



A Baseball Life

by Matthew Werner

Glen Rosenbaum displays the many jerseys he's amassed over the years. Photo by Bob Wellinski

Last October, I was driving a combine across a cornfield. Glen Rosenbaum sat in the jump seat next to me. He leaned forward and peered down through the glass, past the thrashing cornstalks that fed into the machine.

"This is muck, isn't it," he said, referring to the black, powdery soil.

"It is," I replied.

Glen smiled.

"This is the same kind of ground I was cultivating corn in when Dad showed up with the scout from the White Sox. Boy, I'll never forget that. He was all dressed up: suit, nice shoes perfectly shined, standing out there in that black dirt like baby powder clinging to everything.

I thought how awful it was to be standing out there in that dirt with those nice clothes on."

"Do you remember his name?"

"Johnny Mostil. He was the Midwestern scout for the White Sox in the '50s. Probably the best center fielder the Sox ever had. Might be the only center fielder to catch a foul ball."

Legend held that Mostil outran left fielder Bibb Falk to snag a foul ball during a spring exhibition game in 1925. Many credited him with saving Charlie Robertson's perfect game in 1922 and Ted Lyons' no-hitter in 1926. "It was like turning a rabbit loose when the ball was hit out to center field," Lyons said of

Editor's note

Starting today, *The Beacher* kicks off an ongoing series that celebrates America's favorite pastime and its local legends. Written by Matthew Werner, William Halliar and guest columnists, the articles will continue through the World Series.

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Ray and Glen Rosenbaum play catch together as children in the 1940s at their Union Mills farm.

Mostil's agility.

The combine rumbled on.

"He probably stood in a lot of cornfields in his career and didn't think much of it," I said.

Glen laughed, "Probably."

The year was 1954, and Glen farmed with his dad outside of Union Mills. Ten days earlier, Glen had no ideas of playing professional baseball. He thought he'd just farm until he figured something else out. Then, Mostil showed up and offered a poor, skinny farm boy a contract to join the Chicago White Sox Baseball Club. But Glen's baseball life started 16 years earlier.

His mother, Dorothy, often noted that when Glen was still a toddler, he found a small rubber ball, and no sooner could he walk than he was throwing it everywhere around the house. Five years later, he got his first baseball glove.

"It wasn't much of a glove," he recalled. "It was like cardboard. I remember one Christmas, we had two ball gloves under the Christmas tree and I latched onto the best one, and here it was for a left hander."

Glen was right-handed, but his older brother, Ray, was a lefty.

"It took Ray a long time to convince me that it was his, because it was nice leather and mine was still the cheap stuff," he said. "He

was trying to show me what hand I threw with, and that glove went on my throwing hand what hand he threw with, and that is the reason that it was his glove. He had to explain it to me."

Ray was four years older and a talented athlete. In addition to pitching for the Union Mills Millers in high school, he led his basketball team to a Sectional championship, was named the La Porte County basketball MVP in 1950 and played baseball for Purdue University. Before that, Ray and Glen were perpetual teammates in the barnyard. That Christmas morning, he and Ray pulled on their five-buckle galoshes and dashed outside.

"We stood in the snow in the yard — Christmas morning, colder than blazes — playing catch trying out those new gloves."

Basketball typically dominated the winter months, but come summer, it was baseball season.

"We played baseball about every day of the season when it was warm," Glen said. When they finished the afternoon milking, Glen, Ray and two neighboring farm boys played at the Rosenbaum farm. "We would have a ball game every night. Dad got tired of putting glass in the windows on the east side of the barn, so we just put shingles over it to keep the cold out."

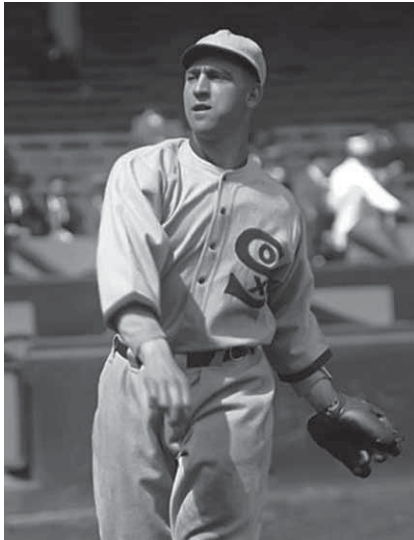
No spare moment went unfilled. During planting season, Ray and Glen played catch at the end of the field. When their dad reached the end of the field



Glen (right) and Ray Rosenbaum, together with their father.

with the planter, he stopped the tractor, turned in his seat and watched his boys as they threw off their gloves and used buckets to fill the planter with dry fertilizer. When the tractor took off, the boys slid their hands back into their gloves and the game resumed. "That was the ritual," Glen said. "Every free second was playing catch." The boys wore out their gloves, and their dad bought new ones. When Ray developed into a pitcher, he bought a catcher's mitt.

"The first catcher's mitt was synthetic, probably half cardboard, and after I used it for a month or two, each catch you would see dust fly out of the mitt," he said. "I was finally complaining to Dad that my hand was stinging. One day when he was in La Porte, he came home with a beautiful Rawlings Walker Cooper model catcher's mitt — it was probably 50 bucks — and a new baseball. Holy cow! I would catch with Ray every night. When I got a little older, Ray would take his turn and catch me, and that is when he taught me to throw the curveballs."



Before becoming a scout, Johnny Mostil played for the White Sox.

Ray was a hard-throwing left-hander with a wicked curveball that seemed to fall out of the sky, and he taught Glen how to make the ball dance and dive on its way to the plate. Glen was 13 years old, but the barnyard games were his only outlet to use his breaking ball.

"There was no organized ball, Little League or anything, those days. We would play a ball game every day at recess," he said. "We would just toss the ball so the guys could hit it. I didn't pitch — I always played shortstop."

The small county high schools played baseball in the fall in those days. In the fall of 1949, Ray Rosenbaum threw back-to-back no-hitters during the season and a shut-out game that won the La Porte County baseball championship. The following spring, Ray graduated and went to Purdue University on a baseball scholarship. In the fall of 1950, Glen started his freshman year of high school and joined the baseball team.

"That was the first organized baseball," he said, "and I just started pitching. I never really hit or pitched until I got into high school."

The coach, Park Sanders, knew Glen and Ray had played together for years, so he put him on the

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pitcher's mound. "I ended up pitching most of the conference games and then pitched the championship game at Michigan City," Glen said.

Union Mills' baseball field, like the rest of the county school fields, was dismal. The backstop consisted of crooked lumber, fencing and chicken wire acquired from the local farm supply store. Crabgrass sprouted around home plate.

"The mound was a couple of holes. It wasn't a mound — it was like throwing uphill," Glen said. The La Porte County baseball championship took place at Ames Field in Michigan City. "That was a big thrill," Glen said. "I can't remember there being much of a mound there, but at least it was smooth."

October 1950, Glen, then a skinny freshman, took the mound and won the Union Mills Millers' final game of the season to capture the school's second consecutive La Porte County baseball championship.

"I was in eighth grade before I weighed 100 pounds. I guess it was enough to get by," Glen said, smiling. "The curveball is what did it. They couldn't hit the curveball."

In the following years, Glen played American Legion baseball in the summer. Every Sunday, he'd go to a baseball field and play against teams hosted by various small town posts. When farm work got heavy, there were few boys available to play, but Glen always showed up, and his dad supported him as long as he worked.

"One Sunday, we were combining wheat. He let me go, but the second that the game was over, I flew back home and headed out to the field and drove the combine," he said. "A lot of times, we would

just have nine guys. It was semi-organized."

Most of the boys' baseball training occurred in backyards, on dusty roads and hay fields during the summer months. For 14 Sundays, the boys played games for their local American Legion posts. When school resumed in September, they were ready for

the high school season to begin. Good thing, because there wasn't much time for actual practice. During physical education class in the middle of the day, the team threw a baseball around, practiced batting, caught pop-ups and fielded grounders. After school, most of the boys raced home to do chores on the farm.

Union Mills High School's baseball team was a rag-tag

bunch. Glen once threw a pitch wide outside, but the catcher didn't reposition himself or stab at it with his mitt. Instead, he reached out his bare hand, snagged the ball out of the air and tossed it back to the mound. Coach Sanders gave up trying to get him to wear a chest protector and shin guards most of the time.

There was no money for uniforms. The boys wore mismatched sweatshirts and three-quarter length T-shirts. One boy wore a basketball warm-up shirt. They wore hats in five or six different colors. Glen's senior year, someone went to a baseball game in Chicago and bought a couple Milwaukee Braves caps. At least it had a giant M on it for Millers.

Their appearance didn't affect their play on the

field. In Glen's four years of high school baseball, he lost just one game as a pitcher. In October 1953, Glen pitched a no-hitter, and the Union Mills Millers won the county championship for the fifth straight year. A Rosenbaum — first Ray, then Glen — pitched every one of those games.

"I had a no-hitter that day, but Paul Vince messed up a little soft ground ball, and so that was the



Glen Rosenbaum (center), with coach Park Sanders (center, right), celebrating at the Union Mills county baseball tournament on Oct. 10, 1953.



Chicago's Comiskey Park.

only guy that got on base; otherwise, it would have been a perfect game," Glen said.

That was no cheap dig on a former teammate. Glen remembers the details of many important games and life events like they happened yesterday. More than once, he recalled the inning, the number of outs, the name of the batter and the pitch count of a play that occurred decades ago.

Two days after winning the La Porte County baseball championship, two men walked into the principal's office at Union Mills school. They'd seen Glen pitch on Saturday and asked to talk to him. During lunch hour, the principal introduced them. The two men told Glen they wanted him to play for the La Porte Cubs the next summer. Sure, why not? He was a 17-year-old kid whose baseball career had ended, or so he thought. The Cubs were part of the Northern Indiana League that consisted of amateur teams in La Porte, Elkhart, South Bend and Michigan City. Indiana State Prison had a team in the league as well.

"That was an experience," Glen said about playing the prison team. "You have to go through a lot of clanging doors to get in. When you got past the final security, we walked down through a cellblock, there were cells on both sides and prisoners were all shaking the bars, yelling, 'You better kick their asses!' because they hated these guys that got to play ball. They would tell us they bet their cigarettes on us.



An aerial view of Indiana State Prison, with its baseball diamond visible.

You just walked straight, didn't look around much and finally you would get out on the field."

Once there, Glen surveyed the grounds. Giant stone walls enveloped the yard, and manned guard towers looked down on the playing field. After taking batting practice, the spectators filed out of the prison and sat in the stands. The prisoners hooted and hollered in the bleachers.

"We would score a run," he said, "and they would just go crazy in the stands rooting for us."

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One Sunday afternoon, the prison team visited the La Porte Cubs at Fox Park.

"They had guards down the left field line and the right field line, so the guys couldn't take off and bolt."

In Glen's second game with the Cubs, the umpire, Gadget Ward, approached him after the game. "Have you ever thought about playing pro ball?" Ward asked. He had a friend who scouted for the Chicago White Sox, he said. "Would it be alright if I gave him a call and have him maybe come watch you pitch?"

