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Modern Times

New Buffalo Township Public Library Re-Opens, Blending Cozy Atmosphere With State-of-the Art Services

by Stefan Barkow



Top: The New Buffalo Township Public Library's Grand Opening. Bottom: The Matchett family reads together inside the library.

There are those who say libraries are obsolete...

...All the information you need, we're told, is available online.

During the grand opening Saturday, Aug. 16, of the new New Buffalo Township Public Library, visitors were reminded of how little people who make such observations know about what a modern library means to the community it serves.



In the bright light of late morning, I stood amid a large crowd before the glass doors of the new library. "Dewey," a colorful statue of a unicycling bibliophile on permanent loan from the Harbor Country Public Arts Initiative, greeted us from nearby. The crowd around me featured people of all sorts: the elderly and the young, entire families and good friends. A line of children stood at the very front, carefully watching everything. Shortly, we would be allowed inside the newly constructed library, and we would be the first members of the public to do so.



"Dewey" greets visitors to the New Buffalo Township Public Library

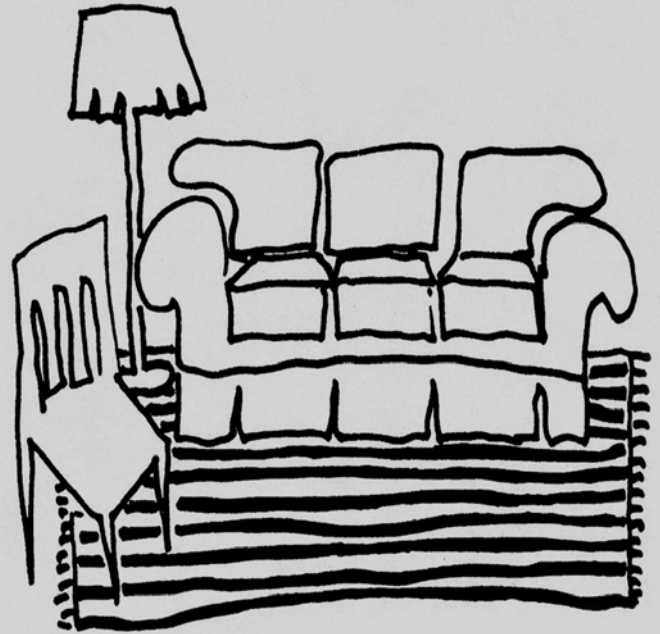
Library Director Julie Grynwich faced the crowd from behind a blue ribbon that, for now, prevented entry. Members of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post raised the stars and stripes overhead as the crowd pledged itself to the flag and the liberty for which it stands. Like so much else in the library, the flag was a donation. It came from the architectural firm that designed the building: Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber Inc.



Library Director Julie Grynwich gives the opening remarks, appearing with her staff and the teen advisory board.

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Standing with Grywnich were the staff, teen advisory board, interior designer Alice Riemschneider, representatives from Skillman construction management and library board members, as well as the Friends of the Library.

Grywnich introduced Sandra Sporleder, the board's vice president, who offered her thanks and appreciation for all those involved, from the initial \$900,000 grant from the Pokagon Fund, to the many private donations that followed, to the Skillman Corp. for handling every obstacle and completing the project "both on time and under budget."

Standing outside, the entire staff seemed ebullient, ready to show the community everything the new facility had to offer.

Their excitement is understandable.

"We never even had a parking lot before!," Sporleder said.



A double-sided fireplace will provide comfy reading during winter months.

room fitted with speakers and a podium for larger community programs and meetings. A small kitchenette area is attached from which staff were providing cookies and lemonade that day, while Emmie Lo sang and played the guitar for guests.



Library Board Vice President Sandra Sporleder cuts the ribbon to open the library.

A Skillman representative presented Grywnich with the key to the library mounted on a commemorative plaque. Then, over-sized scissors in hand, Sporleder cut the ribbon as the crowd applauded.

We swept into the building, people quickly swirling off into their own eddies to explore and discover. "It's just like a beach house," remarked one awestruck patron.

He is absolutely right.

Every corner of the facility feels open and airy. With large windows and high ceilings, every room is flooded with natural light. The carpet, bookshelves and furnishings are in soothing modern colors that evoke the beachfront greens, blues and grays alongside pale wood finishes.

To the immediate left as you enter the building is the Pokagon Room: a large, divisible conference

The main floor holds most of the collection, with tables for patrons grouped through the middle and along the walls. To the west, a door leads outside to a spacious pergola-covered patio with plenty of seating — perfect for warm summer afternoons. When winter comes, patrons can move back inside and read from comfortable chairs clustered around a double-sided fireplace. On the eastern side of the building, there's a room complete with a wall-mounted monitor available where small groups can meet. Beside this is the local history room, with maps and more about the area and its stories.

Downstairs is the kids area, and with the assistance of the Teen Advisory Board — 30 or so involved teens who Grywnich says were "instrumental in almost every aspect" of the downstairs planning — it is everything a child could want out of a library. The



A nook in the children's area lets parents read with children.

downstairs has many nooks, allowing children to become engrossed in their pursuits without distraction. At the same time, the centrally located services desk lets the staff easily keep an eye over everyone. Tucked in one corner is a glass-enclosed game room where friends can play video games together without disturbing others. In the corner behind this is a sun-lit booth where friends can sit together. That

day, five girls were doing paper crafts there.

Through the middle of the room, among the many kid-sized bookshelves, are plenty of study tables, couches and computers loaded with age-appropriate programs. On the eastern side, a sailboat's prow points into the room, offering space for kids to stow away with their favorite book. There's also a recessed space with rocking chairs and a lighthouse bookshelf, where a number of parents were already quietly read-

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A Lego model of the library built by Connor Stocks-McElligott.

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ing to their sons and daughters. Sprinkled throughout the room on walls and pillars are puzzles that challenge children to count, match shapes and categorize fruits and vegetables. There's also a large walled-off craft room for messier or more raucous activities. Nine kids were doing bead craft when I was present.



Two teens play chess at the library.



The sailboat reading area also is stocked with nautical stuffed animals.

The previous library, built on the same site in 1978, couldn't offer the same luxuries.

With only 7,300 square feet, "We didn't have any room for programming," Grynwich said. "We had to turn people away all the time."

At 18,000 square feet, the new library is 2 1/2 times as big.

Grynwich said discussion to rebuild first began about 10 years ago. She credits Bonnie Kliss, her predecessor, with accomplishing much of the legwork that made it all possible.

"And," Grynwich continued, "it takes the right people at the right time. You need the right board and the right community for all of this to come together."

Come together it has, and in spectacular fashion, too.

The involvement of the community and the passion of those involved are evident in the many details of the building. The grand opening was only a taste of what the New Buffalo Township Public Library has in store for its patrons, with all kinds of new programs planned now that the space and resources are available.

This is a modern library in the truest sense of the word, from its design to its purpose. It is the very heart of the community it serves.



The Buckinghams, whose donation to the library included buying an etched brick for the front of the building, brought their son, Hunter, to play in the children's area.



Patrons view the inside of the library for the first time.

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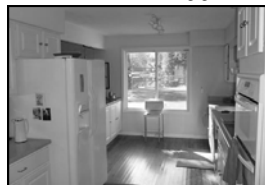
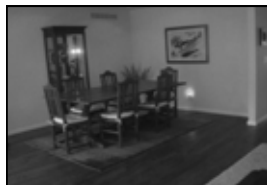
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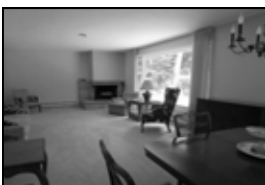


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Scout Honors His Family During Eagle Ceremony

by Kayla Weiss

There are many levels in the Boy Scouts of America, but Eagle is the highest one can achieve.

Of those who enter the Boy Scouts, only 2 percent earn the Eagle rank, usually at age 17. A Scout wishing to achieve this designation must fulfill requirements in the fields of leadership, service and outdoor skills, all before his 18th birthday.

Considering the work involved, it's even more impressive that Troop 802 honored yet another of its members, Joseph Gondeck, with the Eagle rank on Aug. 17. A ceremony was held at International Friendship Gardens, where Gondeck completed his required service project.

Troop 802 has a completion rate higher than the national average, which many attribute to the troop's small size, good Scoutmaster and impressive parental involvement. To become an Eagle Scout, boys must earn at least 21 merit badges – some required, some elective – hold a leadership position within the troop for six months and design, plan and execute a service project.

"It really has been a family effort," Gondeck, said, "because I really couldn't have done any of it without the love and encouragement from my entire family."

Through the Scouts, Gondeck, 16, who attends Michigan City High School, has earned 44 merit badges, including the 21 necessary to become an Eagle Scout. For his service project, Gondeck chose to restore the area surrounding the Father Marquette Spring at International Friendship Gardens. It had become a bit rundown, and Gondeck wanted to fix it so everyone could enjoy the magnificence.

"Everyone around me was extremely supportive when I said that I wanted to take on the Father Marquette Spring as my service project, which I am very thankful for," Gondeck said. "One day, I got to thinking about a family trip we took to Hawaii, and there I saw how they would do so much to preserve their native heritage. It could have been something as insignificant looking as a rock, but they would make sure it was respected and taken care of."

