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Sara Sherman Maxon: Rediscovered

Article about Warren Building Unearths Story of Performer/School Director and Her Marriage to “American Gothic” Artist

by Barbara Stodola

When I first published her name in *The Beacher*, as part of a story that appeared May 1 about Artspace and the former Warren building, I knew almost nothing about her.

Sara Sherman Maxon.

Director of Michigan City’s first School of Fine Arts in the mid-1920s.

That was the beginning and end of her identity.

Would anybody care? Was there any sense in mentioning her name, so many years after the fact?



Grant Wood, 44, and his wife, Sara, 51, appear to share a pleasant domesticity, though their marriage lasted fewer than four years.



Like putting a message in a bottle and wondering where it will turn up, the story landed in a Long Beach mailbox and caught the attention of someone who knew well just who Sara Sherman Maxon was.

Tony Jones, longtime president — and now chancellor — of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, was eager to tell me.

“Sara Sherman Maxon,” he said, “was married to a very famous artist. And The Art Institute of Chicago owns his most famous painting. They were married for some years, but the marriage was never consummated, because the artist was gay. Do you have any idea who that was?”

None, whatsoever, I replied.

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Grant Wood’s “American Gothic,” whether intended as satirical, patriotic or classic portrayal of Midwestern farmers, caused a sensation when first exhibited in 1930 at The Art Institute of Chicago, which now owns the painting. Wood’s sister, Nan, and dentist, Byron McKeeby, posed for the painting.

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Grant Wood, most celebrated of the American Regionalist painters, married Sara Sherman Maxon, former head of Michigan City's School of Fine Arts, in 1935. Their wedding took place in Minneapolis, where Sara had moved after the Depression brought an end to the short-lived cultural center funded by Catherine Barker Spaulding and patronized by local art and music lovers.

I found no fewer than 16 music teachers listed in the 1923-25 Michigan City Directory, but none could claim credentials so impressive as Sara, a light-opera singer who had arrived by way of Iowa, Chicago and New York City. By 40, her earnings as a Broadway performer and theater manager enabled her to buy a rambling farmhouse and orchard in Lakeside, Mich., a move her theater friends thought "plum crazy."

Lakeside, however, was not the backwater community they suspected.

"The period from 1910-1930 has been called Lakeside's Golden Years," retired Realtor Nadra Kissman reported, "enchanted summers filled with beach parties, teas, picnics, hiking, buggy rides, ice cream socials."

Chikaming Country Club, founded in 1912, had

nine University of Chicago faculty as members, including music and English instructors. In 1925, a new clubhouse was built, a half-timbered structure they named Shakespeare House.



The sixth floor of the Warren building, as it appears today, was the first location of Michigan City School of Fine Arts (1925-1928).

Photo provided by Tim Bietry

According to Grant Wood's most recent biographer, R. Tripp Evans, Maxon "later considered her time in Michigan as the happiest time of her adult life."

This also was the time period that she commuted to Michigan City to give music lessons in the Brinck-



"Spring Turning" (1936) is the only painting Grant Wood completed during the years of his marriage to Sara Sherman Maxon. Apparently, he did not do any portraits of his wife.



The pre-Civil War house in Iowa City, which Grant Wood restored and filled with his antique collections, served as a home for his bride and his mother, but his mother died shortly after the move.

mann Building, and then, after meeting up with Catherine Barker Spaulding, to head the Michigan City School of Fine Arts on the top floor of the newly opened Warren Building.

Michigan City architect Carter H. Manny Jr., before moving to California, went through his old scrapbooks and prepared a 12-page manuscript detailing his family's affiliations with the Barker family. This information, which Barker Mansion Executive Director Cecilia Zubler has been good enough to share with me, refers to the school as "the brainchild, I believe, of Sara Sherman Maxon." As a youngster, Carter attended classes there and

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After being discovered by Jerome Kern, Sara Sherman Maxon (left), a deep contralto, was cast as Alan-a-Dale in Reginald De Koven's "Robin Hood" circa 1912. Publicity photos for the Broadway musical, showing her in tights and thigh-high boots, shocked former neighbors in small-town Iowa.

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learned how to make marionettes.

"Sara was my mother's voice teacher and close friend," Manny recalled. "She was a frequent visitor at our house and we to hers. She was a striking looking woman...a platinum blonde with erect carriage and commanding presence."

When the school fell on hard times, Maxon moved



Sara Sherman Maxon, described by acquaintances as a flashy dresser, and her husband, Grant Wood, vacationed in a small Waubeck, Iowa, cottage, the summer after their 1935 marriage.

to Minneapolis to be with her son, Sherman, whose name, incidentally, was a family name shared with Union Commander William Tecumseh Sherman, her father's first-cousin. She then settled in at her sister Phoebe's house in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where both girls grew up. She began giving voice lessons and moving in artistic circles, meeting the already famous Grant Wood at a dinner party.

His friends disapproved of the match. Maxon's flamboyant personality seemed to overpower the reticent, socially awkward bachelor. But she rhapsodized about their long drives through the countryside, insisting that "Iowa took on new meaning for me... the fates had worked together to give us this companionship."

Wood said the two "understood each other," both

being creative people.

Shortly after their marriage, the couple — Maxon, 51, and Wood, 44 — moved to Iowa City, where the artist was teaching at the University of Iowa. Wood paid \$3,500 for an impressive, 80-year-old house, and 10 times that amount restoring it. Financial problems contributed to the unraveling of the marriage, but obviously there were other issues.

Whether or not Sara knew he was gay before the marriage: this is a question Wood's biographers and art critics have debated. His friends seemed to know, as did his students, but in the mid-20th century, this subject was not openly discussed, not in a friendly way. At one point, Wood's teaching position was jeopardized because of "suspicions." Time Magazine sent a reporter out to investigate, but never did print the story.

In any case, Maxon seems to have welcomed a platonic relationship, especially after her disastrous first marriage, which she described in her memoirs as "months of disillusionment too sordid to recall." The marriage to Wood, however, was not peaceful and did not last long.

They divorced in 1939, and once again Maxon embarked on a cross-country search for employment, without much success. She took a job in New York as a housekeeper, and later became a "lady's companion" to a wealthy young California woman, whose family thought she liked her cocktails too much.

Moving finally to the state of Washington, she settled in a small cabin on the San Juan Islands, another spot popular with artists and vacationing college professors.

Maxon died in 1979 at 96, having outlived Sherman — her only child — by 25 years, and Grant Wood — her second husband — by 37 years.

Her story, however, nearly forgotten in some respects, lives on. In a way, it has come full circle. The arrival of Artspace in the former Warren building means artists will have a safe haven, much like Sara Sherman Maxon created for them.

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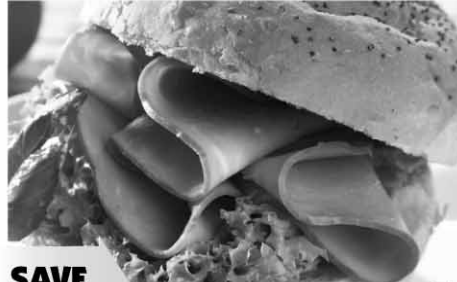


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Festival Players Guild Announces 2014-2015 Winter Arts Series

Festival Players Guild has announced its 2014-2015 Canterbury Winter Arts Series at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St.



Christopher Durang's "The Marriage of Bette and Boo" starts its two-week run Oct. 10. Mining irony and humor from dark situations, it won the Obie Award for Best Play and runs through Oct. 18.

The laughter continues one week later on Oct. 24 as the Guild gets its first visit of the season from Purdue University-North Central's improv troupe, Ranting Llamas.



Halloween night will see the Mainstreet premiere of Dan Schaaf's multimedia production of the silent film "Aelita Queen of Mars." Actors



perform new music composed by Schaaf, while an opening-night audience member can win a prize for best costume in a "Come As Your Favorite Martian" contest.

The Guild again teams up with PNC as the university's theater company unveils "Rough Magic." Transplanting characters from "The Tempest" to present-day New York, it is a Shakespearean action-adventure-fantasy in the tradition of "Harry Potter" and "X-Men." The show runs Nov. 8-15.

Last year, the Guild introduced "On Your Marks..." A 24-Hour Theatre Festival," and the second edition arrives Dec. 6. It showcases eight new short, Christmas-themed plays all written, rehearsed and performed within a 24-hour period.

The Guild will wrap up 2014 with a yet-to-be-determined Christmas show.

On Feb. 13, PNC's Ranting Llamas returns for another night of improv. Then, Feb. 27 through March 1, the Guild continues one of its proudest traditions: the youth theater workshop. After enrolling in early January, children learn about different aspects of putting a show "on the boards," culminating in a performance of D.M. Larson's "Holka Polka" before live audiences.



