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BEHIND THE SCENES

VOLUNTEERS START THEIR DAY EARLY TO READY STEAM MUSEUM FOR THE PUBLIC

by Kayla Weiss

Ever since it opened nearly 60 years ago, Hesston Steam Museum has been a family affair, the gates opening so new generations can experience its steam-powered tribute to the past.

While the all-volunteer attraction opens to the public at 11:30 a.m. each weekend, those who get it up and running begin their day much earlier. It takes a considerable amount of work, and elbow grease, to make what families eagerly anticipate appear so seamless.

"Hesston has always been a place for families. That's evident in our clientele and in the people who love to work here," Ted Rita, Hesston Steam Museum director and general manager, said.

"I have always brought my son here, but now that he's getting older, spending more time with his friends, I don't get to see him as much as when he was little. But, he still loves Hesston, so this is one place where we can come together, spend time together, and bond. I will always cherish that."

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Beacher writer Kayla Weiss, experiencing Hesston Steam Museum for the first time, greases up the Smith Myers & Schnier Stationary Engine.

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For those unfamiliar with Hesston Steam Museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, here's a little history.

Back in 1956, a group of steam-engine enthusiasts purchased 22 acres of land overrun with hundreds of thorn apple trees, which were quickly cleared. A dam was built to create a source of water for the engines, and the group, then called the La Porte County Threshermen, held its first show in 1957. Traction engines were the main attraction. Over the next few years, many new items were added to the grounds, including the saw mill, electric plant and Browning Crane.

In 1964, a couple of members purchased a steam locomotive from Elliott Donnelley of Lake Forest, Ill. Donnelley had taken an immense interest in Hesston's accomplishments. Through him, the remainder of Hesston's 155-acre site was purchased and a unique dual-gauge railroad constructed. On Dec. 16, 1968, the La Porte County Historical Steam Society

Inc. was chartered as a non-profit organization, and the original La Porte County Threshermen club was absorbed and dissolved.

More than 10 years after its formation, Hesston Steam Museum began weekend operation of the railroad. Additional buildings were erected, and more equipment was brought in for restoration and exhibit each year. The Shay locomotive, Hesston's largest on display, was brought in, completely restored and dedicated on Aug. 30, 1975. Construction on the new site started two years later and was completed in July 1982, marked with a Golden Spike ceremony.

The museum has survived tragedy — a fire in May 1985 took a devastating toll on the large railroad equipment — rebuilt itself and added to its list of offerings. Today, according to Rita, about 15 to 20 volunteers arrive each weekend, coming not just from La Porte County, but also the Chicagoland area, South Bend and Michigan. About half camp out on the grounds, making the museum their home for the weekend.



Ted Rita (centers) enjoys breakfast with his fellow workers.

The day I arrived at Hesston, curious to see what it takes to operate the steam museum, Rita geared me up in a spare pair of Hesston overalls and my very own pink conductor's hat. I was ready to get my hands dirty and help out.

First, Rita dropped me off at the electric power plant and stationary engine. Despite the fact that the fire was already lit in the boiler, there was still plenty of work to be done. Before the stationary engines could be started, they needed to be properly and thoroughly greased. After leading me around one of the engines to show me the different pieces, they took me to the Smith Myers & Schnier Stationary Steam Engine. Oil can in hand, it was my responsibility to make sure all of the different pieces were greased for the day's work.

Once that was finished, it was time to join those at the saw mill to begin measuring all the lumber on the schedule to be sawed for Hesston and its clients.



Ross VanOverberghe measures lumber to be cut.

Ross VanOverberghe, head sawyer for Hesston's saw mill, pulled out his special ruler and began measuring each piece of lumber to figure out how many boards he could get for each order. Then, it was time to show me how to change and sharpen old, dull teeth. This time around, not many teeth needed to be removed and sharpened, so the blade check was short and easy.

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If You Go

Hesston Steam Museum will mark "American Family Day" on Sunday, Aug. 3, with a special family value pack. Any family — up to five members — can buy a special three-ride ticket for \$25. Normal train fares are \$5, or \$3 for children 3-12. Visit www.hesston.org for more information.

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Kayla Weiss anxiously awaits her ride on the narrow gauge steam engine.

Finally, I was taken over to the narrow gauge railroad where a full-size locomotive was waiting to be taken on a test ride before families began showing up with their children. So, I hopped up into the small engineer's space, barely 6 inches from the scalding fire that powers the locomotive. Feeling every little bump as the train hurtled across the tracks, we ran the train along the full course of the railroad, testing the train along the tracks to make sure everything was operating smoothly.

So what did I learn about life behind the scenes at Hesston?

First on the order of business is to pull out the locomotives that are going to be used for the day. Then, wood must be chopped to start fires in all of the boilers. Once the fires have been lit, everyone meets up at Doc's Soda Shop for breakfast, giving the boilers enough time to heat up and make steam to power the various mechanisms running that day, including: the Hesston saw mill; the electric power plant and stationary engine; the steam traction engines; the vintage amusement steam trains; and the 1/8 scale handcrafted model trains.

The bigger the boiler, like that found on the Shay locomotive, Hesston's biggest locomotive, the earlier volunteers must light the fires. So, those working with the larger steam engines and the stationary engines must get fires lit

no later than 8 a.m. That way, the engines have enough time to build up the right amount of heat and steam.

"You want to make sure that the boilers have plenty of time to heat up so that there isn't too much pressure being forced upon the metal all at once," said Dan, a volunteer in charge of the amusement park-size railroad. "Around 9:30 a.m., the pressure gauge will start to show a slight fluctuation, so while we wait for the pressure to build up, we go over every square inch of the engines to make sure everything is in working order. And guaranteed, every morning, there is something to fix."

"Guaranteed," he said with a laugh.

Volunteers at the saw mill cut pieces of wood to order. Like everything else at Hesston, the mill is powered by steam, which means the sawyers must make sure they get wood chopped and fires lit just as early as those working the large steam engines. When everything has been lit and opened up, the sawyers join everyone else at Doc's Soda Shop for their traditional breakfast.

Mid-morning, volunteers and staff come together at the popular, vintage soda shop to enjoy home cooked food and lighthearted conversation. Plates clatter and conversations echo off of the walls as they all kick back and relax for a little bit before everything revs up into high gear.



A volunteer drops off a load of "atomic blocks" to help keep the boilers fired up.

Smaller engines like the 1/8-scale models have a little more time before the fires need to be lit because there isn't as much steam needed to power them. The models, therefore, don't even need to be lit until after everyone's had breakfast together.

Darwin Enders and his fellow volunteers who work on the model scale engines begin the day by cleaning and maintaining the trains, each scaled to be 1/8 the size of the trains from which they are based. He makes sure the trains are properly maintained and oiled up, then lights them to begin warming them for the day's excursions.

"I started working with the model scale trains when I was 8 years old," Enders said as he covered different joints with thick grease. "I was taught by Fred Hanson, out of South Bend. He

taught me everything I know. He was extremely talented with these machines. He would build model engines based off of original, full-size engine plans. It was amazing to see him make these model trains. So, when he passed on, I made sure that I could continue the legacy he taught me, and I am so thankful

to Hesston for giving me a place to do that."

Once fires have been lit and steam built up, the crews return to their engines and mills to begin general maintenance, paying careful attention to every piece. For every hour an engine runs, there is an additional hour and a half they must put in to maintain these machines. So, every day the engines are run for about five hours, which means there must be an additional 10 hours of maintenance that goes into



Darwin Enders shows off his prized 1/8-scale model steam engine.

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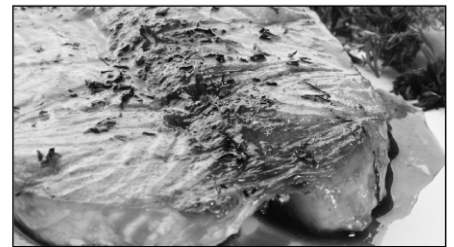
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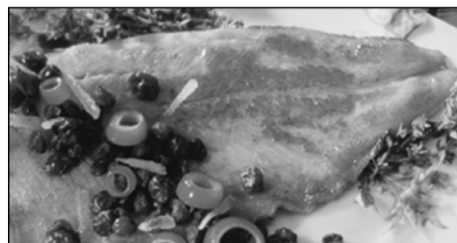
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every machine run that day.

