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On Eagle's Wings

Two Long Beach Scouts Achieve Rarely Awarded Rank

by Stefan Barkow



Within the Boy Scouts of America, Eagle is the highest rank one can achieve. The Scout must fulfill requirements in three areas: leadership, service and outdoor skills, and all before his 18th birthday.

About 2 percent of those who enter Scouting earn the Eagle rank, the average age being 17.

Considering the dedication and work that go into achieving this rarely-awarded rank, it's all the more impressive that Troop 802 in Long Beach recently named not one, but two of its own, Ryan Bausback and Austin Pitchford, as Eagle Scouts. At 15 and 16, respectively, they achieved the status sooner than most other Scouts do. A ceremony was held at New Buffalo (Mich.) Town Hall.

The cake celebrating Austin Pitchford (left) and Ryan Bausback achieving the Eagle status.

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"The overall completion rate for Scouts to reach Eagle is very low," said Rick Thalmann, Troop 802's Scoutmaster of eight years, "so it's great to see these boys complete this journey."

Troop 802 does have a completion rate higher than the national average, which Ryan's father, Henry, a Michigan City optometrist, attributes to the troop's small size, good Scoutmaster and high parental involvement.

Ryan Bausback, a Michigan City High School sophomore, has been involved with Scouting since first grade as a Tiger Cub Scout.

"My Dad was a Scout when he was younger, and he got me into Scouting. I had a lot of friends in it, too, so I stayed with it," Ryan said. "The idea of reaching Eagle kept me going. I thought, 'If I can

make Eagle, I'll have completed this journey.'

"Of course, it's also just fun to be involved doing stuff outdoors and spending time with the troop. Camping is a huge part of it that I really enjoy."

Last year, Ryan journeyed to Philmont Scout Ranch, a 137,500-acre region of rugged wilderness in northern New Mexico and the mecca of Boy Scout camping. He spent two weeks hiking and camping in various types of terrain.

"You carry all your food and equipment on your back the whole way," he said.

The group covered approximately 75 miles though the back country.

To become an Eagle, boys must earn 21 merit badges — some required, some elective — hold a leadership position within the troop for six months and complete a service project they design, plan and execute themselves.



Posing together at the Eagle Scout ceremony were (from left) Henry Bausback, Ryan Bausback, Rick Thalmann, Austin Pitchford and Larry Pitchford.



Troop 802 Scouts and leaders set a corner post for Ryan Bausback's service project: an outdoor shelter for Sand Castle Shelter for Homeless Families.

Along the road to Eagle, Ryan earned 42 badges.

"My favorite was scuba diving. I did it during the summer in Elkhart. I got certified as a junior diver," he said.

"I also liked wilderness survival. For that one, you go into the woods with pretty much nothing and have to build a shelter and cook a meal to get you through the night."

Ryan served as the troop's quartermaster, ensuring the equipment and supply trailer were maintained and ready for the next adventure. For his service project, he constructed an outdoor shelter outside of Sand Castle Shelter for Homeless Families.

"I thought it would be a good idea so people staying there would have a nice place to spend time outdoors," Ryan said.



Ryan Bausback shakes hands with Sandcastle Shelter Director Jim Musial after completing the project.

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Austin Pitchford, a sophomore at La Lumiere, says his father also was the reason for him joining the Scouts at an early age.

"It was slow at the start, but once I got into Boy Scouts, I was able to do more camping and it was really fun," he said. "I knew then that I wanted to reach Eagle. For me, it was a personal achievement. I knew that I wanted to earn it, and that if I worked hard, I could."

Austin earned 51 badges on his way to Eagle.

"I love the water. My family goes diving every year, so scuba diving was one of my favorites to get. I also really liked getting 'lifesaving,' and gaining the skills to be a rescue swimmer."

Within the troop, Austin served as senior patrol leader. His responsibilities included setting up the campouts, organizing with the quartermaster, maintaining order among the Scouts and acting as liaison between the Scouts and Scoutmaster to make activities the troop was interested in become reality.



A display table with Eagle Scout honors for Ryan Bausback and Austin Pitchford during the recent ceremony.

"It's time to pass the torch so the other Scouts can hold those leadership positions on their own journeys to Eagle," Ryan said.

At the ceremony, Scouts present "Mentor" awards to recognize those who, along with their parents — who receive their own recognition — significantly influenced them.

Ryan presented his to Scoutmaster Thalmann, in part because "he always stressed service." Austin honored his uncle, Tim.



Austin Pitchford (left) helps rebuild an old beach lookout in New Buffalo, Mich.

"My service project was to rebuild an old beach lookout in New Buffalo that had been totally covered by about 2 feet of sand," he said. "After we cleared all the sand, we replaced the old boards, spindles and railings. We also built a bench in the lookout, and added a wheelchair ramp. The new lookout has more seating and picnic tables than it did before. I have to thank New Buffalo for funding the project, and City Manager (William) Geisler for all his personal help with the carpentry."

Even though they've earned Scouting's highest rank, both boys plan on staying in Scouting for the fun and adventure. School, however, will move up on the priority list as they consider life after high school.

"My Uncle Tim spent more than 20 years in the Marines, and he's shaped my perspective on life. It sounds a little cliché, but I learned from him the value of not taking life for granted, and living it to the fullest."

Though both are still in high school, Ryan has an interest in film and will attend a week-long camp at the University of Chicago this summer to pursue that interest. Austin is set on joining the Marines.

"Scouting is really about teaching leadership," Ryan explained. "You learn the wilderness skills, but it's also about service and finding the time to get involved, not just now, but every day."

Eagle Rank

The following requirements are listed on the Boy Scouts of America website to achieve Eagle status:

1. Be active in your troop, team, crew or ship for at least six months after achieving Life Scout.

2. Demonstrate you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your daily life.

3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges (10 more than you already have), including: First Aid; Citizenship in the Community; Citizenship in the Nation; Citizenship in the World; Communication; Cooking; Personal Fitness; Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving; Environmental Science or Sustainability; Personal Management; Swimming or Hiking or Cycling; Camping; Family Life.

4. While a Life Scout, serve actively in your unit six months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility.

- Boy Scout troop. Patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, Venture patrol leader, troop guide, Order of the Arrow troop representative, den chief, scribe, librarian, histori-

an, quartermaster, junior assistant Scoutmaster, chaplain aide, instructor, webmaster or Leave No Trace trainer.

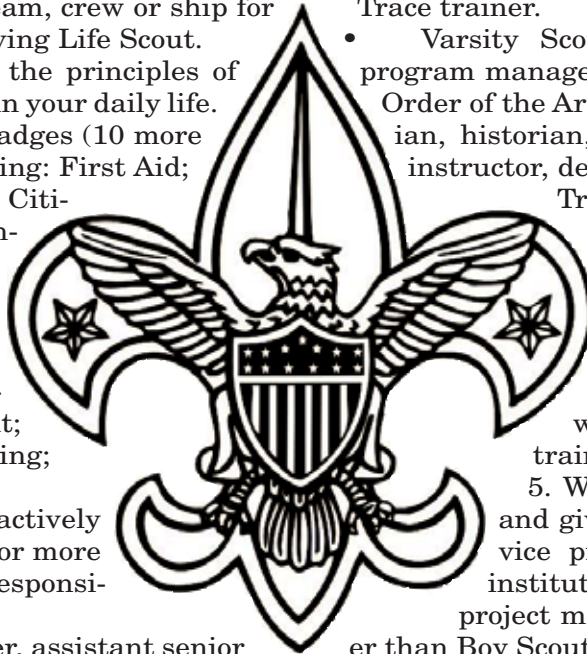
- Varsity Scout team. Captain, co-captain, program manager, squad leader, team secretary, Order of the Arrow team representative, librarian, historian, quartermaster, chaplain aide, instructor, den chief, webmaster or Leave No Trace trainer.

- Venturing crew/ship. President, vice president, secretary, treasurer, quartermaster, historian, den chief, guide, boatswain, boatswain's mate, yeoman, purser, storekeeper, webmaster or Leave No Trace trainer.

5. While a Life Scout, plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, school or community. (The project must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.)

6. Take part in a unit leader conference.

7. Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.