Sure, why not?

The following Sunday, Glen pitched in Elkhart. During the fourth inning, Doug Minor, a scout for the Chicago White Sox Baseball Club, handed Glen a business card and said, "Be at Comiskey Park Tuesday for a tryout." Then he left.

"We won that day," Glen said. "We beat them 4 - 0. I remember coming home and I showed (Minor's) card to Mom and Dad. We stood out there in the yard between the barn and the house, and Mom was there and we talked, and so then we started to try and figure out how to get to Comiskey Park. How we were going to get that done."

None of the family had driven to Chicago. They called Glen's older cousin, Don, who was a big White Sox fan, and asked if he could take Glen.

"Somehow," Glen said, "he knew how to get there because there was no Dan Ryan or Toll Road or anything in those days."

Tuesday morning, Don,



Park Sanders.

Glen and a third boy along for the ride drove off for Chicago's south side. When they arrived at Comiskey Park, Glen showed the scout's business card to the receptionist and told her why he was there. A security guard introduced Glen to the equipment manager, Sharkey, who got him a uniform. Sharkey gave him a pair of sanitary socks, but Glen had no idea what they were. "I had never worn anything but a pair of basketball socks with my spikes," Glen recalled. In an old stainless steel whirlpool tub sat veteran pitcher Virgil Trucks, smoking a big ol' Cuban cigar. "Him staring at me made it all the worse," Glen said.

He got dressed and started out of the clubhouse when Sharkey hollered, "For Christ's sake, get your valuable locked up!" Glen stopped, turned slowly, and tried to think what the equipment manager might have meant. Valuable? Valuable? Sharkey sensed his hesitation, gave him a little bag, told him to put his wallet in it, then locked it in a locker. Glen had just left it sitting on a bench.

Then, Glen walked up the dugout steps and out onto the field of the palace of baseball: Comiskey Park. Two levels of grandstands encircled the field, and light shone through giant arches between the upper and lower decks. An enormous scoreboard loomed in center field.



Johnny Mostil.

"An enclosed ballpark — never been in one like that," he recalled. "Looked like it was an airport with walls around it."

Glen warmed up on the sideline and tried to loosen up.

"I pitched nine innings on Sunday and the arm was still a little stiff on Tuesday, so they told me to play catch and when I was loose enough, let them know," he said. "Some of



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the coaches and some of the scouts were there. Not Doug Minor, but the main supervisor, Johnny Mostil, was there watching me throw."

They asked Glen to throw his breaking ball. They had the catcher sit inside the plate, outside the plate. Throw it here, throw it there. Glen pitched. They brought out White Sox players, and Glen threw batting practice to them. Glen moved into the outfield to shag fly balls. Finally, he returned to the clubhouse, showered, changed his clothes and sat in the stands with his cousin and friend during the game.

"Johnny Mostil stayed for the game and sat and talked with me about minor league baseball and everything," Glen said. "I don't remember what the discussion was after the game, but we left and it was 1 o'clock in the morning before we got home."

Four hours later, Glen was awake and out the door. He milked the cows, fed the cows, put the fresh milk into cooling tanks, cleaned up manure and put down fresh bedding before chasing the cows out of the barn. Then, he got on a tractor with a row cultivator and drove out to the field with the soft black dirt, better known as muck. With his butt squared in the steel tractor seat, Glen drove. Back and forth. Back and forth. Three miles per hour, staying between the rows of corn spiking out of the ground. The engine droned, the powdery black dirt wafted into his nostrils.

Back and forth. Back and forth.

Glen was struggling to stay awake when he saw his dad's pickup truck drive down the lane toward the field and out stepped Mostil, dressed in a suit

and tie and shined shoes. Mostil walked out to the tractor and shook Glen's hand. Glen cringed at the fine dusty muck that clung to Mostil's pants legs and shoes like black baby powder. The three hopped in the truck, drove back to the house and sat at the kitchen table.

"We talked for a long time, and he offered me a contract to start at Colorado Springs, which was A-ball, and he could tell just from the way Dad and I were reacting that it was so out of the blue that we didn't know what was going on, and we needed some time to talk it over," Glen said.

Mostil shook their hands and promised to return in a few days.

Saturday afternoon, he walked into the barn while Glen and his dad milked cows. Glen finished his chores, cooled the fresh milk, and they all sat down at the kitchen table for supper.

"I felt sorry for Dad if I took off and here he had all this help with Ray and then me," Glen said. "Dad said that it was up to me — he could get by — and I decided to stay home and finish out the summer with Dad so he would have some warning and plan for next year. That

was what I ended up signing."

Glen now belonged to the Chicago White Sox organization and received \$500 for signing.

"I got the \$500 — they couldn't take that away from me," he laughed. "When I said I would wait until next year, I think they probably just figured I wouldn't be around long — we're not going to have to worry about him — but I fooled them." Glen smiled.

(Glen's story continues in next week's Beacher.)



The Rosenbaums in a family picture taken Sept. 15, 1940: Bud, Dorothy, Glen, Ray and baby Norma. Glen's youngest sister, Lois, was not born yet.

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by Kim Ward

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The Ship and Shore Blues Festival is back for its second year, with organizers promising a bigger, better event in its new location at Washington Park's Guy Foreman Amphitheater on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-4.

"Ship and Shore Blues Festival was very well received in its first year in New Buffalo," Artistic Director John Moultrie said.

"We knew immediately that we had outgrown that location and began to look for a space that would allow us to provide the type of festival experience our guests were asking for. We saw Michigan City's Guy Foreman Amphitheater as a perfect space that would allow us to provide a more comfortable experience for our guests and entertainers."

The festival is presented by Live Music Matters, a non-profit arts organization that celebrates live music through performance, education and community outreach.

Moultrie stresses the importance of blues music.

"Blues is an American art form that has influenced other popular forms of music, from jazz, rock 'n' roll and even rap music," he said. "There are hints of the blues in all music. When people tell me

• Blue Lunch with special guests — 6 to 10 p.m.

Chicago Kingsnakes has been playing the blues since the early '80s. It has toured

internationally, applying what it learned from Buddy Guy and Koko Taylor to create a new blues sound. Guitarist/vocalist and lifelong Chicago resident James "Ang" Anderson formed the group that features Gus Gotsis on drums and Mike Bailey on bass.

Mowery raced onto the blues scene in the mid-'90s with his band, The Hawktones. He then honed his skills jamming nightly with local and national blues acts playing at The Rhythm Kitchen Café in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he was the general manager. In 1996, he began touring nationally and has played with a variety of blues artists.

The Chicago Rhythm and Blues Kings have been blasting out their own soul-steeped brand of R&B and blues on a nightly basis for more than 20 years. Tenor saxman Terry Ogolini and trumpeter Don Tenuito still comprise one of the city's most dangerous horn sections, teamed with bassist Bob Halaj, guitarist David Mick and drummer Willie Hayes. The legendary Gene "Daddy G" Barge is the band's featured vocalist and saxophonist.



Mississippi Heat.



Blue Lunch.



Ivy Ford.

that they don't like the blues, I tell them they have probably been listening to the blues and didn't realize it. I think people will be pleasantly surprised when they come out to the festival."

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- Chicago Rhythm & Blues Kings — 4 to 5:30 p.m.
- Liz Mandeville — 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- Mississippi Heat — 8 to 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

- Michael Charles — 2 to 3:30 p.m.
- Ivy Ford — 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Mandeville is a Chicago Blues Hall of Fame and award-winning artist. A talented singer, guitar, washboard and porch-board player, she also is a producer and blues historian. Having paid her dues playing in every major Chicago blues venue, she now is a fan favorite in 11 countries on three continents.

Straight out of Chicago, the group Mississippi Heat has been performing and recording vintage blues for more than two decades. It all began one night at a 1991 gig at the now-closed Cafe Lura in Chicago, where guitarist and singer Jon McDonald invited Pierre Lacocque to join him onstage. McDonald had hired drummer and vocalist Robert Covington (with Sunnyland Slim at the time) and bassist Bob Stroger (also with Slim and Jimmy Rogers). It went so well, the three musicians formed Mississippi Heat.

While enjoying a successful career touring and recording, along with numerous TV and radio ap-

pearances in his homeland of Australia, Michael Charles received an invitation from Buddy Guy's management to appear at the infamous Legends in Chicago, Illinois USA. Graciously accepting the honor, he traveled the 12,500 miles and took the stage with Guy. After numerous trips back and forth, Charles made the decision to make America his new home.

Waukegan born and raised, Ivy Ford at just 22 is an up-and-coming artist of the Chicago blues and live music scene. She started performing live with Kenosha-based band The Real Deal, managed by Steve Rainey, at 13 and since then continues to nurture her talents. She plays piano, alto saxophone, drums, bass guitar and guitar — all self-taught. In late 2012, she joined a local blues band that evolved into Ivy Ford and The Cadillacs, gaining fair amounts of popularity.

Blue Lunch explores music of the late 1940s and early 1950s. Eight virtuoso musicians, performing on guitar, piano, upright bass, drums, harmonica,

live jazz and the taste of wine as inspiration to paint with guidance from professional artists.

- Cookies and Canvas Children's Art Experience: The hands-on arts experience lets children be guided through the process of painting a canvas from start to finish, all while snacking on cookies.
- Live Art Experience: Local artists inspire visitors to get excited about the creative process with live demonstrations. Festivalgoers can ask questions and get a close view of the materials used to create art in real time.



Blue Lunch.



Ivy Ford.

The event also will showcase some of the region's best food trucks. Scheduled at this time are: Lulu's Licks; Budweiser; Big Daddy's Barbecue; Goose Island; Valpo Velvet; Bud Light; South Shore Ovenworks; Treasury Wine; Blue Chip's King of the Road; Round Barn Brewery; Herb-N-Juice; and St. Julian Wines.

VIP tickets are now on sale for all-day reserved seating at the Guy Foreman Amphitheater. General admission ticketholders can take portable chairs and blankets to relax on the expansive lawn space around the amphitheater stage.



Chicago Kingsnakes.



Chicago Rhythm & Blues Kings



Hank Mowery.

saxophones, trumpet and trombone, make up the band.

The festival also will offer a number of interactive activities, including:

- Kids Quest: Enjoy arts and craft projects, face painting, singing, dancing and other activities designed for elementary through middle school-aged children.
- Game Truck: Attendees 7 and older can enjoy cutting-edge video gaming technology. The truck is staffed with an experienced team of coaches, dozens of video games and the latest consoles.
- Musical Instrument Petting Zoo: Curious children and adults can see, hear and touch musical instruments seen on the festival stage. Professional musicians will demonstrate how to hold and play the instruments.
- Wine and Canvas Adult Art Experience: Combine

The website to order tickets is shipandshore-bluesfestival.com. Lawn seats for 21 and older are \$10 online or \$15 at the gate. VIP Gold tickets are \$15 online or \$20 at the gate, while VIP Platinum access costs \$20 online or \$25 at the gate. A two-day lawn pass, available online only, costs \$15. Children 12 and younger are free. Youth 13-20 cost \$5 at the gate with a valid ID. Email info@shipandshore-bluesfestival.com for more information.

