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Mechanical Wonders

Informal Gathering of Automobile Enthusiasts Tribute to Days Gone By

by William Halliar



Automobile enthusiasts line up their cars in the Al's parking lot for visitors to see.



Fuzzy dice, chrome valve covers, tuned exhausts, side pipes, even a few raccoon tails adorned the brightly colored, highly polished vintage and custom cars.

Their owners, people who might call themselves "motorheads," are part of an informal gathering of automobile enthusiasts who meet every Tuesday night in the Al's Supermarket parking lot at 3535 Franklin St. in Michigan City.



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These mechanical wonders must be seen, and heard, to be believed. Their owners love sharing them with the public and relating stories about their histories to anyone who drops by on a summer evening.

This particular group has been meeting for many years. They've gathered in several locations around town, with 2013 marking the first year at Al's. When the former meeting place no longer was available, group member Dennis Schultz approached Al's store manager Gary Rusboldt and sold him on the idea of letting the group meet weekly in the parking

lot during the summer.

Rusboldt speaks glowingly about his decision to let the group meet at his store. Each week, his parking lot takes on a "festival atmosphere." Large crowds are drawn by the eclectic collection of vintage steel. Many truly are works of art on wheels.

To enhance the festival atmosphere, Rusboldt and the crew at Al's Deli put together special meal packages for anyone who would like to snack as they stroll through the colorful aisles of classic vehicles. He says some people even call ahead to see what will be on the menu for the night. Folks from the deli set up a grill in the parking lot and sell hot dogs, chips and drinks to add to the festive atmosphere.



Al's employees offer special meal packages to visitors.

Curiously, this gathering of car owners and those who appreciate finely crafted road machines has no official name, and there is no one person in charge. They just like to gather weekly with others who enjoy the hobby and catch up on car repair and customizing techniques, or just chat about life in general. From April to October, when the weather is dry, the cars begin arriving as early as 3 p.m., Rusboldt said. The early birds claim prime spots under the trees and in the grassy areas that border Franklin Street, setting up folding chairs and popping the tops on cold drinks as they sit back, relax and enjoy each other's company, as well as the young and old alike who stroll through the lanes of parked cars admiring their amazing machines.



David Sheeler, displaying his 1967 red Dodge Coronet, is the group's unofficial tally keeper.

David Sheeler, who proudly shows off his 1967 red Dodge Coronet, is the unofficial tally keeper of the group. He keeps track of the number of cars that gather each week. On Tuesday, June 17, there were 84 cars on display. The record last year was 139.



John Jaskiewicz appears with his 1942 Ford.

John Jaskiewicz, who owns a 1942 Ford, calls the loose-knit gathering a "cruise-in." His car is painted in a dull "black out" black. He explains that these

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cars were sold this way during World War II and were painted in such a way to avoid being spotted from the air by enemy aircraft.

Jaskiewicz calls the evenings “quiet gatherings,” and that can be the case until one of the car owners is cajoled by spectators into starting his engine and revving it up. Of course, this delights all of the men and boys in the crowd. There is nothing that gets the blood stirring like the rumble and roar of a powerful, finely tuned internal combustion engine and the occasional squeal of tires on pavement.

A walk through the gathering can bring back memories of years gone by. There are fins and hood ornaments, running boards and grills that are unique to eras when it seemed Americans lived with more style than we have now. Think Zoot suits, spats, pocket watches and cuff links.

As you look here and there, you might recognize a car that reminds you of the Chevy you purchased with money from your first job, or you might spot your grandfather’s old Ford or be reminded of the Dodge your family took on that well-remembered

vacation back in 1959. One is struck by how large a role the automobile has played in our lives over the years. When we were teens, they represented freedom, then a means to get to work and vacation, then later in life, perhaps they became a symbol of status.

Looking around the crowded lot on a Tuesday evening, you could see cars from the 1920s to the present, some in various stages of restoration and some lovingly complete and restored to their original condition. Some owners have painstakingly researched original paint colors. Others have added bright colored hues and flames to decorate the chariot of their dreams.

Many of the vehicles were restored to their original condi-

tion with new parts made from original blueprints, but some can be called nothing but just plain “hot,” like the 1927 Ford Roadster owned by Lee Parrett. His machine was new from the ground up. It has the body of a 1927 Ford, but that is where the similarities end. A 307 Chevy engine powers the machine, and it has long, low sleek lines. He enjoys sharing the ride with his grandson and driving as fast as the law allow down local roadways.



Automobile enthusiasts plant themselves in shady spots along the parking lot to take in the sights.



Lee Parrett stands with his 1927 Ford Roadster.



Ralph Richardson and his 1949 maroon Plymouth.

The June 17 gathering featured bullet-shaped Ford Thunderbirds, curvy Chryslers, even a canary yellow Corvair that, it might be remembered, was proclaimed to be a vehicle “unsafe at any speed” by Ralph Nader back in 1965. Tuesday night, however, it looked sleek, clean and ready to roll.

Some of the vehicles have restored interiors with leather seats, like Ralph Richardson's 1949 maroon Plymouth. Richardson points out the hood ornament shaped like a ship running before a storm and the many instances of the ship motif used in decorating the original car.



Hood ornaments, all but nonexistent on today's generic-looking, bland, boxy vehicles, were a statement back in the day. And

a study could be made of the many unique designs that adorned the vehicles at the gathering: all shiny, polished and reflecting the rays of the sun. Some performed a function such as indicating radiator water level, but others were made just for fun and depict flying planes, birds, rockets and ships at sea.

So for an evening of fun, come out to Al's parking lot on a Tuesday evening this summer. Things really kick into high gear by around 5 p.m. The "rides" here take you back to your youth, maybe even inspire you to share with grandchildren stories of the old rattle-trap Ford that was your grandfather's first vehicle.

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HotHouse Events at Lakeside Inn

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The first, at 7 p.m. EDT Saturday, June 28, is a program exploring the history and future plans for House of David in Benton Harbor, Mich. RJ Taylor will speak and give a slide presentation. He has been a member of the religious community since 1974, and is an artist and caretaker there.

By 1906, The House of David colony soon had several hundred members and owned about 1,000 acres in Benton Harbor. It harvested fruit from a dozen orchards and cultivated grain. The commune had its own cannery, carpenter shop, coach factory, tailor shop and steam laundry. It also owned and operated an electricity plant, providing lighting to the community. It had three brass bands, two orchestras and a zoological garden. The baseball team toured nationally and was legendary in its own right. The amusement park drew thousands of visitors and is being reintroduced this year as a new attraction to the area.



Saalik Ziyad

At 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, June 29, The Saalik Ziyad Connective will perform as part of Jazz on a Summer's Day.

The group will focus on original compositions written by Ziyad featuring music influenced by his global travels. Featured in the instrumentation are the oud and the sitar. Ziyad, whose style and voice range from jazz to classical, will appear with:

- Alex Wing — a guitarist, bassist, oud player and creative musician living and working in Chicago.
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- Dushun Mosley — percussionist and band leader.
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WILLY WONKA JUNIOR



Photos by
Andrew Tallackson



The Young People's Theatre Co., in collaboration with Michigan City Area Schools, will present "Willy Wonka Junior" on Friday through Sunday, June 27-29, at Elston Middle School's Performing Arts Center, 317 Detroit St.

The play is based on the 1971 film version of Roald Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," with Leslie Bricusse and Timothy McDonald adapting the story to the stage.

Times are 7 p.m. Friday, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students in grades kindergarten through 12 and children 5 and younger. Call (219) 873-2070 for reservations. Tickets also are available at the door.





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ARTigras Shifts Focus to Emphasize Local Artists

by Kayla Weiss



For the past two years, ARTigras has showcased all kinds of art from more than 100 artists from across the country.

This year, however, the festival has taken a different approach.