On March 20-29, Darin Dahms, a Mishawaka native and award-winning actor, director and writer in Los Angeles, brings his work "The Player King" to Mainstreet. The work is inspired by the lives of Edwin Booth, Junius Brutus Booth and John Wilkes

Booth and is set during the year following President Lincoln's assassination. Edwin Booth, perhaps the greatest Shakespearean actor in American history, has been forced to quit the stage because of his brother's heinous crime. He questions whether he can return to the theater after the tragedy. Part soliloquy, part memory play, "The Player King" is Edwin Booth's personal investigation into his relationship to his art and a search for an answer to the question, "What does it mean to be an actor?"

April sees the final pairing of the season between the Guild and PNC with "A Shakespearean Mash-Up: Galatea/Tamburlaine," which puts a spin on the two classic works. It runs April 11-18.

The series concludes with a powerful production of the contemporary musical "Passing Strange," the story of a young black man who leaves behind his middle-class, church-ruled upbringing to travel Europe in search of his artistic and personal identity, or what he calls "the real." There, he plays the cool, black expatriate-musician who speaks for his people. Misadventures with sex, drugs, politics and art find him in far-out Amsterdam and hyper-militant Berlin. But in the end, he discovers that cultural complexity — and hypocrisy — are not limited to middle-class African-American life, and that while to him art may be more real than life, only love is truly more than real.



The show won a 2008 Tony for "Best Book of a Musical." In total, it received seven Tony nominations, including Best Musical. It also won a Drama Desk Award, a New York Drama Critics Circle Award and two Obie Awards. Show dates are May 8-17.

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Part of the Water's Edge Summer Music Series, the concert also features a light summer dinner and wine.

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Thom Schuyler's songs have been recorded by more than 200 artists, including "16th Avenue" for Lacy J. Dalton, "Love Will Turn You Around" for Kenny Rogers and "Long Line of Love" for Michael Martin Murphey. He also headed RCA Records' Nashville division from 1992 to 1995. In that role, he signed singer Kenny Chesney and Lonestar, and had a significant role in launching the careers of Martina McBride and Sara Evans.



Tony Arata has been in Nashville writing hit songs for more than 24 years. Garth Brooks has recorded eight of his songs, including "The Dance," which spent three weeks at No. 1, was the most-performed song of 1990 and was nominated for CMA Song of the Year in 1991. Patty Loveless had a No. 1 hit with his "Here I

Am" and has recorded six more of his tunes. Other artists to record his work include Randy Travis, Emmylou Harris, Bonnie Raitt, Lee Roy Parnell, Trisha Yearwood, Reba McEntire and Clay Walker.



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The regional exhibit, which recognizes artists from Indiana and Cook County, Ill., has defined South Shore Arts since its inception in the late 1930s. That was when 10 area artists, including William J. Bachman, Martha Ellyson, Anne Geyer, O.O. Haag, Lenore Conde Lawson, Eunice McCullough, Frank Myslive, Clyde Price, Laverne Thornton and H. Tom Tuinman, launched an exhibit of visual art in the hat department of the Edward C. Minas Department Store in downtown Hammond. The record is not clear, but there was an interruption in the exhibit for several of the war years. Then, in 1944, it resumed, becoming known as the Salon Show.

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Mary Ann Van Soest's fiber work, "Herons on the River."

The exhibit committee selects a different juror each year based on his/her stature in the arts community. This year's juror, Ron Reason, has created and taught visual arts, journalism and graphic literacy. Living in Chicago and Beverly Shores, he has consulted on design, marketing, branding and visual communication strategies for clients such as The Chicago Reader, The Harvard Crimson, The Wall Street Journal, Crain's, the NCAA and The University of Chicago.

As a visual artist, Reason operated the gallery "within (Reason): a contemporary art and photo space" in Chicago's Pilsen district, showing the works of more than 70 artists. His photography has been published internationally and exhibited in the Chicago area. He has served on the board of directors at Intuit: The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art, and on advisory boards at Columbia College Chicago and at The Media School at Indiana University-Bloomington.

Reason viewed more than 300 submissions by 120 artists and chose 65 works from 59 artists. Work such as paintings, drawings, print making, fiber, ceramic, photography and sculpture will be on display. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Visit www.southshoreartsonline.org for more information.



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Barker Mansion Exhibit Explores a Life of Leisure

By Jan Van Ausdal

How would you like to be a "Lady of Leisure?" That would be the life, right?

In the meantime, you have the chance to find out what that meant for women in the 1890s when Catherine Barker was living in Barker Mansion, her Michigan City home.

How did the "Ladies of Leisure" tour come about?

Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., has held summer tours for a number of years. It's always possible to come up with a new idea or a new slant on a familiar event.

Executive Director Cecilia Zubler told me staff members begin thinking about the tour long before it starts, which usually is near the end of June. This year, she and B.J. Parmley were thinking about what people do in the summer. Well, naturally, that is the time for vacation and leisurely activities. Even people who do not take vacations plan to have some fun activities in their lives, such as swimming, playing golf, attending weddings, going to the summer tea at Barker Mansion and perhaps being dressed up in fancy dresses and hats.

And with their supply of Barker family artifacts, including clothing and hats, as well as the recent donation by an Illinois man of 100 hats from his aunt's 1940s and 1950s collection, they had more than enough items to work with, yet produce a fun



Three lingerie gowns of the 1900s Gibson Girl Era. The center dress was the wedding gown for Dr. Bankoff's wife, donated by their son.

tour for the public to enjoy.

Thus was born "Ladies of Leisure," a display housed in rooms on the mansion's second floor. And what do you need if you're going to show people what life was like in the 1890s?

Tour guides, of course.

This year's tour guides include: B.J. Parmley, who was responsible for setting up the display, Ann Jankowski, Sarah Moon and Mary Kintezle, who fills in when needed.

As part of the tour, there is the French Room, the Morning Room, the Monuments of Paris Room,

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the Peacock Room, the Master Bedroom. Some sound especially intriguing, and they certainly are.

You'll see everything from sports activities to dress-up occasions and tea parties — tea has always played a big part in what's happening at the mansion — and things such as hats, gloves and fancy shoes that many of us don't wear anymore...but what fun it would be if we did! My photos will give you a sample of what's on the second floor, but you'll want to see everything in living color for yourself.



Fabric gloves on the right and fancy hats from the 1940s and 1950s reflected in the mirror.



Some attendees of the tour group from Arlington Heights, Ill.

During the summer, it has been a busy time for tours at the mansion. Individuals or small groups have come at tour times, and they've been crowded. But fall is almost here, and things have slowed down. So, you can still see the amazing displays, incredible clothing and accessories and imagine what it would have been like to live and have fun in an entirely different time from 2014, a time of relaxing and enjoying tea in an outstanding setting such as Barker Mansion.

While I was there, a tour group from Arlington Heights, Ill., School District No. 214, arrived for a special 2:30 p.m. tour. Their tour guide was Pat Dodson. There were 41 men and women in the group (42 counting Dodson).

If you're intrigued and want to see things for yourself, you have through the end of September to do so. Enjoy!

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Come take the summer tour, "Ladies of Leisure," through Sept. 30. Tour times are: 10 and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12:30 and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Reservation are requested for groups of 10 or more. A nominal fee is charged for the tour. Contact Barker Mansion at 873-1520 for reservations or more information.

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“The Dog and the Dolphin” Book Launch, Signing

Purdue University-North Central Chancellor James Dworkin will host a book launch and signing of his recently published children's book, “The Dog and The Dolphin,” from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept 24.

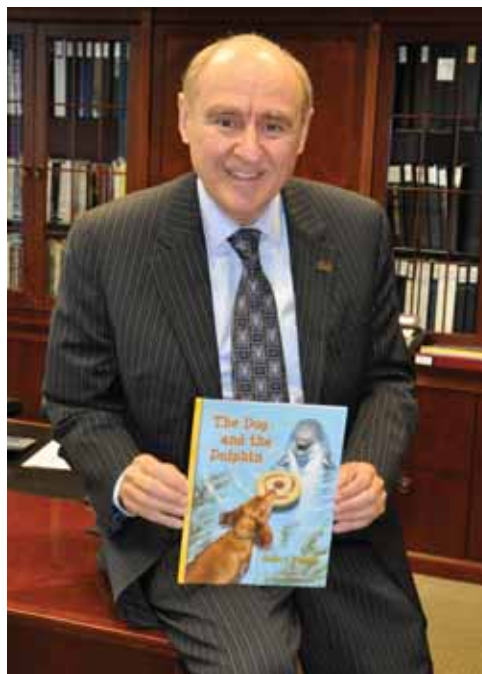
The event will be held in the PNC Campus Shop, located in the lower level of the Library-Student-Faculty Building. Books will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served.

Dworkin also will sign previously purchased books. An Irish setter, similar to the dog featured in “The Dog and the Dolphin,” will be on hand to greet guests. “Red” belongs to Carol Schulte, who owns Rusty Acres Kennel dog camp in La Porte County.

A portion of the proceeds from book sales will support programs and scholarships in the PNC Early Childhood Education program.

“The Dog and the Dolphin” tells the story of two unlikely friends who meet on a beach in Florida. It was inspired by an interaction Dworkin observed several years ago while vacationing with his family on Sanibel Island, Fla. During a visit to the beach, he watched a dog, depicted in the book as an Irish setter named Red, wander the beach. The dog strolled around, sniffed here and there and seemed bored, Dworkin said. When the dog gazed into the water, it caught a glimpse of something that interested him. A dolphin was frolicking a short distance away.

