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A Name That Means Quality

For Ann and George Dobie, Roosevelt Pipe Organ is “Second to None”

by Andrew Tallackson

Hindsight is a melancholy creature. It arrives unexpectedly, often when time has begun its inexorable march forward, casting days gone by in an altogether new light.

When Ann Dobie gazes at a photograph from her wedding day, taken by her brother nearly 55 years ago, the joy on her face and that of her husband, George, is evident. The majestic pipe organ looming in the background, however, serves as a harbinger of things to come.

Since 1988, Ann has been playing the Roosevelt Opus 506 pipe organ at the former First Congregational Church — now Christ Church — at 531 Washington St. This summer marks the 15th season of the Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, which she and George introduced. And on a bittersweet note, the historically significant pipe organ, one of only about 30 remaining today, needs a new home, as the arrangement to keep it as Christ Church expires in six years.

That is why, these days, it is impossible for the Dobies *not* to wax sentimental when the topic of their wedding photo comes into play.



The photo from George and Ann Dobie's wedding day on Aug. 12, 1961.

“Who would have thought at the time,” Ann said, “what pipe organs would mean to us. We didn’t realize then, of course, how important it would become to us now.”

The 15th season of the Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series kicks off with returning favorite Stephen Schnurr at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 8. For the Dobies, the program marks an extension of their love not only of organ music, but the Roosevelt Opus 506 pipe organ itself.

Before George and Ann wed on Aug. 12, 1961, in St. Clairsville, Ohio, they met in college, both study-

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George and Ann Dobie today in front of the Roosevelt Pipe Organ.
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ing math at Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio. She'd taken organ lessons and played at church, but did not aspire to forge a career out of her talents. Both became teachers. George would later switch professions, working at U.S. Steel for 35 years. Ann, however, never lost her affection for pipe organs.

"I've always loved organ music," she said. "Organs are a complicated thing to play. You have the right hand, the left hand, the pedal. But it's so satisfying. Any time I want to just get my mind off of something, I play the organ and that's all you're doing. You're into the music, and everything else disappears."

"With pipe organs, they are more alive, there's more brilliance."

Ann first encountered First Congregational's Roosevelt organ in 1988. The church was seeking an organist, the late John Schlarb helping out in the interim. Once hired, she began playing services that summer, commuting from Crete, Ill., before officially moving to Michigan City that August.

The church's three-stories tall pipe organ was built in 1891 by the Roosevelt Pipe Organ Co. in New York. The driving forces were brothers Hilborne and Frank Roosevelt, who were heralded for making superior pipe organs.

"They built the most famous pipe organs in the world at the time," George said. "That guy (Frank Roosevelt) had an eye for pipes. They were second to none."

First Congregational's Roosevelt organ originally was built for Chicago's Church of the Messiah. It became available after First Congregational was damaged by fire in 1907 and its pipe organ damaged. It

arrived at the Michigan City church in 1910, and at a \$2,000 cost that included installation. The instrument is a tracker, which means it involves mechanical action, complete with rods and levers and 1,540 pipes. Today, the Dobies say, a similar pipe organ would cost more than \$1 million.

It is believed an all-J.S. Bach concert in November 1990 spurred discussion of restoring the pipe organ. Pipes, or notes, would stick, sounds continuing after organists lifted their fingers from the keyboard. Other issues involved insufficient air pressure to reach the top of the instrument. A pipe organ restoration fund began in 1992, with George serving as chairman.

The process to restore the organ, which the Dobies say cost about \$190,000, began in March 1998. All 1,540 pipes — made from wood and metal — were removed and cleaned elsewhere. An East Coast subcontractor worked on the keyboard. One rank of pipes not part of the



The Roosevelt Pipe Organ is three stories tall and housed in striking cherry casework.



Ann plays the Roosevelt Pipe Organ.

original specifications were replaced. The work was completed in April 1999, the organ housed in striking cherry casework.

Two years later, at a weekend retreat, church members discussed the congregation's potential for growth. It was then that Ann proposed opening the church's doors to the community once a week for what she called "noon meditative time," the chance to appreciate organ music in a quiet setting adorned with stained glass windows.

Securing organists, many of whom boast national and international reputations, for the summer series has never been difficult, Ann said.

"We don't pay. We invite people to play for the love of it," Ann said. "And when we ask, they say, 'Oh, I would love to.'"

"These are world-class organists, and they do this for the love of it, and because the Roosevelt organ is a superior instrument."

Schnurr, for example, is the director of music at Valparaiso's St. Paul Catholic Church. He has played throughout the U.S., as well as in Germany, Poland, England and Northern Ireland. He also has

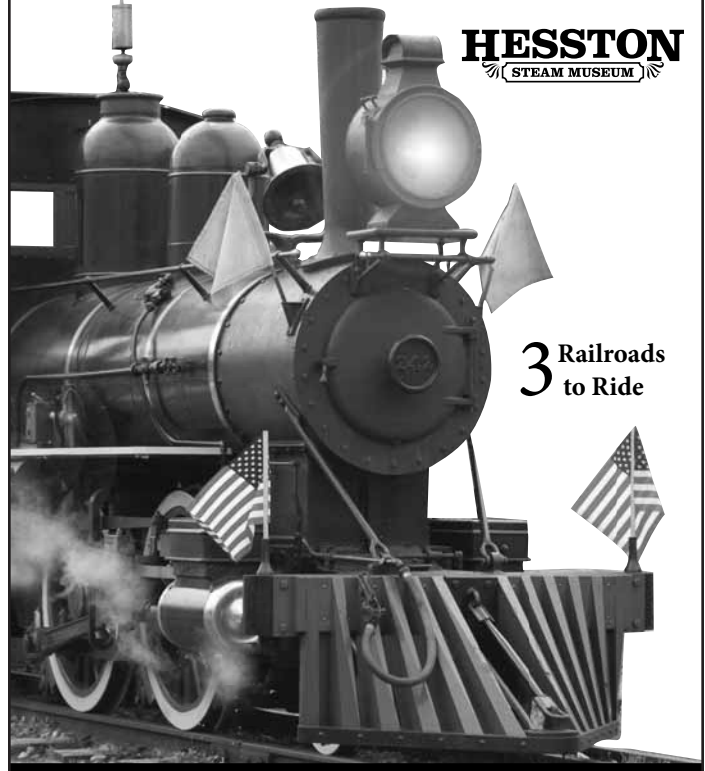
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long ties to First Congregational's Roosevelt organ, as does Brother Ben Basile, who returns this year to perform on Aug. 10.

And now, the Dobies are faced with a sizable task, that of finding a new location for the pipe organ. Everyone at Christ Church, they stressed, has been accommodating, but with the church emphasizing contemporary worship, complete with a large screen to project music lyrics and other pertinent information, a turn-of-the-20th-century pipe organ doesn't fit into the overall picture.



Views inside the historically significant pipe organ.



All told, the organ has 1,540 pipes made from wood and metal.

"An organ of this historical significance deserved to be saved," George said. "A suitable location would be a church that seats 600 to 800 people, or a large civic center or college chapel."

The obstacles, however, are the pipe organ's size and the cost involved in transporting it to its new home. That's why the Dobies are turning to the community, to anyone interested in preserving its future, for input. They can be reached at (219) 608-5358.

Until a decision is reached, the Dobies will continue with the summer series, lavishing as much care and attention as is possible on the musical instrument, which has meant so much to them...and to the countless others who have savored its melodious gifts over the years.

"People have heard of Steinways when it comes to pianos, and Stradivarius for violins," Ann said. "Roosevelt, for pipe organs, is the same. It's a name that means quality."



A plaque on the casework paying tribute to organist Dorothy Noble.



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"The Cemetery Club" at Footlight Theatre

Coming to Footlight Theatre, Ivan Menchell's "The Cemetery Club" addresses in funny and touching ways how we face the reality of growing old.

The story centers on three Jewish widows who meet once a month for tea before visiting their husbands' graves. The social ritual connects them, but also invites wisecracks about how each is handling moving on, and what it means to want more.

Doris (Susie Richter) defines contentment: Her husband's memory is enough for her, and she channels her energy into indignation about the cemetery's lousy upkeep. She also focuses a share of it on Lucille (Christine Long), whose swaggering accounts of her success on the geriatric dating scene scandalize Doris. Lucille hunts for clothing bargains and men with equal gusto, and considers all of it invigorating payback for her deceased husband's infidelity.

At first, Ida (Gail Komer) is as frozen in time as Doris is, but she begins to wonder if it might finally be time to say good-bye to the monthly cemetery visit and leave room for "the next chapter." Sam (Michael Doc Kuhn), the neighborhood butcher, coins that phrase to describe his own efforts to



Appearing in "The Cemetery Club" are (from left) Michael Doc Kuhn, Gail Komer, Susie Richter and Christine Long.

get over the loss of his wife. To Lucille, this eligible bachelor is a possible conquest. To Doris, he's a scoundrel on the prowl and can't be trusted. To Ida, he might be the man she's ready to let into her life. Lauralee Sikorski appears as Mildred, who is also competing for Sam's attention.

"I love the dialogue the playwright has written for these characters, which explores the possibility of finding love later in life," director George Maslankowski says. "Audiences will experience the humor and

heartbreak among close friends who are faced with the question of, 'What do I want my life to be in later years,' and 'how do I bring change to my life?'"

Performances are June 3-5 and 9-12 at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Doors open 45 minutes prior to curtain.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, or two for \$20 with a coupon printed off footlightplayers.org. Tickets for children 12 and younger, and Thursday shows, are \$10. Reservations will be held until 15 minutes prior to curtain unless secured by a season gift card or payment. Reservations are recommended by calling (219) 874-4035 or on the website.

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Shana Tucker: Bending Genres with ChamberSoul

by Kim Ward

When Shana Tucker began playing cello in junior high school, no one could have predicted she'd eventually run away to join the circus.