"Father Marquette has been a very big part of this area's history. It's clear just by all of the different monuments and schools named for him, and I felt that the spring devoted to him should be treated in the same way – respected and taken care of."

Gondeck landscaped and repaired the natural spring. The project included clearing the path leading to the natural spring of brush and debris. The stairs leading down to the spring from Marquette



Joseph Gondeck after the Eagle Scout ceremony.

Trail were repaired and four steps replaced. A railing was installed for safety and ease while ascending and descending the stairs. A bench was added as a quiet place of meditation.

At the Aug. 17 ceremony, the Scouts present many badges to recognize those who have significantly influenced them in their journey, including parents and mentors. Gondeck chose to honor Michael Disbrow with a "Mentor Badge," and honored his parents, Kim and Paul, and sister, Maggie, with special badges. He also honored his grandmother, Barb Krueger, with a special angel pin for al-

ways being his guardian angel.

"I am eternally grateful for all of their help," Gondeck said, "as well as everyone else who has helped me on my journey. It is such an honor to become an Eagle Scout, and I couldn't imagine getting here without their help. Everyone has been so wonderful. I owe a lot to them."



The Eagle Scout ceremony begins at International Friendship Gardens.

Even though he's earned Scouting's highest rank, Gondeck plans to remain in Scouting for the fun and adventure he's associated with it. Now that he has gained the rank of Eagle Scout, however, school will move up on his list of priorities as he thinks about life after high school. Gondeck wishes to advance his schooling and become an environmentalist, keeping true to his desire to help the local environment. When he has finished with college, he wishes to return to the area, work for the Department of Natural Resources and continue to help the natural environments in the place he calls home.

"There are so many things I've learned from the Scouts," Gondeck said. "There is just one piece of advice I want to leave with the future generations: set goals, don't be afraid to ask for help and do a good turn daily."

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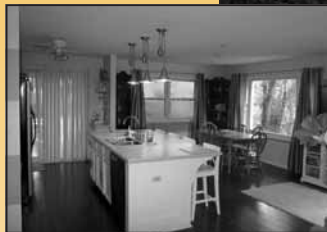
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Michigan City Public Library Announces Writing Out Loud Lineup

Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St., has announced the fall Writing Out Loud lineup.

Now in its 30th season, the series features writers of fiction and non-fiction, including local writer David Hoppe who, as a library employee in 1984, wrote the grant that created Writing Out Loud.

The schedule is:

• **Hoppe at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.**



Hoppe's writing explores politics and culture. He's been a writer, editor and columnist for the Indianapolis alternative paper, NUVO, since 1998, serving at different times as associate editor and arts editor.

He has received nine awards from the Indiana Society of Professional Journalists. His book, "Personal Indianapolis" (Hawthorne Publishing), is a collection of NUVO columns written since 2001. He also wrote "Food For Thought: An Indiana Harvest (Indiana Humanities)" on the burgeoning food scene in the state.

Hoppe's essays and short fiction have appeared in a variety of publications, including Notre Dame Review, Utne Reader, New Art Examiner, Traces, Library Journal, Bennington Review and Arts Indiana. He received a Creative Renewal Fellowship from the Arts Council of Indianapolis with support of the Lilly Endowment.

• **Mary Schmich at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.**



Schmich was born in Savannah, Ga., and spent her childhood there. She attended high school in Phoenix, then earned a bachelor of arts degree at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif.

After working in college admissions and spending a year and a half in France, she attended journalism school at Stanford. She has worked as a reporter at the Peninsula Times Tribune in Palo Alto, Calif., at the Orlando Sentinel and, since 1985, at the Chicago Tribune. She spent five years as a Tribune national correspondent based in Atlanta. She has written a column for the Chicago Tribune since 1992, except for the year she spent at Harvard on a Nieman fellowship for journalists. She won the 2012 Pulitzer

Prize for Commentary.

She also wrote the "Brenda Starr" comic strip for 25 years, until 2010. She plays piano and mandolin and teaches yoga. A collection of her columns, "Even the Terrible Things Seem Beautiful to Me Now," is available in print and as an ebook.

• **Susan Crandall at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11.**



Crandall is an award-winning, nationally published author of 10 novels.

In her first career, she was a dental hygienist, but her love of reading evolved into a love for writing. With the exception of a seven-year stint in Chicago, she's lived her entire life in Noblesville, Ind. Her latest novel is "Whistling Past the Graveyard."

• **Marja Mills at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18.**




Mills is a former reporter and feature writer for The Chicago Tribune, where she was a member of the staff that won a Pulitzer Prize for a 2001 series about O'Hare Airport titled "Gateway to Gridlock."

"To Kill a Mockingbird" is one of the most beloved books of the 20th century, and its author, Harper Lee, rarely grants interviews or talks about herself or the book.

However, Mills was given a rare opportunity to know "Nelle," as she is known in her hometown, and her sister, Alice. For her book, "The Mockingbird Next Door," she got a glimpse into the author's life, their corner of the Deep South, how "To Kill a Mockingbird" affected their lives and the reasons the author chose to never write another novel.

Mills is a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. She lives in downtown Chicago, and often spends time in Madison and her father's hometown of Black River Falls, Wis., which has a population of 3,500.



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Latest Purdue North Central Sinai Forum Announced

Tickets are on sale for the 2014 season of the Purdue North Central Sinai Forum.

Now in its 61st season, the Forum brings nationally recognized personalities to appear in a live, town hall format that allows audiences to explore important topics and interact with experts in a variety of fields.

The first program is at Chesterton High School, 2125 S. 11th St., and the ensuing four at Blue Chip Casino's Stardust Event Center in Michigan City. All sessions begin at 4 p.m., with doors opening at 3 p.m. The schedule is:



• **Jenn Lim on Sunday, Sept. 7.**

CEO at Delivering Happiness, Lim co-wrote "Delivering Happiness" with Tony Hsieh of Zappos Shoes. Her focus is an inspirational, research-based approach to creating meaning and happiness in the workplace.



• **George Will on Sunday, Sept. 28.**

A columnist, commentator and author, Will has been a popular figure on the talk-show circuit this year, speaking about his latest book, "A Nice Little Place on the North Side: Wrigley Field at One Hundred." His twice-weekly column has been syndicated by The Washington Post Writers Group since 1974 and today appears in more than 460 papers. He won a Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1976.



• **Robert Glennon on Sunday, Oct. 26.**

Author of "Unquenchable: America's Water Crisis," Glennon is the Regents' Professor and Morris K. Udall professor of law and public policy in the Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona.

In 2010, the Society of Environmental Journalists awarded "Unquenchable" a Rachel Carson Book

Award for Reporting on the Environment, while Trout magazine gave it an honorable mention in its list of Must-Have Books ever published on the environment. He also blogs for The Huffington Post and National Geographic Water Currents.



• **John King on Sunday, Nov. 16.**

King is CNN's chief national correspondent and anchor of "Inside Politics," a 30-minute Sunday morning program featuring a panel of political correspondents. He also anchors "Inside Politics" segments weekday mornings on CNN's "New Day." An award-winning journalist, he has covered the past seven presidential elections and reported from all 50 states and more than 70 countries. In his role as chief national correspondent, based in Washington, D.C., he is instrumental in CNN's daily reporting and breaking news coverage.



• **The Jazz Masters 101 Reunion on Sunday, Dec. 14.**

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Tickets are \$100 for regular passes and \$200 for patron-level passes, which include back-stage access to the speakers and an exclusive reception. Students who show a valid school I.D. are free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.sinaiforum.org or by phone at (219) 531-4200.



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That tradition continues this year when the show is held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Monday, Aug. 29 through Sept. 1, on the museum grounds, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, La Porte.

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A Labor Day flea market offers everything from antiques and railroad memorabilia to arts and crafts. Food is available at Doc's Soda Fountain, the museum's air-conditioned soda fountain and restaurant.

Admission is \$5 for adults. Children 12 and younger are free. Train fares cost \$5 for adults and

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Cocktails 4 a Cure

Cocktails 4 a Cure was held at Long Beach Country Club to support women in La Porte County who need financial assistance with health-care costs.

The mission was to raise money and awareness. The event featured professional makeup artist Melanie Hart, who shared five important facts every woman should know if faced with the issue of cancer. She also provided private makeup consultations.

Fund raised were donated to the Unity Foundation of La Porte County. Rima Binder, Meg Caplice, Micky Gallas and Nancy Smith chaired the event.



Appearing together during the Unity Foundation of La Porte County donation were (from left) Micky Gallas, Unity President Maggi Spartz and Rima Binder.



A few of the attendees at the event.



Rima Binder (left) and professional makeup artist Melanie Hart, Chesterton.



Mary Lou Linnen (left), Long Beach, and Melanie Hart, Chesterton.



The Cocktails 4 a Cure committee: Micky Gallas (from left), Meg Caplice and Rima Binder, all of Long Beach, and Nancy Smith, Michigan City.

