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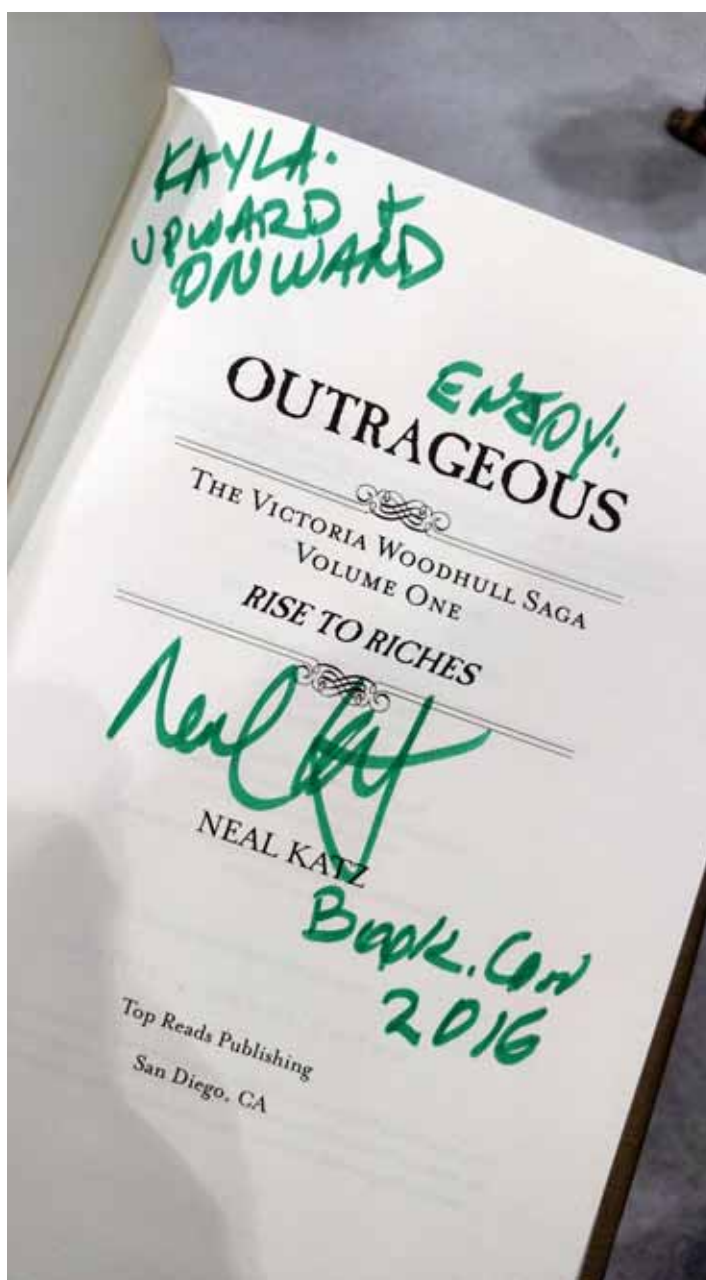
by Kayla Weiss

Nowadays, there is a convention for everyone. Comic book lovers, action figure collectors, horror industry admirers — you name it, they have a convention for it.

It wasn't until a couple years ago, however, that someone posed the question, "Well, what about book lovers?"

What about book lovers? Where do we go to meet our favorite authors, or get sneak peaks into exciting new books and authors fresh to the scene? By the time they make it to *The New York Times* Best Sellers List, these books have been out for months, possibly years. Sometimes, the only way to find the next best thing, without help from a newspaper or bookstore, is to hunt for it. Whether you're randomly clicking around on amazon, or pulling every book off the shelf at the local bookstore, it's tough to find something out of the norm.

Two years ago, Reed-POP, the company responsible for New York Comic Con, Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo, and Star Wars Celebration,



An autograph from an author who just handed Kayla Weiss his book while she was waiting in line for Ransom Riggs. A huge supporter of women's rights, his book is about the history of women's rights and equality.

teamed up with BookExpo America to boost the image and attendance of the longest running book fair.

Now, when I hear the term "book fair," I can't help but flash back to grade school when the school library was packed with collapsible cardboard shelves and folding tables loaded with all kinds of books — usually Scholastic titles, in my case — but never anything that really interested me. Even when I was younger, I didn't necessarily like what everyone else did. Sometimes, it felt like people were trying to tell me what to read, instead of providing me with what I wanted to read.

Book Con, I came to discover, was nothing like my grade-school book fairs. I figured there had to be some kind of catch. Maybe it was something to exhibit new or unknown authors. Maybe the tickets would be an absurd amount of money, or maybe they were going to nickel and dime us.

So, I decided to investigate the lineup of authors, surprised to dis-

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cover not only recognizable names, but that I was a fan of many of their books, including Ransom Riggs ("Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children"), Cassandra Clare ("The Mortal Instruments," "The Infernal Devices") and Sherman Alexie ("The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian").

The first Book Con was held May 31, 2014, in New York City and featured John Grisham, Amy Poehler, Martin Short, Jodi Picoult and Kathy Reichs. Not bad for the first year. The second year featured James Patterson, Alexie, Julianne Moore, Aziz Ansari and Mindy Kaling.

This year's event marked the first time it was held in Chicago — the past two were held in New York City — and boasted a stellar lineup, including more than 40 authors slated to sign autographs, answer questions and interact with fans.

Like any convention, I keep my eye on the lineup, making sure I know who's going to be there, what kind of panels are planned and what the schedule is so I can plan better. Two days before the event, everything seemed pretty standard: same authors, no new cancellations. But as I was scrolling down, a photo caught my eye: a new photo and info: "Ransom Riggs, author of 'Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children' scheduled to attend Chicago Book Con."

My jaw hit the floor.

Ransom Riggs? THE Ransom Riggs? Author of one of my favorite series ever? From that moment on, it was set. I knew who my priorities were. Everything else could wait until after I hunted them down, met them, got their autographs and hopefully snatch a quick photo.

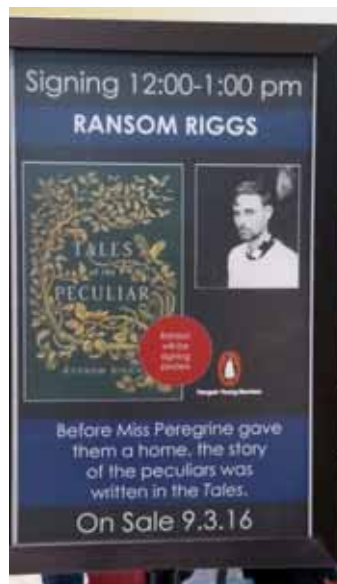
So, I started to do a little more digging. Being used to Wizard World Comic Con, I was shocked to learn that most of the author events were free, or

at the least under \$10. Free books and free autographs?? I was in a book lovers heaven.

Held at McCormick Place, the floor opened at 10 a.m. Riggs would sign autographs at 11:30 a.m. I jumped in line for Penguin Random House Publishing, knowing Riggs' booth was part of its setup somewhere, and hoping someone could give me a better time frame. That's when it happened. The man himself passed through the line, trying to get to his booth, and walked right in front of me. Next thing I knew, the line starting moving, faster and faster. I didn't quite know what I was in line for, but hey, it didn't hurt to wait and see. As it turned out, it wasn't a line to meet Riggs...yet. It was a line for the publishing house itself, where guests could go to all the different booths and get free books, chapter samples and a schedule.

