

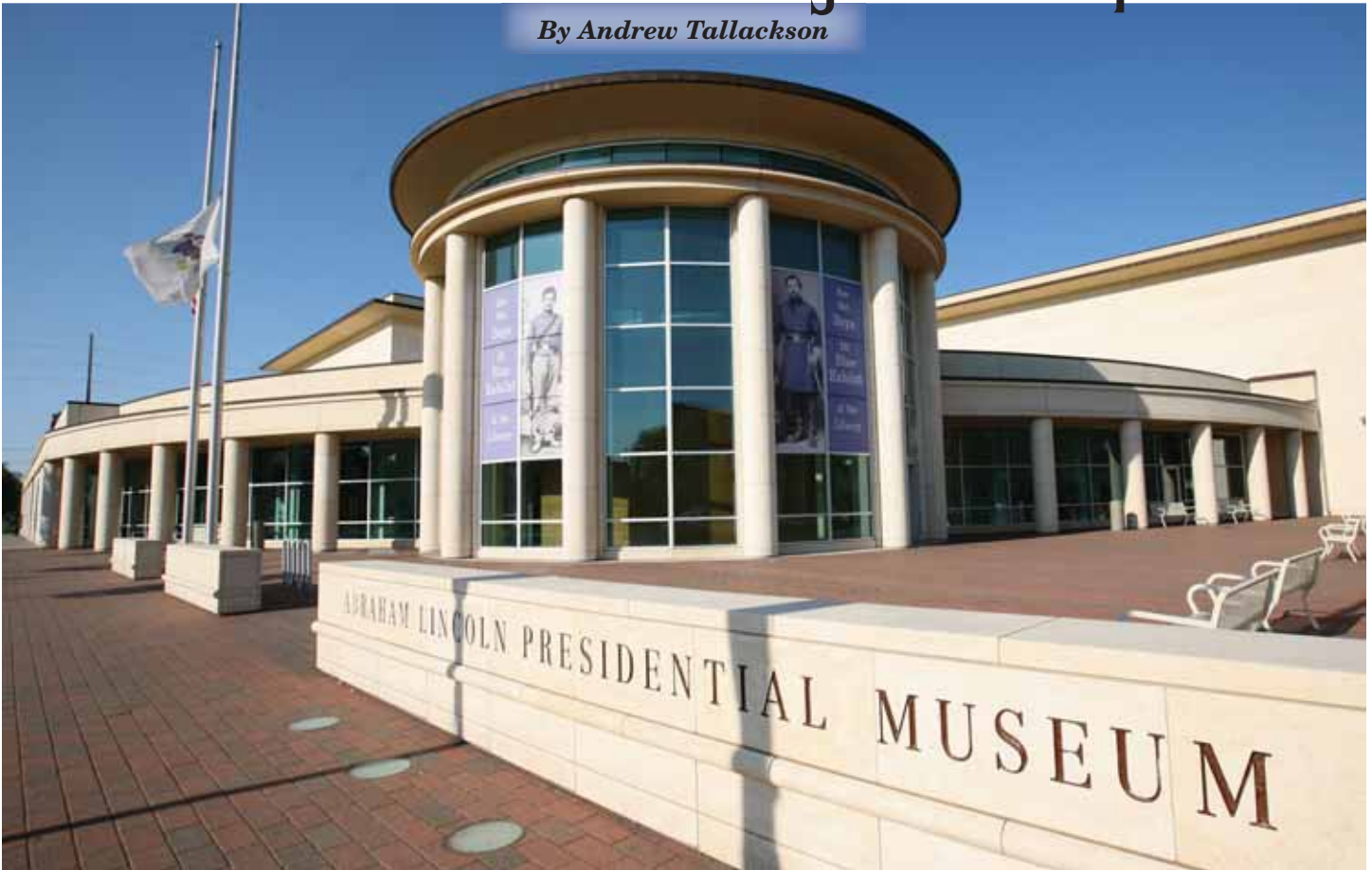


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# Finding Lincoln

## Presidential Museum is Unforgettable Experience

*By Andrew Tallackson*



The exterior of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

**M**y son wants to be president. Ask him. He'll tell you he expects to be president when he turns 35, the age of candidacy required to fill the seat. If you're lucky, he'll rattle off every U.S. president, in sequential order and the dates they served, a feat he committed to memory about a year ago.

Granted, there are kinks in his timeline. First, he has no desire to serve in Congress beforehand. Second, his backup First Lady, if choice Numero Uno

turns him down, is 90. A problem...since he's only 7, and it is unlikely she'll be around when he is theoretically elected 28 years from now.

But what is undeniable about Will is that U.S. presidents, and the past of this great nation, fascinate him. Could be his grandfather, who teaches history at Purdue Calumet and North Central, had some influence. Or that he prefers reading fact-based books over fictional ones. In many ways, Will is an old soul trapped in an Oompa-Loompa's body.

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Whatever the case, when my parents suggested we head down to Springfield, Ill., to experience the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, it was a no-brainer.

What I did not anticipate was that the museum, itself, is a knockout. Yes, there are the typical museum mainstays of mannequins and informational signs, but this is a feast for the mind and imagination: creative, witty and moving.

A little about the museum itself.

Plans to create not just the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, but also the library next to it, kicked off in 1990 with a feasibility study and comprehensive planning. More than \$30 million in state, federal and municipal dollars were in place by December 1998 when two architectural firms were hired. The idea was not to lump everything into one building, but two sites: the library, where historical items could be studied and safely stored, and the museum, to tell their stories. Top Lincoln educators and historians gave input on the exhibits to ensure accuracy.

Workers broke ground for the library in 2001, then the museum in 2002. Also part of the project was restoring the 100-year-old former passenger-train station west of the museum.

The museum's dedication arrived in April 2005. President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, then-U.S. Sen. Barack Obama and about 25,000 guests from around the world attended.

Museum attendance over the years rapidly increased. It hit 1 million visitors in January 2007, then two million by July 2009. In August 2012, that figure leapt to three million.

Our group to the museum included my parents, Steve and Judi, my wife, Alice, and, of course, Will. We arrived mid-afternoon Saturday, July 5, a date intentionally chosen as a way to celebrate Independence Day weekend.

I expected mobs of people. Strangely enough, Springfield appeared deserted. Like, "I Am Legend" deserted. Few signs of life, with only a vehicle or two shattering the unnatural stillness. Granted, the Illinois legislature was not in session, but Springfield exhibited signs of a small Midwestern town whose inhabitants long abandoned it. A young couple we met later in the day told us locals typically head elsewhere for food and entertainment on a Saturday



Will fills out his application to become a "History Detective."

night. Whether that explanation holds water remains to be seen, but it must suffice for now.

Inside the museum, thankfully, was another story. People from all over the country were bustling about, ready to explore. We encountered a woman at a table next to a sign that read, "Be a History Detective." It advised visitors to search for clues to answer case questions and potentially win a prize. Will signed up, grabbed his papers and joined us in the museum's center plaza...where his head practically exploded.

There it was. A replica of the White House, complete with mannequins astonishing in their detail of





Will stands outside the White House facade within the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, posing with the president and his family.

Lincoln, his wife, Mary, and three of their children: Robert, Edward and Tad. We snapped Will's photo with the Lincoln family before he sprinted off, unable to contain his excitement. He strolled back and forth, taking it all in.

"This feels like I could *really* be in the White House," he said with hushed reverence.



My father (far right) reads information about the first part of the tour, "Journey One: The Pre-Presidential Years," which begins at Lincoln's boyhood home in Kentucky

My father, being the history professor of the group, told Will it would be best to experience the museum in the proper order, starting from the beginning. So, we switched gears and headed to the first exhibit: "Journey One: The Pre-Presidential Years." It actually is nine exhibits chronicling Lincoln's early days, from Kentucky to Washington, D.C.

No subject was left untouched, from Lincoln teaching himself to read, to plying flatboats, to working as a store clerk in New Salem to life in Springfield, first as a lawyer, then as his political career heated up.

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Will responded to the immediacy of it, of seeing images he'd experienced only through books recreated in superb detail. For us as adults, it was the small touches that added poignancy to the displays. In one scene, we view Lincoln in his law office, his boys creating mischief around him. From a speaker we hear the playful sounds of laughter, of young boys giggling. Your heart breaks, knowing how much tragedy befell the Lincolns, their eldest son, Robert, being the only one to live a full life.



The devastating display "The Slave Auction" features a family torn apart. Photo courtesy of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

Far more devastating is the display "The Slave Auction," which features a family torn apart. The image is like a swift kick to the gut: a young boy lunges for his mother's dress as she is pulled in one direction and his father in another. Appearing above the image is a sign with one of Lincoln's most famous quotes: "*As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy.*"



A mock studio imagines what it might have been like as modern journalism covers the four-way presidential race of 1860. Photo courtesy of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

All of "Journey One," however, is not as heavygoing. The wittiest segment is an imagining of Lincoln's 1860 campaign as if covered by modern-day journalists, complete with video monitors unveiling different aspects of the four-way race, all of it moderated by the late Tim Russert, who appeared for 16 years on "Meet the Press." Russert and crew never dumb down or satirize their subject. They treat it as if they're actually in 1860 covering the race. It's fascinating, and Will was riveted. The Internet may have sculpted how we get our news today, but television remains a key presence in the lives of children. What we experienced in that mock studio was instantly relatable.

