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It's a Wonderful Life

Now Retired, Bobbi Petru Has Made Helping Others a Priority

by M.D. Cunningham



Bobbi and her husband, Jim, relax in their Beverly Shores home along with their two dogs, both Salukis, which happen to be the mascot at Southern Illinois University, where Bobbi earned her master's degree. Photo by M.D. Cunningham.

Bobbi Petru sees people for who they are — and for their potential.

In the mid-1980s, when she oversaw a community center at Cabrini Green, the public housing project on Chicago's Near North Side, she experienced Michael Jordan and Walter Payton at the pinnacle of their careers. However, it wasn't their athletic prowess that, even today, sparked enthusiasm so palpable, she forgets to eat her breakfast while reminiscing about them. It was their actions outside of sports that moved her.

"Walter Payton was the most interesting," she said. "He was at the top of his career at that point, and giving back, that was what these young children wanted."

Petru spent the majority of her career, which eventually found its way to Northwest Indiana, working to enrich the lives of others, largely through the American Red Cross and YMCA. She attributes her life's work to the values her parents instilled in her growing up in Saginaw, Mich., where she was raised after moving from Connecticut as a toddler.

During a recent interview at a local cafe, she emphasized the importance of role models for youth, noting that she, herself, was never a celebrity worshipper, treating Hall of Fame athletes as she treats everyone, with respect and an eye to possibility.

The selfless, self-deprecating woman that she is, Petru did not want this story to be about her. Having spent, and continuing to spend, her life in the



Bobbi Petru joined American Red Cross' La Porte County Chapter as its executive director in 2003.

pursuit of empowering others, her actions are the sort of civic heroics that, when applied, forge bonds that hold communities together.

She is quick to point out that everyone is capable of doing something, of finding ways to give back.

"Look up, not down, forward, not back, and do the best you can," she says. "People doing things out of their own ability. Giving what they can... if everyone does a little bit, a lot gets done."

The oldest of three girls, Petru credits her parents with molding the leader, educator and facilitator she'd eventually become. Her mother was heavily involved in clubs and her daughters' education. Everything she learned about giving back started with her.

"Mom was always giving back," she said. "She was an example. I saw the rewards of giving."

Her father, who was a lifeguard in high school and college, fostered her lifelong love of the water, which became, and continues to be, a gateway for her to engage with people as a water instructor.

"He had us in the ocean as early as possible," she said of her father. "I was born in May and, by July, he had me in the ocean."

Petru went to college because her parents survived the Depression. Her mother, who didn't have the opportunity to attend school, wanted her and her sisters to get an education. So, she did her un-

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A love of water for Bobbi Petru (center) dates back to her father, who was a lifeguard in high school and college.

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dergraduate studies at Western Michigan University, majoring in physical education with an emphasis in aquatics. In the early 1970s, it was a new area of study, spawned by a need for educators and programs to accompany pools now appearing at schools.

After completing her bachelor's degree, she attended Southern Illinois University to receive a master's degree in the physiology of exercise before landing in Ann Arbor to work for the YMCA.

She then ended up in Chicago. Her Michigan teaching license could not be used in Illinois, so someone suggested she put her YMCA background and connections to use, contacting a couple of people and ending up working for the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago.

Petru started out as an aquatics director on the North Side, then after three years became the program director for the south suburbs, which boasted one of the Midwest's largest outdoor pools in Park Forest. It was a wonderful experience that she chalks up to being at the right place at the right time. She credits the women's movement with opening up opportunities previous generations did not have. In Petru's case, it was always about working with others.

"Again, it's not what I can do, it's working with people, motivating people, and I was very fortunate to have some great leadership on the board, and they taught me a lot," she said. "They encouraged me to motivate, to grow a team."

After raising her own children in Oak Park, Ill., she decided with her husband, Jim, to simplify their life.



Bobbi attends an Ideas and Information event through the local tourism bureau with Sandy Gleim from Unity Foundation.

"We moved out here (Beverly Shores) after looking all over North, South, West, all over Chicago, and ended up in Indiana," she said. "My husband was willing to take the train in every day. I give him a lot of credit."

Petru eventually found work in La Porte County when she joined the American Red Cross in 2003 as its executive director. It was an experience she was well prepared for, but said it was surprising, the layers of communication involved with reaching service men and women with news from home. Although the news was rarely good, Petru said the service really does try to work for its members. She recalled one case where a submarine came to the

surface so a La Porte County man could be airlifted home to see family during a crisis.

Before retiring in May, Petru rejoined the Y, this time at the Michigan City Elston Branch. During her victory lap with the organization, she had the opportunity to work with community leaders to ensure the former Elston Middle School enjoyed new life as a multifaceted community hub, most notably with La Porte County Family YMCA.

"It's exciting to see all that's there," she said, complimenting the "wonderful" team for their leadership and creativity.

"Again, it's the whole thing, seeing people who give back and people making a difference in people's lives ... If I can motivate someone to take action," she says thoughtfully, "follow your passion."

Clearly, Petru is hungry as the interview comes to a close, but given that the muffin she bought at the start of our interview still rests squarely where she set it an hour earlier, you can be sure, she wants more than satiation for herself alone.



Bobbi Petru celebrates her retirement at the YMCA's Elston Branch.



Bobbi (right) attends event celebrating women in leadership.



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LAAF begins with an opening night preview event Friday, Aug. 19, then continues with a variety of festivities Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 20-21. The goal is for festivalgoers to come for one particular component, but quickly become immersed in the entire experience. All proceeds benefit LCA programs.



Daryl Thetford's "Man in a Boat Alone."

The preview night, “AVANT: An evening of Serious Moonlight,” is from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19. Guests can stroll through the festival grounds and artists’ booths, and visit the LCA galleries to meet exhibiting artists Daryl Thetford, Lucy Slivinski and Ezra Siegel. The option exists to have a complementary glass of wine. Afterward, Kristina Isabelle and the High Jinks stilt dancers and drummers will lead the crowd to the entertainment center across the street while performing a fire dance. Shoreline Brewery will provide hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar. Individual tickets cost \$50 and are available on www.lubeznikcenter.org or Eventbrite at tinyurl.com/hz6udr4.