"We felt really passionately about making this festival about the artists in New Buffalo and the surrounding areas," said Cathi Rogers, New Buffalo Business Association execu-

tive director. "So, instead of focusing on quantity, we decided to focus on quality, on making sure that we were showcasing what our region has to offer instead of trying to fill spots."

The annual event is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29, on Merchant and Thompson streets in downtown New Buffalo, with artists' booths lining the streets.

Starting in March and April, the NBBA puts out a call to artists through various outlets: newspapers, emails, websites and word of mouth. After submitting an application, a committee reviews the applications for the artists' qualities and bodies of work, and to make sure the festival has an equal distribution of mediums. The artists' booths this year will

feature a wide variety of talents, including hand-made jewelry, wood carving, sculptures, paintings and pottery.

"We are so pleased that all of the artists participating this year are within a 30-mile radius," Rogers said. "And when we were able to increase the numbers from 40 to 60 artists, we couldn't have been more thrilled. It's the best way to showcase the artists that we have in our community. There are a lot of really nice quality galleries in the area, and so we are doing what we can to promote those galleries this year."

Aside from the 60 artist booths, the NBBA plans to spearhead a new attraction: artist demonstrations. Visitors can watch the artists while in their creative zones. Local bands and singers will provide live entertainment for guests on both days, while restaurants also are part of the event.

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For years, folks in Michigan City have been clamoring for a revitalization of the city's once bustling downtown. The Franklin Square area, at one time full of shoppers and diners, has found itself suffering what so many other small American downtowns have suffered during the past few decades: the sub-urban shopping mall.

The people who once loved to meander through the downtown shops and restaurants quickly learned it was much more convenient to head to the mall, where everything was under one huge roof.

The demise of the family owned shoe store or dress shop came swiftly and changed the footprint of the downtown.

Lately, however, there has been resurgence. The quaint, fun downtown has made a comeback because folks miss being able to stroll down the street and hear music from inside a storefront mixed with the low rumble of shoppers talking to each other.

Thanks to the advent of the Uptown Arts District, Franklin Square is bustling again and promises to resemble the downtown of old. Popular art galleries, packed little restaurants and boutique shops are on their way back, as is the popularity of Michigan City's downtown.

The Uptown Arts District has exploded onto the scene over the last year. Through the amazing efforts of local artists, businesses and Michigan City Mainstreet Association, the Uptown Arts District is an evolving collaboration of commerce, camaraderie and creativity.

Artspace Uptown Artist Lofts is a 44-unit live/work space for artists and their families that begins development in 2015. The ground floor will become commercial space for businesses and art galleries. Greater yet is that the Uptown Arts District already is seeing signs of art-driven economic renewal.

Adding to the downtown is the Michigan City Public Art Committee and Mayor Ron Meer, who recently announced the addition of six more pieces of sculpture to the Sculptfusion exhibit. The sculptures contribute to the beautification of Michigan City and highlight the vitality of the Uptown Arts District, Washington Park and other high visibility locations within the city.

The result of a master plan commissioned by the committee, Sculptfusion is a major sculpture tour featured in Michigan City. The six new sculptures were selected from nearly 25 artworks submitted by artists from across the United States. There are



Visitors attend June's First Friday artwalk.

now 14 sculptures in the district and will be on display for two years.

New businesses are joining existing businesses that are bringing vitality back into the historic downtown. Printers, hair salon, live theater and so many new restaurants are now here, we have lost count. Take your choice. There is fine dining, Caribbean, Mediterranean, microbrewery/restaurant, Irish and good old American cuisine. Several new restaurants are in various stages of development and soon will join the Uptown Arts District, helping make Michigan City a dining destination. We are so lucky to have many unique boutiques, bakeries, live theater and consignment shops...all nestled on the shores of Indiana's Ocean (Lake Michigan).

"Events, events, events...do we have events, yes we do," said Amy Riehle, who is a Michigan City Mainstreet Association board member. First Friday art walks have been going on for two years, and they are gaining more momentum each month. You could hardly get down the streets in June. First Friday is a family friendly event for the senses. Each

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shop, restaurant, museum, studio and gallery participates in some fashion either by exhibiting art or hosting an artist. You can visit www.uptownartsdistrict.org to download the schedule of events.

A new event this year is the 2nd Saturday in the Uptown Arts District featuring music, food and handmade goods for you and your family. The first event was June 14.

I had an opportunity to talk with MCMA's president, Chris Grohs, and he told us a bit concerning The Taste of Michigan City.

"This event remains as one of MCMA's favorite events. This large event, including the Great Lakes Grand Prix's Boat Parade held at 6 p.m. on the Saturday of the Taste downtown, is a huge event taking place on Franklin Street in the Uptown Arts District," he said.

"This year, the MCMA was pleased to host two days (Aug. 1-2) of flavors from over 15 local restaurants, a local wine and brew garden...and great entertainment."

Throughout the year, MCMA and the Uptown Art District host other events as well.

Winter wonderland is an opportunity to promote the great holiday shopping and art opportunities alive in the Uptown Arts District while encouraging community and family fun. The downtown churches host the Stained Glass Tour during this event. The churches have some of the finest historic stained glass in the region. Families also can enjoy the "12 Shops of Christmas" and Halloween in the UAD.

After the holidays, MCMA hosts the Uptown Fashion Affair where you can see all the latest men and women's fashions from local retailers and styling from Uptown Arts District's salons and spas.

This summer, there's also Movies in Washington Park, with films shown at the Jaycee Stage in Washington Park starting at dusk. Film nights are July 25 and Aug. 15.

Check out as well the lovely new street furniture featuring black street signs, park benches, light poles, waste containers and bike racks in the Uptown Arts District.

"It looks marvelous," Grohs said. "Stop down and have a look."



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With a book by Roger Bean, whose "The Marvelous Wondrettes" was performed by Canterbury a few years ago, the play centers on best friends Millie, Sallie, Florence and their new friend, Dee Dee, who gather on the eve of Millie's wedding to give her a proper send-off into matrimony. Swapping stories and a few cocktails, not to mention Hostess Snowballs and lollipops, their evenings are intertwined with popular hits such as "Why Do Fools Fall in Love," "I Will Follow Him," "Goin' Out of My Head" and "Hey There Lonely Boy."



Rebecca Hayes (from left), Sarah Wisterman, Allison Day and Rachael Livingston star in "Why Do Fools Fall In Love?"

The cast includes Allison Day as Millie, Rebecca Hayes as Sallie, Sarah Wisterman as Florence and Rachel Livingston as Dee Dee.

Canterbury Artistic Director Ray Scott Crawford, returning for his 33rd year, is the director. Scenic design is by Leah Mazur, costume design by Samantha Rogers and lighting design by Teresa Sarkela. Jay Allen is the stage manager.

Performances run through July 5. Tickets are \$15 on Wednesday and Thursday and \$16 on Friday and Saturday. Senior, group and student discounts are available. Times are 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m. Friday, June 27, and 6:30 p.m. Saturdays. There is no July 4 performance. Reservations are available by calling the Mainstreet Theatre box office at (219) 874-4269, in person at the box office or through email at info@festivalplayersguild.org

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"Art at The Inn"

The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph, Mich., will celebrate the opening of its art gallery and inaugural exhibit during an "Art at The Inn" reception from 7 to 10 p.m. EDT Friday, June 27.

The inn's art program features a permanent collection in rooms and public areas, along with rotating gallery exhibits curated by Susan Wilczak.

Highlights of the reception will include oil paintings of various Southwest Michigan scenes by St. Joseph artist Kris Hosbein, whose work is featured in the gallery through Aug. 4, along with April Wagner, Pontiac, Mich., who has created a signature suspended sculpture in the main lobby consisting of more than 500 handblown glass pieces.