Also part of "Journey One" are nice touches like the "Looking for Lincoln" signs, which indicate where in Illinois, Indiana or Kentucky each display is recreating.

The next stage of the tour, "Journey Two: The White House Years," is more emotional.

Upon entering the White House facade, we encountered Mary Lincoln being fitted for a ball gown, and surrounded by dresses her social rivals wore, complete with signs indicating the terrible things they said about her.

Other displays recreate Lincoln's cabinet reacting to the Emancipation Proclamation to his assassination at the Ford Theatre. There is a painting of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry — the



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"The Civil War in 4 Minutes" features a huge screen that tallies the mounting casualties after each Civil War battle. Photo courtesy of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

Of local interest, a series of maps and photos chart the voyage of the Lincoln funeral train, including one stop in Michigan City.

Again, though, it is the multi-media presentations that vividly bring the period to life.

"The Whispering Gallery" features gossip mongers saying terrible things about the Lincolns. "The Civil War in 4 Minutes" features a huge screen that tallies the mounting casualties after each Civil War battle. It was here I noticed Will, seated and silent.

History was no longer words on a page. Lives were lost, men who were husbands and fathers. He was taking it all in.

"Journey Two" came to an end with "Holding on to Lincoln," letters and artifacts reiterating Lincoln's importance in American history. The letters, by the way, were penned by the likes of folk singer Pete Seeger and director Steven Spielberg, whose 2012 film "Lincoln" won two Oscars.

By that point, the museum was about 20 minutes from closing. It was time to select one more aspect of the museum to experience. We chose "Ghosts of the Library."

Wow.

An actor, seated in a glass-encased recreation of a library, reveals why preserving Lincoln's history through the museum and

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"Ghosts of the Library" may just be the most spectacular element of the museum. Photo courtesy of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

library is important. The performance includes Hologavision — holographic technology — to make it appear as if history is leaping off the pages of dusty old books. Everything is so beautifully choreographed, it appears seamless. Real. State-of-the-art eye candy.

Our experience in Springfield did not end there. Over the course of the next 24 hours, we stopped at the Capitol Building, Lincoln's home and tomb and New Salem. Each stop could warrant its own article. It's too

## If You Go

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., Springfield, Ill., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Visit [presidentlincoln.illinois.gov](http://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov) for more information.

much story, though, for this story.

Instead, our journey ends with my family, especially Will, exiting the Lincoln Museum reminded



Will's two gifts from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum: a Lincoln doll and the book "I Grew Up to be President."

of a simple truth. To appreciate where we are today, and where we are headed in the future, we have to understand where we came from, especially the people who carved out the life for us that we savor in the present.

No other site I've experienced does a more memorable job of reiterating that than the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

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At 4 p.m. EDT, drummer and percussionist Reggie Nicholson and trumpeter Robert Griffin will create an original, improvised set inspired by the duets of Don Cherry and Ed Blackwell, two members of the original Ornette Coleman Quartet. Their performance will be followed by a potluck picnic held on the grounds of the inn. Guests can take a dish to share.



Edward Wilkerson Jr.

At 7 p.m. EDT, The Edward Wilkerson Jr. Sextet will perform. As founder and director of 8 Bold Souls and the 25-member performance ensemble Shadow Vignettes, Wilkerson has toured festivals and concert halls throughout the U.S., Europe, Japan and the Middle East. His music can be heard on 14 recordings, including two film soundtracks and the albums "Birth of a Notion" and "8 Bold Souls."

Featured in this year's season are many members of The Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians, a non-profit collective founded in Chicago in 1965. It is devoted "to nurturing, performing and recording serious, original music," according to its charter. The group will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2015.

Tickets are \$20 at the door or are available at [www.hothouse.net](http://www.hothouse.net). Call (269) 469-0600 for more information.

## Zoo-B-Que

Washington Park Zoo, 115 Lake Shore Drive, will host its annual Zoo-B-Que fundraiser from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 26.

Activities include a silent auction, up-close animal encounters, a magic show by Matt Kalita and a barbeque-style dinner.

This year's event also will include a special VIP feature that offers guests a sneak peek of the newest zoo members: twin white Bengal tiger cubs that won't officially make their public debut until late August. The two male tigers were born at the zoo in May and have been off display while being cared for by their mother, Zusha.

All event proceeds will be used for continued keeper education/training and animal-care projects. Event sponsors and donated items are needed for the silent auction.

Last year's event sold out. Limited tickets must be purchased in advance. Prices are: \$15 for adults, \$7 for children 3-12 and free for children 2 and younger. A cash bar with soft drinks, beer and wine will be available.

Tickets can be purchased at the zoo office or by calling (219) 873-1510. Visit [www.washingtonpark-zoo.com](http://www.washingtonpark-zoo.com) for more information.

## Leadership La Porte County

Leadership La Porte County is accepting applications and nominations for the 31st year of Leadership training.

The program begins Sept. 19-20 with a retreat and continues one day each month through May. It focuses on leadership skills, information about La Porte County, networking and meeting current leaders from all segments of the county.

Only 30 people will be chosen, and a diverse makeup is important to the program's success. The cost is \$900 and can be paid in installments. Some partial scholarships are available.

Contact Monica Komasinski at (219) 325-8223 or at [info@leadershiplaportecounty.com](mailto:info@leadershiplaportecounty.com) for an application or more information.

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### 2001 Lakeshore Drive, Long Beach



1920 Spanish Colonial reincarnated on 80' of Lakeshore Drive. Living room with wood burning hearth boasts 20' vaulted barrel ceiling opposing wood floors. New kitchen with Bosch 5 burner, pantry, SS and granite offers breakfast room and leads to formal dining room. 5 BRs & 2.5 BAs join main floor sun room. Storage, laundry, & sauna finishes basement. Patios punctuate rolling lawns & gardens for-and-aft. 15 steps to miles of Lake MI beach.

### 1909 Monrovia, Long Beach



The Gardens on Monrovia are awaiting the pure naturalist or plans for new construction. The not-really-vacant-building-site includes massive waterfall, gazebo, reflecting pond, gardens designed by Stan Beikman, garage, and remote gated entrance. Make an appointment and the gates will open for your viewing.

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## “Spirit of the Marathon” Screenings

Jon Dunham, director of the acclaimed documentaries “Spirit of the Marathon 1 and 2,” will appear Wednesday, July 30, at Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich.

The first film highlights runners in the Chicago Marathon, the second in the Rome Marathon.

Long Beach resident Hal Higdon, who appears in both films, claims credit for recruiting the director.

“My wife Rose and I are huge fans of Vickers,” Higdon said in a press release. “We’re there every weekend, rarely missing a film. When I learned Jon might be traveling between Chicago and Traverse City, where he has relatives, I told him, ‘You’re not passing my town without stopping’.”

Dunham, who has residences in Los Angeles and



Runners head past the Colosseum in “Spirit of the Marathon 2.”

Rome, seemed more than eager to oblige, particularly since he had plans to interview Higdon for his next documentary about the Boston Marathon. Higdon’s most recent book is about last year’s bombing, “4:09:43: Boston 2013 Through the Eyes of the Runners.”

“This actually will be the first time that the two ‘Spirit’ films will be shown together,” Dunham said.

“Spirit of the Marathon 1” will screen at 6 p.m. EDT. A “Meet the Director” session is at 8 p.m. EDT, followed by the “Spirit of the Marathon 2” showing.

The cost to see both films ranges between \$8 to \$10. Visit [www.vickerstheatre.com](http://www.vickerstheatre.com) for additional information.



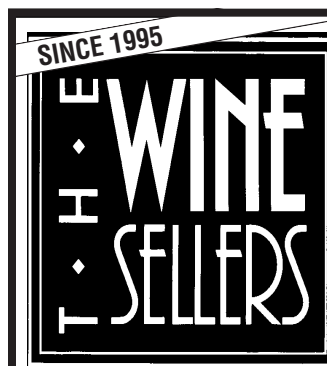
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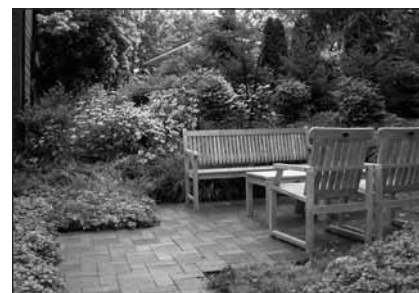
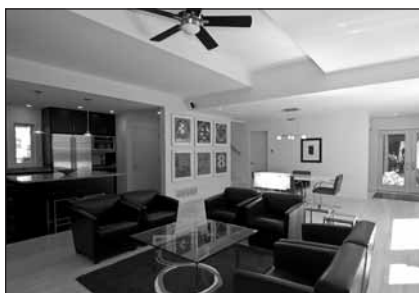
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# Beauty "In Bloom"

## Groups, Individuals Honored as Part of Annual Garden Contest

by Barbara Stodola

"Small gardens win big prizes," Julie Manner told her crowd of hopefuls July 11 at the annual Michigan City in Bloom breakfast.