The reps at each booth handed out free books and chapter samples like it was nickel candy. I had never experienced anything like it. It was awesome, and that's coming from a certified book-a-holic. Working in a discount bookstore probably doesn't help either, but I digress.

While I waited for the line to begin forming for Riggs, I somehow managed to jump in line for a free giveaway of an audio version of the Brothers' Grimm fairytales — completely unedited. The girls at the booth ended up giving me two, plus posters, because I told them how much I love the Brothers Grimm, and how I collect different editions of their tales. Including the audio book obtained at Book Con, I now have four different versions, including a 1960 edition and the fully unedited



The sign marking the start of the line to meet Ransom Riggs.



Waiting for Ransom Riggs to arrive at his booth at the Penguin Random House event.

edition translated in English for the first time last year.

Considering it took no time at all to get through the line for the Grimm audio book, I was faced with what seemed like an eternity of waiting before we lined up for Riggs, let alone meet him, so I just kind of hovered. Not really sure where the line would start, myself and three other girls made sure one of us would be the start of the line. As fate would have it, I turned around to answer a question someone behind me asked and when I faced the booth again, someone had placed the sign for Riggs right in front of me. I was the first in line!



Author Ransom Riggs with Kayla Weiss.

Finally, the moment arrived. Being so used to Wizard World Comic Con, I knew how some managers and staff could be when it came to asking celebrities for a photo op, but I figured the worst they could do is say no. I was so flustered, my face was boiling to the touch. For some reason, I was more nervous to meet Riggs than any of the actors I've met at other conventions, but I was pleasantly surprised to discover how normal he is. He talked to me like I was one of his friends, or just someone he wanted to make conversation with at a coffee shop. And when I asked for a quick photo, he smiled and said it wasn't a problem at all. After my photo

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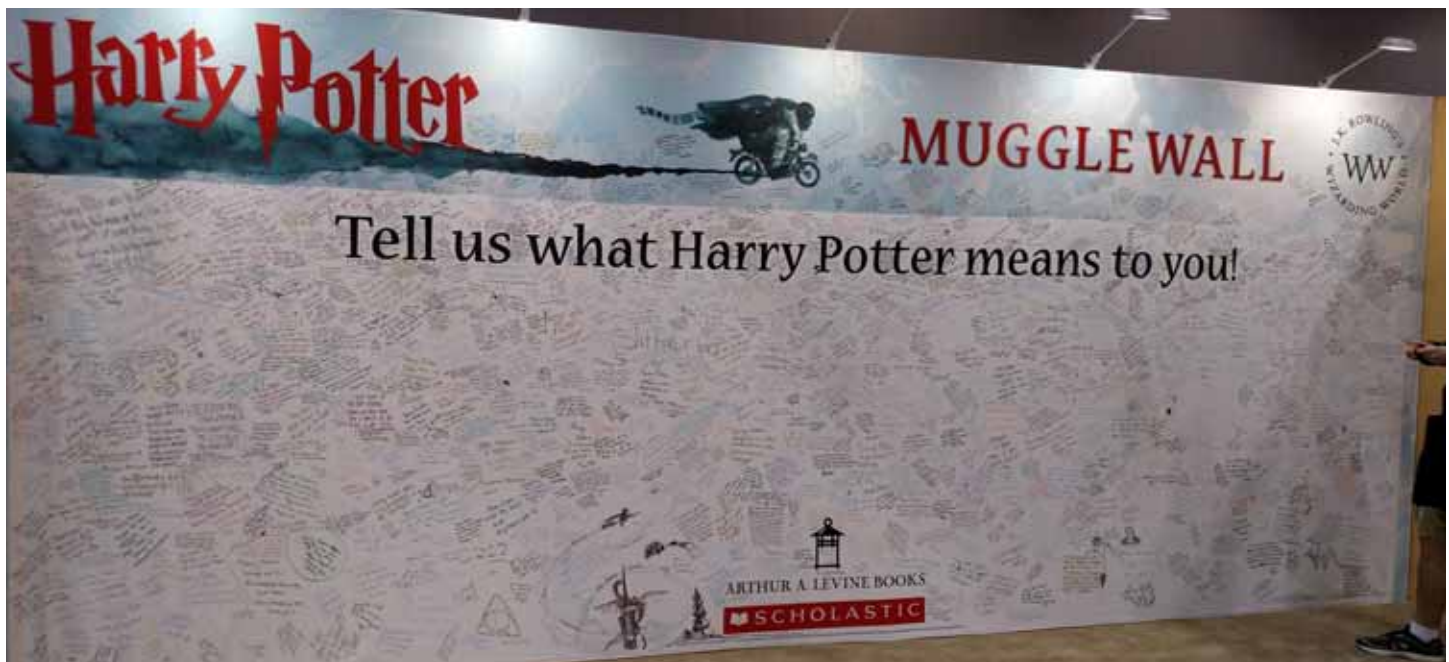
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All registration forms are available at the Long Beach Town Hall, Long Beach Community Center, and online at longbeachin.org. Any questions please call 219-873-3773 or email longbeachsummercamp@gmail.com.



What does Harry Potter mean to you? Everything.

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op and autograph from Riggs, I held back, watching him interact with other fans. He took time with every single one of them, agreeing to photos with every person who asked, never once acting as if he didn't have the time or patience. It was wonderful.

Now that the time-sensitive event had passed without a hitch, I walked around the entire floor and investigated each booth. It was overwhelming. I wasn't used to being around so many books that were little to no charge. I was like a kid in a candy store...no, a bookstore where most of the books are free. There were so many books, and on nearly every subject: Disney, historical, New Age, handmade Greek mythology books with leather bindings and handpainted images, horror, adventure, fantasy, books on fairy gardens, foreign books, stationary kits, handmade puzzles based off of your favorite books, with Harry Potter being the best seller. There even was a wall for guests to write on with a response to the question: What does Harry Potter mean to you? Anyone who knows me knows I couldn't resist writing my answer.

It was all so much to take in at that I had to do at least half a dozen rounds. I gave every booth a fair shot, but some were more vocal than others, nearly throwing free books at me to get my attention. Most of them were horror or fantasy/sci-fi, so I wasn't mad about it. I even had the chance to meet a few first-time authors in random booths, handing out signed copies of their books. By the time I broke for lunch around 1 p.m., I had three totes full of free books, and one with a handful of books I purchased for a fraction of the cost.

Finally refueled, and nowhere near ready to quit, I returned to the exhibit floor, back on the hunt, con-



Kayla Weiss with author Sherman Alexie.

vinced there had to be something I missed. There remained at least one more author I hoped to catch a glimpse of, if not get his autograph and meet.

Sherman Alexie.

During my junior year of college, almost five years ago now, I was enrolled in a course called Young Adult Literature. The point was to read and study the different aspects of YA Lit. One of the many books we read was Alexie's "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian." From the moment I opened it, I was hooked. It remains one of the best books I have read.

I almost missed him because I was tired. But I happened to stop, noticing a gentleman sitting down with a pile of books in front of him, wearing a paper Disney tiara: Alexie, himself, signing books. I immediately jumped in line. He was all smiles and laughs, signing off with "Peace, Sherman Alexie."

