.friendshipgardens.org](http://www.newsite.friendshipgardens.org).

**August 10** — Free gallery talk with artist/educator Eleanor Lewis, 2-3 p.m., Brauer Museum of Art in Valparaiso University's Center for the Arts. Info: [www.valpo.edu/artmuseum](http://www.valpo.edu/artmuseum)

**August 10** — "The Signal," a true story in narrative and song, 5 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Cost: \$25. Info: [www.acorntheater.com](http://www.acorntheater.com), (269) 756-3879.

**August 11** — Perseids Meteor Shower, 8-10 p.m. West Beach, which is off County Line Road near the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary. Cost: \$6 per car.

**August 12** — Lunch With the League, noon, Lindo's Restaurant, 3940 Franklin St., Michigan City. Info: (219) 874-6809, [www.lwvlaporte.org](http://www.lwvlaporte.org)

**August 13** — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Mark Sudeith, 12:15 p.m., First Congregational Church, 531 Washington St. Free. Info: (269) 469-0051.

**August 13** — Writers workshop, 6:30-7:45 p.m., La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave.

**August 13** — CLA Estate Services free estate planning workshop, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Microtel Inn & Suites, 9834 W. County Road 400 North, Michigan City.

**August 14** — "Judy Garland Revisited: A Multi-Media Narration by Richard Klein," 7 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo City Hall, 224 W. Buffalo St. Free.

**Mondays** — Codependents Anonymous (CoDA), 6 p.m., Franciscan Alliance-St. Anthony Health. Info: (219) 879-3817

**Wednesdays** — Al-Anon meetings, 7-8 p.m., Long Beach Old School Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail. Info: (219) 716-2690.

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**August 9** — "Take a Monarch Walk" with a naturalist, 2 p.m. EDT, Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich. Cost: \$3/adults. Info: (269) 927-4832.

**August 9** — Jenna Mammina and David Lahm, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10/general admission, \$8/students and seniors, free/children 12 and younger. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688, [info@boxfactoryforthearts.org](mailto:info@boxfactoryforthearts.org), [www.boxfactoryforthearts.org](http://www.boxfactoryforthearts.org)

**August 10** — Deep River Grinders Shriners Benefit Game (all donations go to Shriners Children's Hospital), 2 p.m., Deep River County Park, 9410 Old Lincoln Highway, Hobart.

**August 13** — "Pond Study for Kids," 10 a.m.-noon EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Cost: \$10, \$8/members. Register by Aug. 12: (269) 695-6491, [www.fernwoodbotanical.org](http://www.fernwoodbotanical.org)

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**On August 7, 1789**, Congress authorized the establishment of a War Department.

**On August 7, 1794**, the western Pennsylvania "Whiskey Rebellion," a protest against the tax on whiskey, resulted in President George Washington calling out the army.

**On August 7, 1882**, the famous feud between the Hatfields, of West Virginia and the McCoys, of Eastern Kentucky, broke out. Hundreds would be killed or wounded before the struggle finally ended.

**On August 7, 1912**, delegates to the first national convention of the "Progressive Party," held in Chicago, nominated Theodore Roosevelt for president.

**On August 7, 1942**, writer and radio entertainer Garrison Keillor was born in Anoka, MN.

**On August 7, 1947**, the balsa wood raft *Kon-Tiki* reached Polynesia after carrying six men 4,300 miles across the Pacific.

**On August 7, 1985**, an agreement was announced ending a major league baseball strike.

**On August 7, 1993**, Queen Elizabeth opened the doors to Buckingham Palace, allowing the public, for a fee, to tour her home. The money raised was to help repair fire damage at Windsor Castle.

**On August 8, 1876**, Thomas Edison received a patent for his mimeograph.

**On August 8, 1978**, the United States launched *Pioneer Venus II*, which carried scientific probes to study the atmosphere of Venus.

**On August 8, 1984**, at the 1984 Summer Olympic Games, Carl Lewis won his third gold medal.

**On August 9, 1812**, Chicago's Fort Dearborn garrison was ordered evacuated because of a possible attack by Indian tribes.

**On August 9, 1930**, a forerunner of the cartoon character Betty Boop made her debut in Max Fleischer's animated short "Dizzie Dishes."

**On August 9, 1936**, at the Olympic games in Germany, Jesse Owens, a black American track star, played havoc with Hitler's white supremacy propaganda by becoming the first black man in history to win four Olympic gold medals.