And so it happened that First Prize Residential, the most competitive category, went to Bonnie and Gary Gerard for their garden on Ann Street, just up the hill from Franciscan St. Anthony Health.

Don and Diane Foldenhauer, who take a top prize every time they enter the contest, earned first place in the environmental category. Chairwoman Manner, describing their "amazing garden" on Manhattan Street, said vegetables are interspersed with

flowers, and all are grown from seed. Foldenhauer, a self-taught artist, also has adorned his garden with numerous sculpted pieces.

Franciscan St. Anthony Health, a first-time winner, took The Bench Award "for consistently being a great neighbor by maintaining beautiful gardens and

grounds, including litter control, that add beauty and serenity to all who visit." Previously awarded to Barker Mansion, International Friendship Gardens and Miss Essie's Community Garden, the prize consists of a garden bench that will be displayed on hospital grounds for the next year.



The property of Bonnie and Gary Gerard, first-place winners in the residential category.



The property of Don and Diane Foldenhauer, first-place winners in the environmental category



Franciscan St. Anthony Health received special recognition with the Michigan City in Bloom Bench Award.



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Michigan City Public Library's courtyard, which took first place in the non-profit category.

Michigan City Public Library, winning first place in the non-profit category, was commended for its courtyard garden designed by Trish Smith, who works in the children's department. The garden is maintained on a volunteer basis by library staff.

First-place winners in other categories were: Mark and Carol Mokrycki, Container Garden; The Ritz Klub, Phyllis Komaskinski, Small Business; and The Arbors, Jill Pluta, Large Business. Each has won prizes in past years, as have this year's honorable-mention winners: Kristin Zagorski, John and Jody Boehnlein, Lighthouse Place-Premium Outlets; Michigan City Animal Hospital (Dr. Rex Bailey); Ivy Tech (Tom Mize); and Immanuel Lutheran



The property of Mark and Carol Mokrycki, first-place winners in the container garden category.

Church (Noel Schlegelmilch).

The Michigan City in Bloom contest, now in its fifth year, is sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Department, with support from Mayor Ron Meer, City Planner Craig Phillips and prizes donated by the Port Authority. Judging was done according to a point system by Manner and Master Gardeners Nancy Jannel-Barnes and Mary Rooney.

"We had so many good entries that we have now formed the 300 Club," Manner said, "to recognize all the gardeners who earn more than 300 points."

This year, 11 participants were named to the club, including two Catholic churches: Queen of All Saints and St. Stanislaus Kostka.

To extend participation to all Michigan City residents, Manner made special mention of the Safe Harbor Horticulture Program, directed by John Tiedeman at Joy and Edgewood elementary schools.

"Last year, more than 300 students were involved in this after-school program," Manner said. "What better way to promote beautification of the city than getting the next generation involved!"

Others named to the 300 Club were: Michael and Debbie Bergerson, Dennis and Gail Schoch, Essie McMillan, Leann Comer, Joyce Topa, Larry Joyner, Don and Jinny Przybylinski and Geisen-Carlisle Funeral Home.

*(More information about Michigan City in Bloom and its contest is available on facebook at Michigan City in Bloom.)*



The Ritz Klub property (Phyllis Komaskinski) took first place in the small business category.



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The concert features bass Oliver Neal Medina and Canadian soprano Sarah Gartshore.

Career highlights for Gartshore include a Ravinia Festival debut with "Music of the Baroque," performing Handel's "Israel in Egypt," a debut with the Grammy nominated Chicago Chamber Musicians singing Scarlatti's "*Su le sponde del Tebro*," her Symphony Center debut with the Apollo Chorus performing Brahms' "Requiem" and Donna Anna in "Don Giovanni" with American Opera Group.



Chicago native Medina's roles encompass a wide variety of opera-seria, opera-buffo, operetta and musical theater. The variety of roles he has performed and/or covered include Leporello in "Don Giovanni," Sparafucile in "Rigoletto," Don Alfonso in "*Così fan tutte*," Seneca in "*L'incoronazione di Poppea*" and Dr. Bartolo in "*Il Barbiere di Siviglia*."

Tickets, which are \$35 per person, include a light summer dinner, wine and additional beverages. Contact the symphony office at (269) 982-4030 or visit [www.smso.org](http://www.smso.org) for tickets or more information.

## ArtComp

Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St., will prepare in August for ArtComp, a juried exhibit of local artists.

The show is open to artists 18 and older who live in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. Work must be original in concept and execution, created within the past two years, not completed under instruction and not previously exhibited at the center. No copies or prints, published photographs or other artist's work will be accepted.

All work meant to hang on the wall must be fitted with wire. No sawtooth hangers are allowed. Sculptures must include an adequate base. The maximum size for 2-D work is 5' in any direction. Three-dimensional work must not weigh more than 100 pounds. All entries must be ready for installation and do not require the artist's presence for hanging.

Each artist may submit up to two entries for a non-refundable entry fee of \$30 (\$25 for center members). Work may be dropped off at the center July 26 through Aug. 9 with a completed entry form, entry fee and appropriate labels on all submissions. The center is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and closed Sundays.

The pieces will be juried the week of Aug. 11. All work not juried into the exhibit must be picked up Aug. 18-23. A number of awards will be given, including Best in 2-D and Best in 3-D, with prize money totaling more than \$1,500.

An opening reception is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31. The show remains on display Aug. 25 through Sept. 27. Participating artists must retrieve their work between Sept. 29 and Oct. 4.

Visit [www.chestertonart.com/Art\\_Comp\\_2014\\_Prospectus.pdf](http://www.chestertonart.com/Art_Comp_2014_Prospectus.pdf) for a full prospectus, or pick up a copy at the center. Call (219) 926-4711 for more information.



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## Summer's About to Get Busier With Four Big Events

by Kayla Weiss

With summer in full swing, four of the area's biggest events are just around the corner.

Beginning Thursday, July 31, and running through Sunday, Aug. 3, the Sixth Annual Great Lakes Super Boat Grand Prix returns on the southern edge of Lake Michigan.



The Annual Great Lakes Super Boat Grand Prix.

The event is part of the Super Boat International offshore powerboat racing schedule and will feature many of the world's fastest, most powerful boats. Located at Washington Park in Michigan City, the all-day event on Aug. 3 is free and open to the public. Take a stroll through the park and chat with racers, team members and boat owners while viewing the boats.

More information about the race is available at [www.michigancitysuperboat.com](http://www.michigancitysuperboat.com). More information about events leading up to the race, including the Taste of Michigan City, is available at [www.michigancitylaporte.com](http://www.michigancitylaporte.com)



The Michigan City In-Water Boat Show.

A few days later, on Thursday, Aug. 7, the 35th Annual Michigan City In-Water Boat Show graces Washington Park Marina.

The four-day event, open to the public, is designed as a destination to shop and compare the latest boats, watercraft and related products. Visitors can get a first look at the new USPS "Boating Skills Virtual Trainer," and take a few minutes to try your hand at joystick boat maneuvering from the safety of the shore in the Brunswick Experience Truck. Children can enjoy the floating Rollerz Wheel.

More information about the show, including hours, is available at [www.michigan-city-boatshow.com](http://www.michigan-city-boatshow.com)



The Lakefront Art Festival.

Next up is the Lubeznik Center for the Art's Lakefront Art Festival, which runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16-17.

The 32nd juried outdoor art and fine craft festival held in Washington Park features more than 100 artisans and fine craftspeople exhibiting works for sale. Many different specialties will be exhibited, including photography, wearable art, sculptural objects, 2-D and fine craft. Also planned are an Artist

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The Michigan City RV and Outdoor Show.

Finally, the Michigan City RV and Outdoor Show in Washington Park is Aug. 21-24.

The event is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. With a \$3 admission fee for children 12 and younger and a \$6 admission fee for anyone 12 and older, the RV and Outdoor Show offers much to keep the family entertained.

The event, in fact, will be one of the first shows in the country to feature 2015 model-year RVs, with brand new 2014 and 2015 RVs. All types will be represented, including pop-up campers, travel trailers, fifth-wheels and motor homes. All RVs will be for sale at end-of-the-season prices, with special show financing and prices. Visitors also can walk over to the Bass Pro Shop Blue Gill Fishing Pond.

More information about the event is available at [www.michigancityrvshow.com](http://www.michigancityrvshow.com)



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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, July 25.**

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

• **Firefly Walk from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. Friday, July 25. Meet at the Bailly/Chellberg parking lot.**

View the summer firefly show, and learn about firefly behavior and how climate change may affect park insects.

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

• **Junior Wildland Firefighter Program from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 26, at the West Beach Contact Station.**

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

West Beach is off County Line Road near Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.

• **Chellberg Farm Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 26.**

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.