That was it. I had met the top two authors I set out to meet. I was ready to leave, but there was still



Book Con guests peruse stacks of signed books.

some time, so I continued to wander around. About an hour later, I was making my way to the exit, ready to catch the train and go home with my spoils when I ran into Alexie, just standing around talking with fellow author Danielle Paige (the “Dorothy Must Die” series). They both smiled at me, and Alexie, remembering me from the autograph session, walked right up to me and held a rather pleasant conversation about my schooling, favorite books and shared interests. I was so pleased to discover what a genuinely nice person he was, so I couldn’t resist asking for a picture. Alexie was all too happy to oblige, and I was so excited that I couldn’t wait to post the photo on social media.



One booth allowed visitors to spin the wheel for a free book. Every slot was a winner.

Book Con was dangerous for my hands, back and bookshelves...but it was *so* worth it.

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European Farmers Market

Editor's note — The following article was submitted by Rhonda Sobecki.

"I don't know what it is," Three Oaks farmer Leo Jovanovic remarked, "but what happens at Skip's European Farmers Market is magic. It truly is a magical place."

It's Skip's European Farmers Market New Buffalo, operated since 2009 and owned by the Sobecki family, which also own Skip's Restaurant & Catering. Being privately owned, that means cocktails can be served on the Market Day Café patio, along with chef-created breakfast selections and sweets provided by market vendors. Lunch starts at 11 a.m. EDT at the café.



Vendor fees help add new elements to the farmers market.

The local attraction also has indoor bathrooms, an ATM and free shuttle service, which transports up to 11 people from New Buffalo at its designated pickup spot during market hours at New Buffalo Savings Bank; however, the shuttle service also is available for scheduled pickups at area hotels, the marinas and rental properties. The shuttle also is available for dining service at the restaurant beginning daily at 5 p.m. EDT.

Vendor fees help add new elements to the market. This year marks the inclusion of the shuttle and ATM.

Vendors offer seasonal produce, herbs, greens, flowers, fruit, honey, Michigan pure maple syrup, a Polish bakery, an Italian deli, breads and rolls, cheeses, jams, jellies, hot sauces, pickles, dip seasonings, teas, coffees, natural bug sprays, hand-crafted essential oil soaps and personal body-care products, handcrafted jewelry, art, home décor, hand-crafted furniture, a mobile pet salon twice a month, massages and clothing.

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The event is hosted by Matt and Sharon Kubik with John and Nora Ryzska. Those attending are requested to take a chair, dish or beverage to share, and artwork to show off. Musical instruments are encouraged.

Artists will have the opportunity to creatively explore the house and grounds to photograph, sketch or paint. Named "Singing Pines" by the original owner, the 1922 home is an arts-and-crafts masterwork directly influenced by the work of Gustav Sitckley and Frank Lloyd Wright. The home was constructed as a weekend estate house for a local manufacturing executive. Arts and crafts elements include an open plan with high beamed ceilings, massive fieldstone fireplace, vaulted ceilings in several rooms, large country kitchen, large casement windows and vintage light fixtures. Additional features are a marble-topped bar, greenhouse/summer room and heated artists loft above the garage.

The more than 3 acre site faces Michigan City's forest preserve, Memorial Park, with woodland views from every window. The multi-level lot includes multiple artesian springs, fish pond, a creek and a 1,100 square foot entertainment deck overlooking the virgin duneland oak forest.

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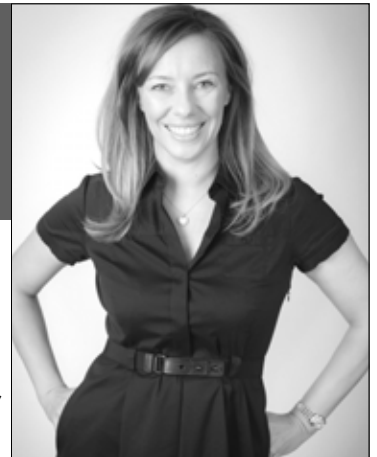
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Uptown Fashion Affair More Evidence of Michigan City's Creative Rebirth

by Andrew Tallackson



Models worked the runway to display local fashions at last year's show.

The scene could have been straight out of New York or L.A.

Women huddled around pedestal tables, laughing, gently cradling glasses of wine in their hands. Men reclined against the walls, shooting the breeze with friends while sampling local brews. Club-like music throbbed from overhead speakers.

Once the fashion show began, all eyes turned to the runway, the music intensifying. The models made their entrances, large lights casting intriguing shadows of their likenesses on the screen behind them. Thunderous applause followed each set of models.

It was then I turned to my wife and said, "This is downtown Michigan City on a Friday night. This is awesome!"

Nothing could tarnish the thrill, the adrenaline rush of experiencing Michigan City's

artistic and creative rebirth through its Uptown Arts District. Nothing.

Well, not exactly. My 8-year-old son shrieking "You can see their boobies" after the swimsuit models arrived, instigating a ripple effect of giggles, stares and stink-eyes within the crowd, briefly stripped the event of any air of sophistication...but that's besides the point.

The point is, the Uptown Fashion Affair is one cool occasion. More than anything else, it is a celebration of community, of embracing the kinetic energy we're experiencing as more and more talented individuals make Michigan City their creative hub.

Clearly, plenty of other people have the same reaction, because the event always sells out.

"I think it's an exciting night

If You Go

The fifth Uptown Fashion Affair is at 6 p.m. Friday, June 17, at The Uptown Center, 907 Franklin St. Tickets, which are \$25, can be ordered online at tinyurl.com/zyev3vy. Locally, they can purchased at Urban Soles, 624 Franklin St., and Salon Cilla, 120 W. Ninth St.

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for people," Abigale Thayer, Uptown Fashion Affair's creator and coordinator, told *The Beacher*. "It's not by any means a get-fancy event, but it's something people can look nice or stylish for if they want and sit next to a runway and see what the local shops have.

"There's music, there's lights, there is so much going on that only this event offers right now."

The fifth Uptown Fashion Affair is at 6 p.m. Friday, June 17, at The Uptown Center, 907 Franklin St. The evening will showcase the region's boutiques, salons and artists, along with music, small bites, a cash bar and silent auction. A portion of the proceeds aids Michigan City's Mainstreet Association's efforts to bring live art events to the area.

The idea for the event sprang from Thayer, who in 2010 was working as a stylist at Lakefront Salon & Day Spa when she spoke to a few individuals, including Linda Weber, now owner of Urban Soles, about creating a fashion show/fundraiser for the Uptown Arts District.

"I thought it would be a really great thing that no one had done before," Thayer said, adding with a laugh, "but everyone looked at me like I had three heads."

Nonetheless, all the puzzle pieces snapped into place. The end result, held at The Pearl, which later became The Uptown Center, was a sold-out affair.

"People loved it," Thayer said. "They loved that it was something new and different, and they got to experience something that isn't typical for this area."

Thayer put the event on hold in 2011 because she was pregnant with her son, Oliver, but it resumed in 2012. With more boutiques and other similar shops opening in the UAD, the fashion show had expanded to include samples from numerous establishments. The event also moved to Barker Hall at Trinity Episcopal Church, which she described as in the heart of the city, a great location for three years.

This year, more than 100 models have signed up to be part of the experience, ranging from police of-



Bright lights helped cast shadows of each model.

icers to local politicians.

"It is so neat to see them volunteer their time," Thayer said. "They really enjoy it, both the men and women. They really have a great time doing it."