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The play runs June 6-8 and 12-15 at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St.

The story revolves around successful TV actor Andrew Rally (Patrick Watterson), who has a rich, beautiful girlfriend, a glamorous, devoted agent, the perfect New York apartment and the chance to play Hamlet in Central Park.

All is not well in paradise, however. Andrew's series has been canceled. His girlfriend, Dierdre (Calla Holmes-Robbins), is clinging to her virginity with unyielding conviction. Worse, he has no desire to play Hamlet.

When Andrew's agent (Laura Blythe) visits him, she reminisces about her brief romance with John Barrymore — the quintessential 20th century Ham-

let — many years ago, in Andrew's apartment. This prompts a séance with a Brooklyn real-estate agent/psychic (Alice Dickey) to summon Barrymore's ghost (Jacob West). From the moment Barrymore returns, dressed in high Shakespearean garb, Andrew's life is no longer his own. Throw into the mix as well

a visit from Andrew's West Coast show-business friend (Brian Brophy).

Director Donald Beck has helmed productions for many years in Chicago and Michigan City. Watterson is a regular performer with La Porte Little Theatre Club and a musician/songwriter. His last Footlight role was as musical director for "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!" Holmes-Robbins has appeared in several Footlight productions.

West is a 1999 Michigan City High School gradu-

ate who honed his musical-theater skills at school and at Dunes Summer Theater before a two-year stint with the Serious Play! Theater Ensemble in Northampton, Mass.

Show times are 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Doors open 45 minutes prior to curtain. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 on Thursdays for ages 12 and under. A 2-for-1 coupon is available for opening night on the website. Reservations will be held until 15 minutes prior to curtain unless secured by a season gift card or payment in full. Reservations are recommended by calling (219) 874-4035 or at www.footlightplayers.org.



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Thirteen Michigan City High School juniors have been selected as delegates and alternates for the 2014 Hoosier Boys and Girls State Programs.

The week-long program will be held this month at Trine University in Angola, Ind.

Hoosier State educates young men and women about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Students work with more than 600 other high-schoolers from across Indiana, creating their own version of state, city and county governments.

They also attend special sessions centered on leadership, law, media and other fields.

Michigan City's delegates are sponsored by John Franklin Miller American Legion Post 37 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 37. Selection is made by school faculty. Criteria includes leadership abilities, academic achievement and strong character.

Girls State delegates and alternates from Michigan City High School this year include: Briance Daniel, Shelby Ford, Olivia Glowacki, Alexandra Martorano, Jasica Twardus and Claire Werner. Boys State delegates include: Shayne Barron, Alex Deutscher, Alejandro Miller, Brad Pawloski, Ryan Stevenson and Samuel Welch.



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Returning for his 29th year as artistic director is Ray Scott Crawford, who said the resident company features actors, designers, musicians and technicians from various states, including Indiana, Illinois, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Montana and Texas.

Canterbury's offerings this summer will combine the talents of its resident company with local troupe Imaginary Doors Entertainment and The Cavalier Players of Bossier Parish, La.

David Graham returns as associate artistic director, who will helm "Crimes of the Heart," the first show of the summer. Crawford will direct "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?" Recently relocated from New York, Chicago director and Canterbury alumnus T. Graham Brown will direct the third show, "Closer Than Ever." Brant Beckett, a Festival Players Guild board member, will direct "The 39 Steps," while Crawford will stage the final production, "Greater Tuna," which will travel to Michigan City after its initial presentation at Bossier Parish Community College in Louisiana,

where Crawford is dean of communication and performing arts.

Performance dates are:

- "Crimes of the Heart" by Beth Henley — June 18-21.
- "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?," created by Roger Bean — June 25 through July 5, with no July 4 performance.
- "Closer Than Ever" by Richard Maltby Jr. and David Shire — July 9-12.
- "The 39 Steps" by Patrick Barlow and John Buchan — July 30 through Aug. 9.
- "Greater Tuna" by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard — Aug. 14-16.

Season discount cards, available through the end of the season for \$65, are good for 5 admissions. Single tickets are \$15 on Wednesday and Thursday and \$16 for Friday and Saturday. Senior, group and student discounts are available.

Performances are 2 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin

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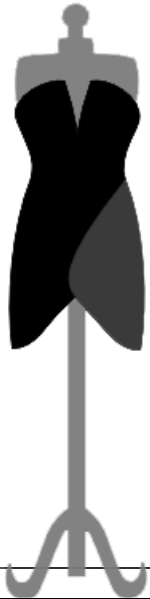
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The new exhibit debuts during Uptown Arts District's First Friday artwalk from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 6, at the SSAA gallery, 724 Franklin St.



Carol Estes' "The Jury Is Out."



Rhonda Mullen's "Tiger White."

The opening reception affords the chance to meet the artists, whose works include painting, sculpture, photography and other media. One of the participating artists, photographer Carol Estes, was named a "2014 Hoosier Women Artist" in April. Her award-winning photo, "The Jury is Out!," is hanging in the lieutenant governor's reception area for one year and will be on exhibit at SSAA.

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Two athletes in each varsity sport were recognized.

The Excellence in Performance award is presented in each sport to the player who has demonstrated superior skill and work ethic — both in practice and on the field of play — and who has been among the

team's statistical leaders.

The Excellence in Contribution award is presented in each sport to the player who has made the most significant contribution to the team in one or all of the following categories: effort, leadership, sportsmanship, commitment, sacrifice and/or perseverance.



Pictured are those recognized for Fall Athlete Teams. The back row is (from left): Patrick Smith (Tennis Performance), Emily Beach (Soccer Contribution), Brian Caplice (Soccer Performance), Sam Kamyszew (Tennis Contribution), Daniel Mockaitis (Soccer Contribution), Patrick Lake (Football Contribution), Abby Smith (Volleyball Performance), Connor Anthony (Football Performance), Stephen Verde (Crew Performance), Daniel Goodman (Cross Country Performance), Richy Cains (Cross Country Contribution), Austin Pitchford (Crew Contribution). The front row is (from left): Katarina McGuckin (Golf Performance), Elise Jaffee (Volleyball Contribution), Alexis Fontaine (Golf Contribution and Crew Contribution), Elizabeth McGuckin (Cross Country Contribution), Taylor Schaeztle (Crew Performance), Megan Gillen (Cross Country Performance). Not pictured is Johanna Guentert (Soccer Performance).



Pictured are those recognized for Winter Athlete Teams. They are (from left): Mary Frances Eisenhower (Cheer Contribution) and Amelia Dudek (Cheer Performance), Claire Jaffee (Basketball Contribution) and Elise Jaffee (Basketball Performance), Jalen Coleman (Varsity White Basketball Contribution) and Sam Logwood (Varsity White Basketball Performance), Connor Anthony (Varsity Blue Basketball Contribution) and Isaiah Coleman (Varsity Blue Basketball Performance).



Pictured are those recognized for Spring Athlete Teams. The back row is (from left): George Koehm (Track & Field Contribution) and Daniel Goodman (Track & Field Performance), Kristian Wredstroem (Lacrosse Contribution) and Ben Rhomberg (Lacrosse Performance), Tommy Yemc (Golf Contribution) and Justin Dekker (Golf Performance). The front row is (From left): Lucy Caplice (Track & Field Performance), Katarina McGuckin (Tennis Contribution) and Elizabeth McGuckin (Tennis Performance), Sarah Van Sessen (Crew Contribution) and Grace Dybing (Crew Performance), Isaac Albano (Crew Contribution) and Marty Crowe (Crew Performance), Richy Cains (Baseball Contribution) and Connor Anthony (Baseball Performance). Not pictured is Johanna Guentert (Track & Field Contribution).



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A hiking trail at Barker Woods Nature Preserve.

The hikes depart from the trailhead approximately every 15 minutes, or when a sizable group forms. Free refreshments will be served.

Shirley Heinze Land Trust manages approximately 1,500 acres of natural land in Lake, Porter and La Porte counties. Visit www.heinzetrust.org or call (219) 242-8558 for more information.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

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

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

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

• **Kayaking the Dunes Lagoons from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 7, at Marquette Park lagoons.**

Participants must have their own kayaks and life jackets. Marquette Park is in the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary.

