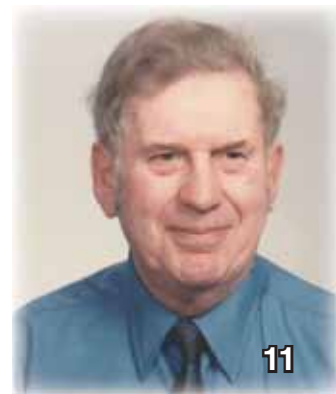
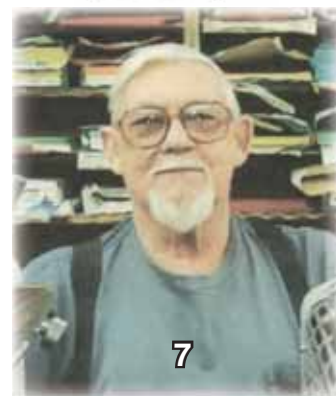
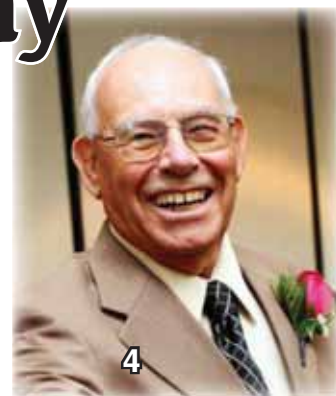




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The Right Environment

Retiring Chancellor Reflects on Growth of Purdue Campus

by Connie Kuzydym

The name James Dworkin is known throughout Northwest Indiana. Mention it, and people reply by saying what a great guy he is, how down to earth he is.

How people know him, though, is the real story, for the retiring chancellor of Purdue North Central has touched so many lives, not just on campus, but also within the community.

It has been 16 years since Dworkin took over the helm of Purdue North Central. Upon arrival, he identified important goals and has worked on them ever since.

The campus truly has benefited from his guidance. As chancellor, his internal responsibilities range from strategic planning to day to day operations. He also has an external role by being involved in La Porte County's economic development, something he has taken seriously from Day One.

"I have different vice chancellors that report to me," Dworkin said. "I basically try to set the direction for the university, where I think we should be going, based on conversation with lots of people."

When he arrived on campus, there were three buildings: Schwartz Hall, Library-Student-Faculty Building and the almost completed Tech building. Today, the face of the campus has changed.

From the start, he saw the need for a student services and activities building. PNC was the only university in the state that did not have such a facility. He worked on the project for 10 years. Finally, two years ago, the state legislature approved money for the complex. Dworkin oversaw raising \$3.5 million

for the almost 100,000 square-foot complex that houses a gym, running track, cafeteria, gathering space for students and more. In May, the first graduation ceremonies since 1971 were held on campus in the great hall at the building that bears his name — a great honor for him.

"A lot of people joke. They say we don't know anybody who is alive that has a building named after them on the Purdue campus," Dworkin said. "It was very moving. It was such an honor for me. I can't thank them enough."

In addition, two public-private partnerships have occurred. The 24-hour Veterinary Emergency Clinic is housed on campus. Across the street are apartments and houses on land originally purchased by The

Purdue Research Foundation. While not specifically student housing, of the 12 buildings, approximately five are occupied by students.

Other visions Dworkin had involved obtaining academic autonomy from Purdue University, getting



Jim Dworkin calls his tenure at Purdue University Northwest's North Central Campus "one of the great of honors of my life."

the school accredited, adding a business degree and increasing academic choices.

"I used to teach in Budapest Hungary," Dworkin said. "I was there under Communism, and I was there after Communism. After Communism, they would say, come to our stores and see all the merchandise. I'd go in their stores. The shelves would be empty. They had like one choice.

"I kind of used that analogy a lot when I came here. Students only had six choices. I knew we had to fill the shelves with more programs."

At the time of his arrival, the school offered numerous associate degrees, but limited bachelor programs. He viewed this as an opportunity. Ivy Tech was offering many associate programs. Working with them, a deal was made for Ivy Tech to offer associate degree programs, while the regional Purdue campuses would offer bachelor and master degree and an MBA program.

"When I first got here, most of the kids would say, I went to Purdue North Central when they couldn't go anywhere else," Dworkin said. "Now, it's changed."

Now, he can step back with a sense of pride and accomplishment.



Jim Dworkin receives the Sagamore of the Wabash from State Sen. Jim Arnold.

"We went from six bachelor degree programs to 24," Dworkin said. "In the old days, people had limited choices. Now we have three engineering programs, early childhood, psychology, communication. With the merger with Purdue Calumet, students have access to all these different graduate programs."

Another goal was to boost the overall quality of life for students. Dworkin helped accomplish this by trying to make it friendlier, putting in a cafeteria, hiring a chef for better quality food, starting athletic and intramural programs, student clubs and bus service. He also tried to make sure students had internship opportunities in the community.

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Dworkin has set the type of climate on campus that is reflective of him: a friendly climate where people felt comfortable to talk to him.

"If you create the right environment, people will react to that...I think my background as a mediator and arbitrator is useful because I'm a good listener," he said. "So when people come in, I listen to them. I don't just tell them right away, that's terrible. I just listen. I say, I'll see what I can do. I think people appreciate you giving them a good hearing. In my open office hours, I would talk with students, staff or faculty. I would talk to them about anything. It's actually worked out pretty well."