Exhibiting artists also include:

- Carolyn O' Hearn, fused glass, St. Joseph.
- Cindy Fielding, fused glass, St. Joseph.
- Brett Maniscalco, photography, New Buffalo, Mich.
- Robert E. Lee, photography, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Jan Nelson, photography, Stevensville, Mich.
- Richard Hellyer, photography, Sawyer, Mich.
- Stephanie Milanowski, ink on paper, Grand Rapids.
- Matt Payovich, oil and watercolor, St. Joseph.
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"A Forest of Trees" at Firme Gallery

The Ellen Firme Gallery in Beverly Shores is presenting an exhibit by Long Beach resident Hal Higdon, "A Forest of Trees," through July 8.

The display includes paintings created during the winter by Higdon under the direction of Allison Watson, a landscape artist and teacher from Jacksonville, Fla., where he and his wife, Rose, spend the winter.



Hal Higdon talks to Mary Ann Merrion during the opening reception.

"I enrolled in Allison's class less to learn new painting techniques and more to motivate myself to paint on a regular schedule," Higdon said in a press release. "I've found in the past that without a plan, I sometimes allow two or three weeks to slide by without picking up a paintbrush. Since I enjoy painting, this forces me to do what I want to do."

Higdon's instructor paints in a realistic style, using photos she takes while prowling the woods and waters surrounding Jacksonville. At one of the early sessions, the artist/instructor threw a number of photos on the table for use by her students. Higdon chose one and had his first tree painting. By the end of his winter stay, he had done 14 more, including several wintery scenes from Long Beach based on photos he took while home for Christmas.



Attending the opening reception were Arlene Fowler (from left), Rose Higdon and Martha Kearney.

The exhibit kicked off with a reception Friday, June 13. The tree paintings also can be seen on Facebook at "Hal Higdon's Art." The gallery is located inside Glenn L. Firme Art and Office Supply, 92 W. U.S. 12, Beverly Shores.



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Necktie 5K Race



The Beacher would like to thank Mark Weyermuller for submitting this story and photos.

An annual tradition continued June 14 when Beverly Shores held its "Necktie 5K Race."

Led by race director Curt Kendall, the event along Lake Michigan's shores included about 500 runners wearing neckties to honor their fathers. The overall winner was Samuel Voelz with 17.26. The women's winner was Karen Nagel, who came in fourth overall at 20.08. Steve DePalma won the father/son team division with his 14-year-old son at 21.07.

Next year's race is Saturday, June 21, 2015.



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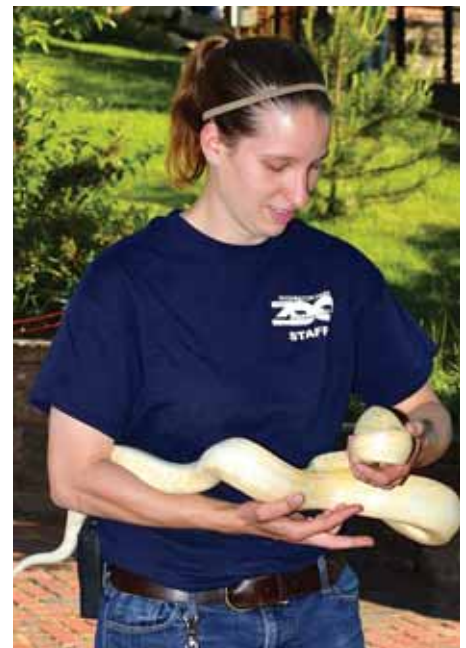
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“ND Alumni: Sculptors, Professors”

The South Bend Museum of Art, Notre Dame Department of Art, History and Design and the Snite Museum of Art have collaborated to present “ND Alumni: Sculptors and Professors” in SBMA and Snite gallery spaces.

The exhibit, which runs June 28 through Sept. 28, with a reception/symposium planned for Sept. 19-20, features the works of sculptors — University of Notre Dame alumni — who are professional artists and professors.

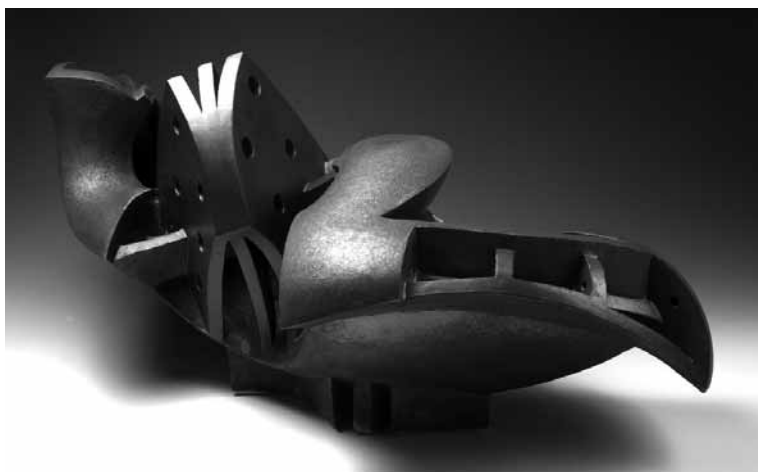
The works include figuration, abstraction, installation art and earth works. Materials will be far-reaching, ranging from the traditional (bronze, steel and ceramics) to the unexpected (paper, soap, coal and grass).

The symposium will feature panel discussions and presentations by participating artists, as well as keynote addresses by an art historian/critic specializing in contemporary sculpture and an international artist.

Featured artists are:

- Leticia R. Bajuyo — Hanover (Ind.) College.
- Neal Bociek — University of California, San Diego.
- Derek Chalfant — Elmira (N.Y.) College.
- Cambid J. Choy — University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.
- Jay Dougan — Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colo.
- Isaac Duncan — Chattanooga (Tenn.) State College.

- Benjamin Funke — Humboldt State University, Arcata, Calif.
- Steven Hansen — Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich.
- Chad Hartwig — South Bend.
- John W. Hooker — Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, Mass.
- Chido Johnson — College for Creative Studies, Detroit.
- Brian Kakas — Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Mich.



This work by Brian Kakas is part of the exhibit.

- Irina Koukhanova — Cleveland (Ohio) State University.
- Lori Miles — DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.
- Molly Morin — Weber State University, Ogden, Utah.
- Daniel Julian Norton — Cleveland State University.
- Tomás Rivas — Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile.

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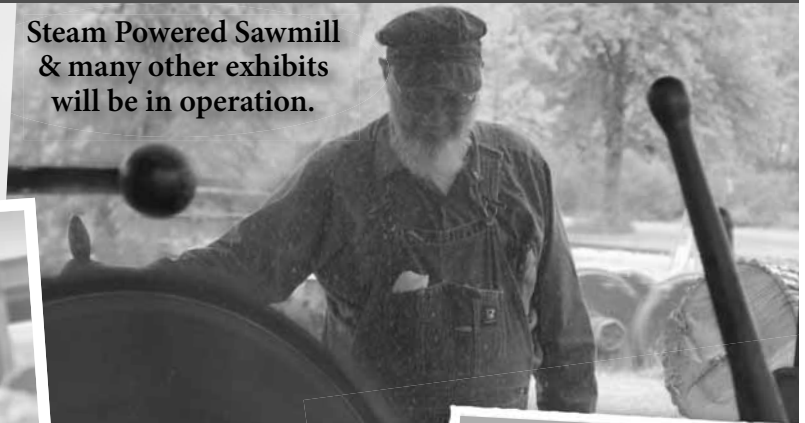
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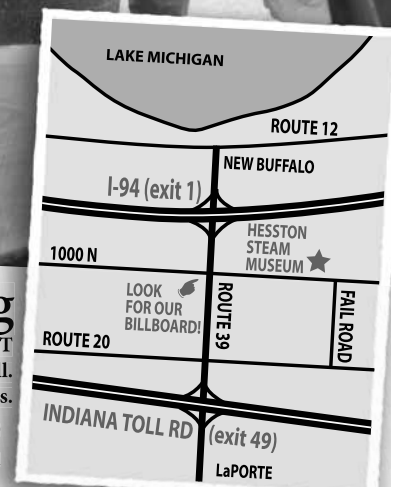
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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

• **Ranger's Choice Hike from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, June 27.**

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

• **Central Beach Sunset Hike from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 27.**

The ranger-led hike reveals threats faced by the dunes and what people can do to protect them.

