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Sister Act

Chicago Playwright's Religious Comedies Resonate With All Audiences

by Andrew Tallackson

Vicki Quade grew up in Chicago's southwest suburbs, in what she describes as a "very Catholic household" and a community populated mostly by Catholics and Lutherans.

People of other faiths rarely crossed her path. She was well into her teens when she met someone who wasn't Catholic or Lutheran.

She attended Catholic school and came to know the nuns well. The nuns, in fact, frequently borrowed one of her family's cars. They'd walk over to her house and tap on a window to signal their arrival, never standing on the porch or coming inside.

"We would hear, tap tap tap, on the dining room window and my mom would say, 'Oh, the nuns are

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Vicki Quade has made a cottage industry for herself of religious comedies.

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here. Go give them the keys’.”

Quade followed her mother’s instructions, yet wondered why the parish priest, who was good friends with her family, often came over for dinner and conversation, yet the nuns did not.

That sparked a curiosity in Quade who, as an adult, has created a cottage industry of religious comedies, the most popular being “Late Nite Catechism” (1993), which she co-wrote with Maripat Donovan and is Chicago’s longest-running religious comedy.

Her hit comedy “Put the Nuns in Charge!,” which celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2015, arrives in Michigan City for a one-night only performance Saturday, June 21, at Marquette High School’s Rudy Hart Theatre, 306 W. 10th St.

Get to know Quade, and it’s clear there is no ill will in her mission as playwright. She has great

affection for her faith, and her humor is gentle and good-natured. Take, for example, her childhood observations of Catholics and Lutherans. “Lutherans,” she says, “were very much into Jell-O molds after Mass. Catholics loved pancake breakfasts.”

Quade’s career began not in theater, but in journalism, writing for daily newspapers, national magazines and many Chicago publications. She also was a Newsweek correspondent for 10 years. She was a contributor to the Chicago Sun-Times millennium book, “20th Century Chicago: 100 Years, 100 Voices” and wrote the biography “I Remember Bob Collins,” the WGN-Radio personality killed in a February 2000 plane crash.

Her career also alternated between producing acting and playwrighting.

She’s produced her own shows, along with men-

talist Christopher Carter (2002-2005), “Forever Plaid” (2003), the improv comedy “Cast on a Hot Tin Roof” (2004) and the political work “Verbatim Verboten” (2004 and 2009), which opened off-off-Broadway in 2009 and is still at WorkShop Theater Co. In 2005, she produced the U.S. debut of Australian playwright Stephen House’s “Drapes” at Chicago’s Victory Gardens Theatre.

In radio, she’s had a strong creative relationship with radio host Jerry Agar, creating with him the talk radio parody “You’re On the Air.” She’s written movie reviews and can be seen on YouTube as a movie-reviewing nun called Sister Cinematica.

As a performer, she’s done everything from “Portraits: Stories of Hope and Survival” as part of the Chicago Foundation for Women’s 2007 anti-violence campaign “What Will It Take?” to appearing in the “All the Women You Want” comedy festival at Los Manos Gallery.

Her original works include “Room for Advancement” (1994), “Mr. Nanny” (1997) and “Here Come the Famous Brothers” (2001).

It is her religious comedies, though, that have solidified her presence within the Chicago theater community and beyond. In addition to “Late Nite Catechism” and “Put the Nuns in Charge!,” she has created “Sunday School Cinema,” the focus being

movies and religions, “Saints & Sinners,” about church fundraising schemes, and the holiday show “Mother Superior’s Ho-Ho-Holy Night.” Her Bingo comedies include “Bible Bingo,” “Christmas Bingo,” “Movie Bingo,” “Convent Bingo” and “Saints & Sinners Bingo.”

**Mother Superior’s
Ho-Ho-Holy Night**
—BY VICKI QUADE—

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Her monologue show is called “Changing Habits: The Nun Monologues.”



Quade says "Late Nite Catechism," which debuted in May 1993 at Chicago's Live Bait Theater, was an homage to the nuns she knew as a child. The one-woman show involved an actress playing Sister, with the audience serving as her classroom. Its original run was set for 12 performances over a six-week period at Live Bait.

"I wasn't even sure we could fill 12 performances," Quade said. "I thought, 'Who will come see this show?' It was funny to me. It was funny to all of us working on the show, but who would have thought it would be the big hit that it was."

Just how popular has "Late Nite Catechism" become? Well, one of its goals is to donate proceeds to support retired nuns in need. It was reported in December 2012 that the franchise has generated more than \$2 million to its cause.

Quade invited nuns, priests, monks and deacons to see the play to make sure, she said, that it had "the religious part down pat." Her mother and her bridge club even attended the show...and loved it.

The reason why "Late Nite Catechism," "Put the Nuns in Charge!" and her other works connect with audiences, Quade said, is simple.

"They are smart. They are funny. They are not at all offensive, or mocking the Church in any way," she said. "They really are memory plays that put you back in the third grade."

"They're respectful of the faith and what the nuns did to educate us. Once we established that, people realized these were the kinds of shows that you can bring your mother and your kids to, that you can recommend to other people."

The other surprise, Quade said, has been the way people of all faiths have enjoyed the shows.

"If you're not Catholic or you didn't have a nun in your life, you certainly know the nun character in modern society, or at the very least you had a strong female teacher or coach in your life who was responsible for helping discipline or educate you," she said.

"You know exactly who the character is."

Quade recalls a woman from Montana who attended "Bible Bingo" in Chicago with her husband. The two were looking for clean, fun entertainment. They were so impressed by the show, the woman handed her card to Quade afterward, then said she intended to recommend it to others.

Late Nite Catechism



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Once, Quade said, a Muslim woman covered from head to toe in Islamic dress attended one of her shows, afterward thanking her and saying how much she enjoyed it.

The focus of "Put the Nun in Charge!" is the Seven Deadly Sins. Anger, for example, is equated to road rage and pride to make-up and dress.

"It's really a wonderfully funny show that takes a look at the teaching methods nuns use," Quade said.

Like "Late Nite Catechism," the audience becomes the nun's classroom. Those who don't want to get involved should not feel pressured to do so.

"If you don't want to interact, don't raise your hand," Quade said with a laugh. "We are not out to torture people. People don't have to worry too much. They won't be put on stage. However, after a while, people really do get into it."

The actress portraying the nun during the Michigan City performance is Lisa Braatz, a St. Louis University theater graduate who has performed in the Chicago area for more than 10 years, particularly in Quade's productions.

"Lisa is very Catholic," Quade said, "so she understands the faith, and she understands what it means to audience members to see her up there."

"She has a good rapport with the audience and great improv skills. She's quick on her feet. I think people are going to be really happy with her performance."



Lisa Braatz will star in the Michigan City performance of "Put the Nuns in Charge!"

If You Go

"Put the Nuns in Charge!" is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at Marquette Catholic High School's Rudy Hart Theatre, 306 W. 10th St. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Advance tickets are available at City Supply, 4301 Ohio St., and MC Interiors, 1102 Franklin St. Reservations also are available by calling (219) 878-1835 or emailing msjan0311@yahoo.com.



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“Crimes of the Heart”



Sarah Wisterman (from left), Rebecca Hayes and Rachael Livingston play the Magrath sisters in “Crimes of the Heart.”

“Crimes of the Heart,” Beth Henley’s Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy, marks the first show of the Canterbury Summer Theatre season, running Wednesday through Saturday, June 18-21, at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St.

This year’s company hails from Texas, Louisiana, Montana, Oklahoma, Illinois, Indiana and Illinois.

Three of the four principal actresses in “Crimes of the Heart” come from Texas to join a Northwest Indiana actress for the bittersweet tale set in Hazlehurst, Miss., where the three Magrath sisters gather in the family home to await news of their grandfather’s sad demise. The trio must face the difficult realities of growing up and growing older.

The eldest Magrath sister, Lenny, is played by Rachel Livingston, a theater graduate from Indiana University-Bloomington. Meg is played by Sarah Wisterman, a senior at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas. She will begin a professional apprenticeship this fall with Chicago’s Porch-

light Theatre. Babe is played by Rebecca Hayes, also from Texas who is now a professional actress living and working in Chicago.

The cast also includes Cousin Chick, played by Allison Day, also a Stephen F. Austin student, and two Chicago actors, Roy Brown as Doc Porter and James Mueller as Lloyd Barnett.

The show is directed and lit by David Graham of Chicago — and a Texas native — and designed by Ray Scott Crawford (Louisiana). Graham and Crawford are longtime Canterbury veterans: Crawford is the artistic director and Graham the associate artistic director. Emily Dollar (Louisiana) will stage manage. Costumes are by Samantha Rogers (Louisiana), while Matthew Lorenz (Louisiana) will design properties. Leah Mazur (Oklahoma) is the technical director.