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The First Weekend in August: Food, Art, Boat Racing and More

by William Halliar



The Taste of Michigan City regularly draws huge crowds to Michigan City's Uptown Arts District.

The long-awaited Taste of Michigan City is at hand.

The annual event, now in its sixth year, promises to be bigger and better than ever, enhanced by boat races, art, music and beer, all wrapped in the warmth of a mid-summer weekend in beautiful downtown Michigan City.

Who could ask for more?

This year, the Uptown Arts District First Friday event, Taste of Michigan City and Great Lakes Super Boat Grand Prix all fall within the same weekend. Sizzling grills, rocking sounds, the visual arts and the roar of powerful engines will combine to create a weekend to remember — a culmination of a summer of fun in the dunes.

Shem Kalil, who has served with Michigan City Mainstreet Association as a board member and president, is considered one of the “grandfathers” and originators of the yearly festival. He says Michigan City’s businesses “put their heart and soul into this weekend.” Many vendors have been planning for a year to make the 2016 fest “the best ever.”

Kim Martin, co-owner of Bubbles Ice Cream Parlor and Pie Shoppe, is coordinating the food vendors and looks forward to an “awesome event” that will showcase so many of Michigan City’s fine eating and drinking establishments.

Twenty-one food vendors will line Franklin Street in the bustling Arts District from Seventh Street to Fourth street.

Included among these purveyors of fine food, and providing “taste” portions of their fare, are Jamaican, Mexican, Asian, Japanese and traditional American cuisine, all prepared and served on this historic main street. Pizza, burgers, ice cream, cake and every imaginable treat will be available, all to be enjoyed along with friends and neighbors in an atmosphere filled with art and music. A wine gar-

den and beer garden will be set up to enhance the mood of the fest.

The list of food vendors includes: Albano’s Pizza; Bubbles; Cabo’s; Cool Runnings; Dough Boys; Fiesta Valenciana; Hokkaido; Lulu’s Licks; Matey’s; Maxine’s; Miller Pizza; Nature’s Cupboard; Nylah & Lil Joe’s BBQ; Patrick’s; Scartozzi’s Trattoria; Song Asian Cuisine; South Shore Ovenworks; Super C Concessions; Up N Smoke; Uptown Cakery; and Blue Chip Casino.

There will be plenty of music for festivalgoers to enjoy, with a main performance stage at Seventh Street and smaller performance venues at Sixth and Eighth streets. Each stage will host numerous bands rotating their own unique brands of music throughout the weekend.

Galleries and shops will throw open their doors to the public for their monthly “First Friday” event. These galleries are the engine that give north Franklin Street its character and add new life to the area. Merchants and artists have a full schedule of art, shopping and entertainment planned for the weekend. Artists will display their works and demonstrate their crafts. There will be painters working in various mediums, creating images varying in character from landscapes to still lifes, from *avant-garde* to traditional. Artists will work in textiles, glass, wood and many other mediums. The shops will be filled with the music of drums, guitars and keyboards. Many shops will serve hors d’oeuvres and spirits to enhance their guests’ enjoyment.

As Kalil said, the Taste of Michigan City is “all about bringing people together.”

Indeed, the first weekend in August offers something for everyone, and more than enough sights, sounds, tastes and adventures to create a memorable end to the summer season.



Race week for the Great Lakes Grand Prix begins Thursday, Aug. 4.

Great Lakes Grand Prix

Visit Michigan City La Porte announced the return of the Great Lakes Grand Prix for its eighth year.

Grand Prix week is Aug. 4-7. A ribbon cutting and VIP event showcasing race boats is Thursday night at Matey's Restaurant, 110 Franklin St. The ribbon cutting is at 5:30 p.m., followed by the party from 6 to 8 p.m. A VIP event with race boats and teams is 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Mug Shots Lounge (City Lanes), 1901 S. Woodland Ave. Attendees must have VIP credentials to attend these events; however, both restaurants will be open to the public.

VIP credentials can be purchased at the tourism bureau in Marquette Mall for the catered VIP brunch on the Washington Park boardwalk on race day and the racer's trophy event at Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa on Sunday evening.

However, many events, and entrance to the race, are free.

Live entertainment is from 8 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday on the Washington Park boardwalk. A food and beer garden will be available starting at 11 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

A vintage car show presented by Four A's Car Club is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in Washington Park. At 6:30 p.m. Saturday, the Boat Parade & Block Party begins in downtown Michigan City, traveling north on Franklin Street from 10th Street to Fourth Street.

On Sunday, a charity silent auction on the east end of the boardwalk next to the VIP tent is from 10 a.m. until 10 minutes after the last race. All proceeds will be split between the La Porte County Growing Up Green Program and the Michigan City High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Racing begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, with two races.

Visit www.greatlakesgrandprix.com or call the visitors center at (219) 872-5055 for more details.

Michigan City Video Fest

The community has plenty of opportunities to experience this year's Michigan City Video Fest.

The event includes not only films by local videomakers from South Bend to East Chicago, but also short films from national videomakers. It begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St., followed by two showings of "The Best of the Fest" at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at The Nest, 803 Franklin St.

Among the more than 20 short films are "The Mentor" with Lewis Black, "I Came to a Place Called America" by young Indiana animator Emily Minvielle, "The Mystery" by Hunter Huddleston, Chesterton, and several Michigan City films. The Friday showing is set up so patrons can drop by and view a few of the movies. The Saturday showings at The Nest will have additional, longer videos, as well as a chance to meet some of the videomakers.

The library event is free. Events at The Nest are \$5. Refreshments are planned at both. Visit MCVideoFest.com or [MCVideoFest](https://www.facebook.com/MCVideoFest) on facebook for more information.

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First Friday Art Walk

Michigan City Mainstreet Association will host the monthly First Friday Art Walk from 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 5 in the Uptown Arts District.

At the Community Area, located at Seventh and Franklin streets, staff from Washington Park Zoo and Safe Harbor will lead children's activities. The community area also will showcase the "Faceless Epidemic" art series.

Participating businesses and attractions, and their special guests, include:

- **Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.**, Daryl Thetford's "Conversations with Chaos," Ezra Siegel's "Moment in Time," Lucy Slivinski's "The Rebirth of How," rocker Vessy Mink/Hot Noise, Soul Steppers and Soul Children of Chicago.

- **d'aprile properties, 827 1/2 Franklin St.**, self-taught artist Jacob Bonham.

- **The Nest, 803 Franklin St.**, cybergrams by artist/photographer/graphic designer Tad Takano.

- **Hoity Toity, 731 Franklin St.**, Artspace musician Jose Vela.

- **Paris House of Bridal, 728 Franklin St.**, artist Josh Brooks.



This piece by Julie Kasniunis is included with the new Southern Shore Art Association exhibit.

- **Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St.**, "SCAPES, Land, Sea and Mountain," which runs through Aug. 28. The all-painting exhibit will feature landscapes, sea-beach 'scapes and mountain 'scapes from all seasons.

- **Artspace Uptown Artist Lofts, 717 Franklin St.**, a group show featuring residential artists.

- **Franklin Street Collective: The Closet by Franklin Vintage and Chef Bizzaro Millinery**, works by artist Beth Davis.

- **Nest Number 4, 717 Franklin St.**, unique spins on creating miniature pies and full-size pies.

- **Urban Soles, 624 Franklin St.**, Chris Acton of Acton Creatives.

- **Trestle, 622 Franklin St.**, featuring Patrick Rodriguez.

- **Art+Science Works, 622 Franklin St. (through Trestle).**

- **Man About Town Haberdashery, 621 Franklin St.**, Brendan Heintz of Heintz Photography.



A watercolor piece by Patricia Herman.

- **First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St.** — Watercolor artist Patricia Herman is the Artist of the Month, showing works from her display "It's All About the Lake."

- **Patina Vintage Goods, 621 Franklin St.**

- **Joy of Flowers, 613 Franklin St.**, local artist Bonnie Zosso.

- **FADA (Franklin Art District Artists), 617 Franklin St.**, artist Brabant.

- **Down Gallery, 525 Franklin St.**, Eclectica Pop-Up Event, including jewelry, accessories, wearables, photography, fine arts and crafts

- **Revive Consignments, 523 Franklin St.**, Cathy Heeter and fabrication art.

- **Darling Boutique, 418 Franklin St.**, Lunch Money Designs.

- **Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.**, local artist/Michigan City native Stevie Williamson's Cherry Anchor Art.

- **Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.** — Second Michigan City Video Fest.

The entertainment schedule is:

- **Maxine's, 521 Franklin St.**, live blues with Luke Pytel, 9 p.m.

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Tours will be offered from 5 to 7 p.m. every Saturday in August and departing from Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., with each week taking a different theme. The special events precede the Oct. 1 Heritage Ball, which will celebrate 180 years of history since Michigan City's incorporation in 1836.

The Aug. 6 tour will begin with a brief introduction to the mansion, followed by a walk through the original grounds of the Barker and Haskell freight car factory, then concluding with a tour of Barker Hall led by Kubik.

On Aug. 13, the tour will focus on the art and architecture of Barker Mansion featuring new research regarding Chicago Architect Louis Sullivan's influence on the house. The tour will commence with a walk on Franklin Street co-led by Kubik.

Aug. 20 will involve a broad walking tour encompassing the city's pre-Civil War history, focusing upon its founders and original settlements at locations in the Uptown Arts District.

Aug. 27 will highlight post-Civil War history up to the present day. Again, historical sites and buildings across the city will be interpreted so guests walk away with a deep appreciation for, and understanding of, Michigan City's history and culture.

Although water and seating will be available along the tour routes, guests are encouraged to



An aerial view of the factory grounds.

wear comfortable shoes and take a refillable bottle. The tours are appropriate for all ages; children will be given a scavenger hunt to accompany the events.

It is not necessary to attend all four tours, although it is encouraged. A weekly \$10 fee per adult and \$5 per youth 15 and younger applies. Those coming to multiple tours will receive special discounts. Reservations are not necessary.

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As a Chase Picture, “Jason Bourne” Delivers the Goods

by Andrew Tallackson

If Doug Liman’s “The Bourne Identity” was about capturing the cloak-and-dagger spirit of Robert Ludlum’s potboiler, then the sequels by adrenaline junkie Paul Greengrass are about one thing only: the thrill of the chase.

Think about it. Not much actually happens in the sequels. Oh sure, Greengrass can stage an action sequence like it’s nobody’s business, but an actual story? Only about 15 to 20 minutes of one exist between each showstopping spectacle. The lucrative selling point is simply watching Jason Bourne foil his pursuers: the mouse always one step ahead of the cat. And on that level, “Jason Bourne,” Matt Damon’s first return to the assassin-with-a-conscience role since 2007, delivers the goods.