Four years ago, a radio interview after the release of her debut album "SHiNE" led to an invitation to join the musical cast of "KÀ" by Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas, where Shana now splits time when she is not on the road or home in her beloved North Carolina.

The singer-songwriter and cellist, who credits her genre-bending ChamberSoul journey to her jazz and classical roots, interwoven

with '80s and '90s pop music, movie soundtracks and world music, spoke with Art+Times about her music, giving fans a hint at what to expect when she performs at the Lighthouse Jazz Festival in Michigan City on July 9.

Art+Times: How did you become a musician?

Shana Tucker: Back in the day when they still had music in public schools, we all looked forward to fourth grade when you got a chance to choose the instrument that you wanted to play. I started playing violin in fourth grade and then transitioned over to the cello in junior high school and just, you know, kind of stuck with it.

Growing up, there were three teenagers in the household at the same time. My parents (told us), "We cannot afford to send all three of you to school simultaneously. If you want to go to school, we're going to have to be proactive about making that happen." (I decided) to try to get a scholarship. I attended Howard University for a time on scholarship and then finished at Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music. While I was at Howard, I was playing and singing in a trio, and that's really where the decision to try to do this professionally started.

Art+Times: What is chamber music?

ST: As a classically trained musician in cello, chamber music was one of the highlights of my studies. It was primarily because of the conversations that happen between the instruments, but also the dialogue that happens between the players. It is kind of dissecting the roadmap that was left by the composer. It's like translating a code.



Shana Tucker considers ChamberSoul an additional layer to chamber music.

You are trying to figure out what's happening, when it's happening and how you're going to bring this out, and then how the other players support it. All of that verbal conversation translates into a musical conversation that happens between the players. It's a lot closer to the conversations that we have in real life.

Art+Times: How has chamber music evolved into your version of ChamberSoul?

ST: I think about it more as an additional layer. I started referring to my music as ChamberSoul because of the interplay, the interac-

tion and the dialogue that happens in chamber music. The historical idea of chamber music is that it happens in intimate, closed spaces. I hesitate to say small because you can make a place that is huge feel very close and very intimate depending on how you set it up.

For me, the "chamber" part of ChamberSoul has to do with kind of setting that tone and defining that experience of closeness and intimacy, and of the back and forth not just with the players, but also with an active listening audience that knows that they are invited to or expected to participate. (The musicians) are not just there to entertain.

This is an all-inclusive experience. There's also a commitment to the acoustic nature of using instruments that can work without being plugged in. The soulfulness is a point of origin and destination. It's from the heart of one to the other...from the giver to the receiver. The "soul" part of ChamberSoul has less to do with genre and more to do with the intent.

Art+Times: How difficult is it to create and market a new genre or layer of a genre that is appealing to purists while inviting in new listeners?

ST: It's never been difficult for me to incorporate the concept of ChamberSoul into what I do. It's actually been liberating in a sense, because for so long I found myself defining my music by what it's not. That is a much longer conversation and, quite honestly, a much more boring conversation. You don't want to start off inviting someone to listen to what you're doing by describing it in a negative way. A

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word this big for me is "intent."

I think at the end of the day, people just want whatever you're offering to be intentional, organic, and that you mean what you say musically and verbally in anything that you do. I think that if it's good, you spend less time talking about what it is and more times just doing it. For all intents and purposes, I exist within the jazz umbrella. It has worked for me. ChamberSoul is a great conversation piece.

Art+Times: How do you feel about being compared to others, like Esperanza Spalding, who play the bass or cello?

ST: I consider it a compliment. I absolutely respect Esperanza's artistry, and I certainly respect her hustle. You know, the reality that it is not easy to play a fretless instrument and sing at the same time. She's also a songwriter, arranger and composer. She is a force of nature. I think that it is a wonderful trailblazing opportunity to have that point of reference.

People like what they know, but they don't always know what they like. If they say, "Oh yeah... this reminds me of that. I like that!," then it kind of makes my job a little bit easier. I don't have to explain as much about what I do, even though she is a lot more in the straight-ahead zone than I am. So it's a compliment to me.

Art+Times: Why does live music matter to you?

ST: I should hope live music matters period. It stems back to how I started. I remember when it wasn't special. It wasn't a treat. It wasn't something that only a certain number of people had access to. Playing an instrument was just one of the things that you know how to do.

When people come up to me and tell me they used to play an instrument, it is encouraging to me. It

lets me know that people still have access. Once upon a time, they know what it feels like to put an instrument — a tangible thing — into their hands, under their fingers or into their mouth and make some type of sound. They know that it's possible, and they have access to the mechanics of that.

So when the world then takes that skill away by saying "Look! We've made this wonderful digital thing where you can just press a button..." when we trade our intelligence and our ability to learn how

to do something for the convenience of just pressing a button, that compromises humanity. I don't want to sound corny, but it kind of dumbs down our whole existence when we become so evolved that we just press a button instead of actually taking the time to hone a craft and to learn how to express ourselves in some creative, musical way. Many of my colleagues are on this mission to make sure that my music is always available not just for those that can afford it, but for everybody to know

that you know that it something that is good, beneficial, essential, available and accessible. It keeps us honest and makes us better human beings.

Art+Times: What can people expect to hear from you at the Lighthouse Jazz Festival?

ST: For starters, I have found joy in this five-string electric cello, and it looks significantly different than an acoustic cello. So visually that's going to be a significant expectation to look for. My set will have original songs from my CD "Shine." I've been incorporating songs from my life that are direct influences to the music that I write. You'll hear a nice mix of standards, pop, and my original ChamberSoul compositions.

(More artists slated to perform in the Lighthouse Jazz Festival will be featured in upcoming installments of Art+Times. Visit www.lighthousejazzfestival.com for more information.)



Performing live remains a vital component of Shana Tucker's philosophy as an artist.



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Jake Stempel, Allison Day and Rebecca Hayes star in "Breaking Up is Hard to Do" from the 2015 Canterbury Summer Theatre season.

Photo by Sarah Kozma

A preview of the upcoming season will include "Boeing Boeing" (June 15-18), "The Marvelous Wonderettes" (June 22-July 2), "First Date" (July 6-16), "Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical" (July 20-30) and "Parallel Lives" (Aug. 4-6).

Artistic Director Ray Scott Crawford, dean of performing arts and communication at Bossier Parish Community College in Louisiana, and who recently received national honors for his directing work from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, returns for his 31st year helming the company.

Canterbury Summer Theatre is in its 48th season of productions, and boasts former company members who have gone on to star in film, television and on the stages of Broadway and regional theaters, as well as in the professional and educational performing arts fields.

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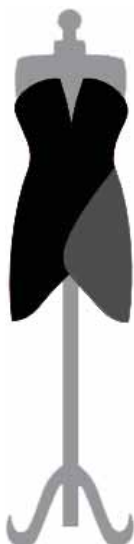
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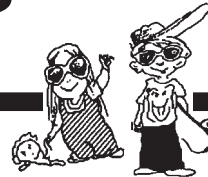
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Arnold Bass named Historian of the Year

Arnold Bass is the recipient of the 2016 Historian of the Year award, presented May 17 by the La Porte County Historical Society.

The committee chairwoman is Fern Eddy Schultz. The rules allow one current individual and organization and one past individual involved in preserving La Porte County history to be honored. Bass was nominated by his son and daughter, Mike and Kim Bass. Among the activities for which he was cited are:

- Researching and sharing the Heisman family history pertinent to their contributions to the development of Washington Park, and in preserving the harbor and marina for boaters and fishermen today.
- Volunteering at the La Porte County Historical Society and later being elected president from 1995 to 2014.
- Working in close partnership with La Porte County officials to preserve and continue funding for the museum. He was a key participant in selecting its present location on Indiana Avenue. He also worked in close partnership with the curator preparing the new location to reopen.
- Recognizing a need for the Society to establish an endowment and proceeded to do so. He spearheaded an annual fundraising campaign to approximately 1,000 prospective donors, resulting in several thousand of dollars added to the fund on a yearly basis. His hope is this will continue to



Arnold Bass receives La Porte County Historical Society's Historian of the Year award.

be a yearly activity to provide "rainy day" funds for the Society and its mission.

- Routinely securing artifacts to add to the Society's collections, including items from the Jaymar-Ruby plant closing, the abandoned Sea Scout organization and a large collections of photographs from the Bill Swedenberg archives.
- Teaching U.S. history at Elston High School in Michigan City, where he incorporated information about the importance of sharing information about events and people of La Porte County into his curriculum.
- Writing articles about La Porte County people, places and things for publication in local media. In 2006, after years of research, he wrote and published a book of historical La Porte County information, "Up Close and Personal, A History of La Porte County."

Arnold's name has joined other recipients on the plaque displayed in the La Porte County Historical Society Museum meeting room.

Nomination forms for 2017 will be available at the Society's Sept. 20 meeting at the museum. The submission deadline is April 15, 2017.

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Honoring Educators



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Michigan City Area Schools honored retiring employees, as well as four Wall of Fame inductees, on May 24 at Blue Chip Casino.

The Wall of Fame honors school employees who have made outstanding contributions to the school district's children. The award, first presented in 1976, recognizes employees from every area: administrators, bus drivers, custodians, food-service personnel, instructional assistants, maintenance personnel, paraprofessionals, teachers and secretarial staff. The wall is permanently displayed in Michigan City High School's Heritage Hall. Inductees are honored each spring at the annual.

The four Wall of Fame inductees are: Fran Booth,



Ann Gano, who taught for 22 years at Pine Elementary School, said she's not exactly sure how it feels to be retired yet, but the reality probably will set in by August. Of Gano, Associate Superintendent Xavier Botana said, "Ann is an amazing teacher. She's been an amazing teacher for a long time just like all of these amazing educators that are being honored tonight. She's a credit to her profession. I wish them all the best and we will miss them."