The lineup includes: Luxe Boutique; Paris House of Bridal with Lakefront Salon & Day Spa; The Closet by Franklin Vintage with Elle Salon; Chef Bizzaro Millinery with Salon Cilla; Urban Soles Inc.; The Nest Michigan City; Darling with Timothy Jeffry Salon; Yunique Boutique; At the Beach Swimwear Boutique; Man About Town; Rusted Oak; Nichole Schaeffer (art element); Prestige Beauty School; and Ashley Castro Salons. Light bites, included in the ticket cost, hail from Maxine's, Fire & Water, Mucho Mas and Arturo's Baked Goods & More.

The event also has switched locations, returning to The Uptown Center, but not because of any dissatisfaction with Barker Hall.

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In the series, acclaimed organists of the wider Chicago area play the historic 1891 Roosevelt organ. On June 15, the featured artist is Wolfgang Rubsam, who was born in Germany and received his musical training in Europe and the United States. He is best known through more than 100 acclaimed recordings of the organ repertoire from the Baroque and Romantic periods.

Upon winning the 1973 Grand Prix de Chartres in Interpretation, he became professor of church music and organ at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. During that 23-year tenure, he also served as university organist of the University of Chicago at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel.

Rubsam joined the faculty of the *Hochschule fur Musik* in Saarbaruecken, Germany, in 1996. He has lived in the United States since his retirement from teaching in 2011. He recently performed in major concert halls of Germany, Luxembourg and Japan.

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As a prelude to the event, Paint the Town Purple encourages downtown businesses in Michigan City and La Porte to paint their businesses purple with Relay for Life displays. A winner will be chosen from each town and receive a trophy.

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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, in partnership with the Indiana Coastal Invasive Plant Network, will unveil a new opportunity to adopt trails and help keep invasive species from eroding park biodiversity.

The hands-on training is from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education, 100 N. Lake St., Gary.

Participants will learn about invaders that Northwest Indiana natural-area managers are most concerned about, and habitats where they can be found. They also will be trained on how to report species found to www.eddmaps.org/Indiana or by a smartphone using the free Great Lakes Early Detection Network application. Attendees receive a free set of laminated cards that can be used for species identification in the field. They also will learn about National Lakeshore trails that can be adopted, and what is required of volunteers involved in that effort. Take smartphones to the program.

The Indiana Coastal Invasive Plant Network recently was launched to help call public attention to the area invasive species and their impacts on the natural world. Organizations involved include Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, The Nature Conservancy, Save the Dunes, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Shirley Heinze Land Trust, Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve and the Wildlife Habitat Council.

Program funding came in part from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Coastal Program, the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation and ArcelorMittal.

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FADA: A "COMMUNE OF COOL"

by William Halliar

Every now and again, all of the right parts fit together at just the right time. The right players take the stage at just the right moment when the world is ready for their brand of magic.

It is a perfect storm of amazing accomplishment. When with a team of friends, we sometimes became more together than we were as individuals. Often, at the time, we could not see the magic. Only when looking back do we realize what we had done and where we had been.

I write this for our readers so they may experience this rare magic firsthand, in real time, as it is happening and being created by the members of Franklin Arts District Artists.

FADA, as they are known, is a group of friends who share their art and embody the heart and soul of the creative process. They united through mutual support and encouragement in their love of the visual arts. Amid Michigan City's creative rebirth through its Uptown Arts District, FADA is helping lead the charge, real working artists all dedicated to their dreams and making it work on the street.

The group has the common goal of making a difference, of helping people and inspiring others to do what they love. Their little shops and studios huddled together proclaim, "This is the place to be." It is, in Amy Bowman's words, a "commune of Cool." This group, which will always be friends, intends to "rock the halls of 617 Franklin."

When you walk in the door of FADA, you are greeted by a warren of little studios. Each unique space is an incubator of creative thought. The doors are thrown open and



The artists who make up Franklin Arts District Artists.

music flows from each, forming a pleasant blend of rhythms and melodies. The artists often bring their dogs to the shop to greet visitors with a wink and a wag of their tails.

The space is perfectly suited to small studios clustered closely together. The interior of the building originally was designed for Duneland Lutheran High School. For that purpose, the space was divided into individual classrooms that now have been transformed into small private studios and work spaces, each decorated differently. The entire FADA endeavor is infused with a spirit of camaraderie.

Linda Mickevicius, the business head of the group, is the owner and creative force behind Beach Bum Jewels. She collects colored sea glass from local dunes beaches and exotic locations all over the world. She then creates jewelry from these bits of colorful, rounded glass baubles, adds silver accents and bezels' a bit of chain and fine wire, and voila, magic.

Next to Beach Bum is a little jewel of a store run by Linda's daughter, Jamie Kessler, called Treasures by the Lake. Here, you can find beach signs, framed photo-



Linda Mickevicius, the group's business head and the creative force behind Beach Bum Jewels.



Signs around FADA convey its creative spirit.

graphs and other treasures.

At Beachbased Designs, you can meet Cheryl, who has been collecting driftwood from our beaches for 20 years. She loves decorating and creates naturally twisted sculptures and wall hangings from pieces of weathered driftwood. Her store lends itself to a nautical theme with framed charts and photographs of boats and the lake.



The work of Beachbased Designs.

Carol Estes invites all to enter her world, which she expresses as "Life as I see it." She is a photographer, as well as a writer of prose and poetry. Her photographs and writing intertwine to create graphics that lend stories to the heart through words and colorfully moving shapes. She has an enthusiasm for life that is contagious.



Cheryl Heninger.

Cheryl Heninger's studio, Second Chance Artists, is dedicated to giving people a second chance in life. She is a sponsor of Worthy Women Recovery Home. Much of her art is created from repurposed items, and she sells art for struggling artists on consignment.

"If you're a school or recovery group," she said, "give us a chance to consign your art and help give you a second chance." Her studio is a place of hope and a second chance.

April Lynn is a photographer who believes that "people are their own individual pieces of art." She mixes her photographic studies with an ancient art form called encaustics, a process that creates etchings employing melted bees wax with resin. When the door to her studio is open, folks are invited to stroll in and watch her work. She says, with a smile, that she is often "up to the elbows in stuff."

In her studio, Rhonda Mullin specializes in Whispered Photography: intimate studies of children, newborns, pets, engagements, small weddings and family groups.

Henry Schultz Photography specializes in formal studio photography and fine art photography for any age. He welcomes single clients, couples or families. He also is an accomplished painter who ex-

periments in what he calls "pin stripe painting." Besides all of this, he creates works in stained glass.

Last, but certainly not least in the universe that

is FADA is the artist Brabant. Brabant paints in bold colors and strokes of the brush that reflect all of the feelings and moods of his subjects. He is a larger-than-life personality.



When you see his work, you not only experience life, as Brabant sees it, with your eyes, but also with your emotions. He invites you to experience the commonplace things of the world in an uncommon way.

Three other businesses share the building with FADA, but are not formally part of it, yet their presence lends to the magic there. They are located at 621 Franklin St. — same space, different door — and are part of the group of friends, this "Commune of Cool" that makes the whole experience work.

Patina Vintage Goods is filled with items that have been collected and loved and are now being passed on to new friends. Amy Bowman and Vallarie Pickens have a great love of antiques and share that passion with others.

Man About Town is a store dedicated to men. It is a "modern twist on an old school haberdashery," proprietor Sabrina Sanders says. The shop is outfitted and decorated with the "stuff of men." Sanders even plans to have a barber in a future expansion.