• **"Miller Woods Hike" from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8, 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. every 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.

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Nature Hike

Celebrate National Trails Day with a free hike from 8 to 9 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte.

Pre-registration is required at least one week in advance. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All ages are welcome.

Kids Fishing Fun Day

Co-sponsored by the Northwest Indiana Steelheaders, the free program for all ages is from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at Luhr County Park.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. A limited amount of bait and poles are available. No pre-registration is required.

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, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte. Dates are: June 16 and 30, July 7 and 28. Call at least one week in advance to sign up.

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:

- July 2 — Sleep disorders and their effects on your health with Mindi Whittacker of IU Health La Porte Hospital.
- Aug. 6 — Heart Disease Risk Factors: Know Your Numbers with Nancy Blossom, a registered nurse from IU Health.

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:

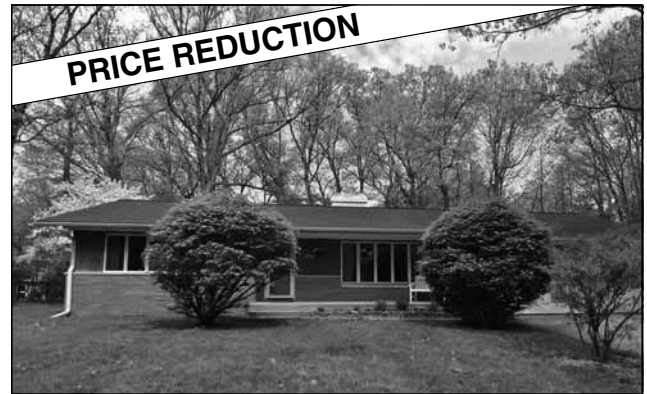
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The family friendly program includes workshops, hikes, "green" exhibits and a benefit concert by Beatles tribute band American English.

The schedule is:


- Night Hike – June 5, 12 and 19. Hike through the arboretum to learn what comes alive at night.
- Butterfly and Insect Hike – June 7. Learn about butterflies and insects, including visiting Taltree's Monarch Butterfly Waystation.
- Table Top Gardening – June 7 and 14. Children create their own take-home vegetable garden.
- Green Cleaning – June 14. Discover tips and tools for cleaning with natural products and ingredients.
- Composting at Home – June 21. Learn different ways to compost with worms and flies.

Many of the activities will be held in the ArcelorMittal Adventure Garden, which features many Go Green initiatives such as composting, raised-bed gardening and water conservation. It also is home to many endangered heritage livestock breeds, such as American guinea hogs.

Bringing the festival to a close is the American English concert on June 27. Tickets are \$25 for non-members and \$20 for members. The concert is the first of six to support Taltree's conservation and education efforts.

All Go Green activities, including the concert, are free for ArcelorMittal employees with a valid ID. Classes are free with gate admission for non-members and members. The night hike non-member price is \$7 for adults (13 and older), and \$5 for seniors (55 and older) and children (12 and younger). The night hike member price is \$6 for adults (13 and older), and \$4 for seniors (55 and older) and children (12 and younger).

Taltree is located at 450 W. County Road 100 North near Valparaiso. Call (219) 462-0025 for more information or to buy tickets. Visit Taltree.org, follow Taltree on twitter at @Taltreearb and facebook at facebook.com/Taltree for more information.



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Hillsbery is an award-winning artist and teacher who paints on paper and watercolor canvas. She is a signature member of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies, Arizona Watercolor Association and the Watercolor Society of Oregon.

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Young Artist Expo

A bird sculpture created from reclaimed wood, hand painted and inscribed with messages of hope and inspiration, will be displayed during the First Lindsey O'Brien Kesling Wishing Tree Foundation Young Artist Expo from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 6, at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., Michigan City.

The family-friendly multimedia expo will showcase young participants from the foundation's three partnering-arts organizations: the South Shore Dance Alliance, Lubeznik Center for the Arts and the Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington.

The dream bird sculpture was created by Laura Marie Panozzo of Earth Angel Eco Art in La Porte. She donated her time and the sculpture to help raise funds for the foundation, a nonprofit group that benefits creative and performing-arts opportunities for young artists. The bird will be sold through an online auction that concludes Monday, June 9.

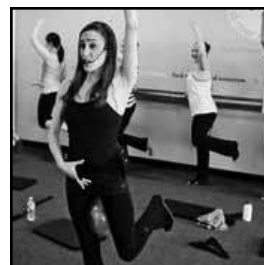


La Porte artist Laura Panozzo appears with her dream bird sculpture.

The expo will coincide with Michigan City's Up-town Arts First Friday Art Walk. Outdoor and indoor music and dance performances from students from Pine Elementary, Krueger Middle School and South Shore Dance Alliance start at 5 p.m. Also, an interactive Wishing Tree installation by artist Deborah Landry will be set up in the NIPSCO Art Education Studios.

The Lindsey O'Brien Kesling Wishing Tree Foundation was created in memory of La Porte native Lindsey O'Brien Kesling, who had a passion for the arts and helping children. It continues the positive work she began prior to her tragic accidental death at 22 years old.

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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available through Westchester Public Library:

• **Free Poetry Appreciation Group from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 9, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Registration is not necessary. The group serves as a forum for learning and discussing various forms and techniques of writing poems.

• **Young adult three-session Beach Bag Crochet class in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library.**

Classes are from 2 to 3:30 p.m. June 9 and 16 and 1 to 2:30 p.m. June 23. Registration is under way at the reference desk.

Attendees need one H crochet hook, two skeins of Peaches & Cream cotton yarn in whatever color desired (three skeins if multicolor yarn is chosen), one darning needle, one safety pin and scrap yarn in contrasting colors for markers.

• **Free Performance by The Valparaiso Community/University Band at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the Hawthorne Park Gazebo, 500 Ackerman Drive, Porter.**

The concert is part of the library's summer concert series. There will no movie showing after the performance, but concertgoers can take lawn chairs and picnic baskets. The concert will be held indoors in case of rain.

The summer concert and film series continues at 7 p.m. Friday, June 13, at Thomas Park in Chesterton with the Valparaiso Community/University Band, followed by a family friendly film.

• **Memoir, Short Story and Essay Writing for Adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 23 and 30 and July 7 and 21, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library.**

Registration is required and starts June 9. Visit or call the reference desk at (219) 926-7696 to register. Those who sign up should plan to attend all sessions.

David Rodich will lead the series. His experience ranges from teaching elementary school classes, to helping prepare oral histories for the Library of Congress, to freelance writing and research to tutoring.

• **Four-session Young Adult Poetry with David Rodich in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library.**

Classes are from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Mondays, June 23 and 30 and July 7 and 21. Visit or call the reference desk at (219) 926-7696 to register. Those who sign up should plan to attend all sessions.

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All proceeds from vendor booth-rental fees, as well as food and beverage sales, benefit the center to buy items that enhance senior activities.

Entrance to the facility is off Madison Street across from IU Health La Porte Hospital. Vendors will be inside the building and in the center's parking lot. Food and beverages will be sold throughout the day. The menu includes Sloppy Joe and Italian sausage sandwiches for \$3. For an additional \$1, visitors receive a sandwich with pork and beans, a pickle and chips. Sweets will be available.



Vendor items include lighted sport lamps and bottles, hand-carved gourd birdhouses, wind chimes, jewelry, purses, hand-crafted brass and metal items, pottery, garden stepping stones, original paintings, woodwork items, Scentsy candles, barnwood signs, scarves, patio furniture, pillows, photography, stuffed animals, quilted and embroidered items for babies to adults, greeting cards and pressed flower works. Raffle tickets will be sold for a hand-sewn quilt made by the center's quilting ladies, an original watercolor painting from a local artist, gift certificates from local restaurants and Thode's Florist.

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• **Free Gentle Flow Yoga at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, June 7.**

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• **"Let's Go Fly a Kite with Mary Poppins" at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 7.**

The family oriented show includes a performance by singer and electric violinist Mary Beabout.

• **National Iced Tea Day from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 10.**

Free iced tea will be served in the meeting room.

• **Yoga with David Kiple at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 10.**

David Kiple explores Yoga poses and breathing. All levels are welcome. Take a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothes.