During the weekend, festival hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, with booths closing at 5 p.m., and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21. Contemporary artists and artisans exhibiting and selling work in outdoor booths on the LCA lawn include: Bert Green Fine Art Gallery (Chicago), Judy



Ferrara Gallery (Three Oaks, Mich.) and Thaddeus C. Gallery (La Porte), as well as the LCA’s galleries.

Artist activations include Ishmael Nieves, who will create a mural project with aspiring young artists on Shoreline’s property, Nancy Pochis Bank, who will create a large street chalk-drawing project for the duration of the

day Saturday, and Eric Spruth, who will design free Mehndi (Henna) on Saturday and Sunday.

Entertainment on the music stage begins at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday. The lineup is:



The YCC Cuban Orquesta.

Music Pavillion Saturday, Aug. 20

- 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. — Jordans & James (country/Americana folk vocal and guitar duo).
- 3 to 5 p.m. — Stealin’ The Farm (rock).
- 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — YCC Cuban Orquesta (9-piece Latin/salsa band and dance party).

Sunday, Aug. 21

- 11 a.m. to noon — Rorey Carroll (Nashville country/Americana singer/songwriter).
- 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. — Freek Johnson (jazz fusion band).
- 3 to 5 p.m. — Scott Pazera’s Funk Implosion (New Orleans funk band).

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A reception is from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 16, with the exhibit continuing through Aug. 31.

The Michigan City roots for Jane and her sister, Nadine Warren, are deep. At 19, Jane's grandmother, Ester Ernst, was Michigan City Centennial Queen in 1916, riding in a royal horse-drawn carriage befitting her station.

Now, 100 years later, Jane is celebrating her artistic achievement. She began painting when she retired, becoming popular and prolific. Her mediums included watercolor, oil and acrylic. She studied under area artists such as Connie Kassal, Neil Kienitz and Greg Harrington. She was a Craftsmen of Porter County member and past president of the Area Artists Association.



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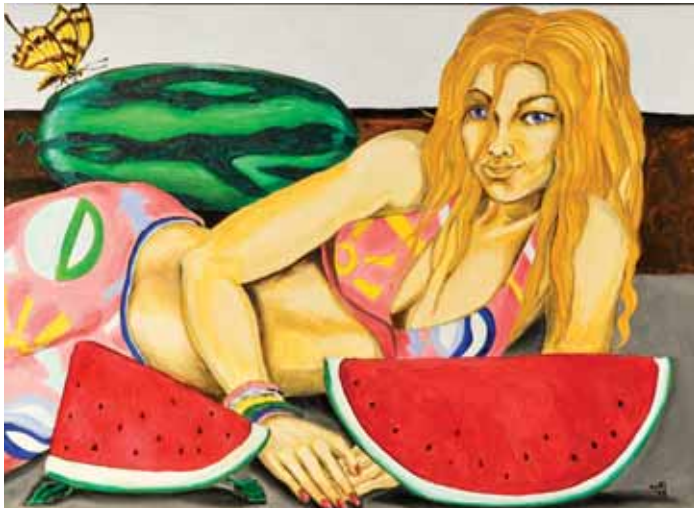
New Experiences Grow in “Fusion” at SSAA Gallery

Editor's note — This week marks the debut of Robert Stanley's “Art & About,” which covers the art scene.

Pleasant adventures are all about us this summer, and here's another: “Fusion” at Southern Shore Art Association gallery, 724 Franklin St. in Michigan City's Uptown Arts District.

There's EVERYTHING here, from the realistic, to street/comic book, to abstract, with a smattering of glass and sculpture. Each piece in “Fusion” says the gallery is a “process or result of joining two or more things together to form a single entity.” By uniting experiences not usually found together, a new experience grows.

Seeing something real, for instance, like Michigan City from an unusual perspective in Kyron Williams' photograph, sucks the viewer in. Also, seeing the usual, such as a beach scene with a child-like freshness, provides a new way of experiencing it, as in Bruce Seidleman's “Beach Series No. 4.”



Turtle Onli's “Butterfly Melon.”

Turtle Onli's “Butterfly Watermelon” presents street art, a sly grittiness hidden in a pretty picture. For another experience, dive into Michael Koscielniak's “Mountain Fire Faces” and enter tumult.

In all categories, there are so many adventures into new experiences. A suggestion: Walk around the whole exhibit, then return to something that struck you, and spend 5-10 minutes looking and thinking. When going on a vacation, we don't take a quick peek out the hotel window, then say, “Got it! Let's go on to

the next place.” So, too, with art.

If you look for a while, you will begin to see things you didn't notice at first: objects, intensity or calmness of brush strokes, expressive color, shapes sweet or menacing. Thinking over what these elements might mean will challenge and perhaps please you.

An example is Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel's “Love Power.” Just how does Michigan City's beloved cooling tower and love fit together, in the artist's mind or in our own? An adventure begins. Another invitation to explore new horizons comes in an assemblage/painting by Rob Rothermel, titled “Valkyrie.” Not only is this a delightful



Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel's
“Love Power.”



Rob Rothermel's “Valkyrie.”

combination of images, ready for inventive interpretation, but the piece also fuses real objects and encaustic (painting with wax rather than oils or acrylics).

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On the spiritual side, compare your idea of how an angel might look with Connie Kassal's "Angels in the Wings? II." There's also a hint of the medieval in Kei Constantinov's "Dawn on the Little Calumet."

Some works in the exhibit are average, that is, enjoyable, yet routine in their view and techniques. Others are above average in one or the other area. Then, there may be some exceptional, "museum quality" art here: works extraordinary in technique, and whose viewpoints are quite unique and thought-provoking. Trying to discover what ranks as what, if that is even desired, is not an easy task, and can be quite an uncertainty in itself.



Connie Kassal's
"Angels in the Wings? II."

Enjoy the adventures.

(The exhibit runs at SSAA through Sunday, July 31. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.)



Carol Estes' "Heartbeat of America."

Matisse said, "Art is created in the space between the viewer and the artwork." From realistic through abstracts, sculptures of copper with fabric tentacles, lovely glass, an artistic comment on smartphones, wild imagination of objects brought together or abstract strokes of emotion — all can be found in "Fusions."