Then, before the trains are loaded onto their tracks for the day, every inch of the tracks are inspected to make sure they are in prime condition for the steam engines. It is especially crucial to check the tracks for the model trains because they are the smallest and, therefore, potentially the most fragile.

"We make sure we give ourselves ample time to check the tracks," Rita said. "That's crucial, because it's about keeping our guests safe, and that's the most important thing after all."

While everyone checks over their engines and tracks, VanOverberghe and the rest of the sawyers get the mill ready for the day's work. The mill on Hesston's grounds features a 60-inch insert

tooth blade that must be checked before any orders can be filled. Since the teeth are removable, it makes fixing chipped or badly damaged teeth much easier. The individual teeth can easily be removed and replaced with fresh, sharp teeth, instead of having to replace the entire 60-inch blade. Once the blade, and the rest of the equipment, have been

checked, VanOverberghe moves over to the pieces of lumber waiting to be cut, where he measures them, and is able to figure out how many boards he can get from each piece. There, they are able to saw their own lumber for restoration projects, like when they constructed a new narrow gauge caboose for one of their locomotives. A lot of times, people bring in their own lumber to be sawed according to their particular needs, which is something else the sawyers have

to measure, to make sure they can provide exactly what their clients need out of the order.

Finally, once fires are lit, steam is built up, wood has been measured and the engines and tracks are checked, it is time for the doors to open for their guests. Excited children and their families trickle in, winding their way through the grounds towards the three steam

engines awaiting them. Children giggle and shout as they eagerly await their turn on the locomotives.

And the magic of Hesston lives on, prepped and ready to give another generation of families a glimpse into the past.



Ross VanOverberghe and the rest of the sawyers cut lumber for customers' orders.



A volunteer greases up the generator in the electric power plant before starting it up.



Anyone has the chance to pull the engine's whistle, no matter how small.

New Lubeznik Center Exhibits

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., will hold an opening reception for its new exhibits, "Invasive Species," "Transformation" and "Aquatic Kaleidoscope," during First Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1.

"Invasive Species...The Art of Upcycling" in the Hyndman Gallery features work by Michael Dinges, Victoria Fuller, Alan Emerson Hicks, Valerie Mann, Chris Silva and Bryan Sperry that crosses boundaries between environmentalism and art.

The exhibit marks a resurgence in the "ready-made" art practice made popular by Dada artists Duchamp and Man Ray. "Upcycling" makes use of discarded materials and transforms them into beautiful objects without breaking down the material.

"Transformation" in the North View Gallery features an installation by Jan Dean transforming Styrofoam packing. The work draws from the meeting of Western culture and Eastern philosophies.

"Aquatic Kaleidoscope" in the Brincka-Cross Gallery by Renee Robbins features paintings that explore the juxtaposition of flora and fauna.



Rich Manalis' digital photo printed on canvas, "Kelp Wedge, La Jolla."

Also, Rich Manalis will unveil his digital photography exhibit, "Minimalism: Images of California Shorelines," which runs in the NIPSCO gallery in August, while "Mycological Magic," photos by Mike Bailey, runs through Sept. 14 in the large NIPSCO Art Education Studios.

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Washington Park is about to be filled with all that makes Michigan City the Great Lakes' official pow-erboat coast.

The Sixth Annual Great Lakes Super Boat Grand Prix is set to make its annual appearance on Lake Michigan's southern shore, as the world's top off-shore racers begin filling the lots at Washington Park beginning Thursday, July 31.



Photo by Paul Kemiel Photographics

As in years past, the event not only will feature the world's best offshore powerboat racing, but also something for absolutely everyone who attends Michigan City's premier event.

Beginning Thursday, July 31, we'll kick off the race weekend with a ribbon cutting and VIP meet-the-racer party at The Clubhouse on U.S. 20 in Michigan City, sponsored by Dodge Ram and Michigan City Chrysler. Come meet the team members of Team Tilted Kilt and Double Edge Motorsports at Thursday's event, and enjoy a fun evening dining with some of the world's best racers.

The following day, Crawford's Pub and Eatery, on Franklin Street will host a VIP meet-the-racer party, where you can meet members of Team Hulk, as well as many other racers and teams. You also can enjoy some of the Midwest's best craft beers at Crawford's, which boasts an impressive tab and bottle menu.

On Saturday, the real action begins on the water, with race boat testing from noon to 5 p.m. Come watch racers push their boats to the limit while they test on the big, open waters of southern Lake Michigan. It's always fun to walk down to the hot pits and watch these amazing vessels be craned into Trail Creek for their voyage out past the lighthouse and into the big lake.

Saturday also features the Great Lakes Championship, an EVP-produced pro-am beach volleyball

tournament that will take place at the race site on Washington Park's beach volleyball stadium.

And for the fifth year, the Taste of Michigan City will be held in downtown Michigan City on Franklin Street on Friday and Saturday. Enjoy 20 or more of La Porte County's best restaurants as they bring their culinary delights to downtown Michigan City.

At 6 p.m. Saturday, eat that great food while enjoying the Great Lakes Grand Prix boat parade and block party. The boats will parade up Franklin Street starting at 6 p.m., then come back and park along the street until 9 or 10 p.m. so fans can look up close at the boats and meet the racers.

The parade, block party and Taste have turned into a must-see race-related event, drawing tens of thousands each year.

After spending the event's first three days getting to know the racers and their boats, spend Sunday rooting for the team you've adopted as your favorite over the past few days. Racing begins at 11 a.m. Sunday with two races. Boats will hit the water at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., testing their mettle against the always rough waters of Lake Michigan to see who will bring home the title of 2014 Great Lakes Grand Prix champion. Come watch what is sure to be great battles in the superboat, stock and P-3 classes, as well as all the other classes that will be represented.

We also feature a tented VIP brunch from which you can watch the race Sunday just feet from the racecourse, and an awards banquet at 6 p.m. Sunday at Blue Chip Casino Hotel and Spa. Tickets are available for all VIP events at the Visit Michigan City La Porte Visitors Center in Marquette Mall.

You also can pick up a rack card with schedule information at the visitors center any time.

Starting Saturday and Sunday mornings, parking at Washington Park will be sparse, at best, so make sure to utilize our free parking and shuttle service both at Blue Chip Casino Hotel and Spa, or at the lot at Fifth and Pine streets. Both lots are free and available Friday through Sunday.

The Grand Prix pumps millions into the local economy each year. We hope to see you there.

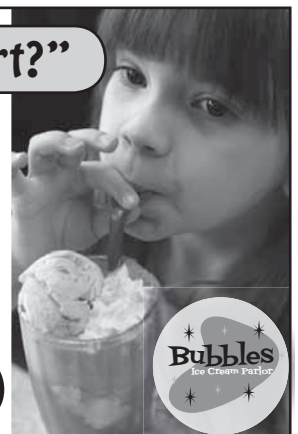
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Yazmin Reza’s play drew rave reviews on stages across the country after its English translation debuted on Broadway five years ago. The story involves a meeting between two sets of Brooklyn parents. Alan (Alex Bonner), a corporate lawyer, and Annette (Emily Chidalek), a “wealth manager,” visit the apartment of Michael (Aram Arden), a wholesaler, and Veronica (Alice Dickey), a writer. Alan and Annette’s son hit Michael and Veronica’s son in the mouth with a stick, breaking two of his teeth.

Both couple’s marriages are exposed as a hoax as the play progresses, director Daulton Dickey said, and the characters eventually gang up on each other in entertaining ways.

“It shows you just how self-centered and cruel people can

become,” Dickey said. “You can only play nice for so long before the masks come off. There’s no question that is happening here.”

The play is for mature audiences only, exploring adult themes and containing strong language.

Performances are Aug. 1-3 and 7-10 at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Tickets are \$12, or \$10 on Thursdays. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Doors open 45 minutes prior to curtain. A 2-for-1 coupon is available for opening night at www.footlightplayers.org. Michigan City artist Chris Whitaker will display his paintings in the Footlight lobby for the run of the show. Reservations are held until 15 minutes prior to curtain unless secured by a season gift card or payment in full.

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Alex Bonner (clockwise from left), Alice Dickey, Aram Arden and Emily Chidalek star in “God of Carnage.”