Tickets are \$15 on Wednesday and Thursday and \$16 on Friday and Saturday. Senior, group and student discounts are available, as well as group luncheon/dinner theater packages. Curtain is at 2 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, June 18-19, 8 p.m. Friday, June 20, and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21. Reservations can be made by calling the Mainstreet Theatre box office at (219) 874-4269, in person or through email at info@festivalplayersguild.org



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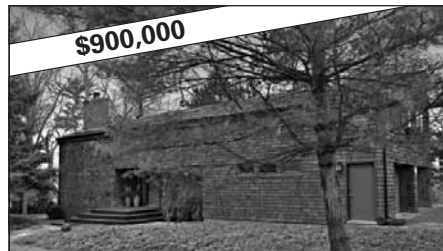
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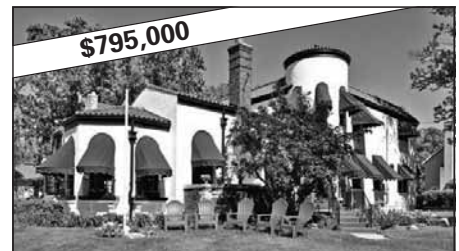
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• **The Save the Tunes Council performs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 20, at the Visitor Center.**

Local musicians preserve folk songs using instruments such as the guitar, autoharp, dulcimer, banjo, harmonica, bagpipe, penny whistle, hurdy gurdy and other obscure instruments.

• **Ranger's Choice Hike from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, June 20.**

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

• **Campground Program from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21, 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.

• **Chellberg Farm Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21.**

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.

• **"Midsummer Celebration" from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at Chellberg Farm.**

Learn about the traditions of Swedish immigrants through music, dance and food. Meet at the Chellberg Farm parking lot.

• **Summer Solstice Evening Concert from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at Chellberg Farm**

Chris Vallillo will perform traditional American music. The concert will move to the Visitor Center if the weather is poor.

• **"Bats Alive" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Purdue University, Mammoth Cave National Park, Ravenswood Media and the Organization for Bat Conservation will present instrument demonstrations, educational activities and live bat encounters. Contact the center at (219) 395-1821 for specific times and sessions during the 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. period.

• **Pinhook Bog Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 22.**

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, June 22, 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.

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.



A ranger leads a hike through Pinhook Bog.

Woodworkers With the Blues

The 11th annual Woodworkers with the Blues is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT Saturday, June 21, at Center of the World Woodshop, 13400 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert.

The free event features new work and demonstrations by area woodworkers, live music and home-made food.

New to the show this year is a sawmill demonstration by David Krumrie. Participating woodworkers are:

- John Galligan — wine accessories.
- Floyd Gumpf — furniture.
- Terry Hanover — furniture.
- Harold Harris — gourd vessels and lamps.
- Barbara Hoenle — wooden jewelry.
- Larry Jensen — sculpture.
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- Jim Lothary — wildlife carvings.
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The local music lineup includes (all times are Eastern):

- Top Secret Band at 1 p.m.
- Slim Gypsy Baggage at 2:45 p.m.
- Duke Tumatoe at 4:15 p.m.
- Lady Sunshine & the X Band at 6:15 p.m.
- PS Dump Your Boyfriend at 8:15 p.m.

Admission is \$15 and includes a souvenir wine-tasting glass. Children 12 and younger are free. Advance \$10 tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com or at Hardings Friendly Market, 3651 Shawnee Road, Bridgman.

Parking and shuttle buses will be available at designated lots in Bridgman. No coolers are allowed. The event is held rain or shine. Visit www.lakemichiganwinefest.com or www.swmichigan.org, call (269) 925-6301 or email info@miwinetrail.com for more information.

Shakespeare Returns to Gardens

Metamorphis Traveling Theater Co. will return to International Friendship Gardens with its performance of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 22.

The show will be held in the performance pavilion on the Celebration Side of the gardens, 2055 U.S. 12, Michigan City.

Last year's performance was attended by about 100 people. Children are invited to dress as fairies or elves.



Audience members attended last year's performance in costume.

Volunteers are needed, with the hours from noon to 5:30 p.m. Helpers can work from noon to 2:30 p.m. or 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Assignments are: ticket sales, ushers, refreshment sales and setting up/removing chairs. Call (219) 878-9885 or email internationalfriendshipgardens@yahoo.com if interested.



Judith Joseph is part of the cast of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Friday, June 20

• 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Dune Challenge Bound.

Hike the state's three highest dunes. Wear hiking boots for the trek that includes prizes at the end. Meet at the campground shelter by site 113. Hikes last about an hour.

• 3 p.m. — Critter Feeding Time.

Meet at the Nature Center to learn what some of its animals eat, and help feed some of them.

• 7:30 p.m. — Campground Crafts.

Visit the campground shelter by site 113 for the hour-long program that involves a make-it, take-it craft.

Saturday, June 21

• 3 p.m. — Astro Crafts.

Visit the Nature Center Auditorium to make astronomy crafts that can be used during that night's stargazing event. Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by a parent.

• 8:30 to 11 p.m. — The annual Singing Sands Star Show.

Meet local astronomers from the Calumet Astronomical Society, who will have special telescopes set up and give periodic constellation talks. Take a blanket and meet on the main beach near the pavilion. Optimal star gazing is after 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 22

• 10 a.m. — The Incredible Journey.

Learn how water in Northwest Indiana makes its way to Lake Michigan. Meet the interpreter at the beach pavilion. Visitors also stop by a rain garden.

• 3 p.m. — A Dam Good Hike.

Meet at the campground gate for an hour stroll to check out the beaver lodge. Expect off-trail and ankle-deep water.

Monday, June 23

• 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.

• 3 p.m. — Sand Art.

Explore unique Indiana Dunes sand, then work on a special project. Meet at the Nature Center.

Tuesday, June 24

• 10 a.m. — Toddler Fitness Hour.

Join a park volunteer for a hike along the bike trail. Take water, sunscreen and a blanket or mat. Meet at the campground gate every Tuesday in June and July.

• 3 p.m. — Nature Stories and Tall Tales.

Bring a friend to the Nature Center Program Area for an hour of sharing stories.

Wednesday, June 25

• 10 a.m. — Dunes Trivia Hike.

Play a guessing game during the morning hike. Meet at the campground gate.

• 3 p.m. — Just a Few Furs.

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at mammals that call Indiana Dunes home.

Thursday, June 26

• 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.

• 3 p.m. — Nature Craft Hour.

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- **News at Noon from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

State Rep. Chuck Moseley, District 10, will answer questions and discuss concerns.

- **Bookmarks at the Museum at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Susan Swarner will review Therese Anne Fowler's "Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald." Copies are available at Thomas and Hageman libraries.

- **Free concert and family film series at 7 p.m. Friday, June 20, at the Thomas Park bandstand, Broadway and Calumet in Chesterton.**

The 38th Infantry Division Band of the Indiana National Guard will perform, followed by the animated film "Turbo" at dusk. Take lawn chairs and picnic baskets. The Rotary Club will sell popcorn and soda.

In case of rain, events will be held at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

- **"The American Civil War: A Series on the Major Battles" continues from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 21, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

History buff and Civil War enthusiast Thomas Murphy will discuss the Battle of Gettysburg.

- **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.**

David Rodich leads the series, which provides distinctions of styles, as well as prompts born out of class discussions about life experiences and personal opinions. Rodich is an Indiana University graduate with a bachelor of arts in history and a master's degree in elementary education.

Registration is required. Visit or call the reference desk at (219) 926-7696 to register. Plan to attend all sessions.

- **The drop-in craft program, The Art Box, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays in June at Thomas Library.**

Children accompanied by parents are welcome. No registration is necessary.

- **Block Party (special play time for children) at 10 a.m. Fridays in June and July at Hageman Library.**

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2014 Member-Member Events

The 2014 Long Beach Country Club Annual Ladies Member-Member Tournament and Pre-Tournament Party were held June 7. Spouses were invited to attend the party.



18-Hole Chairwoman Tina Sonderby (from left) and Vice Chairwoman Kathie Mole played with Marge Walsh and Barb Beardslee, the second-place winners in B flight.



Cindy Levy (from left), Kathy Kenefick, Jean Guerin and Jane Irvine. Levy and Kenefick finished in third place in the A flight



Connie Sullivan (from left), Linda Wilson, Susan Keeley and Joan Carey. Sullivan and Wilson were second in the A flight.



Jayne Krol (from left), Mary O'Neil, Kathy Hanley and Kathy Brennan competed in B flight.



June Salmon (from left), Peg King, Lis Slattery and Ellen Holloway were A flight competitors.



Nancy Thill (from left), Suzanne Sullivan, Mary Weithers and Rima Binder. Weithers and Binder won first place in B flight.