**On August 10, 1846**, Congress chartered the Smithsonian Institution. Known as the "nation's attic," it was named for Joseph Smithson, whose be-

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**On August 10, 1993**, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second female justice on the United States Supreme Court.

**On August 11, 1851**, Isaac Singer obtained a patent for his sewing machine invention, and, with capital of \$40, started in business in Boston.

**On August 11, 1860**, the first successful silver mill in the United States began operations near Virginia City, NV.

**On August 11, 1928**, President Herbert Hoover failed to foresee the Great Depression when he said, "We in America today are nearer the final triumph over poverty than ever before in the history of any land."

**On August 11, 1956**, Jackson Pollock, an abstract artist of some renown, died in an automobile accident, at the age of 44.

**On August 12, 1658**, the first police force in America was established in Nieuwe Amsterdam (now New York City).

**On August 12, 1898**, the territory of Hawaii was formally annexed by the United States.

**On August 12, 1918**, the first airmail service (between Washington, D.C. and New York City) was established by the United States Post Office.

**On August 12, 1960**, the first balloon satellite, ("Echo 1"), was launched from Florida's Cape Canaveral.

**On August 12, 1962**, for the first time in space history, the Soviet Union sent a cosmonaut into orbit while another was circling the earth.

**On August 13, 1860**, sharp shooting show woman Annie Oakley was born in Ohio's Darke County.

**On August 13, 1889**, William Gray, of Hartford, CT, was granted a patent for a coin-operated telephone.

**On August 13, 1899**, radio and movie director Alfred Hitchcock was born in London.

**On August 13, 1910**, Italian born Florence Nightingale, the founder of the nursing profession as we know it today, died, in London, at the age of 90.

**On August 13, 1934**, the satirical comic strip "Li'l Abner," created by Al Capp, made its debut.

**On August 13, 1942**, Walt Disney's animated feature "Bambi" premiered at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

**On August 13, 1960**, with the help of *Echo I*, the first two-way satellite telephone conversation took place.

**On August 13, 1999**, at age 30, tennis player Steffi Graf retired from the sport she had dominated for two decades.

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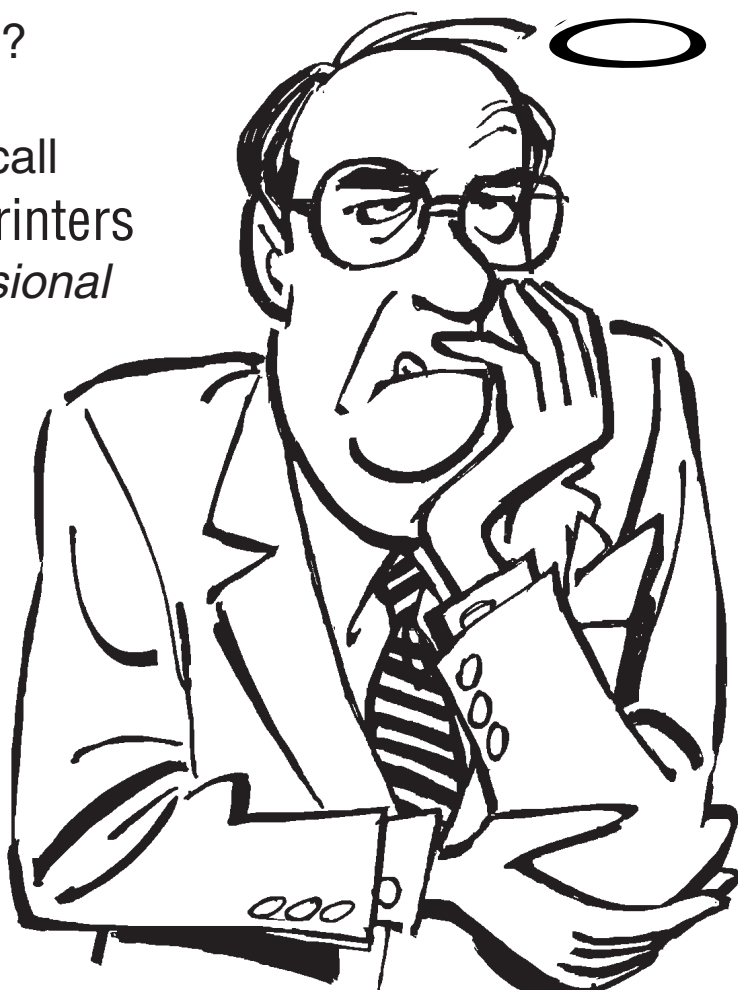
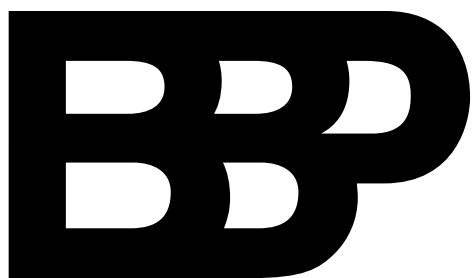
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## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