By the end of “The Bourne Ultimatum,” the title character had uncovered the secrets to his past, yet achieved no sense of peace. As “Jason Bourne” begins, he’s off the grid, biding his time in what looks like European “fight clubs” to stay sharp... and to make room for the gratuitous shirtless moment so the trainer who helped Damon get ripped for the role receives adequate props.

Back into the fray as well is Nicky Parsons (Julia Stiles), who hacks into the CIA mainframe server to expose its lies, stumbling across more information about Bourne’s past. That hack triggers a security alert at CIA headquarters...and from there, *hasta la vista* plot. The chase begins.

What’s always been intriguing about this series is that everyone, more or less, exists within the same shadow conspiracy, the CIA feverishly trying to clean it up its own mess. And, it uses every high-tech trick in the book to visually trot the globe, all from the safety and comfort of Langley, Va., to track down Bourne within seconds.

That leads to the movie’s first, and most elaborate pursuit within the chaos of violent protests in Greece. What Greengrass does best is strip the action of Hollywood gloss. Applying handheld camer-

as and frenzied editing, the scenes have a you-are-there feel. There is no safe zone. You’re in the thick of it, and the sensation is exhilarating.

That’s not quite the case when the story shifts to Berlin, then London. Much has been made that Damon has only 25 lines of dialogue in the entire film, the character shattered by the exploration of his past. But that silence keeps Bourne at arm’s length

from the viewer. We don’t connect with him, even amid the thrilling, if protracted finale in Las Vegas. Our affection for the character is based on our memory of the previous pictures, not from what we take away from him this time around.

That leaves the rest of the cast to fill in the gaps, not all of them successful. Tommy Lee Jones, as CIA Director Robert Dewey, is fun, at first, by offering another riff on his Oscar-winning turn in “The Fugitive,” but the actor, who’s always appeared bull dog grizzled, now looks weary, the spark gone from his eyes. Alicia Vikander, fresh off her Oscar win for “The Danish Girl,” is oddly detached as head of the CIA’s Cyber Ops division. Riz Ahmed, however, as the

brainchild behind a social-media enterprise manipulated by the CIA, buzzes with the jittery, overly caffeinated vibe of today’s startup gurus.

“Jason Bourne” does what a good Bourne movie should do: entertain. When Greengrass kicks into high gear, strutting his stuff as a director of muscular action, there is no one better. Does the film, and Damon’s performance, cry out for another sequel?

The jury’s still out on that one.



Matt Damon returns to his most popular role in “Jason Bourne.”

What did you think of the movie?
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Nature's Tiny Tots

Designed for parents and grandparents, explore nature with toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy music, dancing, storytelling and, weather permitting, hiking.

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. at Luhr County Park Nature Center, 3178 S. County Road 150 West. Dates are Aug. 15 and 29. Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

Senior Lifestyles

Join the free 55+ Club, a social club designed for adults 55 and older to learn and explore various types of nature. Free coffee is served to participants. The group meets from 9 to 10 a.m. at Luhr County Park Nature Center. Call at least one week in advance to register. The schedule is:

- Sept. 14 — What to grow in the fall with Sacha Burns, Sunkissed Organics.

Pet Fest in the Park

The free event, co-sponsored by La Porte County Small Animal Shelter, is held rain or shine from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Luhr County Park.

No pre-registration is required. Vendors will have stations along the trail. Also planned are demonstrations, a costume contest, obedience tips, adopt a new pet and animal photography. Pets can take a dip in the pool, run an agility course and play fetch.

Each pet will receive a treat. All animals must be on a leash at all times. "Oops" bags will be provided. Aggressive or female animals in heat are not allowed.

25th Annual Pioneer Days

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In the series, acclaimed organists of the wider Chicago area play the historic 1891 Roosevelt organ. On Aug. 10, Benjamin Basile will perform. He is a member of Precious Blood Missionaries, a Roman Catholic religious community.

Basile also is associate professor of mathematics and college organist at Calumet College of St. Joseph, Hammond, and the organist for Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Whiting. For 21 years, he co-produced the Cathedral Arts Concert Series at Cathedral of the Holy Angels, Gary.

He is a board member and treasurer of the Organ Historical Society's Chicago-Midwest Chapter.

This is the 12th year he has participated in the summer organ concert series. His program will include pieces by 20th century composers, as well as an arrangement of "Clair de Lune" by Debussy.

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Nothing Comes Easy

by Kevin Scott

In life, nothing comes easy. I say it time and time again, but in our world of instant gratification, smart phones and Amazon Prime, we want things now, or yesterday.

This also comes into play with fitness goals. We set unrealistic goals. We set deadlines we should've starting working on months ago. We seem to emulate Veruca Salt's "I want it now" attitude from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," and that is not something we should emulate.

You can see all the quotes: "Nothing worth having comes easy," "You can have whatever you are willing to struggle for." But one I like is, "You can't have a million dollar dream with a minimum wage work ethic."

Let's put this into practice with your current fitness journey. Whatever your goal is right now — weight loss, body fat loss, inches loss, weight gain, muscle gain — think about your ultimate goal. Your ultimate body. What would it look like? What would you be happy with when you look in the mirror?

There is no ideal or perfect body. There are only healthy and happy humans. Your overall goal is to be healthy. But picture this body image in the mirror. Now, what kind of work are you putting in each day to get closer to that goal? Are you exercising? Are you exercising correctly? Are you eating healthy? Are you eating the right kinds of foods to help you obtain your individual goal? Are you surrounding yourself with positive, like-minded people who will help you achieve your goals as opposed to ones who will tempt you to break down?

That last part is important and rarely talked about. Are you surrounding yourself with people who are picking you up or putting you down? Why isn't it talked about a lot?

Because it's uncomfortable. Very uncomfortable. Life is about perspective. You can hear the same quote over and over and over, day in and day out, and it can mean the same thing to you. Then one day, your perspective changes. Something in your life changes, and you hear that quote. All of a sudden, it takes on a different meaning.

One such quote is "misery loves company." We hear this all the time, but this time, it took on a different meaning. Hearing about friends and family who aren't able to reach their goals because someone close to them is pushing them to drink, smoke or shaming them for exercising hit hard with me. The quote took on a different meaning because people who are unhealthy and unhappy want people around them to be the same way. On the flipside, have you ever meet someone who is upbeat and positive and wants you to be unhappy? I don't think so.

I was a camp counselor and we talked about PMA,

or positive mental attitude. The older I get, the more and more I see this as true. Misery does love company, and positivity does spread like wildfire. It is about life choices. It is about healthy choices. Each and every day, you are making millions of split-second decisions you are totally unaware of. However, there are plenty of decisions you are aware of. Packing a lunch vs. getting fast food. Exercising vs. watching TV. Taking the stairs vs. the elevator. Parking close at the store or parking far away. Getting healthy groceries or getting processed garbage. Starting with the smallest of decisions can kick off an extreme snowball into getting healthier.

It's about stepping out of your comfort zone and being uncomfortable. If you are always uncomfortable, you will have turned the stone over and found a new comfort zone. Now get out of that one and keep pressing forward!

Anything that is easy has an expiration date. By this, I mean anything that comes easy or "seems too good to be true" most likely will not last. Quick fixes, cleanses, detox. Some of these things work in the short term, but in the long term, they will do harm. Most people after a fix or cleanse will gain the weight back, if not more. Stick to the old fashioned habits of eating healthy and exercising.

As I stated, anything that seems too good to be true or promises quick progress or fast results is most likely too good to be true. You wouldn't want to cut corners on your car, your house, your boat, your motorcycle or your children's health. Why do we feel like we can take easy and quick fixes with our body, the most important machine we own? Our health is an investment.

The short-term game, the sprint game, doesn't faze your body. The long distance, the marathon, the investment, pays off tenfold in the long run. Work hard, and do it the right way. You will learn to love the journey just as much as the finish line. Any if you are like me, once you accomplish your goals and cross one finish line, you will always be hungry for more, and look towards a new finish line.'

Arnold Schwarzenegger said, "The meaning of life is not simply to exist, to survive, but to move ahead, to go up, to achieve, to conquer." Take a realistic approach. Take small steps, and go out and conquer your goals!

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Two for the price of one is often a good deal. When the price is free, however, it might be priceless.

The art deal at Chesterton Art Center is priceless in two ways. One of the artists in the spotlight is Hazel Hannell. She was a cultural treasure in the dunes, a concerned citizen and prolific artist. Now that she has passed away, her life and work are not easily seen.

The other exhibit has works from Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's "Artist in Residence" program. These works distill nature — priceless.

Hannell was a powerful, yet warm force. Not only was she an influential artist, but she also worked for people in need and for preserving the Dunes. She was a feminist, worked for Hull House and was a moving force at Chesterton Art Center and Valparaiso's The Art Barn.



Hazel Hannell's 1934 self-portrait.

Hazel lived through the entire 20th century...and then some. Born in 1895, she died in 2002. Most of her life was spent in Chicago, then the Indiana Dunes. She had a studio in Chicago with her husband Vin (Vaino), where they made a living, according to her, doing "all kinds of things, from murals to papering wastebaskets."

While living in Chicago during the 1920s, she and Vin became members of The Prairie Club, beginning their love of and work for preserving the Dunes. In 1930, they moved to Furnessville near Chesterton, and many of her paintings are of local flowers and landscapes. In 1952, the Hannells promoted a tent show art exhibit that developed into Chesterton Art Fair, which is now one of the best-known juried shows in the United States.

Exhibits Distill the Dunes From Varying Perspectives



Joe Cronin's "Grasstops-Mt. Baldy."

In 1960, a group of the merchants and artists from the fair created the Association of Artists and Craftsmen of Porter County, whose base of operations is Chesterton Art Center. Full circle, another example of "what goes around, comes around."

Hannell's artworks in this exhibit are lovely and pure-spirited. There are prints and sketchbooks, pottery, a photo of her at Chesterton Art Fair and two portraits. One, a self-portrait, shows her as a young woman, done after she moved to Indiana. The other, by her close friend and fellow painter Harriet Rex Smith, reveals a woman of poise and direction.



Part of the display of Hazel Hannell's pottery.

Her ceramics elevate the natural shapes of grasses and plants by clarifying them to a stroke or two. Each piece was uniquely made, showing how much she valued the individual as opposed to the machine-made. All have a simple, "spiritual" attribute.

Although she worked to change the world, through Hull House, The Prairie Club and as a feminist, she did not preach in her art. She

enables an artist, after all, to reach across time and share observations...that will stay as forever fresh as the lively surface of this small watercolor" (Valparaiso Poetry Review, Spring/Summer 2007)

Pricelessness also appears in the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Artist in Residence artworks. What is invaluable in many of these is the special "take" by the artists.



Tom Virgin's woodcut, "Woman Looking Out."

For example, although many people know about and have visited Mount Baldy, Joe Cronin, in his photograph "Grasstops Mt. Baldy," shows a world we might see if we were to lie down and look through the Marram Grass at sunset. The view not only is unique, but its beauty is something special.