Dworkin said the dog was clearly interested in the dolphin, and it seemed like the dolphin noticed the dog on the beach. The dolphin appeared so interested in the dog, it would swim in the same direction the dog ran. When the dog ran to the left, the dolphin followed. If the dog ran to the right, the dolphin changed direction, too. The dog was so taken with his new friend, he tried to swim out to it with



James Dworkin,
the author of
“The Dog and the
Dolphin.”

a Frisbee so they could play together.

Portrait artist Michael Chelich, Munster, illustrated the story.

Dworkin is an accomplished author. His works include “Owners Versus Players: Baseball and Collective Bargaining” and “Reflections on the Transformation in Industrial Relations.” He also has written and edited numerous articles and chapters for a variety of professional publications.

“The Dog and the Dolphin,” however, is his first children's book. He already has an inspiration for a second children's book.

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



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Lubeznik Center for the Arts Unveils Fall Class Schedule

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The schedule is:

- Creativity Workshop for Adults with instructor Michelle Boardman, with four sessions from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 20-Oct. 18, and no class Oct. 11. The cost is \$50, or \$45 for members.
- Fused Glass 1 for people 16 and older with instructor Twyla Butler from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. The cost is \$65, or \$58.50 for members, along with \$10 supply fee.
- Cocktail Hats & High Tea for participants 14 and older with instructor Amanda Joyner from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6. The cost is \$25, or \$22.50 for members, with a \$20 supply fee.
- Masters and Merlot for adults 21 and older with instructor Dori Huber, either 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, or Wednesday, Nov. 5. The cost is \$30, or \$25 for members, as well as a \$20 supply fee.
- Memoir Writing for Adults with instructor Susan Block for four sessions, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25-Oct. 16. The cost is \$50, or \$45 for members.
- Drawing for Teens (ages 11-17) with instructor Bill Cavalier, six sessions from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22-Oct. 27. The cost is \$120, or \$108 for members.
- Cookies & Canvas (ages 7-11) with instructor Dori Huber, six sessions from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 30-Nov. 4. The cost is \$120, or \$108 for members.
- Teen Jewelry Workshop (ages 11-17) with instructor Elaine Aquino from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. The cost is \$40, or \$36 for members.
- Adult Drawing (ages 15 and older) with instructor Neil Kienitz, 12 sessions from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 22-Dec. 8. The cost is \$135, or \$122.50 members.
- Design in Fine Art (ages 15 and older) with instructor Neil Kienitz, 12 sessions from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 23-Dec. 9. The cost is \$120, or \$108 for members.
- Abstract Painting (ages 16 and older) with instructor Jay Zerbe, six sessions from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24-Oct. 29. The cost is \$100, or \$90 for members.
- Adult Photography (ages 16 and older) with instructor Natalie Mills, four sessions from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7-28. The cost is \$60, or \$54 for members.
- Beading: Netting Technique (ages 16 and older) with instructor Elaine Aquino for four sessions from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 1-22. The cost is \$60, or \$54 for members.
- Art Appreciation for Adults with instructor Gregg

Hertzlieb, with four sessions from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 2-23. The cost is \$50, or \$45 for members.

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Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve and WNIT Public Television will present the ninth annual Autumn Air fall festival Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20-21, at Fernwood, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich.

From 1 to 3 p.m. EDT both days, Wither's Choo Choo will offer train rides through the garden for children and adults, while Robyn Ake will share her face-painting skills. Nominal fees apply.

Visitors can paddle the St. Joseph River in a voyageur canoe hourly from 1 to 4 p.m. EDT both days for a nominal fee.

Families can see locally grown pumpkins and gourds on display, and buy local produce, both days, as well as pet friendly goats on Sunday. A fall plant sale runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT both days.



Visitors to last year's Autumn Air fall festival.

The Niles Handweavers Guild will offer weaving and/or spinning demonstrations from 1 to 2:30 p.m. EDT both days, and food by Chef Tim Carrigan will be available for purchase. In the gallery, the juried Fernwood Photography Contest will have an opening reception from 1 to 3 p.m. EDT Sunday.

Children's activities will be available from 1 to 5 p.m. EDT both days, while other offerings include the railway garden, nature adventure garden and Patrick Dougherty stick sculpture. Children 10-12 with an interest in chemistry can register for a chemistry class from 10 a.m. to noon EDT Saturday. The class fee is \$15 (\$12 for members), and registration is required by Sept. 18.

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Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. There is a \$5 entry fee. A queen-size quilt made by members will be raffled at the show's close on Sunday. Raffle tickets are \$1, or six for \$5.

Vendors will sell quilt-related items. There also will be a flea market and crafts for sale. Soup, sandwiches, desserts and soft drinks will be available both days.

Contact dunes_country_quilters@yahoo.com or weinig@comcast.net for more information.

Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Bookmarks: Elin Hilderbrand's "The Matchmaker" at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19.**

Susan Nichols will review the novel about a woman who sets out to find love for those closest to her.

• **Stress Reduction, Relaxation and Mindfulness Class at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.**

Patrecia Lenore will share meditation practices, scientific studies of the benefits of mindfulness, group dialogue and support for integrating stress-reducing exercises into daily life.

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• **"Understanding Your Dreams" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.**

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• **Films on DVD Series: "The Railway Man" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.**

The movie stars Academy Award-winners Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman.

• **Yoga with David Kipley at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23.**

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, Sept. 24.**

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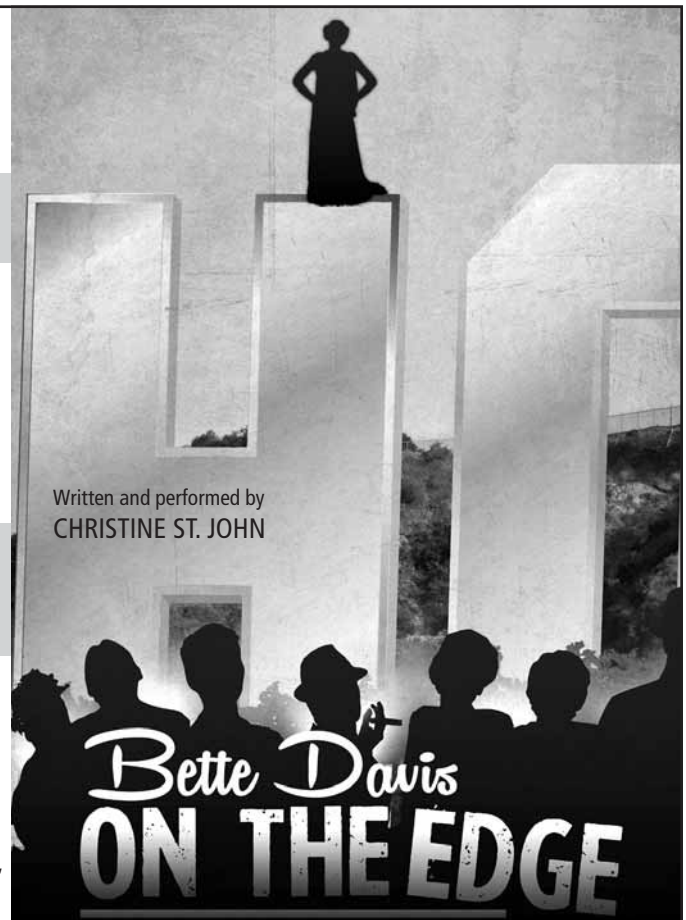
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Programs are from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Luhr County Park. The cost is \$5 per child/per program. Pre-registration and payment are required at least one week in advance or until full, whichever comes first.

The lineup is:

- Sept. 17 — Nature's Treasures.
- Oct. 8 — Hopping Good Time.
- Oct. 22 — Halloween Fun (Come in Costume).
- Nov. 5 — Who, Who, Who.
- Nov. 12 — They Live Where?
- Dec. 3 — Let it Snow.

Senior Lifestyles

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

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

- Oct. 1 — Tips on gardening, including preparing a garden for winter, by Sacha Burns of Sunkissed Organics.
- Nov. 5 — La Porte County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz discusses Indiana historical markers in La Porte County.

Michigan City Walk for PKD

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Check-in is at 9 a.m., followed by the walk at 10 a.m. Individuals can walk, form a team, help with the committee or volunteer.