• **Campground Program from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28, 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 28.**

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.

• **"Civil Rights Through the Life and Times of Martin Luther King" from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Discussion centers on the impact of the Civil Rights Act amid its 50th anniversary.

• **Pinhook Bog Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 29.**

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 29, 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 de-

tails 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.



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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 bring their own GPS unit and a 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 includes 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, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte. 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:

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

Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series

The Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series will present two of the Chicago area's top organists as part of its summer lineup at Christ Church, the former First Congregational at 531 Washington St.

Stephen Schnurr performs July 2, followed by Gary Powell on July 9. The two perform together on July 16. Recitals are at 12:15 p.m.

Stephen Schnurr has been director of music for St. Paul Catholic Church, Valparaiso, since 1990. He has led the church choir on tours of Italy, Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Poland and the Czech Republic, including a performance for Pope John Paul. Along with Dennis Northway of Chicago, he published "Pipe Organs of Chicago," an organ atlas of metropolitan Chicago, the largest publication of its kind in the United States. Other works include "Organs of Oberlin," which chronicles instruments of the Oberlin (Ohio) Conservatory. As a recitalist, he has played throughout the U.S., as well as in Germany, Poland, England and Northern Ireland. He is a resident of the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary, where he has a collection of historic pipe organs.



Stephen Schnurr (left) and Gary Powell.

Powell is the director of music and organist at United Church of Hyde Park. He was a high school teacher and also taught at the University of Texas at El Paso. He has been the director and musical director for shows such as "The Sound of Music," "Godspell," "Brigadoon" and "South Pacific." He was the conductor and keyboardist for the Jeff award-winning production of "Cats," as well as "The Phantom of the Opera."

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Lubeck was known as "one of the top unknown artists" in the industry until he released "Tuscan Sky" in 2013. The CD spent 16 weeks on the Smooth Jazz radio charts Top 40, and two of his songs, "Sydney's Way" and "Tuscan Sky," were ranked in the Top 100 of Smooth Jazz for 2013.

His track "Vineyard Groove" was licensed by Microsoft to use as the theme song for the release of its new EBS server product. Hobby Lobby bought 30,000 copies of his Christmas CD, "We Three Strings," to sell in its stores.



Bryan Lubeck (left) in concert.

Concertgoers can choose to have dinner at The Homestead and attend the concert, or just attend the concert. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the concert at 8 p.m. All times are Eastern.

Tickets, which are \$50 for dinner and the concert or \$20 for just the concert (\$25 at the door), can be purchased at <http://www.homesteadevents.com/event/bryan-lubeck-concert>

Illinois State University Graduate

Megan Wickstrom, Bloomington, Ind., has received a doctorate in mathematics education from Illinois State University.

The daughter of Mary Lou and Robert McFadden, Long Beach, and the wife of Daric Wickstrom, Bloomington, Megan has accepted a position as an assistant professor of mathematics education at Montana State University in Bozeman. She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind., and a master's degree in mathematics education from Illinois State.

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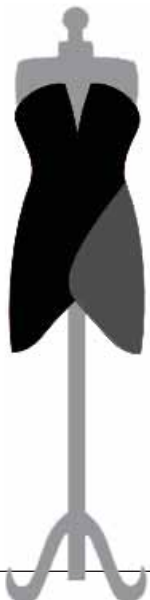
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Saturday artists will start by giving a brief introduction to their works, followed by demonstrations throughout the day. Sunday morning will include coffee and critique for interested participants and wrap-up demonstrations from 1 to 4 p.m. EDT.

Participants pay for his/her own lunch, and sign-ups will be available the first day for the coffee and critique session. Workshops will be held in SBMA studios, with limited spots available. Scholarships are available for college students.

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Fernwood Summer Camps

Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich., will present summer day camps that highlight science, nature and art.

Camps run Tuesday through Friday, serving a different age group each week.

The Jon Meyer Nature Day Camps use Fernwood's forests, ponds, river and prairie as classrooms. Hikes along the nature trails, games, educational activities and crafts are part of the experience. Openings are available for Animal Explorers (5- and 6-year-olds), Habitat Happenings (7- and 8-year-olds), Ecology Explorers (9- and 10-year-olds) and Earth Day Adventurers (11- and 12-year-olds). Ecology Explorers and Earth Day Adventurers camps include an overnight at Fernwood.



The Roy and Ethelbel Knauer Art Camps combine the arts with natural sciences. Openings remain in the Cassatts (9- to 11-year-olds), Rembrandts (9- to 11-year-olds), the new O'Keeffes camp (12- to 16-year-olds), Monets (6- to 8-year-olds) and Audubons (6- to 8-year-olds).

New this year are science day camps, where students learn through hands-on experiments, activities and exploration of the gardens and grounds. Junior Botanists (10- to 12-year-olds) explore plants, including life cycles, pollination, ecosystems, types of plants and ethnobotany. Genetically modified plants also will be discussed. Mythical Monsters and Plants (10- to 12-year-olds) delves into "monster" plants such as the corpse flowers, as well as "potion" making through hands-on chemistry experiments. Fernwood Planeteers (10- to 12-year-olds) learn about geology, paleontology and climate science, conducting hands-on experiments to learn about the weather cycle, rock formation, fossils and minerals.

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Career/Tech Director Honored

The Indiana Association of Career and Technical Education Districts has named Audra Peterson its 2014 Tom Paul Outstanding Director Award winner.



Audra Peterson appears with her award.

Peterson, La Porte County Career and Technical Education director, received the honor June 10 during IACTD's annual conference in Nashville, Ind.

Recipients, according to a press release, are respected by their peers for their knowledge, leadership and commitment to career and technical education.

Peterson began her career as a teacher of dental health and previously served as CTE director in Hammond. She became director of CTE in La Porte County in February 2012. Since then, she has transformed and expanded programs offered at the A.K. Smith Career Center in Michigan City and at area high schools. She has worked with Ivy Tech, Purdue University-North Central and Vincennes University to expand dual-credit opportunities in a variety of disciplines, and has established partnerships with regional business and industry.

Under her leadership, new La Porte County CTE programs have been established in Criminal Justice, Early Childhood and Advanced Manufacturing, and a Health Careers Academy was expanded. Last summer, the Automotive Technology program received national accreditation, and in October a partnership was formed with the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Council of Carpenters that provides direct entry into apprenticeships for students pursuing construction technology.

Next fall, an Energy Academy will be offered in partnership with NIPSCO, preparing students for jobs in the electronics, energy and utility industries. The academy is based on a new curriculum pathway Peterson created: the first in Indiana. Other offerings in development include Transportation/Distribution/Logistics, Fire Science and EMS and Horticulture.

La Porte County CTE programs serve students from seven area high schools, including La Crosse, La Porte, Michigan City, New Buffalo, Mich., New Prairie, South Central and Westville.

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Tuesday Night Jewelry Classes

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

The schedule is:

- July 1 — a Patriotic Earring Class where students use a peyote stitch to create flag earrings.
- July 8 — a Bead Knotting Class where participants use silk to string beads with knots in between, making sturdier jewelry.
- July 15 — a Beautiful Ruffled Bracelet Class where participants use bugle beads to make a summer accessory.
- July 22 — A Peyote Cross Class where cross pendants are made using a peyote stitch.
- July 29 — A Layered Chain Bracelet Class where students create a classic bracelet with an easy chain maille weave.

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 experience is required, and all supplies will be included. Call (219) 926-4711 to register. Visit www.chestertonart.com for more information.