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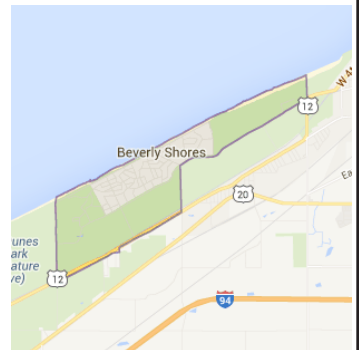
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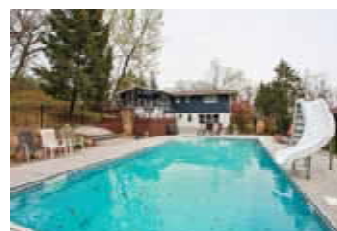
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Outdoor performances are free, so families can take chairs and prepare picnic baskets. The schedule is:

- Taltree Arboretum and Gardens, Valparaiso, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 17.
- Beutter Park, Mishawaka, 7 p.m. EDT Friday, July 22.
- DeKalb County Outdoor Theater, Auburn, 7:30 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 23.
- Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, Niles, Mich., 7 p.m. EDT Friday, July 29.
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Bend, 7 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 30.

- River Park Square, Plymouth, 7 p.m. EDT Sunday, July 31.
- Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, Mich., 6:30 p.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 5.
- Dewey Cannon Park, Three Oaks, Mich., 6:30 p.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 6.
- Wellfield Botanic Gardens, Elkhart, 6:30 p.m. EDT Sunday, Aug. 7.
- Main Building Quad, University of Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m. EDT Monday, Aug. 22.

The Young Company is a direct outgrowth of the festival's mission to provide educational opportunities in a theatrical setting to gifted students from the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and universities throughout the Midwest. Students receive training in the practical arts of theatrical production that include voice and speech, stage combat, production management and set and costume construction. Call (574) 631-3777 or visit shakespeare.nd.edu for more details.

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In the series, acclaimed organists of the wider Chicago area play the historic 1891 Roosevelt organ. On July 13, Kent Jager will perform. He is director of music at Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Parish in Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood. He completed his graduate studies in church music at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. His undergraduate degree in organ is from Central College in Pella, Iowa.



At Queen of Angels, he is principal organist for all liturgies and oversees a graded choral program that includes two children's choirs and an adult choir.

The July 20 program will include works by French organists Messiaen, Widor and Franck, chosen to demonstrate the particular French character of the Roosevelt organ. He also will perform J.S. Bach's "Trio Sonata in E-flat Major, BWV 525."

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Michigan City High School alum Alex Uryga has been named the 2016 James Madison Fellow representing Indiana.

The fellowships support the graduate study of American history by aspiring and experienced secondary school teachers of American history, American government and social studies. It is awarded by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, an independent agency of the executive branch of the Federal government.

Uryga, a 2011 Michigan City High School graduate, was a distinguished graduate and Student Council president who served as a summer intern in the Michigan City Area Schools administrative offices. He graduated from Valparaiso University in 2015 with highest honors, earning a Bachelor of Arts in political science and history. At Valpo, he served in a number of leadership roles, including president of the Student Body and University Council vice chair. He also spent a semester in Washington, D.C., as an intern for Sen. Joe Donnelly.



Dan Donnelly Memorial Sculpture

As a thank you to Dan Donnelly for his efforts to better the New Buffalo community, including through the new library, a fundraiser is under way to create the Dan Donnelly Memorial Sculpture.

A cocktail party to kick off the fundraiser is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 16, at Jackie's Cafe, 801 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo, Mich. Tickets, which are \$30 and include appetizers, can be purchased at Jackie's, The Villager or call Cathi Rogers at (312) 965-9114.

Anyone who can't attend, but would like to support the sculpture, can send donations to Arnie Feinberg, 12 Pond Path, New Buffalo, MI, 49117. Donations should be made to the Harbor Country Public Arts Initiative.

Turkey Dinner

St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Cool-spring Ave., will host a turkey dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 16.

The menu includes turkey, dressing, corn, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and butter, cranberry sauce and drinks.

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Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra will present Summerfest Music & Microbrews from 4 to 10 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 16, at Silver Beach County Park's Shadowland Pavilion in St. Joseph, Mich.

The entertainment lineup is (all times Eastern): 5 p.m. — PS Dump Your Boyfriend; and 7:30 p.m. — Mega '80s.

Brews come from: Arclight Brewing Co.; Bell's Brewery; Big Lake Brewing; Boatyard Brewing Co.; Cultivate Brewing Co.; Final Gravity Brewing Co.; Founders Brewing Co.; The Livery; McIntosh Cellars; North Pier Brewing Co.; Paw Paw Brewing Co.; Perrin Brewing Co.; Right Brain Brewery; Rochester Mills Beer Co.; Round Barn Brewery; Saugatuck Brewing Co.; Short's Brewing Co.; Silver Harbor Brewing Co.; Tabor Hills Winery & Restaurant; and Watermark Brewing Co.

Food will be served by Classic Catering & Events, Coach's Bar & Grill and Roosters Catering.

Tickets, which are \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the event, include five tasting tickets and a souvenir tasting mug. Advance tickets are available at the following St. Joseph locations: The Liquor Locker, 3872 Red Arrow Highway; Roosters Party Store, 1607 Lakeshore Drive; St. Joseph Today, 301 State St.; and Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, 513 Ship St.

Parking fees at Silver Beach are \$6 for Berrien County residents and \$10 for non-residents.

The event ends with the Lighted Boat Parade at 10 p.m. EDT on the St. Joseph River. The theme is "Disney." All floating devices, from dinghies to yachts, were invited to participate. They will be judged and prizes awarded to boats and their crews that best capture the theme's spirit and flavor.

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Donations of clean, working items for the sale may be dropped off at the center from 6 to 8 p.m. EDT Friday, July 15. No clothing, tube TVs or CRT monitors will be accepted.

All proceeds from the sale benefit the center. Volunteers are needed to help with dropoffs Friday evening, setup early Saturday and cleanup afterward. Call or text Lorraine at (269) 405-6857 or email friendsofnewtroy@yahoo.com if interested.