Norm Bruemmer, Robert Robinson and Judy Stark.

The retirees were: Kathy Belamy, Cindee Bethay, Lee Anne Cahillane, Annie Childs, Brenda Christianson, Charlene Demchok, Susan Enos, Ann Gano, Robert Gray, Herb Higgin, Debora Hogan, David Johnson, Rebecca Kozlik, Donna Lynch, Arlene Mitchels, Rich Pearson, Susan Poehl, LouAnn Porter, Dianne Powell, Mary Sage, Linda Stanford, Susan Stoll, Linda Swedenberg, Gwendolyn Williams, Jessie M. Williams and Jodi Wilson.

The *Beacher's* M.D. Cunningham took photos at the event, with MCAS' Betsy Kohn providing the group picture of the retiring teachers.



Wall of Fame inductees, and the people who nominated them, are (from left), Norm Bruemmer with presenter Beau Bruemmer, Doreen Zepik, presenter for inductee Judy Stark, inductee Fran Booth, Dan Migliorini, presenter for Booth and inductee Robert Robinson (his son, Tony Migliorini, nominated Robert, but was unable to attend).



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Casual Classics Concert Series



Ji Hye Jung

Ji Hye Jung will present a fiery solo marimba and percussion recital as part of Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra's "Casual Classics Concert Series" at 6 p.m. EDT Thursday, June 9, at The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich.

Jung's performance will include works by J.S Bach and 20th century composers Joseph Schwanter and Lukas Ligeti. Also planned is the world premiere of a new marimba composition by Ithica, N.Y., composer Charles Peck, as well as Fredric Rzewski's "To the Earth," a work for flower pots and spoken word.

The Los Angeles Times described Jung as "a centered player who can give the impression of being very still yet at all places at once." She began presenting concerts in her native South Korea at 9, when she performed more than 100 concerts, including solo appearances with every major orchestra in Korea. Soon after coming to the United States in 2004, she garnered consecutive first prizes at the 2006 Linz International Marimba Competition and the 2007 Yale Gordon Concerto Competition.

For six years, she has served as principal percussionist with the West Coast-based chamber music ensemble Camerata Pacifica. In 2015, she was named associate professor of percussion at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music.

Tickets are \$35. Wine and a light dinner are included. Contact the symphony office at (269) 982-4030 or www.smso.org for reservations or additional information.

WEDNESDAY PIPE ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

Regional musical artists will be featured organists at the noon **Wednesday Pipe Organ Concert Series** at the First Congregational Church of Michigan City, Indiana. The Church is home to an 1891 Roosevelt tracker pipe organ. **The church is located at 531 Washington Street. The noon concerts begin at 12:15 pm central time.**



The 15th season concert series runs June 8 through Aug. 24, 2016. Performing organists include Ann Taylor Dobie, Stephen Schnurr, Mark Sudeith, Carol Garrett, Kent Jager, Br. Ben Basile, Derek Nickels, Wolfgang Rubsam, Matt Gerhard, Carey Scheck, Steven Buzard, Lee Meyer and guests.

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



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Real Estate Tidbits From National Meeting

I attended the National Association of Realtors® (NAR), Washington, D.C., meeting the second week in May. It is always fun to compare the national scene to our local real estate world.

The market condition nationally is mixed. Some markets are still slow. Most markets are hot, with sales in a couple of days and multiple offers bidding up to 15% above list price. The hottest markets are under \$200,000. Upper end is not so hot and slowing in some areas.

Locally, we have not seen this hot market along the lakefront yet.

Inventories are sparse in many areas, as builders are just beginning to produce new houses to meet the needs of population increases and pent up demand at the lower end. It will take some time for builders to catch up.

It seems to be the opposite locally. Expensive houses are being built, low end not started yet.

Predictions are for mortgage rate increases based on inflation. The inflation has been low recently because of the severe drop in oil prices. Non-oil based goods have appreciated, but the oil price depreciation has kept the overall rate low. Economists are predicting that oil has stopped dropping so the inflation rate will begin to rise. The rates for mortgages will follow. They will increase with the inflation rate increase.

Nothing changing yet locally. But stay tuned.

NAR economists told me that our somewhat flat prices with adequate inventory are more the exception than the rule. They also had not seen many marketplaces where there is not much appreciation, but properly priced houses sell quickly.

All Real Estate remains local. It is fun to talk with others about the rest of the real estate world. Just do not believe we are like the rest of the markets.

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Leadership La Porte County Graduates, Award Presentation



The 32nd graduating class.

Leadership La Porte County honored its adult class at a luncheon Thursday, May 19, at Pottawatomie Country Club, Michigan City.

For the 32nd year, a group of La Porte County residents spent nine months engaging in leadership skill-building, gaining information about La Porte County and networking with local leaders. Jim Jessup again volunteered his time as course facilitator.



Angie Nelson-Deutch

At the event, the Outstanding Leadership Alumni Award was presented to Angie Nelson-Deutch. Each year, the board chooses a past graduate to receive the Robert J. Hiler Jr. Outstanding Alumni Award, which recognizes one alumnus who has demonstrated ongoing commitment to his/her profession and to the community.

Deutch, a member of the 24th Leadership class (2008), was recognized for her community service and passion for youth and education. She is a NIPSCO Public Affairs and Communications team member, responsible for community outreach, stakeholders and public relations for La Porte, Starke, Marshall, Elkhart, St. Joseph and Kosciusko counties. She also is active with several non-profit organizations, including the Unity Foundation, La Porte County Career and Tech Center Advisory Board, La Porte County United Way and the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. She lives in Michigan City with her family.

The 32nd Class is:

- Kevin Andert — IU Health La Porte Hospital Police Department chief of police.
- Nancy Bailey — Alcoa Howmet Castings new product introduction manager.
- Deborah Beien — Monday Musicale treasurer.
- Deborah Carter — Boston Middle School principal.
- Jeanne Crosslin — La Porte County Sheriff's Office administrative assistant, jail division.
- Jeff Deutch — Human Rights Commission executive director.
- George Dobie — First Congregational Church of Michigan City trustee chair.
- Raymond Francis — director of The Center for Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy at IU Health La Porte Hospital.
- Allison Frye — Horizon Trust & Investment Management support-services specialist.
- Jennie Girton — Edward Jones financial advisor.
- Judy Harris — Franciscan Physician Network operations manager.
- Casaundra "Kay" Hill, Stepping Stone Shelter for Women Inc. executive director.
- Tommie Horne, Westville Correctional Center correctional unit manager.
- Izzy Huffman — Kabelin Ace Hardware assistant store manager.
- Trish James — Kabelin Ace Hardware store manager/hiring development manager.
- Scott Kaletha — Michigan City Fire Department training officer.
- Regan Keating — Parents & Friends Inc. HR director.
- Jane Larson — La Porte Community School Corp. assistant superintendent/educator.
- Jamie Miller — Unity Foundation of La Porte County development officer.
- Karol Organ, La Porte Savings Bank mortgage loan originator.
- Kristen Patterson — director, Grace Learning Center, Citizens Concerned for the Homeless.
- David Pflughaupt, La Porte County Sheriff's office captain.
- Ross Ratliff — Four Winds Casino Resort promotions and events coordinator.
- Erin Snyder — IU Health La Porte Physicians office manager.
- Jeremy Sobecki — La Porte County Park Department superintendent.
- Madelaine Spoljoric — IU Health La Porte Hospital community engagement specialist.
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Stanley came to Indiana after retiring from teaching art at Oakton Community College in Illinois. He has a studio in Michigan City, his art combining people, the city and nature. His six periods of art move from a realistic portrait of a love ("Kristina"), abstraction, doorways and horizons, randomness and order to the present ("Study: Timeline").



Robert Stanley works on one of his paintings.

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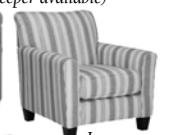
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The trail at West Beach.

• **Sunset Hike at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, at West Beach.**

The 60-minute program reveals the threats to Indiana Dunes, and what can be done to help protect them. Meet at the West Beach Parking Lot. The entrance road is north of U.S. 12 and North County Line Road in Portage.

• **Monthly Stargazing Program at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at the Kemil Beach parking area.**

Chicago Astronomical Society members will take telescopes so visitors can get a closer look at the

night sky. In June, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, as well as the Hercules Globular Cluster, will be visible. Guests can take binoculars. The Kemil Beach parking lot is located at 27 N. East State Park Road, Chesterton.

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

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

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“X-Men: Apocalypse” isn’t bad, just regrettably underwhelming, and that says something when director Bryan Singer uses his \$178 million budget to blow up just about everything in his path over the course of nearly 2 1/2 hours.

Singer, who jumpstarted Marvel’s cinematic rebirth with the first “X-Men” 16 years ago, has lost sight of what this franchise is about. The mutants of this corner in the Marvel universe exist as a beautiful metaphor for society’s outcasts. Anyone who has felt judged, slighted or attacked finds something to identify with these characters. And by placing them in everyday settings, Singer guided these individuals off the comic book page and into a palpable exploration of what it feels like to be the outsider.



“Apocalypse” introduces younger incarnations of (from left) Jean Grey, Nightcrawler and Scott.

With “X2: X-Men United” (2003), Singer had become so confident in his storytelling, the film so rich in character, meaning and ingenuity, the series now existed on a grand, operatic scale, recalling Steven Spielberg’s early adventures.

These days, the franchise has nothing else to say about how these mutants try, or fail, to co-exist with mainstream society. With two Wolverine pictures and now three “origins” tales, the approach seems to be, “What can these characters do next?” “Who should the villain be?” And by doing so, “X-Men: Apocalypse” and its predecessor, “X-Men: Days of Future Past” (2014), are simply comic book movies instead of epic moviemaking.

That’s not to say “X-Men: Apocalypse” is dull. Singer knows how to pace a story, and he comes up with striking images. The irony is that it is the quietest moments, when everything finally stops go-

ing boom, that the movie reminds us of why we cared about these characters in the first place.