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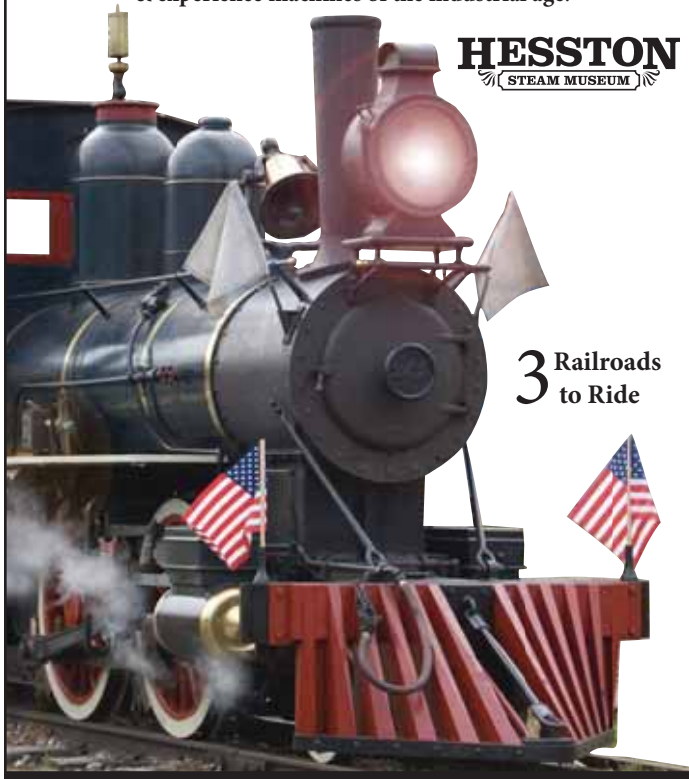


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Beaches & Blueways Cleanup

In partnership with area environmental and community groups, the Trail Creek Watershed Group will present the third annual Michigan City Beaches & Blueways Cleanup from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 20.

The event is part of International Beach Cleanup Day. Volunteers will spend the morning cleaning the shorelines of Washington Park beach and Trail Creek. Community members are encouraged to participate. Afterward, they are encouraged to take a paddling trip on Trail Creek on board one of Wilderness Inquiry's 24 Voyageur Canoes, which will be available for a public paddle from noon to 3 p.m. at Washington Park.

There are three separate cleanup focus areas.

For those wishing to clean up Washington Park beach, volunteers should meet Shannon Eason of Michigan City Parks & Recreation at the signup table in Washington Park by 9 a.m. She can be contacted at (219) 873-1506 or season@emichigancity.com. Those interested in the Washington Park Cleanup can register at the Alliance for the Great Lakes site at www.greatlakesadopt.org.

For those with canoes, kayaks or other small craft wishing to clean up the Trail Creek Water Trail and pond at Hansen Park, meet Dan Plath from the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association at Hansen Park by 9 a.m. Loaner boats are available by request. Contact Plath at (219) 871-9559 or dplath@nwipa.org to make a reservation.

For those who would like to clean up the public-access sites along Trail Creek, meet at the Krueger Middle School parking lot, 2001 Springland Ave., by 9 a.m. The organizer there is Nicole Messacar from the La Porte County Soil & Water Conservation District. She can be contacted at (219) 326-6808, Ext. 2115, or nmessacar@laportecounty.org.

Last year, because of the effort, volunteers collected one full dump truck of garbage. With the increased rain and flood events throughout the summer, a recent survey showed there is even more garbage in need of cleaning up throughout the Trail Creek Watershed.

Organizations collaborating in the overall effort through the Trail Creek Watershed Group include the NIPSCO Environmental Action Team, Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, Michigan City Parks & Recreation, Urban Waters, Michigan City Port Authority, Michigan City Forester, Michigan City Sanitary District, La Porte County Soil and Water Conservation District, Northwest Indiana Steelheaders, Visit Michigan City La Porte, MC-NEAT, Shirley Heinze Land Trust and Wilderness Inquiry.

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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, Sept. 19.**

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

• **The Save the Tunes Council performs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore 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.

• **Campground Program from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Dunewood Campground Amphitheater.**

Learn about the diversity of park resources. The campground is located at Broadway and U.S. 12 in Beverly Shores.

• **"Our Duneland Heritage: Apple Program at Chellberg Farm" from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.**

Visitors will experience traditional craft and farming demonstrations, as well as apple pie-cooking demonstrations. Learn how to make a clove apple pomander, or try an old-fashioned apple cider press before sampling free cider. Watch a sewing demonstration on an old-fashioned foot-operated sewing machine or listen to "Banjo Bob" Ahrendt perform. Chellberg Farm is off Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter. The free event is supported by the Friends of Indiana Dunes.

• **"Upland Trail at Pinhook Hike" from 9 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.**

Meet a ranger in the Pinhook Bog parking lot, 700 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City, for the two-hour hike.

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

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 at the Paul H. Douglas Center.**

Park staff will host special programs focusing on park resources, hot topics in research, new environmental films or guest speakers.

• **"Kid's Rule" from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

Join a ranger in the Visitor Center's activity room for stories and activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Harmony House/CASA will host the 20th annual wine- and food-tasting event, "Celebrate the Harvest of Hope: A Farm to Fork Culinary Tasting Experience," from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at Tryon Farm, 1400 Tryon Road, Michigan City.

This year's event will feature local farmers partnering with local chefs. All participants will donate their services. This year's participants include: Spire; Lazy Perch; Fiesta Valenciana; Contemporary Comfort; Bobby McBeans; Spa Speak Easy and Special Events; Uptown Cakery; Ivy Tech Community College – Hospitality Department; Maple City Roasters; John's Package Liquor; Journeyman Distillery; Shady Creek Winery; Shoreline Brewery & Pub; Anderson's Winery; Four Father's Brewing; Southern Wine & Spirits; National Distributors; Indiana Wholesale, Wine & Liquor Inc.; Sunkist Organics; Rainfield Farm; Burek Farms; and John Farm Market.

Johnny V will provide musical entertainment. Funds raised go to the scholarship fund that provides youth with opportunities to become involved in the arts, sports, music or other activities, and provide assistance for older youth who need assistance for post high school education.

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ND Alumni Reception, Symposium

A reception and symposium are planned in conjunction with the exhibit "ND Alumni: Sculptors and Professors."

The exhibit features the work of 21 sculptors — all University of Notre Dame alumni — who are practicing professional artists and faculty members of institutions of higher education.

A reception is from 5 to 7 p.m. EDT, with artists speaking at 6 p.m. EDT, on Friday, Sept. 19, at South Bend Museum of Art, which is located in The Century Center, 120 S. St. Joseph St., South Bend.

The symposium is Saturday, Sept. 20, in the Snite Museum of Art Annenberg Auditorium at the University of Notre Dame. The schedule (all Eastern time) is:

- 11 a.m. — keynote address by Judith Collins.
 - 12:30 p.m. — Tour the new Sculpture Park at Notre Dame. Box lunches will be sold.
 - 2 p.m. — keynote address by Tony Cragg.
 - 3:30 p.m. — panel discussion
 - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. — Reception in the O'Shaughnessy galleries, with artists speaking at 5:30 p.m.
- Call (574) 235-9102 for more information.

People to People

The La Porte chapter of People to People International will have its next dinner and program Sunday, Sept. 21, with Bruce Johnson giving a visual presentation on "The Art of China: From Beijing to Hong Kong."



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The public is invited. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 908 Jefferson Ave., La Porte, with the program starting around 1:30 p.m. The lunch costs \$10 and requires reservations by calling Mayme Stump at (219) 362-7268. The program, itself, is free.

Johnson will discuss calligraphy, jade carving, seals, snuff bottles, silk carpets, folk art, cloisonne, lacquer ware and tri-color pottery from the Tang Dynasty. Scenery from historic sites such as the Great Wall, Temple of Heaven, Yangtze River, the Chengdu Panda Sanctuary and the Terra-Cotta Warriors of Xian will be featured.

Upcoming programs include:

- Oct. 26 — Jennifer Gracyalny will share her experiences at the Children's International Summer Village in the Faeroe Islands.
- Nov. 16 — Ann Dill will discuss "Korea."

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“The Railway Man”

Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St., will show “The Railway Man” as part of its Fall Film Series at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.

The free showing is part of a collaboration between the library and Purdue University-North Central's Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series. The showing is free and open to the public.

“The Railway Man” is based on the memoir of Eric Lomax, a World War II British officer who was captured and tortured by the Japanese in 1942 and later worked to overcome the memories that tormented him.

Lomax died in 2012 at 93. Oscar-winner Colin Firth stars as Lomax, with Jeremy Irvine (“The War Horse”) playing him as a younger man. The film opens with Lomax on his deathbed and soon moves to 1980 when he meets and marries Patti, played by Oscar-winner Nicole Kidman. While a minor character in the film, Patti discovers Lomax suffers horrible nightmares and untreated Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. She learns from her husband's friend the depth of the horror he experienced as a prisoner of war. Through flashbacks, the audience sees what Lomax endured in captivity. Four decades after the war, Lomax is able to confront the man he deemed responsible for his torture.

The movie is rated R for images of violence and torture. Visit www.pnc.edu or contact Judy Jacobi, PNC assistant vice chancellor of marketing and campus relations, at (219) 785-5200, Ext. 5593, for more information.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

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

• **Fernwood photo contest exhibit opens Friday, Sept. 19.**

Local photographers have captured unique views of Fernwood's gardens, woods, wetlands and prairie. Photos are available for purchase. The opening reception is from 1 to 3 p.m. EDT Sunday, Sept. 21. The exhibit runs through Sunday, Oct. 19.