In Tom Virgin's woodcut, "Woman Looking Out," we see an artist's idea that is beyond the usual beach and woodlands scene. It is an interior. Here is a unique work that also might reflect a viewer's emotional state, and might even show a way out.

Kathy Levine's combination artwork (paint on driftwood), "Adrift on Central Avenue Beach," takes the stuff that washes ashore at our feet, melds it together and paints a scene in the middle, a scene recognizable to shoregoers in this area. The point? The viewer gets to figure it out.

Priceless, for sure, is our learning about the character and art of Hazel Hannell. Likewise, the new visions of the artists in the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Residency Program lift the spirit.

If You Go

This twofer is available until Aug. 10 at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Call (219) 926-4711 for more details.



Harriet Rex Smith's portrait of Hazel Hannell.

brought her humanity to making good things, to calling on our spirits to respond to the ultimate harmony of nature.

Gregg Hertzlieb, curator at the Brauer Museum of Art at Valparaiso University, wrote: "You kept working, you kept Seeing, and you inspire me to do the same. I intentionally capitalized the word 'Seeing' here because I mean for this word to encompass both the eyes and the heart. A heart-seeing

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All classes are from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 8-Oct. 13, at the Solid Waste District office, 2857 W. Indiana 2, La Porte.

The schedule is:

- Sept. 8 – Introduction, the history and future of waste – Executive Director Clay Turner and Alicia Ebaugh, education and public outreach coordinator.
- Sept. 15 – Waste flow process: Republic Services and Homewood Disposal.
- Sept. 22 – Organic waste reduction: public compost facility, Vince Sherman; vermicomposting and backyard composting with Ebaugh.
- Sept. 29 – Hazardous waste: Tom Buford, Lake Michigan Districts; Tradebe Environmental Solutions.
- Oct. 6 – Putting your knowledge to work reducing waste with Ebaugh.
- Oct. 13 – Graduation with a round of EnviroJeopardy, complete with prizes.

Participants who miss more than one classroom date will not complete the course nor graduate. Friday field trips are optional, but recommended. The schedule is:

- Sept. 9 – Prairie View Landfill, leave office by bus at 9 a.m.
- Sept. 16 – MRF: Star Disposal Homewood, leave office by bus at 9:30 a.m.
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• **Second MC Video Fest at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5.**

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• **MCPL STEAM Ahead Kids: Collage Art! at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8.**

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• **Back to School Book Bags! at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9.**

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Make an appointment by calling (800) GiveLife. Walk-ins are welcome.

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

Express Admission Day

Purdue University Northwest invites prospective students to participate in Express Admission Day anytime between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, at the Westville campus.

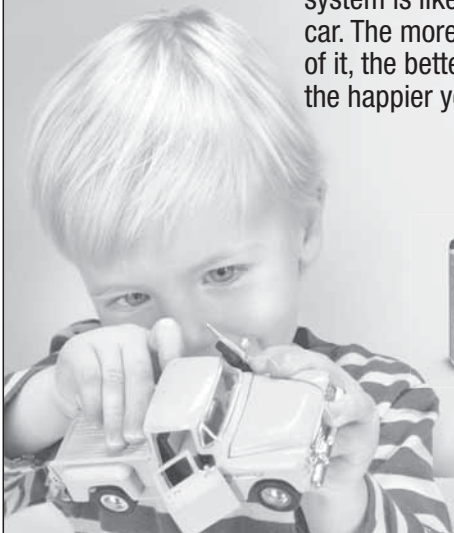
Express Admission Day is designed as an expedient way for individuals to apply for admission this fall. Students can complete a PNW application, begin the financial aid process and participate in a campus tour. They must provide their official high school transcript, or GED test scores and SAT or ACT scores, to be evaluated for admission.

Once approved, students can choose to accept their admission offer and register for New Student Orientation. Application fees will be waived.

Arrive at the Technology Building, Room 157. Walk-ins are welcome; however, interested attendees are encouraged to register in advance at www.pnw.edu/express-admissions-day, or contact Amy Miller at (800) 872-1231, Ext. 5285, or mille552@pnw.edu, or Ashley Pezan at (855) 608-4600, Ext. 2937, or apezan@pnw.edu

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New Comedy Debuts at Footlight Theatre

"The Savannah Sipping Society," a new comedy by the creators of *Dearly Beloved*, "Dearly Departed" and "Dixie Swim Club," debuts Friday, Aug. 5, at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St.

Footlight's production marks the first time the comedy has been performed in the area. Four strong Southern women, all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn together by fate, and an impromptu happy hour.

Randa (Laura Meyer) is a perfectionist and workaholic struggling to cope with an unexpected career derailment. After the loss of her husband and their plans, Dot (Vickie Cash) faces the disconcerting idea of starting over alone. Texas gal Marlafaye (Diana Hirsch) wants to start a new life after losing her cheating husband to a 23-year-old dental hygienist. When the fiery Jinx (Sharon Angelina) rolls into town, she offers her services as a "life coach," all the while overlooking her own need for some advice.

Director Jan Rice is excited to be at the helm because the comedy was written by the playwriting trio of Jones, Hope and Wooten.

"All of these have been enjoyed so much by our audiences, and our four actors are very well fitted for their roles," Rice said. "They do a superb job, and I could not be more happy."

Footlight President Bobby Komendera is serving as assistant director.

Auditions

Footlight Players will have auditions for "Clue: The Musical" from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 8-9, at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St.

Show dates are Oct. 7-9, 14-16 and 21-23. No on-stage experience is necessary. Those auditioning should be ready to read from the script alone and with other actors. Take 16 bars of any song to sing, preferably accompanied by sheet music for an accompanist to play. A background track on CD is acceptable. There is no dance audition, although the show requires some movement.

Director Leslie Evans seeks five men and three women to star in the play where the audience chooses the ending. Contact the theater at (219) 874-4035 or Evans at cqjflores@gmail.com for more information.

Show dates are Aug. 5-7 and 11-14. Thursday through Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 (or two for \$20 with a coupon printed off the website). Tickets for children 12 and younger are \$10. Doors open 45 minutes prior to curtain. Reservations will be held until 15 minutes prior to curtain unless secured by a season gift card or payment in full.

Call (219) 874-4035 or visit footlightplayers.org for reservations.

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Hesston Steam Museum

Hesston Steam Museum has prepared a special family value pack to mark "American Family Day."

On Sunday, Aug. 7, only, any family — up to five members — can buy a special three-ride ticket for \$25, and all family members ride on that ticket.

Visitors encounter a replica 1900s-era depot, choosing from different trains that range from miniature to full-sized. Each train heads along a different route through a beautiful wooded landscape, the longest being 2 1/2 miles. The museum also is a showcase for a working steam-powered sawmill with a 60-inch blade, La Porte's first electric generator and a blacksmith shop where iron is turned into handcrafted works of art.

Hand-scooped ice cream treats and sodas made from traditional recipes are for sale in the restored vintage soda fountain and ice cream parlor, Doc's Soda Fountain. All food is created on site by Spire Farm-to-Fork Restaurant, La Porte. Breakfast also is served at Doc's from 9 to 11 a.m.

The museum, located at 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, officially opens at 11:30 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m. Train fares are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12.

Visit www.hesston.org or call (219) 778-2783 (weekends) for more information.

Fire in the Sky — The Sequel

Pyrotechnic Guild International will present "Fire in the Sky — The Sequel" on Sunday through Friday, Aug. 7-12, at La Porte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2.

Take lawn chairs and blankets to the family friendly event. No coolers are allowed. A beer garden and food vendors are planned.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m., with fireworks starting at dusk. Tickets will be available at La Porte County Convention & Visitors Bureau in Marquette Mall or La Porte County Fairgrounds.

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By picking up a free “passport” at Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department, families can visit nine locations as part of the new “Passport to Summer Fun” program.

Aimed at children 1-12, seven park locations are listed: Gardena, Hansen, Winding Creek Cove, Joe Hawkins, Pullman, Oak Hills and Water Tower Park. Children are asked to find the “passport” sign posted near the entrance of each park on a bollard (a small wooden pole), do the activity listed on the sign and draw in the symbol in their passport for that particular park. There are challenge activities listed for those who want a more difficult task.

Two locations will issue a sticker to the passport holder once the activity is completed. At Washington Park Zoo, children receive an owl coloring sheet or owl craft kit to complete at home along with their sticker. At Michigan City Municipal Golf Course, children can sink a putt to receive a sticker.

After completing all nine locations, participants return their completed passports to the Park Office, located in City Hall’s lower level, to receive their final “stamp” and pick up a completion prize. If they return the owl coloring page or owl kit, Washington Park Zoo will display their artwork in the education center. The artwork should have the child’s name on it so families recognize them when visiting the zoo.

The program runs through October, and all passports must be turned in by Friday, Nov. 4, to redeem a prize. Call (219) 873-1506 for more details.

City by the Lake Triathlon

The eighth annual City by the Lake Triathlon is Saturday, Aug. 12.

The biking portion takes racers down Lake Shore Drive from Washington Park to Stop 24 and back. For safety, use alternate routes between 8:30 a.m. and noon. Pay special attention to police and volunteers in the area.

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Remembering the Eastland



Old Lighthouse Museum intends to conduct an annual memorial service commemorating the Eastland disaster. A service was held Saturday, July 23, that included Andi Haas and Sue Pecket — great-nieces of Anna Kubiak, who was on board the Eastland and drowned in the Chicago River — placing a wreath in Trail Creek not only in her memory, but for the 844 individuals who perished in the disaster. Photo by William Halliar

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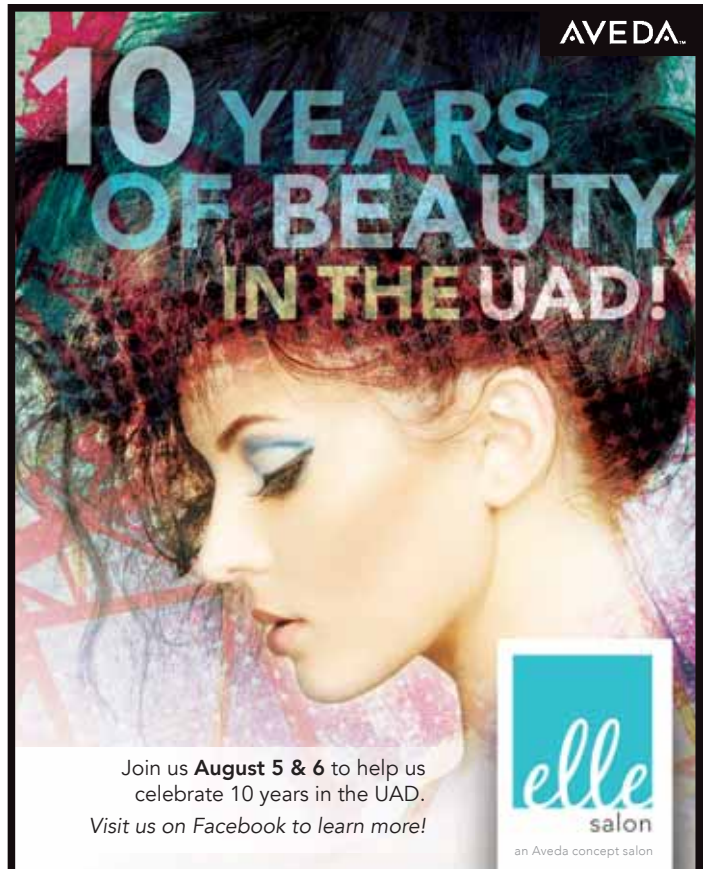
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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are available:

• **Mount Baldy Hike at 5 p.m. most Fridays and at 10 a.m. Sundays.**

While Mount Baldy remains closed to unrestricted public access, visitors can join a ranger for a special guided hike along a trail on the dune's western edge found to be free of holes. The program starts at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter, then follows a ranger to Mount Baldy. Reservations are required by calling (219) 395-1882.