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PNC Odyssey Part of World Premiere of "Bette Davis on the Edge"

The Purdue University-North Central Odyssey Arts Series, Festival Players Guild and Michigan City Public Library have united to sponsor a world premiere performance of the new solo play, "Bette Davis on the Edge," at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., Michigan City.

The 90-minute play, written and performed by Christine St. John, is at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12-13 and 19-20. Tickets are \$20. Call (219) 874-4269 or email info@festivalplayersguild.org for reservations.

Following its opening here, "Bette Davis on the Edge" will transfer to New York City and London, England. It is directed by Jane Brody, with lighting, set and sound design by Duane Thompson, costume design by Anna Glowacki and graphic art by Tim Jarman-Groves.

The play is set in the early morning hours of Oct. 31, 1962, with Davis anxiously awaiting reviews of "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" If the picture is a success, it will hail the desperately needed comeback for her fading career. If not, it will provide a sad and embarrassing epitaph. As she waits, she reflects on her career, from the "talkies" to the present day.

St. John was intrigued by a "situation wanted" advertisement Davis placed in The Hollywood Reporter in August 1962. She subsequently embarked on research at the Motion Picture Academy Library in Los Angeles and Bette Davis Archival Collection in Boston. She intended to create a play that was more than a catalogue of showbiz reminiscences. The result was "Bette Davis on the Edge," packed with drama, intrigue and comedy.

The work is St. John's first play. A graduate of The Goodman School of Drama of The Art Institute of Chicago, she furthered her studies at the Sorbonne and The American Center, Paris, with Blanche Salant. She has appeared in numerous productions in the U.S. and United Kingdom.

She lived in London for the past 24 years and was a founding member of the touring group Act 3 Theatre Co., performing in the works of Noel Coward, Anton Chekhov and adaptations of Edith Wharton. She has been involved in theater in development projects in Ethiopia and India, and has been a Fellow at The Royal Geographical Society in London since 1993.

Director Brody is an award-winning stage director, master teacher, former actress and casting director. Her passion for the past 30 years has been helping and developing actors. She founded the Chicago Acting Studio in 1980 and has been a casting director since 1986. Her casting company, Jane Brody Casting, now known as Paskal-Rudnicke Casting, was instrumental in casting movies and TV shows such as "Groundhog Day," "The Women of Brewster Place," "A League of Their Own" and "Public

Enemies." Her students include Michael Shannon, T.R. Knight, Alex Koch, Christine St. John, Peggy Roeder, Adam Brown, Melissa Peterman, Eric Stonestreet and many others.

A unique twist of events brought "Bette Davis on the Edge" to Michigan City.

After one Chicago theater didn't work out for the play, St. John and Brody started looking for a suitable place for it. During a visit to Chicago's Royal George Theatre, a friendly couple seated in the lobby offered a helpful solution to their problem: hold it at Mainstreet Theatre. Making the suggestion were Jan and Marian Dick. Jan is acting president of Festival Players Guild.

Brody was familiar with the theater, so she and St. John accepted an invitation to tour the theatre.

"I realized almost as soon as I walked in the door of Mainstreet that this was a very special place with creative and imaginative people," St. John said, "and so when Mainstreet agreed to present my play, nothing on Earth could have made me happier.

"The moral of this story is that one should always talk to strangers in lobbies, and that there are no strangers," Brody added.

To celebrate the world premiere performance, Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St., is hosting a free "Bette Davis Film Festival" featuring films that span Davis' career. The schedule is:

- Saturday, Aug. 30, at 1 p.m., "Of Human Bondage" (1934), followed at 3 p.m. by "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?" (1962).
- Saturday, Sept. 6, at 1 p.m., "Dark Victory" (1939), followed at 3 p.m. with "All About Eve" (1950).

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STRONG ATTENDANCE, TALENTED ARTISTS HIGHLIGHT LAKEFRONT ART FESTIVAL

By Jan Van Ausdal

The Lubeznik Center for the Arts presented the 33rd Lakefront Art Festival on Aug. 16-17 in Washington Park.

There were large and small families attending this popular summer event. I decided to interview people.

Approaching me was a lone woman with a pleasant smile: Cindy Pender from Oak Lawn, Ill., who was visiting a relative near Michigan City, but spending the afternoon at the festival, then eating lunch at a Michigan City restaurant. "Will you be in town all day?," I asked. "Yes," she replied. I suggested she attend the 3 p.m. Michigan City Chamber Music Festival concert at First Presbyterian Church. She heartily thanked me, telling me she'd go and enjoy it.

Next, I met a mother with her son and daughter from Cedar Lake, Ind.: Dana Bogathy with Madeline, 14, and Owen, 12. With her bright red hair, Madeline stood



out from the crowd. Both children want to be artists, so this was a family outing for them to learn about different media and what it's like to become artists. It was their first visit to the festival, and they were having a good time.

There were 200 applicants for the more than 100 artist booths on the premises. About 30 of the selected artists were new to the festival this

year. In the competition, winners were judged on four criteria: craftsmanship, excellence in concept and design, originality and booth display. The competing artists were judged by select people from the community with expertise in their fields.

Prize winners or not, all the artists admitted to the event are very good, because this is a juried event. That means they all passed a juried application process to become part of the festival. Through this selection, there are a variety of artists and a balance for all of the six categories of art.

Now, for my interviews with some of the artists.

Maggie Joyce won a blue ribbon for her Jewelry-Recycled Optic Lenses. Her business card reads "Recycling @ Its Prettiest. Optic Lens Jewelry by Maggie Joyce, Chicago — lenzlady2002@Yahoo.com." She makes very artistic jewelry with ecology in design. It was her first time here. She does about 25 to 30 shows per year. Her jewelry line includes earrings, slides and nuggets. After being processed, the colors are absolutely gorgeous. A repeat custom-



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er from Michigan City, Nolah (Nasser) Gertner, said, "I came back once and then I came back again. It's hard to find anything this well done."

Gertner was selecting a slide or nuggets to go with some jewelry she'd just purchased at the booth.

Jimmy Langford from Georgia won first prize last year and this year with his sculptural objects. His wife, Connie, was with him. Last year was his first time at the festival. Asked if he did well, he replied, "Sold a couple of paintings and I won a prize."

"You never know how well you've done until it's over. A customer in the afternoon yesterday bought four big paintings."

"I've been selling my art work for well over 30 years, actually. It's a positive experience. Today is the best weather we've had for the show."



Amanda Joyner exhibited hats under the "Wearable Art" category. She received first-place awards last year and this year. Her hats are unique headpieces, from artistic to everyday wear. She does a lot of shows, and appears at the Grammy and Emmy awards and other galas. There was a display of feathers to choose from to decorate your individualized hat.

"Business here has been good so far and was excellent last year," Joyner said. "Of course, my favorite pieces are the first to go. It's always the one you love the most that sells the fastest!"

The colors she used were bright and beautiful, and the items used to decorate each hat were fantastic.

Anne Hanley showed her watercolor/mixed media works in the Two-Dimensional group. When I asked,



"How many years have you been doing this?," her reply was, "Too many!" Her business card was post-card size and had 18 small colored sections from that number of her works. A Batik artist, she lives and works in Wheaton, Ill. Her award-winning paintings have been shown in galleries, juried shows and exhibits through the Midwest. She uses a tjaunting tool to render shapes on a rice paper surface. Then, alternating washes of watercolor paint and hot wax are applied. She is inspired by elements found in nature. Her beautifully colored work is a joy to behold. She won first prize in her category.

Roberta Hummel from Midleville, Mich., entered her mittens under the Wearable Art category. In gorgeous colors, her practical, fun and totally unique recycled mittens are quite distinctive. This was her seventh year at the festival.

"It's great to be here this af-



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ternoon," she said. "Sales are going well. A lot of people who Christmas shop love my mittens because they keep your hands warm."

She recalled me taking shorthand when I interviewed her at a previous festival. She also won second prize in her category.

When I spoke with LCA Marketing Director Amy Davis Navardauskas, on the phone a few days afterwards, she said total attendance was just around 4,500 for the two-day event.

"The artists and everyone else were happier with the weather on Sunday, which was a cooler day,"

she said. "Every year, we do a survey to find out how the artists feel about the current year's event. These results have to be entered, then compiled and analyzed, so it will be a while before we have the actual results."

"When we do, we can figure out what to do to improve our next festival. However, we were really pleased with all the crowds, and we want to thank the artists for coming out and being part of the occasion."

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2014 LAKEFRONT ART FESTIVAL PRIZE WINNERS

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2. Ann Tompkins.
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Fine Craft

1. Brian Beam.

2. Retta Hentschel.

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Classical concerts are on Sunday afternoons at the Howard Performing Arts Center at Andrews University, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs, Mich. Pop concerts are on Saturday evenings at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich.

The schedule (all times Eastern) is:

- "Around the World in 80 Minutes" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, at Howard Performing Arts Center. The guest artist is soprano Juliet Petrus.

The program includes works by Grieg, Barber, Trad, Haydn and Rimsky-Korsakov.

- "A Halloween Spooktacular" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Mendel Center Mainstage. The guest artist is Cirque de la Symphonie.