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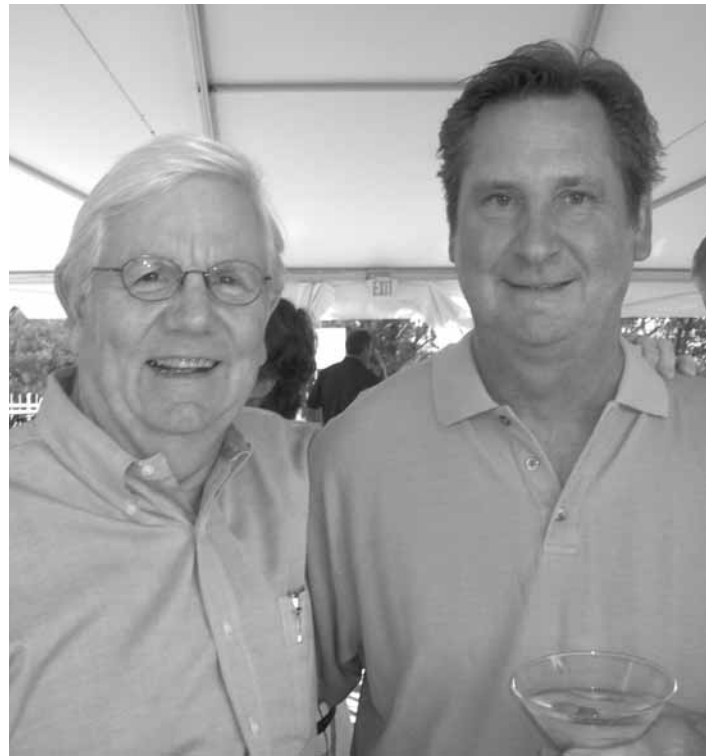
Sue Luegers (from left), Carol Excell, Pat Kelley and Mary Sheridan. Luegers and Excell won first place in sudden death on the second playoff.



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John Kenefick (left) and Rob Kienie.

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The cast includes Diana Hirsh as Alice and Penny Russell as Alice’s sister, Jeanette, who already is in Heaven and meets Alice at the gate. Other performers portraying VIPs in Heaven are: Howard Brenneman, Noel Carlson, Kathy Chase, Alice Dickey, Lance Hilberg, Bobby Komendera, Dan Moser, Val Pudlo, Debbie Reason, Anna Resiak, Felicia Thomas and Karol Valek.

Previous “Alice” shows included “Alice in Broadway Land,” “Alice Goes to Dolly Wood,” “Alice Joins the USO” and “Alice in Imaginary Land,” which were presented at the former Grace Church. The re- vues are conceived, written and directed by Laura and Lee Meyer.

Works by Frank Di Giacomo will be displayed in the Footlight lobby art gallery, while Angie Resiak will show jewelry by Premiere Designs.

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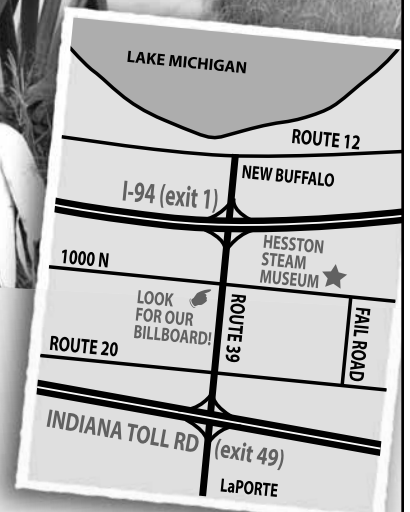
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Summer Solstice Music, Festival

Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra will kick off summer with its Summer Solstice Music & Microbrews Festival from 4 to 10 p.m. EDT Saturday, June 21, at the Shadowland Pavilion at Silver Beach in St. Joseph, Mich.

Gates open at 4 p.m., with live music starting at 4:30 p.m. and tasting from 5 to 9 p.m. All times are Eastern. Proceeds support the SMSO's mission.

Participating breweries include: Arcadia Brewing Co.; Arbor Brewing Co.; Bell's Brewery; Goose Island Beer Co.; Greenbush Brewing Co.; Lagunitas Brewing Co.; The Livery; Mountain Town Brewing Co.; New Holland Brewing; Perrin Brewing Co.; Right Brain Brewery; Round Barn Brewery; Saugetuck Brewing Co.; Tapestry Brewing; Vander Mill Ciders; Virtue Cider; Tabor Hill Wine.



Nashville recording artist Justine Blazer is among the performers at the Summer Solstice Music & Microbrews Festival.

The entertainment lineup is:

- 4:30 p.m. — Justine Blazer, a Nashville recording artist whose style is country rock.
- 6:15 p.m. — The Hot Sauce Committee, which combines '90s hip-hop with guitars and club beats.
- 8 p.m. — Libido Funk Circus, which has hundreds of songs under its collective belt.

Tickets cost \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of the event. They can be purchased at www.smso.org or at: Liquor Locker, 3872 Red Arrow Highway, Roosters Party Store, 1607 Lakeshore Drive, and SMSO, 513 Ship St., all St. Joseph.

Parking fees at Shadowland Pavilion, 333 Broad St., are: \$6 for Berrien County residents or \$8 for non-residents. No coolers, food or drink carry-ins are allowed. Take lawn chairs or blankets.

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Curbside Recycling Changes

Styrofoam and plastic shopping bags and films are no longer being accepted by La Porte County's curbside recycling program.

Residents, however, still have an option to at least recycle plastic bags and films by bringing them back to a store that will accept them.

During a tour last month of the Materials Recovery Facility in Homewood, Ill., where all of La Porte County's recyclables are sorted, La Porte County Solid Waste District staffers and two members of its Citizens Advisory Committee were told the facility is not accepting any plastic films or Styrofoam for recycling. Those items were included in the district's recycling program since its inception in 1993, said Alicia Ebaugh, education and public outreach coordinator, but evolving recycling markets have dictated the change.

"The MRF has a way of dealing with those items, but they are being taken to a landfill," she said.

Styrofoam products will need to be placed in the trash, but there is an alternative for recycling plastic shopping bags and films, Ebaugh said. They can be taken to public-recycling points at local Walmart, Meijer, Kroger or Lowe's stores. Menards will accept plastic bags at the customer service counter.

"We also have plastic bag recycling events at Al's stores each November for America Recycles Day, where we swap your plastic bags for a reusable one," Ebaugh said.

Residents also can include these additional plastic bags and films with shopping bags (all items must be clean and dry): newspaper bags, produce bags, bread bags, case wrap for bottled water, wrap from napkin, paper towel and toilet paper packages, and wrap from diaper packages

The reason grocery stores and big box stores are accepting plastic bags and films while MRFs are not is simply a matter of cleanliness, Ebaugh said.

"Plastics collected at grocery and big box stores are relatively clean and already separated out from the waste stream," she said. "The ones that come in commingled with other recyclables at the MRF become more contaminated and are not as good of quality, so buyers of used plastic bags and films like Hilex Poly really only want to get them from the stores directly."

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"Baby Boom or Bust!"

South Shore Arts will present an opening reception for Brian J. Sullivan's "Baby Boom or Bust!" exhibit from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 22, at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Ind.

The exhibit, part of free activities through Family Arts Day at the center, looks back at iconic images of life in the nuclear age.

Based in Champaign, Ill., Sullivan celebrates visual emblems from his childhood. Making use of disparate Americana and advertising images to create pictures layered with multiple meanings, his large-scale paintings explore popular American cultural icons, images, slogans and advertisements of the mid-20th century. Superman, Elvis, Marilyn Monroe, the McDonald's arches, cars from the Tail Fin era, even the Gerber baby, are among the images incorporated into his work.



Brian Sullivan's oil on canvas, "Krispy Kreme."

Sullivan has exhibited throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. His most recent large-scale oil paintings make use of many techniques, such as waterslide decals, photo-transfers, embedded paper images, spray paint, fabric paint, crackle paint and encaustics, as well as found objects.

He received his undergraduate degree in metalsmithing and ceramics from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1981). After graduation, he received a scholarship to further his studies in an artist apprenticeship school in Tennessee. The next year, he moved to Chicago and began working for a large-scale sculptor. In 1986, he was offered a full scholarship to attend the University of Illinois-Champaign to attain his master of fine arts degree in sculpture.

Sullivan will attend the opening reception. Call (219) 836-1839 or visit www.southshoreartsonline.org for more information.

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Geocaching & Letterboxing

The free treasure hunt is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 30, at Luhr County Park Nature Center, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte.

Participants can take their own GPS unit and Stamp and Pad; neither, however, are required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration is required at least one week in advance. The hunt can include a minimum of 10 people and a maximum of 20.

Stroller, Baby and You

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

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. at Luhr County Park. Dates are: June 30, July 7 and 28, Aug. 11 and 25, and Sept. 15 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.
- Sept. 10 — Understanding Medicare" with Denise Holmes.

Parent & Child Discovery Days

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

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

The lineup is:

- June 25 — Playtrail Adventure.
- July 16 — Woody the Woodpecker.
- July 30 — Fantastic Fishing.
- Aug. 6 — Bat Basics.
- Aug. 13 — Nature's Treasures.

"Grandma's Coverlets"



A coverlet in a buggy manufactured at La Porte Carriage Co. says "La Porte 1845" in the corner square.

La Porte County Historical Society Museum's latest display, "Grandma's Coverlets: Weaving Memories," continues through the summer.