Dworkin is a firm believer if you want people to work with you, you need to build relationships.

"You can't come in the first day and say, let's do this, this and this," Dworkin said. "Once you build these relationships, it's a lot easier to be able to accomplish some goals. Because people know you're not out to do anything terrible. You're out only looking for the best."

"The same thing in the community. It's hard to go meet someone for the first time and ask them for \$10,000. First, you build friendships. That's what Nancy (his wife) and I were good at. We build relationships. We call it friend raising. After that, it's a lot easier when someone is friendly to ask them for \$10,000."

Indeed, the campus not only has benefited from Dworkin at the helm, but also from its First Lady, Nancy.

"The chancellors says Purdue North Central could not have a better First Lady for the last 16 years," he said. "She knows everybody. At an event, we would split and would cover the entire room. Between the two of us, we will have talked to every-

one. She's really good at that. Everybody at Purdue North Central knows that Nancy Dworkin was very special to the campus."

He continued.

"Five years ago, the early childhood department put a born learning trail on campus. It's a trail of activities for young children, and they named it in honor of Nancy. They just planted a tree there in her honor."

"For me, I have a lot of people I could thank, but probably have to thank Nancy No. 1 because she has been so instrumental in helping with all the things. (She's) not only a good person to help with fundraising, but also a good person to bounce ideas off of all these years. It's been a true partnership. So I just appreciate everything she's done."

When the Dworkins first came to the area, they wondered why Purdue had two regional campuses within close proximity of each other. The seed was planted in his mind for cooperation between Purdue North Central and Purdue Calumet. That seed, which the two campuses have been working on the past two years, has finally germinated into Purdue Northwest.

The biggest challenge was to file an extremely large document, which took nearly a year to write — the change of control document — with the Higher Learning Commission, as both campuses were accredited by them. The commission then looked at both campuses and approved change of control as of July 1.

According to Dworkin, Purdue Northwest is now the fifth-largest university in Indiana. Between the two campuses, there will be about 15,000 students covering all of Northwest Indiana, along with drawing students from nearby Illinois and Michigan. There will be five colleges and 17 departments,



Jim and Nancy Dworkin (center) help celebrate the opening of the new student services and activities building named after him.

creating more efficiency. Students can complete a degree on either campus. There will be one chancellor. This new approach ultimately has saved a lot of money that will be put back into helping students.

In his 16 years as chancellor, Dworkin has a list of major accomplishments, beginning with the growth of the number of academic programs, to the new Student Services complex, to the relationship he has established between the local towns and university, to uniting the two campuses, to keeping tuition increases low and working with area high schools on concurrent enrollment.

"When I first got here, we had nobody from the high schools coming in with college credits unless they took the advance placement tests," Dworkin said. "But now, probably 1/3 of our students come in with credit hours."

With such responsibility and influence, one might think that would change him. However, Dworkin has stayed true to the values and principles taught and instilled in him by his grandfather and parents.



Jim and Nancy Dworkin participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new complex.

"My grandfather was not wealthy. He was a shoe salesman all his life," Dworkin said. "He didn't make much money. He just enjoyed life. My dad and mom instilled the principles of everybody is human, everybody is the same."

"I just don't think I've changed very much. I don't let it get to my head. It's not an ego thing. I can talk to a union welder, a union laborer, I can talk to the CEO of a corporation. I'm going to be the same way. If they like it, fine. If they don't like it, that's fine, too. I'm going to be true to myself."

"I'm definitely down to earth, but I know how to get things done. I'm a good manager. I'm good at running meetings, but I don't get too full of myself. I'll tell you that because I realize everything in life is transitory. You need to be a good person because you're going to be held accountable in the end some way...I've just been very honored to have had this position. It's been one of the great of honors of my life."

His advice to the everyday student,

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whom he views as the lifeblood of our country, comes from him not only being a respected chancellor, an award-winning professor, a successful arbitrator, a published author, a father, but also a kind person.

"Be a good listener," he advised. "If you can be a good listener, I think you can understand people and you can understand and appreciate a diverse crowd."

"Be eclectic, try a lot of different stuff out," he said. "I thought I was going to be a doctor. (But) when I took economics, it just made sense. Keep an open mind. Keep your options open."

Dworkin's term as chancellor ends June 30. Purdue has a rule that when you reach 65 and are in a high-level administrative position, you must step down. His contract, however, was extended an additional two years so he could help complete the merger between the two campuses.

What does Dworkin hope Purdue's North Central Campus looks like in five to 10 years?

"Not only do we have a strategic plan, but we have a master plan for the campus. I think we need an additional classroom building eventually. I would like to see that get somewhere in the cue. I would like to see more and more students come onto this campus and matriculate in four years...I would just hope in five years the culture of this campus remains the same. It will be a friendly place, a welcoming place."

Dworkin's impact, it must be noted, extended far beyond the campus grounds. For instance, he served on numerous boards. He's able to do so because he manages his career and outside life through strong time management and organizational skills. He does not overburden himself, and he definitely leaves white space on his calendar to get things done.

That included even

making time to write a children's book, "The Dog and the Dolphin." He and Nancy have ventured into numerous schools and children's hospitals to read the book. The inspiration to write it surfaced in the 1990s when the Dworkins were vacationing on Sanibel Island off the Florida coast. According to Dworkin, he was walking along the beach and saw a dog running like crazy. It would stop, run the other way and stop. Dworkin looked, and in the water was a dolphin swimming the same direction the dog was running.