The program includes works by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Respighi-Rossini, Khachaturian, Saint-Saëns, John Williams, Mussorgsky, Strauss, Berlioz and Tchaikovsky.



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Cicely Parnas

- "A Very Merry Pops" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the LMC Mendel Center Mainstage. Harvey Felder is the guest conductor and soprano Denise Ritter Bernardini the guest artist.

The program includes holiday classics, as well as works by Strauss and Mussorgsky.

- The Margaret Beckley Upton Memorial Concert, "Brahms German Requiem," at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015, at the Howard Performing Arts Center. Sarah Gartshore, Jonathan Beyer and The Citadel Symphony Chorus are the guest artists.

Brahms' piece was written after the death of his mother.

- "Magical Music of Disney" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the LMC Mendel Center Mainstage.

Highlights include favorites from Disney classics such as "The Little Mermaid," "The Lion King," "Tarzan," "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin."

- "This England" at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 17, 2015, at the Howard Performing Arts Center. The guest artist is Cicely Parnas

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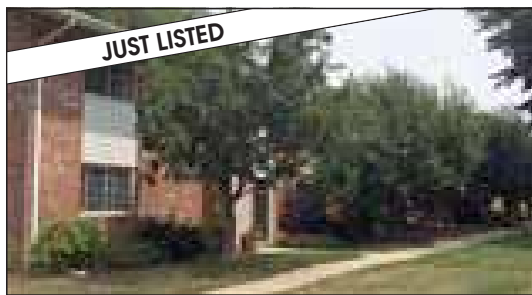
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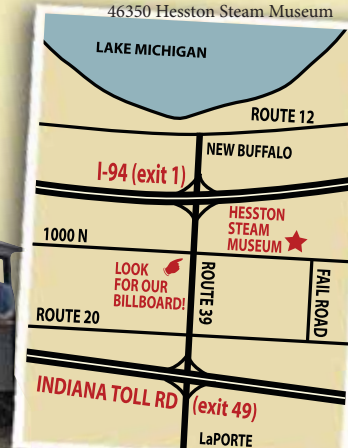
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Super Hero Run a Success



Participants in the Aug. 16 Super Hero Fun Run/Walk.

More than 150 runners and walkers participated in Harmony House/CASA's second annual Super Hero Fun Run/Walk on Aug. 16.

In the event, participants run down Michigan Avenue in La Porte wearing capes. Other offerings included a bounce house, face painting, music by Jim Post, comic entertainment by Ben Konowitz and a costume contest. The latter was judged by Juvenile Magistrate Nancy Gettinger, Thor Thordarson, IU Health La Porte Hospital president and CEO, Kim Sauers, Sauers Automotive, and Angie Nelson Deutch, NIPSCO public affairs manager. The contest winners were: The Denger Family for best family costume, Anytime Fitness for best group costume, Natalie Hudson for best adult costume, and Valerie Smolinski for best youth costume.

Winners of the 5K were:

Female 12 and younger

- First place — Emily Silvas.
- Second place — Aydin Shreves.
- Third place — Danielle Woven.

Male 12 and younger

- First place — Nicolas Boyd.
- Second place — William Wallace.
- Third place — Kyle Minnick.

Female 13-19

- First place — Carly Jackson.
- Second place — Talia Myall.
- Third place — Megan Boyd.



The Gonzalez family came dressed and ready

Male 13-19

- First place — Ben Martin.
- Second place — Corey Vorkman.
- Third place — Jeffrey Alperovich.

Female 20-29

- First place — Nikki Dunham.
- Second place — Nikki Forney.
- Third place — Ashlie Otis.

Male 20-29

- First place — Voytek Kubas.
- Second place — Jordan Gasaway.
- Third place — Shawn Skinner.

Female 30-39

- First place — Jen Lauk.
- Second place — Shannon Hannon.
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- First place — Raymond Silvas.
- Second place — Jacob Biernecki.
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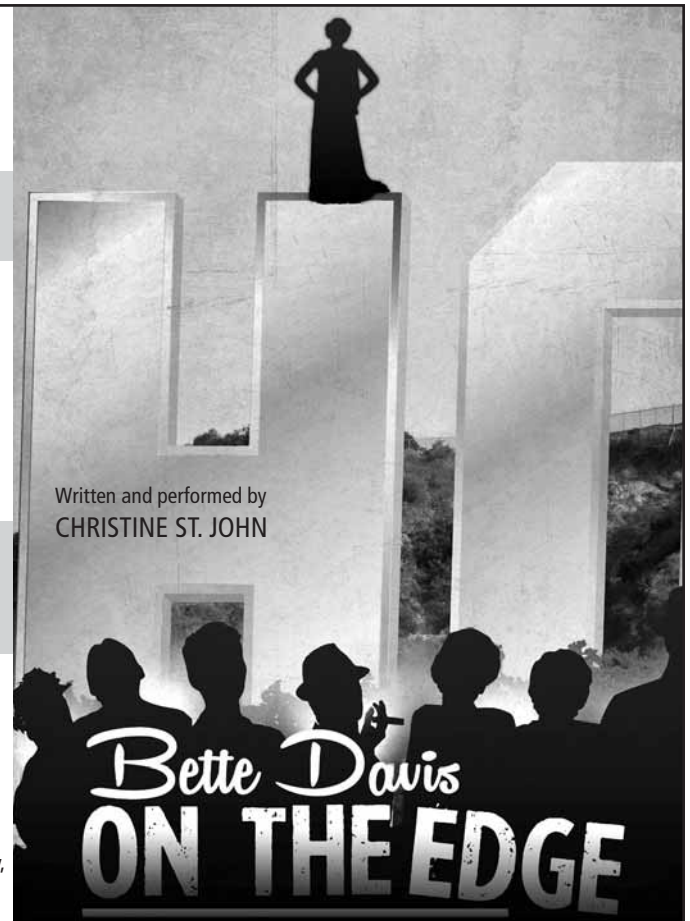
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What's Cooking

by Jim LaRocco

This being my first column, I should tell you a little about myself.

I am a lifelong Michigan City resident and Elston High School graduate. I served with the Michigan City Fire Department for more than 27 years.

I have always been a radio guy, starting out at WMCB FM in the early 1970s and currently on AM 1420 WIMS as the play-by-play announcer for The Duneland Conference Football Game of the Week. I also have a show with my wife, Sue, called "Miscellany" at 7 p.m. Sundays.



The last time I wrote a column for a paper was a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, for the Crimson Comet.

For as long as I can remember, I have cooked, even to the point of getting my backside gently smacked by my mother when I invaded her kitchen and started to make something. While in the Army, I served as a Mess Sergeant and cooked for many years with the fire department. Everyone knows that some of the best cooks in the country are in fire houses, and we had our share.

Some people are afraid to cook. To steal a phrase from FDR, the only thing you have to fear is fear itself. Have fun with it. Experiment. It can be a fun family event during those cold winter days.

I plan on sharing some of my recipes with you, along with some tips and tricks I have learned over the years.

This is Labor Day weekend, and everyone will be cooking steaks, chops, burgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings, so how about a simple, tasty dessert?

Here is my recipe for peach gelato:

First, remove the skin and slice approximately 2 pounds of peaches.

Place the sliced peaches in a food processor and mix until smooth.

Add 2/3 cup of sugar, and once the sugar and peaches are well blended, slowly add one cup of cream and blend until the mixture turns a consistent lighter color.

Place the mixture in an ice cream maker or a glass dish and place it in the freezer until firm.

Until next time, enjoy.

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An artist's reception is from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14.



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In his first solo exhibit, Sostaric unveils portrait-like skiescapes from around the world. Trained as a geographer and urban planner, Sostaric began exploring photography by collecting cameras. Today, he has amassed more than 100. Usually armed with a Kodak Disc camera, he shoots a variety of subjects, his lens primarily aimed at architectural and transportation subjects. He can be found using everything from traditional film cameras of the 1950s to Polaroid cameras.

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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 to register.

• 3 p.m. — Dunes History Hike.

Meet a naturalist at the campground shelter for a trek through the dunes to explore the region's natural and cultural history.

Friday, Aug. 29

• 10 a.m. — Dunes Creek Crossing.

Meet at the campground gate for the one-hour tour. Prepare for off-trail, wet creek walking.

• 3 p.m. — Nature Crafts.

Meet on the Nature Center front deck.

• 7 p.m. — Sunset Beach Yoga.

Bleu Lotus Yoga will offer a chance to stretch on the dunes beach. Registration and \$10 fee are required. Classes are canceled in case of inclement weather. Visit www.bleulotusyoga.com to register.

• 8 p.m. — Haunted Forest Hike?

Meet at the campground gate. Children 12 and younger must take a parent.

Saturday, Aug. 30

• 10 a.m. — The 3 Dune Challenge.

Meet at the Nature Center for a grand tour of the three highest public dunes in the state. Then, get free stickers.

• 3 p.m. — Snapper's 2nd Birthday Party.

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at terrapins of the dunes, then celebrate a snapping turtle's second birthday.

• 7:30 p.m. — Flying Squirrel Foray.

Meet at the campground gate to track down flying squirrels. The hike lasts about an hour. Children 12 and younger must take a parent.