Calumet Outdoors Series

The Calumet Outdoors Series, hikes organized by the Calumet Stewardship Initiative, continues at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 16, the focus being Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's Miller Woods.

Led by Steve Sass of Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society, meet at Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education on Lake Street in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.

Reservations are requested. Contact Series Coordinator Eric Neagu at (773) 403-5237 or ericneagu@gmail.com

The Calumet Stewardship Initiative is a coalition of more than 40 organizations that promotes a sustainable relationship between people and nature in the Calumet region of Northwest Indiana and Northeast Illinois. Visit <http://calumetstewardship.org/events> for additional information.

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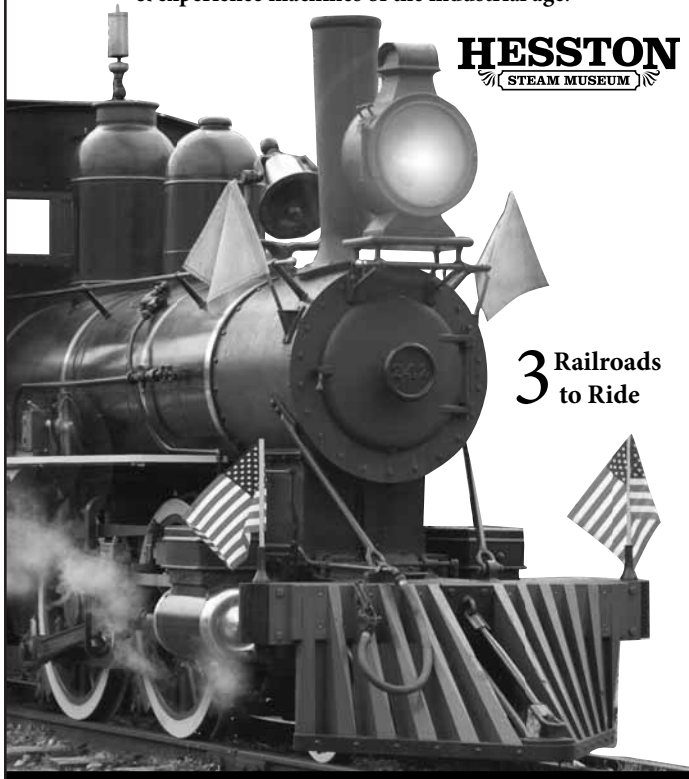
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Open Auditions for Original Play

Open auditions for "Sacred Sands," an original readers-theater performance piece about the people and ideas that saved the Indiana Dunes, are at noon Saturday July 16, in the Michigan City Public Library meeting room, 100 E. Fourth St.

The performance will be directed by John Green, chair of the Department of Theatre at Chicago's Columbia College. Born and educated in the United Kingdom, he specializes in teaching stage directing and advocates interdisciplinary and intercultural performance.

As a professional stage director, Green's work has been produced at the Edinburgh International Festival, as well as theater festivals in England, Wales, Ireland, France, Germany, Slovenia, Russia and Australia. He staged the Midwest premiere of "The Photographer" by composer Philip Glass, and his production of five short plays by Samuel Beckett was a finalist at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, for which he received an outstanding director award. He has directed numerous productions at Indiana Repertory Theatre, including "The Taming of the Shrew," "Julius Caesar," "Cyrano de Bergerac," "A Turn of the Screw," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Underneath the Lintel," "Crime and Punishment" and "After Paul McCartney," the latter written by David Hoppe.



Hoppe

"Sacred Sands," also written by Hoppe, is inspired by J. Ronald Engel's book, "Sacred Sands: The Struggle for Community in the Indiana Dunes."

Called "A Play For Voices," "Sacred Sands" will be performed at the Save The Dunes Blowout: A Festival of Performance & Ecology on Sept. 24 and 25 at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's West Beach. The running time is approximately 30 minutes. Rehearsals are Sept. 10, 17 and 18.

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- "Candy Shoppe" (Fioretti).
- "Dogs-vs-Burgers" (Brennan).
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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.

• **The Save the Tunes Council performs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 15, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

The group preserves folk songs in the traditional way, using guitar, autoharp, dulcimer, banjo, harmonica, bagpipe, penny whistle, hurdy gurdy and other obscure instruments.

• **Campground Program at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 16, 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.

• **Beginning Birding Program from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Great Marsh Trail.**

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

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

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• **Family-friendly activities and exhibits**

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays at the Paul H. Douglas Center.

Included is the outdoors Nature Play Zone. Visitors also can help feed the center's resident turtles and fish. At 1:30 p.m. Sundays, a ranger leads a guided hike through Miller Woods.

• **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.

• **Try Out a Kayak from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays along the Kemil and Dunbar Beach areas.**

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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Thursday, July 14

- **10 a.m. — Indiana's Greatest Hike.**

Take a tour of what USA Today voted as Indiana's greatest hike. Traverse sand parabolic blow-outs, forested dunes and foredune grasslands along the way. Pack a water bottle, wear hiking boots and meet at the Nature Center.

- **3 p.m. — Get Lost.**

Learn how to use a compass during the 30-minute hands-on activity outside the Nature Center.

- **Sunset Beach Yoga — 7 to 8 p.m.**

The Duneland and Valparaiso YMCAs have partnered with Indiana Dunes State Park to offer beach yoga at the main beach by the pavilion. The cost is \$10 per session. Five class passes are available for \$40. Call (219) 462-4185 or visit valpoyymca.org to register, or just show up.

Friday, July 15

- **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.

- **3 p.m. — Scales and Tales.**

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

- **7:30 p.m. — Campfires for Dummies.**

Discover techniques and tips for starting a campfire every time. Meet at the campground shelter.

Saturday, July 16

- **10 a.m. — Showdown at the Trail 9 Cutoff.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a trip down Trail 9 to the cutoff.

- **3 p.m. — Scatology.**

Meet at the Nature Center to test your facts on feces, with prizes awarded.

- **7 p.m. — Campground Snakes.**

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

Sunday, July 17

- **10 a.m. — Mount Tom Bound.**

Wear hiking boots for a moderate, one-hour jaunt to Indiana's highest sand dune. Meet at the campground shelter by site 116.