An example from the Bead Knotting Class.



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Indiana Dunes State Park

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Friday, June 27

• 10 a.m. — Mount Tom Bound.

Meet at the campground gate for the hour hike to Indiana's highest dune. Wear hiking boots.

• 10 a.m. — Scatology.

Hear tips on turds and learn facts on feces during an exploration of what animals leave behind. Meet at the Nature Center.

Saturday, June 28

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

Meet at the Nature Center for what was voted "the greatest hike in Indiana" by USA Today. Travel across sand parabolic blowouts, forested dunes and foredune grasslands. Pack a water bottle and wear hiking boots.

• 3 p.m. — Stories in the Sand.

Meet outside the Nature Center.

• 8 p.m. — Bat Chat.

Meet at the Nature Center Program Area for a look at bats and their adaptations. Then, see if bats can be located using echo-location trickery. Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday, June 29

An informal church service is at 8:30 a.m. at the campground shelter.

• 10 a.m. — Tour de Dunes.

Meet a naturalist at the campground gate to experience the dunes by bicycle. Participants should bring their bicycles.

• 3 p.m. — Snakes Alive.

Meet at the Nature Center for the interactive program appropriate even for those uncomfortable around snakes.

Thursday, July 3

• 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.

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Purdue University-North Central's Department of Communication and Office of Graduate and Extended Learning will offer a Communication Camp for high-school sophomores, juniors and seniors.

The camp, led by Jeff Shires, PNC associate professor of communication, and assisted by PNC students, is from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 4-7, with a wrap party open to family and friends at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8.

Participants will develop two video projects: a shorter "commercial" and a longer form narrative, which they will develop from pre- to post-production, learning how to script, storyboard, shoot and edit. Students will work through the process of planning and producing video, including finding the best camera angles, determining the best way to light a scene and digital editing effects. They also will learn basic video shooting techniques such as the types of shots, effective camera movement and angles. The end result will be the ability to create short videos that can be shared through various mediums, such as facebook and YouTube.

Participants will visit two TV stations to witness how programs are created in the studio and in the field. They also will interact with practitioners in the field in areas such as public relations and web productions to discuss how media is important in their business or career.

Registration is \$375 per camper and includes lunch and snacks each camp day, all materials, all transportation to and from the regional media outlets the campers will visit and a camp T-shirt. The registration deadline is 4 p.m. Monday, July 21.

It is recommended participants bring devices they'll use to capture video footage after the program ends so they learn to maximize their capabilities. This may include personal video equipment such as camcorders, smartphones, camera phones, flip cameras and other similar electronics.

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Fernwood Botanical Garden

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

• **"Hummingbird Magic" from 8 to 10 a.m. EDT Saturday, June 28.**

Sponsored by the Berrien Birding Club, hummingbird bander Allen Chartier will highlight the ruby-throated hummingbird, as well as catch and band Fernwood's hummingbirds.

Registration is required by June 27.

• **Drawings and paintings by Nancy Bailey through Sunday, July 27.**

Bailey is an artist, illustrator, author and horse trainer.

• **"Michigan's Lone Wolverine" on exhibit through July 31.**



The taxidermy mount of the Lone Wolverine Exhibit.

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The taxidermy mount of the animal is touring the state until it is retired to the Saginaw Bay Visitors Center in late October. Copies of Elizabeth Shaw's book, "The Lone Wolverine: Tracking Michigan's Most Elusive Animal," will be available for sale.

The exhibit is free with paid Fernwood admission. Learn more about wolverines in a class from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28.

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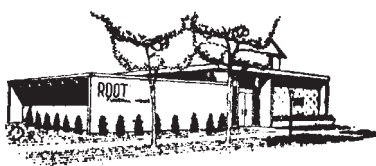


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The thirteenth season pipe organ concert series will last until mid August. Performing organists

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.

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Take blankets and chairs. Free popcorn will be available and refreshments sold. Bounce houses will be available from 6 p.m. until the movie starts.

A limited number of "Mike" T-shirts will be sold in youth and adult sizes. Youth shirts cost \$8 and adult shirts \$10. All proceeds support the new outdoor movie screen for the series.

T-shirts also will be sold at the Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce, located in the old train depot at 803 Washington St.

Critique Night at CAC

Local painter Mark VanderVenne will host Critique Night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Guests of all levels are welcome, with no prior registration required. While VanderVenne is a painter, he can advise artists in other mediums. Those present may sit and listen, but participation is encouraged. Artists can bring a work at any stage, from conception to the final version. While it is a supportive environment, VanderVenne and others will provide advice and insight into the effectiveness of the work or artistic concept.

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Fireworks Party

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Lee Murdock's "Music of the Great Lakes" will be followed by a showing of "Epic" at dusk (about 8 p.m.). The concert moves to the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton, if the weather is poor.

• **Free Library Film Series, "Robocop," at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

No registration is necessary. The movie is rated PG-13.

• **Adult/Young Adult Role-Playing Games Group from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Jon Johnson leads the group where players can explore different worlds, planets and historical periods. No registration is necessary.

• **A craft program with an African theme for youth in grades one through four is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 9, at Thomas and Hageman libraries.**

Former elementary teacher Tracy Montgomery will show how to create imprinted foil animal masks. Materials will be provided.

Registration is under way. Hageman Library is at 100 Francis St., Porter.

• **Gabe's World for Young Adults from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 10, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library.**

Gabe Underwood shows how to make polymer clay beads, the result being a skull pattern. Materials will be provided. Registration is necessary because space is limited. Visit the reference desk or call (219) 926-7696 to register.

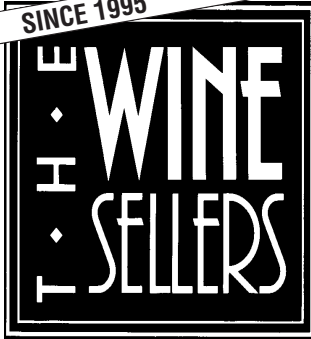
Barker Hall Open Stage

Barker Hall Open Stage is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 27, at Barker Hall on Sixth Street between Pine and Franklin streets.

Performers sign up at 7:15 p.m. The theme challenge is anything that rhymes with June. Sing-alongs are encouraged. Poetry, storytelling, comics and dancers are welcome. Take a treat or beverage to share. Bring a copy of the music if needing musical backup.

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Joined by pianist Geoffrey Duce, Gornstein will feature

"Frauenliebe und Leben (a woman's life and love)," a set of Robert Schumann's most famous songs, as well as a set by Rossini and songs by American composers.

Gornstein graduated from Butler University and lives in New York City, performing opera and oratorio, and giving recitals in New York and around the U.S. Recent performances include a premiere of Johan DeMeij's "4th Symphony" with the New York Wind Symphony, the role of Carmen in *"la Tragedie de Carmen"* with Indianapolis Opera and performances with Grammy-nominated group Seraphic Fire in Miami, Fla.

Duce, a Scotland native, has performed throughout Europe, the U.S., Japan and Hong Kong, with stops that include New York's Carnegie Hall, London's Wigmore Hall and Edinburgh's Queen's Hall. She also is an assistant professor of piano at Indiana University-South Bend.

A good-will offering will be taken. Visit www.kristingornstein.com for more information.

"The Mothership Connection"

Chicago's NFR Institute of Technology is offering a summer explorer series in Michigan City, "The Mothership Connection," which exposes students to high-order thinking and collaborative skills.

Participants engage in two separate sessions each day. Half the day focuses on technology and the other half on creative disciplines. Students solve technologically challenging problems in the morning and work on poetry, music composition, photography and movie-making in the afternoon.

Session 1 began June 23, but sessions two through four remain. Times are 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. Dates are:

- Session Two — July 7-10.
- Session Three — July 21-24.
- Session Four — July 28-31.