• **Pinhook Bog Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 27.**

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, July 27, 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.

• **"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 Mich-

igan'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.**

Children 6-12 learn about the lakeshore while enjoying self-guided activities. 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" from 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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## Show Choir Wows Convention



The Elston Middle School Show Choir appears at the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges convention.

The Elston Middle School Show Choir held its final performance at Chicago's Palmer House Hotel on July 14, entertaining the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges.

Twenty-five members of the school's show choir performed for an international audience of 400 justices representing all 50 U.S. states, Guam, Germany and tribal council judges.

"The kids performed at their best, received a standing ovation and were asked to perform an en-

core," said Elston Show Choir Director Stephanie Sobecki, who will lead Barker Middle School's chorus this fall.

Many judges, including La Porte County Judge Nancy Gettinger, congratulated and thanked the group after the show and requested to have their pictures taken with the group.

(La Porte Circuit Judge Tom Alevizos facilitated the group's appearance at the National Council convention.)

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## Seventh Annual Old Car Show



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The La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte, will host its Seventh Annual Old Car Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 26.

The event is open to cars 30 years and older. Owners can bring their vehicles to the museum beginning at 8 a.m., with registration continuing through 11 a.m. The registration fee is \$10 per vehicle, and owners receive this year's custom dash plaque, as well as other items in their "Goodie Bag," and a chance to win one of six different trophies. Categories include Mayor's Choice from La Porte and Michigan City, as well as Curator's Choice and a Preservation Award. Plaques will be awarded for five Owner's Choice awards and five Public's Choice awards. Vehicle owners also will be eligible to win door prizes.

Public viewing starts at 9 a.m. The cost is \$5 per carload and includes admittance to the show and the museum that day only. Those attending receive ballots to vote for the Public's Choice Awards. Ballots must be cast by 2 p.m., with trophies presented at 2:30 p.m. On-site food will be sold at the back of the building.

Some automobiles in the Kesling collection on permanent display in the museum include a Duesenberg and a Delorean, as well as Tucker No. 12.

Visit [www.laportecountyhistory.org](http://www.laportecountyhistory.org) or call (219) 324-6767 for more details.

## Midwest Brewers Brawl

In partnership with United Way of La Porte County and Visit Michigan City La Porte, The Northwest Indiana Leaders Young Professional Network will host its second Midwest Brewers Brawl on Sunday, July 27, at the Washington Park pavilion.

Held in conjunction with the opening of the sixth annual Great Lakes Grand Prix offshore powerboat race, regional brewers compete to win best in class for best stout, best IPA, best wheat and best Summer Session beer, as well as "Best of Brawl." Entertainment includes live music, 50/50 raffle, food and drinks.

General admission for people 21 and older only starts at 2 p.m., with one-hour VIP early access available for an additional fee. General admission tickets are available at a discounted rate of \$40, and \$60 VIP tickets include the event's T-shirt and food from Blue Chip Casino. Parking at Washington Park costs \$7.

Tickets are available at [www.brewersbrawl.com](http://www.brewersbrawl.com). T-shirts also are available for a \$10 donation to the United Way.

Email [brewersbrawl@gmail.com](mailto:brewersbrawl@gmail.com) for more information on the event.

All proceeds benefit United Way of La Porte County to fund Minds in Motion, which integrates the brain and body, emphasizing the physiological link between learning and moving with children.

## River Valley Garden Club

River Valley Garden Club will tour Lake Effect hops farm, Bridgman, Mich., as part of its Tuesday, July 29, meeting.

Members will meet at a home in Bridgman, then carpool to the farm. Guests are welcome. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. EDT. Email [evpalulis@yahoo.com](mailto:evpalulis@yahoo.com) for the location.

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## New Teachers Welcome Luncheon

The Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a New Teachers Welcome Luncheon on Thursday, Aug. 7, at La Porte's Silver Palace, 1719 State St.

Registration is at 11 a.m., with lunch at 11:30 a.m. The event is open to new teachers, professors and administrators from La Porte, New Prairie, South Central, La Crosse, Wanatah and Westville public schools, as well as La Lumiere, Brown Mackie College, Ivy Tech State College and Purdue University-North Central.

All chamber members and their employees are invited to the event, which includes a buffet lunch. Those interested must complete and return a registration form by Friday, July 25. Cancellations received afterward are non-refundable.

Chamber members are encouraged to sponsor one or more of the new educators for the luncheon. The cost is \$25 per person. Each business person will be seated with their sponsored educator(s). For an additional \$30, the company name will be listed as an event sponsor in press releases, table placards and announced during lunch.

All new educators receive "welcome" packets at the luncheon.

Contact the Chamber at (219) 362-3178 or visit [www.lpchamber.com](http://www.lpchamber.com) for more information.

## Roller Derby Subject of Exhibit

South Shore Arts will present "Roller Derby: Works by Kevin Hanusin" on July 25 through Sept. 13 at the South Shore Arts Crown Point branch, 123 N. Main St.

An opening reception is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 25.

In 2012, Hanusin was introduced to the sport of roller derby when his wife began skating for South Shore Roller Girls. He became inspired in part by derby skaters, and by pinup art and illustration.

Based on photos taken during roller derby games and practices, his watercolor and acrylic paintings illustrate not only the players, but also the emotion and energy behind the scenes and during events.



Kevin Hanusin's watercolor and acrylic "Xena Roller Princess."

Hanusin stays involved in roller derby as a volunteer for South Shore Roller Girls, and also as a non-skating official (NSO) during games.

Hanusin has been a practicing artist for more than 30 years. He studied at Columbia College Chicago, as well as The School of Representational Art, Chicago. He has exhibited locally and regionally, had multiple solo exhibits and received Best of Show at the Chesterton Women's Club Exhibit. He has been teaching at South Shore Arts locations for the past 15 years in addition to teaching from his home studio and offering local location workshops.

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**Grandfather, Granddaughter Jump  
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Fraternal Order of Police No. 75 recently held a Fly-In Pancake Breakfast at Michigan City Municipal Airport.

Along with pancakes, eggs and sausage, visitors could take airplane rides and skydive under the direction of Skydive Greater, Kankakee, Ill.



Emmet Nelson and Stephanie Tanger say their farewells before boarding the plane.



Emmet Nelson lands at Michigan City Municipal Airport.

The first pair to jump was 78-year-old Emmet Nelson. It was his first time, and he was joined by his granddaughter, Stephanie Tanger, 31-year-old mother of three with three jumps under her belt.

After a 24-minute plane ride to reach 10,000 feet, the two jumped and landed in the middle of the airport without a hitch. About 40 friends and relatives watched the two pull off the feat.

— Submitted by Mark Weyermuller



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## Summer Proves Busy for JROTC

Michigan City High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps is having a busy summer.

First, it participated in two ceremonies honoring the country's 238th birthday.

The first was at Washington Park. Rich Mrozinski, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9423 commander, was the master of ceremonies and Michigan City Mayor

Ron Meer the guest speaker. The VFW provided the firing detail to initiate the 21-gun salute to honor those who died for their country. The MCHS Color Guard opened the ceremony by presenting and posting the national and Marine flags, and closed the ceremony by presenting the Colors during the firing of the 21-gun salute and playing of Taps.

The Color Guard also was part of the MCHS unit that marched in the La Porte Independence Day



Cadets appear in formation just before the La Porte 4th of July parade starts.

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Their appearance in La Porte was followed by the Michigan City Summer Festival Parade. That evening, they supported the Mich-

Cadet Lance Cpl. Corey Witmer helps with the cleanup of U.S. 421 as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program.

- Aug. 2-3 and Michigan City Area Schools Back-to-School Rally Aug. 14
- Attending a Basic Leadership Camp at the Ransburg Boy Scout Reservation in Bloomington, Ind., a Senior Leadership Camp at the St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield, Wis.; and a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics camp, also at St. John's Military Academy.

The Senior Leadership Camp was funded by the U.S. Marine Corps.

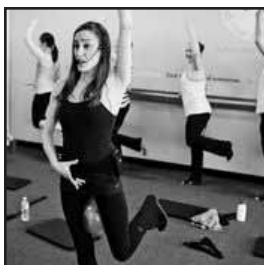


Cadet Capt. Cody Joseph directs a tire-flip event.

igan City Drum and Bugle Corps competition at Ames Field.

Other summer projects include:

- Collecting goods to send to military personnel overseas.
- Cleaning up Indiana 421 and U.S. 6 as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program.
- Supporting the superboat races



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## La Porte County Historical Society Museum

The La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte, has released its June report.

Visitors came from nine counties, 24 states, Germany, Canada, Australia, Israel, Indonesia and India. Events included the Sixth Annual Civil War Reenactment on June 21-22.