Sunday, Aug. 31

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

• 10 a.m. — Raccoon Ramble.

Meet at the Nature Center to check out the haunts, and unique behavior, of raccoons.

• 3 p.m. — Steel Mill Neighbors.

Guest speaker Tyler Botbyl from ArcelorMittal will explore why the area is great for steel production, as well as the basics of how it's made. Interactive portions are planned for the entire family. Meet in the Nature Center.

• 7 p.m. — Who's Tracking up your Campsite?

Meet at the campground shelter by site 113 for a look at critters in the area, then make a tracking field guide.

Monday, Sept. 1

• 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. — Labor Day Crafts.

Meet at the Nature Center for a nature project.

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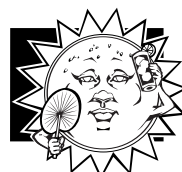
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Summer Leadership Camp

Leadership La Porte County recently completed its seventh annual Summer Leadership Camp for middle-school students.

The camp, funded in part by a donation from Tri Kappa of La Porte, was held at Kesling Park on Aug. 4-7 for students in sixth through eighth grades from throughout La Porte County. They participated in activities to teach leadership skills and positive character development.

Facilitators were Alliegra Hand from Youth Service Bureau and Monica Komasinski, Leadership La Porte County executive director. They were assisted by volunteers from Leadership La Porte County's adult and high school programs.

"It is amazing to see the skills that blossomed in these kids in just four short days," Komasinski said in a press release. "This year's camp focused on key areas of character development, collaboration and community. The students really grasped those concepts, as well as developing critical leadership and personal skills."



Alliegra Hand from Youth Service Bureau holds a debriefing with the teens.

During the school year, the students will continue leadership training with meetings and activities that focus on the community, volunteerism, philanthropy and civic responsibility. As a result of a partnership with the Youth Service Bureau and Unity Foundation of La Porte County, a select group of students also will learn about fundraising and grant making for youth projects in La Porte County.

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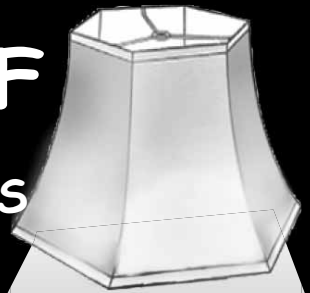
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Michigan City Walk for PKD

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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 the Red Mill County Park. The schedule is:

- Sept. 10 — "Understanding Medicare" with Denise Holmes.
- Oct. 1 — Tips on gardening, including preparing a garden for winter, by Sacha Burns of Sunkissed Organics.
- Nov. 5 — La Porte County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz discusses Indiana historical markers in La Porte County.

Teachers-Groups-Scout Leaders

Free environmental education programs are offered to groups throughout the year. Programs last one hour or longer depending on the group size and age. Programs can be scheduled at Creek Ridge, Luhr, Bluhm or Red Mill parks. Call (219) 325-8315 for more information or to make a reservation.



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Stress Reduction Course

Patrecia Lenore will present an eight-week course, modeled on Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, starting Sept. 9 at Dancing Feet Yoga Studio, 19135 U.S. 12, New Buffalo, Mich.

Lenore has practiced meditation for 30 years. She taught Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction with Dr. Polly Wheat at Barnard College in New York City from 1998 to 2004, and has continued teaching in venues in New York, Northwest Indiana and Michigan. She also studied with Vietnamese Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh and taught at his retreats in New York and California.

The course will include simple meditation practices, gentle yoga and stretching exercises, as well as group dialogue, inquiry and support for integrating stress-reducing exercises into daily life.

The class meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. EDT Tuesdays. Visit www.dancingfeetyoga.com or call (269) 469-1966 for more information.

Social Media Marketing Workshop

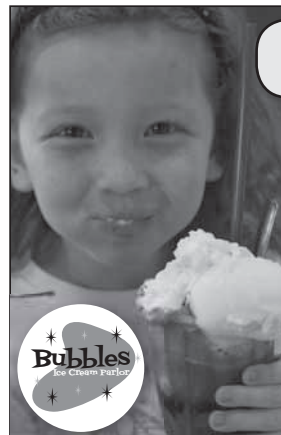
Purdue University-North Central's Office of Graduate and Extended Learning will offer a non-credit Social Media Marketing Workshop Series from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday on Sept. 8 through Oct. 13.

The series will cover the use of social-media platforms and strategies to meet professional business needs. Topics will include the use of facebook, LinkedIn, Google+, Twitter, creating an editorial calendar, social-media trends and strategies.

Darlene McCarty Cohn, owner of D. Cohn Communications and former PNC limited-term lecturer, will lead the program. Participants receive a certificate of achievement after completing the series.

The \$165 registration fee includes all books and materials. Special rates are available for PNC students, alumni and employees. The registration deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Visit <http://www.pnc.edu/ge/> or contact Cassandra Boehlke, coordinator of Graduate and Extended Learning, at (219) 785-5748 or cboehlke@pnc.edu to register or more information.



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JROTC Ends Busy Summer, Preps for Fall Event

The Michigan City High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps finished a busy summer by working two community service projects the week prior to school starting.



Cadet Lance Cpl. Tim Strong helps hang a banner for the Back-to-School Rally.

The cadets helped prepare for, then worked the Michigan City Area Schools Back-to-School Rally on Aug. 12-14, followed by aiding the local Marine Corps League chapter with its cleanup of U.S. 421 and 6 as part of Adopt-a-Highway on Aug. 16.

The rally provided many free school supplies to hundreds of underprivileged MCAS children. The cadets helped organize the supplies, donated by local vendors, on Aug. 12 and 13, then helped with the rally setup and cleanup Aug. 14. In addition to the free supplies, entertainment and food were provided for the children and parents.



Capt. Alex Wyman (left) and Lance Cpl. Corey Wymer help beautify U.S. 6 as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program.

The intersection JROTC members helped clean is south of Purdue University-North Central and toward Westville Correctional Center.

"These former Marines have really taken an interest in our program, so we try to help them every time we have the chance," Master Sgt. Jeff Benak,

the Marine instructor, said of the partnership established with the Marine Corps League.

This past summer, the cadets attended three camps: a basic leadership camp in Bloomington, Ind., and a senior leadership camp and a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Camp, both in Delafield, Wis. The camps were conducted at no cost to MCHS or the cadets.

Additional community service projects included supporting the boat races in La Porte and Michigan City and the June and August Drum and Bugle Corps competitions at Ames Field. The group marched in the La Porte Independence Day parade after having participated in the Michigan City ceremony earlier that morning, and participated in the Michigan City Summer Festival Parade. Cadets will support all home football games this year with its Color Guard and provide security.

Also, the JROTC will participate in the seventh season of CyberPatriot's National Youth Cyber Defense Competition.



Sgt. Thalyea DelReal, Capt. Alex Wyman, Staff Sgt. Jalen Stockley and Lance Cpl. Ben Boyd compete in last year's CyberPatriot computer security exercise under the guidance of faculty advisers Yogi Torres and Ralph Gee.

Beginning in October, cadets will compete against other high schools from across the country. This is the second straight year MCHS will participate.

CyberPatriot was created to inspire high-school and middle-school students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. It features an annual online and in-person competition in which teams from across the U.S. and Canada, as well as from Department of Defense Dependent Schools abroad, compete in a series of rounds in hopes of earning an all-expenses-paid trip to the CyberPatriot National Finals Competition in Washington, D.C., in the spring. There, students have the chance to win scholarships and network with industry leaders.

More information is available at www.uscyberpatriot.org or from CyberPatriot staff at info@uscyberpatriot.org

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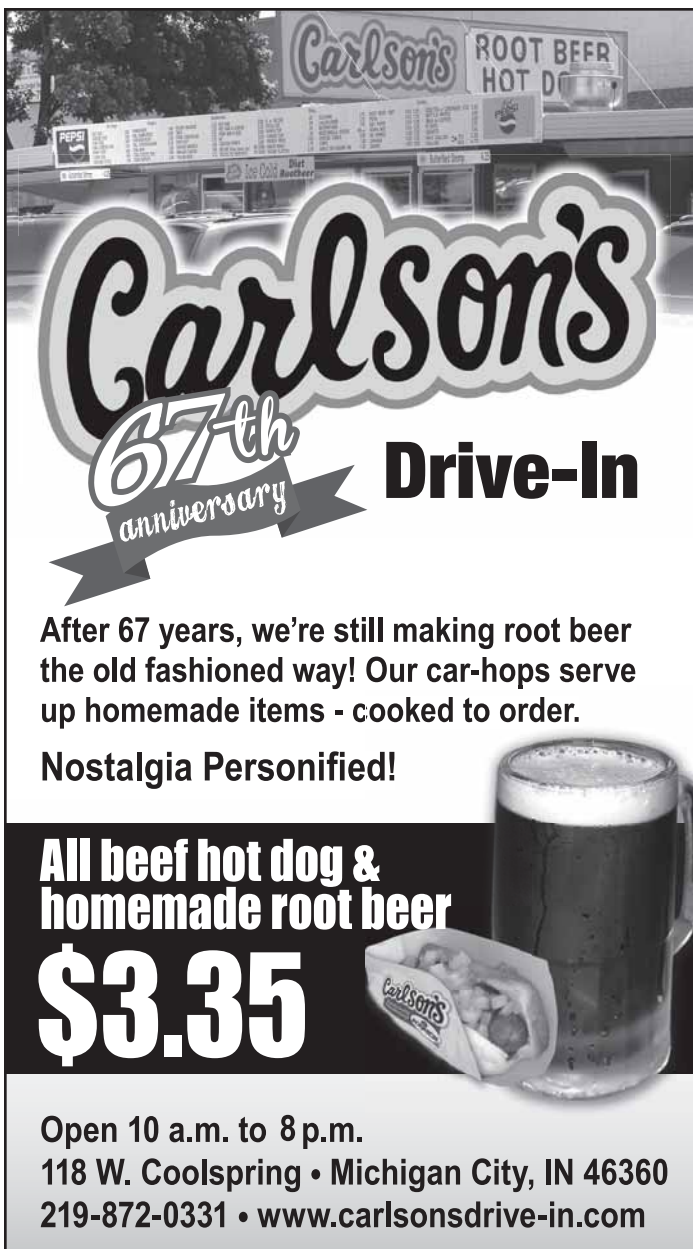
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Fernwood Botanical Garden