• **Knitting Club for All Ages at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 11.**

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

• **Angels Among Us at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 12.**

Ange Benz leads the discussion focusing on inspiring stories.

• **Duneland Stamp Club at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 12.**

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Instead of trying to force the tables in along with my commentary, I am simply going to ask you to email me at dan@dancoffey.com if you want all the statistics along with the conclusions I am reaching.

Number of sales are up for the 12 months ending April 30, 2014 (133 sales) versus the same 12 month period ending April 30, 2013 (117 sales). Median sale price is down significantly (\$254,000 2014 versus \$290,000 2013). Total \$Volume is up a bit (46.3 million in 2014 versus \$44.4 million for 2013). The fat part of the bell curve is marginally better (\$160,000 to \$599,000 for 2014 versus \$120,000 to \$449,000 for 2013).

The expireds (did not sell during listing period) continue to perplex me. Every year in the past five the expireds outnumbered the solds by a pretty significant margin. Some brokers tell me that agents purposefully allow the listings to expire and then put them back on the market 30 days later as a "fresh" listing. Very weird in a marketplace that keeps track of the property sales history. Why not just price the property to sell the first time out?

My favorite part of this report is that I believe that we passed the worst of the market downturn. Between 2010 and 2012, the number of sales ranged between 75 and 90. The past two years have been significantly higher. We had 117 sales in 2013 and 133 sales in 2014. The total \$Volume dipped to \$27.1 million in 2010-2011. 2012-2013 had \$44.4 million \$Volume and 2013-2014 had \$46.3 million \$Volume.

(1) Marketplace is defined as northwest of Rte. 12 between the steel mill and the Michigan stateline for the period starting May 1 and ending April 30 each year as collected from GNIAR MLS data.

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Fiddlers Two Concert

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Glashauser and Orbovich have performed together in the annual Michigan City Chamber Music Festival for more than a decade. They also are the concertmaster (Glashauser) and principal second violin (Orbovich) for South Bend Symphony Orchestra. In recent years, they have formed Fiddlers Two, a violin duo that specializes in virtuosic violin duo repertoire. As the duo, they've performed across the country, including their "19th Century Rock Stars" program in March with South Bend Symphony.

The 30-minute program on June 6 will feature "Sonata for 2 Violins" by Eugene Ysaye, as well as gypsy duets from Eastern Europe.

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Annual Pink Tea

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The menu contains various tea sandwiches, including cucumber and dill, scones, fresh fruit and traditional tea sweets served with Barker Mansion's own breakfast tea. Members of Michigan City High School's National Honor Society serve guests. Teapots, teacups, accessories and books will be available for sale.

The featured entertainment is "Back Yard Swing," a women's vocal trio consisting of Deborah Beien, Lisa Swingendorf and Sue Cassler and specializing in 1950s- and 1960s-traditional pop music. Lee Meyer provides accompaniment.

An optional guided tour for an additional charge is at 2 p.m. each day. This year's summer exhibit is "A Lady's Summer Leisure."

Barker's collection of white summer cotton bas-tite lingerie dresses starts the exhibit in the French Room. The dresses were worn for an afternoon in the garden while entertaining summer guests. Another room is devoted to outdoor activities such as croquet, tennis, bicycling and a swim in Lake Michigan. Little girls dressed in mother's hats and dresses hold a "Pretend Tea Party" in the Morning Room. In the Master Bedroom, an approaching evening out showcases gowns from the mansion's collection. The Peacock Room displays Barker family accessories of purses, shoes and jewelry, as well as a large collection of hats ranging from the 1930s to the 1970s.

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Day of Remembrance



The Beacher's Janet Baines spent Memorial Day capturing images of ceremonies around town. A special thank you to Betsy Kohn of Michigan City Area Schools for providing photos of Michigan City High School's Junior ROTC and its involvement that day.

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30th Leadership La Porte County Adult Class Honored

Leadership La Porte County honored its 30th adult class Thursday, May 22, at Pottawattomie Country Club in Michigan City.

Twenty six people from throughout La Porte County completed this year's course: Jillian Ashley; Lynn Barnett; Nathan Battleday; Nakia Bonds; Jane Brooks; Jason Clemons; Dace Cunningham; Sylvia Espinosa; Mary Foell; Meghan Gilliland; Kelly Hague; Cathy Homan; Brendan Hubbs; Karen Jedrysek; Amy Keller; Austen Kesling; Ronald Knickrehm; Stephanie Lee; Mike McLemore; Amanda Middleton; Jason Nowatzke; John Penziol; Sandy Smith; Matt Shebel; Jennifer Williams; and Harlan Williams.

Bruce Johnson received the Robert J. Hiler Jr. Outstanding Alumni Award, which recognizes a graduate who has demonstrated ongoing commitment and service to the Leadership organization, his/her profession and the community.

Johnson, a member of the third Leadership class of 1986-1987, was cited for his long-term community service. The La Porte native has degrees in education from Ball State and Valparaiso universities, and has completed post-graduate work in international education while visiting universities in London, Paris, Moscow and Beijing. He is a former Peace Corps volunteer, a guest lecturer in education for seven years at Purdue University-North Central and a former elementary teacher for 38 years for South Central Community Schools. He is now retired after 40 years in education.

Johnson has served on the boards of numerous organizations, including the La Porte County Public Library Leasing Corp., La Porte Little Theatre Club, La Porte Community Concert Association, Door Village Lions Club, La Porte County Spelling Bee, La Porte County Bicentennial Commission, La Porte Chapter of People to People International, Bethany Lutheran Church, La Porte County Literacy Coalition, the Friends of the La Porte County Public Library and the La Porte County Historical Society. He also completed requirements for La Porte County Master Gardner Association through

Purdue University, and is a life member of the National Education Association and Phi Delta Kappa Professional Education Fraternity.

The awarding of Board Member Emeritus status went to longtime Leadership La Porte County board member Maggi Spartz. Also, two members of the graduating class were selected to three-year terms on the board: Cunningham and Penziol.



The 30th Leadership La Porte County adult class.



Angie Smoker, Leadership La Porte County board treasurer, with Bruce Johnson, Robert J. Hiler Jr. Outstanding Alumni Award winner.



Community volunteer Jim Jessup (from left) with Emeritus Board Member Maggi Spartz and Leadership La Porte County Executive Director Monica Komaskinski.



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Beach Garden Club

The Beach Garden Club's annual "Founder's Day Luncheon" was held May 22 at Long Beach Country Club.

Co-hostesses Rima Binder and Tina Sonderby arranged the 80th anniversary event. Jinny Hilf gave a special blessing.



Rima Binder (left)
and
Debra Steele
Semla.

Lunch was served under the direction of Club Manager Annette Corbett and her staff. Historically, it was a tradition that pistachio ice cream be served at the luncheon. Therefore, members were surprised by the taste from the past.

Debra Steele Semla was the speaker. She has studied historic past issues of The Billows, which was replaced by The Beacher, and other historic documents from the beginning of Long Beach in 1922 to present day. Being the daughter of a Long Beach superintendent of schools and "living happily ever after in my Camelot" has inspired her to write a book, "Soft as Steele," which will soon be published.

She also shared special garden memories of Long Beach, such as most cottages having window boxes planted with geraniums, petunias and trailing vinca vines. Spieria shrubs were planted at all of the "cottages" built in the 1920s era. She fondly remembers lilacs growing everywhere. Popular trees were planted by the hundreds by builders, such as Mr. Glidden, to help control the "shifting sands."

The familiar slogan, "Keep Long Beach Beautiful," is credited to Mrs. George Holt, founder of The Beach Garden Club in 1933. To this day, the club supports that philosophy. The garden areas on the old Long Beach school grounds are planted, watered and maintained by club volunteers. Each May, at the site of The Veteran's Memorial, pots are freshly planted. In 2013, the planting area alongside the tennis courts was refreshed. Michiana Humane Society gardens also are cared for by club members.

Members donated \$360 and a collection of individual-use toiletries to Sandcastle Shelter.

A club member was presented a glass vase system to be used for creative floral designs. It was awarded to the member at The Founder's Day Luncheon who has the greatest number of years living in Long Beach. The winner has lived in Long Beach for 85 years.