- **3 p.m. — Dune Critters.**

Meet at the Nature Center to learn about the diversity of dune mammals.

Monday, July 18

- **10 a.m. — Woodland Wander.**

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

- **3 p.m. — Wetland Safari.**

Explore the bio-diverse area of a wetland, including aquatic life below the water.

Tuesday, July 19

- **8 a.m. — Early Morning at the Blowout.**

Meet at the Nature Center for the 90-minute trek to the Beach House Blowout and Trail 9.

- **3 p.m. — Dune Beasties at High Power.**

Visit the Nature Center to explore smaller forms of life in the dunes.

- **8 p.m. — Buck Moon Climb.**

Meet at the main beach pavilion for a sunset climb to the bird observation tower and a special viewing of the full buck moon rising. A special telescope will be set up. Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by a parent.

Wednesday, July 20

- **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.

Daily

- **Beach Yoga — 9 to 10 a.m.**

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May R.O.S.E. Winner

For the second month in a row, a server from Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa was named Visit Michigan City La Porte's Recognition of Service Excellence winner.

Patty Gram works at William B's restaurant and is the May winner. She lives in Merrillville and has worked at Blue Chip for 11 years.

"I remember the people who nominated me," she said. "They were so sweet and a pleasure to wait on. If my customers are looking for something else to do, I always like to tell people to visit where I like to go, and that is all of the unique shops and restaurants in the Uptown Arts District of Michigan City. I tell them the shopping is phenomenal."

This is what the nominator wrote about Gram's exceptional service: *"We walked into this restaurant hoping we could get seating on Mother's Day, and the host was nothing short of excellent and polite. We got seated fast and couldn't have been seated with a better waitress. My parents mentioned at the time how amazing they thought our waitress was, and let me tell you, she was more than amazing, including excellent service, great personality and a pleasure to sit and talk with. I will definitely be back, and I will request for her to be our server."*

Gram received a framed certificate, rose corsage and \$100 bill. She will be invited to the annual R.O.S.E. luncheon during National Tourism Week in May, and be nominated for Indiana's Hoosier Hospitality Award in 2017.

Visit <http://bit.ly/RoseNomination> to nominate someone for the award.



Chesterton Art Center

The following offerings are through Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

• Mary Acton will host Pysanky egg classes.

Adults and children 10 and older can participate. Classes are from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 23.

Students will use wax to control the various dyes. They may choose from a variety of patterns or design their own. By the end of class, each person will have completed an egg or two.

Course sizes are limited to 10 to afford individual attention. Each class costs \$45, with members receiving a \$5 discount.

• Jennifer Martin will host a camping edition of Cookies and Canvas on Friday, July 22.

Children 3-7 can attend from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and those 8-14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The evening will include an 8" x 10" camping-themed, stretched canvas painting, as well as cookies and juice.

The cost is \$10 per child or \$5 for members. Register no later than Thursday, July 21.

• A new six-week session of Monday Night Ceramics starts from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 25.

Beginning students will develop fundamental wheel-throwing techniques, while returning students will refine techniques to create more complex forms. Instructor Tom Cernius will perform short demonstrations while assisting students individually to improve throwing skills.

Hand-building and sculpture also are encouraged. Students can try slab-building, pinch-pot hand-building and basic sculptural techniques, including figurine/small statue construction. All pieces will be glazed during the final class. The cost is \$135, with members receiving a \$25 discount. The cost of clay is \$15. All other supplies are included.

• Works by longtime resident artist Hazel Hannelle, moved from the Hannell property in Furnessville before the home was demolished, through Aug. 10.

The effort is part of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's 50th anniversary celebration. On display are not only printmaking blocks, but also work by artists selected to participate in the National Lakeshore's Artist in Residence Program. That includes paintings, photography, quilting, interactive writing/poetry, and filmmaking.

In conjunction with the National Lakeshore's 50th anniversary exhibit, the String-a-long Quilt Guild will show its IN Quilt Challenge quilts celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday. They will hang in the Luella DeWulf Gallery through July 27. In keeping with the quilt theme, the center will present a community quilt where the public can use fabric markers to color a portion. Once finished, it will be raffled off, with proceeds aiding center programming.

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Women in Leadership La Porte County will present the interactive seminar/workshop "Excel at Excel: Becoming a Data Diva" on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Ivy Tech Community College, 3714 Franklin St.

Participants will learn:

- The basics for information management and retrieving data within spreadsheets.
- Data entry strategies, functions and tools.
- Common formulas, and constructing a simple financial tracking spreadsheet.
- Creating graphs and charts.
- Managing large amounts of information within Excel.

The presenter is Dan Todd, who has worked for IU Health La Porte Hospital for more than 16 years in clinical and non-clinical roles. He has a bachelor's degree in biological science from Indiana University and a Master of Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University.



Take a charged laptop or tablet with Excel installed. Space is limited. The cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. Advance registration can be done at women-in-leadership.com. Day of registration is at 7:30 a.m., with the seminar from 8 to 10 a.m., followed by Ask the Expert from 10 to 11 a.m. Coffee, water and light breakfast bites will be provided.

All proceeds support the Women in Leadership La Porte County Scholarship Fund for graduating high school senior girls.

La Porte County Parks



All registrations/questions go through the Red Mill County Park Administrative Office, 0185 S. Holmesville Road, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 or visit www.laportecountyparks.org for more information.

Nature's Tiny Tots

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

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West. Dates are: July 25, and Aug. 1, 15 and 29. Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

Tuesday Treasures

The program aimed at 6- to 13-year-olds meets from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at Luhr County Park.

All programs include arts and crafts. Parents are not required to participate or stay. The cost is \$8 per person per program. Pre-registration and payment are required one week before each program. The schedule is:

- July 19 — Hello Down There.
- July 26 — Night Time Explorers.
- Aug. 2 — Beautiful Butterflies

Parent & Child Discovery Days

The program includes arts and crafts, games and snacks. All activities are related to the topic. Programs are appropriate for children 3 to 8, with an adult required to participate. Times are from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Luhr County Park. The cost is \$5 per child/per program. Pre-registration and payment are required at least one week in advance or until full, whichever comes first. The schedule is:

- July 20 — Night Time Explorers.
- July 27 — Beautiful Butterflies.
- Aug. 3 — It's Feeding Time.