The story opens in 3600 B.C. as all-powerful mutant En Sabah Nur (Oscar Isaac, trading Poe Dameron’s old-school swagger for makeup so elaborate, he’s nearly unrecognizable) takes a stab at immortality with an ancient ritual, one thwarted by his four lieutenants. Buried for eons in a collapsed Egyptian temple, he resurfaces in 1983. Believing the planet is lost without him, he takes a crack at every comic-book baddie’s longing: destroy the world, then recreate it to his liking.

Simple enough, but the “X-Men” pictures, even the far superior “X-Men United,” have one nagging flaw: There are so many characters, it is near impossible to keep track of them all. There is little breathing room to give them any personality. And by toggling back and forth, over the course of the series, between the same characters from the past and present, well, it was Deadpool himself who said it best: “These time lines can be so confusing.”

We spend time with younger versions of popular characters, including Storm, Angel, Jean Grey, Scott, Nightcrawler and Hank McCoy, but they are drab additions: pretty faces playing dressup in super

X-MEN: APOCALYPSE

by Andrew Tallackson



Evan Peters as Quicksilver provides the liveliest moments in “Apocalypse.”

er’s careful, elegant syntax, his performance now exists as the loving shadow of Patrick Stewart. Michael Fassbender delves far deeper into Magneto’s devastating past. His story arc, especially his brief flirtation with domestic family life, is undeniably compelling. Fassbender’s Magneto is a slow burn of a man on the brink of implosion. And again, the film’s secret weapon is lively scene-stealer Evan Peters as Quicksilver, a mutant who moves at superhuman speeds. His big moments, and the way Singer choreographs them, are the liveliest in “Apocalypse,” telling reminders of when an “X-Men” movie knew how to have fun with itself. Amid potentially devastating tragedy, Singer freezes the action, allowing it to unravel at an exaggerated pace. That affords the viewer a chance to experience how Quicksilver zips through the carnage. Evans attacks the scenes with

hero costumes. Jennifer Lawrence, the most accomplished of the younger lot, returns as Mystique, but she looks weary, as if she’d rather be somewhere else. Her performance, even her big, rally-the-troops moments, is Katniss Everdeen redux.

That leaves three others to pick up the slack.

James McAvoy has done such a beautiful job mastering Professor Xavi-

gusto, giving the action a loopy, crazed appeal. You crave more of him.

The climactic showdown of “Apocalypse” is an orgy of explosions and computer-generated effects. Little of it registers. In fact, as I write this, it is difficult to recall the details...and it was only 12 hours ago that I was in a movie theater taking it all in. Truth is, we don’t care about En Sabah Nur as a vil-



Michael Fassbender’s Magneto factors heavily into the film’s climactic showdown.

lain, so what happens to him feels ho-hum at best. And for all its sound and fury, the big finish is just that: a noisy end to a rather noisy picture.

The most effective scene is the one that arrives with hushed reverence. A beloved character emerges from a sealed container, broiling with animal-like rage. The scene lasts seconds. His entrance, though, secured a rousing applause from the audience. It was clear they were thrilled to see him again. You can’t fault them. The actor is electrifying, exuding far more charisma in 30 seconds than most of the cast does in 144 minutes.

And maybe that’s the awful truth of “X-Men: Apocalypse.” You can remake, restart or reboot a franchise with as many attractive new stars as you like, but nothing beats the original.

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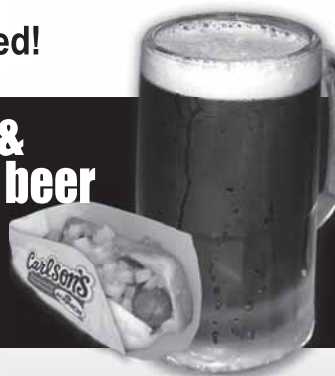
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The weekend begins at 7 p.m. Friday, June 3, with a sunset "glampfire" and s'mores at the campground shelter. It's a chance to test your knowledge of glamping trivia and compete for prizes.

Vintage campers will be on display, with an open house scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The weekend coincides with International Glamping Weekend, which celebrates luxury camping.

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

George Krasl Memorial Concert

Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich., will host its free George Krasl Memorial Concert at 7 p.m. EDT Tuesday, June 7.

The evening begins with the world percussion sounds of John Owens, Lake Michigan College director of music, followed by a solo by saxophonist Chris Keech. Jazzmin II, a jazz quintet with Steve Reed at the helm, will headline with a program to include music from "American Blue Note," a 1987 film scored by Larry Schanker. A garden birthday party afterward will honor the late George Krasl (1903-1976).

Donations will be accepted. Take a blanket or lawn chair for the performances on the Krasl grounds. Call (269) 983-0271 or visit www.krasl.org for more information.

Color Between the Wines

The adult-coloring club "Color Between the Wines" is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The club will provide all materials (coloring pages and crayons), as well as free adult beverages. Participants can take books, pencils and pens. This is not a structured class, but a social opportunity to decompress while using a creative outlet.

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Sharing the Gift, and Joy, of Music

by William Halliar

What is more welcome than a homemade gift: a gift shared between the heart of the giver and the heart of the recipient?

A homemade gift takes time to plan, creative energy to execute and, often, many hours of dedicated work to bring it into reality.

Nic and Sunny Orbovich came to Michigan City 17 years ago with the dream of a gift they

wanted to share with their new hometown, a homemade one that would inspire and uplift their new friends and neighbors. Both educators, their shared passion and the soul of their own story is a love of music. The gift they would give to Michigan City was to be expressed through the language of music.

The Michigan City Chamber Music Festival is a gift that has required literally thousands of hours of preparation time and the cooperation of many other players to make it successful. Now in its 15th season, it has charmed and touched the lives of countless souls both young and old, bringing the gift of fine music to friends and neighbors, and to folks who travel from all over the region for the opportunity to be inspired by beautiful sounds.

As the festival grew, the gift became increasingly valuable. Many patrons were drawn to it with the goal of contributing and becoming part of an event larger gift that could be given to the city. The responsibility and burden of planning and fundraising could be shared among many hands and hearts, and the gift grew.



The quintet performs for the audience.

A board of directors was formed, the organization gained 501(c)(3) status as a non-profit entity, and patrons and donors were attracted to join the effort.

Each year, in August, members of First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St., open their hearts and the doors of their sanctuary to host a weeklong celebration of the homemade gift: the joy of

music. Dr. John Crayton, MCCMF board president, rightly characterizes it as a "Love Fest."

Chamber music is written specifically to be played in smaller, more intimate venues rather than in great concert halls. The First Presbyterian sanctuary is the perfect home for the festival, a venue that inspires all to become lost in the passion and nuance of singing strings and soaring voice.

Seated almost elbow to elbow with the musicians in the beautifully appointed sanctuary, each person in the audience is able to watch each pluck of the string, each caress of a fingertip on the neck of a beloved instrument. The performers gain inspiration as the musicians pour their whole being into the making of music. In this way, the creative process is shared between performer and listener. Each gives something of themselves to each other, making the gift of music a shared experience.

As has become a tradition over the last several years, the MCCMF board and patrons were invited to the Bankoff family home Sunday, May 22, to enjoy a musical program and share an afternoon of



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friendship, wine and tantalizing culinary delights. The purpose is to thank everyone who supports the

festival, and to announce the program for the upcoming season. It should be noted that board members and patrons gather more as family than as coworkers. There are plenty of hugs to go around. The afternoon was filled with laughter, wine, Chief Arturo Pozos' inimitable culinary creations and the strains of beautiful music.

Zofia Glashauser, Gabriel Schlaffer, David Peshlakai, Jennifer Muniz and Nic Orbovich formed a quintet that performed to an audience gathered in the living room of the Bankoff residence. As they began to play, the strains of music rose from the strings and wrapped all in a shared moment commanding rapt silence and undivided attention.



Barbara Bankoff, who helps host the event in the Bankoff home.

The musicians played for an hour, touching depths of emotions and soaring to heights of joy, until Nic, with an upward thrust of his bow, signaled the end

of the program and everyone jumped to their feet in an ovation for the performers.

The great pianist Arturo Rubinstein once said that when he performed, he was making love to his audience. The love of music and passion to share with their community was certainly felt in the Bankoff home on that beautiful spring afternoon.

This commitment to a shared goal has made the MCCMF a pre-eminent event in the cultural calendar. Because of the dedication to detail, planning and quality of the event, it has grown in the 15 years since its inception and attracts the finest musicians to perform. This year, Emmy, Grammy and *Gramophone* magazine award-winning soloists will be featured at the concerts.



Nic Orbovich and Zofia Glashauser.

Amazingly, because of the work of Nic, Sunny and the board, all of these concerts and educational events are free. Nic is the artistic director and Sunny the education director. Their combined vision results in a yearly event that is not only entertaining and inspirational, but also adds an element of learning. The more deeply we understand music or

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The themes reflect the heart of the gift the entire festival committee and its patrons are pleased to share with their city:

- Aug. 13, 7 p.m. — "Dedicated to the Masters."
- Aug. 15, 7 p.m. — "Dedicated to Love."
- Aug. 17, 7 p.m. — "Dedicated to Community."
- Aug. 19, 7 p.m. — "Dedicated to our Performers."
- Aug. 21, 3 p.m. — "Dedicated to our Higher Purpose."

A reception with refreshments follows each concert. This is an opportunity to meet and chat with the musicians.



Judy and Mark Jacobi, with Judy serving as a festival board member.

A series of three concerts for children also is part of the week of music, creativity, dedication and love. At 6 p.m. Aug. 16 and 18 at First Presbyterian, two "Kinderkonzerts" (with pizza) will introduce a younger audience to the joys of this art form.