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

• **Final Friday Movies on the Green: "The Wizard of Oz" on Friday, Aug. 29.**

Admission is free. Doors open at 8 p.m. EDT, with the showing at 8:30 p.m. EDT. Popcorn will be available and drinks sold. Take a blanket or chairs.

The showing moves to Fernwood's gallery if the weather is poor.

• **Fernwood Book Group: Eugenia Bone's "Mycophilia: Revelations from the Weird World of Mushrooms" at 10:30 a.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 30.**

Book selections include, but are not limited to, fiction and non-fiction books about gardening, nature, the environment, botanical mysteries and sustainable living. Guests can attend even if not having read the books.

• **The Natural Garden from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, Sept. 7.**

The themed walk takes guests through various natural settings, beginning at the entry gardens and ending at the prairie. Discussion centers on strategies to reduce maintenance and increase enjoyment of gardening.

Register by Sept. 6. The cost is \$12, while members are free.

• **Nalbinding 101 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. EDT Sundays, Sept. 7 and 14.**

Nan Crofoot is the instructor. Nalbinding, the predecessor to knitting and crocheting, is an ancient Scandinavian craft, creating a shaped fabric out of connected loops of thread. The class uses a single-eyed handmade wooden needle (provided) and woolen yarn (instructor will advise) to fashion a small pouch.

No previous experience is necessary. Men and women are welcome. The cost is \$55, or \$44 for members.

• **Chicago Cemetery, Statue and Monument Tour from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10.**

The annual event begins with a walking tour of special statues and monuments in Lincoln Park, location of the old Chicago City Cemetery, with Krista August, author of "Giants in the Park: A Guide to Portrait Statues in Chicago's Lincoln Park."

Lunch is at RJ Grunt's prior to the walking tour at Graceland Cemetery. Designed by architects William LeBaron Jenny and Ossian Cole Simonds, it is the burial place of thousands of Chicago's most influential personalities, including Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Marshall Field, Louis Sullivan, and Daniel H. Burnham.

The cost is \$100, or \$80 for Fernwood and Buchanan Art Center member. The fee includes comfortable transportation.

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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

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

Learn about the diversity of park resources. The campground is located at Broadway and U.S. 12 in Beverly Shores.

- **A preview of the upcoming documentary, "Shifting Sands," at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

A 10-minute trailer will be shown. Then, the film's executive producer, Lee Botts, producers Pat Wisniewski, Rana Segal and Paul Nelson, and production assistant Matthew Keene will discuss the film project that explores the history, and sustainability efforts, along Lake Michigan's southern shore.

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

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 extension trail 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.**

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 at the Paul H. Douglas Center.**

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

- **"Kid's Rule" from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday 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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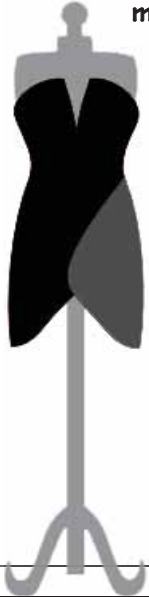
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However, due to roof problems at the American Hellenic Center, the expanded Greek Festival, which included a full dinner and traditional dancing, has been canceled for the first time in 15 years.

Baklava, cream-filled *galaktoboureko* and other specialties will be sold during the two-day bake sale on the church grounds at U.S. 12 near Interstate 94. Times (all Eastern) are from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31.

Along with take-out purchases, shaded seating will be offered under a large tent for guests to eat and have coffee. A variety of non-traditional items also will be offered.

Greek music will be provided, and Lena Smyrnova Skiba will paint faces. The Rev. Paul Martin will conduct tours of the Byzantine-style church, while curator Elaine Thomopoulos will conduct tours of the Greek museum within the church.

Gallery Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Judith Racht Gallery, 13689 Prairie Road, Harbert, Mich., will celebrate its 20th anniversary with an Outsider Outside Art Fair on Labor Day weekend, Aug. 29-31.

Returning artists include Sherry Pardee, Angela Usrey, Paul Hart, Hand and Heart, Ellison Art Studio and Outback. New this year are Martha Carres, Dick Dahlstrom, who does shingle fish and junk yard vehicles, Lynne Bailey, one of the original collectors of outsider art in Chicago, and collections by Bud Weinert.

Slim Gypsy Baggage will perform opening night, and a silent auction is planned of a Paul Backus sculpture, with all proceeds going to the Harbor Country Food Pantry.

The event benefits Michiana Humane Society, and is in memory of the late Jimmy Hedges.

A preview party is from 6 to 9 p.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 29. Tickets are \$20. General admission Saturday and Sunday is \$10.

Call (269) 469-1080 or visit judithrachtgallery.com for more information.

Parents Without Partners

Parents Without Partners, MRC No. 60, will have a singles dance from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Skwiat American Legion Post 451, 121 Skwiat Legion Ave., Michigan City.

The dance is open to the public. Dave of Loco Motion will provide music. Admission is \$8. Call (269) 489-4062 for more information.



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Students will learn the fundamentals of drawing everything from basic, simple objects to more complex elements such as buildings, plants and trees.



MaryAnn Pals appears with one of her completed drawing/pastel pieces.

All drawing supplies will be provided. The class is open to anyone 16 and older. The cost is \$65 for members and \$70 for non-members. Call the center at (219) 926-4711 for more information, or visit www.chestertonart.com.

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Westchester Public Library

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• **News at Noon from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

The special guest, Porter Police Chief James Spanier, will answer questions and address concerns. Registration is not necessary.

• **Both branches of Westchester Public Library, the Library Service Center and Westchester Township History Museum will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, for Labor Day.**

The Westchester Township Trustee office also will be closed Sept. 1. Regular hours for all sites resume Tuesday, Sept. 2.

• **Monthly Lego Club at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, in the Children's Department at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Attendance is free, but registration is necessary. Children 6 and older can sign up in the Children's Department. During the meeting, they will get a bucket of Legos to create whatever they like.

Michigan City Public Library

The following programs are available through Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.:

• **"Angels Among Us" at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28.**

Ange Benz leads the program where people share stories of the presence of angels in everyday lives.

• **Knitting Club for All Ages at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3.**

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

• **The library will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, for Labor Day.**

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

Crazy 8's Golf Outing

The Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce will host the Crazy 8's Golf Outing on Thursday, Sept. 4, at Briar Leaf Golf Club, 3233 Indiana 39, La Porte.

The outing, aimed at golfers and non-golfers, starts at 4 p.m. with a shotgun start. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m.

The entry fee is \$40 per golfer for Chamber members or \$50 per golfer for non-members. It includes golf, a cart, dinner, door prizes and a cash bar. Hole sponsorships are available for \$95. Players may sign up as an individual, group or team.

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Guests may sit and listen. Participation, however, is encouraged. Artists can take a piece of work at any stage, from conception to the final version. While it is a safe, friendly environment, it will be a critique involving VanderVinne and others providing advice and insight into the effectiveness of the work or the artistic concept.

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Musical Program at Barker Mansion

Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., will host a musical program by Lee Meyer and friends at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, in the mansion's 1910 Jens Jensen-designed sunken garden.

The program features Broadway and pop hits from the 1940s, including selections from "Oklahoma!," "State Fair," "Carousel," "South Pacific," "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Brigadoon." Meyer will play keyboard and be joined by performers Howard Brenneman, Noel Carlson, Frank Casorio, Laura Meyer, Dan Moser, Deb Reason, Felicia Thomas and Karol Valek.

There is a \$5 admission charge. Call (219) 873-1520 for more information.

Labor Dayz Car Show

The 13th annual Labor Dayz Car Show, presented through the Great Lakers Auto Club Inc., is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, at Washington Park.

The event includes free entry, with dash plaques for the first 100 cars. A People's Choice Award and Club Choice Award will be given.

Cars will be displayed in the grass west of the main guard shack at Lot One.