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, 3178 S. County Road 150 West. Call at least one week in advance to register. The schedule is:

- Aug. 3 — Eye health, cataract care and eye warning signs, Dr. Sethi Patel, ophthalmology.
- Sept. 14 — What to grow in the fall with Sacha Burns, Sunkissed Organics.

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Snakes Focus of Nature Program

Snakes are the focus of this month's Kids' Nature Play in the Garden at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 14, at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.



A girl makes a bunny craft at a previous Nature Play in the Garden.

The 90-minute program, led by Indiana Master Naturalist Cookie Ferguson, will encourage youth to explore the garden just as Catherine Barker may have done as a young girl. Activities, all themed around snakes, are held in the outdoor garden and include a story, art project and snack, along with a visit by a live snake.

A \$2 fee per child applies; each accompanying adult is free. Registration is not necessary. The program moves indoors if it rains. The final summer session is Aug. 11.

Visit www.barkermansion.com for details.

Bailly Homestead Artifact on Display

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and Chester-ton's Westchester Township History Museum have united to present "The Bailly Family and Homestead Exhibit."

A sampler stitched in 1821 by Joseph and Marie Bailly's daughter, Rose, is on public display for the first time. It can be seen with other Bailly family artifacts at the museum, 700 W. Porter Ave.

Rose Bailly lived at Bailly Homestead longer than any of Joseph and Marie's other children. After her husband, Francis Howe, died in 1850, she and her two daughters returned to Porter County to live with Marie. Rose remained at Bailly Homestead until her death in 1890.

The sampler was part of the Bailly/Howe estate auctioned in 1918 after Frances Howe's death. It was purchased by John O. Bowers, who donated the sampler, and other Bailly and Howe family treasures, to the National Lakeshore in 1980.

When the National Lakeshore received the sampler, it was secured with nails to a small wooden frame and had extensive insect damage. Although the National Lakeshore investigated conservation work in the 1980s, no textile conservator was available at the time.

More than 30 years later, the National Lakeshore, with a financial gift from Friends of Indiana Dunes, sent the sampler to the National Park Service's Harper's Ferry Center in West Virginia for conservation work, where much of the previous damage was fixed, and the sampler was treated and rehoused to preserve it.

The exhibit will remain open to the public through Oct. 2.

Summer Bird Residents

Secrets of the area's summer bird residents and their nesting routines mark the next free New Buffalo Community Forum Series program at 6:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, July 19, at New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Wendy Jones, Fernwood Botanical Gardens & Nature Preserve head naturalist, will discuss the nesting habits of common species, and what to look for during the warm summer months.

Upcoming programs in the series, sponsored by the Friends of New Buffalo Library, include: "The Lincoln Assassination: Who Helped Booth Murder Lincoln" by Civil War novelist Michael Deeb on July 25; "The Latest Buzz About Bees" by beekeeper Mike Sautter on Aug. 15; and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's 50th anniversary by a parks ranger on Aug. 23.

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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

• **NorthShore Health Center free blood-pressure screenings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 14, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter, and 10 a.m. to noon July 20 in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Interested patrons also can receive help calculating Body Mass Index.

• **Music at the Museum from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at Westchester Township Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

The Flashbacks will perform. Members are: Suzanne Keldsen, playing guitar, recorders and fiddle; Julietta Raby, playing fiddle, mandolin and guitar; Nancy Cairns on dulcimer and ukulele; Paul Mache playing guitar and banjo; and Marti Pizzini on autoharp, dulcimer and guitar.

• **Graphic Novel Book Club from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 14, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The focus this month is Richard Stark's "Parker Volume 1: The Hunter." Register in person with the IT department or by phone at (219) 926-7696.

• **Summer Concert & Movie Series at 7 p.m. Friday, July 15, at the Thomas Park bandstand in downtown Chesterton.**

County Minstrels performs at 7 p.m., followed by a showing of "Inside Out." In case of rain, both events move to the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

• **Mad About Mysteries at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Pat Mitchell will present the mysteries of Joan Hess, author of the Claire Malloy and Maggody mystery series. Light refreshments will be served.

• **Teen Movie Night: "The Divergent Series: Allegiant" at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The movie is Rated PG-13. Free popcorn will be offered.

• **Maker Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, July 18, in the Thomas Library upstairs IT classroom.**

Local software engineer Adam Johnson will lead a hands-on program, appropriate for patrons 12 and older, about Arduino circuit devices.

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

No crafting talent is necessary, and all materials are provided. Registration is required for each session. Call (219) 926-7696 or (219) 926-9080 to register.

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Taltree Receives Donation

Taltree Arboretum & Gardens has received three needle-felting song birds for its developing native bird display.



Taltree volunteer Don Frame (from left) appears with the donations alongside Annette, Xander and Dane Hansen of Discovery Trackers 4-H Club.

Discovery Trackers 4-H Club donated the cost of materials to Susan Beal of Flight of Heart in Bennington, Vt., who in turn donated her time to create a chickadee, tree swallow and Eastern bluebird.

The faux birds — realistic and life-sized — are part of a display that will allow Taltree visitors to get an up-close view of these native species, along with their nesting boxes, nests and eggs. Taltree volunteer Don Frame will work with the organization to assemble the exhibit.

Taltree is located at 450 W. County Road 100 North near Valparaiso.

Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Duneland Stamp Club at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 14.**

The club meets the second Thursday of each month. New members are invited.

• **Bocce Ball at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 14.**

Families are invited to the interactive Summer Reading program.

• **Pop Up Story Time at 10 a.m. Fridays, July 15, 22 and 29.**

Children 6-12 can choose their favorite picture books and read them to other children.

• **Movies in Washington Park: "Inside Out" at 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 15.**

The library and city again have collaborated to show family films under the new North Point Pavilion. The final movie, "Hotel Transylvania 2," is Aug. 19.

• **Summer Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 20.**

Children birth to age 5 and adults will enjoy stories, songs and crafts. Arrive a few minutes early to receive a name tag.

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

Dragonfly/Damselfly Program

Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12, will offer a free educational program on dragonflies and damselflies from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 17.