All of the coverlets in the collection are from the 19th century. Unlike quilts, coverlets have not enjoyed a resurgence in popularity and are not as easy to reproduce. Some look as if they were made yesterday, with no wear. Others appear well-loved.

Most coverlets use cotton and wool: the wool for warmth and the cotton for strength. Many weavers left their names, as well as the date, permanently within the works.

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Porter County Garden Walk

Gardeners, homeowners and landscapers can tour Northwest Indiana's top home and public gardens during the annual Garden Walk 2014 hosted by the Porter County Master Gardeners Association.

The tour is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 28, and showcases eight home gardens and two public gardens. Master Gardeners will be present to answer questions and explain the plantings at each garden. Door prizes will be given.

The cost is \$6 before June 28. Tickets are available at:

- Chesterton Feed and Garden, 400 Locust St., Chesterton.
- Four Seasons Nursery, 226 U.S. 6, Valparaiso.
- Horses Garden Center, 198 W. Indiana 130, Valparaiso.
- Jake's Feed and Garden, 326 S. Indiana 49, Valparaiso.
- Porter County Extension Office, 155 Indiana Ave., Suite 301, Valparaiso.
- Reed's Nursery and Garden Center, 2253 Indiana 2, Valparaiso.
- Samuelson's Nursery, 295 Indiana 2, Valparaiso.
- Town and Country Market, 1650 Calumet Ave., Valparaiso.
- Windy Ridge Farms, 253 E. 150 S., Valparaiso.
- Philips Ace Hardware, 3100 Calumet Ave., Valparaiso.

Attendees also may buy tickets the day of the walk for \$8. They will be available between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at either Westchester Township Historical Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton, or Fit City Community Garden, 3210 N. Campbell St., Valparaiso.

Visit www.pcgarden.info or contact Lyndsay Ploehn, Porter County Extension's agriculture and natural resources educator, at lploehn@purdue.edu or (219) 465-3555 for more information.



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Taltree Arboretum & Gardens' "Music in Nature" summer concert series will feature a lineup of rock, modern pop and classical music.

The series runs June through September and supports Taltree's conservation, restoration and education initiatives. The schedule is:

- June 27 — American English showcases the best of "The Fab Four" from 1963-1970. It wraps up the Go Green Fest sponsored by ArcelorMittal. Concert attendees will learn about recycling, water conservation, composting and electric cars.
- July 18 — The Neverly Brothers play hits ranging from 1950s American rockabilly, rock and rhythm and blues to the 1964 British invasion.
- Aug. 8 — Northwest Indiana Symphony Strings will play nature-inspired classical music, including selections from Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons."
- Aug. 22 — Northwest Indiana Symphony Brass will play popular American-composed classics, such as the Saints' "Hallelujah."
- Aug. 29 — Northwest Indiana Symphony Woodwinds will play popular classics from around the world, including a Gershwin medley.
- Sept. 19 — Another Round is the current Indiana University a cappella group that follows in the steps of Straight No Chaser.

Each concert will have raffles. The American English concert will have a painted rain barrel silent auction, including a Do-It-Yourself barrel kit. The rain barrels were painted by Porter County organizations and businesses.

All concerts start at 6:30 p.m. The gate opens at 5:30 p.m. Concerts are held rain or shine. Take lawn chairs. Single tickets are \$25 for non-members and \$20 for members. Three-concert and six-concert ticket packages are available. Three-concert packages are \$70 for non-members and \$55 for members. Six-concert ticket packages are \$130 for non-members and \$100 for members. Six-concert package series are available through June 27.

Taltree Grill will serve grilled food, sodas, beer, wine and water. No outside alcohol is allowed. No glass containers will be permitted.

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Having a “Field Day”

(The Beacher would like to thank Maureen Rice for submitting the photos and story.)



Notre Dame Catholic School students on June 6 celebrated the last afternoon of the 2013-2014 school year outside with a retro kind of “field day.”

After the traditional morning Mass, where each class moves up to the next grade, an awards ceremony, pep rally and lunch, everyone headed outdoors to one of 10 stations. The activities included old-fashioned races, water balloon and ball tossing, over under, obstacle course and tug-of-war.

Asked if they were having fun, responses ranged from “best day ever” to “I have never been so tired in my life.”

The afternoon ended in prayer led by Principal Ben Potts, who spent his last Field Day with Notre Dame students. He is staying with the diocese, but switching to Merrillville’s Andean High School to serve as its principal.



MCAS Honors 63 Retirees, Makes Wall of Fame Inductions

Michigan City Area Schools honored 63 employees who are retiring this year, many of whom have 30, 40 or more years of service.

A special dinner in their honor, sponsored by MCAS and Michigan City Education Association, was held June 9 at Blue Chip Casino.

In addition, four former MCAS employees were inducted into the 2014 MCAS "And then Some" Wall of Fame, which is housed in Heritage Hall at Michigan City High School. Inductees included former Krueger physical-education teacher Steve Kahn, former Edgewood Elementary School teacher Sena Mroueh, former Mullen Elementary School teacher Jean Polka and former Central/Park/Niemann/Knapp elementary teacher Freddi Valdez.

Teachers and staff retiring this year, and the number of years spent with MCAS, are: Jerome Anderson (26 years), Sue Babcock (30 years), Jody Boehnlein (34 1/2 years), Scott Braddy (15 years), Judy Caddo (27 years), Bonita Cardwell (13 years), Karen Carr (24 years), Charlotte Cota (18 years), Bob Coy (24 years), Deidre Crail (34 years), Paula Earley (40 years), Linda Fairchild (31 years), Robert Falls (39 years), Jan Ferraro (36 1/2 years), David Ford (12 1/2 years), Jacqueline Frankowski (12 years), Chris Fry

(36 years), James E. Funk (29 years), Diane Furore (40 1/2 years), Sunny Gardner Orbovich (19 years), Carmen Gondek (23 years), Tom Granacki (18 years), Alex Jarrell (21 1/2 years), Charlene Johnson (18 years), Linda Kahn (28 years), Paula Keehn (23



Present at the special dinner were (from left) Maria Valdez, accepting on behalf of her mother, Wall of Fame Inductee Freddi Valdez, Nancy Schneider, accepting on behalf of her mother, Wall of Fame Inductee Jean Polka, Steve Kahn, Wall of Fame inductee, and Mohamed Mroueh, accepting on behalf of his sister, Wall of Fame Inductee Sena Mroueh.

years), Patty Kish (19 years), Dennis Knaup (27 years), Susan Kowalski (13 years), Kevin Lamm (22 years), Ron Landtroop (16 1/2 years), Cynthia Lapinski (15 1/2 years), Dennis Leslie (27 years), Tammy Little (29 years), Mary Carol Lombard (35 1/2 years), Jo Ludwig (27 years), John Malik (24 years), Steve Marciniak (26 years), Patricia A. Miller (40 years), Diane Newman (22 years), Debbie Poole (27 years), Mary Pugh (19 years), Jeff Reed

(19 years), Ken Rehder (21 years), Linda Renicker (14 years), Kathleen Retseck (34 1/2 years), Jim Rusboldt (36 years), Beth Santana (16 years), Pam Sassaman (23 years), Judith Schmidt (19 years), Roger Schmidt (28 years), Ann Schreeg (21 years), Sharon Schuman (35 years), Dave Shepperson (21 years), Barb Shula (25 years), Eugene Smiertelny (15 years), Judith Swiger (25 years), Iris Villoch (30 years), Jerry Wallace (18 years), Nancy Walser (22 years), Larry Ward (37 years) and Terri Washington (35 years).

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Students Care for Roxana Marsh

Fifty students from East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School returned to Roxana Marsh to continue a project they started two years ago to learn about the marsh, restoration and stewardship.

The event was hosted by Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, The Nature Conservancy and Michigan City's Shirley Heinze Land Trust.

Two years ago, the same students celebrated the remediation and restoration of Roxana Marsh and the West Branch of the Grand Calumet River by planting native species along the marsh. Their latest efforts involved removing invasive plants and picking up litter.

The overall project started in 2008 when Indiana natural resource co-trustees at DNR and IDEM partnered with USEPA Great Lakes National Program Office under its Great Lakes Legacy Act program to carry out remediation and restoration along the West Branch Grand Calumet River in Hammond and East Chicago, and completing the initial projects (between Hohman Avenue and Indianapolis Boulevard), including Roxana Marsh, in 2012. The DNR and TNC are working to ensure successful establishment of the restoration work started under the Legacy Act project for the next several years.