Jotting some notes down, he set it aside. When he found the right artist, it clicked and he self-published the book. To date, it has sold more than 4,000 copies.

"Kids ask if it's a true story," he said. "It's part. I put some crazy things in to make it more interesting."

He has a second book being published by Archway, a subsidiary of Simon & Shuster. He also has been

asked to write a third one.

The second book's idea came from an incident that actually occurred at Stop One in Michigan City when he lived in Dunescape. He heard someone yelling on the beach, 'Clear the beach, there's a mad dog on a Jet Ski.' There was actually a dog on a Jet Ski."

His desire to write comes from being a professor of management. He has written nearly 100 articles along with two books. To write a children's book, however, is even more interesting considering his background. His undergraduate degree was in economics, his master's in industrial relations and his doctorate in industrial relations specializing in labor economics, research methods and collective bargaining. He also belongs to the National Academy of Arbitrators.

How does someone whose background is so labor oriented even think about writing a children's picture book series?



Jim Dworkin autographs a copy of "The Dog & the Dolphin" for a young reader.



Nancy Dworkin joins Jim to assist with a reading of "The Dog & The Dolphin."

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"One of the things I was proud of from being chancellor is all the new bachelor programs we have at Purdue North Central," Dworkin said. "We went from six to 24 programs, and one of the ones that we picked up was early childhood education."

"Every year, I have been going to early childhood education conferences. and I get asked to go speak in the classes and talk about writing a children's book and how to do that. I think maybe that was part of it."

As the days rapidly come to a close for Dworkin as chancellor of Purdue North Central, what is next? The Dworkins will take a year sabbatical. They will continue living in the area. Upon their return, he will have an office at Purdue Northwest's North Central campus in the activities complex named after him and plans on being there, but not every day. As a tenured faculty member at Purdue University's Krannert School of Management, he will return to teaching.

The thing he will miss the most is the interaction with people. One can easily understand, with his involvement and strong interaction with those on campus how at the start, it will be difficult for him.

However, Dworkin's life has come full circle. He started his first job at Purdue University in 1976.

"I just celebrated my 40-year anniversary at Purdue," he said. "Basically for me, it's back to the future. I started at Krannert at West Lafayette. I was

there from 1976 to 2000, and now I was here from 2000-2016. I'm going to take a year off and probably starting 2017, for who knows how long, I will go back and teach a little bit at the Krannert School... back to the future."

Besides going back to teaching, Dworkin still has other goals and dreams.



Jim and Nancy with Rusty the Railcat.

"I serve on some boards so I'm going to continue doing that..." he said. "I'm a labor arbitrator. I resolve labor management disputes. I want to be the best labor arbitrator I can be... When I go back to teaching, actually I've taught every year that I was here at PNC...I want to be a really good teacher..."

"I'm really happy about the progress of my children's books. I want to continue on working on that series. Basically, my goal is to get really

young kids interested in reading and writing at a very early age. Then, I'd like to continue being the best husband I can be to Nancy and be a great father and a great grandfather to the five kids."

Many may be saddened by Dworkin's departure, but the mark he has left on Purdue North Central, and the numerous lives he touched, has been woven into the fabric of the future of the campus.

Steve Turner, campus vice chancellor of finance, probably said it best at an annual honors convocation, asking people to stand up if Dworkin, sometime during his time as chancellor, stopped them and asked about their family.

"About everybody in the room stood up," Dworkin said. "It almost brought tears to my eyes."

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The Pleasure of Giving a Sleeper Hit a Second Chance

by Andrew Tallackson

A distinct pleasure for any film lover is the movie that comes out of nowhere, with little fanfare or expectation, but yields more joy than anything churned out by the Hollywood hype machine.

"The Intern" arrived in theaters last September, typically the lull before studios unleash their prized Oscar bait. Modestly budgeted at \$35 million, it quietly, yet steadily, found an audience, generating nearly \$195 million in worldwide box-office receipts.

The movie's unforeseen triumph should not have come as a shock to anyone. Writer-director Nancy Meyers is known as the "queen of the chick flick," a moniker she no doubt detests because it's frequently hurled about by men as a patronizing kick in the teeth. In the 1980s, she wrote the scripts for a string of successful comedies, such as "Private Benjamin," "Irreconcilable Differences," "Protocol," "Baby Boom" and the "Father of the Bride" pictures. She stepped up to the director's chair with equally profitable comedies like "What Women Want," "Something's Gotta Give" and "It's Complicated." Each picture a hit, each exploring the ways men and women relate to each other.

Initially, "The Intern" had zero appeal for me, not because it appeared to be a "chick flick," but



Jules (Anne Hathaway) helps Ben (Robert De Niro) create a facebook account.

because its stars, Robert De Niro and Anne Hathaway, run hot and cold for me. But when both my bosses tell me a movie is worth a look now that it's on HBO, and these two are selective about what they watch, it was time to set aside any indifferences and give the movie a shot.

What I discovered is this: "The Intern" made me smile more than any picture of the past year. In addition to being enormously

entertaining, it may be the smartest comedy to address the generation gap that exists in the workplace. The wittiest, most inciteful script yet from Meyers, there are no lazy jibes at the young or old, no villains, no forced romantic love interests, just smart, flawed, vulnerable individuals who realize they have far more to learn from each other than they would like to admit.