Donations were:

- Two 1950s children's books, two old bars of soap, one antacid bottle for the General Store, Marian Fleming.
- 1946 record book for auto repairs for Soetje & Arnold of La Porte, Hilt Ice Co. coupon book, Marlene Hill.
- Original commemorative mug to honor Whirlpool employees for 20 years of service, display case, silver medal, bronze medal, plaque, William Wandell.
- Nigerian currency, Augustine Kadiri.
- Handmade 1970s wedding dress from the Gustafson family, Norma Sabie.
- Flour sifter circa 1930s that belonged to Josephine Bowman, Paul Arragon.
- Three light bulbs from Standard Oil Gas Station, 1940-1960, Edward Ahlgrin.
- Pre-Civil War wool blanket from Thomas Farm-



One item donated in June was an original commemorative mug to honor Whirlpool employees for 20 years of service.

stead, John Cope's Corn Tin circa 1920, Suzanne H. Thomas.

- Edwardian poetry books, circa 1900 velvet purse and bamboo fan, all belonging to Letitia Gangwer Wagner, Marcia Garrison Elshout.
- Heavy muffin tin circa 1941, Connie Farley.
- 1968 calendar illustrated by Capt. Bill Eddy, disc camera circa 1970, Steve Tukos.
- Rolling Prairie T-shirt, 1960, Judy Herenza.
- Bell from horn made by Couturier Band Instruments, La Porte, circa 1915, Allis-Chalmers foreman pin, 1950, belonged to Sam Lenza, Roger and Raeann Brown.
- Photos, Karen Piper.
- Indiana flag, Jim Arnold.
- Books and items for the sale table, Jean Chlupack, Roger and Connie Farley, Scott Jamieson.

July events include the Seventh Annual Old Car Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at the museum. Food will be sold and trophies given, as well as door prizes. Call the museum at (219) 324-6767 for more information.

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# A Soggy Cardboard Boat Dash

The Annual Summer Festival Event Was Held Amid Rain on July 12 at Washington Park Marina's Launch Ramp.



Photos by Janet Baines



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That  
Sinking  
Feeling





# Soggy

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## La Porte County Parks



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

### Summer Day Camp

Tuesday Treasures for youth 6-13 is from 9 a.m. to noon at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte.

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:

- July 29 — Nature Detectives. Use clues to unlock the mysteries of nature.
- Aug. 5 — Eco- Education. Explore the wetland, pond, forest and prairie ecosystems, and what makes each unique.
- 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 Luhr County Park. Dates are: July 28, 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 the Luhr County Park Nature Center. Dates are:

- Aug. 6 — Heart Disease Risk Factors: Know Your Numbers with Nancy Blossom, a registered nurse from IU Health.
- Sept. 10 — 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.

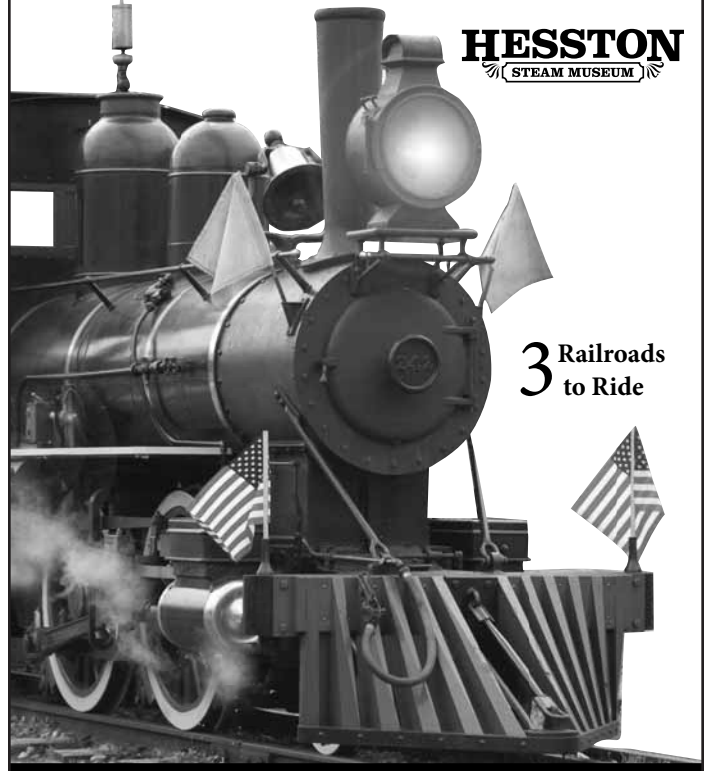
Programs are from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Luhr County Park. The cost is \$5 per child/per program. Pre-registration and payment are required at least one week in advance or until full, whichever comes first.

The lineup is:

- July 30 — Fantastic Fishing.
- Aug. 6 — Bat Basics.

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## Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series

The Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series continues with Wolfgang Rübsam at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, at Christ Church (the former First Congregational Church), 531 Washington St.



Rübsam, director of music at Michigan City's Trinity Episcopal Church, studied under Helmut Walcha and Marie-Claire Alain, and in the U.S. with Robert T. Anderson. After winning the 1973 Grand Prix de Chartres in interpretation, he became professor of church music and organ at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. During his 23-year tenure, he also served as university organist of the University of Chicago at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel.

Rübsam also is known through more than 100 recordings of organ repertoire from the Baroque and Romantic periods, as well as his Naxos Bach recordings on the modern piano. He gives frequent recitals and masterclasses in the U.S. and Europe, and has served on the juries of international competitions.

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

## Panel Discussion at Lubeznik Center

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., will host the panel discussion "Art As Autobiography: The History of the Artist in the Work" from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26.

Panelists include author Stephanie Medlock and artists Suzanne Cohan-Lange, Richard C. Lange and "Material Possessions" exhibiting artists John Paul Morabito and Aram Han. They will discuss what inspires their works, from a fascination with forms and materials to socio-political issues, and the personal memories that often direct their choices.

Han, a fiber artist, was born in Seoul, South Korea, and immigrated to Modesto, Calif., in 1992. She mines from her family's immigration experience to address issues of labor, and explores identity as a 1.5-generation immigrant.

Lange is a Chicago artist and former adjunct professor of fine arts at Loyola University, Chicago. His drawings and paintings are included in many museums and corporate and private collections. He co-owns Blink Contemporary Art in Michigan City with Suzanne Cohan-Lange, a sculptor, curator and art educator whose principal concern during the past 30 years has been designing educational programs, museums and art installations using a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach.

Medlock is a novelist, memoirist and storyteller. Her novel, "The Lives of Things," is available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Morabito is an interdisciplinary artist, initially trained as a commercial textile designer, but now using industrial weaving in durational performance-based textile work.

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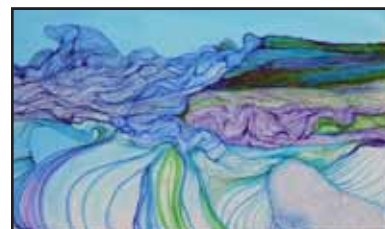
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## Native American Day

International Friendship Gardens, 2055 U.S. E. 12, will present its annual free Native American Day, with a focus on area Potawatomi natives, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 27.

A Native American will start a fire in a traditional manner at noon, cooking squirrel, bison tongue and jerky, as well as garden-grown squash and beans seasoned with herbs and maple sugar.



Hank Bouley of the Objive tribe will be present at Native American Day.

Demonstrations include flintknapping, corn grinding, gardening techniques, trapping and others. Some presentations about gardening and trapping start at 1 p.m. Children can participate in Native American craft projects. Dogs are welcome if sociable and on leads. Visitors also can take tours of the gardens.

As a community education event, the usual \$4 admission fee is waived. Call the office at (219) 878-9885 for more information.

## Indiana Dunes State Park

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

### Friday, July 25

#### • 10 a.m. — Hike Back in Time.

Explore how the land took shape as the glaciers melted. Meet at the Nature Center.

#### • 3 p.m. — From Sand to Glass.

Explore how dunes sand has been made into famous glass bottles over the years. Meet at the Nature Center.

#### • 7 p.m. — Sunset Beach Yoga.

Bleu Lotus Yoga will offer a chance to stretch on the dunes beach. 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.

#### • 8 p.m. — Haunted Forest Hike?

Discover what scary sights and sounds spook the evening hiker. Meet at the campground gate. Children 12 and younger must take a parent.

### Saturday, July 26

#### • 9:30 a.m. — Indiana's Greatest Hike.

Take a tour of what USA Today voted as Indiana's greatest hike. Traverse sand parabolic blow-outs, forested dunes and foredune grasslands along the way. Pack a water bottle, wear hiking boots and meet at the Nature Center.

#### • 3 p.m. Turtle Time.

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at turtles that live in the dunes, then get in a circle and let them crawl around.

#### • 8 p.m. — Spider Sniffing.

Enter the twilight woods to explore how senses are used at night. Children 12 and younger must take a parent. Meet at the campground gate.

### Sunday, July 27

#### • 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.

#### • 4 p.m. — Sand Crafts.

Meet at the Nature Center for a make it-take it sand craft.

*Indiana Dunes State Park is at 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Call (219) 926-1390 for more information.*



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## Bake Sale Fundraiser



Preparing for the annual bake-sale fundraiser are (from left) Deanna Caulfield, Connie Crama, Patricia Snyder and Julie Barry.