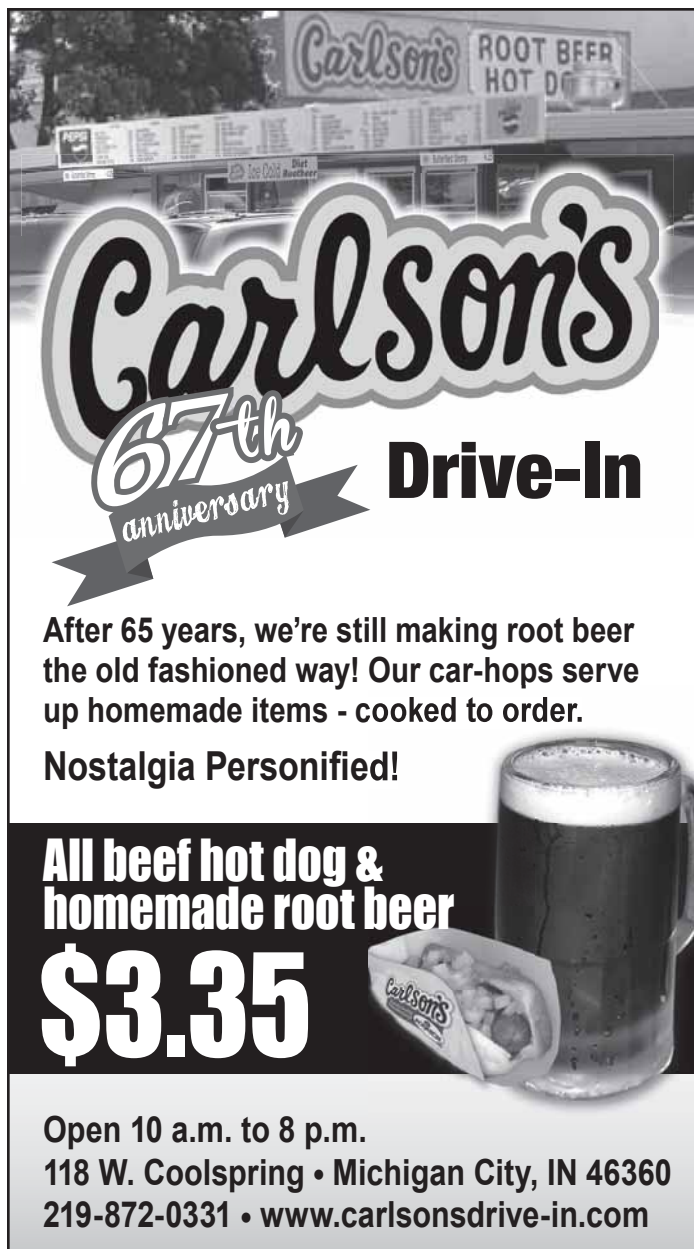
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The thirteenth season pipe organ concert series will last until mid August. Performing organists include • June 4 — Ben Basile. • June 11 — Ann T. Dobie. • June 18 — Derek Nickels. • June 25 — Carol Garrett. • July 2 — Stephen Schnurr. • July 9 — Gary Powell. • July 16 — Stephen Schnurr and Gary Powell. • July 23 — Kent Jager. • July 30 — Wolfgang Rubsam. • Aug. 6 — Carey Scheck. • Aug. 13 — Mark Sudeith.

The portrait of Ann Dobie was painted by Michigan City artist Connie Kassal.



Fifth Annual Michigan City in Bloom

Michigan City Mayor Ron Meer's office and the Michigan City in Bloom Committee are gearing up for the Fifth Annual Michigan City in Bloom Beautification Contest.

Meer will proclaim June 22-29 as 2014 "Clean Up Michigan City" Week.

For the contest, residents and businesses within the city's corporate boundaries are invited to target problem areas and organize volunteers to clean them up. Of special interest, businesses in heavily littered areas are asked to take a leadership role to make their areas litter-free.

Six categories will be judged: Container Garden; Private Residence; Environmental (natural plantings); Small Business (25 or less employees); Large Business (26 or more employees); and Non-Profit/Government. The judging criteria will be: Tidiness; Floral Display; Harmony; Balance of Display; and Landscape Components. Extra points will be awarded for use of the city flower (daylily) and city rose (Nearly Wild Rose). Prizes will be awarded for first place and honorable mention. The application deadline is July 3. Judging is the week of July 7, with the awards ceremony set for Friday, July 11, at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.

An additional contest category this year is The Best Blooming Business Award. Merchants in the Uptown Arts District are invited to produce a floral container garden or artistic production using live flowers and/or plants. Incorporation of any artistic flourish or component is encouraged, as long as live plants are included. Judging is set for the last week in July. No application for this judging is necessary. The winner will be announced during the August First Friday on Aug. 1.

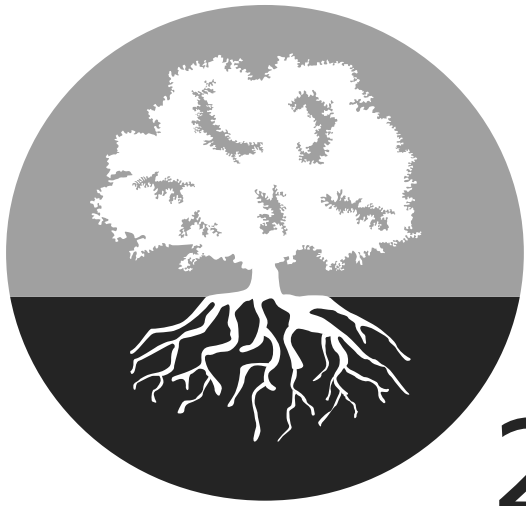
Applications are available at the Michigan City parks department, Michigan City Senior Center, Michigan City Port Authority, Michigan City Public Library, City Hall, Visit Michigan City La Porte in Marquette Mall, Michigan City Mainstreet Association (at DH2W), International Friendship Gardens, Michigan City Sanitary District, Michigan City Water Dept., Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce or at www.michigancityparks.com.

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The event will include games, family activities and a free, old-fashioned cookout. Visitors also can view the latest exhibit, "Life in the Hour Glass," a look at botanist and Ogden Dunes residents O.D. and Tillie Frank. Discover how the Franks' relationship with the environment sheds light on how communities are created, cultivated and sustained.

Call (219) 465-3595 or visit www.pocomuse.org for more information.

Micro Music Mash

Dunes Summer Theatre will present Micro Music Mash from 7 to 9 p.m. June 27-28 and July 5-6 at the Michiana Shores theater, 288 Shady Oak Drive.

The event, appropriate for people 12 and older, will feature Theft to the Gallows, Love Cartel, DJ Big Durty, Master Les, Nila, Terrible Spaceship and others.

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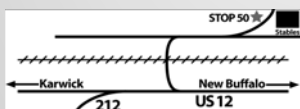
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State Park to Restore Rare Habitat

Indiana Dunes State Park will restore 32 acres of rare oak savanna habitat as part of a larger effort involving state and federal governments and a Northwest Indiana conservation group.

An additional 1,045 acres of black oak savanna will be restored in Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Partners in the project are the state park, national lakeshore, the Department of Natural Resources Division of Nature Preserves and Save the Dunes.

Work will begin this summer and continue through next summer.

Black oak savanna is a disappearing ecosystem. It's estimated fewer than 0.02 percent of high quality oak savanna remains in the Midwest, a region that used to have an abundance of this ecosystem.

The oak savannas being restored are near trails 9 and 10 in the state park and in the Miller Woods and Tolleston Dunes units of the national lakeshore.

The remnant black oak savanna in the Indiana Dunes is threatened by invasive plant species that limit the growth of native wildflowers and grasses. A savanna is unique because its trees are sparsely distributed, allowing growth of native wildflowers and grasses that require abundant sunlight.

The project will benefit native wildlife and plants. In particular, it will benefit the Karner blue butterfly that relies exclusively on oak savanna plants for survival. In recent years, the Karner blue butterfly population has drastically declined. Researchers are trying to isolate the cause. Until one is found, the national lakeshore is completing the project to ensure the best possible conditions for the species, as well as other species that rely on the oak savanna.

During the restorations, visitors may notice equipment, woody debris piles and periodic noise. It may become necessary to close trails for a day or more to ensure visitor safety.

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Heywood Wedding Announced

Neil and Anne Heywood, parents of Elizabeth Anne Heywood, are happy to announce the wedding of their daughter to Marc Allan Pytynia, son of Ken and Mary Pytynia. The ceremony is Aug. 9, 2014.



Elizabeth and Marc are graduates of Michigan City High School and Purdue University-North Central. Marc and his family are from the Michigan City area. Elizabeth and family are from Long Beach.

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LaLu Grad Receives ROTC Aid

Lt. Col. John Polhamus, professor of military science at the University of Notre Dame, awarded an Army ROTC scholarship to Patrick Lake, son of John and Mary Lake, La Porte, during La Lumiere School's May Academic Awards ceremony.



Lt. Col. John Polhamus (center) appears with John (left) and Patrick Lake.

Patrick will use the scholarship, valued at more than \$155,000, to study political science at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Patrick's brother John, a 2012 La Lumiere graduate, attends the University of Notre Dame on an Army ROTC scholarship.

Coho Capital Derby Winners

Visit Michigan City La Porte has announced the winners of the Third Annual Coho Capital Derby, which ran April 26 through June 1.