The premise is simple. Ben Whittaker (De Niro) is retired, having worked for years as a phone company executive. He's also 70 and a widow. Determined not to wither away, he creates a youtube video of himself explaining why he'd be perfect as an intern at About the Fit, an online fashion startup created by working mom Jules Ostin (Hathaway). She's struggling to juggle her career with her crumbling home life, so Ben's presence is more of an irritance. Gradually,



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though, Ben emerges as the company's father figure, taking not just his young colleagues under his generous wing, but Jules as well.

As "The Intern" locked itself firmly into the construct of a workplace comedy, I prepared for a barage of age-oriented gags, with De Niro being the crusty codger and About the Fit staff depicted as young, naive and stupid.

Not so.

De Niro, who has played so many unpleasant types over the course of his varied career, is uncharacteristically warm here. And sharp. His Ben is on the ball, willing to embrace change. What he craves is purpose, the feeling he's needed, responsibilities that give his life meaning. His coworkers, by comparison, are bright, but chained to their desks, obsessed with work. They need to live a little.

How these polar opposites compromise, softening around the edges, gives "The Intern" its appeal. Some of the transformations are obvious, as when Jules help Ben create a facebook page. Others are so subtle, you might miss them, as when one of Tom's colleagues eventually shifts from sloppy work attire to tie and sportcoat. And when Rene Russo turns up as the company's own massage therapist, the actress — now in her 60s — proves that aging naturally is sexier than the botox babes Hollywood places on cosmetic-surgery pedestals.

The comic highpoint arrives when Ben persuades three of his co-workers to join him as they break



Ben is joined by three of his co-workers to break into the home of Jules' mother.

into Jules' mother's house, the mission being to delete a bitter email Jules accidentally fired off to her mother. The younger staff, jittery about committing a crime, nervously banter about which "Ocean's Eleven" character they might be. And when the act finally goes down, how they survive it is deliriously funny.

The quartet of makeshift thieves feels most alive when they're behaving at their naughtiest.

I laughed a lot in "The Intern." Meyers creates such a wonderful, inviting universe, you'd love to believe that, by the end, these colorful folk will stay together for quite some time. The movie, for all its witty observations, is a comedy about hope, that

each generation can learn from each other to create the perfect picture of efficiency not just in the workplace, but in our personal lives as well.

What a treat it is to finally experience the optimistic world of "The Intern."

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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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Canterbury Summer Theatre Takes Flight with Comedy “Boeing Boeing”

Canterbury Summer Theatre opens its 2016 season with the comedy “Boeing Boeing” on June 15-18 at Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St.

Written by Marc Camoletti and adapted by Beverly Cross and Francis Evans, “Boeing Boeing” first was staged in London in 1962, where it ran for seven years. In 2008, it enjoyed a successful revival on Broadway, where it was nominated for six Tonys, winning for Best Actor and Best Revival.

Set in the mid-1960s, the play centers on self-styled playboy Bernard, who juggles Italian, German and American fiancées, each beautiful airline hostesses with frequent “layovers.” He keeps “one up, one down and one pending” until unexpected schedule changes bring all three to Bernard’s apart-



Rebecca E.G. Hayes, Earnest Roberts, Christie Coran, Jesse Kortus and Rachel Paul star in “Boeing Boeing.”

ment at the same time, as well as his old, and less-sophisticated, friend, Robert.

The show, directed by Canterbury Associate Artistic Director David Graham, stars Earnest Roberts, Jesse Kortus, Clara Flaherty, Christie Coran, Rachel Paul and Rebecca Hayes, who returns for her third season.

Scenic, lighting and costume designs are by Ray Scott Crawford, Graham and Miranda Beck-Bird,

respectively, and the production is stage-managed by Caroline Stamm.

Performances are at 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and 6:30 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets are \$15 to \$16, with discounts for seniors and students. Call (219) 874-4269 or email info@canterburytheatre.org to reserve tickets.

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Winter, and even spring, can be hard for some people to get out, enjoy the outdoors and stay active. Once the frost goes away and the jackets go back in the closet, calendars fill up with events.

Summer is filled to the brim with events every weekend that allow you to enjoy the weather, experience something unique and maybe even burn some calories in the meantime.

Saturday, May 29, was an event that checked each of those boxes. It marked the 15th year of the annual closing of Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. Not for construction, surprisingly, but for a car-free and carefree day of bike riding.

Each year, Lake Shore Drive closes down for five hours for the annual Bike the Drive. Bicyclists are invited to put their two wheels on the Drive and enjoy the views.

This year, around 22,000 riders came out to participate. They ranged from families with baby carriers, to elderly folks casually strolling, to avid cyclists and anything and everything in between. Festivities were held in Grant Park, but riders could hop on at several different checkpoints. The ride extended north all the way up to Bryn Mawr Avenue and all the way south to the Museum of Science and Industry on 57th Street. When all was said and done, a full loop entailed 30 miles of biking the famous Lake Shore Drive.

The event provided amazing and distracting scenery everywhere you looked. On one side, you were graced with the amazing Chicago skyline, parks, city blocks and old buildings. On the other side, you were wowed by starting the ride viewing the sunrise

Bike the Drive

by Kevin Scott



over Lake Michigan, then enjoying the wonderful view the rest of the ride. But don't gaze too long, or you will likely take out another cyclist nearby.

This year's ride also couldn't have come with better weather. Sunshine was abundant and temperatures were perfect for a nice ride.