• **Campground Program at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Dunewood Campground.**

Join a ranger around the campfire to learn about the diversity of park resources encountered on the Dunes Scavenger Hunt. The campground is at Broadway and U.S. 12 in Beverly Shores.

• **Pinhook Bog Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 10.**

Tour the bog and talk to rangers stationed along the trail who explain the unique area filled with carnivorous plants. Arrive by 2 p.m. to allow about one hour to walk the trail and tour the bog. The bog parking lot is located at 700 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City.

• **Monthly Stargazing Program on Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Kemil Beach parking area.**

Guests can take binoculars, and should dress appropriately for the weather. Times vary, so call (219)

395-1821 to find out more specifics. The Kemil Beach parking lot is located at 27 N. East State Park Road, Chesterton.

• **Find Your Park Film Series on Saturdays and Sundays.**

The year-long series celebrates the National Park Service's 100th anniversary and the National Lakeshore's 50th anniversary. Times are 2 p.m. Saturdays at the Paul H. Douglas Center and 2 p.m. Sundays at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.

• **Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 4.**

Tour the Chellberg Farmhouse and Bailly Homestead to learn about the lives of early Duneland farm families. The parking lot is on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 20 and 12 in Porter.

• **Miller Woods Hike at 1:30 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 21.**

Join a park ranger for a hike through an oak savanna. The hike varies in length depending on the interest and abilities of visitors. Wear sturdy shoes, and take water and insect repellent.

• **Kayak Fishing with a Ranger from 7 to 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at Lakeview Beach.**

Participants search for yellow perch. Take equipment, obey state fishing laws and wear a lifejacket. The beach area is located at 50 W. Lakefront Drive in the Beverly Shores area.

• **Parents and toddlers can participate in the Nature Tots program from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the Paul H. Douglas Center.**

Children 2-4 will learn about nature through a ranger-led story time, crafts and outdoor play.

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Indiana Dunes State Park

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Thursday, Aug. 4

- **10 a.m. — Dunes Creek Crossing.**

Meet at the campground gate, and prepare for off-trail creek walking and to get wet.

- **3 p.m. — Who Pooped in the Park!**

Meet at the Nature Center to study the science of scatology, complete with games and prizes.

Friday, Aug. 5

- **10 a.m. — High Dunes Hiking.**

Wear hiking shoes and meet at the campground shelter by site 113 for the one-hour trek to Indiana's highest sand dune.

- **3 p.m. — Nature Crafts.**

Create a make-it, take-it craft at the Nature Center.

- **8 p.m. — Evening Campground Fun.**

Meet at the campground shelter by site 113 for the program that involves everything from nature crafts to story time.

Saturday, Aug. 6

- **10 a.m. — Run Down Mount Tom.**

Trek to Mount Tom, then enjoy the long run down to the beach before returning to the campground shelter by Trail 7.

- **3 p.m. — Turtle Time.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at turtles that live in the dunes, then get in a circle and let them crawl around.

- **4 p.m. — South Shore Brass Band Concert.**

Visit the City West Shelter lawn for the free Arts in the Park-funded concert that includes music by John Williams, Elton John and The Beatles.

- **8 p.m. — Campground Snakes.**

Meet at the campground shelter by site 113 for a look at snakes in Indiana Dunes.

Sunday, Aug. 7

- **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. — The Incredible Journey.**

Meet a naturalist at the Nature Center to explore the twists and turns a single drop of water takes in Northwest Indiana before it reaches Lake Michigan. A water game and craft are planned.

- **3 p.m. — German Alphorn Concert.**

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Monday, Aug. 8

- **10 a.m. — Woodland Wander.**

Meet at the Nature Center for the 45-minute stroll through back dunes forests.

- **3 p.m. — Just a Few Furs.**

Learn about the variety of dunes animals during the interactive 45-minute program at the Nature Center.

Tuesday, Aug. 9

- **10 a.m. — Busy Beaver Walk.**

Meet at the campground gate for the short walk, and prepare for off-trail walking.

- **3 p.m. — Dunes Through Four Seasons.**

Explore the dunes during the naturalist slide show tour at the Nature Center.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

- **10 a.m. — Beach House Blowout Bound.**

Meet a naturalist at the Nature Center for the one-hour moderate hike to the Beach House Blowout.

- **3 p.m. — Scales and Tales.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at reptiles of Indiana Dunes, with live animals present.

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The Red Team played the Blue Team in a match play 18-hole format. Teams were assembled by a draw matching equally handicapped players. The Red Team was victorious, pulling ahead in close match play.

Golf was followed by a traditional "Ryder Cup Salad" lunch.

Summer Thrill on the Hill

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce will host the first Summer Thrill on the Hill on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5-6.

Families provide summer beach/pool floating device required to ride, along with lawn chairs and picnic food. Games and contests are planned.

The schedule (all times Eastern) is:

- Friday — Noon to 10 p.m., regular admission, \$5 (unlimited rides).
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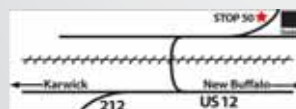
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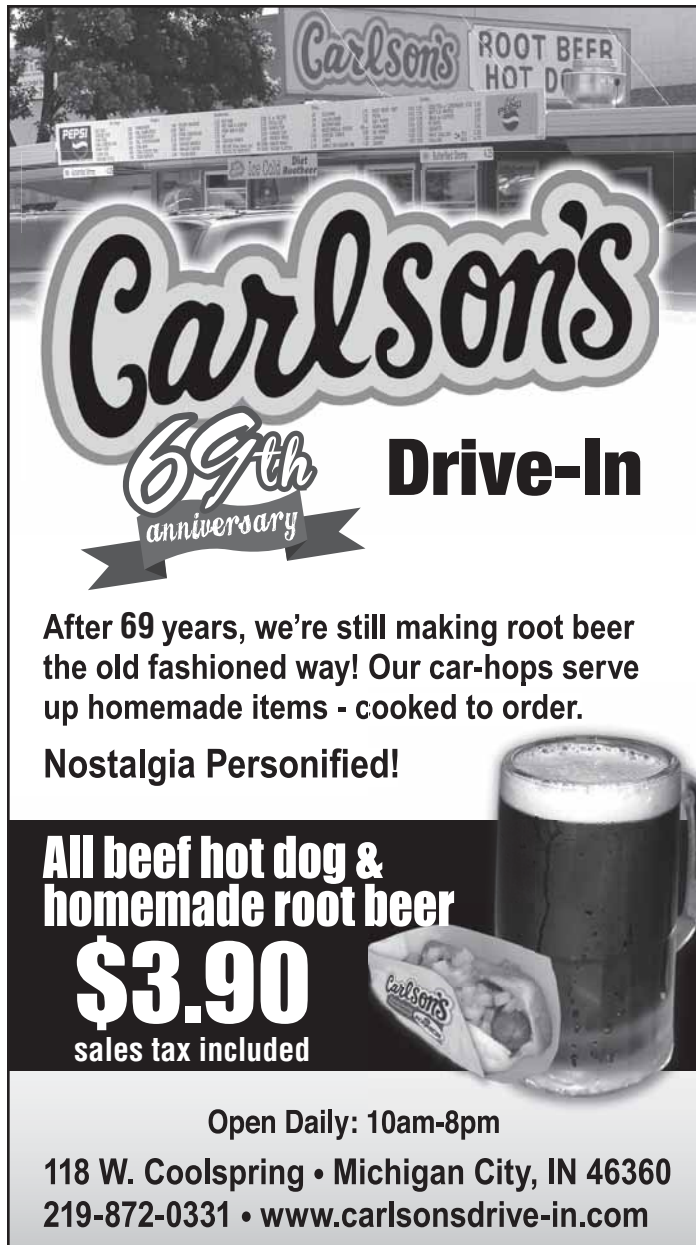
Leadership La Porte County is accepting nominations for its 33rd Adult Leadership Program.

The effort begins with a two-day opening retreat from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, and 8 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 16.

The program focuses on educating participants on all aspects of La Porte County, while enhancing personal leadership skills providing networking opportunities. The goal is to provide the information, resources and tools to become a knowledgeable, well-informed, motivated community leader.

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The following programs are available:

• **Teen Library Council from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Teens in grades 6-12 can recommend library programs, books and other programs for Teen Services. Community service hours are available.

• **Chesterton Writing Group from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The group is open to adult writers – fiction or nonfiction — of all levels, whether published or unpublished. Attendees share their work and learn about publishing.

• **Summer Concert & Movie Series at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at Porter's Hawthorne Millennium Park Gazebo.**

Cynthia Shelhart will present harp music at 7 p.m., followed by "The Peanuts Movie." In case of rain, both events move to the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

• **Knitting Together from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Area knitters, and those who crochet or do needlework, are invited.

• **The Messier The Better for 9- to 24-month-olds at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

Miss Ronnie will lead children in water play. An ice cream treat will be served. Dress to get messy.

• **Bifocal Bookies at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at Hageman Library.**

The focus is Carol Wall's "Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening: How I Learned the Unexpected Joy of a Green Thumb and an Open Heart." Copies are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

• **Bits & Bytes series, Internet Basics, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, in the Serials/Automation Department at Thomas Library.**

Registration is required by visiting or calling the IT Department at (219) 926-7696, or registering at www.wpl.lib.in.us. Click on the Bits & Bytes link.

• **Creative Tweens from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Library Service Center.**

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Throwback Games

Marbles, jacks, pickup sticks, hopscotch, four square and checkers are among the "Throwback Games" planned from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.

While adults may remember playing the games during their childhood, many children today are unfamiliar with them. The games were common during the time Catherine Barker lived at the mansion.



Children play four square in the Barker Mansion garden.

The casual program will be held in the mansion's ornate Drawing Room or the formal outdoor gardens, depending on weather.

The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for youth 15 and younger. The fee includes a self-guided tour of the mansion's first floor. Reservations are not necessary.

Visit www.BarkerMansion.com for details.

Casual Classics Concert

Trio Attrio will perform classics of the early and late Romanticism period during the next Casual Classics concert at 6 p.m. EDT Thursday, Aug. 4, at The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich.