The two "Big Fish Winners" of the trout and salmon divisions also were the Week 4 winners in their divisions.

The \$100 winner and 2014 Big Fish winner of \$500 in the trout division was Rich Woodall, Brownsburg, Ind. He reeled in the "Big Fish" from Lake Michigan on May 24 using a spoon as bait.

The \$100 salmon division winner and 2014 Big Fish Winner of \$500 was Jim Roy, La Porte. He credited the catch to "team effort," as he used a Toxic Toad Mag to haul in his King Salmon weighing 19.1 pounds. The "Big Fish" was caught May 24 while charter fishing.

The Week 5 winners were Craig Bender, Tinley Park, Ill., who took the \$100 prize in the trout category, and Scott Fender, Three Oaks, Mich., who took the \$100 prize in the salmon category.

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Michigan City Public Library

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- **Bookmarks: "Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald" at 2 p.m. Friday, June 20.**

Susan Swarner will review Therese Anne Fowler's take on Zelda Sayre and F. Scott Fitzgerald.

- **Slam Camp Performance Night at 6 p.m. Friday, June 20.**

Middle-school students who've spent the week participating in a poetry camp will perform.

- **Yoga with David Kipley at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 24.**

David Kipley 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 25.**

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.

- **"Colonial America: Virginia – Where it All Began" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26.**

World traveler Sonia Lawrentz will present a travelogue of Colonial Virginia, including: areas of Richmond where "Lincoln" was filmed; James River plantations; Stratford Hall, the birthplace of Robert E. Lee; the Watermen Museum; Mount Vernon; Monticello; and Washington, D.C.

Contact Robin Kohn at (219) 873-3049 for additional information.

Local DNR Employee Honored

Mike Bucheit of the DNR Division of State Parks & Reservoirs has received the Col. Richard Lieber Award, the agency's top civilian employee honor.

Bucheit is a maintenance and repair technician at Indiana Dunes State Park in Chesterton. He was recognized for his problem-solving and craftsmanship, especially in diagnosing a recent problem with the park's wastewater treatment facility.

He also was cited for his role in building a bird-watching tower at Indiana Dunes that DNR Director Cameron Clark called a "masterpiece."



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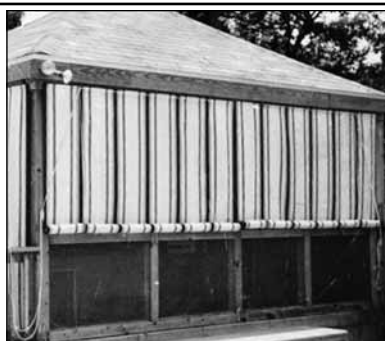
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2227 E. US 12, Michigan City**Local Girls Win Poster Contest**

Violet and Hazel Murphy of Michigan City's Beachwalk captured first prize in the Alternate Power Initiative's 2014 poster contest.

Each girl netted a crisp \$100 bill for their achievements. The contest invited Northwest Indiana grade-school students to invent a device that solves a common household problem and create a poster to describe it.

The girls created a way to heat their grandmother's swimming pool using energy from the sun. Violet and Hazel worked together to draw and color the poster that told the story of a cold, uninviting pool that was transformed by the heat of the sun into an enjoyable place to swim and play. Pictured were two girls inviting everyone to join them in their warm pool heated by free nonpolluting solar energy.



The Murphy family: Jill and Rich (back row) and Lucy (front, from left), Hazel and Violet.

Violet and Hazel live with their mother, Jill, a middle-school science teacher, their father, Rich, a Michigan City city councilman, their younger sister, Lucy, and rabbit, Clover. Violet is 9 and Hazel is 7. Both attend Notre Dame School in Michigan City. Violet will be in fourth grade in the coming school year and Hazel in second.

Jill says both of the girls are problem-solvers and enjoy tackling projects around the house.

The Alternate Power Initiative is sponsored each year by the city of Whiting, Ind. The goal is to encourage creativity in the field of energy creation and storage. A yearly competition, "The Race for the Future," is held each year to test the skills of inventors and creative individuals in Northwest Indiana.

Eco-Tour to Isle Royale

Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, Niles, Mich., will host "Eco-Tour to Isle Royale National Park" on Aug. 24-29.

Isle Royale is a wilderness island national park and U.S. biosphere reserve in Lake Superior, Mich. Tourgoers stay at Rock Harbor Lodge and experience boat trips around the island, day hikes, canoeing, natural history and stories of island life.

Late summer is an ideal time to visit the island because most of the mosquitoes are gone, and the weather is warm during the day and cool at night. Late summer wildflowers and berries are present, including blueberries and thimbleberries.

Participants meet at Copper Harbor on Sunday, Aug. 24, and ferry across Lake Superior to the island on Monday, Aug. 25. The tour will be based at Rock Harbor Lodge and includes four nights lodging and all meals in the dining room. Sightseeing boat tours will be arranged to Raspberry Island, Passage Island and the Edisen Fishery and Bagsund Cabin. Visitors will meet biologists who study moose and wolves on the island.

The group also will canoe to Hidden Lake and hike up to Lookout Louise for views of Canada. Other hikes include the loop trail to Suzy's Cave, formed when Isle Royale was under water, walk to Scoville Point on the Stoll Trail and other day hikes. Trails are rocky and considered somewhat strenuous, with five miles being an average hike. The trip will conclude with the ferry back to Copper Harbor on the afternoon of Friday, Aug. 29.

Register by June 24 by calling (269) 695-6491 or visit www.fernwoodbotanical.org

Meet the Artist Reception

The Village Gallery will have a meet-the-artist reception for Michael Koscielniak at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 22.

Koscielniak's collection, which uses color to create movement and depth, runs through July 31.

The gallery is located at Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso. Call (219) 465-1591 for more information.

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Delta Mu of Michigan City

Delta Mu of Michigan City recently held its year-end dinner meeting, with highlights including awards and a recap of Delta Mu activities.

President Cheryl Silko reported the group donated more than \$6,000 to local non-profit organizations and \$3,000 in scholarships to area students. It participated in many service projects: Family Art Days at Lubeznik Center for the Arts; Swanson Center Client Holiday Dinner; a holiday food drive for a local church; holiday gift cards to families in need; and monthly dinner preparation to the Men's Homeless Shelter Program. These activities are funded by the annual bake sale at the Farmer's Market, as well as pecan and geranium sales and CPS Days.

Margaret Clifford received a 25-year pin and flowers for her 25 years of service. Kaila Geiser received \$1,000 through the state Tri Kappa organization. She attends Ball State University. Holly Higdon, who attends St. Mary College, and Spencer Sacks, who attends the University of Indianapolis, received the local Delta Mu scholarships.

Allison Back, Marquette High School, will attend Concordia University, while Camille Burnett, also of Marquette, will attend Roosevelt University. Jacob Kubath of Michigan City High School will attend Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. They received the Delta Mu community service scholarships for graduating seniors.

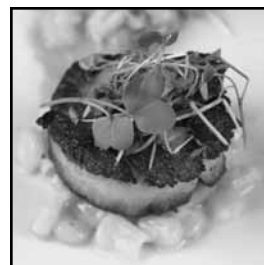
Delta Mu is a philanthropic group involved in education, culture and scholarship in Michigan City.

Women in Leadership Luncheon

The Women in Leadership La Porte County summer luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, at Beechwood Golf Course, 2222 Woodlawn Drive, La Porte.

The theme is Employee/Mother/Caregiver, celebrating what it takes to care for a parent or spouse while juggling work, children and everyday necessities. The panel discussion will feature Connie George, branch manager at PNC Bank, Pat Boy, File Clerk Corp. owner, and Jan Jongkind, Premier Jewelry sales specialist.

Lunch costs \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. RSVP to women-in-leadership.com



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That's according to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, which said a mother deer will leave a fawn during the day, both to look for food and so her scent doesn't attract predators to the animal, which is nearly scentless.

People often mistake a fawn as abandoned when, in fact, it is being properly cared for by its mother.

If encountering a fawn, give it distance. The mother will not return if humans are present, which may delay nursing for a hungry fawn. Most often, the mother will return at night or when no predators are nearby. White-tailed deer view humans as predators.

Anyone who feels compelled to intervene should call a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Keeping a wild animal without the proper permits is illegal. Most people are not trained in animal nutrition and do not know how to raise a wild animal without it developing a dependence on humans. The result is an animal that cannot survive in the wild.

A list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators and their phone numbers is at dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/5492.htm

Share Classic Golf Outing

The 22nd annual Share Classic Golf Outing is Monday, June 23, at Long Beach Country Club, 2309 Larchmont Ave.

All proceeds benefit the Share Foundation, which serves residential, vocational and social needs for adults with disabilities.

The \$175 per-person cost includes lunch, a round of golf and dinner. Anyone who isn't a golfer, but wants to support the Share Foundation, can sponsor a sign placed next to one of the holes for \$100.

Registration is at 11 a.m., with lunch from 11 a.m. to noon. The shotgun start is at noon, with dinner and awards at 5 p.m.