Chapter DF of Philanthropic Education Organization of Michigan City will hold its annual bake-sale fundraiser from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 26, at the Farmers Market, Eighth and Washington streets, Michigan City.

Ways and Means Chairwoman Deanna Caulfield, committee members Connie Crama and Patricia Snyder and Chapter DF members have shared their baking talents to present traditional pastries, including brownies, cakes, cookies, pies, cupcakes and Irish bread, at the market in the red tent.

All proceeds benefit women seeking scholarships for continuing education in the La Porte County area. Since 1979, Chapter DF has awarded \$86,000 in scholarship grants.

## Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available through Westchester Public Library:

• **Local author Charles Mike Bartholomew will present his new book, "Up the Road from Tassinong," at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Bartholomew, a retired Post Tribune correspondent, features poems about the area in the book. Refreshments will be served.

• **Free concert and family film series Friday, July 25, at Thomas Centennial Park at Calumet and Broadway in downtown Chesterton.**

The concert at 7 p.m. features Song Sisters, followed by "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2" at dusk (about 8 p.m.). Take lawn chairs, picnics, blankets and bug spray. The events move to the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton, if the weather is poor.

• **The next Nature Series program at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at Brown Mansion, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Local nature photographer Ron Trigg, who created a photo book celebrating Porter's 150th anniversary, will present tips on the best local places to take great nature photographs. No registration is necessary. Refreshments will be served.

• **Family Fiesta, celebrating Mexico's culture, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at Thomas Centennial Park.**

The free event, which celebrates the end of Westchester Public Library's summer reading program, includes games, face painting, crafts, storytelling and other activities. No registration is necessary.

• **Sunday Matinee, "Heaven is for Real," at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The showing is free. The movie is rated PG.

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## Recital to Benefit Soup Kitchens

James Carter Cathcart will return to his hometown to present a piano recital benefiting Michigan City soup kitchens at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St.

Cathcart, a New York City resident, is celebrating his 60th birthday performing to help soup kitchens across the country. The recital will include works by Schubert, Chopin, Scriabin and Prokofiev.

Afterward, the audience can meet Cathcart at a reception. A free-will offering will be taken, the proceeds going to organizations that host lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The summer schedule is:

- Monday and Thursdays at First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St.
- Tuesdays at Emmett Wise Neighborhood Center, 1702 E. Michigan Blvd.
- Wednesdays at Pleasant Hill Missionary Church, 717 E. 10th St.
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## Michigan City Public Library

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• **Summer Reading Program: "The Science of Aerodynamics" at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 24.**

Learn how airplanes fly. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The last day to record hours for the program is from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 26.

• **Dr. Who Trivia at noon Friday, July 25.**

Test your Dr. Who trivia knowledge and win prizes.

• **Movies in Washington Park: "Turbo" at dusk Friday, July 25, at Washington Park's Jaycee Stage.**

The showing is sponsored by the library and City of Michigan City.

• **"Understanding Your Dreams" at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 26.**

Experienced dream therapist Terese Fabbri helps people understand dreams.

• **"Angels Among Us" 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 29.**

Listen to, and share, inspiring stories, with Ange Benz leading the program.

• **Yoga with David Kipley at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 29.**

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.

• **Summer Reading Program Grand Finale: Jeanie B! at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 30.**

Jeanie's upbeat shows feature dancing, sing-alongs, positive messages and interactive music.

• **Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 30.**

Children from birth to age 5 accompanied by adults experience stories, songs and crafts. Arrive a few minutes early to receive a name tag.

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

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

• **"Winter in the Southwest" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 30.**

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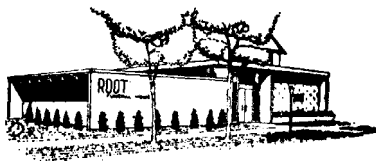
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(219) 874-6209**Harbor Country Book Club**

Chicago playwright and teacher Joel Drake Johnson will discuss his new play, "Rasheeda Speaking," during the Harbor Country Book Club meeting at 7 p.m. EDT Tuesday, July 29, at Harbor Grand Hotel, 111 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich.

"Rasheeda Speaking" makes its New York City premiere with performances in January through March 2015. Cynthia Nixon ("Sex &amp; the City") makes her directorial debut with the workplace thriller that examines the realities of so-called "post-racial" America. Two-time Oscar winner Dianne Wiest ("Hannah and Her Sisters") and Tony winner Tonya Pinkins ("Caroline of Change") star as once-friendly co-workers driven apart by their white boss' machinations.

Johnson has been nominated four times for Best New Play by Chicago's Joseph Jefferson Award Committee, and is working on a new play for Stepwolf Theatre.

The public is welcome.

**Briar Leaf Junior Golf Program**

Briar Leaf Golf Club, 3233 Indiana 39, La Porte, again is offering its First Swing and Junior Players golf program this summer.

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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 Lorax" at 8:30 p.m. EDT Friday, July 25.**

The showing is free. Doors open at 8 p.m. EDT. Food and drinks will be sold. Take blankets or chairs. The showing moves into Fernwood's gallery if the weather is poor.

• **Fernwood Book Group at 10:30 a.m. EDT Saturday, July 26.**

The focus is Marcia Bjornerud's "Reading the Rocks: The Autobiography of the Earth."

• **Free Family Activities: Nature and Garden Stations from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Saturday and Sunday, July 26-27.**

On Saturday, the nature station will explore animals of the forest. On Sunday, learn the story of ancient grains at the garden station. Programs are free with paid Fernwood admission.

Call (269) 695-6491 or visit [www.fernwoodbotanical.org](http://www.fernwoodbotanical.org) for more information.

## "Starry Starry Night"

The Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbart, Mich., will present a "Starry Starry Night" at 7:30 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 26.

Guiding attendees through the sky viewing are Jennifer Francis, director of Upton Planetarium, St. Joseph, Mich., and Mike Durren, astronomy instructor at Lake Michigan College. A Dobsonian telescope will be available for viewing, or take your own. Binoculars are recommended.

Galileoscope kits will be sold in advance for \$25. A tripod is recommended for stability and will be available for \$25. Call the church office on (269) 469-1441 to order a kit. If not interested in purchasing a kit, some will be available to experience the building of a Galileoscope during a workshop that night.

Refreshments will be available.

## Annual St. Ann Pancake Breakfast

St. Ann of the Dunes, 433 E. Golfwood Road, Beverly Shores, will present its annual all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, July 27.

The breakfast will be held rain or shine under three large tents at the church, which is just off U.S. 12 adjacent to the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore campground. The cost is \$6 for pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Children 4-10 cost \$2, while children 4 and younger are free.

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## Farm to Table Tour, Dinner

Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich., again is offering a tour of local farms to learn about Community Supported Agriculture, a program in which farmers offer shares of farm-fresh products.

The tour on Saturday, Aug. 9, will visit three farms to learn different methods of raising and marketing produce and meat products, as well as a community garden to learn about renting a garden space. It ends with a farm-to-table dinner.

The tour starts at Fernwood at 1 p.m. EDT. The first stop then is Blue Star Produce, a small family-owned farm in Buchanan, Mich., that grows all Certified Naturally Grown-heirloom produce. The tour heads to New Buffalo, Mich., for a visit to Green Spirit Farms. Located in a retired factory building, it uses indoor hydroponic vertical farming techniques to raise greens and herbs for local markets. The next stop is Three Oaks Community Garden to learn how community gardens operate and what makes them popular. The last stop is Middlebrook Farm, Three Oaks, to learn the difference between grass-fed and grain-fed beef. The tour concludes at 5 p.m. EDT and returns to Fernwood.



Participants in a past tour of local farms and the farm-to-table dinner.

The farm-to-table dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. EDT is prepared by Chef Tim Carrigan.

Participants may pay only for the farm tour (\$40, or \$32 for members), the dinner (\$80, or \$64 for members) or both (\$110, or \$88 for members).

Reservations are required by Wednesday, Aug. 6. Register at [www.fernwoodbotanical.org](http://www.fernwoodbotanical.org) or call Fernwood at (269) 695-6491.

## "Pandora on Fence" Workshop

Painter Helen Burkett will offer the three-day workshop "Pandora on Fence" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 5-7, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Burkett will teach a transparent watercolor painting technique. The Florida-based artist, known for realistic botanicals, has been featured in American Artist and International Artist magazines. Prior to the workshop, she will participate in the 2013 Chesterton Art Fair in Porter's Hawthorne Park on Aug. 2-3. Admission is \$5 at the door.

The workshop cost is \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members. Once a student has registered and paid, he/she receives a template and materials list. The class is limited to 16 and fills up quickly.

Call the center at (219) 926-4711 to register.

## Artists Featured at Barker Mansion

Works by local artists Betty Thomas and Bunny Dimke will be featured during "Coffee in the Garden" from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 26, at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.

Dimke and Thomas met through Michigan City Art League in the mid-1970s. They remain active members and also are involved in Duneland Plein Air Painters. Both began as watercolorists, but recently included oil painting into their works.