Call (219) 874-4077 or greatlakersautoclub.org for more information.

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Planned in conjunction with the celebration is a Motorcycle Run & Bike Show, which starts at 8 a.m. More information about it, and the celebration, are available at www.worthyrecovery.org or (219) 405-7006.

Park Office Changes Hours

The Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department will change its hours beginning Tuesday, Sept. 2, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The change will align park office hours with City Hall hours.

The Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department is located in the lower level of City Hall, 100 E. Michigan Blvd. Visit www.michigancityparks.com or call (219) 873-1506 for more information.

Jazz, Art and Antiques Festival

The Buchanan Last Saturdays on the Common Concert Series wraps its summer season with the 2014 Buchanan Jazz, Art and Antiques Festival on Saturday, Aug. 30.

Performances are from noon to 10 p.m. EDT. Artists will have works on display at the Buchanan Common and Pears Mill lawn. Front Street antiques dealers will add to the mix.

Jazz performer Kimberly Gordon and her band headline the festival at 7 p.m. Daytime music features a trio of trios: Dean Allrick Trio at noon, followed by the jazz guitar riffs of the Andy Brown Trio at 2 p.m., then later that afternoon classic jazz standards from the Rose Colella Trio.

All performances are free, Eastern time and held on the Buchanan Common Performance Stage in the Downtown Buchanan National Register Historic District.

Buchanan Art Center coordinates the exhibiting artists. Media represented includes pottery, fiber, wood, jewelry and recycled objects. Setup is a pop-up format under 10-by-10 tents around the 1856 Pears Mill.

(The festival marks the last Saturday of the 2014 Pears Mill season, with tours and grinding all day.)

From late morning to early afternoon, Carol Kent will demonstrate corn husk dollmaking, and Red Hawk Woman will share Native American oral tradition stories.

The Buchanan Preservation Society will offer Pies and Pop for Preservation to help fund ongoing mill restoration. Downtown Front Street antique stores will have extended hours and collection specials. Visit www.BuchananCommon.org for performer music clips, information about the Last Saturdays on the Common concerts, applications and festival updates.

Night Golf Fundraiser

The Deserving Children's Fund and Roof Sit Committee will host the Third Night Golf Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 6.

The outing will tee off at dusk (about 7 p.m.) in a scramble format at Valley Hills Golf Course, 3544 E. Indiana 2, Rolling Prairie.

All proceeds go directly to the La Porte Jaycees Deserving Children's Shopping Tour.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes a round of golf with a glow-in-the-dark golf ball, a hot dog, chips and a soft drink after the outing. Hole sponsorships are available for \$40 per sign.

Make checks payable by Sept. 1 to Deserving Children's Roof Sit and mail to: ROOFSIT, Attn: Dennis Siddall, c/o WLOI/WCOE, 1700 Lincolnway, La Porte, IN 46350.



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Block to Host Web Radio Series

Susan Block will interview regional artists, writers, musicians and other creatives during "Conversations on Creativity" on BlogTalkRadio, the talk radio/podcast hosting platform.



Block is a La Porte County poet laureate emeritus, playwright, writing workshop leader, art exhibit curator and cultural arts advocate.

The series, conceived by Block, begins at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, and airs on successive Tuesday evenings. It can be accessed live at <http://blogtalkradio.com/artseesdiner>.

The first show will feature an interview with clinical psychologist Paul Smith, who will explore the creative personality and process.

Future guests include: George Kalamaras, Indiana state poet laureate; Michelle Qureshi, composer and musician; sculptor Richard Kiebdaj; Donna Blue Lachman, playwright, actress and director; and Connie and George Kassal, fine artist and photographer, respectively, who also teach at the college level in their fields.

The series co-producer is Mary LaLuna, executive head of ArtSees Productions and "ArtSees Diner," which had an audience of more than 312,000 listeners in the last year and frequently is named "top broadcast" by the network.

More information about the series is available at <http://conversationsoncreativity.blogspot.com>

Elizabeth Grieger Wiegand Award

A new scholarship established by three national groups, The Elizabeth Grieger Wiegand Music Award, will be administered by the Texas Woman's University, which in turn will promote it and select the winner.

Promoting the award as well are The National Federation of Music Clubs and Sigma Alpha Iota, the international honorary music fraternity.

Applicants must be a member of one of the three groups and can contact them for an application through their websites.

Wiegand, Michigan City, is a member of the Texas Woman's University Repository for Renowned Women Composers.

On Sept. 4, former State Rep. Mary Kay Budak will present the Visionary Award from Remington Biographies to Wiegand during a presentation to air on Channel 99. On Sept. 6, she will record a patriotic vocal and piano program with George Mares, also to air on Channel 99.



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Beginning Digital Photography

George Kassal will teach a three-week Beginning Digital Photography class in September at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The class is for people new to digital and primarily use point-and-shoot cameras.

Kassal will cover the basic operation of these cameras, and the use of features such as scene modes, exposure compensation, white balance and use of the flash. Special topics will include moving images from the camera to the computer, uploading to online photo sharing sites, sending images via email and hints for basic shooting conditions.

Students should take their camera and instruction manual to class, which will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25. The cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Call (219) 926-4711 to register or for more information.

Homeowners Association

Sheridan Beach Homeowners Association will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at "the circle" at Beachwalk (Stop 7).

Sheridan Beach homeowners from stops 1-13 are welcome.

Ceramics Class

Dean Hultman will offer another five-week Ceramics Class starting from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The class is for students to work on the wheel or use a handbuilding technique. During the first four classes, participants will focus on building original works. During the fifth class, students glaze their pieces.

The cost is \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members. Students can buy 25 pounds of clay for \$25. All other supplies are included. Call the center at (219) 926-4711 to register. Visit www.chesterton-art.com for more information.

Stained Glass Class

Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery will teach a six-week Stained Glass Class starting from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Students will design and create a stained glass window using the copper foil method. All supplies are included. The cost is \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members.

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Low Putts: Peg King

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Low Net: Laurel Byrne
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"C" Flight

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Low Net: Marge Walsh
Low Putts: Kathy Brennan

"D" Flight

Low Gross: Tina Sonderby
Low Net: Terry Deming
Low Putts: Adele O'Donnell

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August 27-28 — Free Arts in the Park. Methodist Praise Team (Aug. 27) and Tom Milo Big Band (Aug. 28). All concerts 7 p.m., Fox Park Dennis Smith Amphitheater, La Porte.

August 28 — "Angels Among Us," 3 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

August 28 — News at Noon, noon-1 p.m., Hage-man Library, 100 Francis St., Porter. Special guest: Porter Police Chief James Spanier

August 28-September 1 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "Begin Again." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. *Also:* "Obvious Child." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Thurs.-Mon., also 3:30 p.m. Sat. *Also:* "A Summer's Tale." Rated G. In French with English subtitles. Time: 3 p.m. Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

August 29-September 1 — Labor Dayz, Washington Park. Info: (219) 874-8213, mcsummerfest.org

August 29-September 1 — Labor Day Steam Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Hesston Steam Museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, La Porte. Admission: \$5/adults, free/children 12 & younger. Train fares: \$5/adults, \$3/children 3-12. Info: www.hesston.org

August 29 — Bill Lupkin Blues Band featuring Sam Lay, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Cost: \$25. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

August 30 — 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 30 — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

August 30 — Musical program by Lee Meyer and friends, 3:30 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Cost: \$5. Info: (219) 873-1520.

August 30 — "Bette Davis Film Festival," Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Free. Times: 1 p.m./"Of Human Bondage" (1934), 3 p.m./"Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" (1962). Info: (219) 873-3049.

August 30 — Parents Without Partners, MRC No. 60, singles dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m., Skwiat American Legion Post 451, 121 Skwiat Legion Ave., Michigan City. Cost: \$8. Info: (269) 489-4062.

August 30 — "Recovery Rocks!" Celebration 2014, 1-8 p.m., Community Building 2, La Porte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2, La Porte. Free entry. Info: www.worthyrecovery.org, (219) 405-7006.

August 30 — Campground Program, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Dunewood Campground Amphitheater, Broadway and U.S. 12

in Beverly Shores. Info: (219) 395-1882.

August 30 — The 3 Dune Challenge, 10 a.m., Nature Center at Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

August 30-31 — Greek Fest bake sale, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. EDT Sat./noon-6 p.m. EDT Sun., Annunciation-Agia Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church, U.S. 12 near Interstate 94, New Buffalo.

August 31 — 13th annual Labor Dayz Car Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Washington Park. Free entry. Info: (219) 874-4077, greatlakersautoclub.org

August 31 — Preview, "Shifting Sands" documentary, 1:30 p.m., Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education, Lake Street north of U.S. 12 in the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary. Info: (219) 395-1882.

September 1 — LABOR DAY.

September 4 — Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce Crazy 8's Golf Outing, Briar Leaf Golf Club, 3233 Indiana 39, La Porte. Time: 4 p.m./shotgun start, dinner/5:30 p.m. Cost: \$40/Chamber members, \$50/non-members. Info: lpchamber.chambermaster.com/events/

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.