A favorite of the festival is the open rehearsal. The event will be held Aug. 18 at a time and place to be announced. This is an opportunity to watch and listen as the musicians rehearse for the next concert. The open rehearsal reveals the bones of how music is hashed out and perfected, and how performers work to make

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As the summer draws to a close and vacation days dwindle, thoughts of returning to school and to work, and of the long days of the winter ahead, crowd our thoughts. What better way to buoy the spirits than by being uplifted and carried away by beautiful music.

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Wildlife Hike

Take a 45-minute stroll through Luhr County Park at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 7.

Meet at the nature center. Wear appropriate shoes. Pre-registration is required, with a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 20 allowed. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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:

- June 8 — Creepy Crawlers.
- June 22 — Water, Water, Everywhere.

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:

- July 6 — Ways to improve balance in the older years, Becky Allwood-Wallace, physical therapist.
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The 1985 John Hughes film introduced five teenagers with seemingly nothing in common and, for different reasons, ending up in detention on a Saturday morning. After being "forced" to spend the day together, they discover they have something in common: each other.

The updated version will be performed in what director Carole Catherine calls "theatre all-around," where the audience will feel as if they are sitting in the Shermer High School library. The action surrounds the audience as students move through the school, down halls and to the library, at times being chased by Assistant Principal Vernon.

The cast includes four Lakeshore students and one St. Joseph High School student, including Max Beltz as Andrew, McKenna Coske as Claire, Hannah Kessler as Allison, Jaxson Lybbert as Brian, Ricky Wallsten as Bender, Gregg Rizzo as Richard Vernon and Mark Globensky as Carl.

The story was adapted for the stage by Shari Gray and Jeffrey Dingler. Due to graphic content (language and sexual references), the program is best suited for mature audiences.

Performances are at 7 p.m. EDT Thursday through Saturday, June 2-4, at The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets, which are \$10 in advance (\$15 at the door), are available by calling (269) 983-3688 or www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

Coastal Awareness Month

Coastal Awareness Month in June is a chance for Hoosiers to celebrate Northwest Indiana's natural resources, as well as the region's importance to the rest of the state.

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The Lake Michigan Coastal Program and its partners administer Coastal Awareness Month each year.

First Fridays Art Walk

Michigan City Mainstreet Association will host its monthly First Fridays Art Walk from 5 to 8 p.m. June 3 in Michigan City's Uptown Arts District.

Participants include: Luxe Boutique, 904 Franklin St.; d'aprile properties, 827 1/2 Franklin St.; Refined Rescues, 825 Franklin St.; The Nest, 803 Franklin St.; Hoity Toity, 731 Franklin St.; Paris House of Bridal, 728 Franklin St.; Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St.; Artspace Uptown Artist Lofts, 717 Franklin St.; The Closet, 717 Franklin St.; Nest Number 4, 717 Franklin St.; Urban Soles, 624 Franklin St.; Trestle, 622 Franklin St.; Art + Science Works (in Trestle), 622 Franklin St.; Man About Town, 621 Franklin Square; Patina Vintage Goods, 621 Franklin St.; FADA (Franklin Art District Artists), 617 Franklin St.; The Joy of Flowers, 613 Franklin Square; Revive Consignments, 523 Franklin St.; Down Gallery, 525 Franklin St.; Darling Boutique, 418 Franklin St.; First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St.; Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.; and Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

Entertainment is planned at: Maxine's, 521 Franklin St.; Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St.; and Old Lighthouse Museum, Overboard and Fire and Water in Washington Park.

Taltree Under the Stars Series

Taltree Arboretum & Gardens will offer a variety of performances through its "Under the Stars" series from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursdays on June 2 through Sept. 15.

Based in the pavilion, visitors can take lawn chairs or blankets. A cash bar will be available.

Disposable Theatre Improv performs June 2, with the Valpo Has Talent Variety Show on June 9.

Individual show tickets cost \$10. Season tickets are \$99 for members or \$125 for non-members. Visit tinyurl.com/hdzh9qv to register.

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ICS Spring Yard Sale, Open House

Independent Cat Society, 4061 S. County Line Road, Westville, will host Aunt Kitty's Spring Yard Sale and Open House from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 4-5.

Included during the event are homemade treats by The 3 Old Cat Ladies' Café, bake sale items and raffles. Anyone who would like to donate items to the yard sale should drop them off at the shelter between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday, June 3. No clothes or large furniture will be accepted.

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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

• **Teen Library Council from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 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, June 2, 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.

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

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



• **Sunday Matinee: “The Lady in the Van” at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The movie is rated PG-13. Free popcorn will be available.

• **Popular Books at 2 p.m. Monday, June 6, at**

Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.

The focus is Hoosier author James Alexander Thom’s “Follow the River.”

• **Adult Coloring Program from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter, and at the same time the third Monday of the month at Thomas Library.**

Registration can be done in person or by phone at (219) 926-7696 for Thomas Library or (219) 926-9080 for Hageman Library.

• **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. The focus June 8 is a T-shirt tote bag. Call (219) 926-7696 or (219) 926-9080 to register.

• **Mad About Mysteries at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Westchester Township History Museum.**

Joan Costello will discuss Ellery Adams’ “Books by the Bay” series. Light refreshments will be served.

• **Creative Kids from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Thomas Library’s Children’s Department.**

Children 5-7 learn about different artists and try a new technique each week. The focus June 8 is chalk painting. Visit Thomas Library or call (219) 926-7696 to register.

• **Children’s Crochet Club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays through June 29 in the Children’s Department at Thomas Library.**

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Campus Sculpture, Art Tour

The Purdue University Northwest Alumni Board will host a Campus Art Walk from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, on the North Central campus.

All North Central, Calumet and Purdue University alumni are invited, as well as community members. The group will meet by the fountain, located in the campus "quad" at 5:30 p.m. From there, Judy Jacobi, assistant vice chancellor of University Art Collections & Special Programs, will lead a tour of the sculpture and art collections.

The walk will include large-scale sculptures throughout the campus and artwork on display in the campus buildings. In case of inclement weather, the tour will concentrate on indoor exhibits.

Jacobi will discuss the artwork, with background information about the artists, the inspiration for some of the pieces and other details of interest.

Chicagoland Popcorn will have a variety of flavors of popcorn, and beverages will be provided. Space is limited. RSVP to alumni.pnw.edu and click on news and events, or call (219) 785-5274 or email alumni@pnw.edu

Jammin With Save the Dunes

Save the Dunes, one of Northwest Indiana's oldest environmental non-profit groups, will host the sixth annual "Jammin with Save the Dunes" from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at Washington Park's Guy Foreman Amphitheater.

Local bands will include Mr. Blotto, the Cory Dennison Band and Karen Banks-Lubicz Trio. Craft beers will hail from Shoreline Brewery, Burn 'Em Brewing, Figure Eight Brewing, Four Father's Brewing, Devil's Trumpet Brewing and Hunter's Brewing. Barefoot Wine & Bubbly and Shady Creek Winery also will participate. Local food vendors will include Redamak's Patty Wagon, Lulu's Licks, Valpo Velvet Ice Cream and Cool Runnings Jamaican.

Buy tickets online at <http://bit.ly/1VC7qIz> for \$15, or at the door for \$20 (cash and credit). Parking costs \$7. Children 12 and younger are free.

Proceeds directly benefit Save the Dunes to preserve, protect and restore the Indiana Dunes and all natural resources of Northwest Indiana's Lake Michigan watershed. Visit tinyurl.com/gq9n8ju for more information.

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ArchiCamp Offered at Lakeshore

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore will help present ArchiCamp on Wednesday, June 22, providing an introduction to local history and architecture for students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades

In celebration of the National Park Service centennial and 50th anniversary of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, the park has partnered with Indiana Landmarks, Friends of Indiana Dunes, Westchester Township History Museum and The Field Station Cooperative to present the program.

By combining hands-on crafts, field trips and talks with professional historic preservationists and park rangers, the goal is to:

- Use historic architecture to educate and excite students about local history and the built environment.
- Introduce career opportunities in history and historic preservation.
- Instill stewardship/responsibility for heritage.

Registration closes Wednesday, June 15. Visit www.nps.gov/indu for detailed information and the link to the registration website. Or, go directly to www.idnlarchicamp.eventbrite.com. There is a \$20 free for materials, lunch and snacks.

Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

Beach Glass Jewelry Workshops

Indiana Dunes State Park will host two beach-glass jewelry workshops at 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at the nature center.

The workshop will teach wire-wrapping techniques as participants make beach-glass necklaces or pendants. Instruction begins with a short introduction in wire-wrapping techniques and tools.

The program fee is \$5 per person. Space is limited, and advance registration is required by calling (219) 926-1390. The program fee does not include the standard park entrance fee, which is \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$12 per out-of-state vehicle.

Indiana Dunes State Park is located at 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton.

Maple City Grand Prix

Watch the world's fastest tunnel boats, some reaching speeds of more than 100 miles per hour, during the Maple City Grand Prix on Friday through Sunday, June 3-5, on La Porte's Stone Lake.

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St. Stanislaus 5K

St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, with co-operation from the Town of Trail Creek, will host the Fourth Annual St. Stanislaus 5K (3.1 mile) run at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 4, at Trail Creek's Nelson Park.

Race proceeds will fund much-needed repairs to St. Stanislaus Church, one of La Porte County's oldest Catholic churches.

Plaque awards will be given in eight different age divisions for women, men and children, and the top three overall female and male runners and top female and male walkers.

Entry forms are available at St. Stanislaus School, Trail Creek Town Hall and Robert Tyllisz Appliance. It can be downloaded at ststanstc5Krunwalk.com, or enter online at Active.com and enter "St. Stans 5K." If submitting the application by mail, send it with payment to St. Stanislaus Parish, 1506 Washington St., Michigan City, IN 46360.