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Michigan City High School JROTC Conducts Awards Ceremony

Napoleon once said, men would fight long and hard for a piece of colored ribbon.

Maj. Tom McGrath, Michigan City High School senior marine instructor for the Marine Corps Junior ROTC, paraphrased that quote, stating, "cadets will work long and hard for a piece of colored ribbon."

McGrath spoke during an awards ceremony for cadets May 28 honoring achievements in various activities ranging from the military drill team to community service. This year, cadets conducted more than 3,000 hours of community service, participated in 30 parades and ceremonies, competed in four military drill competitions, seven marksmanship competitions, three physical fitness competitions and two Cyber Patriot — the national computer security game — competitions.

Last summer, cadets attended a basic leadership camp and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math camp. This summer, they will attend the same types of camps, as well as a senior leadership camp.

Twelve cadets received awards for individual achievements. They were:

- Cadet Sgt. Ellysa Smith, the Woman Marine's



Cadets who participated in at least 30 hours of community service receive civic service ribbons.

Association award as the Top Female Sophomore cadet.

- Cadet Sgt. Cody Fagley, the Daughters of the American Revolution as the most versatile cadet.
- Cadet Cpl. Jacob Williams, the National Sojourners Award for the Most Dedicated Freshman.
- Cadet Capt. Alex Wyman, the American Legion Award for Scholastic Excellence.
- Cadet Gunnery Sgt. Quinton Dixon, the Military Officers Association Award for the Most Improved Cadet.
- Cadet Sgt. Cameron Greenway, The Reserve Officers Association Award for the Most Dedicated Sophomore.
- Cadet Staff Sgt. Jalen Stockley, the American Legion Award for Military Excellence.
- Cadet Sgt. Cameron Wilcher, Veterans of Foreign Wars Award for the Most Improved Drill Cadet.
- Cadet 1st Sgt. Javier Greene, the Marine Corps League Award for his performance as the unit color sergeant.
- Cadet Julia Thode, the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the Most Community Service Hours for a female cadet.
- Cadet Staff Sgt. Shiquan Stephens, the Marine Corps League Award for the Most Community Service Hours for a male cadet.

The cadets worked the Grand Prix Boat Races at Stone Lake in La Porte on May 30-June 1, and will attend the MCHS graduation June 8 prior to attending the basic leadership camp in Bloomington, Ind., on June 9-14.



Robert Hock, American Legion Post 37 of Michigan City adjutant, presents the Scholastic Achievement Medal to Cadet Capt. Alex Wyman as Cadet Staff Sgt. Jalen Stockley applauds.



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Trail Creek Fun Float

The Northwest Indiana Paddling Association will hold its Eighth Annual Trail Creek Fun Float on Sunday, June 8, in Washington Park.

Organizers of the tiki-themed event encourage participants to wear their favorite — or ugliest — Hawaiian shirt, not just for the paddling aspect, but also the beachside luau afterward, which will feature Polynesian food, games and an ugly Hawaiian shirt contest.

Paddlers should meet at the Washington Park boat ramps starting at 8:30 a.m. for registration. The first 135 participants receive a free commemorative tiki themed T-shirt.

For those without boats, canoes and kayaks can be rented from Chicago River Canoe and Kayak. Contact Ryan Chew at (847) 414-5883 or info@chicagoriverpaddle.com by June 6 to make a reservation. A \$5 to \$10 suggested donation is suggested to support the NIPA's regional education and blueways stewardship efforts. Contact Dan Plath at dplath@NWIPA.org, (219) 871-9559 or visit www.NWIPA.org for more information.

The fun float, which has attracted around 1,000 paddlers since 2007, is a Coastal Awareness Month event part of a month-long celebration of the Lake Michigan coastline. In partnership with the Trail Creek Watershed Group, the fun float will be one of several Coastal Awareness Month events, including the Michigan City conference on the environment, a visit from the Banana Slugs String Band and a visit from the W.G. Jackson Research Vessel.

Michigan City Community Chorus

The Michigan City Community Chorus will present its spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8, in the community room at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1237 E. Coolspring Ave.

The concert, "A Potpourri of Show — Popular and Spiritual Melody," will feature selections such as "Always Look on the Bright Side," "Goliath," "It Only Takes a Moment," "Climb Every Mountain," Adele's "Skyfall," "42nd Street" and "Lydia the Tattooed Lady."

Director Lee Meyer and accompanist Jen Gruber will perform as a two-piano duo, presenting "Malaguena" and "Pineapple Rag."

Chorus members are Mary Barr, Howard Brennehan, Kathy Chase, Bob Garner, Barb Herzinger, Lance Hilberg, Danielle Keller, Marge LaMothe, Dan McNabb, Dan Nieding, Phyllis Nowatzke, Richard Percifield, Sheila Pollock, Pat Potratz, Sue Retseck, Nancy Ryding, Dale Shultz, Debra Topolski, Karol Valek, Linda Weeks and Carrie Zerbe.



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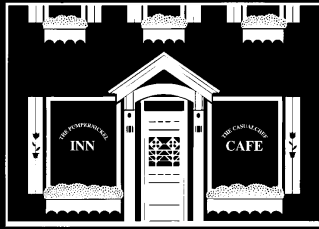
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The Harbert (Mich.) Business Association is seeking additional artists to participate in the summer-long 10th annual Umbrellas of Harbert.



Artists will receive one 9-foot market umbrella on which to design an original work of art. The umbrellas will be displayed by sponsoring businesses along Red Arrow Highway throughout the summer. On Aug. 16, they will be

sold at a charity auction at Center of the World's Showroom, 13400 Red Arrow Highway, Sawyer, Mich. The event will feature live music, a wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres. Guests can bid on umbrellas during the live auction. This year, cash prizes will be awarded to the artists of the three highest-selling umbrellas.

Call (269) 612-7308 for more information.

Dancing Feet Yoga Workshop

Barbara Manley will lead a five-lesson workshop on physical, mental and spiritual well-being from 1:15 to 4:15 p.m. EDT Saturday, June 7, at Dancing Feet Yoga, 19135 U.S. 12, New Buffalo, Mich.

Participants experience meditation and breathing, and balance mind and body through the five senses. They also learn the benefits of music and aroma therapy.

Manley has been a Registered Nurse Holistic Educator for more than 20 years. She taught at the Chopra Center for Well Being for eight years with Deepak Chopra and David Simon, and teaches meditation, yoga and Ayurvedic holistic lifestyle.

The Chopra workbook with information on Ayurveda is included in the course. Advance online registration can be done at <http://www.dancingfeetyoga.com/>. Those interested also can pay at the door.

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Indiana conservation officers are offering tips for a safe summer on the water.

Officers, who will patrol Indiana waterways this summer, encourage boaters to become familiar with state boating laws and follow certain safety tips:

- Always wear a life jacket.
- Never sit on the gunwale (sides) of a motorboat while in motion.
- Do not ride on the bow decking of a motorboat while in motion.
- Never tow a skier or tuber without an observer.
- Pay attention to marker buoys and idle zone restricted areas.
- If older than 21, consume alcoholic beverages in moderation (0.08 is the legal limit).
- Use navigational lights and anchor lights between sunset and sunrise.
- Obey the night speed limit of 10 mph on all inland lakes.

Indiana had 58 open-water drownings in 2013, according to the most recent available statistic. Many drownings are preventable by wearing a life jacket.


The Indiana Boating Guide is available at boat-ed.com/indiana/handbook. Hard copies are available at most boat marinas. Watch an informative boating violations video at dnr.IN.gov/lawenfor/5066.htm.


Anyone witnessing boating violations or in need of assistance from a conservation officer can call (812) 837-9536 to reach any officer in the state.

Yoga on the Beach

The Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department and Northwest Athletic Club will offer "Yoga on the Beach" at 8 a.m. every Monday and Friday, June 16-July 25.

The six weeks of classes (11 sessions, with no classes on July 4) cost \$77, or \$10 for a drop-in session. Dannielle Hunt Sanders, a certified NAC Yoga instructor, leads the classes. Parking is free to participants. Contact the Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department at (219) 873-1506 to enroll.