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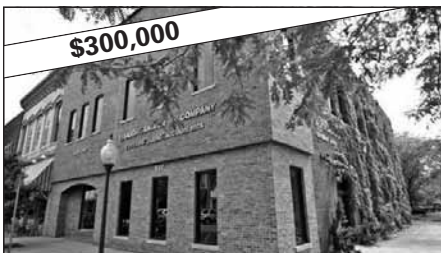
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“The Mystery of the Ordinary”

Art Institute Exhibit Celebrates Early Work of Belgian Surrealist

by Barbara Stodola

You enter a darkened space and a solitary bald head meets your eye. It is the death mask of Napoleon, cast in plaster, painted sky blue and overlaid with stylized clouds.

Welcome to the stupendous work of Belgian Surrealist Rene Magritte.

The current show at The Art Institute of Chicago, “The Mystery of the Ordinary: 1926-1938,” which runs through Oct. 13, brings into focus the inscrutable world of images created by the artist early in his career.

Beginning with his first solo Surrealist show in Brussels, the exhibit proceeds to Paris, where the 29-year-old artist hooked up with Surrealist painters Salvador Dali, Joan Miro and Max Ernst, as well as poets Andre Breton and Paul Eluard. In 1930, after the stock-market crash affected the European and American economies, Magritte returned to Brussels and resumed his career in advertising, while continuing to paint.

Rejecting any suggestion of Bohemian messiness, he set up an easel in his dining room and painted neatly, supposedly dressed in a business suit.

During the 13 years covered in this exhibit, the

artist created many of the images for which he is known: the veiled faces, fluffy white clouds, the pipe that is not a pipe, dismembered figures with their limbs rearranged and his alter ego: the bowler-hatted man. He also introduced the word plays that contribute a bit of confusion and dark humor.

“The Human Condition,” perversely titled, actually is the painting of an easel with a painting on it, situated in front of a window so the painting of a landscape blends seamlessly into the landscape out the window: a clever trick, and a spoof on the concept of “reality.”

“The Healer” is the portrait of a seated, heavy-set man, except that the man’s head and torso are replaced by a birdcage with two doves.

In both of these works, the central image is framed by a pair of draperies — a favorite Magritte motif — suggestive of curtains opening to reveal a stage set.

The theatricality of Magritte’s work is one of the characteristics captured in The Art Institute’s in-



In “The Human Condition,” Magritte inverts our perception of reality, placing the painted landscape so it intersects with the landscape out the window.



Magritte did several versions of “The Healer.” Curiously, none has a human face.

stallation, and it sets a dramatic mood for this viewing experience. Important paintings are set into individual cubicles, like mini-theaters. The lighting gives the impression of films projected onto a screen. The darkened space encourages a hushed tone.

Curator Stephanie D'Alessandro, previewing the show, said Art Institute staff collaborated with an opera stage designer "in order to make everyday objects shriek out loud." She welcomed members of the press to a breakfast — Belgian waffles, in the artist's honor — served in the Modern Wing entry hall, beneath fabricated clouds of cotton batting.

In Magritte's otherworldly landscapes, the bowler-hatted man often appears beside curious elements, such as the spindle-like forms he called "bilboquets," which may connote table legs, mannequins or trees. In "The Meaning of Night," the man walks on a cloud-covered beach where a strangely-shaped rock takes on a human quality. Such images are examples of the Surrealists' view that just because you can see something doesn't make it real.



The bowler-hatted man, sleepwalking in "The Meaning of Night," is pictured with his doppelganger, and a rock held upright by a mannequin's arm



The eye is a favorite motif of Magritte and other Surrealist artists.

If You Go

"The Mystery of the Ordinary: 1926-1938" continues through Oct. 13 at The Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave. The museum is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and until 8 p.m. Thursdays. Visit www.artic.edu for more information. All photos used with this article are courtesy of The Art Institute of Chicago.

"The False Mirror" is a giant eyeball reflecting clouds in a sky of blue — another of Magritte's signature motifs. The eye was a significant symbol in the Surrealist vocabulary, as evidenced by a poem of Eluard's: "*Your eyes in which I travel / Have given to signs along the road / A meaning alien to the earth.*"

Magritte seemed to regard individual images, such as the eye or the clock, as words in a vocabulary, but their meaning was not what you think it should be. "The Interpretation of Dreams" presents four images as illustrations in a child's dictionary, but the clock is named "the wind," the pitcher "the bird" and only the valise is "the valise," to confuse you further.

"*Ceci n'est pas une pipe*," the most famous of these verbal confusions, reportedly compelled the artist to explain that, of course, it is not a pipe: "*Just try to put tobacco in it*," he said. Responding to repeated inquiries about the meaning of this or that painting, Magritte would emphasize its mysterious character and say it does not mean anything, because mystery does not mean anything either. "*It is unknowable.*"



"Time Transfixed," the famous Magritte painting owned by The Art Institute of Chicago, is part of the Joseph Winterbotham Collection.

For the final display in this 118-piece exhibit, The Art Institute has saved the treasured piece from its own collection: "Time Transfixed," with the steam engine puffing its way out of the fireplace, and a clock on the mantel marking the time. What you may not know about this well-known piece — and being a Michigan Citian you would want to know — is that it is from the Joseph Winterbotham Collection, the very same Joseph Winterbotham (1852-1925) who once lived in Michigan City and lies buried here...in Greenwood Cemetery.



Another visual joke places a painted wedge of cheese — framed — inside a covered dish and names it "A Piece of Cheese."

Canterbury Show Spoofs Hitchcock

Canterbury Summer Theatre will present "The 39 Steps," a comic homage to Alfred Hitchcock's film of the same name, as its fourth production of the 2014 season.

Performances are Friday through Sunday, Aug. 1-3 and 8-10, at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., Michigan City.

The fast-paced whodunit features more than 150 characters, an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and romance. The story centers on a man with a boring life who meets a woman with a thick accent who says she's a spy. When he takes her home, she is murdered. Soon, a mysterious organization called "The 39 Steps" is on his trail in a nationwide manhunt that climaxes in a death-defying finale.

The show ran for more than 500 performances

on Broadway and is a two-time Tony and Drama Desk winner.

The Canterbury cast, Tony Balsamo, Patrick Firme, Kathryn Hein and Evan Messman, plays all 150+ characters. The production is a collaboration between Festival Players Guild and Imaginary Doors Entertainment, Mishawaka, of which director

Brant Beckett is a founding member. He also sits on the Festival Players Guild board and coordinates its Winter Arts Series. His credits include directing more than 80 productions, his most recent Mainstreet show being "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)."

Tickets are \$16, with senior, group and student discounts available. Curtain is 8 p.m. Fridays, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Reservations are available by calling the Mainstreet Theatre box office at (219) 874-4269 or at info@festivalplayersguild.org



Patrick Firme, Evan Messman and Tony Balsamo star in the comic thriller, "The 39 Steps."

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Chancellor Writes Children's Book

Purdue University-North Central Chancellor James Dworkin has published a children's book, "The Dog and the Dolphin," about two unlikely friends who meet on a beach in Florida.

The story was inspired by an interaction Dworkin observed several years ago while vacationing with his family on Sanibel Island, Fla. During a visit to the beach, he watched a dog, depicted in the book as an Irish setter named Red, wander the beach. The dog strolled around, sniffed here and there and seemed to be bored, Dworkin said. But as the dog gazed into the water, it caught a glimpse of something that interested him. A dolphin was but a short distance away.

The dog was clearly interested in the dolphin. Dworkin observed that it seemed like the dolphin noticed the dog. The dolphin seemed so interested in the dog that it would swim in the same direction the animal ran. The dog in turn seemed so enamored with his new friend, he tried to swim out to it with a Frisbee so they could play together.

Dworkin found the interaction so charming, he wrote down what he'd observed and did a few rough drawings, thinking it was a heartwarming story to relate. He asked a portrait artist, Michael Chelich,

Munster, to illustrate the story.

The book also serves as a lasting legacy to Dworkin's grandchildren since three of their names are featured in the illustrations. A likeness of Chelich's daughter is seen as a young swimmer.

Dworkin also will donate part of the proceeds to endow a scholarship for students in the PNC Early Childhood Education program.

An accomplished author, Dworkin has written the books "Owners Versus Players: Baseball and Collective Bargaining" and "Reflections on the Transformation in Industrial Relations." He also has written and edited numerous articles and chapters for professional publications.