Like most rides and runs, there is a charity or cause behind Bike the Drive. The ride is, in part, provided by the Active Transportation Alliance, a non-profit that works to improve conditions for bicycling, walking and transit. While they strive to improve these conditions, their focus is to encourage people in healthy and active ways to get around.

John F. Kennedy, an avid supporter of physical fitness and health, had a great quote that remains relevant today. He said, *"We are under exercised as a nation. We look instead of play. We ride instead of walk. Our existence deprives us of the minimum of physical activity essential for healthy living."*

This summer, I encourage everyone to hop off the couch, get outside, get active and experience all that our wonderful Third Coast has to offer. Every weekend, there are exciting, local events spanning from Chicagoland throughout the region and into lower Michigan. Grab a bike, a kayak, a paddleboard or simply go out for a hike on the numerous trails at the National Lakeshore.



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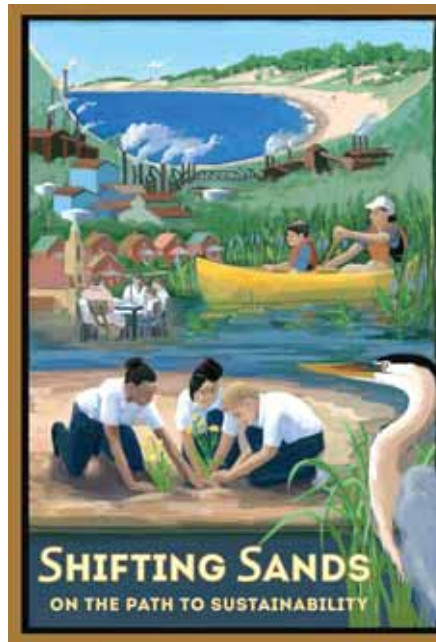
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"Shifting Sands" illustrates the controversial economic and environmental

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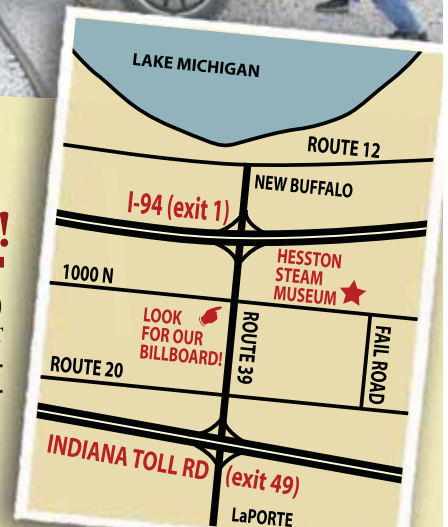
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Elston Grove Art Happening

Plein air painters, a master puppeteer, singers and musicians are planned during the free Elston Grove Art Happening from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at Feallock House, 402 E. Eighth St.

Artists interested in participating should email kjconstantinov@gmail.com or text (734) 255-9107. Works will be hung for sale or admiration in the former bed and breakfast. They should be dropped off between 3 and 6 p.m. Friday, June 17, and can be picked up after the event.

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Kids Clothes Summer Display

The staff at La Porte County Historical Society Museum have uncovered children's clothing tucked away for ages to create the new display, "Dressing Up & Down: A Look at Kids' Clothes."

Many hours were spent planning and designing the exhibit, which features everything from pinafores to playsuits. Running through August, it also includes a photo lemonade stand and colorful clothesline.

The museum is located at 2405 Indiana Ave, La Porte. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call (219) 324-6767 or visit www.laportecountyhistory.org for more information.



One of the displays included with "Dressing Up & Down: A Look at Kids' Clothes."

Annual Variety Show

The Sixth Annual Variety Show is at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

Held in the museum's lower level in honor of Indiana's bicentennial, the theme is "Hoosiers in Music." Written by Bruce Johnson, it was first presented at La Porte Little Theatre in March. The variety show features excerpts from that production, as well as a few surprises. Composers featured include Hoagy Carmichael, Cole Porter and La Porte's own Grace Floering. Performers include Bob and Rose Marie Dure, Bruce Johnson, Cheryl Gardner, Laura Krentz, Jim Lampl, Grace Tarnow, Robert Richter, Mary Watterson, Maggie Cornett, Solitaire Miles, Susie Richter, Katy and Tim Gartland, Lindsey Baugh and Matt Robinson.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., and regular museum admission applies. Call (219) 324-6767 or visit www.laportecountyhistory.org for more information.

Dollars for Dogs Fundraiser

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Summer camps for children 7-13 include: Inspired by Nature, a new two-week camp July 11-22, or Famous Artists Camp, which returns with new projects Aug. 1-5.

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Walk a Mile In Her Shoes

Men can get a taste of what it's like to walk in women's shoes — literally — in the "Walk a Mile In Her Shoes" public-awareness fundraiser from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 18, at Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets, 601 Wabash St.

The event asks men to walk one mile in women's high-heeled shoes, a playful way to get the community to talk about far-more serious issues, that of gender relations and men's sexualized violence against women.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. The cost is \$20 per walker. Teams are encouraged. Music and prizes are planned. Funds raised benefit Stepping Stone Shelter for Women. Visit steppingstoneshelter.org for more information.

Adobe Photoshop Workshop

Purdue University Northwest will offer a non-credit continuing education workshop open to anyone interested in learning how to use Adobe Photoshop Creative Cloud software.