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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following events are planned through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Friday, June 6

• 10 a.m. — 3 Dune Challenge Hike.

Meet guest naturalist Jessica Rosier at the campground shelter as she tests hiking skills by traversing three of the park's highest dunes.

• 7:30 p.m. — A Glampfire S'mores Gathering.

Learn about glamping, which puts a spin on rustic camping. Glamping opportunities at state parks will be discussed and "glamping" s'mores sampled. Visitors receive a campfire treat and welcome gift. Meet at the campground shelter by site 116. Parking is available at the campground gate for those coming from town.

Saturday, June 7

Dunes Glamping Weekend — check out the naturalists glamping tents at the Nature Center from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• 10 a.m. — Glampers Delight Hike.

Kick off Glamping Weekend with guest naturalist Jessica Rosier and a view from Beach House Blow-out. Visitors also explore important female figures who impacted dunes history. Meet at the Nature Center.

• 1 to 3 p.m. — Glamper Wire-Wrapping Jewelry Workshops.

Register for one of two workshops in the Nature Center Auditorium that allow users to learn the art of wire-wrapping and make beach glass or stone jewelry. Space is limited. Extra spots are held for campers. The cost is \$5 per person. Register by calling (219) 926-1390.

• 4 p.m. — Glamper's Wild Edibles Walk.

Meet at the Wilson Shelter for a one-hour walk exploring dune delicacies.

• 7:15 p.m. — A Sunset Glamping Toast.

Meet a naturalist in front of the Beach Pavilion for an inside peak at the historic building. The tour ends on the pavilion's roof with a glamping toast to the sunset.

Sunday, June 8

Dunes Glamping Weekend — check out the naturalists glamping tents at the Nature Center from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. An informal church service is at 8:30 a.m. at the campground shelter.

• 9 a.m. — Glamping Beach Yoga.

Join guest instructors from Bleu Lotus Yoga during the free 75-minute session in front of the beach pavilion. The program will be canceled if the weather is poor.

• 11 a.m. — Glampfire Cooking Demos.

Meet at the Nature Center's outdoor program area to see, smell and sample what the naturalists are cooking over the glampfire. Bring a copy of a favorite recipe to share with fellow glampers.

• 3 p.m. — Kids Glamping Craft.

Meet the naturalist at the campground shelter by

site 113 to participate in a children's glamping craft.

Monday, June 9

• 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. Afterward, make a small feeder craft to take home.

Tuesday, June 10

• 3 p.m. — Owl Puke 101.

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at the owls of Indiana Dunes. Afterward, dissect an owl pellet.

Wednesday, June 11

• 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, that captures 100 years of Indiana's state parks.

Thursday, June 12

• 10 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.

• 4:30 p.m. — 3 Dune Challenge Kickoff.

Join Indiana Dunes Tourism during a ribbon cutting at the Nature Center for the 3 Dune Challenge.

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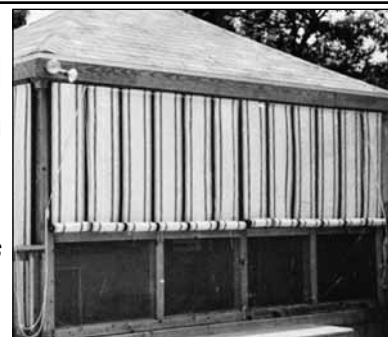
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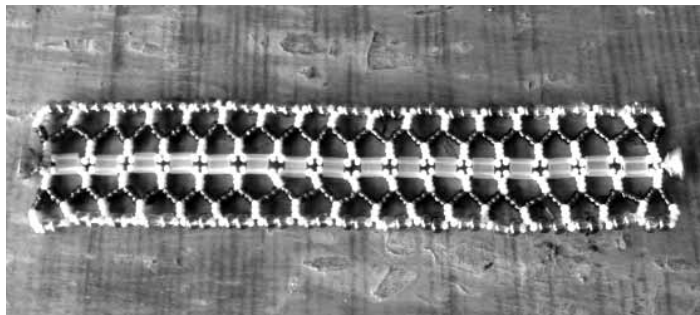


Tuesday Night Jewelry Classes

Mara Wible will teach a variety of Tuesday night jewelry classes in June at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

During the Peyote Key Class on June 10, participants cover an antique key with beading to produce a pendant that can be hung on a necklace.

The Flower Pendant class on June 17 reveals how a combination of stitches can produce a pendant or pair of earrings. On June 24, Wible will teach a Tila Bracelet class using the new Tila beads to create an easy accessory.



The Tila Bracelet Class is June 24.

All classes are at 5:15 and 7 p.m. The cost of each class is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. No previous experience is required, and all supplies are included. Call (219) 926-4711 to register. Visit www.chestertonart.com for more information.

Summer Reading Program

Children age 2 through fifth grade are invited to "Neighbors of the World," Westchester Public Library's 2014 summer reading program for children.

The program, which runs June 15-July 26, will be at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton, and Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter. When each child registers, he/she receives a reading record passport. Record the books read and turn in the ticket stub for that week for a chance at the weekly drawing.

Registration begins at the program's kick-off party, which is at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Aimed at the entire family, the kick-off features Mystic Drumz, international providers of World Music education specializing in interactive percussion experiences.

Exploration of world cultures is planned during Friday Adventures, which will be at the Library Service Center. China is the focus June 20, Peru on June 27, a live video call to caretakers at the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee on July 11 and Poland on July 18.

Mexico will be celebrated at the end of the summer reading party. The "Family Fiesta" is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at Thomas Centennial Park in downtown Chesterton.

Each week of the program, Thomas and Hageman libraries will host storytimes. Toddler Storytimes for 2- and 3-year-olds is at 10 a.m. Mondays at Hageman Library and Wednesdays at Thomas Library. Stories and Kicks for 4- through 6-year-olds is at 10 a.m. Tuesdays at Thomas Library and Thursdays at Hageman Library.

A calendar of events is available at either library. Call the Children's Department at Thomas Library at (219) 926-7696 or Hageman Library at (219) 926-9080 for more information.

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The committee, created in 2011 by the Michigan City City Council, will not fund music, writing, dance or drama instruction.

Applicants must show financial need and take instruction from an art provider within Michigan City limits. The application deadline is at least 30 days before instruction is scheduled to start. Applications are available at Visit Michigan City La Porte Convention & Visitors Bureau in Marquette Mall. Submission can be made to Jane Daley there, or contact her by email at jane@michigancitylaporte.com and the application will be sent electronically.

Summer Choral Institute

The Michigan City Community Children's Choir will have its annual Summer Choral Institute, a day camp of art and music for youth 6-16, on July 7-11.

Guest directors and musicians include Soprano Kim Jones and piano professor Jennifer Muniz, along with Sunny Gardner-Orbovich, founder and year-round choral master.

The institute's cost is \$150 per registrant. Scholarship applications cover all or part of the cost. Registration will remain open until all appointments are filled. Call (219) 561-3264 or email sunnyjogardner@yahoo.com for more information.



Kim Jones



Jennifer Muniz

Cat Shelter June Special

Independent Cat Society, 4061 S. County Line Road, Westville, will have a June special where visitors can adopt any black-and-white cat or kitten — or black with a little white — for \$45.

A companion cat or kitten of any color costs \$25. Regular adoption hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays.

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Interactive Online Auction

The La Porte Hospital Foundation has launched an interactive online auction in conjunction with the 26th Annual Healthcare Scholarship Golf Tournament.

The auction at www.biddingforgoods.com/lpfoundation closes at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12, which marks the end of the golf tournament. Items up for bid range from tickets to sporting events, to golf packages and a vacation home in Venice, Fla.

All proceeds benefit the foundation's scholarship fund, which in 2013 totaled more than \$40,000 to fund health-care scholarships for communities served by IU Health La Porte and Starke hospitals.

While all 144 golfing spots are filled for this year's tournament, anyone is welcome to participate in the online auction, and bidders need not be present to win. Individuals also may buy prime rib dinner tickets for \$25 by contacting the foundation at (219) 326-2471. Dinner begins at approximately 5 p.m. after the tournament at Briar Leaf Golf Club, 2322 Indiana 39, La Porte.