"The Dog and the Dolphin" is his first children's book. He has an inspiration for his second one.

In the coming months, Dworkin and Chelich will participate in readings and book signings. One of his first stops will be to read the book to the kindergarten class of his grandson, Jimmy.

Information on readings and book signings will be available at www.thedogandthedolphin.com. The book also is available at www.amazon.com and at the PNC and Purdue University-Calumet bookstores.



Purdue University-North Central Chancellor James Dworkin appears with his granddaughters, Allison (left) and Abby, who display copies of his children's book, "The Dog and the Dolphin," at Michigan City Public Library, where he recently read the book to a group of youngsters.



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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

• **Ranger's Choice Hike from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1.**

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

• **Central Beach Sunset Hike from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1.**

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

• **Fort Building Contest No. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Form a family or small group team and test architecture skills in the Nature Play Zone. Prizes for different themed forts will be awarded.

• **Chellberg Farm Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2.**

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

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

• **Campground Program from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Dunewood Campground Amphitheater.**

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

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

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

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

• **"Miller Woods Hike" from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, 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 Michigan's shoreline. Inside the center, help feed the resident turtles and fish or make a free craft.

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

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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The Days of "Downton"

Long Beach Country Club took on a "Downton Abbey" feel as members of 18-Hole Women Golfers and their guests strolled the links for Guest Day on June 24.

Setting the stage the night before was the annual Pre-Party with Pimms & Cheer under the tent on the Grand Pavillion, and with the ladies dressed in their finest aristocratic attire.

The next morning featured a brunch of Scotch eggs and scones. Golf and awards were followed by a closing feast of Cucumber Granita, Beef Wellington and "Battleship" Britannia, and a dark chocolate

mousse that featured a crème engaze center.

Guests that day encountered the "Earl of Godfrey" (PGA Head Pro Brian Godfrey), "Duchess of Corbett" (General Manager Annette Corbett), Executive Chef Jason Schroeder and country club staff dressed in "Downton" attire.

Submitted by Marci Meyer

In Our Aug. 7 Edition

Photos from the Long Beach Country Club
9-Hole Women Golfers Guest Day.



First Place Back 9 winners were Lorijo Fergle, Tina Sonderby, Kathy Brennan and Kathie Mole.



First Place Front 9 winners were Suzanne Sullivan, Eileen Kelly Pope, Mary Eunie Nondorf and Eunie Nondorf. Mary Eunie also was the grand winner in the putting contest.



Second Place Back 9 winners were Holly Mayfield, Martha Lindenmann, Nancy Reinert and Beth Chensoff



Back 9 winners enjoying Pimms & Cheer on the pavillion Friday night were Carol Excell, Mauren Hochberg, Ellie Parkerson, June Salmon, Sherry Remijas and Peg King.



Front 9 Third Place winners were Janet Plecki, Marci Meyer, Linda Wilson and Joey Eastman.



The 2014 Long Beach Country Club 18-Hole Ladies Golf Guest Day Co-Chairs Nancy Thill and Lynn Delehanty.



"Downton" ladies Rima Binder, Kathy Peters Ryan, Nancy Henry and Dr. Mary Burke finished in second place on the Front 9.



Long Beach Country Club Golf Pro Brian Godfrey and his mother, Gloria Godfrey, who was the Ladies 18-Hole Golf chair 40 years ago, and Assistant PGA Pro Justin Stevens.



Pre-party guests in their "Downton Abbey" finery: Jill Craig, Andrea Sells, Anne Robson, Julie Godfrey, Meg Caplice and Susie Yemc.



Jane Johnson, Jane Irvine, Mary Smart and Gloria Roux.



Maids Mary Shiels, Susan Keeley, Her Lady Sally Allen and Maid Suzie Eiben.



The "Downton" mothers-of-the-groom Connie Sullivan and Melanie Davis.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Thursday, July 31

• 9:30 a.m. — Beach Yoga.

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

• 3 p.m. — 100 Years of Indiana State Parks.

Meet at the Nature Center auditorium for the 50-minute documentary produced in 2009 by PBS.

Friday, Aug. 1

• 10 a.m. — Mount Tom Bound.

Wear hiking boots for a moderate, one-hour jaunt to Indiana's highest sand dune. Meet at the campground shelter by site 116.

• 3 p.m. — Fire on the Prairie.

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

• 7 p.m. — Sunset Beach Yoga.

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

• 8 p.m. — Who Pooped in the Park!?

Test your knowledge in the science of scatology at the campground shelter by site 113. Prizes will be awarded.

Saturday, Aug. 2

• 10 a.m. — Beaver Creek Crossing.

Meet at the campground gate for the one-hour tour. Prepare for off-trail creek walking and beaver dam explorations.

• 3 p.m. — Dunes through Four Seasons.

Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium for the slide-show tour that highlights the beauty of the dunes through the year.

• 8 p.m. — Flying Squirrel Foray.

Meet at the Nature Center for an exploration of flying squirrels, then take a hike to search for them. Children 12 and younger must take a parent.

Sunday, Aug. 3

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

• 10 a.m. — Wetland Wander.

The one-hour hike meets at the Nature Center.

• 3 p.m. — Sounds of the Dunes.

Explore the dune soundscapes and various animal sounds during the hour-long program at the Nature Center auditorium.

Monday, Aug. 4

• 10 a.m. — A Dog Day Beach Hike.

Meet at the Beach Pavilion for a morning stroll with a (leashed) pet before the beach opens.

• 3 p.m. — Squirrels Gone Wild.

Learn about the diversity of Indiana Dunes squirrels.

The Nature Center program also includes a squirrel game for a chance to win free candy.

Tuesday, Aug. 5

• 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. — Who's Tracking up Your Campsite!?

Meet at the Nature Center to view critters traversing the park, then create a tracking field guide.

Wednesday, Aug. 6

• 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.

Thursday, Aug. 7

• 9:30 a.m. — Beach Yoga.

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

• 4 p.m. — Sand Crafts.

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

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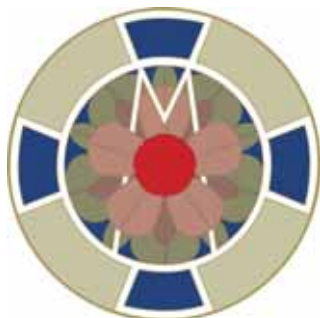
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The Uptown Arts District will present its First Fridays art walk from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, throughout Michigan City's North End.

Participating in the monthly event are:

- Michigan City Old Lighthouse Museum, 1 Washington Park — Michigan City Fire Department exhibit and photography of Jan Hoepfner.
- Walnut Ink Projects, 607 Franklin St. — "We're Gonna Roll" in preparation of the Aug. 23 steam-roller printmaking event. Featured artists: Janet Bloch; Jay Zerbe; Michael Bill Smith; Nichole R. Sheaffer; Suzanne Cohan-Lange; Andrea Peterson; Tom Torluemke; Melissa Washburn; Richard C. Lange; Lora Fosberg; Julia Nielsen; Laurel Izard; and Mary Uthuppuru.
- Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. — Featured exhibits: "Invasive Species," "Transformation," "Aquatic Kaleidoscope" and "Minimalism: Images of California Shorelines."
- Beach Bum Jewels, 621 Franklin St. — Artists Jenny Trainor and Dorothy Sheehan.
- Darling, 418 Franklin St. — Artist Helen Welsh.
- Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. — Master Gardener Donna Allen.
- Revive Consignments, 523 Franklin St. — Live painting by C.B. Bellerose.
- First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St. — Art by Michigan City Art League and music by Dan Moser.
- Brabant Lenting Studio, 722 Franklin St., Second Floor, Suite 11 — Painter/Sculptor Brabant Lenting.
- The Closet by Franklin Vintage, 1011 Franklin St. — Works of Julia Nielsen.
- Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. — Opening reception, "Flashback: '70s."
- Cabos Ice Cream Shop & Cafe, 731 Washington St. — Broken glass art by Sarah Wojosinski.
- The Pickle and Turnip, 827 Franklin St. — Local artist Charlie Sykes.
- The Framing Station, 912 Franklin St. — Artist Barb Balis.
- Monica Z. Photography, 1009 Franklin St. — Uptown Portraiture Collective.