Participants also can register in person:

- St. Stanislaus Church Hall from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 3. The \$20 cost includes a T-shirt. Children 13 and younger cost \$15.
- Day of Event, Saturday, June 4, from 6 to 7:30 a.m. at Nelson Park. The cost is \$25, but a T-shirt is not guaranteed because of limited quantities.

Contact St. Stanislaus School at (219) 879-9281 or Race Director Patrick Kroehler at pjk226@yahoo.com for more information.

Annual Cemetery Tour

The La Porte County Genealogical Society will hold its 22nd Annual Cemetery Tour at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 14.

The free tour begins at the Quaker cemetery located at the north end of Park Street in La Porte. Laura Shields and society members will present tour information. Guests are welcome. Attendees will meet for refreshments after the tour.

Regular meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Parks & Recreation Building, 250 Pine Lake Ave., La Porte. Visit tinyurl.com/ndooe7s for more information.

The Art of You

"The Art of You," a free girls night out celebrating style and fashion, is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

Participants include Luxe Wagon, Darling Boutique, Barre and Beyond and Timothy Jeffrey Salon. Shoreline Brewery will provide cocktails and light bites. Donations are encouraged. RSVP to art-info@lubeznikcenter.org or call (219) 874-4900.

New Service League Officers



Service League of Michigan City installed its 2016-2017 officers during a spring luncheon at Long Beach Country Club. Pictured are (from left): Marti Migliorini, president; Audrey Claussen, vice president; and Karen Carr, secretary. Not pictured is Treasurer Nancy Hansen.

Educator Produces Learning Tools

Queen of All Saints School Principal Marie Arter collaborated with seven educators to create learning materials for the Indiana Pioneers Field Trip.

Educators, who met May 13-14 at Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis, received behind-the-scenes access to the museum collection and one-on-one guidance from its education staff.

This fall, classrooms across Indiana will use the learning materials Arter helped produce to celebrate the state's bicentennial. This year's field trip will include an iPad app, online resources and a live TV broadcast on Oct. 25.

Those interested can follow Arter as she continues collaborating with teachers and finalizing lesson plans by following Ball State University Field Trips on facebook, instagram and twitter. More information is available at www.bsufielddtrips.org

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The American Red Cross La Porte County Chapter will sponsor the following bloodmobile:

- St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road, Michigan City, noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 7.

Donors must be in good general health and feeling well, at least 17 (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org for more information.

Women UNITED Fundraiser

Women UNITED will host a Mix, Mingle & Make An Impact Fundraising Event at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at Shady Creek Winery, 2030 Tryon Road, Michigan City.

The \$30 per person cost includes two glasses of wine and light snacks. Raffle items, a brief presentation about Women United and networking are planned. Register at tinyurl.com/zftv6q6

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Burger King Scholarships

Seven La Porte County residents are among the recipients of Burger King scholarships funded by Quality Dining Inc.

Receiving \$1,000 scholarships are:

- Jordan Behenna, La Porte, La Porte High School.
- Megan Cummings, Union Mills, South Central Junior-Senior High School.
- Amie Decker, La Porte, La Porte High School.
- Alejandra Ramos-Romero, Michigan City, Michigan City High School.

Receiving \$1,000 employee scholarships are:

- Jonathan Aaron, La Porte.
- Joshua Aaron, La Porte.
- Brandon Claussen, Wanatah.

Resale Shop Garden & Plant Sale

St. Stanislaus Convent Resale Shop, 1501 Franklin St., will host its annual garden and plant sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4.

The sale includes patio furniture, pots, plants, yard and garden equipment, birdhouses, décor, gloves and seeds. Anyone interested can donate extra garden and yard items, such as plants, bulbs, patio sets, shovels, rakes and sprinklers.

Photo of the Week Contest

Help Us Capture Life Along the Beach!

Snap a high-resolution photo of a friend or family member, place, event...even the beautiful scenery. Include the day, time and location of the photo.

Submit the photo to The Beacher by 5 p.m. each Wednesday. We'll contact you by 5 p.m. Thursday if the photo is chosen to appear in an upcoming edition.



Michigan City Public Library

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

- **Art à la Carte: Nature Safari at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 2.**

Children 4-10 accompanied by an adult can decorate paper binoculars for a backyard safari and nature walk. Children must be present to receive the craft materials.

- **South Shore Scribes at 6 p.m. Thursdays, June 2 and 16.**

The writing group meets the first and third Thursdays each month.

- **Free Gentle Flow Yoga at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, June 4.**

Certified yoga instructor Lauralee Sikorski emphasizes deep breathing and releasing stress. Take a mat and wear comfortable attire, and come on an empty stomach.

- **Life Line Screening at 9 a.m. Monday, June 6.**

Life Line Screening, which provides community-based preventive health screenings, will offer five screenings that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries; abdominal aortic aneurysms; hardening of the arteries in the legs; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat; and a bone density screening for men and women. Register for a Wellness Package that includes four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening for \$149 (\$139 with a member discount). The full screening takes 60 to 90 minutes to complete. Call (888) 653-6441 or visit lifelinescreening.com/community-partners to register and receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129.

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

Monday Night Ceramics

Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St., will start a new session of Monday Night Ceramics from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, June 6.

During the six-week class, beginning students will develop fundamental wheel-throwing techniques, while returning students will refine their techniques to create more complex forms. Instructor Tom Cernius will perform short demonstrations while assisting students individually to improve their throwing skills.

Hand-building and sculpture also are encouraged. Students can try their hand at slab-building, pinch-pot hand-building, as well as basic sculptural techniques, including figurine/small statue construction. All pieces will be glazed at the final class.

The cost is \$135, with members receiving a \$25 discount. The cost of clay is \$15. All other supplies are included. Call the center at (219) 926-4711 to register.

Millionaire Readers



Three Cool Springs Elementary School sixth-graders read more than 8.4 million words this school year, based on totals calculated through the Accelerated Reader program. The three record-breaking readers are (from left) Ethan Green with 2,234,491 words, Carter Herrbach with 3,199,563 words and Isabelle Eaton with 3,004,801 words. That's a grand total of 8,438,855 words.

Get Fit Parks Program

Sometimes, a day in the park is just what the doctor ordered.

The Get Fit Rx Program, created by The Foundation with La Porte-area parks departments, is a new tool to equip children and families with information on how to use local parks for health and play. It was developed after an in-depth strategic look at helping families get healthy.

The program starts with the Passport to Health, which includes a brochure explaining the program, a packet containing an activity log and maps of all La Porte city and county parks. Kids can track their progress and turn their completed logs into the doctor's office for chances to win outdoor-related prizes. Anyone in the community can log onto youngerlife.org and click on Get Moving to download the program materials.

Children should drop off their completed 14-day activity plan at the La Porte Hospital entry or the Playtime Pediatric Physician Office on State Street. The first drawing will be held at the end of June: two activity logs will be selected for a new bike.

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Boys & Girls State Delegates



Girls State delegates include (front row, from left) Kaitlyn Steinhiser and Emily Glowacki. Boys State delegates include (from left) Rishi Verma, Brandon Fетters, Jude Gussman, Rhiggs Thomas, Cody Friedrich and Jacob Walsworth.

Eight Michigan City High School juniors have been selected as delegates and alternates for the 2016 Hoosier Boys and Girls State Programs.

The week-long programs are held in mid-June at Trine University, Angola, Ind.

Hoosier State programs are designed to educate teens in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. They work with more than 600 other high-schoolers from across Indiana, creating their own version of state, city and county governments. They also attend special sessions centered on leadership, law, media and other fields.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of Hoosier Girls State. A special banquet will be held at Trine University on June 25 to help celebrate the milestone. The guest speaker is a former Girls State delegate, La Porte Mayor Blair Milo.

Michigan City's delegates are sponsored by John Franklin Miller American Legion Post 37 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 37. Selection is made by high school faculty. Criteria includes leadership abilities, academic achievement and strong character.

New Buffalo Community Forum

The free New Buffalo Community Forum Series continues with "The Dynamics and the Shadows of Hinduism" at 6:30 p.m. EDT Monday, June 6, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Presented by the Friends of New Buffalo Library, the program by David Tidwell of Lake Michigan College looks at some of the Hindu gods and the faith's major literature, concluding with a discussion of the caste system and four stages of a Hindu life.

Upcoming programs include: "Doin' it With the Lights On" by local paramedic/author James Stine on Tuesday, June 21; "The Birds of Summer" by Wendy Jones, Fernwood Botanical Gardens and Nature Preserve head naturalist, on Tuesday, July 19; and "The Lincoln Assassination: Who Helped Booth Murder Lincoln" by Civil War novelist Michael Deeb on Monday, July 25.

Call the library at (269) 469-2933, follow the Facebook link at newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org or email new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com for additional information.

Summer Reading Challenge

New Buffalo Township Library will offer an adult summer reading challenge between June 6 and Aug. 27.

Library cardholders, including Three Oaks patrons, may participate by reading three books within a variety of themes, including: a book by a local author; a book written for young adults; a book from a library display; and a book on the staff recommendations list. Participants will submit their challenge sheet with the three books listed on or before Aug. 27 to be entered to win prize drawings, such as certificates towards local businesses and library gear.

This is the library's first summer reading program for adults. The annual children's and teen summer reading program begins June 18. Look for the adult summer reading challenge packets at the library starting Monday, June 6, with no formal signup required. Email Courtney at nbltcreate@gmail.com or call (269) 469-2933 for more information.

Official Bicentennial Book

The La Porte County Indiana Bicentennial Committee announced the official bicentennial book, "Indiana at 200: A Celebration of the Hoosier State," will be sold at Visit Michigan City La Porte in Marquette Mall.

The 248-page collector's book of the state's 200-year history covers topics such as Indiana's environment, cities, businesses and culture. La Porte County history and images are included.

All proceeds from the sale of the \$40 book will go into a fund to offset expenses for upcoming bicentennial celebrations.

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Monday Musicale Season Finale

Monday Musicale members and guests met May 23 at Barker Mansion for the final meeting of the 2015-2016 season.