Farther Afield:

August 29 — Final Friday Movies on the Green: "The Wizard of Oz," Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Admission: free. Doors open 8 p.m. EDT/showing at 8:30 p.m. EDT. Info: (269) 695-6491, www.fernwoodbotanical.org

August 29-31 — Outsider Outside Art Fair, Judith Racht Gallery, 13689 Prairie Road, Harbert, Mich. Preview party: 6-9 p.m. EDT Aug. 29. Cost: \$20. General admission Sat./Sun.: \$10. Info: (269) 469-1080, judithrachtgallery.com

August 30 — 2014 Buchanan (Mich.) Jazz, Art and Antiques Festival, Buchanan Common and Pears Mill lawn. Performances: noon-10 p.m. EDT. Info: www.BuchananCommon.org

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On August 28, 1833, the British Parliament, 27 years before the start of the American Civil War, banned slavery throughout the empire.

On August 28, 1922, New York's radio station WEAJ broadcast the world's first radio commercial. The Queensboro Realty Company, of Jackson Heights, paid \$100 for ten minutes of air time.

On August 28, 1963, approximately 200,000 people, who had gathered for a peaceful civil-rights demonstration in Washington, D.C., heard Dr. Martin Luther King deliver his famous "I have a dream..." speech.

On August 28, 1989, John Cotter, founder of the True Value Hardware chain, died at the age of 85.

On August 28, 1996, the troubled 15-year marriage of Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana ended officially with the issuance of a divorce decree.

On August 28, 2008, Illinois Sen. Barack Obama became the first African-American to receive his party's nomination for president when he was officially confirmed at the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

On August 29, 1896, chop suey was invented, and first served, at a restaurant in New York City. It has since become a mainstay of Chinese restaurants.

On August 29, 1965, *Gemini 5*, piloted by astronauts L. Gordon Cooper and Charles Conrad, returned to earth after eight days in orbit.

On August 29, 1966, at San Francisco's Candlestick Park, the Beatles gave their last concert.

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, LA; the resulting floods devastated the city of New Orleans. Nearly 1,000 people died in Louisiana alone.

On August 30, 30 B.C., Cleopatra is reported to have committed suicide by holding an asp in her hand and encouraging it to bite her on the breast.

On August 30, 1929, Colonel E.H. Green took delivery of a newly designed combination gas and electric automobile built by the General Electric Company of Schenectady, NY. It was a 60-horsepower vehicle that had no clutch or gear shift. Two pedals, one on each side of the central brake pedal, were used for acceleration.

On August 30, 1983, Guion Bluford Jr. became the first black American astronaut in space, blasting off

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aboard the space shuttle *Challenger*.

On August 30, 1993, "The Late Show With David Letterman" premiered on CBS.

On August 30, 2002, baseball averted a strike—the first time since 1970 that players and owners OK'd a collective bargaining pact without a work stoppage.

On August 31, 1887, Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his Kinetoscope, a device that produced moving pictures.

On August 31, 1888, Mary Ann Nicholls was found murdered in London's East End in what generally is regarded as the first killing by Jack the Ripper.

On September 1, 1859, the first Pullman sleeping car was placed in service on a train operating between Chicago and Bloomington, IL.

On September 1, 1875, novelist Edgar Rice Burroughs, creator of the jungle born *Tarzan*, was born in Chicago.

On September 1, 1945, Americans received word of Japan's formal surrender that ended World War II.

On September 1, 1972, in a drawn-out match held in Reykjavik, Iceland, American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown, defeating Soviet player Boris Spassky in their final match.

On September 1, 1985, the wreck of the *Titanic*, a British luxury liner that went down in 1912, was located 370 miles south of Newfoundland by French and American scientists.

On September 2, 1752, when the Gregorian calendar was adopted, it was necessary to make an adjustment that dropped eleven days. September 3 is a day that never arrived in England, and neither did the 10 days that should have followed. This decision caused severe riots because the people were convinced that the government had stolen 11 days of their lives.

On September 2, 1930, the first non-stop airplane flight from Europe to the United States was completed in 37 hours.

On September 2, 1963, "The CBS Evening News" with Walter Cronkite was lengthened from 15 to 30 minutes, becoming network television's first half hour nightly newscast.

On September 3, 1894, Labor Day was celebrated (as a legal public holiday) for the first time in the United States.

On September 3, 1951, the TV soap opera, "Search for Tomorrow," made its first appearance on CBS. It was to run continuously for 35 years, the last five on NBC.

On September 3, 1976, *Viking II*, an unmanned U.S. spacecraft, landed on Mars, taking the first close-up photographs of the planet's surface.



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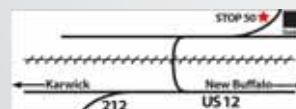
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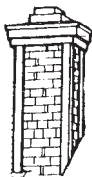
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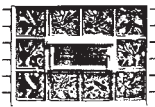
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this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

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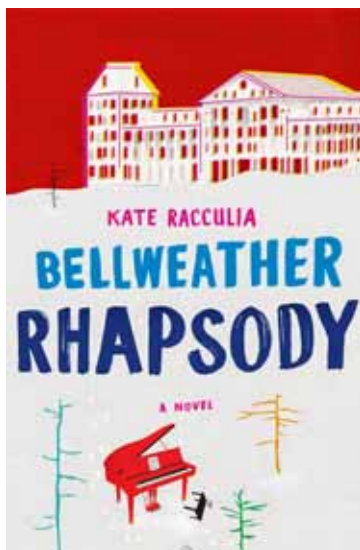
A colorful cover and an enticing title, and I'm reaching for this book. Add to that murder, mystery and music, and you have the trifecta for a most entertaining read.

The Bellweather was a behemoth resort built in the 1920s in the Catskills of New York State. It had an auditorium, library, shops, indoor squash courts and a rooftop swimming pool with a glass ceiling. Sadly, its day has come and gone, and now, its only claim to fame is the yearly Statewide Music Festival. High school students in voice, orchestra and band converge to show off their skills, meet and greet old friends, make new ones and sow a few teenage oats.

Our story opens in 1982 with a flashback to a wedding gone horribly wrong. Room 712 was to be the honeymoon suite for a newly wedded couple. Instead, it became the scene of a murder/suicide as the bride shot her husband, then hanged herself in the room. No one knew why. The unlucky person to get off the elevator on the seventh floor and discover the husband's body in the hall, as well as the open door to the bride's demise, was a 12-year-old girl. Something like this could haunt a little girl for years and years, don't you think?

Our story now jumps 15 years later to November 1997 and the latest Statewide Music Festival. Dozens of boys and girls are flooding the lobby as they arrive to get settled in their assigned rooms and head down to rehearsal. We first meet twins Alice and Rabbit Hatmaker. She's a vocal prodigy, he's an amazing bassoon player, and very particular with his instrument. He even named it Beatrice. They arrive with their chaperone, Natalie Wilson. She was a former piano prodigy who spent several years at Statewide, but now she's head of the music program at the twins' high school. She's also a woman with a past no one knows about.

Others we meet are: Harold Hastings, the concierge and a strange man who has worked at the Bellweather for years and now lives there; Jill Faccelli, a flute prodigy very full of herself; and her mother, Viola Fabian, even more full of herself and a real witch who nobody really wants to know. However, they have to know her as she's the new interim head of the festival. Then, there's Fisher Brodie, another person the kids don't want to know who's the orchestra conductor, a last-minute replacement for the suddenly collapsed regular conductor everyone



liked. One session with Fisher was all the orchestra needed. He was nasty, rude, impatient...well, you get the picture. And, he knows Viola. I guess like attracts like.

Jill and Alice turn out to be assigned roommates in — wait for it — room 712.

So, the first few chapters set the stage: teen hormones, angst and phenoms, and their narcissistic ways, and the music — always the music — in an old hotel far from the city lights with a room that just might be haunted. Did I mention there's also a blizzard on the way that will trap everyone inside for several days?

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come.

Jill has a breakdown in the room with Alice and spills wine all over the bedspread. Alice leaves the room to get cleaning supplies and comes back to find Jill hanging from an extension cord — quite dead. She runs for help and comes back to an empty room, save for a note that says, "Now she is mine."

Now, all the pieces begin to fall in place. All the players have secrets to hide, and some have relationships they would like to keep hidden. Racculia's characters have more layers than my mother's seven-layer salad, and the story builds to a climax like the crescendo of a great musical piece.

This story is different. I like different. The author charges us up with the music that leads people in different directions and changes them forever. I love the way she has listed the various parts of the story as a musical program. Prelude: Andante Misterioso, Scherzo Agitato, Allegro Furioso, Grave e Cantabile, Postlude. Brava Ms. Racculia!

The author grew up in Syracuse, N.Y., and received her master of fine arts from Emerson College. Her first novel was This Must Be the Place. She lives in Somerville, Mass.

Library Journal gave a starred review: "...It will grab readers and keep them with multilayered plotting and writing that ranges from humorous to poetic."

Kirkus also gave a starred review: "...Racculia's droll wit and keen understanding of human nature propel a story that's rich in distinctive characters and wholly engaging. A gem."

Author Robin Sloan said: "...Racculia tells the truth here, about art and life and the many trajectories that talent can take."

Here, here!

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