In connection with First Fridays:

- Maxine's Restaurant, 521 Franklin St. — Me and the Boys from 8 to 11 p.m.
- Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St. — "The 39 Steps." Info: festivalplayersguild.org/Reservations
- Taste of Michigan City — Uptown Arts District. Friday: 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday: noon to 10 p.m.
- Rally to The Taste — First Bicycle Road Rally on Saturday, Aug. 2. Teams check in at 8:30 a.m. on Franklin Street and depart in intervals. Follow clues to specific locations and sprint back to the timekeeper's booth for the finish. Visit <http://uptownartsdistrict.org/events/rally-to-the-taste> or call (219) 561-6991 for more information.



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The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. EDT Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and seniors and \$4 for students. Sunday is Free Family Day, with docent volunteers often available to discuss exhibits.

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Danielle Volkman will offer a series of children's art classes from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Classes, designed for children 8-12, cost \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. All supplies are included.

On Aug. 9, Volkman will teach about glass kilns and how to safely create glass pendants for necklaces. Children will learn oil pastel techniques and still lifes Aug. 16, then charcoal gesture drawings on Aug. 23, during which students learn to capture the essence of objects in three-minute drawings or less. On Aug. 30, children learn how to use a variety of tools to create small drink coasters for the home.

Volkman will teach a special edition of Beginning Watercolor on Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Chesterton Art Fair in Porter's Hawthorne Park.

Call (219) 926-4711 or visit www.chestertonart.com to register or for more information.

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School Supply Drive Under Way

Thirteen local organizations have announced a community-wide school supply drive that runs through Aug. 11.

Supplies collected during the drive will be distributed to area students in need of materials to start the school year.

Many area businesses, including major businesses such as Walmart and Al's, will provide collection bins to accept donations from their employees and the public. Additional collection sites are at First Trust Credit Union, La Porte Savings Bank, Members Advantage Credit Union, the Michigan City Area Schools Administration Building, Beyond the Beach Salon, Captain Ed's Candy Island, City Hall, Ivy Tech Community College, Jazzercise, Visit Michigan City La Porte, St. John's United Church of Christ, Walgreens, CVS, The News-Dispatch and WIMS Radio.

Businesses, churches and other organizations are invited to participate in the drive. Supplies collected by community organizations and individuals may be brought to Elston Middle School's Meer Gym from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Suggested donations include: pencils, black pens, crayons (24 count), spiral notebooks and three-hole notebook paper, markers (washable), dry erase markers, glue sticks, erasers, pencil boxes, two-pocket folders, antibacterial wipes, facial tissues, backpacks (new or gently used), Ziploc sandwich bags, rulers, highlighters, composition books, calculators and three-ring binders/organizers.

Distribution of supplies is planned during the Citywide Back-to-School Rally from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at Elston's Gill Field.

The event is a collaborative effort supported by numerous community agencies. This year, the organizing committee for the Back to School Rally includes representatives from Indiana Black Expo, the La Porte County NAACP, the Boys & Girls Club, MDWise, Covering Kids and Families La Porte County, the City of Michigan City, Shaka-hand Maka-friend, Deliverance and Victory Outreach Ministries, Michigan City Area Schools, HealthLinc, the United Way of La Porte County, the La Porte County YMCA and Purdue University-North Central. Media partners include The News-Dispatch, WIMS radio and WEFM radio (95.9FM).

Volunteers are needed Aug. 13 to assist in sorting school supplies and on Aug. 14 for the rally. Contact Rachel Weaver at (219) 785-5414 or raweaver@pnc.edu for details. Information on sponsorships and exhibiting at the rally is at <http://educateMC.net/backtoschoolrally>

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The Beacher's Janet Baines visited Pinhook Bog, Indiana's only quaking bog, during a recent open house. Rangers and volunteers stationed along the trail help visitors understand the site, which includes some carnivorous plants. The bog is located at 856 N. Wozniak Road in La Porte County. Open houses are from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 17. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.





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"Igniting the Flame of Innovation"

The Center for Creative Solutions will present the workshop "#workliveinnovatively: Igniting the Flame of Innovation" from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Greater La Porte Economic Development Corp. conference room, 809 Washington St., La Porte.

Presenters are Keri Marrs Barron and Cynthia Hedge. Both were trained at the International Center for Studies in Creativity and Change Leadership, Buffalo State College in New York. They have facilitated and trained in innovation for businesses, non-profit organizations, government bodies, schools and churches throughout the United States.

The event is sponsored by the center, with community partners including Ivy Tech College Northwest, Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana and the Gerald I. Lamkin Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center.

Session participants will learn:

- What elements create an innovative environment.
- Why an innovative culture is key to success.
- How to impact the environment.
- What barriers may exist, and how to anticipate and deal with resisters.
- How to sustain an innovative culture that extends beyond you and your tenure.
- How to use practical, easy tools that can help along the way.

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Students from the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s College, Northwestern and other universities from around the country make up the cast and crew. The group will perform at the following venues (all times Eastern):

- Mishawaka’s Battell Park at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3.
- Elkhart’s Wellfield Botanic Gardens at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9.
- South Bend’s Art Beat at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16.
- Notre Dame’s Main Quad (in front of the Golden Dome) at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25.

Award-winning director West Hyler has updated the play, moving the setting from Elizabethan England to the modern-day Midwest. In West’s adaptation, Falstaff, Shakespeare’s funniest character, is uprooted from Chicago and arrives in a small Midwestern town, where he attempts to woo a couple suburban wives to gain access to their husbands’ bank accounts.

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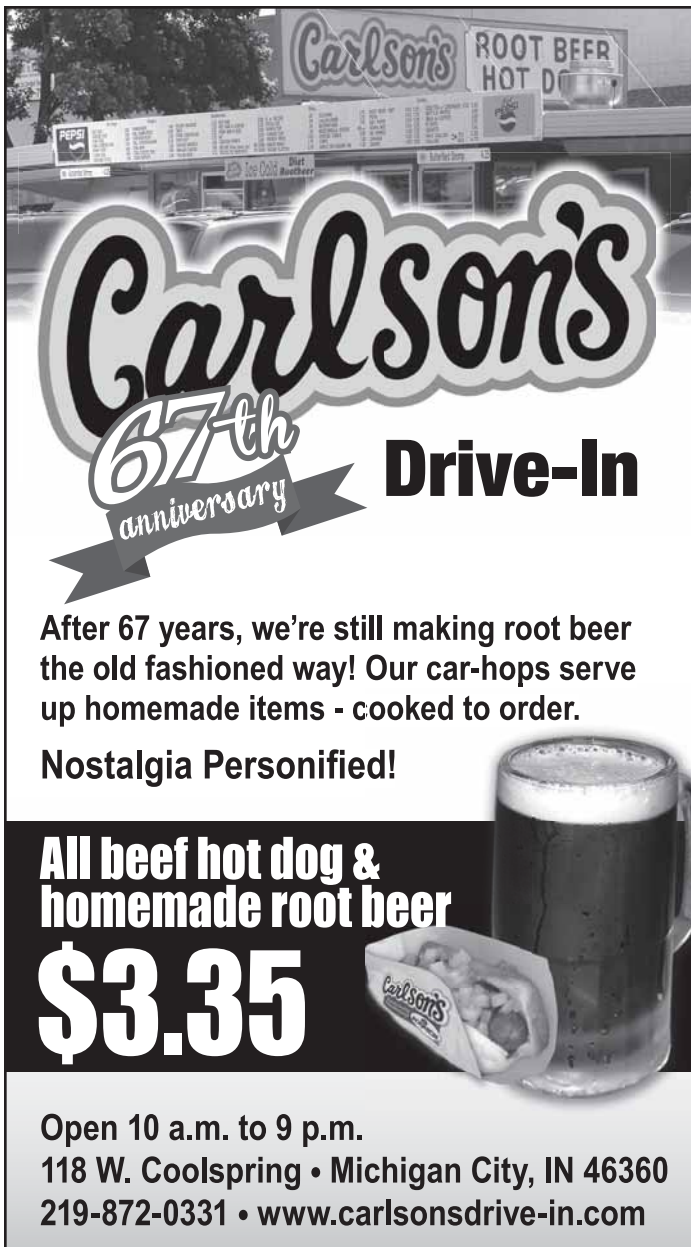
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Dr. John E. Kerr Jr., 93, who lived in Long Beach from 1958 to 1974 and practiced urology in Chicago, Michigan City, La Porte and Seminole, Fla., passed away June 23, 2014, at Suncoast Hospice Center, Pinellas Park, Fla.