Indiana Pickers is owned and operated by "Chief Picker" Bob Lake. He not only picks and discovers interesting memorabilia throughout Indiana, but also is the owner of the property where the magic happens. Bob is an energetic man who is "always looking for his next project." He prides himself in preserving the history of Michigan City and Northwest Indiana. Bob says when he met the FADA group, they hit it off right away. It is obvious by his enthusiasm for the group and their projects, and in turn their respect for Bob and his work that the feeling is mutual.

617 Franklin St. and the studios of FADA are the epicenter of a movement to repurpose the heart of Michigan City's downtown. While many old-timers have fond memories of the shops and theaters that once lined the street today, new memories and traditions are being made. Take advantage of the opportunity and experience, firsthand, the magic of this "cohort of creativity."



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• **Duneland Stamp Club at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 9.**

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

• **Film Showing: "Zootopia" at 10 a.m. Friday, June 10.**

The movie is Rated G. Light refreshments will be served. Children 18 and younger are eligible to win a DVD of the movie. If "Zootopia" is unavailable, "SpongeBob: Sponge Out of Water" will be shown.



"Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

• **Film Showing: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" at 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 10.**

The movie is Rated PG-13. Light refreshments will be served. Children 18 and younger are eligible to win a DVD of the movie.

• **Poetry Slam Camp 2016 at 10 a.m. Monday through Friday, June 13-17.**

The week-long program of poetry activities is for middle-schoolers, focusing on self-expression and slam-style writing and performance. Registration is \$5 and includes all activities, lunch and a camp T-shirt. Purdue Northwest students and professors are volunteering to create and lead the program. Performance night is at 6 p.m. Friday, June 17, and open to the public. Call (219) 873-3049 to register or for more information. Additional information is available on facebook.

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A Preschool Adventure



Editor's note — The following article was submitted by staff involved with Notre Dame Catholic School's preschool, with all photos taken by Maureen Rice.

Back in August, when we started this adventure called preschool, the sun was shining, the sky was blue and we were a little scared.

Now, 180 days later, the sun was shining again and we weren't so scared.

Both of these days are very big days in our little lives. We feel so much bigger, so very ready and so much smarter to go over to kindergarten in "The Big School."

On May 27, the Notre Dame pre-schoolers had a super star celebration in the school gym. So many of our family members came to see us walk up to our teacher to get our Pre-Kindergarten Diploma and a flower for our moms. Mrs. Bobillo welcomed everyone to the celebration, then called us up so we could pray, say our pledge and sing The National Anthem (our teacher got us an awesome flag to hold and wave while we sang).

We went back to sit with our families, and our favorite teacher had so many good things to say about

us. How brave we are, how well we pray for people who need help, how nice we are, what good readers we are, what nice friends we are and how much we love each other. We are a family. We will be together for the next nine years — Notre Dame Class of 2025, to be exact! How lucky we are to have each other and care the way we do about each other.

After we received our diplomas, we had a little cake and punch, got to talk with each other, then sing a few songs. Sadly, it was time to sing our good-bye song for the last time. We sang and prayed together to end our celebration, just like we ended all of our 180 days we were together.

Our moms had some tears, but they were happy tears, proud tears, because they love us so much. It was hard to say good-bye to our teachers. We will be in another building next year, but we will always wave and honk as we drive by. We promised to always remember our days we had together. We promised to continue practicing our letters, numbers and reading so we will not forget all we learned. And we will always know that everything you need to learn, you learn in pre-school with the Best Teacher Ever.



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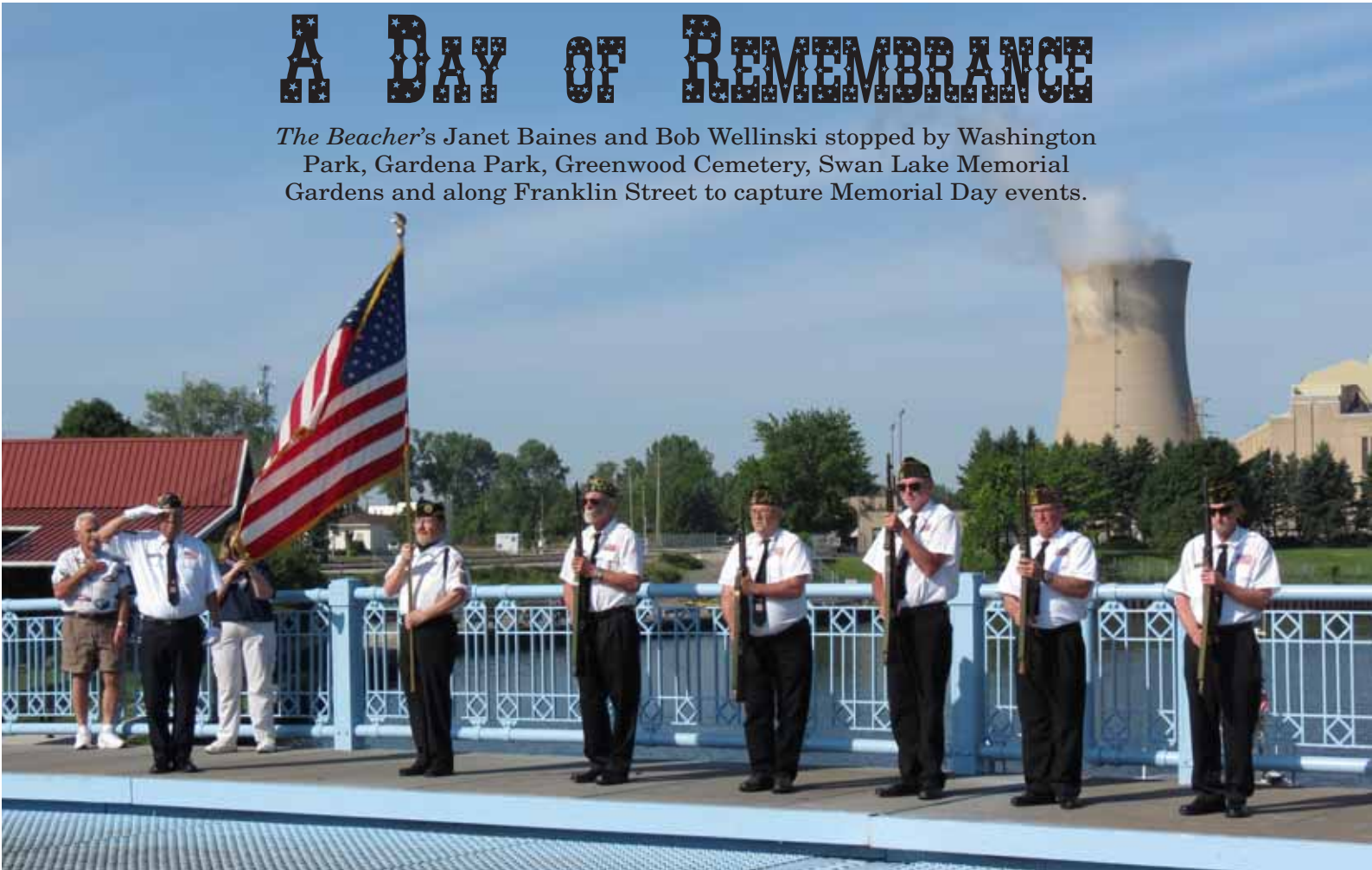
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Lighthouse Jazz Festival: More Than Just Music

by Kim Ward

Not all festivals are created equal. While music provides the foundation for many events, some are cultural experiences.