Donna Resetar, Valparaiso University associate dean of library services, will share her knowledge on the study of dragonflies and damselflies, which can reveal crucial information about the health of aquatic ecosystems because they are critical indicators of water quality. They also consume large numbers of pest insects like mosquitoes.

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Low Putts: Eunie Nondorf

"B" Flight

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Low Gross: Jane Irvine, Kathy Kenefick
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Sunken Approach

Kathy Kenefick Hole 13
 Jane Irvine Hole 18
 June Salmon Hole 11

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June Salmon Hole 16

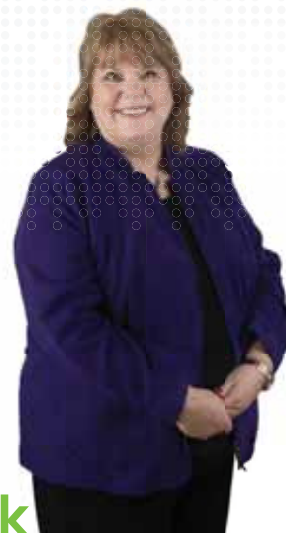
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The program has presented awards to nearly 40 applicants in past years. It is named after a book with that title written by native-plant advocate Douglas Tallamy.

Plantings in Lake, Porter and La Porte counties are eligible. Full program details and an online application may be found at tinyurl.com/qarccqo. Call (219) 242-8558 to request an application by mail. Applications are due by July 25. Representatives of The Friends of Shirley Heinze will visit the plantings, and awards will be given in the fall.

Visit www.heinzetrust.org, call (219) 242-8558 or access the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/heinzetrust for more information.

Summer Nature Series Hike

The Summer Nature Series and Children's Summer Reading Program through New Buffalo Township Library will present a hike led by local trail expert Pat Fisher at 1 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 16.

Hikers can meet at Galien River County Park to learn about local plants and wildlife, explore trails, take in the views from the marsh overlook and head through the marsh boardwalk.

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"Putnam County Spelling Bee"

Young People's Theatre Co. will present "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" for July 15-17 and 22-24 at Elston Performing Arts Center, 1200 Spring St.

Performances are at 7 p.m. July 15-16 and 22-23 and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 17 and 24. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.yptcinc.com for reservations.

Family Golf Night

Briar Leaf Golf Club, 3233 Indiana 39, La Porte, offers Family Golf Night after 4:30 p.m. Mondays.

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The cost is \$75, or \$60 for members. Register on Fernwood's website.

• **Art Station: Paint Your Own Bird Ornament from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, July 17.**

Fernwood's staff and volunteers will preside over drop-in stations designed to be hands-on and educational. No pre-registration is required; the program is free after paying the regular admission fees.

• **David Allen exhibit closes Sunday, July 17.**

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Fly In Pancake Breakfast

Fraternal Order of Police No. 75 will host an all-you-can-eat Fly In Pancake Breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon Sunday, July 17, at Michigan City Municipal Airport, 1300 S. Indiana 212.

The cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12 and free for children 4 and younger.

Airplanes, Michigan City police vehicles, fire trucks and the EDITH house will be on display. Airplane rides and skydiving will be available for an additional cost.

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Polish-American Cultural Society

Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City chapter, meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, at the former St. Mary School, 321 W. 11th St.



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July 14 — Kids' Nature Play in the Garden, 9 a.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Cost: \$2, accompanying adult free. Info: www.barkermansion.com

July 14 — Music at the Museum, 2-3:30 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

July 14 — Bocce Ball, 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

July 15 — Save the Tunes Council, 7:30-9 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

July 15 — Movies in Washington Park: "Inside Out," 8:30 p.m., North Point Pavilion. Info: (219) 873-3049.

July 15-18 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "The Man Who Knew Infinity." Rated PG-13. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* "Dough." Not rated. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 3:15 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

July 15-24 — Young People's Theatre Co., "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," Elston Performing Arts Center, 1200 Spring St. Times: 7 p.m. July 15-16 & 22-23, 2 p.m. July 17 & 24. Tickets: \$10. Reservations: www.yptcinc.com

July 16 — 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.

July 16 — Reception for Jane Susnis exhibit, 1-3 p.m., Visit Michigan City La Porte Convention & Visitors Bureau in Marquette Mall.

July 16 — Turkey dinner, 4:30-6:30 p.m., St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave. Cost: \$12. Info: (219) 879-9415.

July 16 — Teen Movie Night: "The Divergent Series: Allegiant," 5 p.m., Westchester Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

July 16 — Music in the Park, Delilah and the Lost Boys, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Dewey Cannon Park, Three Oaks, Mich. Free.

July 16, 20 — 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

July 17 — Fraternal Order of Police No. 75 Fly In Pancake Breakfast, 7 a.m.-noon, 1300 S. Indiana 212. Cost: \$7/adults, \$5/children 5-12, free /children 4 & younger. Info: (219) 872-0121.

July 17 — Free educational program, dragonflies & damselflies, 1-3 p.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Info: (219) 878-9885, www.friendshipgardens.org

July 17 — Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival 2016 Young Company production of William Shake-

speare's "Pericles," 6:30 p.m., Taltree Arboretum and Gardens, 450 W. County Road 100 North near Valparaiso. Free. Info: (574) 631-3777.

July 19 — Free New Buffalo Community Forum Series, summer bird residents, 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

July 20 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Kent Jager, 12:15 p.m., Christ Church (formerly First Congregational Church), 531 Washington St. Info: (269) 469-0051.

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

Wednesdays — Al-Anon meetings, 6-7 p.m., Franciscan Alliance-St. Anthony Health. Info: (708) 927-5287.

Through Aug. 7 — Area Artists Association exhibit, "An Artist's Journey," Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art.

Through Sept. 8 — Merchant Street Market, 4-8 p.m. EDT Thursday, Whittaker & Merchant streets, downtown New Buffalo. Info: www.newbuffalo.org

Saturdays through Sept. 10 — Pinhook Bog Open House, noon-3 p.m., 700 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City. Info: (219) 395-1882.