• **Chemistry for Kids from 10 a.m. to noon EDT Saturday, Sept. 20.**

Aimed at children 10-12, the class will focus on pH and surface tension, and experiments to test them. The cost is \$15, or \$12 for members. Register by Sept. 18.

• **Fall Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT Sept. 20-21.**

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Patti Tobin Davis' acrylic on canvas, “Spontaneous.”

Davis finds painting nature helps explore her priorities, beliefs and the natural world. Working primarily in acrylic paint on a variety of surfaces, including paper, illustration board and canvas, Davis has created more than 25 works, varying in size from as wide as 48 inches to as small as 12-inches square.

Davis graduated from the American Academy of Art and has been a graphic designer for more than 20 years. She lives in Highland with her husband and two daughters.

Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Visit www.southshoreartsonline.org for more information.



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The Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce's "Inspiring Women" luncheon is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the Blue Chip Casino Stardust Event Center.



The event's keynote speaker is Chef Brenda Hitchins, who will share her rise from part-time cleanup worker at a local bakery to executive chef at a major Las Vegas casino.

In 1993, Hitchins became the first woman named Chef of the Year by the American Culinary Federation, Las Vegas Chapter.

A former college basketball star, Hitchins was asked to cite a factor critical to her success in such a male-dominated field as the Vegas culinary scene. She replied, "Being 5'11 helped a lot!"

Today, Hitchins uses her skills helping young people as a culinary arts instructor at the Northwest Technical and Career Academy in Las Vegas. While in Michigan City, she will lead a workshop for A.K. Smith Career Center culinary arts students, who will create edible centerpieces for the luncheon tables.

The event is open to the public — men and women. The cost is \$27 per person for non-chamber chambermembers and includes lunch. Area businesses that sponsor a centerpiece or a culinary arts student for lunch will be recognized during the event.

Call (219) 874-6221 or visit MichiganCityChamber.com to register or for more information.

"Duo Piano" Concert

A "Duo Piano" concert on two grand pianos is at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at The Presbyterian Church of La Porte, 307 Kingsbury Ave., La Porte.

Andrew Remillard and Edward Swarthout from the Chicagoland area are the performers. Child care will be provided. A free-will offering and reception follow the concert.

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Constitution Day

Purdue University-North Central will observe Constitution Day with free activities Wednesday, Sept. 17, including a free showing of the Academy Award-winning movie, "Lincoln."

The schedule is:

- 11 a.m. — PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building, Room 144, Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln."

The drama starring Daniel Day-Lewis, who picked up his third Oscar as President Abraham Lincoln, and Sally Field as Mary Todd Lincoln, is based in part on Doris Kearns Goodwin's biography "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln." It details Lincoln's efforts in January 1865 to have the Thirteenth Amendment passed by the U.S. House of Representatives.

- 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — outside LSF Room 144.

The PNC College Republicans and College Democrats will pass out information, and eligible citizens will be able to register to vote.

Contact Michael Connolly, associate professor of history, at (219) 785-5618 or mconnolly@pnc.edu for more information.

Friends of NB Library Program

"Chemistry for Poets," the first program in the Friends of New Buffalo Township Library's community series, is from 6 to 8 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Sept. 23, in the library's Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St., New Buffalo, Mich.

The light-hearted lecture by Lake Michigan College's Timm Pschigoda reviews segments of chemistry that have relevance to day-to-day life, and without the math and infinite detail found in typical chemistry classes.

Answers will be given to questions such as: What does the warning to phenylketonurics on diet soda cans mean? What is an omega-3? Why does baby formula from China contain melamine? Why does peanut butter contain partially hydrogenated vegetable oil?

Call the library at (269) 469-2933 for additional information.

Recycling Sites Get Upgrades

Both of the La Porte County Solid Waste District's electronic recycling sites have been updated with new signage and spruced up to help residents better identify them.

The new signage, affixed to recycling trailers at 1027 Hitchcock Road in Michigan City and outside the Solid Waste District's La Porte office, 2857 W. Indiana 2, is designed to better attract attention and explain the types of electronic items accepted at the sites, Executive Director Clay Turner said.



La Porte County Solid Waste District Educator Alicia Ebaugh with the new signs for the district's electronic recycling sites.

The most common items include TVs, computers, stereos, DVD players and microwaves, he said. A longer list of accepted materials can be found at <http://www.solidwastedistrict.com/programs/computers.html>.

"We also wanted to make sure residents know we do not accept large appliances like refrigerators or stoves at these sites, and nothing that contains coolant like air conditioners or dehumidifiers," Turner said.

Both recycling trailers are open Monday through Friday, except for holidays. The hours in Michigan City are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and in La Porte from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Solid Waste District holds two 6-in-1 collections each year where appliances are accepted, along with tires, household hazardous waste, electronics, textiles and confidential document shredding. The next 6-in-1 collection is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at La Porte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2, La Porte.

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Westchester Public Library

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• **Ongoing registration for Strum a Chord, which starts Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

Veteran musician and teacher Frankie Cowan reveals how to enjoy music with children. Attendees can take guitars, ukuleles or autoharps. The target group is adults and young adults 14 and older. Call (219) 926-9080 to register.

• **News at Noon from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at Hageman Library.**

Chesterton Police Chief Dave Cincoski is the special guest.

• **Bookmarks at the Museum at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Susan Nichols will review Elin Hilderbrand's "The Matchmaker." Copies of the book are available at Thomas and Hageman libraries.

• **Friday Night at the Movies, "Muppets Most Wanted," at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The movie is rated PG. Copies are available for checkout at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton, and Hageman Library.

• **Free showing of "The Fault in Our Stars" at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Library Service Center.**

The movie is rated PG-13.

• **Sunday Matinee, "Draft Day" with Kevin Costner, at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at the Library Service Center.**

The movie is rated R for brief strong language.

Polish-American Cultural Society

The Michigan City Chapter of the Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at the former St. Mary's School, 321 W. 11th St., Michigan City.

The meeting will include a beginners' Polish language session, followed by informal discussion of Polish-related topics.

Call Theresa Child at (219) 464-1369 or email polamnwi@yahoo.com for more information.

Brauer Museum Lends Paintings

Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art will lend 12 paintings of the Indiana Dunes from its permanent collection to an exhibit in Germany titled "Frank V. Dudley und Karl Schickhardt, Bilder zweier Landschaften: Indiana Dunes und Schwäbische Alb."

The exhibit will run Sept. 25 through Nov. 9 at the Sülchgau-Museum in der Zehntscheuer in the city of Rottenburg am Neckar. It pairs the works of Dunes painter Frank V. Dudley (1868-1957) with those of the German landscape by Karl Schickhardt (1866-1933).



Frank Dudley's oil on canvas, "Tremont."

The exhibit came about through the Eberle Foundation, Sarah DeMaris (VU professor of foreign languages and literatures, and former director of the Kade-Duesenberg German House), Rottenburg cultural ambassador Karlheinz Geppert and the Brauer Museum.

DeMaris and Brauer Museum Director/Curator Gregg Hertzlieb will give lectures at the exhibit: Hertzlieb on Sept. 24 and DeMaris on Nov. 4.

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KAC "Local Icons" Exhibit

The Krasl Art Center Members' Show, "Local Icons," will highlight people, places and things important to participating artists.

In conjunction with the exhibit, KAC faculty member Josh Mason will facilitate a collaborative art project open to community participation in the artlab gallery.

The public is invited to work with Mason in the artlab during a hands-on studio night at 7 p.m. EDT Thursday, Sept. 18. An opening party celebrating the premiere of both exhibits is from 6 to 8 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept. 19. Select artists will speak about the art on view, while refreshments, wine and beer will be available. Artwork will be available for sale.

Both exhibits, located at the center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich., are free and run through Nov. 2.

Related offerings include:

- Coffee with the Curator at 9 a.m. EDT Monday, Sept. 22.

The program for Krasl Art Center members and volunteers, led by Curator Tami Miller, offers insights into the art on view in galleries.

- Artist Slideshow and Potluck from 7 to 9 p.m. EDT Thursday, Oct. 2.

Visitors can show images of their work and share a favorite dish with fellow artists and art-lovers during the free event. Take a zip drive with images and be prepared to speak for five minutes. If you don't have art to show, take an extra dish. RSVP by calling (269) 983-0271 or email education@krasl.org

Visit www.krasl.org for more information.

St. Ann Giant Rummage Sale

St. Ann of the Dunes Catholic Church will have a giant rummage sale Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20-21, next to Von Tobel's Lumber & Hardware, 325 U.S. 20.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Sale items include furniture, sporting goods, kitchen items and a designer boutique.



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Women's Leadership Council Kickoff

The Women's Leadership Council of La Porte County United Way held its kickoff event, "Wine, Women and Impact," on Thursday, Aug. 7, at Michigan City's Shady Creek Winery.