The cost is \$200 per week. Some scholarships are available. Students must provide lunches. Space is limited. Call (219) 879-2525 or visit www.theknowship.com for more information or to register.

Service League

The Service League of Michigan City held its monthly meeting Tuesday, June 10, at 301 E. Garfield St.

Because there was no May meeting due to the spring luncheon, new president Katherine Brennan discussed activity from April and May.

This year, there were three applicants for the league's \$1,000 scholarship. Because all three were outstanding, with goals of attaining degrees in physical therapy, the league voted that each should receive a scholarship.

The students are: Darci Pedzinski, a recent Ball State University graduate who has been accepted into the doctoral program in physical therapy at Grand Valley State University; Kaitlyn Scott, who is majoring in kinesiology/exercise science at Indiana University; and Hannah Knouse, who is majoring in exercise science at Indiana University.

In April, the league served 62 patients and loaned 80 items. In May, 88 patients were served and 120 items loaned. The collections committee in April mailed 22 first cards, four second cards and two letters. In May, it mailed 23 first cards, nine second cards and three letters. The Dressings Committee reported six new patients and 26 repeat patients for April and five new patients and 13 repeat patients for May.

The next meeting is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 8. Nate Kloosterman, physical therapist at IU Health in Michigan City, will demonstrate the proper uses of equipment loaned by the organization.

The league is a volunteer, non-profit group that loans medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs and toilet aids to Michigan City area residents for free for a three-month period. Call 872-1144 or stop by the office at 301 E. Garfield St. between 9 a.m. and noon and 1 and 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday for more information.

Deep River Grinders

The Deep River Grinders will face off against the Long Nines, Springfield, Ill., at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 29, 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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Dunes Summer Workshops

Dunes Arts Foundation's children and youth theaters will present workshops for youth 6-13 in July with instructor Abby Schmidt.

"The Musical Theatre Dance Workshop" is Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15 and 22. Children learn choreographed dances featured in the Dunes production "Jesus Christ Superstar." By the workshop's end, students will be able to apply learned performance technique and sing while executing choreography. The youth also will be invited to pass out programs, take tickets, usher and run the theater lobby concession stand during "Jesus Christ Superstar" performances. Doing so means they receive free admission to the show on the nights they volunteer, getting to see the cast perform the songs and dance routines they learned through the workshop.

"Superstars and Stories" is Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17 and 24. The educational program uses performance art to enhance literacy comprehension. Schmidt implemented the program during the 2013-2014 school year at St. Paul Lutheran School in Michigan City. Students learn to identify the five story elements at various reading levels. They also have the chance to create live performances with fully developed characters, settings, plots, conflicts and themes.

The cost is \$100 per workshop. Contact Schmidt at (219) 879-7509 for reservations. Visit www.dunessummertheatre.com for more information.

Michigan City Public Library

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

• **"Understanding Your Dreams" at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 28.**

Experienced dream therapist Terese Fabbri reveals how to remember and understand dreams.

• **Yoga with David Kipley at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 1.**

Kipley is a recent graduate of Dancing Feet Yoga's Yoga Teacher Program. All levels are welcome. Take a mat and wear comfortable clothes for the one-hour class that meets Tuesdays through Aug. 12.

• **Knitting Club for All Ages at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 2.**

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

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

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SMSO Plans Holiday Concerts

The Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra will present two annual Independence Day beach concerts.

The first is at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 3, at Lions Pavilion Park in New Buffalo, Mich., followed by a performance at 9 p.m. Friday, July 4, at Shadowland Pavilion in St. Joseph, Mich. Both times are Eastern.

This year's theme is mobility as an expression of American freedom, from the horse and buggy to the exploration of the stars, Music Director Robin Fountain said. The program includes "Boston Pops March," "Fantasia For Drumlines & Orchestra," "On the Trail" from "Grand Canyon Suite" and "Star Trek through the Years."



Shadowland Pavilion in St. Joseph, Mich.

Many concertgoers arrive early to find lawn seats. Each concert concludes with a huge finale, complete with a fireworks display to accompany the symphony. Carry-ins are welcome at the July 4 concert; however, alcohol is not allowed. All coolers and carry-ins will be checked at the gate. No pets are allowed.

The New Buffalo concert is free. Doors to the St. Joseph concert open at 6 p.m. EDT. The advance cost is: lawn seating — \$15 for adults and children; reserved seating — \$25; picnic tables — \$300, includes 10 tickets and two VIP parking passes; beach pass — \$50, includes four adult tickets that can be used in any combination and can be purchased throughout the summer. Shadowland Pavilion parking fees are: \$6 for Berrien County residents, \$8 for non-residents and \$35 for an annual pass.

Tickets purchased the day of the concert are subject to a \$5 price increase.

Contact the symphony at (269) 982-4030 or visit www.smso.org for more information.

Sarett Nature Center

Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich., will highlight its frogs, toads and salamanders at 3 p.m. EDT Thursday, July 3.

Admission is \$3 for adults. Call (269) 927-4832 for more information.

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"B" Flight

Low Gross:

Donna Hennard

Low Net:

Kathy Kenefick

Low Putts:

Pat Kelley

"C" Flight

Low Gross:

June Salmon

Low Net:

Rima Binder

Low Putts:

Susan Roule

"D" Flight

Low Gross:

Mary O'Neill

Low Net:

Tina Sonderby

Low Putts:

Nancy Reinert

Sunken Approach

Rima Binder

Holes 10

Carol Excell

Hole 17

Jane Irvine

Holes 13 and 18

Eunie Nondorf

Hole 2

Susan Roule

Holes 8 and 13

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Hole 6

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Hole 11

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Hole 17

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Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the 'Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

LBCC Women's Golf Leagues**9 Hole League***June 12, 2014***Event: Skins Special Event**

Event winners: Terry Deming, Joan Carey, Nancy Trainor, Catherine Kelly, Linda Wilson, Jeanette Tyrrell, Allison Kolb, Barb Beardslee, Kathy Hanley

Championship Flight

Low Gross: Eunie Nondorf
Low Net: Connie Sullivan
Low Putts: Donna Hennard

"A" Flight

Low Gross: Babs Ward
Low Net: Marge Walsh
Low Putts: Joan Carey

"B" Flight

Low Gross: Barb Beardslee
Low Net: Tina Sonderby
Low Putts: Terry Deming

"C" Flight

Low Gross: Kathie Mole
Low Net: Regina Bradley
Low Putts: Catherine Kelly

Sunken Approach

Joan Geoghegan Hole 18
 Kathie Mole Hole 2

Birdies

Jeanette Tyrrell Hole 10
 Joan Carey Hole 2

*June 19, 2014***Event: Putting Competition****Championship Flight**

Event: Pat Kelley, Sue Luegers
Low Gross: Sue Luegers
Low Net: Mary Sheridan
Low Putts: Pat Kelley

"A" Flight

Event: Babs Ward
Low Gross: Susan Kelley, June Salmon
Low Net: Kathy Hanley
Low Putts: Babs Ward

"B" Flight

Event: Terry Deming
Low Gross: Tina Sonderby
Low Net: Terry Deming
Low Putts: Mary O'Neil

"C" Flight

Event: Alison Kolb, Judy Curtin
Low Gross: Judy Curtin
Low Net: Bonnie Reese
Low Putts: Alison Kolb

Sunken Approach

Joan Carey Hole 10
 Joan Geoghegan Hole 10

Birdies

Sue Luegers Holes 16, 17

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June 25-July 5 — Canterbury Summer Theatre production, "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?," Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Tickets: \$15/Wed. & Thurs., \$16/Fri. & Sat. Senior/group/student discounts available. Times: 2 p.m. Wed. & Thurs., 8 p.m. Fri., June 27, no July 4 performance, 6:30 p.m. both Saturdays. Reservations: (219) 874-4269, info@festivalplayersguild.org

June 25-26, July 2-3 — Free Arts in the Park. La Porte City Band (June 25/July 2), Valleyaires Barbershop (June 26), Cripple Creek (July 3). All concerts 7 p.m., Fox Park Dennis Smith Amphitheater, La Porte.