The course meets from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 29-July 27, on the Westville campus. The \$179 registration fee includes all materials. Special rates are available for PNW students, alumni and employees. The registration deadline is 4 p.m. June 24.

Instructor George Kassal, Long Beach, will lead participants through a hands-on experience with Photoshop software. They will learn how to edit and manipulate digital photographs. Skills include how to remove imperfections, use of color, resize an image, insert another image, apply filters and edit photos with self-programmed actions.

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Groups such as Mr. Blotto, Corey Dennison Band and Karen Banks-Lubicz Trio took to the stage during the annual Jammin with Save the Dunes on June 4 at Washington Park's Guy Foreman Amphitheater. The event also included family activities, food vendors and local craft brews and wine. Proceeds supported Save the Dunes.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Thursday, June 16

- **10 a.m. — Feed the Birds.**

Join a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding. Get close views of chickadees, cardinals and woodpeckers.

- **3 p.m. — A High Tech Scavenger Hunt.**

Meet at the Nature Center to learn about geocaching, and take a stab at finding one. Prizes for children are planned.

- **7 p.m. — Crown Point Community Theatre performs Jean Paul Sartre's "No Exit."**

Take a blanket or beach chair and meet at the pavilion's west side for Free Classic Theatre, the second in a summer series of park plays presented by the Northwest Indiana Excellence in Theatre Foundation. The performance moves to Wilson Shelter if the weather is poor.

- **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 valpoymca.org to register, or just show up. Classes are cancelled during inclement weather.

Friday, June 17

- **10 a.m. — Dunes Wetland Wander.**

Take a 45-minute hike into the dune wetlands to explore breeding birds and underwater critters.

- **3 p.m. — 100th Anniversary of State Parks.**

Meet at the Nature Center auditorium for the 45-minute PBS documentary.

- **8 p.m. — Bat Chat.**

Meet at the Nature Center outdoor program area for a look at bats using iPad apps to detect and identify them.

Saturday, June 18

- **10 a.m. — If Plants Could Talk.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at edible plants, including some used by Native Americans.

- **11 a.m. — "Shifting Sands" Documentary.**

Explore diverse dunes ecosystems, and learn of controversial economic and environmental struggles, during the debut of the new documentary at the Nature Center.

- **3 p.m. — The Incredible Journey.**

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

Sunday, June 19

- **10 a.m. — Feed the Birds.**

Join a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding. Get close views of chickadees, cardinals and woodpeckers.

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

Join a naturalist at the Nature Center for a look

at some of the smallest parts of nature. High-powered microscopes will provide close looks.

Monday, June 20

- **10 a.m. — A Beautiful Blowout Hike.**

Meet at the Nature Center and hike Trail 9 to the beach house blowout before returning on Trail 10. Wear hiking shoes for the 60-minute trek.

- **3 p.m. — Sand Art on the Summer Solstice.**

Meet at the Nature Center to learn what makes the dunes special, then try a make-it, take-it craft.

Tuesday, June 21

- **9 a.m. — Feed the Birds.**

Join a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding. Get close views of chickadees, cardinals and woodpeckers.

- **3 p.m. — Wild Edibles Walk.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a 60-minute walk exploring dune delicacies.

Wednesday, June 22

- **10 a.m. — Mount Tom Bound.**

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

- **3 p.m. — Compass Games.**

Meet at the Nature Center for old-fashioned navigating, complete with a chance to win prizes.

Daily

- **Beach Yoga — 9 to 10 a.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 valpoymca.org to register, or just show up. Classes are cancelled during inclement weather.

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Ages: 3-11

Fee: Resident Full Camp: \$100.00

Non-Resident Full Camp: \$175.00

Resident Weekly: \$40.00

Non-Resident Weekly: \$65.00

Weekly Themes

Week 1: Galactic Travels

Week 2: The Big Screen

Week 3: Myths and Legends

(No Camp July 4-5)

Week 4: Pet Project

Week 5: Happy Holidays

Week 6: Sail Away

Week 7: Olympics

Long Beach Summer Tennis Camp

Dates: June 21 – August 4

Days: Tuesday and Thursday

Time: 8:00 – 9:00

Location: Long Beach Community Center
Tennis Courts

Ages: 6-11

Fee: Resident : \$50.00

Non-Resident: \$60.00

The 15 openings for Tennis Camp will be filled on first-come, first-served basis. Tennis balls are provided for all lessons and extra rackets on first-come, first-served bases.

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.

Hesston Steam Museum

As a Father's Day treat, Hesston Steam Museum will offer rides to fathers for only \$1 with a paid child's ticket.

The museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, will have all three live-steam railroads operating the entire weekend.

An antique truck show, presented by the American Truck Historical Society Northwest Indiana Chapter, also is planned. Restored trucks can be viewed throughout the grounds.

Uncle B's BBQ Smokehouse will feature brisket and pulled pork, among other cuts of meat, that have been smoked for 24 hours in the on-site smokehouse by chef Brad Hindsley.

The museum also is a showcase for a working steam-powered sawmill with a 60-inch blade, La Porte's first electric generator and a blacksmith shop where iron is turned into handcrafted works of art. Hand-scooped ice cream treats and sodas made from traditional recipes are for sale in the restored vintage soda fountain and ice cream parlor, Doc's Soda Fountain. All food is created on site by Spire Farm-to-Fork Restaurant, La Porte. Breakfast also is served at Doc's from 9 to 11 a.m.