**Invisible City by Julia Dahl** (hard-cover, \$24.99 in bookstores and online)

New author.

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*"I was in Chinatown when they called me about the body in Brooklyn."*

So starts this week's recommendation set in New York City in the borough of Brooklyn, actually the part of Brooklyn called Gowanus, a shipping and industrial area where the body was found in a scrap yard.

The voice of our narrator is Rebekah Roberts, newly graduated from college and on her first job for *The New York Tribune* as a stringer, an on-the-scene reporter with no job security or benefits. But, it's a place to start.

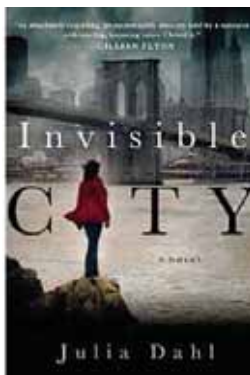
Beyond the yellow police tape, all Rebekah can see is the naked leg of a woman hanging over the bucket of a steel excavator, suspended in space.

Repeated attempts to get any information about the dead woman fall on deaf ears. The police won't talk to her because she doesn't have a press card yet from the NYPD, and the scrap yard is owned by Aron Mendelssohn, a member of the ultra-conservative Hasidic Jews, who certainly won't talk to her.

Rebekah is persistent — her job demands it — and she sees two Hasidic men and a boy enter a nearby convenience store. While the two men talk to the police, she finds out the boy's name is Yakov Mendelssohn, son of the scrap yard's owner. Soon, a van with Hebrew writing comes and takes the body away. What about an autopsy by the city?

Rebekah is sent to the Mendelssohn's house in nearby Borough Park, home to a large number of Hasidic Jews. She meets Miriam, who turns out to be the sister-in-law of the dead woman, finally identified as Rivka Mendelssohn, wife of Aron.

The Hasidic community is part of the reason Rebekah is in New York. She was raised in Florida by her father, a simple man who happened to fall in love with a Jewish woman, Aviva Kagan. They never married, and Aviva left soon after Rebekah was born. Her teen-age rebellion abated and the need to reconnect with her Hasidic family was too much



for her. She left Florida to rejoin her family in New York City, and now, Rebekah would like to get to know her mother's people, maybe even make a connection with her. Maybe this murder investigation will be the "in" she needs to find her, and maybe write her first major story, too.

I never really looked at the life of an on-scene reporter until this story. The author makes you understand the persistence and strength of character it takes to get a story worthy of a paycheck. I walked the streets of Borough Park with Rebekah, seeking

out anything about the dead woman and her family, talking to anyone who would give any information at all, and in Borough Park, that's not much.

Rebekah finds an unexpected ally in Saul, who says he is with the NYPD and assigned here because he is a Jew. But why is he helping this lowly street beat reporter? Maybe Saul has his own agenda. Rebekah doesn't realize it, but the closer she gets to the truth of Rivka's murder, the closer she gets to her own mother. Unfortunately, it also brings her closer to disaster.

This is an amazing story told by an author with a clear understanding of her subject and, in Rebekah, a character you would like to get to know better. I certainly hope there will be another Rebekah Roberts story in the future!

*Publishers Weekly* gave *Invisible City* a starred review and said: "Dahl's convincing dialogue and perfect pacing make for a real page-turner."

Author David Gordon (*The Serialist*) said: "...*Invisible City* makes me proud and a little afraid to be a Jew living in Brooklyn. We need more reporters like Rebekah, and more books about her from Julia Dahl. Hurry!"

*Booklist* said: "Journalist Dahl's debut sets a high bar."

Dahl is a journalist specializing in crime and criminal justice. She has worked for *CBS News.com* and *The New York Post*. Her articles have appeared in many publications. She knows a lot about mixed parentage as she was born to a Lutheran father and a Jewish mother. She lives in Brooklyn.

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