More than 40 philanthropic, professional women attended to help the WLC kick off its new women's leadership group. Attendees offered suggestions for improving La Porte County and learned more about the council's mission, which is "to mobilize the power of women's philanthropy to advance the common good in our community."

Attendees heard an introduction of the Women's Leadership Council from Kris Pate, La Porte County United Way executive director, and additional comments from Sharon Wright, commercial lender at Horizon Bank, Bobbi Petru, director of the Community Chapter of the American Red Cross, and Alexis Pontius, Lakeshore Foods vice president, who collectively serve as the WLC Steering Committee.

Wright shared these facts:

- Single women donate almost twice as much as single men.
- Married women give more than both single and married men.
- Women are 43 percent of the nation's top wealth holders, and give an average of 3.5 percent of their wealth to a charity, whereas men give an average of 1.8 percent.

The Women's Leadership Council hopes to build its membership as the 2015 La Porte United Way campaign kicks off this fall.

Women interested in becoming part of the council can visit UnitedWayLPC.org/WomensLeadership-Council or contact Valerie Lambert at (219) 210-3534, Ext. 11.



Kris Pate (left), United Way of La Porte County executive director, and Alexis Pontius, Lakeshore Foods vice president and Women's Leadership Council Steering Committee member, speak at the "Wine, Women and Impact" event.

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NIHRMA Annual Conference

“Adapting to the 21st Century Workforce” is from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, in the Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa Orleans Ballroom, 777 Blue Chip Drive, Michigan City.

Presented through Northern Indiana Human Resource Management Association, and sponsored by General Insurance Services and IU Health La Porte Hospital, the cost is \$40 for members and \$55 for non-members.

The program includes:

- “Advancing Manufacturing & The Workforce Skills Gap” by Susan Ely of Ivy Tech.
- “Successful Occupational Health Strategies” by Ron Knickrehm of IU Health La Porte Hospital.
- “Change Management & Employee Engagement” by keynote speaker Bill Clohessy.
- Legislative and legal update by Mark Phillips and/or Nick Otis of Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones.

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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Saturday, Sept. 20

- **10 a.m. — Sassafras Saunter.**

View the early fall colors during the short stroll from the Nature Center.

- **2 p.m. — Nature Crafts.**

Meet a naturalist at the Nature Center for a special project.

Sunday, Sept. 21

- **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.

- **2 p.m. — A Cacti Crawl.**

Meet at the Beach Pavilion for a look at the prickly pear. The program lasts about one hour.

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

Scandiana Lodge — Sons of Norway

Anyone of Scandinavian descent, or is interested in Scandinavian countries, is invited to Scandiana Lodge — Sons of Norway at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

A carry-in dinner will be served. Members are asked to take tableware and a dish to share. Coffee and punch will be provided. Call (219) 221-6641 or (219) 324-2327 for additional information.

“Painting the Dunes En Plein Air”



Mark VanderVenne will offer a “Painting the Dunes En Plein Air” oil-painting workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26-27.

The workshop will focus on capturing the essence of a scene on location in Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Students work with a limited palette in oils, and discuss what to paint and how to quickly get the essential elements of a scene onto the canvas.

An outdoor easel is required, and each participant must have some drawing experience. Students, however, do not need oil painting experience to participate. A materials list will be provided.

The cost is \$140 for members and \$165 for non-members. Contact Chesterton Art Center at (219) 926-4711 to register. Visit www.chestertonart.com for more information.

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Waitress New R.O.S.E. Winner



Irene Hay, member of the wait staff at Crawford's Pub and Eatery in Michigan City, was named Visit Michigan City La Porte's July Recognition of Service Excellence winner.

The nominating customer wrote, "She was awesome. The PERFECT example of what a server should be. It felt as if we were being served by a best friend, rather than

somebody receiving compensation for their time. In fact, we will be back because of her. Amazing!"

Hay, who has been at Crawford's for almost a year, said, "I always want my guests to feel like they are a part of my family.

"I was very surprised to receive this award."

Hay received a framed certificate and rose corsage with a \$100 bill folded inside. She will be invited to the annual R.O.S.E. luncheon in the spring, when she will be considered for additional awards. She will be nominated for Indiana's annual Hoosier Hospitality Award.

Field Trip Grant Benefits Students

Three La Porte County schools are among the 20 from Indiana this academic year who will learn about the outdoors thanks in part to a grant program that supports field trips to Indiana state parks and reservoirs.

The Discovering the Outdoors Field Trip Grant Program is for public, private, parochial or home-school educators and is administered through the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation, the supporting non-profit of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The three area schools, all headed to Indiana Dunes State Park, are:

- Edgewood Elementary School, Michigan City, which will reach 58 adults and kindergartners.
- Westville High School, Westville, which will reach 30 adults and children through the Natural Resources Management Class.
- Westville Elementary School, Westville, which will reach 60 adults and fourth-graders.

The grants fund transportation costs, program fees and classroom supplies related to preparation or follow-up for the field trips.

More than 1,500 K-12 students will benefit from the grant program in 2014-2015, with \$5,125 to be distributed through 23 grants. All valid applicants will receive funds this year.

This is the second academic year the grant program has been in effect. Last year, it awarded \$4,411 through 19 grants to 16 schools, benefiting about 1,400 children.

The fund was established in memory of Tom Huck, a longtime DNR employee who was an ardent supporter of outdoor experiences for children, with financial help from the Indiana Master Naturalist Advisory Council. Visit IndianaNRF.org to donate.

Indiana has 24 state parks and eight reservoirs eligible for field trip funding.

Impact of Grand Prix Announced

Visit Michigan City La Porte announced the Sixth annual Great Lakes Grand Prix set a record for attendance and economic impact.

According to a report provided by Certec Inc., the three-day off-shore racing event brought in \$7,992,890 in total revenue, \$2.1 million in tax revenue and \$1.8 million in jobs (wages).

Attendees for the three days totaled 155,000, including the Taste of Michigan City on Friday (9,000), the parade, Taste, block party and race events on Saturday (60,000) and the race and associated activities on Sunday (80,000).

Due to the event's continued success, Super Boat International has agreed to open up discussions extending the current contract, said Jack Arnett, Visit Michigan City La Porte executive director.



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Low Putts: Roxanne Warble

"C" Flight

Event: Marge Walsh
Low Gross: Mary Weithers
Low Net: Rima Binder
Low Putts: Mary Weithers

"D" Flight

Event: Barbara Beardslee
Low Gross: Barbara Beardslee

Sunken Approach

Mary Sheridan Holes 8 and 13
 Susan Keeley Hole 4
 Mary Weithers Hole 10

Helping Save the Dunes

Bartlett's, 131 E. Dunes Highway, Beverly Shores, raised more than \$1,000 in ticket sales, donations and raffles to benefit Save the Dunes during its Sixth Annual Beer Fest on Sunday, Sept. 7. An estimated 150 people filled Bartlett's back deck and screened-in porch to sample area brews, beers and a buffet. Peter Nye and Dan Moser (pictured) played bluegrass favorites. A painting of the dunes by the late Dale Landsman, a longtime Long Beach resident, was raffled off. More information about Save the Dunes is available at savedunes.org

Blood Drive

Juniors Natalie Riley and Jailah Blakely check in donors as Marquette Catholic High School's National Honor Society hosted an American Red Cross blood drive Sept. 12 in the Richard and Louise Scholl Student Center.

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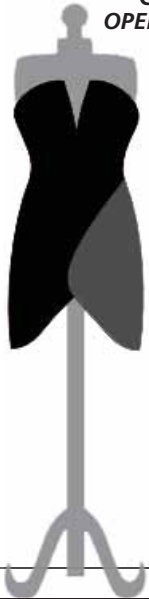
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September 18 — Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St., Michigan City. Suggested donation: \$5, \$2/students. Info: (219) 874-6809.

September 19 — Indiana University's Another Round Concert, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 450 W. County Road 100 North, Valparaiso. Tickets/info: Taltree.org, (219) 462-0025.

September 19 — Harmony House/CASA 20th annual wine- and food-tasting event, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Tryon Farm, 1400 Tryon Road, Michigan City. Tickets/info: (219) 324-3385, mfritzen@lpcasa.com, www.lpcasa.com

September 19 — Bookmarks: Elin Hilderbrand's "The Matchmaker," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

September 19 — 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.

September 19 — Reception, "ND Alumni: Sculptors and Professors," 5-7 p.m. EDT, South Bend Museum of Art in The Century Center, 120 S. St. Joseph St. Info: (574) 235-9102.

September 20 — 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.

September 20 — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

September 20 — Adopt-a-Beach, 9 a.m.-noon, Washington Park. Pre-registration: www.greatlakesadopt.org, or register at event. Info: (219) 873-1506.

September 20 — "Our Duneland Heritage: Apple Program at Chellberg Farm," 1-4 p.m. Chellberg Farm is off Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

September 20 — Free showing, "The Fault in Our Stars," 5 p.m., Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

September 20-21 — 6th Annual Celebration of the Arts, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat./11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun., The Schoolhouse Shop, 278 E. County Road 1500 North, Furnessville. Free.