The artistic style called "Romanticism" covers a lengthy period in European history during the 19th and 20th centuries. The concert aspires to bridge it nearly in its entirety, complete with trios from Beethoven and Schubert, as well as a Neo-Romantic composition by Hungarian composer Ern Dohnányi.

The trio includes Robert Rudolph Hasspacher, Mihaella Kinga Misner and Brook Bennett.

Hasspacher, a freelance violinist based in the Chicago area, is an amateur pianist and regional orchestra player who performs for multiple orchestras in Chicago and the surrounding areas.

Misner is the assistant principal second of SMSO and Chicago Folks Operetta concertmaster. Bennett is a member of SMSO, West Michigan Symphony and South Bend Symphony.

Tickets are \$35 and include light dinner, wine and the concert. Contact the SMSO office at (269) 982-4030 or visit www.smso.org for more details.

Drum & Bugle Corps

Drum Corps International will present the Open Class World Championships from 6 to 10 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 8-9, at Ames Field.

Sixteen drum and bugle corps from across the country and Canada will compete. On Tuesday, the top 12 scoring corps will compete for the Open Class World Championship. This is the sixth consecutive year a champion will be crowned at Ames Field.

Competitors include: defending champion Vanguard Cadets, Santa Clara, Calif.; 7th Regiment, New London, Conn.; Blue Devils B, Concord, Calif.; Colt Cadets, Dubuque, Iowa; Genesis, Austin, Texas; Gold, Oceanside, Calif.; Guardians of Houston, Texas; Impulse, Buena Park, Calif.; Legends of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Les Stentors, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada; Louisiana Stars, Lafayette, Iowa; Music City, Nashville; Raiders, Burlington, N.J.; River City Rhythm, Anoka, Minn.; Shadow of Oregon, Wis.; and the Spartans, Nashua, N.H.


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Central Avenue Beach Reopens

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's Central Avenue Beach has reopened to the public.

The popular beach was closed for almost a year due to erosion from large storm waves that removed nearly all its sand. Waves also left a dangerous 8-foot dropoff from the access path down to a mix of clay and asphalt chunks from an old roadbed.

During the last couple of months, the beach sand has been slowly replenished through natural deposition from the lake. In addition, National Lakeshore staff have removed the old road debris and created a walkable path to the beach.

When visiting Central Avenue Beach, the public is urged to remain on the beach area and not climb the dune slopes directly behind it. These slopes have been severely eroded, leaving them dangerous to climb. Trees and other objects can be dislodged by climbing on the dunes, causing those objects to fall on the climber. Visitors always should remain on designated trails for their safety and to protect the fragile dune habitat.

Central Avenue Beach does not have lifeguards. Call (219) 395-1882 or visit www.nps.gov/indu for more information.

P.E.O. Chapter BR

Learn more about the philanthropic and educational organization P.E.O. Chapter BR at its booth at the Mainstreet Association Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 6.

The market, located at Eighth and Washington streets, is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The group also will be at the St. Stanislaus Farmers Market off Franklin Street on Aug. 27.

Call chapter member Marilyn Cook at (219) 872-2113 or visit www.peointernational.org for additional information.

Sinai Temple Golf Outing

Sinai Temple's 24th annual golf outing is Friday, Aug. 12, at Briar Leaf Golf Club, 3233 N. Indiana 39, La Porte.

Registration is at 7 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The cost is \$99 per golfer and \$396 per team. The shotgun start is in scramble format.

Golfers will receive goodie bags, free breakfast and lunch at Portofino Grill. Mulligan and raffle tickets will be available.

Make checks payable to Sinai Temple. Email jay-sosna@comcast.net, or call (219) 874-4477 or (219) 814-4323 for more details.

Summer Nature Series

New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St., will host the fourth installment in its free Summer Nature Series, "Good Food Economy with Granor Farms," at 6:30 p.m. EDT Monday, Aug. 8.

Granor Farms in Three Oaks, Mich., draws on historical and modern practices to produce vegetables, herbs, flowers and fruits. The program includes an introduction to the farm, including its community supported agriculture program and organic certification.

The program will be held in the library's Pokagon Room. Email questions to nbtcreate@gmail.com

Service League Bake Sale

The Service League of Michigan City will have its annual bake sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Aug. 13.

The sale is at a new location: the St. Stanislaus Farmers Market, located off Franklin Street in the parking lot next to the tennis courts.

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"Our City" Art Exhibit

The Village Gallery will present "Our City," a solo exhibit by award-winning artist Phillip Herrold, with a meet-the-artist reception at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7.

Born in 1989 and raised in Wanatah, he is the CEO, operations director and co-founder of the Enclave Project, a nonprofit organization that helps integrate education with the arts. He also is a farmer and graphic designer, living in Wanatah with his wife and young son.



Phillip Herrold's "The Resurrection."

His solo exhibit, which runs through Sept. 15, focuses on historical and modern highlights of Valparaiso.

The Village Gallery is located at Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle (off Calumet Avenue just north of Cumberland Crossing) in Valparaiso. Call (219) 465-1591 for more details.



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Chesterton Art Fair Returns This Weekend

The 58th Annual Chesterton Art Fair is Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 6-7, at Chesterton's Dogwood Park.

Featured Michigan City artists include photographer Bill Allen and painter Neil Kienitz. These two, along with 80 others from 13 states, will exhibit artwork in a multitude of mediums, including painting, drawing, photography, jewelry, metal sculpture, weaving, glass and pottery.

Local food and entertainment also are part of the weekend. The lineup includes:

- Golden Fingers performs classic ukulele songs, with a mix of oldies and originals, from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sunday.
- Samantha Fazekas & Friend will present a string duet from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday.
- Duneland Early Music Consort will play medieval instruments from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony will present a quartet and trio from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday.

A variety of food trucks, as well as food prepared by local organizations, are planned. Ivy's Bohemia House will offer wraps and other fare. Women of the Moose will sell hot dogs and walking tacos. The

Pendleton Dairy Queen will have frozen treats. St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Church will offer baked goods and desserts. Redamak's Food Truck will sell hamburgers.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, located next to Dogwood Park at 2050 W. County Road 1100 North, will serve as a cooling center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The church also will host a pancake-breakfast fundraiser from 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday. The cost is \$5 for adults and free for children 10 and younger. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee and milk. The event will benefit the church's youth group.

Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, with an admission charge of \$5 per person, or \$7 for the whole weekend. Children 12 and younger are free, as is parking.

Proceeds assist Chesterton Art Center's Art Education Fund. More than 1,000 children participate in art classes each year. Visit www.chestertonart.com for more information.



Visitors stop by booths at the 2015 Chesterton Art Fair.



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Lakeshore Seeks Food Vendors

The National Park Service is seeking food trucks or other self-contained food-service vendors for special events in celebration of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's 50th anniversary and the National Park Service centennial.

Events include an anniversary concert at West Beach on Aug. 27, the Apples, Apples, Apples Festival at Chellberg Farm on Sept. 17-18 and the Dunes Blowout at West Beach on Sept. 24-25.

The three events each are expected to draw between 500 and 1,000 visitors per day.

Federal regulations require any individuals or groups selling food or other items in a national park to obtain a Commercial Use Authorization permit. Completed applications for a permit include a \$65 payment to cover the costs of processing the request. Vendors selling food also must comply with county and federal health regulations. Vendors may apply to operate at one event or all of them under the same Commercial Use Authorization.

All inquiries are welcome. Call or email Amber Siewin at (219) 395-1859 or Amber_Siewin@nps.gov for more details or to get an application, which must be received no later than Aug. 15. Selected applicants will be notified, then required to complete a Commercial Use Authorization that includes an application fee, proof of insurance and a possible performance bond.

Art Scholarships for Children

Money remains in the Michigan City Public Art Committee children's art scholarship fund.

The committee, created by the City Council in 2011, uses the fund to assist Michigan City children in taking art instruction. Visual art classes or individual art instruction for qualified children between 5 and 18 will be funded. The maximum grant request per individual is \$200. Funds will be available for instruction in painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, collage, crafts, such as beading, mosaic work and weaving, art camps or any combination of these taught by a legitimate instructor.

New this year is the youth glassblowing workshop with artist and instructor Ian Osborne at The Nest in Michigan City.

The committee will not fund music, writing, dance or drama instruction.

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

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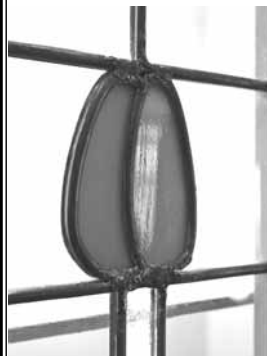
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Aug. 4-7 — Great Lakes Grand Prix week. Info: www.greatlakesgrandprix.com

Aug. 5 — First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m., Uptown Arts District (downtown Michigan City).

Aug. 5 — "SCAPES, Land, Sea and Mountain," 5-8 p.m., Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St.

Aug. 5 — Summer Concert & Movie Series, 7 p.m., Porter's Hawthorne Millennium Park Gazebo.

Aug. 5-6 — Taste of Michigan City. Times: 5-11 p.m. Fri./11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sat. Location: Franklin Street between Seventh/Fourth streets.

Aug. 5-6 — Second MC Video Fest, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 5/Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St, 2 & 7 p.m. Aug. 6/The Nest, 803 Franklin St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Aug. 5-7, 11-14 — "The Savannah Sipping Society," Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Thur.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$12 (2 for \$20 with coupon off website). Children 12 & younger/\$10. Reservations: footlightplayers.org, (219) 874-4035.

Aug. 5-8 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Now showing: "Maggie's Plan." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. Also: "Last Cab to Darwin." Not rated. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 2:45 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

Aug. 6 — St. Stanislaus Catholic Church farmers market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., parking lot next to tennis courts. Info: ssmcfarmersmarket@gmail.com, (219) 851-1785.

Aug. 6 — "Throwback Games," 10-11:30 a.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Cost: \$5/adults, \$2/youth 15 & younger. Info: www.Barker-Mansion.com

Aug. 6 — Free Gentle Flow Yoga, 12:15 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Aug. 6 — South Shore Brass Band Concert, 4 p.m., City West Shelter @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Aug. 6 — Music in the Park, Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Dewey Cannon Park, Three Oaks, Mich. Free.

Aug. 6 — Monthly Stargazing Program, Kemil Beach parking area, 27 N. East State Park Road, Chesterton. Time: Call (219) 395-1821.

Aug. 6-7 — Chesterton Art Fair, Dogwood Park. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat./10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Cost: \$5/\$7 whole weekend. Children 12 & younger/free. Info: www.chestertonart.com

Aug. 6, 10 — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat./4-8 p.m. Wed., Eighth and Washington streets. Info: tinyurl.com/hhaajz2

Aug. 7 — 21st annual Leprechaun Hunt, noon-

6 p.m., Sharing Meadows, County Road 300 East, Rolling Prairie. Gates open @ 11 a.m. Tickets/info: (219) 778-2585, www.sharefoundation.org

Aug. 7 — American Family Day, Hesston Steam Museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, La Porte. Details: www.hesston.org, (219) 778-2783.