"Coffee in the Garden" is held Saturdays throughout the summer. Coffee, iced tea and cookies are served. Regular guided tours of the mansion are at noon and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 10 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.


## Carillon Recital

A carillon recital is at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at The Presbyterian Church of La Porte, 307 Kingsbury Ave., La Porte.

Mark Lee, Naperville, Ill., is the carillonneur. Take lawn chairs, blankets or sit in your vehicle.

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**First Place:** Roxanne Warble  
**Second Place:** Carol Excell, June Salmon,  
Jean Guerin, Connie Sullivan,  
Ellen Holloway

**"A" Flight**

**Low Gross:** Carol Excell  
**Low Net:** Mary Sheridan  
**Low Putts:** Jane Irvine

**"B" Flight**

**Low Gross:** Ellen Holloway  
**Low Net:** Roxanne Warble  
**Low Putts:** Donna Hennard

**"C" Flight**

**Low Gross:** Jean Guerin, June Salmon  
**Low Net:** Mary Weithers  
**Low Putts:** Mary Weithers

**"D" Flight**

**Low Gross:** Tina Sonderby  
**Low Net:** Mary O'Neil  
**Low Putts:** Adele O'Donnell

**Sunken Approach**

Carol Excell	Hole 5
Ellen Holloway	Hole 6
Mary Weithers	Hole 10
Kathy Brennan	Hole 17
Kathy Mole	Hole 2
Nancy Thill	Hole 5
Adele O'Donnell	Hole 4

**Birdies**

Carol Excell	Hole 5
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## LBCC Women's Golf Leagues

### 18-Hole League



July 8, 2014  
Event: Tee to Green

#### "A" Flight

**Event:** Sue Luegers  
**Low Gross:** Sue Luegers  
**Low Net:** Eunie Nondorf  
**Low Putts:** Peggy King

#### "B" Flight

**Event:** Roxanne Warble  
**Low Gross:** Donna Hennard  
**Low Net:** Roxanne Warble  
**Low Putts:** Donna Hennard

#### "C" Flight

**Event:** Jean Guerin  
**Low Gross:** Mary Weithers  
**Low Net:** Paulette Harnach  
**Low Putts:** June Salmon

#### "D" Flight

**Event:** Tina Sonderby  
**Low Gross:** Adele O'Donnell  
**Low Net:** Tina Sonderby  
**Low Putts:** Alison Kolb

#### Sunken Approach

June Salmon Hole 16  
Tina Sonderby Hole 10

#### Birdies

Sue Luegers Hole 5

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## LBCC Women's Golf Leagues 18-Hole League



July 15, 2014

Event: ABCD Low Net Team

**Team Event Winners:** Jane Irvine, Linda Wilson  
**Blind Draw:** Jean Guerin, Tina Sonderby

### "A" Flight

**Event:** Jane Irvine  
**Low Gross:** Peg King  
**Low Net:** Carol Excell  
**Low Putts:** Carol Excell

### "B" Flight

**Event:** Jean Guerin  
**Low Gross:** Susan Roule  
**Low Net:** Jean Guerin  
**Low Putts:** Marge Walsh

### "C" Flight

**Event:** Linda Wilson  
**Low Gross:** Roxanne Warble  
**Low Net:** Linda Wilson  
**Low Putts:** Linda Wilson

### "D" Flight

**Event:** Tina Sonderby  
**Low Gross:** Alison Kolb  
**Low Net:** Adele O'Donnell  
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### Sunken Approach

Jane Irvine Hole 11

### Birdies

Peg King Hole 1



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## LBCC Women's Golf Leagues



## 9 Hole League

July 10, 2014

Event: Regular Golf

**Championship Flight**  
**Low Gross:** Carol Excell, Sue Luegers  
**Low Net:** Laurel Byrne  
**Low Putts:** Kathy Kenefick

## "A" Flight

**Low Gross:** Susan Keeley  
**Low Net:** Dorie Mertz  
**Low Putts:** Jean Guerin

## "B" Flight

**Low Gross:** Tina Sonderby  
**Low Net:** Rima Binder  
**Low Putts:** Adele O'Donnell

## "C" Flight

**Low Gross:** Barb Beardslee  
**Low Net:** Bonnie Reese  
**Low Putts:** Judy Curtin

## Sunken Approach

Judy Curtin

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**July 24** — Free Tutor Roundtable, 5:30-7 p.m., La Porte County Public Library Small Meeting Room 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Info: (219) 325-0875, email mhedge8@comcast.net

**July 24** — Free Artspace community meeting, 6-8 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., Michigan City.

**July 24-30** — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "Venus in Fur." Not rated. In French with English subtitles. Times: 6:15 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. *Also:* "The Grand Seduction." Rated PG-13. Times: 9 p.m. Thurs.-Mon., also 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. *Also:* "A Place at the Table," 7 p.m. July 29. Sponsored by Harbor Country Progress. Free. Take non-perishable food item for Harbor Country Emergency Food Pantry. Discussion after screening. *Also:* "Spirit of the Marathon" Parts 1 & 2, July 30. "Part 1" at 6 p.m./discussion with director Jon Dunham at 8 p.m./"Part 2" at 9 p.m. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

**July 25** — "Five Short Plays," 4-5:15 p.m., large meeting room, La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Free. Info: (219) 362-6156, www.laportelibrary.org

**July 25** — Barker Hall Open Stage Cabaret, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Barker Hall, Sixth & Franklin streets. Doors open/7 p.m., performer signup/7:15 p.m.

**July 25-27, Aug. 1-3** — "Jesus Christ Superstar," Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. Times: 8 p.m. Fri.-Sat./7 p.m. Sun. Tickets/reservations: (219) 879-7509, www.dunes-summertheatre.com

**July 26** — 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.

**July 26** — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

**July 26** — Annual Zoo-B-Que fundraiser, 5-9 p.m., Washington Park Zoo, 115 Lake Shore Drive. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$7/children 3-12, free/children 2 and younger. Reservations: (219) 873-1510.

**July 26** — Panel discussion, "Art As Autobiography: The History of the Artist in the Work," 2-4:30 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: www.lubeznikcenter.org, (219) 874-4900.

**July 26** — Seventh Annual Old Car Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., The La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Public viewing: 9 a.m. Cost: \$5 per carload. Info: www.laportecoun-

tyhistory.org, (219) 324-6767.

**July 26-27** — "Exit Strategy" (Three Oaks Theater Festival), The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Times (Eastern): 8 p.m. July 26/1 p.m. July 27. Tickets: \$35/July 26, \$30/July 27. Reservations: [www.threeoakstheaterfestival.com](http://www.threeoakstheaterfestival.com)

**July 27** — Polish Business and Professional Club of Michigan City free Polish picnic, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. White Eagle Hall, 2107 Welnetz Road, Trail Creek. Info: (219) 879-5746.

**July 27** — James Carter Cathcart benefit piano recital for Michigan City soup kitchens, 4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. Free-will offering.

**July 27** — Midwest Brewers Brawl, Washington Park pavilion. General admission (21 & older)/2 p.m. Costs/information: [www.brewersbrawl.com](http://www.brewersbrawl.com)

**July 27** — Annual free Native American Day, noon-4 p.m., International Friendship Gardens, 2055 U.S. E. 12. Info: (219) 878-9885.

**July 27** — Carillon recital, 4 p.m., The Presbyterian Church of La Porte, 307 Kingsbury Ave., La Porte. Info: [www.LaPortePresbyterianFineArts.org](http://www.LaPortePresbyterianFineArts.org), (219) 362-6219.

**July 29** — Harbor Country Book Club meeting, 7 p.m. EDT, Harbor Grand Hotel, 111 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich.

**July 30** — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Wolfgang Rubsam, 12:15 p.m., First Congregational Church, 531 Washington St. Free. Info: (269) 469-0051.

**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:**

**July 24** — Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra's "Casual Classics — Uncork & Unwind," 6 p.m. EDT, Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$35. Reservations: (269) 982-4030, visit [www.smso.org](http://www.smso.org)

**July 26** — Sky viewing program, "Starry Starry Night," 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbart, Mich. Info: (269) 469-1441.

**July 26** — Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Co. performance, "Coriolanus," 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)

**July 27** — Jazz on a Summer's Day, Lakeside (Mich.) Inn, 15251 Lakeshore Road. 4 p.m. EDT — drummer/percussionist Reggie Nicholson & trumpeter Robert Griffin. 7 p.m. EDT — The Edward Wilkerson Jr. Sextet. Tickets: \$20. Reservations/info: [www.hothouse.net](http://www.hothouse.net), (269) 469-0600

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**On July 24, 1866**, following the Civil War, Tennessee became the first Confederate state to be readmitted to the Union.

**On July 24, 1870**, the first railroad car from the Pacific Coast reached New York, marking the beginning of transcontinental rail service.

**On July 24, 1915**, 812 were drowned when *The Eastland*, an excursion boat preparing to leave Chicago for Michigan City, rolled over in the Chicago River.