Farther Afield:

July 14-Aug. 14 — "The Odd Couple," Theatre at the Center, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster. Times: 2 p.m. Wed./Thur.; 7:30 p.m. Fri./Sat., 2:30 p.m. Sun.; select matinees. Tickets: \$40-\$44. Reservations: (219) 836-3255, (800) 511-1552.

July 15-24 — "Hello Dolly!," Elkhart Civic Theatre's Bristol (Ind.) Opera House, 210 E. Vistula St. Times (Eastern): 7:30 p.m. July 15-16, 22-23; 3 p.m. July 16-17, 23-24. Tickets: \$19/adults; \$17/students & seniors 62+. Reservations: (574) 848-4116, www.elkhartcivictheatre.org

July 16 — Rummage sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. EDT, New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road. Info: friendsofnewtroy@yahoo.com, (269) 405-6857.

July 16 — Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Summerfest Music & Microbrews, 4-10 p.m. EDT, Silver Beach County Park's Shadowland Pavilion in St. Joseph, Mich. Info/tickets: (269) 982-4030, www.smso.org

July 16 — Mike Cortson and David Lahm, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10/general admission, \$8/students and seniors, free/children 12 and younger. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688, info@boxfactoryforthearts.org, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

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The program is offered to formal educators and non-formal ones, including pre-service teachers, naturalists, Scout leaders, youth group leaders, home-schooling parents and any educators who work with youth between sixth and 12th grades. It is co-sponsored by Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, the Alliance for the Great Lakes, Dunes Learning Center and the Great Lakes Research and Education Center.

The cost is \$40. Pre-registration is required and limited by July 21 at www.duneslearningcenter.org/adults

Golf Scramble

Hospice Franciscan Communities will host a golf scramble on Saturday, July 16, on the executive course at Michigan City Municipal Golf Course.

Registration is at 10 a.m., with tee time at 11 a.m. The cost is \$75 per person, or \$250 for a four-person scramble. That cost also includes cart rental. Prizes will be awarded. Call (219) 877-1605 for reservations or more information.



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by Sally Carpenter

Murder on the Quai by Cara Black
(hardcover, \$27.95; available in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

We all have a list of favorite authors, right? But I'm sure we all have a "favorite" favorite author. Mine is Cara Black, author of an amazing series set in Paris and featuring young, stylish and very clever Aimée Leduc.

Aimée and her partner, René, a 4-foot dwarf, run a computer security company. In 15 previous novels, I have walked, run, chased and been chased up and down the picturesque arrondissements of the City of Light with Aimée. Her penchant for getting involved in more than computer security has lead her and René into mysteries that make their books successful and endearing.

Throughout the series, Aimée has revealed her family background in bits and pieces, small chunks that interest and engage you into why this young woman chose the path she did. She hints at certain events in past years, like her father's forced departure from the police and her mother's disappearance when Aimée was only 8.

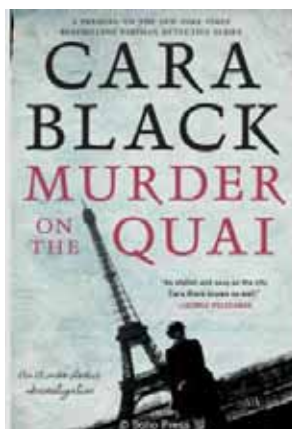
This book actually is a prequel. Questions brought up in previous books are answered in the stand-alone story. In fact, this probably is a good way to introduce readers to Aimée and René. I always say, each Aimée adventure is my favorite, and this one is no exception. Few writers can continuously put out high-caliber stories for 16 volumes, but Black does so with Parisian panaché!

The story opens in Paris in 1989. Aimée is starting premed classes, her father is retired from the police force and running Leduc Detective Agency and her grandfather, retired, is living with them.

Tearing down the Berlin Wall sends Aimée one direction and her father in another. First, several things happen to almost push Aimée to the breaking point. She's about had it with her college classes in premed as someone keeps sabotaging her experiments. Competition is fierce for this program, which only keeps the best students. Then, she finds out, from his snotty sister, that her boyfriend is leaving her for someone of his own aristocratic class. *Mon Dieu!* What's a girl to do?

Then, in the middle of all this, Aimée's father says he needs to go to Berlin (East maybe, now that the wall is down?). He gives no explanation, only telling her to answer the phone and take messages. Ha! He doesn't know his daughter very well.

Before he left, Aimée walked in on her father talking to a woman who claimed to be a cousin.



Elise Paltier wants Jean-Claude Leduc to look into the death of her father. He was found "tied and bound, a bullet in the back of his head, under Pont des Invalides." Sounds like an execution.

Aimée's father is uncharacteristically cold to Elise as he tells her to go back to the police — he can't help her.

As he heads out to Germany, Aimée defies him and quietly starts an investigation for Elise on her own. A matchbook from a night club and the name Suzy written on it is the only thing Elise can provide in the way of a clue. Little

does she know, finding Suzy will lead Aimée to a World War II mystery and a group of four men, one of whom is Elise's father.

In a small French village in 1940, a missing truck of Nazi gold bars and the death of five Nazi soldiers lead to the execution of 61 innocent villagers. Why would these events have repercussions now, some 49 years later? Questions pile up as Aimée discovers she is being followed and almost killed as she comes closer to solving Peltier's murder.

In the meantime, Jean-Claude enters the former East Berlin. He's there to retrieve papers that have something to do with Aimée's mother — an American citizen and — what? Maybe a spy. But for who? The East, the West, or maybe both? The question is whether this information is for his own peace of mind, or will he share it with his daughter? Perhaps the truth will be too much for either of them to handle. More importantly, Jean-Claude soon finds out that when someone does you a favor, they expect a favor in return.

Aimée's first foray into detective work will reveal her good instincts, and youthful stubbornness will take her down a dangerous path. Along the way, she will meet René. It's certainly not a comfortable first meeting, but time and circumstance will prove him a valuable asset and eventual friend.

Well, well, maybe premed isn't in Aimée's future. Maybe she will follow in her father's footsteps. As they say, all will be revealed! Or will it?

All of Black's stories are well constructed, with plenty of dangerous starts and stops and just enough humor to show Aimée's not Wonder Woman, but someone you might want to know better.

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