Art+Times takes a closer look at Michigan City's Lighthouse Jazz Festival. Scheduled for July 9 in Washington Park's Guy Foreman Amphitheatre, it promises to unite the community through a unique arts experience.

Location, Location, Location

For John Moultrie, festival organizer and executive director, bringing the event to Michigan City was an easy choice.

"The city has been actively engaged in the process of community redevelopment," he said. "The community-sourced brand of Create. Play. Repeat. intersects with the festival mission to provide a positive cultural impact on Michigan City and the surrounding communities."

The city's commitment to the arts and support from community businesses, he added, were deciding factors to bring the event to the area.

The Lighthouse Jazz Festival is headlined by artist-in-residence and contemporary jazz pianist Alex Bugnon, along with a lineup of world-class artists, including the The Lake Effect Jazz Big Band, Mimi Jones Band, with special guest Tammy McCann, and Shana Tucker.

A new Miles Davis tribute show was just added to the schedule. Generations Band, headed by Davis' former musical director and including trumpet player Corey Wilkes, will pay tribute to the late musician in celebration of what would have been his 90th birthday.

But the festival is not simply an event for spectators. It also offers a number of fun, unique and interactive activities.

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- **Cookies and Canvas Children's Art Experience:** Children will be guided through the process of painting a canvas from start to finish. And, they'll be able to snack on cookies as they create art they can bring home.
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- **Musical Instrument Petting Zoo:** Curious kids and adults can see, hear and touch musical instruments seen on the festival stage. Professional musicians will demonstrate how to hold and play the different instruments.

Repeat!

By popular demand, Moultrie is bringing the Ship and Shore Blues Festival to Michigan City. The festival expands to two days on Sept. 3-4 and will feature 48 musicians and 22 hours of live blues music. The festival promises to be the largest blues event in Northwest Indiana, and the first of its kind in Michigan City. Visit <http://shipandshorebluesfestival.com> for more information.

Tickets for Lighthouse Jazz Festival are available at lighthousejazzfestival.com, as well as at Michigan City Meijer, Visit Michigan City La Porte in Marquette Mall and The Beacher Weekly Newspaper. In New Buffalo, tickets are available at New Buffalo Pharmacy.

(More artists slated to perform in the Lighthouse Jazz Festival will be featured in upcoming installments of Art+Times.)



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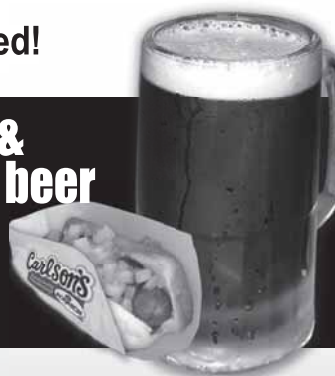
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Nature's Tiny Tots

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

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West. Dates are: June 27, July 11 and 25, and Aug. 1, 15 and 29. Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

Tuesday Treasures

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

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

- June 21 — Water, Water, Everywhere.
- June 28 — It's Feeding Time.
- July 19 — Hello Down There.
- July 26 — Night Time Explorers.

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 22 — Water, Water, Everywhere.
- July 20 — Night Time Explorers.
- July 27 — Beautiful Butterflies.

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

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

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

The hike is perfect for beginners. The trail's parking lot is located on Broadway north of the Beverly Shores train station.

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

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

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

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

- **Family-friendly activities and exhibits from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays at the Paul H. Douglas Center.**

Included is the outdoors Nature Play Zone. Visitors also can

help feed the center's resident turtles and fish. At 1:30 p.m. Sundays, a ranger leads a guided hike through Miller Woods.

- **Campfire on the Beach from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Kemil Beach.**

Watch a sunset on the beach, then join a ranger to toast marshmallows while enjoying stories and songs. The Kemil Beach parking lot is on East State Park Road, one mile north of the Calumet Dune Interpretive Center.

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

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

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

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

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

A ranger will be along the beach with a kayak and life jackets in tow. The program is not a formal lesson, and time in the kayak is limited so everyone gets a turn. The parking lot is located at 27 N. East State Park Road, one mile north of U.S. 12.

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The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Thursday, June 9

- **Sunset Beach Yoga — 7 to 8 p.m.**

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

Saturday, June 11

- **J.D. Marshall Shipwreck Anniversary — 3 to 4 p.m.**

Saturday marks the 105th anniversary of the sinking of the J.D. Marshall just off shore of Indiana Dunes State Park. Visit the Nature Center to learn its story and other maritime history.

Tuesday, June 14

- **Another Dam Hike — 10 to 11 a.m.**

Take an exploratory hike along Dunes Creek in search of beavers. Meet at the campground gate.

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- **Beach Yoga — 9 to 10 a.m.**

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

La Porte Jaycees Festival

The La Porte Jaycees seeks artisans and crafters for its 43rd Annual Arts and Crafts Festival.

The outdoor event, which kicks off the Jaycees' July 4 festivities, is held in conjunction with the La Porte Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 25, in downtown La Porte.

Vendors must furnish display tables, chairs and tents. Single spaces are 10x10 and cost \$35 prior to June 12. Interested crafters may contact the La Porte Jaycees through www.laportejaycees.org for an application and additional information.

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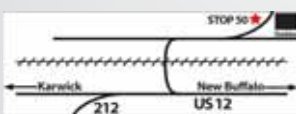
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Historical Society

At the May La Porte County Historical Society meeting, museum curator Susie Richter noted the special display, "Bits of Time," will be replaced with "Dressing Up & Down: A Look at Kids' Clothing."

At 1 p.m. Saturday, June 11, Fern Eddy Schultz will present "The Rest of the Story, Chapter II," a program on prominent people of La Porte County who are not part of the bicentennial exhibit.

The Bicentennial Variety Show celebrating Hoosiers in music is at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 18. On July 5-8, the first History Day Camp for grades three through five runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications are available at the museum.

The raffle for the American Girl doll continues until December. Proceeds help fund the new museum sign.

A trivia night is Saturday, Sept. 24, at the museum. Half of the questions will be from Indiana history, the other half from La Porte County history. On Oct. 29 at La Porte Little Theater Club, Steve Becker will portray Ernie Pyle, the Hoosier Pulitzer Prize-winner journalist who started his career with The Herald Argus.

La Porte Cruise Night, Street Dance

La Porte Cruise Night, which features two hours of cruising, followed by a free street dance, is Saturday, June 11.

The car cruise through downtown La Porte is from 6 to 8 p.m., with the street dance featuring the band Bare Facts from 7 to 10 p.m. at La Porte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2.

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Olivia Davis begins cutting Todd Basich's hair.

Basich, who had been growing his hair for four years, thanked students for their fundraising efforts. He told them he will donate his long ponytails to Locks of Love because he doesn't want children with cancer to feel different.

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Queen of All Saints Festival

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Brew at the Zoo

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Pink Tea at Barker Mansion

An annual tradition continues in Michigan City with the summer Pink Tea at 3 p.m. Saturday or Sunday, June 25-26, at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.



A mother and daughter at the 2015 Pink Tea.

The teas are held under the mansion's outdoor pergola and this year feature food from Duneland Beach Inn. The menu includes bite-sized sandwiches, fruit, desserts and tea. Afterward, Gregg Hertzlieb of Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art will introduce guests to the work of Frank Dudley, who painted the nearby dunes during the time of Catherine Barker.