June 26-29 — La Porte County Public Library Friends of the Library Book Sale, former Sun Appliance building next to Arby's, 1106 W. Indiana 2, La Porte. Times: 3-7 p.m. Thurs. (Friends only), 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Fri., 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat., noon-5 p.m. Sun. Info: (219) 362-6156, visit laportelibrary.org

June 26-30 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "Locke," starring Tom Hardy in an acclaimed performance unfolding during the course of one car ride. Rated R. Times: 6:15 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. *Also:* "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: 9 p.m. Thurs.-Mon., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

June 27 — Barker Hall Open Stage, 7:30 p.m., Barker Hall, Sixth Street between Pine and Franklin streets. Signup: 7:15 p.m.

June 27 — Kristin Gornstein concert, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 E. Seventh St., Michigan City. Free-will offering. Info: www.kristingornstein.com

June 27 — Free Friday Night at the Movies series, "Monsters University," dusk, the Herald Argus parking lot, State and Monroe streets in La Porte.

June 27 — Free concert/family film series — Lee Murdock, then "Epic" — 7 p.m., Thomas Centennial Park Bandstand, downtown Chesterton.

June 27-28 — La Porte's Washington Stage Theatre show, "Open Auditions," Tippecanoe Place Restaurant, 620 W. Washington St., South Bend. Dinner/7 p.m., show/8 p.m. Both times Eastern. Cost: \$40 plus tax. Reservations: (574) 234-9077.

June 27-29 — "Willy Wonka Junior," Elston Middle School's Performing Arts Center, 317 Detroit St. Times: 7 p.m. Fri., 2 & 7 p.m. Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/students K-12 & children 5 and younger. Info/reservations: (219) 873-2073. Tickets also available at door.

June 28 — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Eighth and Washington streets, through October. Second Saturdays,

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June 28 — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

June 28 — Free Westchester Public Library Film Series, "Robocop," 5 p.m., Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

June 28 — Bryan Lubeck in concert, The Homestead 1835, 33771 Chicago Trail, New Carlisle. Dinner/6:30 p.m., concert/8 p.m. All times Eastern. Cost: \$50/dinner and concert, \$20/just concert, \$25 at door). Reservations: <http://www.homesteadevents.com/event/bryan-lubeck-concert>

June 28 — Reception, new artist works, 6-9 p.m. EDT, Blue Gallery, 16 S. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Info: (269) 756-9338, www.bluegalleryart.com

June 28 — Katie Todd Band, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$20. Info/reservations: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

July 1-Aug. 6 — One-woman show, "Floral Convergence — Where Fine Art & Illustration Meet," Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Info: (219) 926-4711, www.chestertonart.com

July 2 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Stephen Schnurr, 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 27 — Art gallery opening/inaugural exhibit, 7-10 p.m. EDT, The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph, Mich. Info: www.innatharborshores.com

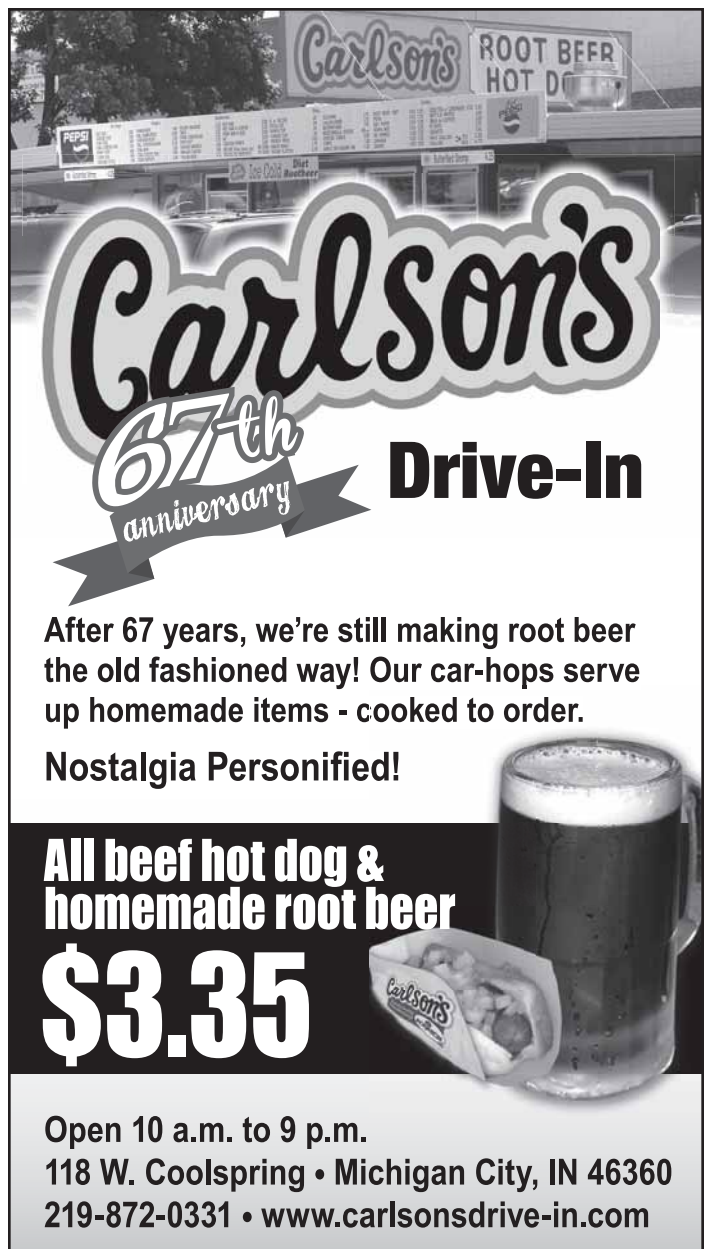
June 28 — "Hummingbird Magic," 8-10 a.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Register by June 27 at (269) 695-6491 or www.fernwoodbotanical.org

June 28 — The New Town Cryers, 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 29 — Deep River Grinders vs. Long Nines, Springfield, Ill., 2 p.m., Deep River County Park, 9410 Old Lincoln Highway, Hobart.

July 3 — Round Barn Brewery Fireworks Party, 6-11 p.m. EDT, the brewery's Public House parking lot, 9151 First St., Baroda. Info: (269) 422-1617, roundbarnwinery.com

July 3-4 — Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra concerts. First: 8:30 p.m. EDT July 3, Lions Pavilion Park, New Buffalo, Mich. Free. Second: 9 p.m. July 4, Shadowland Pavilion, St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets start at \$15. Info/reservations: (269) 982-4030, www.smsso.org



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On June 26, 1894, the American Railway Union called a general strike in sympathy with striking Pullman workers.

On June 26, 1925, Charlie Chaplin's comedy "The Gold Rush" premiered in Hollywood.

On June 26, 1963, President John F. Kennedy, in a speech in Berlin, made the statement "Ich bin ein Berliner." ("I am a Berliner.")

On June 26, 1995, the Supreme Court ruled that public schools can require drug tests for athletes.

On June 26, 1996, the Supreme Court ordered the Virginia Military Institute to admit women or forgo state support.

On June 27, 1847, New York and Boston were linked by telegraph wires.

On June 27, 1942, the FBI captured eight Nazi saboteurs who had been put ashore on New York's Long Island, by a German submarine.

On June 27, 1982, manned by two astronauts, the American space shuttle *Columbia* blasted off from Cape Canaveral with the shuttle program's first military cargo.

On June 27, 1984, the motion picture industry approved a PG-13 in its system of film ratings.

On June 27, 1991, Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first black to sit on the Supreme Court, announced his retirement.