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September 20-21 — Dunes Country Quilters sixth Harvest of Quilts, NECA/IBEW Community Service Center, 301 E. Eighth St. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat./9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. \$5 entry fee. Info: dunes_country_quilters@yahoo.com, weinig@comcast.net

September 21 — Films on DVD Series: "The Railway Man," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

September 21 — "Duo Piano" concert, 4 p.m., The Presbyterian Church of La Porte, 307 Kingsbury Ave., La Porte. Free-will offering. Info: (219) 362-6219, www.LaPortePresbyterianFineArts.org

September 23 — "Chemistry for Poets," 6-8 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St., New Buffalo, Mich. Info: (269) 469-2933.

Mondays — Codependents Anonymous (CoDA), 6 p.m., Franciscan Alliance-St. Anthony Health. Info: (219) 879-3817

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

Farther Afield:

September 18 — Artist reception, Robin Maxon's watercolors, 6-8 p.m. EDT, The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph, Mich. Info: www.innatharborshores.com, (269) 983-1111.

September 19 — Opening reception, new exhibits, 6-8 p.m. EDT, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: www.krasl.org

September 20 — 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

September 20-21 — Ninth annual Autumn Air fall festival, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Cost: free/Fernwood & WNIT members, regular admission prices/public. Info: www.fernwoodbotanical.org, (269) 695-6491.

September 21 — Deep River Grinders vs. Champion Hilltoppers, 2 p.m., Deep River County Park, 9410 Old Lincoln Highway, Hobart.

Through September 21 — "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," Crown Point Community Theatre, 1125 Merrillville Road. Times: 8 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15 general admission, \$12 students/seniors/military personnel with ID. Info/reservations: cpct.biz, (219) 805-4255.

Through October 26 — South Shore Arts 71st Annual Salon Show, The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., noon-4 p.m. Sun. Free. Info: www.southshoreartsonline.org

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this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once 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.



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



On September 18, 1769, the *Boston Gazette* reported that the first piano made in this country was a spinet, with a three-to-four-octave range, manufactured by one John Harris.

On September 18, 1793, President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the Capitol Building in Washington.

On September 18, 1851, the *New York Times*, founded by George Jones and Henry Raymond, went on sale for two cents a copy.

On September 18, 1927, the Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later called CBS), debuted with a network of 16 radio stations.

On September 18, 1947, the U.S. Air Force was established as a separate branch of the military.

On September 18, 1969, at least 275 people were injured when a Chicago elevated train, on a curve near 40th Street and Indiana Avenue, rammed into another train.

On September 18, 1970, well known rock guitarist Jimi Hendrix died, in London from a drug overdose, at the age of 27.

On September 19, 1356, at Poitiers, France, Prince Edward (the Black Prince), the most famous warrior in English history, not only defeated the French Army, but also captured their king in the process.

On September 19, 1881, President James A. Garfield died from wounds inflicted by an assassin's bullet.

On September 19, 1906, Mark Twain said there were "only two forces that can carry light to all the corners of the globe...the sun in the heavens and The Associated Press down here."

On September 19, 1928, Americans were introduced to Mickey Mouse when Walt Disney's "Steamboat Willie" opened at New York's Colony Theater.

On September 19, 1970, "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" debuted on CBS.

On September 19, 1971, the Bears opened Soldier Field by defeating the Pittsburgh Steelers, 17-15.

On September 20, 1963, President John F. Kennedy went before the United Nations to propose a joint U.S.-Soviet expedition to the moon.

On September 20, 1973, in a tennis match that was ballyhooed as the "Battle of the Sexes," Billy Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs before a huge crowd, as well as a national television audience, in Houston's Astrodome.

On September 20, 1995, AT&T Corp. announced it

was splitting into three companies.

On September 20, 1995, the House voted to drop the national speed limit and let states decide how fast people should drive.

On September 21, 1784, the *Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser*, the first daily newspaper to be published in the United States, made its appearance in Philadelphia.

On September 21, 1897, the editor of the "New York Sun," in response to a letter written by eight-year old Virginia O'Hanlon, wrote one of the all-time favorite editorials, titled "Is There a Santa Claus?" "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist..."

On September 21, 1937, "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien, was published.

On September 21, 1950, actor Bill Murray was born in Evanston, Ill.

On September 21, 1970, "NFL Monday Night Football" debuted on ABC.

On September 22, 1862, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

On September 22, 1927, in the famous "long count" fight at Soldier Field in Chicago, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavyweight boxing title against former champion Jack Dempsey.

On September 22, 1964, the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" (which would survive for 3,242 performances) opened on Broadway.

On September 22, 1964, "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." premiered on NBC.

On September 22, 1985, dozens of rock and country artists staged "Farm-Aid," a 14-hour concert in Champaign, IL, to aid debt-ridden U.S. farmers.

On September 22, 2005, John Roberts' nomination as chief justice cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee on a bipartisan vote of 13-5.

On September 23, 1912, the first Mack Sennett "Keystone Comedy" motion picture was released.

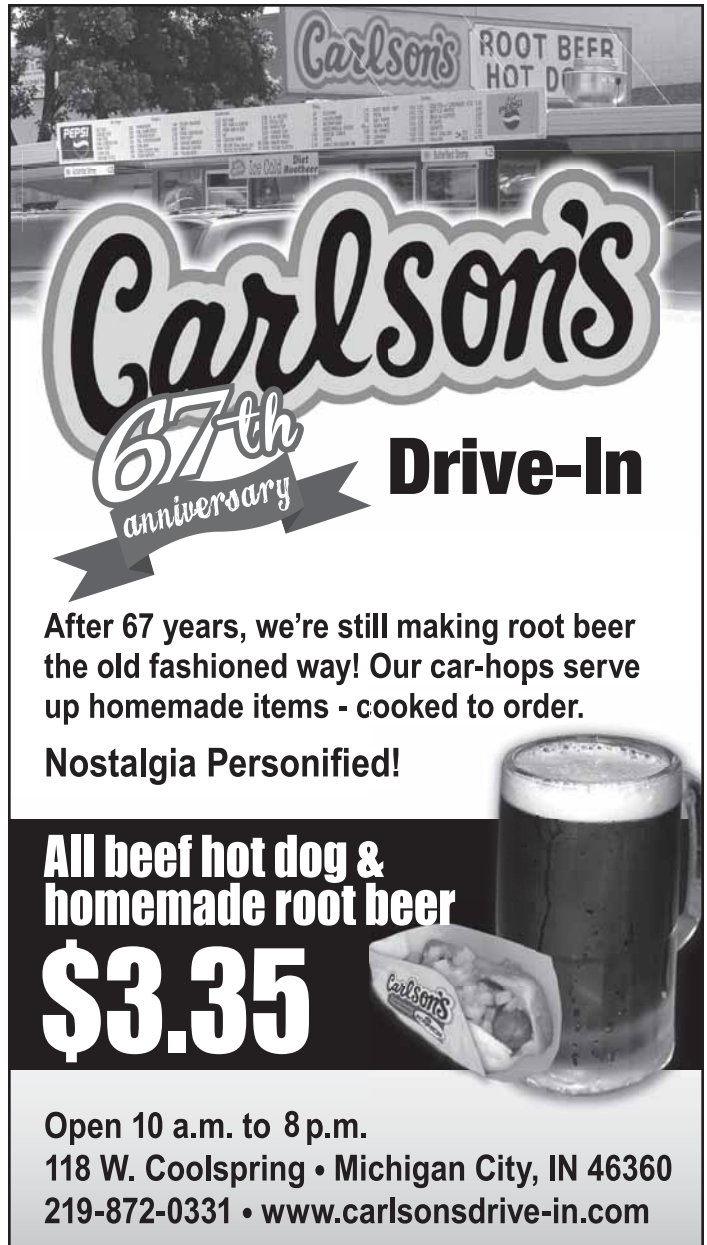
On September 23, 1952, Richard Nixon delivered the "Checkers" speech.

On September 24, 1929, in the first "blind" (all-instrument) flight, Lt. James Doolittle piloted a Consolidated NY2 biplane over New York's Mitchell Field.

On September 24, 1934, at New York's Yankee Stadium, Babe Ruth (the Sultan of Swat) made his final appearance as a player with the New York Yankees.

On September 24, 1960, the *USS Enterprise*, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, was launched at Newport News, VA.

On September 24, 1984, the Chicago Cubs clinched the National League's Eastern Division title by beating the Pittsburgh Pirates 4 to 1.



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Deep River Grinders

The Deep River Grinders will play the Champion Hilltoppers at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, 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 Grinder Field across the river from the Grist Mill.

Deep River County Park is located at 9410 Old Lincoln Highway, Hobart.

Dancing Feet Yoga Workshop

Kathi Flanagan will lead a workshop to build core strength to alleviate and/or prevent low back pain from 1:30 to 5 p.m. EDT Saturday, Sept. 27, at Dancing Feet Yoga, 19135 U.S. 12, New Buffalo, Mich.

The focus is understanding correct muscle engagement and strengthening techniques, which lead to well-organized whole-body movement.