Aug. 7 — German Alphorn Concert, 3 p.m., City West Shelter @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Aug. 7-12 — Pyrotechnic Guild International's "Fire in the Sky — The Sequel," La Porte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2. Gates open @ 5:30 p.m., fireworks @ dusk. Tickets: fairgrounds, La Porte County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Aug. 8 — MCPL STEAM Ahead Kids: Collage Art!, 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Aug. 8 — Free Summer Nature Series, "Good Food Economy with Granor Farms," 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: nbtcreate@gmail.com

Aug. 8-9 — Drum Corps International Open Class World Championships, 6-10 p.m., Ames Field. Tickets: (219) 872-5055.

Aug. 9 — Back to School Book Bags!, 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Aug. 10 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Ben Basile, 12:15 p.m., Christ Church (formerly First Congregational Church), 531 Washington St. Info: (269) 469-0051.

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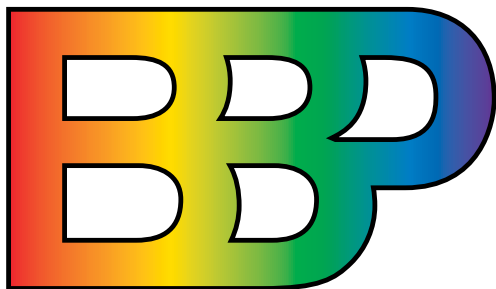
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On August 4, 1790, the “Revenue Cutter Service,” a task force of the U.S. Navy, was created by Congress. In 1915, it was combined with the “Life Saving Service” to become the U.S. Coast Guard.

On August 4, 1830, surveyor James Thompson laid out plans for the new city of Chicago.

On August 4, 1892, Lizzie Borden was arrested in Fall River, Ma., for the hatchet murders of her parents. She was later acquitted.

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

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

On August 5, 1835, a fire hazard ordinance was passed which outlawed the stacking of feed hay in downtown Chicago.

On August 5, 1861, the U.S. government levied the first tax on earned income. Income in excess of \$800 was taxed at the rate of three percent.

On August 5, 1914, the first electric traffic lights were installed in Cleveland, Ohio.

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

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

On August 5, 1969, the U.S. space probe *Mariner 7* flew by Mars, sending back photographs and scientific data.

On August 6, 1926, New York’s Gertrude Ederle became the first American woman to swim the English Channel. She accomplished the feat in 14 1/2 hours.

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

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

On August 6, 1998, former White House intern Monica Lewinsky spent 8 1/2 hours testifying before

a grand jury about her relationship with President Bill Clinton.

On August 6, 2003, actor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" that he would run as a replacement candidate for California governor.

On August 7, 1782, George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize exceptional merit in the actions of enlisted men and non-commissioned officers.

On August 7, 1882, the famous feud between the Hatfields, of West Virginia and the McCoys, of Eastern Kentucky, broke out. Hundreds would be killed or wounded before the struggle finally ended.

On August 7, 2006, oil prices jumped after BP said it had discovered corrosion so severe, it would have to replace 16 miles of pipeline at the huge Prudhoe Bay oil field in Alaska.

On August 8, 1876, Thomas Edison received a patent for his mimeograph.

On August 8, 1923, Benny Goodman, at 14, received his first professional job as a musician. He was hired as a clarinet player with a band on a Chicago excursion boat.

On August 9, 1831, the first American train to be powered by a steam locomotive made a run between Albany and Schenectady, N.Y.

On August 9, 1854, Henry David Thoreau published "Walden," which described his experiences while living near Walden Pond in Massachusetts.

On August 9, 1930, a forerunner of the cartoon character Betty Boop made her debut in Max Fleischer's animated short "Dizzie Dishes."

On August 9, 1936, at the Olympic games in Germany, Jesse Owens, a black American track star, played havoc with Hitler's white supremacy propaganda by becoming the first black man in history to win four Olympic gold medals.

On August 10, 1846, Congress chartered the Smithsonian Institution. Known as the "nation's attic," it was named for Joseph Smithson, whose bequest of \$500,000 made it all possible.

On August 10, 1885, America's first commercially operated electric streetcar service, designed by Leo Daft, began operating in Baltimore.

On August 10, 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt, while vacationing at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello, was stricken with a severe case of polio.

On August 10, 1945, after the United States had dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan offered to surrender.

On August 10, 1977, David Berkowitz, a New York postal employee, was arrested and charged with the "Son of Sam" killings.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Among the Wicked by Linda Castillo
(hardcover, \$26.99 in bookstores and online;
also available as an eBook)

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked."

Psalm 1:1

That's easy to say if the wicked is in plain sight and recognizable. But what if the wicked is couched in the cloth of the good and upright? A wolf in sheep's clothing. What if a whole community falls in step with his smooth ways and silken tongue? It can get mighty confusing.

However, before I wax philosophical any further, let me start at the beginning...

Kate Burkholder is chief of police in Painters Mill, Ohio, a small community made up of Amish and Englishers — what the Amish call those outside their religion. What is unique about Kate is that she was born and raised Amish. Something happened when she became a teen, and she left the plain life forever, or so she thought in this, the eighth book in the series.

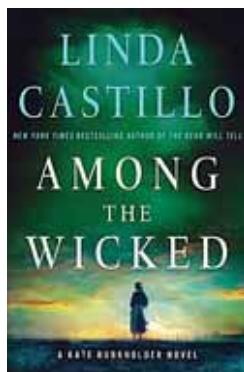
Her live-in boyfriend is John Tomassetti, an agent for Ohio State Police. Both have pasts they would like to forget and are happy with how their lives are now. One day, Tomassetti shows up at the Painters Mill police station with Frank Betancourt and Deputy Superintendent Lawrence Bates, both of New York State Police. They have a situation they think Kate can help them with. Hmmm. They have her interest now...

There's an Amish community in rural upstate New York called Roaring Springs, where the body of a 15-year-old Amish girl, Rebecca Esh, is found frozen in the snow-covered forest. Toxicology screens show oxycontin in her system, and most disturbing, the autopsy reveals she'd had a recent abortion.

The investigation uncovers more: hints of child abuse and worse. Police are getting nowhere with the Amish community, which doesn't trust them. No one will come forward. That's where Kate comes in. With her knowledge of the Amish and her ability to speak Pennsylvania Dutch, she can go undercover as an Amish woman and find out what's really going on in the tight-lipped community.

Tomassetti, however, has his doubts. How will she get word to anyone if things get uncontrollable?

I like the character of Kate Burkholder. She's not some super woman, just a woman good at her job. She's a unifying force for her small group of deputies and can interact with the townspeople and Amish. As she goes to her sister to get leftover Amish clothes to wear, old memories surface, and she wonders if she can carry off this deception. But



then, thoughts of the dead girl and what else may be going on in that Pennsylvania town steel her resolve to get to the bottom of it all.

The N.Y. State Police and local sheriff make living arrangements for Kate before she gets there, meet her on the outskirts of town and take her car to storage. That fast, Kate is transformed into an Amish widow from Ohio looking to start over again.

The leader of the community, Bishop Schrock, is a shady character as far as police are concerned. He seems to have an unnatural hold on his parishioners. Kate talks to some Amish women who seem to worship him, while being scared of him at the same time. She learns of punishment meted out by the bishop, like locking offenders in a chicken coop and "counseling" done to teens in his house. He's also ordering any Amish with businesses in town to shut them down when their leases are up, effectively closing off the Amish community from the world. Kate starts to think the obvious — cult. Is that what the good bishop is turning these people into?

How do you infiltrate a community? I was fascinated by how Kate plans for her cover, starting with her clothes and air-tight story to spin. I held my breath as she met new people and convinced them she was a widow from Ohio. How she went to her first church service, held in a large barn on the bishop's property. How everyone already knew by the second day there was a new person in the fold.

Kate cobbles together bits and pieces of information, but she gets a little cocky and starts asking too many questions. One night, an enigmatic note on her trailer door takes her out to a midnight meeting in the snowy woods and almost costs her her life.

Then, a murder-suicide (or is it?) of Rebecca's parents brings Kate closer to an answer as the local sheriff suddenly becomes more distant. Who can Kate trust?

This is the best book in the series. Castillo had me shivering in the snow, running out of breath in the forest and scared out of my mind at the explosive climax. Such descriptive writing is the reason we read novels — it transports us to a setting we can settle into, and characters we can picture as real. Two very enthusiastic thumbs up!

Castillo's first book, Sworn to Silence, was made into a Lifetime original movie titled "An Amish Murder." She has received numerous awards, including a nomination by the International Thriller Writers for Best Hardcover, the Daphne du Maurier Award of Excellence and a nomination for the RITA.

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Completely remodeled 4 bedroom, 2 bath home sitting on the highest point of Pine Lake, offering lake views to enjoy in all directions. Rear access with two car detached garage.



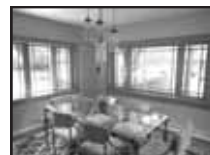
High end kitchen, elegant master bedroom includes jetted tub & separate shower. Finished lower level with rec room & temperature controlled wine cellar. Generac automated generator, sprinkler system. Lake access just steps away from docks, boating & lake living enjoyment. **\$429,000**



OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, August 7th, 11-1pm CST

2905 Roslyn Trail Long Beach

Charming 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with incredible yard that includes a brick pathway to landscaped fire pit area for great entertaining space. Walking distance to the beach.



Tastefully decorated, fireplace in living room & wood floors. The kitchen is open to the dining room. Finished lower level with rec room, bathroom & 4th bedroom with cedar closet. Two car detached garage. Fenced yard, beautifully landscaped & great curb appeal. **\$399,000**

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119 Maplewood Trail, Shoreland Hills \$285,000

Beautifully well-kept home in Shoreland Hills. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Open-living concept with fireplace in the living room, deck off kitchen area and storage shed in wonderful backyard. Call Long Beach Realty for your private showing.



805 Birch Tree Lane, Michigan City \$182,000

Best of both worlds! Enjoy low maintenance 3-bedroom 3-bath condo living within a beach community! Only one of four units this size. Wonderful amenities include garage, private patio and pool area. Beautiful common area. Association fee includes gas, trash, water, grass, snow removal and all of the pool maintenance.



160 Turner Court, Michigan City \$1,999,000

Magnificent brick home with a view of Lake Michigan that cannot be compared! Creative, open concept offers lake views from every room. Main floor includes 2 large bedrooms with baths and large closets, wonderful kitchen with stainless steel appliances, granite countertop, custom made cherry cabinets and large living area with wood-burning fireplace. Bamboo Brazilian wood floor and Italian travertine throughout the entire home. Enjoy the 100' deck with unobstructed lake views and cozy stone fireplace/grille, underground garage for 8+ cars and heated garage floor & driveway.

VACANT LAND

Hilltop Ave **\$100,000**

1515 Lake Shore Drive **\$195,000**

211 Lake Ave **\$499,000**



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