Current officers will retain their positions for another year: Dee Edgcomb, president; Kathy Chase, vice president; Howard Brenneman, secretary; and Deborah Beien, treasurer.

Beien hosted the evening's program, "Revolution," with themes of war and peace. Dan Moser opened the program singing "The Battle of New Orleans," accompanying himself on the banjo. Baritone Frank Casorio shared "Bring Him Home" from "Les Misérables." Ange Benz sang "A Soldier's Wife's Lament," with original lyrics, and "Stormy Weather."

In an operatic vein, Casorio presented the Italian aria "Come Paride vezzoso" by Donizetti. Soprano Kathi Jones performed Puccini's "Un Bel Di" from "Madame Butterfly." Noel Carlson sang "Avant De Quitter Ces Lieux" from Gounod's "Faust."

Flutist Merry Johnson played "Hypnosis" by Ian Clarke. She later was joined by Carlson for fife and drum tunes of the American Revolution. Johnson, Jones, Julie Lattell and Lisa Schwingendorf played the Shaker hymn "Simple Gifts" as a flute quartet.

In a tribute to Prince, Alicia Ebaugh, Brenneman and Jones sang the apocalyptic party anthem "1999," accompanied by Lee Meyer on piano, Moser on guitar and Carlson on percussion.

A vocal ensemble with members Beien, Brenneman, Carlson, Sue Cassler, Chase, Moser and Schwingendorf performed "The Power of the Dream," "We Are the World" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Women's trio Back Porch Swing sang Ruth Moody's "One Voice."

Lena Levi, winner of this year's Monday Musicale Award, was the guest performer. A Chesterton High School senior, she plans to major in musical performance at Boston College in the fall. After receiving her scholarship, she performed her winning violin selection, the first movement of Lalo's "Symphonie Espagnole."

Phyllis Nowatzke's hosting committee served refreshments during social hour after the program.

Monday Musicale offers active and associate (non-performing) memberships. Contact Ange Benz at (219) 874-3754 or Cassler at (219) 362-1421 for more information.

Cocktails for a Cure

Cocktails for a Cure, a fundraiser for American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of La Porte County, is from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at Patrick's Grille, 4125 Franklin St., Michigan City.

The cost is \$10. Tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting Kristin at (219) 851-3418. All proceeds aid Relay For Life.

LaLu Crew Takes Home Silver Medal

La Lumiere School's women's junior quad crew team, including sophomore Meghan Daly, La Porte, junior Amelia Murphy, La Porte, junior Channing Scott, Granger, and junior Sarah Van Sessen, Westville, brought home a silver medal from the recent Midwest Scholastic Rowing Championships.

The achievement qualified the Lady Lakers to compete in the SRAA National Championships Regatta on Dillon Lake in Nashport, Ohio, on May 27 and 28. This is the second year in a row the team qualified for nationals.



Daly



Murphy



Scott



Van Sessen

Daly, Murphy, Scott and Van Sessen will compete against top boats from New York, Florida, New Jersey, Virginia and Pennsylvania for the championship honors. Alternates for the event are sophomore Caroline Bates, Porter, and freshman Haley Harkness, Valparaiso.

The La Lumiere crew team is co-ed and led by veteran coach Kevin Spingler, who has more than 30 years coaching experience, and Alyssa Trelstad, a former member of the University of Minnesota's NCAA Division I crew team. The school began its crew program in 2012 with 17 rowers and seven shells (boats), and has grown to more than 25 team members and 15 shells.

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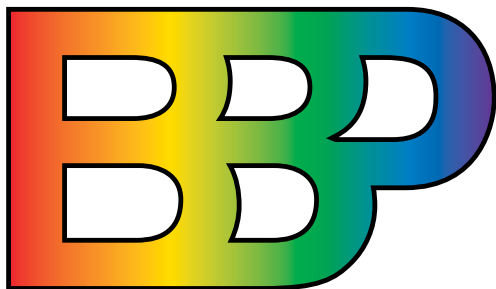


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Great Marsh Wetland Restoration

The National Park Service is planning to restore wetlands at Great Marsh through late spring.

The project consists of removing fill and other debris comprised of sand, cement and rubble placed in the marsh during the 20th century. That removal will expose historic peat soils to wetland hydrology and restore ecosystem services such as water purification, water storage, plant and animal habitat, and recreational viewing. Regulatory permits have been obtained from state and federal agencies.

The debris to be removed is scattered over approximately four acres of Great Marsh. The work will be done just east and west of Broadway in Beverly Shores. The bald cypress trees along Broadway will be retained. Removal of the debris may require periodic, short-term closure of the Great Marsh parking lot east of Broadway for safety.

Wetland plants, present prior to human modification of the region's hydrology, will be planted in the restoration area. These assemblages will be the same as those observed in Great Marsh by early 20th century botanists. Questions may be directed to Botanist Dan Mason at (219) 395-1553 or Supervisory Biologist Gia Wagner at (219) 395-1552.

Chickens Back at Chellberg Farm

After a brief return to Chellberg Farm in early March, thanks to a poultry loan from Scherf Farms Dairy and Creamery, chickens will return to Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, where they will enrich Dunes Learning Center educational programs.

The partnership between Dunes Learning Center, the Westville High School AgriScience department and the Westville FFA Chapter will bring 16 Barred Rock and Rhode Island Red chickens to the Chellberg Farm chicken coop for the summer. Westville students incubated and witnessed the hatching of eight of the chickens and purchased more baby chicks this spring.

The chickens will help teach lessons in food production, sustainability and nutrition to learning center campers, as well as park visitors.

Visit www.duneslearningcenter.org for additional information.

"The Anatomy of Art"

Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St., will host "Body Parts: The Anatomy of Art" through June 26, with an opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 3.

The exhibit features paintings, photography and sculpture by SSAA members and guest artists from the region. Visit www.southernshoreartassociation.com for more information.

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"A" Flight**

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Low Net: Roxanne Warble
Low Putts: Roxanne Warble

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Event: Kathie Mole
Low Gross: Rima Binder
Low Net: Rima Binder
Low Putts: Gloria McMahon

Sunken Approach

Roxanne Warble Hole 8
 Tina Sonderby Hole 3

Birdies

Gloria McMahon Hole 10

May 24, 2016**Event: Putting Competition
"A" Flight**

Event: Roxanne Warble
Low Gross: Carol Excell, Jennifer Gronceski
Low Net: Carol Excell, Lisbeth Slattery
Low Putts: Roxanne Warble, Jennifer Gronceski

"B" Flight

Event: Jane Irvine
Low Gross: Pat Kelley
Low Net: June Salmon
Low Putts: Jane Irvine

"C" Flight

Event: Gloria McMahon
Low Gross: Gloria McMahon
Low Net: Gloria McMahon
Low Putts: Barbara Beardslee

Sunken Approach

Roxanne Warble Hole 3
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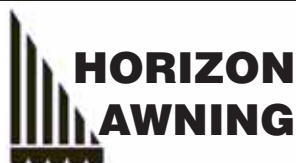
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Activities to Explore

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June 2 — Art à la Carte: Nature Safari, 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 3 — First Fridays Art Walk, 5-8 p.m., Michigan City's Uptown Arts District.

June 3-5, 9-12 — "The Cemetery Club," Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Thur.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$12, two for \$20 with coupon off footlightplayers.org, \$10/children 12 & younger and Thur. Info: (219) 874-4035.

June 3-5 — Maple City Grand Prix, La Porte's Stone Lake. Info: www.maplecitygrandprix.com

June 3-7 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "The First Monday in May." Rated PG-13. Times: 6:15 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* "Born to be Blue." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 3:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun. *Also:* "Radical Grace." Not rated. Free showing, 7 p.m. June 7. Discussion afterward. Presented in conjunction with Harbor Country Progress. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

June 4 — Fourth Annual St. Stanislaus 5K (3.1 mile) run, 8 a.m., Trail Creek's Nelson Park. Info: pjk226@yahoo.com

June 4 — Annual garden and plant sale, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., St. Stanislaus Convent Resale Shop, 1501 Franklin St.

June 4 — Kids Fishing Fun Day, 9-11 a.m., Luhr County Park Pond, 3178 S. County Road 150 West. Info: (219) 325-8315.

June 4 — Monthly Stargazing Program, 8:30 p.m., Kemil Beach parking area, 27 N. East State Park Road, Chesterton. Info: (219) 395-1882.

June 4 — 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.

June 4 — Free Gentle Flow Yoga, 12:15 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 4 — "Jammin with Save the Dunes," 4-9 p.m., Washington Park's Guy Foreman Amphitheater. Advance tickets: \$15 @ <http://bit.ly/1VC7qIz>, \$20 @ door. Parking: \$7. Children 12 & younger/free.

June 4 — Silent Film Series, "The Man With a Movie Camera" with Dan Schaaf and Jerry Holt, 2 p.m., The Nest, 803 Franklin St. Admission: \$5. Info: (219) 872-6779.

June 4-5 — Aunt Kitty's Spring Yard Sale and Open House, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Independent Cat Society, 4061 S. County Line Road, Westville.

June 4, 8 — 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

June 5 — Sunday Matinee: "The Lady in the Van," 1:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

June 5 — Authors at the Acorn, "Someone's in the Kitchen," 3 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$15, free students with I.D. Info: (269) 756-3879.

June 6 — Free New Buffalo Community Forum Series, "The Dynamics and the Shadows of Hinduism," 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

June 7 — Wildlife Hike, 9 a.m., Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West. Info: (219) 325-8315.

June 7 — Purdue University Northwest Alumni Board Campus Art Walk, 5:30-7 p.m., Westville campus. Reservations: (219) 785-5274.

June 8 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Stephen Schnurr, 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.