Family visitation is from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at St. Andrew's by-the-Lake Episcopal Church, with a memorial service at St. Andrew's at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Pine Lake Cemetery, La Porte.

Prior to graduating from the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical School in 1953, he earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Iowa State University and practiced veterinary medicine while stationed in Korea with the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia Rawling; grandchildren, Alexander Rawling and Rebecca Rawling, and sister, Virginia Wilson.

Save the Dunes Makes Land Gift

The Beverly Shores Town Council has added five parcels of land to its open space after accepting a gift from Save the Dunes in July.

The property will be held in perpetuity as natural land. The gift is the largest made to the town's Green Space Initiative, according to Sara Leonard, Green Space Committee chairwoman.

Founded more than 60 years ago, Save the Dunes was instrumental in developing Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Headquartered in Michigan City, it works to protect the lake's ecosystem and watershed, educate the public about conservation and reduce pollution.

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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available through Westchester Public Library:

• **Celebrate the Caped Crusader's 75th birthday on Friday, Aug. 1, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

Children 3-5 meet at 10 a.m. and youth 6-9 at 2 p.m. Attendees receive birthday bags and can attend dressed in costume. Registration is required by calling (219) 926-9080.

• **Free concert and family film series at the Thomas Centennial Park bandstand in downtown Chesterton on Friday, Aug. 1.**

Cynthia Shelhart's traditional and contemporary Celtic harp music is at 7 p.m., followed by "Despicable Me 2" at about 8 p.m. The events move to the Library Service Center, Indiana and Calumet, if the weather is poor.

• **"The American Civil War: A Series on the Major Battles" continues from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 2, at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

History buff and Civil War enthusiast Thomas Murphy leads the free program.

• **"A Musical Walk Through the Civil War" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

South Bend residents Hawk and Jill Van Lew lead the free program. Refreshments will be served.

• **The craft program ArtBots from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at Hageman Library.**

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Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series

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Scheck, an independent piano teacher, attended Valparaiso University to receive a degree in church music. She then attended Western Illinois University, where she completed a master of music degree in piano performance.



Carey Scheck

As a student, Carey gained experience in accompanying, taught lessons through an after-school piano program, played piano for the wind symphony and orchestra, taught a piano class for undergraduate music majors and held an internship in church music.

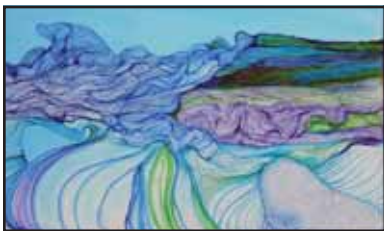
Scheck is an active performer in Northwest Indiana and a church musician at Presbyterian and Episcopal churches in La Porte.

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Guests are welcome, with no prior registration required. All ability levels and artistic styles can attend. While VanderVinne is a painter, he can advise artists in other mediums.

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

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• **Lazy, Crazy Loops Mondays at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4.**

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

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.

• **Knitting Club for All Ages at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6.**

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• **Wacky Wednesdays with Michiana Clowns at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6.**

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Summer Day Camp

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

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

- Aug. 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 Red Mill County Park. Dates are: Aug. 11 and 25, and Sept. 15. Call at least one week in advance to register.

Senior Lifestyles

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

The group meets from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Red Mill County Park. 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.

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

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The Marquette Questers Chapter met June 9 at member Joanna Doskcił's home.

Chocolate cake, lemonade and iced tea were served.

Linda Ferry gave the program, "Children's Card Games," specifically "Old Maid." The following is a small excerpt from the presentation:

"The Old Maid' card game originated in England. It was originally a game played in taverns where the loser paid for a round of drinks for all players. It is still popular in most countries. The term old maid, as well as the picture on most of the playing cards, depicts an old spinster/croan type 'Grannie,' which is not 'in vogue' with 'bachelorettes' of today."

Ferry passed around an "Old Maid" deck she purchased years ago that appeared to be German. The graphics were typical of that country and most likely from the early 1900s.

The Questers will have a summer outing to see the play "The 39 Steps" on Aug. 3, as well as lunch in September with La Porte Home Extension.

Joyce Dalton will give next month's program at Sara McNabb's home.

Call Dalton at 874-5832 or MaryAnne Garon at 872-3905 for more information.

Youth Summer Theatre Shows

NightBlue Performing Arts Co.'s summer-theater youth-immersion programs will present Disney's "Beauty and the Beast Jr." and a teen production of "Macbeth."

Students ranging in age from 5 to 18 will perform "Beauty and the Beast Jr." as the culminating event after a week-long immersion in the performing arts held July 25 through Aug. 1 at New Buffalo Performing Arts Center, 1112 E. Clay St.

Teens, who also participated in the immersion, which includes workshops in acting, singing and movement, will present "Macbeth."

Performances of "Beast" are at 2 and 7 p.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 2, and 1 p.m. EDT Sunday, Aug. 3. Performances of "Macbeth" are at 3:30 and 8:30 p.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 2, and at 2:30 p.m. EDT Sunday, Aug. 3. All shows are at New Buffalo Performing Arts Center.

There is no cost, but donations are encouraged.



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Three Oaks Theater Festival

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O'Neill's two-character play is set in the lobby of a hotel early one morning in the late 1920s. Its characters are the hotel's gray and withdrawn night clerk, and "Erie" Smith, a penny-ante gambler who has spent most of the last 15 years at the hotel between periods of drunkenness.

Directed by Kevin Fox, the production features Brad Armacost and is appropriate for audiences 16 and older. Tickets, which are \$25, are available at www.threeoaksfestival.com or call (866) 811-4111.

Girls Cross Country

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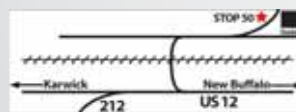
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All proceeds from the sale, which will feature homemade cakes, pies, brownies, cookies and breads, will support the group's mission.

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Call Projects Committee Chairwoman Marilyn Cook at (219) 872-2113 for more information.

"Meet Me on the Island"

The South Bend Museum of Art will present "Meet Me on the Island" from 5 to 9 p.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 1, at Island Park behind The Century Center in downtown South Bend.

The event will feature music by La Porte's Elwood Splinters Blues Band, grilled food and beverages.

Tickets are \$5, while children 12 and younger are free. Visit southbendart.org, email info@southbendart.org or call (574) 235-9102 for more information.

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Email markobiotic@gmail.com for additional information.

Lake Michigan/Great Lakes Exhibit

Tabula Rasa Gallery, 8918 First St., Baroda, Mich., will present Butch Welch's photo exhibit, "A Selection of Images from Lake Michigan and the Great Lakes," in August.

An artist's talk is from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. All times are Eastern.

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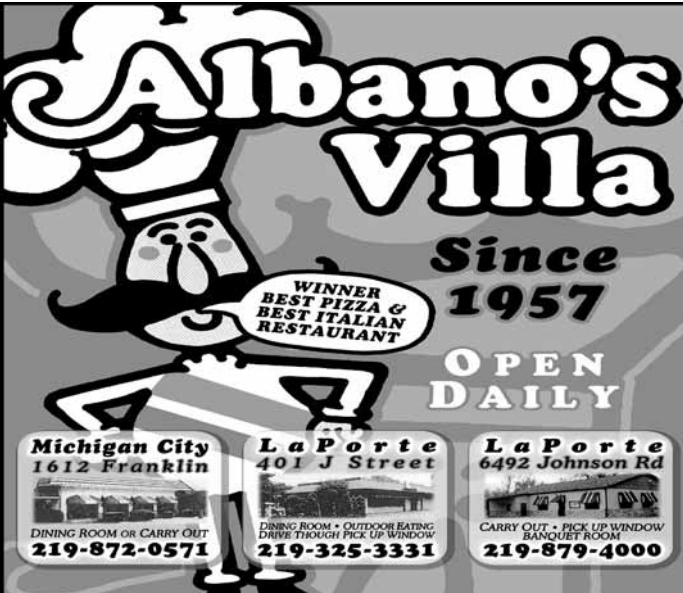
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Bounce houses will be available from 6 p.m. until the movie begins.