The workshop is limited to 15 students. Visit www.dancingfeetyoga.com or call (269) 469-1966 for more information.

Watercolor Class

Dick Church will offer a six-week Beginning/Intermediate Watercolor Class starting from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 19, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Church will lead students through a variety of watercolor techniques.

The cost is \$60 for members and \$65 for non-members. Supplies are not included. Church will discuss supplies with all beginners.

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

Unity Has Funding Opportunity

The Unity Foundation of La Porte County is part of a network of Northwest Indiana foundations invited by Lilly Endowment Inc. to apply for funding under Phase VI of the Endowment's GIFT initiative.

The program allows the Unity Foundation of La Porte County, Legacy Foundation, Porter County Community Foundation and Crown Point Community Foundation to collectively apply for up to \$4.5 million as a match for new contributions to them through March 31, 2016. Qualified matching awards are determined by county populations. Unity Foundation will qualify for \$1 million.

Since 1990, the number of community foundations has grown from about a dozen to 94 funds throughout Indiana. Together, they make grants to support local charitable organizations in all of Indiana's 92 counties. During the same period, the aggregate value of assets of Indiana community foundations that have regularly participated in GIFT has increased from about \$30 million to nearly \$2 billion, and those community foundations have paid grants totaling more than \$915 million. The total amount the Endowment has provided during this time period for asset-building grants has been approximately \$258 million.

The matching incentives are more favorable for unrestricted gifts to support each foundation's community fund. However, the match also is available for contributions to new or existing endowment funds. Each foundation is determining its specific plans for how best to meet the match, taking into consideration the needs of their county and the philanthropic interests of their donors.

Visit www.uflc.net or call (219) 879-0327 for additional information.

Kiwanis Club Peanut Day

The Kiwanis Club of La Porte will host its annual Peanut Day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, in front of the La Porte Post Office and Kroger.

Proceeds support local programs and events.

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The Purdue University-North Central Office of Graduate and Extended Learning and Department of Communication will offer two Video Editing Bootcamps.

The non-credit lifelong learning programs will meet from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 6-20. The registration deadline is 4 p.m. Sept. 30.

Participants learn basic shooting and editing skills, as well as other techniques necessary to create short videos that can be shared through mediums such as facebook and YouTube.

The instructor is PNC Associate Professor of Communication Jeff Shires. An advanced video-editing seminar will be offered in November.

The registration fee is \$165 per person. Special rates are available for PNC students, alumni and employees. PNC will provide the video equipment and software. Shires recommends participants bring devices they intend to use to capture video footage after the program ends so he can teach them how to maximize their capabilities. That might include camcorders, smartphones, camera phones or flip cameras.

Visit <http://www.pnc.edu/gel> or contact the PNC Office of Graduate and Extended Learning at (219) 785-5343 for more information.

MQT Students to Attend Presentation

Marquette Catholic High School announced that students enrolled in the school's Advance College Project Government class, taught by Dick Schaefer, will attend a special presentation of oral arguments to the Indiana Court of Appeals held at Michigan City High School.

In Marquette's ACP Government class, students examine various elements of the U.S. political system. In-depth attention is given to: foundations of American government, citizenship and civil liberties; public participation and interaction with the government (political parties, elections, interest groups, public opinion, mass media); the legislative branch, executive branch and judicial branch; federal bureaucracy; and public policies and services (foreign and domestic policies, national defense, taxing, spending).

The program, "Appeals on Wheels," will be at MCHS. The Indiana Court of Appeals periodically conducts oral arguments in various high schools throughout the state to give students the chance to witness something they ordinarily wouldn't experience. Students also can ask questions of the judges, but not anything about the particular case being argued the day of the trip.

Duneland Historical Society

The Duneland Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, in the Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Westchester Township History Museum Curator Serena Sutliff will reveal how the Prairie Club helped create Indiana Dunes State Park.

The Prairie Club began as a group of Chicagoans who enjoyed nature walks in the dunes and became a force in the movement to conserve the dunes as a national park. When other national concerns impeded their plans for a national park, the club turned its attention to the new Indiana State Park system and helped create Indiana Dunes State Park.

The presentation will include numerous photographs from the Prairie Club Archives, which are housed at the museum.

All Historical Society monthly programs are free to the public. Membership applications will be available at the presentation. Contact (219) 983-9715 for more information.

Stained Glass Exhibit

The Village Gallery at Pines Village Retirement Communities will present stained glass works by Judy Gregurich through Oct. 23.

Gallery hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pines Village is located at 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso. Call (219) 465-1591 for more information.



Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The 6th Extinction by James Rollins (hardcover, \$27.99 retail online and in bookstores)

With authors like Clive Cussler, Preston & Child and James Rollins, you can always be sure of a fast-paced, mind-blowing adventure that combines history, science and evil geniuses.

Let me tell you, this week's offering from Rollins is no exception.

In his forward, Rollins explains there have been five major extinctions on Earth. The first happened 400 million years ago when most marine life died off. The fifth, most recent extinction was the death of the dinosaurs and the beginning of the age of mammals. Now, some in the scientific community think we're on the brink of another mass extinction due to man's stupidity and greed. How will we handle it?

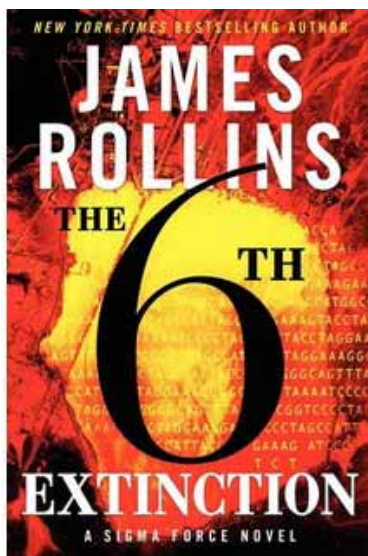
Our story begins in Yosemite National Park when a distress call is received by the local ranger station. It's from a military research station located deep in the park, part of the U.S. Army Test Command. It's a frantic voice that orders, "*There's been a breach. Fail-safe initiated. No matter the outcome: Kill us... kill us all.*"

The call is patched through to Ranger Jenna Beck, who decides to go up to the station and investigate. As she enters the gate, she sees a helicopter rise and speed off, followed by an eruption of fire and smoke. Jenna makes a hasty exit as her instincts tell her not to let that black wall of smoke reach her.

Meantime, Sigma Force, a covert wing of Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), is contacted. By that time, every living thing, including the lab personnel, plants, animals, insects and even bacteria in a 50-mile radius, is dead. And it — whatever it is — is still spreading.

How to stop it? First of all, you must know what you're dealing with. Jenna meets with Sigma Force and helps determine that Dr. Kendall Hess, head of the research station, was taken away on the helicopter, and by what Jenna could see, he was kidnapped. They must get him back to find out what experiments the station was working on.

Now we get motoring into the heart of this fascinating story. Sigma Force finds clues leading all the way back in time to ancient maps, the voyage of Charles Darwin aboard the HMS Beagle, to Nazi exploration of Antarctica. That's a lot of history, and there's a lot of scientific talk, but it will all become crystal clear once you meet Dr. Elwes Cutter, the man who kidnapped Dr. Hess and believes in the



law of the jungle — survival of the fittest. In fact, the project he's working on is called Neogenesis: essentially, a new Eden. Dr. Hess has the missing link necessary for Dr. Cutter to complete his master plan. Did I mention that Jenna is kidnapped, too? She's Dr. Cutter's insurance that Dr. Hess will cooperate.

You will be amazed by how this story leads to the South Pole and the discovery of underground caverns, and to the deepest part of the Brazilian jungle where, on the top of a plateau, Dr. Cutter tries to oversee his new world plan.

Each exciting chapter ends in a cliffhanger, leaving your mouth hanging wide open as Sigma Force tracks down Dr. Cutter and the fate of Dr. Hess.

There is sound scientific reasoning behind this story that Rollins gives at the end of his tale, based on extensive research of his own. There is a chapter on his dissection of "truth verses fiction," explaining how there is a deep divide in the scientific community. Are we, indeed, heading for a sixth extinction? Or, has it already started. And, do we try to stop this pending extinction, or do we welcome it?

Rollins quotes Carl Sagan as saying, "*Extinction is the rule. Survival is the exception.*"

The subject matter will certainly give you pause for thought, while the story, told at breakneck speed, will let your imagination wings soar!

The Huffington Post said: "*The 6th Extinction* is a thrilling novel that not only entertains, but makes the reader think a great deal."

Cynde Suite of *Library Journal* gave a starred review, saying: "Bestselling author Rollins has again crafted an excellent nail-biting thriller that all action adventure readers will love...and the creatures the team encounter are frighteningly possible!"

And from Sciencethrillers.com: "If you're a fan of science-themed or techno-thrillers but you don't know author James Rollins and the Sigma Force series, it's past time to join the party."

I couldn't agree more!

Till next time, happy reading!



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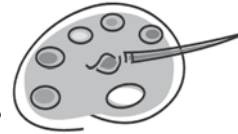
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