Contact Kathleen at the Share Foundation office at (219) 778-2585 or email share@sharefoundation.org for more information.

Benefit Performance of "Sylvia"

Beachside Players will present A.R. Gurney's "Sylvia" as a fundraiser for Samaritan Counseling Centers on Saturday, June 28, in the Long Beach Old School Community Center gym, 2501 Oriole Trail.

Social hour, which includes appetizers and desserts, is at 5 p.m., followed by the performance at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Call (219) 879-3283 for reservations or more information.

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ICS Spring Open House

Independent Cat Society, 4061 S. County Line Road, Westville, will present its annual Spring Open House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22.

Baked goods and garden plants will be sold, along with cat toys, catnip and other items. Raffles are planned. Cats and kittens will be available for adoption. Donations of kitten supplies, such as kitten milk and food, blankets, warming discs and bottle feeders, are welcome.

Also June 21, the shelter:

- Will hold its Black and White Reception from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. in its Rainbow Bridge Garden. The reception is in honor of Prince and Snowball, two "special" ICS cats. Cake and appetizers will be served, while door prizes and a silent auction are planned. Bring seating and beverages.
- The Rev. Andrew Corona will host a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. in the Rainbow Bridge Garden. The public is welcome.

Call (219) 785-4936 for more information on any of these events.

Book Discussion and Signing

A free book discussion and signing with Richard Post, author of "West of Goose Island: A Chicago Story," is at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, at Portage Public Library, 2665 Irving St.

Post's tales focus on growing up in a Polish immigrant neighborhood of Chicago during the 1940s and 1950s.

The event is hosted by the library and Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana. Light refreshments will be served. The book will be available for sale.

Seating is limited. Reservations are recommended by calling Theresa Child at (219) 464-1369 or email polamnwi@yahoo.com

Deep River Grinders

The Deep River Grinders will face off against the Vermilion Voles at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 22, at Deep River County Park.

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

The game is free. Families can take lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Games are played on Grind-er Field across the river from the Grist Mill.

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Chamber Membership Luncheon

The Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce will host a chamber membership luncheon Tuesday, June 24, at Seven, 502 State St., La Porte.

The luncheon sponsor is Farm Credit Mid-America. The cost is \$17 for chamber members and \$22 for non-members. Registration begins at 11:15 a.m., with lunch and the presentation at 11:30 a.m.

Registration is encouraged and may be done by contacting the chamber at (219) 362-3178 or at <http://business.lpchamber.com/events/>

The Top 50 Tasting

Union Pier's Wine Sellers Inc. will present "The Top 50 Tasting" from 1 to 4 p.m. EDT Saturday, June 21, in the Terrace Room at Harbor Grand Hotel, 111 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich.

Guests can sample wines from across the globe, while wine industry professionals will be available to answer questions. Reservations are recommended because space is limited. Call (888) 824-WINE for ticket costs and reservations.

LP Jaycees Arts & Crafts Festival

The 2014 La Porte Jaycees 41st Annual Arts & Crafts Festival is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday June 21, in the State Street lot behind Mucho Mas on Lincolnway in La Porte.

The festival is held in conjunction with the Farmer's Market. Children's games will be available.

Call Elizabeth (219) 380-9868 or email evpharmd@gmail.com for more information.

National Guard Band Concert

The Indiana National Guard 38th Infantry Division Band will present a free concert at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at Washington Park's Guy Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheater.

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Michiana Annual Arts Competition

The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich., has announced winners in the 12th annual Michiana Annual Arts Competition.

A reception is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. EDT Friday, June 20, with awards presented at 6 p.m. EDT. Exhibits in Box Factory's galleries, which run through Aug. 2, can be viewed during the reception.

Mary Amador, Goshen, won Best of Show for her piece "By His Wounds." She will receive a \$1,000 award from the Berrien Community Foundation.

Category winners who receive \$200 include:

- Ceramics – Steven Hansen, Berrien Springs, Mich., "Yellow Wonder Man."
- Drawing/Pastel – Debra Eiswald, Constantine, Mich. — "Marion May, Savannah, Ga."
- Miscellanea – Lauren Strach, St. Joseph — "Hopscotch."
- Painting – Kari Friestad, Berrien Springs — "Cell Phone Illumination."
- Photography – Richard Hellyer, Sawyer, Mich. — "Simply Known as 'The Tree'."
- Sculpture – Marcia Sindone, La Porte — Bachelor.
- Watercolor – Barbara Balis, Michigan City — "A Soul's Journey."
- Young Artist Award – Benjamin Frank, Cassopolis, Mich. — "Godzilla."

Honorable Mention awards go to:

- Ceramics — Joseph Chomyn, South Bend — "Horizontal Data."
- Drawing/Pastel — Mary Amador, Goshen — "Daughter of a King."
- Miscellanea — Cindy LaFerle, St. Joseph — "Fairy Tale."
- Painting — Harry Ahn, Berrien Springs — "For the Birds."
- Photography — Darci Young, South Bend — "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes."
- Sculpture — Sean Hottois, Mishawaka — "AgoraProbe_1."
- Watercolor — Joan Spohrer, South Bend — Bus Stop.

Judges were: Norwood Viviano, who judged glass, sculpture and ceramics; Kathie Johnson, who judged watercolor and drawing/pastels; Rob Gartzka, who judged painting and miscellanea; and Cat Crotchett, who judged photography.

Red Cross Blood Drive

A blood drive convenient to beach residents is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at St. Andrew's By-the-Lake Episcopal Church, 1007 Moore Road.

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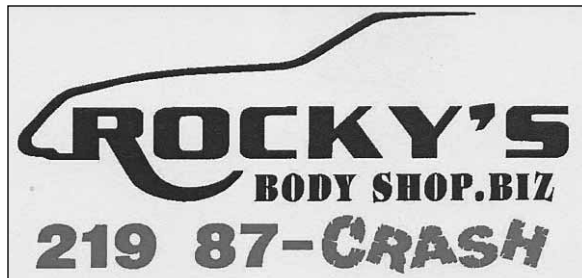
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In the Local Area:**June 18-21** — “Crimes of the Heart,” Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Tickets: \$15/Wed. and Thurs., \$16/Fri. and Sat. Times: 2 p.m. Wed./Thurs., 8 p.m. Fri., 6:30 p.m. Sat. Reservations: (219) 874-4269, info@festivalplayersguild.org.**June 18-19, 25-26** — Free Arts in the Park. La Porte City Band (June 18/25), Middle of the Road (June 19), Valleyaires Barbershop (June 26). All concerts 7 p.m., Fox Park Dennis Smith Amphitheater, La Porte.**June 19** — Storytelling in the Lounge with host Scott Whitehair, 8:30 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Cost: \$10. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.**June 19** — “Writing to Yourself” with Jane Lump, 5-7 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Free. Registration: www.lubeznikcenter.org, (219) 879-4900.**June 19** — Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City meeting, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St. Suggested donation: \$5/\$2 for students. Info: (219) 874-6809.**June 19** — Jimmy Buffett drive-in movie theater benefit concert, Valparaiso’s 49er Drive-In Theatre, 675 N. Calumet Ave. Times: Gates open 4 p.m., live band 5-7:30 p.m., then Buffett concert. All vehicles must be in place by 7 p.m. Tickets: \$18, available at <http://liveatthedrive-in.com/>**June 19-23** — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “The Railway Man,” based on the true story of Eric Lomax (Colin Firth), a British Army officer and World War II P.O.W. who discovers the Japanese interpreter responsible for much of his brutal treatment is still alive. Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. *Also:* “Ida,” about a young novitiate nun in 1960s Poland who, on the verge of taking her vows, discovers a dark family secret linked to the years of Nazi occupation. Rated PG-13. In Polish with English subtitles. Times: 9 p.m. Thurs.-Mon., 3:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com**June 20** — Bookmarks: “Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald,” 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.**June 20** — Slam Camp Performance Night, 6 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.**June 20** — The Save the Tunes Council, 7:30-9 p.m., Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.**June 20** — Free concert and family film series, 7 p.m., Thomas Park bandstand, Broadway and Calumet in Chesterton.**June 21** — 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 21 — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

June 21 — 38th Infantry Division Band (Indiana National Guard), 2 p.m., Washington Park Guy Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheatre. Free.

June 21 — La Porte Jaycees 41st Annual Arts & Crafts Festival, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., State Street lot behind Mucho Mas on Lincolnway in La Porte.

June 21 — Union Pier's Wine Sellers Inc.'s "The Top 50 Tasting," 1-4 p.m. EDT, Terrace Room at Harbor Grand Hotel, 111 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich. Tickets/reservations: (888) 824-WINE.

June 21 — 11th annual Woodworkers with the Blues, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT, Center of the World Woodshop, 13400 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert. Info: (269) 469-5687, info@centeroftheworld.net

June 21-22 — Spring Open House, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat./1-4 p.m. Sun., Independent Cat Society, 4061 S. County Line Road, Westville. Info: (219) 785-4936.