On June 27, 1993, actress Julia Roberts and singer Lyle Lovett were married in Marion, IN.

On June 27, 2003, more than 735,000 phone numbers were registered on the first day of a national do-not-call list aimed at blocking solicitations from telemarketers.

On June 28, 1894, Congress designated the first Monday in September as Labor Day. It was originally a holiday only for federal employees and the District of Columbia.

On June 28, 1996, The Citadel voted to admit women, ending a 153-year old men-only policy at the South Carolina military school.

On June 29, 1995, the shuttle *Atlantis* and the Russian-built space station *Mir* docked in orbit.

On June 30, 1859, 5,000 watched as French acrobat Emile Blondin crossed Niagara Falls on a tightrope.

On June 30, 1936, *Gone With The Wind*, a Civil War novel by Margaret Mitchell, was published in

New York.

On June 30, 1952, "The Guiding Light," a popular radio program, made its debut as a TV soap opera.

On June 30, 1994, the U.S. Figure Skating Association stripped Tonya Harding of the 1994 national championship and banned her from the organization for life for an attack on Nancy Kerrigan.

On July 1, 1535, England's Sir Thomas More was tried for treason. His crime was refusing to take King Henry VIII's "Oath of Supremacy."

On July 1, 1804, France's George Sand, the pen name of female novelist Aurore Lucie Dupin, was born in Paris. She gained sensational success with her novel *Indiana*, published in 1831, dealing with the sufferings of women.

On July 1, 1847, the United States Post Office issued the nation's first adhesive postage stamps.

On July 1, 1863, one of the world's most decisive battles; the Civil War's three day "Battle of Gettysburg," began.

On July 1, 1898, during the Spanish American War, the "Rough Riders" of Theodore Roosevelt waged a victorious assault on Cuba's San Juan Hill.

On July 1, 1910, 28,000 attended the official opening of Chicago's Comiskey Park, seeing the White Sox lose 2-0 to the St. Louis Browns.

On July 1, 1963, the Post Office inaugurated the five-digit ZIP codes.

On July 1, 1966, Medicare officially went into effect.

On July 1, 1969, England's Prince Charles was installed as the Prince of Wales.

On July 1, 1991, actor Michael Landon, best known for his portrayal of Little Joe Cartwright in the "Bonanza" TV series, died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 54.

On July 1, 1991, U.S. appeals court judge Clarence Thomas was nominated to the Supreme Court.

On July 2, 1904, Chicago's "Riverview Park" was opened to the public.

On July 2, 1926, the Army Air Corps was created.

On July 2, 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight at the equator, disappeared somewhere over the Pacific Ocean. No trace has ever been found of them.

On July 2, 1947, an object crashed near Roswell, NM, giving rise to speculation it might have been an alien spacecraft.

On July 2, 1955, the *Lawrence Welk Show*, one of the best-loved shows ever to hit television, premiered on ABC.

On July 2, 1997, film legend Jimmy Stewart died, at his home in Beverly Hills, CA, at the age of 89.

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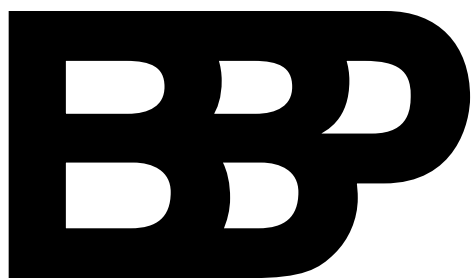
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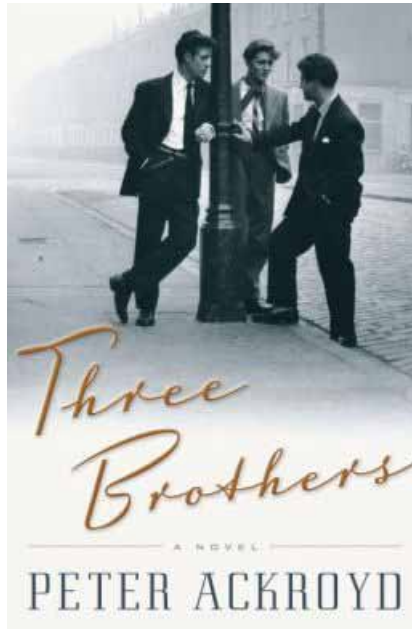
Three Brothers by Peter Ackroyd (hardcover, 26.96 in bookstores and online)

Trolling the bookshelves at Barnes & Noble in Valparaiso is my favorite occupation. Looking at books online is OK, but I like to touch and feel the texture of the book cover and see what kind of paper and font types are used on the book itself.

Before you call me crazy, all you true bibliophiles out there know whereof I speak. That's how I picked up this week's recommendation: I was captured by the black-and-white foggy picture of three young men standing around a lamppost on a deserted brick street. The photo looked very 1960s and I was intrigued, not only by the promise of an interesting read, but by a fantastic one from world-famous author Peter Ackroyd. He is English, a writer prolific in fiction and non-fiction, including poetry, criticism and biography. His honors and awards are too numerous to mention, so let's get right down to the story.

The three Hanway boys were born in the London borough of Camden, a council estate of small houses, what we in the states would call government housing. Harry was born in 1947, Daniel in 1948 and Sam in 1949. What was extraordinary about them was they were each born on May 8. After the birth of Sam, the newspaper made something of the boys, but the novelty soon wore off as life after the war was hard in Camden. The boys grew up as boys do. Father Philip was a night watchman in London and their mother, Sally, disappeared from their lives when the boys were 10, 9 and 8 years old, respectively. Their father never spoke of her again, and the boys grew up wondering what they did wrong for mom to leave them like that.

As the boys grew to be teenagers, Harry was the first to leave home. He always loved newspapers and found a job as a messenger boy for a local paper. Following a hunch one night, he follows a strange man into a church. He manages to stop the man as he attempts to start a fire. This leads Harry to writing a story about the incident, which impresses his boss and gets him promoted to reporter. A chance meeting with Hilda, a waitress, leads him to a story about paybacks and government corruption, a story that never gets published, but draws the attention of the newspaper's owner. Soon, Harry is on his way to becoming a top newspaper journalist with his own byline. He even marries the boss' daughter. But



is Harry happy?

Daniel, always the scholar, ends up in Cambridge studying English literature. He works hard to lose his Camden accent and fit in with all the snobs at school. He does well in his studies, eventually graduating and receiving a research fellowship. He later moves on to be a reviewer of some renown in literary circles. Too busy at his career, Daniel doesn't even recognize his own sexuality until he meets Stanley Askisson.

Sam, always the dreamer, stays with his father and becomes a handyman for the nuns at a convent. One day, by accident, Sam discovers where his mother lives: a whorehouse. He finally leaves the nuns to become a rent collector for a

slum landlord, who just happens to have a connection to the corruption story Harry wrote. Where will this lead him?

Oh my, I'm running out of space, and I haven't even gotten to the murders and suicide!

I felt like it was a gray day with clouds pressing down on me as I read this book. London became a foggy city of back alleys, literary gatherings and political machinations in this atmospheric and spell-binding story. It was almost mesmerizing, wondering where the fates would take these three men as their paths intersect so many times without them actually meeting each other.

However, all is not gloomy as I must recount one incident in the story that made me laugh out loud.

It was a book publication party with all the glittering members of the literati present. One editor says, "*An interesting crowd, don't you think?*" His friend says, "*Well, all people are interesting if you don't really want to know them.*" Such humanity. Such a fascinating story.

The Library Journal gave a starred review and said: "With overtones of Greek tragedy and Charles Dickens, this is a literary and engrossing parable and a loving tribute to London in all its depravity."

Ackroyd not only is a novelist, but a broadcaster, biographer, poet and historian. His novel Hawksmoor won the Guardian Fiction Prize and Whitbread Novel Award. He lives in London.

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