The museum officially opens at 11:30 a.m. and runs through 5 p.m. Fares are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12. Visit www.hesston.org or call (219) 778-2783 on the weekends for more information.

"Fire in the Sky"

Tickets are now available for "Fire in the Sky: The Sequel," which returns to La Porte County on Aug. 6-12 at La Porte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2, La Porte.

Pyrotechnics Guild International, which made its first appearance here in 2012, presents the annual fireworks convention. Guild membership includes more than 3,500 enthusiasts and their families.

Public displays are planned each night. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., with the pre-show at 8:30 p.m. Take chairs and blankets. Food vendors and the beer garden will be open; no coolers are allowed.

Tickets can be purchased at the La Porte County Fairgrounds office and Visit Michigan City La Porte Visitors Center at Marquette Mall. Visit www.LaPorteCountyFair.org or call the fair office at (219) 362-2647 for more information.

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Literary Underground Fundraiser

The Literary Underground will host a fundraiser, "Full Moon Lobby Takeover: Trip Closet," from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 20, in the first-floor gallery at Artspace Uptown Artists Lofts, 717 Franklin St.

The event will include live, pre-recorded and streaming author readings, performance art and music by Alex Allen (South Bend), Iris Berry (Los Angeles), Craig Ultraviolence Cady (Los Angeles), Curta (Denver), Julie Demoff-Larson (Highland, Ind.), David Guthrie (South Bend), Matthew May (Michigan City), Alexandra Naughton (Oakland, Calif.), A. Razor (Oakland, Calif.), Lily Rex (Highland), Bud Smith (New York), Jeremiah Walton (traveling poet), Michele McDannold (Michigan City) and others.

Dark Star of the Dunes will provide a cash bar to guests 21 and older. The evening concludes with an open stage invitation: five-minute slots with limited openings. Signup begins at 5:30 p.m.

The suggested donation is \$5. The purpose is to raise funds to bring diverse voices in creative writing and independent music to Michigan City, specifically to cover travel costs and a small stipend for touring performers. This is in support of a new monthly reading series based in the Uptown Arts District, focused on mingling accomplished contemporary authors across the nation with emerging regional talent and the Michigan City creative community at large.

The Literary Underground was founded in 2010 to support independent artists, promote diversity in creativity and foster community in the small press.

ASL Club Coffeehouse

The Purdue University Northwest American Sign Language Club will host an ASL Coffeehouse from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 17, at Uptown Café, 1400 E. Lincolnway, Valparaiso.

The coffeehouse is open to ASL students and community members, as well as children with a parent or adult. Participants are asked to communicate by using ASL. Coffee, food and drink may be ordered.

Future coffeehouses are July 15 and Aug. 19 at Uptown Café.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Karen Donah, PNW continuing lecturer and ASL coordinator, at kdonah@pnw.edu

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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are available:

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

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

- **The Save the Tunes Council performs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 17, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

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

- **Sunset Hike at 8 p.m. Friday, June 18, 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.

- **Stewardship Day — Attacking Invasive Species from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 18.**

Call (219) 395-1661 for the location and more information. Wear comfortable clothes; work gloves and equipment will be provided. Insect repellent and sunscreen are recommended.

- **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.

- **In a Pickle or a Jam from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at Chellberg Farm.**

Join Chellberg Farm cooks to learn how to pre-

serve the "vegetable garden's bounty" for future use. The parking lot is on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20, Porter.



- **Campground Program from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at Dunewood Campground.**

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

- **Find Your Park Film Series on Sat-**

urdays 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.

- **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.

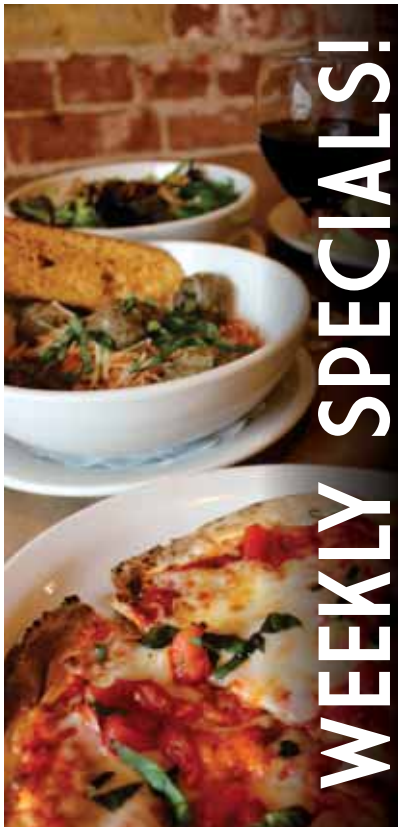
- **Miller Woods Hike at 1:30 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 21.**

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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NB Community Forum Series

Author Jim Stine Jr. will discuss his exploits as a local paramedic at 6:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, June 21, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Stine, a 39-year career paramedic in Southwest Michigan, will share experiences that range from humorous, to miraculous, even the horrific. He has recounted this career in his new book, "Doin' It With the Lights On – Exploits of a Paramedic," which will be available for signing after the presentation.

Another local author, Frederick Lighthall, will discuss his research into dangers in high-tech enterprises, as explored in his recent book, "Disastrous High-Tech Decision Making: From Disasters to Safety," at 6:30 p.m. EDT Monday, July 11.