June 21-22 — "Civil War Railroad Days," Hesston Steam Museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, La Porte. Train rides: noon-5 p.m. Info: www.hesston.org, (219) 778-2783.

June 21-Aug. 2 — Six-week oil painting classes with Dana Dabagia, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Long Beach Old School Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail, Long Beach. Cost: \$145. Preregistration: d2211@comcast.net

June 22 — Summer Block Party @ the PoCo Muse, noon-4 p.m., Porter County Museum lawn, 153 Franklin St., Valparaiso. Info: www.pocomuse.org

June 25 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Carol Garrett, 12:15 p.m., First Congregational Church, 531 Washington St. Free. Info: (269) 469-0051.

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

Farther Afield:

June 21 — Lake Effect Jazz Big Band, 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 21 — Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Summer Solstice Music & Microbrews Festival, 4-10 p.m. EDT, Shadowland Pavilion at Silver Beach in St. Joseph, Mich. Info: (269) 982-4030.

June 22 — Deep River Grinders vs. Vermilion Voles, 2 p.m., Deep River County Park, 9410 Old Lincoln Highway, Hobart. Free.

June 24 — River Valley Garden Club, 10 a.m. EDT. Tour of private garden near Fernwood. Info: www.rivervalleygardenclub.org

June 25 — Free book discussion and signing, Richard Post's "West of Goose Island: A Chicago Story," 5:30 p.m., Portage Public Library, 2665 Irving St. Reservations: (219) 464-1369, polamnwi@yahoo.com



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On June 19, 1903, Lou Gehrig, who would become one of baseball's all-time greats, was born in New York City.

On June 19, 1905, “The Nickelodeon,” the world's first theater devoted exclusively to the exhibition of motion pictures, was opened in Pittsburgh.

On June 19, 1910, the first observance of Father's Day took place in Spokane, WA.

On June 19, 1912, the United States government adopted the eight-hour workday for federal employees.

On June 19, 1923, the Illinois legislature passed a law stating “the official language of the State of Illinois shall be known hereafter as the ‘American’ language.”

On June 19, 1961, the Supreme Court struck down a provision in Maryland's constitution requiring state officeholders to profess a belief in God.

On June 19, 1964, having survived an 83-day filibuster, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 won Senate approval by a vote of 73 to 27.

On June 19, 1984, the Chicago Bulls chose Michael Jordan of the University of North Carolina in the NBA draft.

On June 20, 1793, inventor Eli Whitney applied for a patent on his cotton gin.

On June 20, 1867, President Andrew Johnson announced that, for a total price of \$7,200,000.00, the United States had purchased Alaska from Russia.

On June 20, 1947, in California, gangster Benjamin “Bugsy” Siegel was shot to death in his Beverly Hills mansion.

On June 20, 1975, the Steven Spielberg shark thriller “Jaws” debuted.

On June 20, 1993, the Chicago Bulls (by defeating the Phoenix Suns 99 to 98) became the first team in 27 years to win a third consecutive National Basketball Association title.

On June 21, 1932, heavyweight boxer Max Schmeling lost a title fight by decision to Jack Sharkey, prompting Schmeling's manager, Joe Jacobs, to exclaim, “We was robbed!”

On June 21, 1948, the “long playing” record, which would revolutionize the recording industry, was demonstrated by the Columbia Broadcasting Co.

On June 21, 1977, John Mitchell became the first U.S. Attorney General to be sent to prison.

On June 21, 1982, a Washington jury found John Hinckley Jr. innocent (by reason of insanity) of the shooting of President Reagan and three others in March 1981.

On June 21, 1997, the Women's National Basketball Association made its debut.

On June 21, 2000, at a White House ceremony, 55 years after World War II, 22 Asian-American veterans received the Medal of Honor for battlefield valor.

On June 21, 2004, the *Spaceship One* rocket plane punched through Earth's atmosphere then glided to a landing in California's Mojave Desert in the first privately financed manned spaceflight.

On June 22, 1933, one day after the first vessel arrived from New Orleans, Chicago celebrated the completion of a waterway from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico.

On June 22, 1937, in a fight held in Chicago, Joe Louis scored a knock-out over Jim Braddock to become the heavyweight champion of the world.

On June 22, 1944, President Franklin Roosevelt signed the "GI Bill of Rights," authorizing a broad package of benefits for World War II veterans.

On June 22, 1970, President Nixon signed a bill lowering the voting age from 21 to 18.

On June 23, 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York for a flight around the world.

On June 23, 1938, Congress created the Civil Aeronautics Authority to regulate air traffic.

On June 23, 1992, mob boss John Gotti, convicted of racketeering charges, was sentenced in New York to life in prison.

On June 24, 1947, in what may be the first report of "flying saucers," Kenneth Arnold, of Boise, ID, said he saw nine "shining saucer-like objects" over Washington's Mt. Rainier.

On June 24, 1983, Sally Ride, America's first female astronaut in space, and the crew of the *Challenger* made a safe landing at Edward's Air Force Base in California.

On June 24, 1997, the Air Force released a report on the so-called Roswell Incident, suggesting that the alien bodies witnesses reported seeing in 1947 actually were life-size dummies.

On June 25, 1788, Virginia ratified the United States Constitution; the tenth state to do so.

On June 25, 1798, Congress passed a law requiring immigrants to live in the United States for 14 years before becoming eligible for citizenship.

On June 25, 1951, the first commercial color telecast took place as CBS transmitted a one-hour special from New York to four other cities.

On June 25, 1967, the Beatles performed a new song, "All You Need Is Love," during a live international telecast.

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Off the Book Shelf

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Escape From Assisted Living by **Joyce Hicks** (paperback, \$14 online at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com)

This book by a Northwest Indiana author might best be understood and appreciated by us “Golden Girls” and their mature daughters, although anyone looking for a gentle read will appreciate the modern subject matter.

The story goes a long way to make the reader see how perceptions change as we age and relationships reorganize themselves, sometimes for the better and sometimes maybe not so much. Let me explain.

Betty is a widow living in Elkhart, Ind. She has a grown daughter, Sharon, and son-in-law, Vince. No grandchildren. Sharon has a tendency, like many children of aging parents, to treat her mother like a child, not in a bad way, exactly, just hovering over her like she doesn't have it all together. Betty, of course, resents that, but loves her daughter too much to cause a fuss or start an argument.

Lately, Sharon has been taking Betty by the local assisted living facility whenever they go on an outing, getting brochures for the various homes through the mail. Broad hint, right? Sharon's real fear, though, is for her mother's safety living alone. After all, she works two jobs and can't check on her all the time.

One ad for Shady Oaks featured a woman and her daughter having such fun at an assisted living facility, Betty thinks maybe it is time to move on. She sells her home, moves in to Shady Oaks and, well, it doesn't take too long for Betty to grow tired of all the projects and activities, not to mention the constant need to check in and out every time she goes somewhere.

Maybe it's time to break loose and do something for herself. A brochure for train travel across America has Betty packing a bag and hightailing it out of Shady Oaks. Destination? Well, she'll figure that out as she goes. The first stop is Chicago. What a coincidence. Just before she sneaks out of Shady Oaks, a letter for her late husband is forwarded to



her from a bank in Chicago. It seems he had a lock box there and the rental fee is overdue. Betty is shocked. All their banking was done in Elkhart.

Chicago proves to be a little more than Betty expected. She leaves the train station hoping to see the Willis Tower before heading to the bank. Unfortunately, she loses her way and walks right into the middle of a street demonstration for women's rights and, well, let's just say that Betty gets to see the inside of a Chicago police station.

One thing leads to another, what with a chance meeting at the demonstration with a woman who takes Betty home with her, and whose own mother — she's a hoot and a holler — then takes Betty under her wing. That includes shopping and lunching, which leads to a veterans convention — and a bunch of happy old vets looking for a good time — even an encounter with a film crew outside the Chicago art museum.

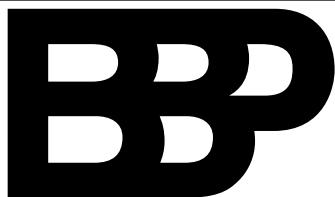
Of course, there is the inevitable meeting up with Sharon and Vince, who found her “getaway” letter back at Shady Oaks. There's just time in the day to get to the bank and for Betty to discover the biggest surprise of all. It seems she didn't really know her husband after all these years.

Betty's trip, the people she meets and all her adventures will have you tearing up with laughter and just maybe thinking twice about your own aging parents. The ending is a bit of a surprise, but ties up all loose ends, and that's the way it should be. Hooray to Betty and her bid for independence, and a better understanding of her daughter and their relationship.

From Kirkus Reviews: “A sensitive story of intergenerational stresses.”

Joyce Hicks lives in Northwest Indiana. Her stories have appeared in *Literary Mama*, *Uncharted Frontier*, *Touch: The Journal of Healing* and *Midnight Oil*, among others. Visit her website at www.joycebhicks.com

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