Tenors Three

The Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich., will host a concert by Tenors Three at 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, Aug. 3.

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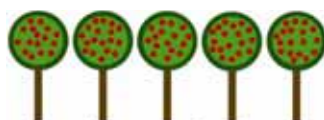


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Rhonda Mullen's "Bug Eyes."

The exhibit unites artists from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois with a vision inspired by the 1970s. Also, several pieces of contemporaneous 1970s works are on loan for the exhibit, which will allow the audience to compare the eyes of artists from the '70s with those of today.



Samuel Smith's "Flag Display."

The exhibit runs through Aug. 31. Free refreshments will be served at the opening reception.

The SSAA also will present a performance of accordion and original music by "Captain Ambivalent," Valparaiso, at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24. Light refreshments will be served.

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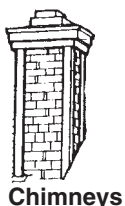
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The Taste is planned in conjunction with the First Friday Artwalk, which is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1. Also, the Rally to the Taste, a bicycle road rally, is at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2.

The Taste will host more than 25 local restaurants featuring a variety of cultures, including Jamaican, Spanish, Japanese, Mediterranean and American, as well as desserts and ice cream. The vendors will be spread down Franklin Street from Sixth to Eighth streets.

Check-in for Rally to the Taste starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. It includes a scavenger hunt where participants follow clues and take pictures at various destinations. It will be timed, with teams starting at intervals.

The ride is approximately 30 to 35 miles. There also is a Family Scavenger Hunt that is about five miles. Prizes will be awarded. Register at www.uptownartsdistrict.org

Entertainment on Saturday starts at noon with Flatt Baroque from noon to 2:30 p.m., 5 Guys Named Moe from 3 to 6:30 p.m. and, after the Super Boat Grand Prix Parade, Nawty from 7 to 10 p.m.

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The class holds eight students. The cost is \$40. Call (269) 983-3688 to make a reservation.

Stuffed Green Pepper Dinner

St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Cool-spring Ave., will present a stuffed green pepper dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2.

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• **Fernwood Photography Club August Meeting at 2 p.m. EDT Sunday, Aug. 3.**

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Chesterton Art Fair

The 56th Annual Chesterton Art Fair is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2-3, at Porter's Hawthorne Park on Ackerman Drive.

Local artists include: Ann Tompkins, a watercolorist from Michigan City; Bill Allen, a photographer from Michigan City; Jeannene Anderson, an oil painter from Beverly Shores; Anita Ann Johnson, a painter from La Porte; and Paul Jeselskis, a ceramic artist from Michigan City.

These artists, along with 90 others from 11 states, will exhibit artwork in many mediums, including painting, drawing, photography, jewelry, sculpture, weaving, glass and pottery.

The Golden Fingers, a Chesterton-based ukulele band, will perform each day at the fair. Volunteers from local churches are in charge of food and beverage booths. A children's activity booth allows children the opportunity to create a piece of art.

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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
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The fair is free, while concessions and a bake sale
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Deep River Grinders

The Deep River Grinders will face off against the
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The teams play baseball according to the original
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on the field.

The game is free. Families can take lawn chairs
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 Low Putts: Jane Irvine

"A" Flight

Low Gross: Jean Guerin, Joan Carey
 Low Net: Susan Kelley
 Low Putts: Dottie Healy

"B" Flight

Low Gross: Joan Geoghegan
 Low Net: Tina Sonderby
 Low Putts: Rima Binder

"C" Flight

Low Gross: Barb Beardslee
 Low Net: Catherine Kelly
 Low Putts: Vangie Kuhn

Sunken Approach

Adele O'Donnell Hole 3
 Jeanette Tyrrell Hole 1
 Jane Irvine Hole 6

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

July 22, 2014

**"A" Flight**

Low Gross: Eunie Nondorf
 Low Net: Sue Luegers
 Low Putts: Sue Luegers

"B" Flight

Low Gross: Roxanne Warble
 Low Net: Pat Kelly
 Low Putts: Connie Sullivan

"C" Flight

Low Gross: Marge Walsh
 Low Net: Paulette Harnach
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Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:

July 30-31, August 6-7 — Free Arts in the Park. La Porte City Band (July 30, Aug. 6), Hobart Area Concert Band (July 31), Snyder Family Trio (Aug. 7). All concerts 7 p.m., Fox Park Dennis Smith Amphitheater, La Porte.

July 31-August 4 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "The Immigrant." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. *Also:* "Venus in Fur." Not rated. In French with English subtitles. Times: 9 p.m. Thurs.-Mon., also 3:15 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

August 1 — Uptown Arts District First Fridays art walk, 5-8 p.m., Michigan City's North End.

August 1 — Opening reception, "Flashback: the '70s," 5-8 p.m., Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. Info: www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com

August 1 — Friday Night at the Movies, "The Little Rascals," dusk, Herald-Argus parking lot at State and Monroe streets. Free.

August 1 — Free concert and family film series, Thomas Centennial Park bandstand, downtown Chesterton. Cynthia Shelhart's traditional and contemporary Celtic harp/7 p.m., "Despicable Me 2"/about 8 p.m.

August 1 — Alt-rock band Cracker, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets \$40. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

August 1 — Meet Me on the Island," 5-9 p.m. EDT, Island Park behind The Century Center, downtown South Bend. Tickets: \$5, children 12 & younger/ free. Info: southbendart.org, info@southbendart.org, (574) 235-9102.

August 1-2 — Taste of Michigan City, Uptown Arts District. Times: Fri./4-10 p.m., Sat./noon-10 p.m. Info: (219) 561-6991.

August 1-2 — Three Oaks Theater Festival, Eugene O'Neill's "Hughie," 8 p.m. EDT, Lakeside (Mich.) Inn, 15251 Lakeshore Road. Tickets: \$25. Reservations: www.threeoaksfestival.com, (866) 811-4111.

August 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.dunessummertheatre.com

August 1-3, 7-10 — "God of Carnage," Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Thurs.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$12/\$10 Thurs. Reservations: (219) 874-4035, www.footlightplayers.org

August 1-3, 8-10 — "The 39 Steps," Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., Michigan City. Times: 8 p.m. Fri., 2 & 6:30 p.m. Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$16. Senior, group, student discounts. Reservations: (219) 874-4269, info@festivalplayersguild.org

August 2 — Michigan City Mainstreet Associa-

tion 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 2 — PEO Sisterhood of Michigan City, Chapter BR, annual fundraiser bake sale, 8 a.m.-noon, Farmer's Market, Washington and Eighth streets. Info: (219) 872-2113.

August 2 — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

August 2 — Stuffed green pepper dinner, 4:30-6:30 p.m., St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave. Tickets: \$10. Takeouts available. Call (219) 879-9415.

August 2 — Free Gentle Flow Yoga, 12:15 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

August 2-3 — 56th Annual Chesterton Art Fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Porter's Hawthorne Park on Ackerman Drive. Cost: \$5. Free parking. Info: www.chestertonart.com

August 4-5 — Drum Corps International Open Class World Championships, Ames Field off Franklin Street. Times: Mon. show /4 p.m., Tuesday's finals competition, 6 p.m. Tickets: www.michigan-citylaporte.com, www.mcsummerfest.org

August 6 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Carey Scheck, 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:

August 2 — Gary Brandt and Jackie Davidson, 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, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

August 2-3 — "Art and Music in the Vineyard," noon-6 p.m. EDT, Round Barn Winery, 10983 Hills Road, Baroda, Mich. Info: (269) 422-1617, roundbarnwinery.com

August 2-3 — Opening reception, "A Selection of Images from Lake Michigan and the Great Lakes," 3-5 p.m. EDT, Tabula Rasa Gallery, 8918 First St., Baroda, Mich. Artist talk: 1-2 p.m. EDT. Info: www.tabularasagallerybaroda.com/events.php

August 3 — Tenors Three, 4 p.m. EDT, The Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich. Cost: Free-will offering.

August 3 — Deep River Grinders vs. DuPage County Plow Boys, 2 p.m., Deep River County Park, 9410 Old Lincoln Highway, Hobart.

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On July 31, 1498, Christopher Columbus discovered the island of Trinidad on his third voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

On July 31, 1790, the United States government issued its first patent. It went to Vermont's Samuel Hopkins for a process for making potash and pearl ash.