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

Through June 20 — Regional history art display, River Valley Elementary School fifth-graders, The Region of Three Oaks Museum, 5 Featherbone Ave. Info: trotommuseum@gmail.com

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

Farther Afield:

June 2 — "Under the Stars" series, Disposable Theatre Improv, 7-10 p.m., Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 450 W. County Road 100 North near Valparaiso. Cost: \$10. Registration: tinyurl.com/hdzh9qv

June 3 — Sunset Hike, 7:30 p.m., West Beach. Entrance road north of U.S. 12/North County Line Road in Portage. Info: (219) 395-1882.

June 2-4 — Box Factory Theatre Co., "The Breakfast Club," 7 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10/advance (\$15/door). Info: (269) 983-3688, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

Through June 5 — "The Who's Tommy," 4th Street Theater, 125 N. Fourth St., Chesterton. Times: 8 p.m. Fri.-Sat./3 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$18. Reservations: 4thstreetncca.org, (219) 926-7875.

Through June 5 — "Nice Work If You Can Get It," Theatre at the Center, Munster. Performances: 2 p.m. Wed./Thur., 7:30 p.m. Fri./Sat., 2:30 p.m. Sun., select Thurs./Sun. evenings & Sat. matinees. Tickets: \$40-\$44. Reservations: (219) 836-3255, Tickets.com, (800) 511-1552.

June 9 — Casual Classics Concert Series, Ji Hye Jung, 6 p.m. EDT, Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$35. Info: (269) 982-4030, www.smsso.org



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On June 2, 1864, the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad merged with the Chicago & North Western companies to form the Chicago & North Western Railway Co.

On June 2, 1883, in Fort Wayne, 2,000 spectators attended the first night baseball game.

On June 2, 1885, the P. T. Barnum circus began its first tour of the United States.

On June 2, 1886, in a White House ceremony, President Grover Cleveland married Frances Folsom. He remains the only president to marry in the Executive Mansion while in office.

On June 2, 1897, responding to rumors that he had died, 61 year-old Mark Twain was quoted from London by the *New York Journal* as saying that "the report of my death was an exaggeration."

On June 2, 1924, Congress granted citizenship to all American Indians.

On June 3, 1888, the poem "Casey at the Bat" by Ernest Lawrence Thayer was first published in the *San Francisco Examiner*.

On June 3, 1965, Edward White (during the flight of *Gemini Four*) became the first American to walk in space.

On June 3, 2001, Mel Brooks' musical comedy "The Producers" won a record 12 Tony Awards; Chicago's Victory Gardens Theatre received a special regional theater Tony.

On June 3, 2003, Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa was ejected in the first inning of a game against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays after umpires found cork in his shattered bat. He later was suspended for seven games.

On June 4, 1942, the Battle of Midway (a naval encounter that would give the United States its first important victory over Japan in World War II) began. Japan's devastating losses ended any chance it had of winning the war in the Pacific.

On June 4, 1948, it was unofficially mandated that this date be set aside to honor all women over 35 who have never been married. The celebration was established by Miss Marian Richards, of Norristown, Pa., as a day of fun and humor. Roses and daisies are symbols of the day.

On June 4, 1992, the Postal Service announced the results of a nationwide vote on the Elvis Presley stamp, saying more people preferred the design featuring a younger, thinner Elvis.

On June 5, 1855, the "Know Nothing Party," also known as the "American Party," held its first na-

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On June 5, 1917, more than 9 million men began registering for the World War I military draft.

On June 5, 1933, the United States went off the Gold Standard, no longer backing its paper money with this precious metal.

On June 5, 1983, the musical "Cats," along with the play "Torch Song Trilogy," won Tony awards.

On June 5, 2004, Ronald Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died at 93 in Los Angeles after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

On June 6, 1844, the first YMCA was established in London.

On June 6, 1933, the first motion-picture "drive-in" theatre was opened in Camden, N.J. Space was provided for 500 cars, and patrons viewed the film on a screen measuring 40 by 50 feet.

On June 6, 1942, the *USS Yorktown*, an aircraft carrier that was the pride of the Navy, was sunk during World War II's "Battle of Midway."

On June 6, 1944, in what would become known as "D-Day," allied troops landed on the German-held coast of Normandy, France.

On June 6, 2004, "Avenue Q" won best musical at the Tonys while "I Am My Own Wife" was named best play, Phylicia Rashad, who starred in a revival of "A Raisin in the Sun," became the first black actress to win a Tony for a leading dramatic role.

On June 7, 1860, the "dime novel" first appeared when a New York publisher issued *Malaeska, the Indian Wife of the White Hunter*, written by Ann Stevens. It was advertised as "a dollar book for only a dime!"

On June 7, 1958, the late Prince Rogers Nelson – who would go on to become the rock singer, songwriter known as Prince – was born in Minneapolis.

On June 7, 1972, the musical "Grease" opened on Broadway.

On June 7, 1977, acting Chicago Mayor Michael Bilandic won a special election to complete the term of the late Richard J. Daley.

On June 8, 1867, Frank Lloyd Wright, considered to have been one of the world's greatest architects, was born in Richland Center, WI.

On June 8, 1869, Chicago inventor Ives McGaffey received a patent for a vacuum cleaner, a "sweeping machine" that was to revolutionize house cleaning.

On June 8, 1948, "Texaco Star Theater," the long-running TV variety program, made its debut on NBC with Milton Berle as host.

On June 8, 1982, Ronald Reagan became the first United States President to address the British Parliament.

On June 8, 1998, actor Charlton Heston was elected president of the National Rifle Association.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Art Whisperer by Charlotte and Aaron Elkins (oversize paperback, \$14.95 through Barnes & Noble and Amazon; also available as an audiobook from B&N or eBook from Amazon)

I love a good mystery. And when it involves art, I'm in! Specifically, art forgery. How many people out there, do you suppose, have lost thousands and millions of dollars on art they thought was by a famous artist, only to discover too late it was a forgery? A lot.

This is the third book in an intriguing series about art conservator Alix London and her adventures traveling around the country restoring works of art, and discovering the lengths some will go to fool the public. Let's examine the seedier side of the art world...

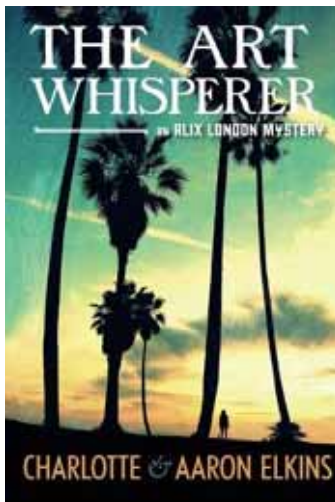
As the story begins, Alix is incensed to find a smear campaign leveled against her for a book she wrote: "The Conservation of Art: Methods and Aims. A Brief Guide." Hot stuff, right?! Criticism is one thing, but this is far beyond that. Her online reviews spew out hateful comments that are much too personal.

No time to think about them, though, as a new job will take her from her home base in Seattle to Palm Springs, Calif., to the L. Morgan Brethwaite Museum. She is called in to examine the 28 pieces the museum is going to auction off, and see if any of them require cleaning or restoration.

It's a strange situation she steps into. A new senior curator, Clark Calder, has been hired. Smooth and polished, his disingenuous ways explain why the staff instantly dislike him. As Alix enters the museum, major changes are in the air. Clark seems to have Mrs. Brethwaite wrapped around his finger, taking her away from the museum's original concept, which was showing off her late husband's extensive art collection, and moving in a dollar-oriented direction. Or, as Clark calls it: "*the maximization of monetized eyeballs.*" Got that? He wants to move on to exhibits that will attract more people and, thereby, more money. He's pushing for exhibits like cartoon art and graphic novel art.

The small staff includes: the married team of Drew and Madge Temple in charge of Decorative Arts, Costumes and Furnishings; Prentice Vandervere, a highly regarded expert lately of Harvard in charge of Paintings; and Alfie Wellington, Prints and Drawings. Now, Clark wants to combine departments, meaning someone will have to go.

The center of the Brethwaite collection is a huge Jackson Pollack painting called "Untitled 1952."



Alix stops and studies the painting, suddenly getting a strong vibe that it is a fake. Nothing jumps out, only her own intuition. But how can she prove it? She goes to Clark and voices her concern. He persuades her to wait until he can get her copies of the papers showing the provenance of the piece and go from there. Let's not bother Mrs. Brethwaite until then, right?

So far, so good. The real mystery starts when Alix returns to her cottage rental one night to come upon an intruder. She manages to fight him off, but it is a vicious attack, obviously meant to do harm.

Enter Special Agent Ted Ellesworth, who works in art theft for the FBI. He is someone Alix worked with on another art-related case the year before. They seemed to be falling in love, but their last meeting went anything but smooth and the pair went their separate ways. Now, she is surprised to find him in Palm Springs. But, he's not there because of her, but because of a case with ties to the Brethwaite Museum.

Alix tells him about the Pollack painting and the intruder attack. Ted is immediately concerned. That previous job he recommended almost cost Alix her life. Within several days, Alix and Ted are almost killed in an automobile accident. Someone had tampered with the brakes. Now, the mystery thickens as Alix rightly can't figure out why anyone would want her dead. Oh, you'll be surprised! Complications in the "why" and "how" only mean that each knot in the string of events must be untied and eventually lead back to the "who."

I like the characters of Alix and Ted. They are well-defined and believable. The whole concept of art, mystery and murder work together in a storyline that makes you come up with theories of your own as you follow the pair around Palm Springs, a town that is beautifully described. Each event, each conversation provides clues to what will turn out to be a huge black eye on the art world. The setting is unique and the whole business of art deception alluring.

A great summer read!

Charlotte and Aaron Elkins have backgrounds in art scholarship, forensic anthropology and psychology. Between them, they've written 30 mysteries since 1982, and along the way received the Agatha Award for best short story of the year, the Edgar Award for the year's best mystery and the Nero Wolfe Award for Literary Excellence.

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