Also new this year, the occasion will include a self-guided first-floor tour of the mansion after the event. Guests are encouraged, but not required, to wear their best tea attire, including fancy hats.

Advance registration and payment of \$32 per adult or \$28 per youth (17 and younger) are required. Groups can reserve a table of six for \$180. Walk-ins will not be accepted. Tickets can be purchased at tinyurl.com/jjvb7ue

Visit www.barkermansion.com for details.

Top 50 Tasting

Union Pier's Wine Sellers Inc. will host its Top 50 Tasting from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Mesa Luna, 12868 Red Arrow Highway, Sawyer, Mich.

Guests can sample wines from all over the globe. Wine industry professionals will facilitate and answer questions. Call (888) 824-WINE for reservations or more information.

Providing Treats



Franciscan St. Anthony Health-Michigan City's Social and Recognition Committee collected 6,744 packages of snacks for children attending this year's Safe Harbor Summer Camp. The program builds values and friendships, provides educational experiences and teaches teamwork.

Safe Harbor collaborates with Michigan City Area Schools, Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department, Michigan City Public Library and Lubeznik Center for the Arts. Hospital committee members organized the collection to provide treats for the approximately 130 participants attending the six-week camp, among them (from left) Savannah Pickens, Trey Roberts, Haylee Pickens and Sanila Roberts. The Intensive Care Unit collected the most snacks. Also shown are hospital, Safe Harbor and Michigan City Area Schools representatives.

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Barker Gallery Grand Opening



Barker Middle School's Rock-n-Roll Art Star Gallery celebrated its grand opening May 25. In addition to the current Semester Two Showcase exhibit, the event included a ribbon-cutting ceremony, slideshows of student work from all Digital Arts Classes and a discussion of the Digital Arts course curriculum. The gallery was made possible through a Unity Foundation grant awarded to Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel, Digital Arts teacher and gallery director. The Semester Two Showcase exhibit continues through fall semester. Future gallery opening receptions are Oct. 4 and Dec. 13. Call (219) 873-2057, Ext. 7319, for more information.

Cruis'n For a Cure a Huge Success

The annual Cruis'n for a Cure for PKD, held May 15 at La Porte County Fairgrounds, united classic car enthusiasts and owners to raise money for the fight against Polycystic Kidney Disease.

All makes and models of vehicles were welcomed. More than 65 cars and more than 200 people participated, entries including Mustangs and Chevelles, as well as military vehicles and new vehicles. Prizes were awarded, as well as trophies to three judge's choice winners.

All money collected will be donated to the PKD Foundation.

The event is dear to Coordinator Laura Moyer and her family. She received a kidney transplant Dec. 9, 2011, and her sister, Debbie, the year before. PKD runs in their family: 15 people in their immediate family have the genetic, life-threatening disease that causes people to develop kidney failure, forcing them to depend on dialysis or a transplant to live. Thanks to the PKD Foundation's support, the development of new drug therapies offers help to the 12.5 million people suffering from the disease.

Friday Night at the Movies

The season kickoff to Friday Night at the Movies is from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, June 10, in The Herald Argus parking lot, 701 State St., La Porte.

The screening is free, the movie "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles." Take blankets and chairs. The Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce will offer free popcorn. A limited quantity of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" T-shirts will be sold in youth and adult sizes for \$10. All proceeds help fund a new outdoor screen for the summer series.



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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.

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this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

Activities to Explore**In the Local Area:**

June 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 9-12 — Queen of All Saints Festival, 606 S. Woodland Ave. Info: kgondeck@qas-school.org, (219) 872-9196.

June 10 — Film Showing: "Zootopia," 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 10 — Film Showing: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," 1:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 10 — Friday Night at the Movies, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," 6-10 p.m., The Herald Argus parking lot, 701 State St., La Porte.

June 10 — Summer Concert & Movie Series, 7 p.m., Hawthorne Park Gazebo, 500 Ackerman Drive, Porter.

June 10 — Frances Luke Accord with opener Chris Dupont, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$15. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

June 10-13 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "The Meddler." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* "The First Monday in May." Rated PG-13. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 3:15 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

June 11 — "The Rest of the Story, Chapter II" with Fern Eddy Schultz, 1 p.m., La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

June 11 — J.D. Marshall Shipwreck Anniversary, 3-4 p.m., Nature Center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

June 11 — Teen Movie Night: "The 5th Wave," 5 p.m., Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

June 11 — La Porte Cruise Night/Street Dance, 6-10 p.m. Info: mtracecruizin@csinet.net, (219) 326-8365.

June 11 — Brew at the Zoo, 5-8 p.m., Washington Park Zoo. Cost: \$50/\$65 for VIP tickets. Info: ssheldon@emichigancity.com, (219) 873-1510.

June 11 — Campfire on the Beach, 8-9:30 p.m., Kemil Beach, East State Park Road north of Calumet Dune Interpretive Center. Info: (219) 395-1882.

June 11 — All-you-can-eat sausage and pancake breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m., St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave. Cost: \$5/adults, \$3/children 6 & younger

June 11 — 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 11-12 — Relay For Life — La Porte County, 10 a.m. Sat.-6 a.m. Sun., La Porte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2. Info: speckat@idoc.in.gov, (219) 608-8920.

June 11, 15 — 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 12 — A Concert of Swedish Music, 2-3 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

June 12 — Three Oaks Flag Day Parade, 2:30 p.m. EDT, downtown Three Oaks, Mich. Info: www.threeoaksflagday.com

June 15 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Wolfgang Rubsam, 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 11 — Men of Riversong Music Society, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10/general admission, \$8/students and seniors, free/children 12 and younger. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688, info@box-factoryforthearts.org, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

• **Music at the Museum from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at Westchester Township Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

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

• **NorthShore Health Center free blood-pressure screenings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter, and 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, June 15, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Interested patrons also can receive help calculating Body Mass Index.

• **Graphic Novel Book Club from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The focus is Jhonen Vasquez's "Invader Zim." Register in person with the IT department or by phone at (219) 926-7696.

• **Family Coloring Friday Nights from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 10, at Hageman Library.**

Materials will be provided, but patrons are welcome to take their own. No registration is necessary.

• **Summer Concert & Movie Series at 7 p.m. Friday, June 10, at the Hawthorne Park Gazebo, 500 Ackerman Drive, Porter.**

The Valparaiso Community/University Band, directed by Jeff Doebler, Valparaiso University director of music education and bands, will perform, followed by a showing of "Minions" at 8 p.m. If it rains, both events move to the Community Building.

• **Make N Take Kids Craft Time on Saturday, June 11, at Thomas Library.**

Children can come into the Children's Department and make a special Father's Day gift anytime during the day while supplies last.

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

Joan Costello will discuss Ellery Adams' "Books by the Bay" series. Light refreshments will be served.

• **Teen Movie Night: "The 5th Wave" at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at the Library Service Cen-**



ter, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

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

• **A Concert of Swedish Music from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Swedish musicians Hans Wilhelm and Birgitta Elisabeth will explore through music Swedish history, from the Viking age to the 1970s.

• **The Messier The Better for 9- to 24-month-olds at 10 a.m. Tuesdays, June 14 and 28 and July 12 and 26, at Hageman Library.**

Miss Ronnie will lead children in singing songs and an art experience. Dress to get messy. The focus June 14 is bottle sponge painting.