Since 1983, 268 local students pursuing health-care degrees have been awarded more than \$538,250 in scholarships because of the event.

Stokes Family Announces Graduate

Dr. Thomas and Kimberly Stokes, Duneland Beach, announced their daughter, Faye Stokes, has recently graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry as a Doctor of Dental Surgery.

During her education, Faye received a Delta Dental Scholarship and served as a dental consultant for Proctor & Gamble.

She and her fiancé, Dr. Shane Harmon, will serve Michigan City as family dentists in her father's dental practice, Michigan City Dental PC.



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Fernwood Annual Garden Party

Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich., is taking reservations for its annual Garden Party, which is from 6 p.m. to midnight EDT Saturday, June 21.

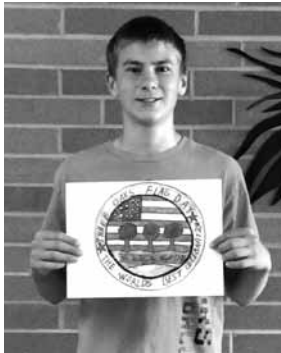
The event, which will help celebrate Fernwood's golden anniversary, will feature master of ceremonies Ron Magers, Chicago ABC-7 anchor, along with food prepared by Chef Tim Carrigan, live and silent auctions and an after-party featuring live music by The Bergamot.

Call (269) 695-6491 or visit www.fernwoodbotanical.org for reservations or more information.

T-Shirt Contest Part of Event

Three Oaks Flag Day added another community aspect to its 2014 event by holding a T-shirt design contest in Three Oaks schools.

The contest not only helps students of River Valley Middle School and River Valley Elementary get involved in the Three Oaks Flag Day Festival, but also give back to the schools, with 10 percent of proceeds going back to the schools for art class.



Joel

The two winners were Joel Doecker and Rebecca Oman.

Joel is 13 and in the eighth grade at River Valley Middle School. His design inspiration was a logo seal. Rebecca is 9 and a fourth-grader at River Valley Elementary Three Oaks Campus. She said her inspiration was having fun and her mom's help.

The T-shirts will be available the weekend of the festival. The cost is \$20 for children through adult XL and \$25 for 2 XL.

Flag Day events begin Friday, June 13, with music throughout town and continue Saturday with a Kids Zone, art and music in the park. They end with "The World's Largest Parade" on Sunday, June 15. It begins with a flag-raising ceremony at 2:30 p.m. EDT, then the parade at 3 p.m. EDT and a flyover from two World War II planes. An awards ceremony follows the parade at Three Oaks Legion Pavilion.



Rebecca

Garden Expo

St. Stanislaus Convent Shop, 1501 Franklin St., will have a Garden Expo from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 6-7.

The event will feature plants, seeds and summer supplies. Call (219) 874-4743 or visit www.facebook.com/ststanislauskostkaconventresaleshop for more information.

Carillon Recital

The Presbyterian Church of La Porte, 307 Kingsbury Ave., will present a carillon recital with John Gouwens, Culver, Ind., at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 8.

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Sarett Nature Center

The following programs are available at Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich.:

• **"Explore Michigan" at 10 a.m. EDT Friday, June 6.**

The group will visit a private preserve in southern Berrien County and the new Galien River County Park. Take a sack lunch and dress for the weather. The cost is \$20.

• **Kayak the Black River at 11 a.m. EDT Saturday, June 7.**

The \$20 fee includes transportation and equipment rental.

• **Play Geocache Bingo between 1 and 5 p.m. EDT Sunday, June 8.**

Pick up a Bingo card, then search for film canisters containing Bingo balls. Admission is \$3 for adults. A list of waypoints is available at www.sarett.com

Call (269) 927-4832 to register for any of these programs.

Annual Cemetery Tour

La Porte County Genealogical Society will present its annual Cemetery Tour, the focus being Kingsbury Cemetery, at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 10.

Burials at the cemetery, established in 1836, include some of the county's earliest pioneers, as well as a separate cemetery — the Winchell Cemetery — whose residents were displaced from their original resting place in 1941 by construction of the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant and moved to their new home within Kingsbury Cemetery.

The tour will provide a brief history of the cemetery, presented by Lloyd and Shirley Mounce, as well as a biographical sketch of James Good by society member and descendant Joan Good McCoy.

Dorothy Palmer will present information on a Mexican-American War veteran, Wallace Wilcox, and two Civil War veterans, Emulus Travis and DeMyer. Maggi Griswold will recreate the life of John Winchell, a War of 1812 veteran.

The public is welcome.

Speed Networking Event

Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce, 803 Washington St., will host a free Speed Networking Event from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 11.

The face-to-face networking event gives each attendee two minutes to speak: one minute for introductions and one for questions. Once the speed part ends, there's time for people to reconnect with those they wanted to speak to in greater detail.

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"Variety-Ville"

The Lounge Devils will present a show they call "Variety-Ville" on Saturday, June 7, at Memorial Opera House, 104 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso.

Along with hosting the event, Frank and Buddy Devil will present classic-style vaudeville comedy, from Thrym and his handler Alastair, a strong-man act, to jazz singers Samantha Bryce and Adrien Brizzolara, to a magician.

Tickets are \$10. Doors open at 7 p.m., with a cash bar available. The show starts at 8 p.m. Visit www.theloungedevils.com or call (219) 292-2013 for more information.

Lunch With the League

La Porte County Auditor Joie Winski is the featured speaker during Lunch With the League at noon Tuesday, June 10, at Lindo's Restaurant, 3940 Franklin St., Michigan City.

Winski will discuss the responsibilities of the La Porte County auditor's office. No reservations are required to attend the League of Women Voters monthly program. Attendees purchase lunch from the menu.

The group meets the second Tuesday of the month. Call Sue Webster at (219) 874-6809 or visit www.lwvlaporte.org for more information.



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June 5 — Arts in the Park, Elwood Splinters Blues Band, 7 p.m., Fox Park Dennis Smith Amphitheater, La Porte. Free.

June 5 — "A Night of Improv in the Lounge" with Donna Blue Lachman, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$10. Tickets/reservations: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

June 6 — Fiddlers Two concert, 7 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church sanctuary, 600 Franklin Square, Michigan City. Info: nicsunnysophia@yahoo.com, (219) 561-1939.

June 6-7 — Annual garden and yard event, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., St. Stanislaus Convent Resale Shop, 1501 Franklin St.

June 6-8, 12-15 — "I Hate Hamlet," Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 8 p.m. Thurs.-Sat./2 p.m. Sun. Cost: \$12/adults, \$10/Thursdays for 12 and younger. Reservations/info: (219) 874-4035, www.footlightplayers.org.

June 7 — 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.

June 7 — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

June 7 — Free Gentle Flow Yoga, 12:15 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 7 — "Let's Go Fly a Kite with Mary Poppins," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 7 — Second St. Stanislaus 5K (3.1 mile) run, Trail Creek's Nelson Park. Information/registration: (219) 879-9281, pjk226@yahoo.com

June 7 — Free community hike with Shirley Heinze Land Trust, 10 a.m.-noon, Barker Woods Nature Preserve, 444 Barker Road, Michigan City. Info: www.heinzetrust.org, (219) 242-8558.

June 7 — Lounge Devils "Variety-Ville," Memorial Opera House, 104 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso. Tickets: \$10. Doors open 7 p.m./show 8 p.m. Info: www.theloungeDEVILS.com, (219) 292-2013.

June 7 — Mentalist Christopher Carter, 8 p.m.

EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Cost \$25. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

June 7 — Arts and crafts show fundraiser, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., La Porte's Swanson Activity Center for Older Adults, 910 State St. Info: (219) 326-5354.

June 7 — Campground Program, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Dunewood Campground Amphitheater, Broadway and U.S. 12, Beverly Shores. Info: (219) 395-1882.

June 8 — Michigan City Community Chorus spring concert, 3 p.m., community room at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1237 E. Coolspring Ave.

June 8 — Carillon recital with John Gouwens, 4 p.m., The Presbyterian Church of La Porte, 307 Kingsbury Ave. Info: www.LaPortePresbyterian-FineArts.org, (219) 362-6219.