**On July 24, 1946**, off the Pacific Ocean's Bikini Atoll, the United States conducted the first underwater test of an atomic bomb.

**On July 24, 1959**, Vice President Richard Nixon and Soviet Premier Nikita Krushchev held their famous “kitchen debate” in an American exhibit in Moscow.

**On July 24, 1969**, after completing the first manned landing on the Moon, the *Apollo 11* astronauts made a safe “splash-down” in the Pacific.

**On July 25, 1866**, Ulysses S. Grant, victorious Union general in the Civil War, was named to the five-star rank of “General of the Armies,” the first officer to be so honored.

**On July 25, 1885**, Louis Pasteur inoculated the first human being against rabies. The patient, Joseph Meister, who was bitten by a rabid dog, later became superintendent of the Pasteur Institute.

**On July 25, 1944**, Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters recorded Cole Porter's popular “Don't Fence Me In.”

**On July 25, 1971**, in Cape Town, South Africa, Dr. Christian Barnard successfully transplanted two lungs and a heart into a man.

**On July 25, 1978**, Louise Brown, the world's first “test tube baby,” was born in Lancashire, England. She was conceived through in-vitro fertilization.

**On July 26, 1908**, U.S. Attorney General Charles Bonaparte issued an order creating an investigative agency that was a forerunner of the FBI.

**On July 26, 1943**, Rolling Stones lead singer Mick Jagger was born in Dartford, England.

**On July 26, 1948**, President Truman banned discrimination in the military and in federal employment.

**On July 26, 1952**, Eva Peron, wife of Argentine President Juan Peron, died, of cancer, at 33.

**On July 26, 1958**, England's Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed her son, Charles, to be the Prince of Wales.

**On July 26, 1971**, *Apollo 15* launched from Cape

Kennedy, FL.

**On July 26, 1990**, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**On July 26, 1996**, swimmer Amy Van Dyken became the first American woman to win four gold medals at a single Olympics as she captured the 50-meter freestyle in Atlanta.

**On July 26, 2005**, Cubs pitcher Greg Maddux recorded his 3,000th career strikeout against San Francisco in the third inning of a 3-2, 11-inning victory for the Giants.

**On July 27, 1866**, the first underwater cable message was sent between North America and Europe.

**On July 27, 1909**, Orville Wright set a world record by keeping his airplane aloft for 72 minutes and 40 seconds.

**On July 27, 1929**, future First Lady Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy was born in Southampton, NY.

**On July 27, 1931**, thousands of acres of crops were destroyed as swarms of giant grasshoppers descended on Nebraska and South Dakota.

**On July 27, 1940**, Bugs Bunny made his "official" debut in the Warner Bro. cartoon "A Wild Hare."

**On July 27, 2003**, comedian Bob Hope died in Toluca Lake, CA; he was 100.

**On July 28, 1859**, Chicago's "Rosehill Cemetery" was officially dedicated.

**On July 28, 1927**, 27 passengers drowned when the "Favorite," a Lake Michigan cruise ship, capsized in a sudden squall off Chicago's North Avenue.

**On July 29, 1850**, *La Traviata*, the first opera to be performed in Chicago, opened at the Rice Theater.

**On July 29, 1957**, Jack Paar made his debut as host of NBC's "Tonight Show."

**On July 29, 1977**, the first oil began flowing through the 800-mile long Alaska pipeline.

**On July 29, 1978**, Penny Dean set a new record (7 hours & 42 minutes) for swimming the English Channel.

**On July 29, 1981**, in an elaborate ceremony televised worldwide from London's St. Paul's Cathedral, Prince Charles (heir to the throne of Great Britain) married Lady Diana Spencer.

**On July 30, 1862**, the *Cincinnati Gazette* first used the expression "copperhead" (not customarily considered a term of endearment) to designate a Northerner who was sympathetic to the cause of the Confederacy.

**On July 30, 1890**, baseball legend Casey Stengel was born in Kansas City, MO.

**On July 30, 1909**, the U.S. Government paid \$30,000 for its first airplane, a Wright biplane.

**On July 30, 1976**, Bruce Jenner won the gold medal in the decathlon at the Summer Olympics in Montreal.



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**Opera Concert, Open Stage**

"Opera 101 with Don Sollar" is from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 25, at Michigan City Senior Center at 2 on the Lake in Washington Park.

The performance will feature works by Rossini. For more information, call the senior center at 873-1504 and ask for Dennis Brittain to return the call.

Later that day, Barker Hall Open Stage Cabaret is from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Barker Hall, Sixth and Franklin streets.

Doors open by 7 p.m., with the performer signup at 7:15 p.m. The theme challenge is "Liberty and Freedom." Musicians, singers, dancers, poets, storytellers and comics are invited. Contributions can be made to the treats table, as well as donations.

**Polish Picnic**

The Polish Business and Professional Club of Michigan City will host a free Polish picnic from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at White Eagle Hall, 2107 Welnetz Road, Trail Creek.

The menu includes Polish sausage and sauerkraut, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, beer/wine/pop/water and snow cones. Also planned are a bean bag toss, Polish music and folk craft vendors. Magician Matt Kalita will perform from 1 to 2 p.m.

The public is invited. Call Celeste Van Etten at (219) 879-5746 for more information.

**China Trip Deadline**

Travelers with valid U.S. passports who wish to participate in the Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce China trip have until July 30 to provide traveler documentation and payment.

The chamber again is offering, to members and the general public, an all-inclusive trip to China in October.

Details of the cities and attractions included in the nine-day tour, costs and travel documentation required are available by calling the chamber at (219) 874-6221.

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Lots of furniture, designer purses, household items, clothes, knick-  
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## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

**The Farm by Tom Rob Smith** (hard-cover, \$26 in bookstores and online)

*"Until that phone call, it had been an ordinary day."*

Ah, how quickly our lives can change.

*"Your mother...she's not well...She's been imagining things — terrible, terrible things."*

Daniel's dad, Chris, was crying over the phone as he relayed this message to his son in London. Daniel was a long way from his parents, who'd left London to retire to Sweden, the birthplace of his mother, Tilde. They had been gone some months, and Daniel assumed all was well with the farm they purchased in a remote section of Sweden.

Actually, Daniel was avoiding his parents because he didn't know how they would take the news their only child is gay and living with his partner, Mark. Daniel always managed to push back repeated requests from his mother to visit them in Sweden, knowing he eventually would have to tell them what they might not want to hear.

A few emails from his mother were all he received since his parents left London: newsy ones recounting progress made on the farm and the garden she'd started. But then came the last cryptic email. No message, just "Daniel!" Was she just too busy to write more? Maybe she was letting her son know she was thinking of him.

Maybe.

Maybe not.

His father's last words were the most unimaginable to any child: *"Your mum's in hospital. She's been committed."*

Before Daniel can get on a plane to Sweden, his mother calls to say she is boarding a plane for London. Daniel tells his mother his dad already called worried about her whereabouts.

*"Everything that man has told you is a lie. I'm not mad...I need the police...Meet me at Heathrow."*

Despite the craziness of the conversation, Daniel withholds judgement and gives his mother a chance to further explain herself. After all, if she was truly insane, would the Swedish doctors have let her go? Daniel's father says he will stay in Sweden and



let Daniel help his mother, but can he be trusted? It seems everything he knew, or thought he knew about his parents, is now questionable.

Daniel meets his mother at Heathrow. She is obviously paranoid, clutching a leather satchel that never leaves her side. She tells Daniel it contains all the proof she needs of what has happened in the months she has been in Sweden. Is this just paranoia or proof of something more hideous? Daniel is determined to find out the truth.

Sounding lucid for the first time, Tilde tells Daniel she must start at the beginning and work forward in time for him to understand what happened since the move to Sweden. And so begins Tilde's bizarre story. Her account is fascinating of the strange things she witnessed since the move, and all the accompanying paperwork she tucked away in her satchel.

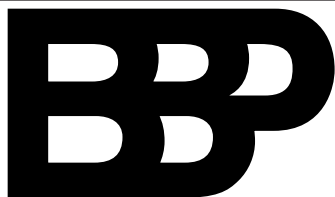
But was it all the imagining of a sick mind? Or was she being systematically driven mad by Hakan, the strange man who lived down the road and wanted to buy Chris and Tilde's farm? He was a rich and influential man in a community with secrets of his own and a decidedly dark side.

I kept vacillating between believing Tilde and thinking her quite mad, unable to reach a conclusion until the last chapter. This is a fascinating read that will make you see that we should never be quick to judge things at face value. After all, there just might be a grain of truth in there somewhere. Maybe.

I loved this story! It's different and kept me engaged to the very end.

Smith actually does have a Swedish mother and English father. His bestselling trilogy, Child 44, The Secret Speech and Agent 6, have been international sensations. Child 44 was named one of the Top 100 thrillers of all time by NPR, won the International Thriller Writers Award for Best First Novel, the CWA Ian Fleming Steel Dagger Award and is now a major motion picture starring Gary Oldman. Smith's website is [www.tomrobsmith.com](http://www.tomrobsmith.com)

Till next time, happy reading!



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