• **Bifocal Bookies at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Hageman Library.**

The focus is James A. Thom's "The Red Heart." Copies are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

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

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• **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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Bison-ennial Herd Doubles in Size

The Indiana Association of United Ways' Bison-ennial Public Art initiative to commemorate Indiana's 200th birthday year has grown in Porter County to eight life-size bison projects.

Each of the eight bison will be painted or adorned differently and available for viewing later this year. The four new blank canvases were delivered to the following community partners: Valparaiso Community Schools, Pines Village Retirement Communities, Broken Wagon Bison Farm and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. They join Prompt Ambulance, Portage Township Schools, Indiana Dunes Tourism and Task Force Tips in hosting a bison. The Porter County effort is now tied with Noble County for largest herd in the state.

The Porter County traveling bison — one of the original bison — will be unveiled at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 28, at the "Where Did Van Gogh?" event at the Urschel Pavilion in downtown Valparaiso. The free scavenger hunt event begins at 10:30 a.m. and is part of Valparaiso Community Schools' Spring into Arts Festival month-log celebration. The bison, decorated by Opportunity Enterprises' Amazing Artists team, then will travel throughout the county, making appearances at events such as Hebron's July 4 celebration, Valparaiso Half Marathon and the Indiana Bicentennial Torch parade in Portage.

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May 26, 2016

Event: *Low Net*



Team Event Winners: (A) Sue Luegers, (B) June Salmon (C) Kathie Mole

"A" Flight

Event:	Sue Luegers
Low Gross:	Sue Luegers
Low Putts:	Kathy Peters

"B" Flight

Event:	June Salmon
Low Gross:	Pat Kelley, Donna Hennard
Low Putts:	Mary O'Neil

"C" Flight

Event:	Kathie Mole
Low Gross:	Tina Sonderby
Low Putts:	Regina Bradley

Sunken Approach

Amanda Ferlmann	Hole 3
Amanda Ferlmann	Hole 5
Nancy Hollinger	Hole 11

June 2, 2016

Event: *Low Net*

"A" Flight

Event:	Lisbeth Slattery
Low Net:	Eunie Nondorf
Low Putts:	Kathleen Whitfield

"B" Flight

Event:	Mary O'Neil
Low Net:	Ellen Holloway
Low Putts:	Donna Hennard

"C" Flight

Event:	Catherine Kelly
Low Net:	Kathie Mole
Low Putts:	Jean O'Neil

Sunken Approach

Ellen Holloway	Hole 14
Kathleen Hanley	Hole 18

Lunch With the League

Jim Musial, executive director of Citizens Concerned for the Homeless and Sand Castle Shelter for Homeless Families, will speak at Lunch With the League at noon Tuesday, June 14, at Mama Rosa's Restaurant, 402 W. U.S. 20.

The program is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of La Porte County. Reservations are not required. Attendees may buy lunch off the menu. Orders are taken promptly at noon.

Attendees don't have to be League of Women Voters members to attend. Call Sue at (219) 874-6809 for more information.



Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Heat & Light by Jennifer Haigh
(hardcover, \$26.99 in bookstores and on-line; also available as an eBook)

This may be a novel, but the subject is as real as the weeds in your lawn. Here's why...

Bakerton, Pa., was a coal-mining boom town. Businesses flourished, families had a decent living and the town was living the American dream. Then the mines failed, jobs disappeared, businesses disappeared and many were forced to leave and find a living elsewhere.

Then came 2010 and the promise of a new awakening for Bakerton — natural gas. Forget coal, natural gas is in the ground in abundance! So say the salesmen who come into the area painting a rosy picture for the future, coaxing property owners to sign over drilling rights on their land in exchange for an upfront bonus, followed by future big payments. Just sign on the dotted line! The thought of recouping the past lean years certainly has a golden ring to it.

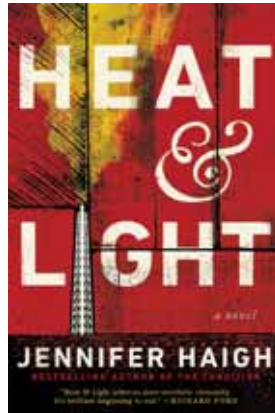
The salesmen are the front line of attack. They are trained to get in and get out with as many leases as possible, ahead of other drilling companies who will be nipping at their heels.

"Buried treasure..." That's how salesman Bobby Frame portrays it. He's the best salesman Dark Elephant has, one of the drilling companies now flooding the area with their salesmen. His speech is snappy, takes a short time and leaves people either baffled, dead against it or ready to sign...most ready to sign...and most not asking how Dark Elephant is going to get the natural gas out of the ground. Perhaps they should have done some research and read the contract thoroughly before signing.

Here's how Bobby explains the beauty of fracking: "We drill a half mile down. Then we turn the bit sideways. We can drill for miles like that, right under your property. We're so far down you'll never know we're there."

Needless to say, it's not quite like Bobby describes it. By the time papers are signed and the engineers have figured out where the drilling pads will be, the ground is shaking from the big trucks and other equipment pouring into town, and the noise is rattling the property owners' eardrums. And that doesn't include the workers brought in, not hired from the locals, but men from all over the country.

Ah, the workers. They are not trusted by the townsfolk, sometimes with good reason. "It is back-breaking work, punishing to the body. There are no soft jobs on a drill rig." Bring a man in from thousands of miles from home, work him all hours of the day and turn him loose with a paycheck and see



where he ends up. You can bet it won't be the local Bible study class.

Now we meet some of the locals. People who have signed with Dark Elephant, and some who have not. Let's start with Rich Devlin. He had 60 acres of land he wanted desperately to farm, but didn't have the money for stock and supplies. He's had to take a job as a prison guard. The leasing contract seemed like manna from heaven. But soon, his wife says their daughter is suffering from constant stomach problems and the water smells funny. And Rich didn't count on heavy equipment

rumbling on his land seven days a week. "It's as though an aircraft carrier has run aground in Rich's back yard."

The Devlins are a family in crisis. And they're not the only ones in Bakerton. There's Pastor Jess, a widow and minister of a local church. She meets Herc Bonner, one of the men drilling. Herc seems like the nicest guy. What he doesn't bother to tell Jess about is his wife and two kids back in Texas.

Mack and Rena, a lesbian couple, run the Friend-Lea Acres dairy farm. While not signing a lease, Rena does get involved with an environmental organizer whose infectious enthusiasm and commitment makes Rena overlook his personal ambitions.

What are you to do when it seems you are being handed the goose that laid the golden egg? Many are cautious. After all, the people of Bakerton were fooled before. Haigh has an innate sense of the human capacity to rebound and believe what the heart wants to believe while the brain is trying to put the brakes on. It's a conundrum she faces with a firm grasp on human nature.

The intertwining of the Bakerton residents' stories with the drilling company presents some interesting contemplations. Both sides have decisions to make; both sides have responsibilities to their families and their employers.

Greed, ambition and the American Dream come crashing together with all the fears and desires of our time. Haigh has told a story neither condemning nor approving. She's just told one hell of a story that I see could make a great book club read. Imagine the discussion!

It's truly a story that will make you stop and think—long after the last page is read.

National Book Award winner Ha Jin ([Waiting](#)) said: "Heat & Light is an intricate and ambitious novel, firmly grounded in history and our time."

Haigh is the author of four novels and a short-story collection. She has won several prestigious writing awards and lives in Boston

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