June 8 — Eighth Annual Trail Creek Fun Float, Washington Park. Registration: 8:30 a.m. at Washington Park boat ramps. Info: dplath@NWIPA.org, (219) 871-9559, www.NWIPA.org

June 9 — Free Poetry Appreciation Group, 6-8 p.m., Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

June 10 — Yoga with David Kipley, 5:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 10 — Lunch With the League, noon, Lindo's Restaurant, 3940 Franklin St., Michigan City. Info: (219) 874-6809, www.lwvlaporte.org

June 11 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ concert with Ann T. Dobie, noon, First Congregational Church, 531 Washington St. Info: (269) 469-0051.

June 11 — Free Speed Networking Event, 4:30-6 p.m., Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce, 803 Washington St. Registration: (219) 362-3178.

June 11 — Free Performance by The Valparaiso Community/University Band, 7 p.m., Hawthorne Park Gazebo, 500 Ackerman Drive, Porter.

June 12 — "Live Podcast: Emerging Artist Series," 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Free. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

June 12 — Angels Among Us, 3 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

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

Farther Afield:

June 7 — Bryan Edington and Friends, 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

June 8 — Geocache Bingo, 1-5 p.m. EDT, Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich. Cost: \$3. Registration: (269) 927-4832.

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On June 5, 1783, Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier first demonstrated their hot air balloon over the French city of Annonay.

On June 5, 1855, the "Know Nothing Party," also known as the "American Party," held its first national convention in Philadelphia.

On June 5, 1884, Civil War Gen. William Sherman told the Republican Party convention as it considered nominating him for president, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

On June 5, 1917, more than 9 million men began registering for the World War I military draft.

On June 5, 1933, the United States went off the Gold Standard — no longer backing its paper money with this precious metal.

On June 5, 1966, on the *Gemini 9* mission, astronaut Eugene Cernan made a record 2-hour, 10-minute spacewalk.

On June 5, 1968, in Los Angeles, Senator Robert Kennedy, after claiming victory in the California Democratic presidential primary, was assassinated by Sirhan Sirhan.

On June 5, 1981, the Center for Disease Control reported that five homosexuals in Los Angeles had fallen ill with a rare kind of pneumonia; they were the first recognized cases of what later became known as AIDS.

On June 5, 1983, the musical "Cats," along with the play "Torch Song Trilogy," won Tony awards.

On June 5, 2002, Elizabeth Smart, 14, disappeared from her Salt Lake City home. She was found safe the following March.

On June 6, 1755, American Revolutionary War patriot Nathan Hale was born in Coventry, Connecticut. In 1776, before being hanged by the British as an American spy, he uttered these inspiring words, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

On June 6, 1844, the first YMCA was established in London.

On June 6, 1933, the first motion-picture "drive-in" theatre was opened in Camden, NJ. Space was provided for 500 cars, and patrons viewed the film on a screen measuring 40 by 50 feet.

On June 6, 1944, in what would become known as "D-Day," allied troops landed on the German-held coast of Normandy, France.

On June 6, 2004, "Avenue Q" won best musical at the Tony Awards while "I Am My Own Wife" was named

best play. Phylicia Rashad, who starred in a revival of "A Raisin in the Sun," became the first black actress to win a Tony for a leading dramatic role.

On June 7, 1769, Daniel Boone began his exploration of the Kentucky wilderness.

On June 7, 1860, the "dime novel" first appeared when a New York publisher issued *Malaeska, the Indian Wife of the White Hunter*, written by Ann Stevens. It was advertised as "a dollar book for only a dime!"

On June 8, 1867, Frank Lloyd Wright, considered to have been one of the world's greatest architects, was born in Richland Center, WI.

On June 8, 1869, Chicago inventor Ives McGaffey received a patent for a vacuum cleaner, a "sweeping machine" that was to revolutionize house cleaning.

On June 8, 1982, Ronald Reagan became the first United States President to address the British Parliament.

On June 9, 1790, John Barry's "The Philadelphia Spelling Book" became the first book entered for an American copyright.

On June 9, 1893, American popular music composer Cole Porter was born in Peru, IN.

On June 9, 1903, the White Sox were incorporated under Illinois law with \$5,000 in capital.

On June 9, 1973, Secretariat won the Belmont Stakes, becoming horse racing's first Triple Crown winner in 25 years.

On June 10, 1847, the first edition of the *Chicago Tribune* was published, with approximately 400 copies being distributed.

On June 10, 1865, Richard Wagners' opera, "Tristan and Isolde," premiered in Munich, Germany.

On June 10, 1963, Congress passed the "Equal Pay Act," prohibiting wage discrimination because of sex.

On June 10, 1985, in his second trial, socialite Claus von Bulow was acquitted on charges that he tried to murder his heiress wife.

On June 11, 1770, Captain James Cook, commanding *HMS Endeavour*, discovered Australia's "Great Barrier Reef."

On June 11, 1776, the Continental Congress appointed Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Robert Livingston, and Roger Sherman as a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence from Britain.

On June 11, 1913, Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi was born in Brooklyn, NY.

On June 11, 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, NY.

On June 11, 1987, Margaret Thatcher became the first British prime minister in 160 years to win a third consecutive term.



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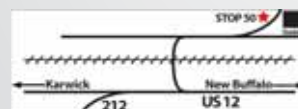
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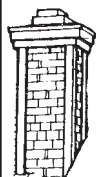
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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Vintage by Susan Gloss (hardcover, \$25.99 in bookstores and online)

Ladies, I owe you a big apology!

I have been so hung up with mysteries and historical reads, I have not reviewed a good woman's fiction read in some time.

(I really don't like the term "chick lit." It sounds derogatory.)

Well, that's about to change as I introduce you to this charming story — only 308 pages, small by today's standards — about a dream come true that soon turns into a quagmire of legal nightmares and a visit from a past Violet Turner thought she left behind.

We're in Madison, Wis., for this story, home of the University of Wisconsin, where Violet has rented a storefront in a good location with good foot traffic and not far from the university. She has come from northern Wisconsin to start over after a marriage gone sour. The man she thought she knew through high school decided his life was at the bottom of a whiskey bottle, and Violet, now 38, makes the break from him and decides to follow her own dreams of owning a vintage clothing shop.

They say clothes make the man, (although today, I suppose) it would be more politically correct to say "person" — but my point is that clothes also make a story. To prove that point, author Susan Gloss starts off each chapter with an item for sale in her shop. Consider this:

"INVENTORY ITEM: wedding gown

"APPROXIMATE DATE: 1952

"ITEM DESCRIPTION: Ivory, tea-length gown with scooped neckline and cap sleeves. Silk taffeta with crinoline understructure.

"SOURCE: Dress acquired from the couple's daughter"

And so, a young girl named April enters Violet's life. She purchased the dress from Hourglass Vintage recently and now wants to return it. The wedding apparently is off.

Although Violet doesn't do refunds, there is something about April that touches her, getting the 18-year-old to tell of her pregnancy and broken engagement. When April tells of her college studies and math skills, well, she just might be what the



store needs.

"INVENTORY ITEM: sari

"APPROXIMATE DATE: 1968

"CONDITION: good, small water stain near the hem

"ITEM DESCRIPTION: Orange sari made from silk dupioni with gold paisley design.

"SOURCE: Amithi Singh"

Next to enter Violet's life is Amithi Singh, the Indian-born lady bringing in a beautiful silk sari she wanted to sell.

There will be more, she tells Violet. After decades of housekeeping and child rearing, she found her husband was cheating on her. Time to cast off the old and build a new life for herself. Her sewing skills just might be that outlet.

Each chapter brings a new item for the store and an interesting, sometimes sad, sometimes happy remembrance of where it came from and how it affected the life of the owner. The three women find friendship, hope and a renewal of faith, that maybe when one door closes, another really does open. And sometimes legal issues and an ex-drunken husband shatter that thought to hell.

The need to raise a lot of money sees Violet make the radical decision to hold a vintage fashion show, using the clothing from her store and all shapes and sizes of women for models, including some drag queens from a local club. That certainly makes for an interesting night!

This is an endearing story, maybe nothing new in subject matter, except for the writing style of Gloss, who puts the characters right next to you in an intimate setting that makes you care for them and want them to succeed.

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