On July 31, 1792, the cornerstone of the United States Mint, the first building erected by the federal government for public use, was laid in Philadelphia.

On July 31, 1877, Thomas Edison took out a patent leading to the development of the phonograph.

On July 31, 1948, the “New York International Airport” (changed in 1963 to the John F. Kennedy Airport) was dedicated by President Harry Truman and New York Governor Thomas Dewey.

On July 31, 1964, an American space probe, *Ranger 7*, transmitted pictures of the moon's surface back to earth.

On July 31, 1971, the *Apollo 15* astronauts took a 6-1/2 hour ride on the moon in an electric cart.

On July 31, 1981, a seven-week Major League Baseball strike ended when players and team owners reached agreement on the issue of free-agent compensation.

On August 1, 1779, Francis Scott Key, author of *The Star Spangled Banner*, was born in New York City.

On August 1, 1790, the first U.S. census (taken to determine state representation in Congress) was completed. It showed a population of almost 4 million people in 13 states.

On August 1, 1815, Richard Henry Dana, Jr., American author of “Two Years Before the Mast,” was born in Cambridge, MA.

On August 1, 1843, statesman Robert Todd Lincoln, eldest son of Abraham Lincoln, was born in Springfield, IL.

On August 1, 1978, Cincinnati baseball player Pete Rose's 44-game hitting streak, which tied a National League record, ended in a game against the Atlanta Braves.

On August 1, 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut.

On August 2, 1858, an ordinance was passed by the Chicago City Council providing for the city's first paid fire department.

On August 2, 1876, in the village of Deadwood, located in the Dakota Territory, “Wild Bill” Hickok

was fatally shot from behind while playing poker in a saloon. His poker hand consisted of two aces and two eights, a combination that became known as the "dead man's hand."

On August 2, 1909, the first Lincoln penny was issued by the United States Mint.

On August 2, 1921, after two hours of deliberation, the jury in the "Black Sox" trial of eight White Sox players returned a verdict of not guilty in the plot to fix the 1919 World Series. However, Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis banned for life the players involved.

On August 2, 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart, along with navigator Fred Noonan, took off from New Guinea on a round-the-world flight that had begun in the United States. They disappeared three days later, and have not been heard from since.

On August 2, 1974, former White House Counsel John Dean was sentenced to one to four years in prison for his part in the Watergate affair.

On August 3, 1492, three ships, the *Nina*, *Pinta*, and the *Santa Maria*, under the command of Christopher Columbus, set sail from Palos, Spain on a voyage that would end with the discovery of the New World.

On August 3, 1949, the National Basketball Association was formed.

On August 3, 1958, the *Nautilus*, a nuclear powered submarine, became the first vessel to round the North Pole under water.

On August 3, 1984, at the Los Angeles Summer Olympics, Mary Lou Retton scored a perfect 10 on the vault in her final routine.

On August 4, 1944, during World War II, German troops raided the "concealed annex" of a home in Amsterdam, and arrested its occupants, including 14-year old Anne Frank. Her writings, "The Diary of Anne Frank," became famous after her death in a German concentration camp.

On August 5, 1833, Chicago, with a population of 200, was incorporated as a village.

On August 5, 1957, "American Bandstand," hosted by Dick Clark, made its network TV debut on ABC.

On August 5, 1962, at 36, Hollywood's "sex goddess" Marilyn Monroe was found dead in the bedroom of her Los Angeles home.

On August 6, 1928, artist and filmmaker Andy Warhol was born.

On August 6, 1945, the *Enola Gay*, an American B29 bomber, dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. An estimated 80,000 people were killed outright.

On August 6, 1998, legendary sportscaster and announcer and Hall of Fame member Jack Brickhouse died in Chicago. He was 82.



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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Dead Will Tell by Linda Castillo (hardcover, \$25.99 in bookstores and online)

When it comes to mystery books, there are two I always look for in the female author column: Cara Black, whose knowledge of the Parisian streets is captivating, and this week's author, Linda Castillo, whose series about Kate Burkholder takes us to the Amish community in Ohio. Both authors have fleshed-out characters who come alive on the pages, as well as believable and exciting storylines. This Linda Castillo book is no exception.

Here's the lowdown.

The Hochstetler farm sits alone and deserted outside of Painters Mill, Ohio. Everyone thinks the place is haunted, and that the wind carries the cries of dead children. Thirty-five years ago, person or persons unknown entered the Hochstetlers' Amish farmhouse and shot Willis, the father, and locked the children in the basement. They, then abducted the mother and disappeared into the night. Somehow, a fire started and the children perished, all except for 14-year-old Billy Hochstetler.

After the nightmare was over, Billy was adopted by another Amish family and his name changed to Hoch Yoder. Mrs. Hochstetler was never found, nor were the assailants.

Moving forward to the present, we meet Sheriff Kate Burkholder, a former member of the Amish community who left it as a teen for reasons she keeps to herself. She shares an uneasy relationship with the Amish today, most of whom now regard her as an Englisher — anyone who is not Amish.

Kate's nightmare starts the day a local man, Dale Michaels, is found hanging from the rafters of his barn in an apparent suicide. As Kate investigates, it becomes even more apparent this is no suicide.

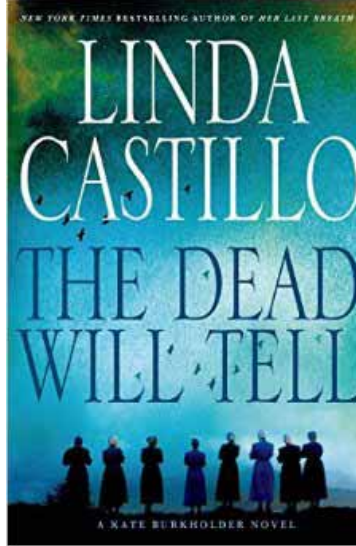
What no one knows is that Dale was receiving notes, four notes most disturbing: *I know what you did — I know what all of you did— Meet me or I go to the police — Hochstetler farm. 1 a.m. Come alone.*

Kate doesn't find the notes and now has to find out why this pillar of the community was killed.

Painters Mill soon is rocked by the discovery of another dead man and soon a dead woman, all solid community members whose only commonality was that they went to school at the same time. Each death is personal and nasty.

Someone didn't just want these people dead. He wanted them punished.

Atmosphere is everything in a murder mystery,



right? Castillo gives you plenty of that with a relentless, pouring cold rain that never lets up for days, making the rural roads a muddy mess. Kate has her hands full with the rising creek and road closures, as well as three homicides. Her small four-man police force is tapped for everything they can give her.

Eventually, Kate comes around to connecting the past Hochstetler murders to the current ones, and the realization that there might be two more murders in town before she can get to the bottom of it all.

And then, there is John Tomasetti, Kate's boyfriend. He's a former police officer whose wife and two daughters had been killed by a career criminal bent on revenge against him. Truth is, John spiraled down into pills and booze after burying his family. Coming back was a long journey. Who could blame him? He's a good cop, but his department didn't know what to do with him, so they sent him to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification. He's dealing today with the fact that the last man connected to his family's murder is out of prison on a technicality. Kate is worried he will seek his own revenge on the man, but she has other worries of her own at the moment.

I love Kate's logical thinking, how she demands and gets respect from her officers, and how her unbending will to follow leads no matter whose toes she steps on will help her piece together all the parts of these murders. The Amish are a closed community, but that doesn't stop Kate from approaching even the bishop to solve the three murders. Did I say three? Hmmm. The climax is thrilling, and what I've come to expect from the author.

Each of the six Kate Burkholder novels is better than the last. Castillo's knowledge of the Amish and the Ohio countryside makes a perfect setting for her well-constructed storyline, with twists and turns galore and interesting characters you enjoy getting to know.

Kirkus Reviews gave this book a starred review, as did *Library Journal*, which wrote, "Castillo weaves a taut mystery in her sixth series title that will keep suspense fans glued to their books and readers."

I couldn't agree more!

Linda's first Kate Burkholder story, Sworn to Silence, was made into a Lifetime Original Movie titled "An Amish Murder" starring Neve Campbell. Linda and her husband live in Texas; her website is www.lindacastillo.com

Till next time, happy reading!



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