Other upcoming programs in the free New Buffalo Community Forum Series, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, include: "Birds of Summer" by Wendy Jones, Fernwood Botanical Gardens and Nature Preserve head naturalist, on July 19; "The Lincoln Assassination: Who Helped Booth Murder Lincoln" by Michael Deeb, Civil War novelist, on July 25; "The Latest Buzz About Bees" by beekeeper Mike Sautter on Aug. 15; and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's 50th anniversary by a ranger on Aug. 23.

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Elston Class Reunion

The Elston High School Class of 1951 will host its class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 20, at Elks Lodge 432, 416 E. U.S. 20.

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Get Out and Play Day

Washington Park Zoo, 115 Lake Shore Drive, will present "Get Out and Play Day," which educates families on safe play, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 18.

The zoo has united with local groups for the Safe Kids event. Activities focus on simple actions, such as wearing bicycle helmets, life jackets and seat belts. Stations around the zoo will create a "safety safari," complete with games and safety information. Every child who completes the safari receives a prize.

The activities are free with paid zoo admission, which is: adults (12-61) — \$7; seniors (62 and older) — \$6; children (3-11) — \$6; children (2 and younger) — free. Visit www.washingtonparkzoo.com for more information.

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Each year, conductor Phil Bauman selects an array of patriotic classics, Broadway tunes, movie hits and family favorites. Selections include "Under the Sea" from "The Little Mermaid" and "Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens." Guest soprano and past Hoosier STAR winner Betsy Archer will perform "God Bless America." Joining her for a duet, as well as performing solo, is tenor Emanuel-Cristian Caraman. Originally from Romania, he has performed with the Chicago New Philharmonic Orchestra, Los Angeles Opera and Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra.



Archer

Regular park admission fees apply. Visit www.lcso.net for more information.

Miller Garden Club

Miller Garden Club will hold its general meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 18, at Marquette Park Aquatorium, 6918 Oak Ave., Gary.

The featured speaker is art therapist Eric Dean Spruth, who will speak on how he uses landscaping as an additional design medium.

Spruth has a master's degree in art therapy from The Art Institute of Chicago and has worked with the county courts for 24 years. His initial landscape project was on the steps of the Cook County Criminal Courts Building, where he collaborated with Clarence Davis — designer of the U.S. Open — and Christine Weber Landscape, who designs the Chicago's Michigan Avenue planters.

Spruth's PowerPoint presentation, complete with architectural designs and graphics by local landscape designer Jim Bertrand, will unveil his painted labyrinth concept for his studio property on North Lake Street in Miller Beach.

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The cost is \$75 per week, or \$100 for both. Additional siblings cost \$50. Limited space is available. Contact Leslie Samelson at (219) 561- 6691 or lsamelson@mcas.k12.in.us, or mrssam@nfrinstitute.org to register or for more information.

In 2015, the theme was "Condition: Shelter" course, with students building a tiny house. They applied scientific principles to the problem of creating shelters. Making the sturdy structure required knowledge of geometry, while providing electric lighting required application of Ohm's Law. Building structures they see every day helped them better comprehend what they learn, while making shelters helped them innovate changes in shelter.

FleaTique Indoor/Outdoor Show

St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Cool-spring Ave., will host FleaTique Indoor/Outdoor Antique-Collectible-Fleamarket Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 18.

The show will be held rain or shine, with vendors prepared for inclement weather. Space is available indoors and outdoors on a first-come, first-served basis. Tables can be rented from the church. Food and baked goods will be sold.

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The session is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education on Lake Street in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.

The workshop will include activities from the Healthy Water Healthy People Curriculum, the debut of a newly developed travelling trunk on water quality and hands-on training with real monitoring equipment. Participants can explore hands-on activities focused on water quality that can be used in the classroom or watershed.

Educators completing the workshop receive a copy of the Healthy Water Healthy People Curriculum, and will be eligible to borrow the travelling trunk and monitoring equipment for use during the school year.

There is a \$35 workshop fee. Pre-registration is required. Visit tinyurl.com/hbmvn16 or call (219) 395-9555 before June 17 to register.

The workshop is co-sponsored by Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, Indiana University Northwest, Dunes Learning Center, Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Great Lakes Research and Education Center. Contact Wendy Smith at (219) 395-1987 or wendy_w_smith@nps.gov for more information.

Polish-American Cultural Society

Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City Chapter, meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at the former St. Mary's School, 321 W. 11th St. Call Theresa Child at (219) 464-1369 for more information.

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Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Summer Reading Program Kickoff: Entertainer Jim Gill at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 16.**

Gill, an award-winning children's singer/entertainer, also is a musician, author and child-development specialist. He has released six CDs of music play for children and performed across the world.

• **Bookmarks: Ann B. Ross' "Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind" at 2 p.m. Friday, June 17.**

Pat Mitchell is the reviewer.

• **Poetry Slam Camp 2016 performance at 6 p.m. Friday, June 17.**

The performance marks the culmination of a week-long program of poetry activities for middle-schoolers, focusing on self-expression and slam-style writing and performance.

• **Movies in Washington Park: "Dolphin Tale 2" at 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 17.**



The library and city again have collaborated to show family films under the new North Point Pavilion. The movie is Rated PG. Other film nights are July 15 and Aug. 19.

• **Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesdays, June 22 and 29.**

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

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- La Porte County Annex, 809 State St., La Porte, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 17. This is a Fallen Officer Blood Drive, with the chance to buy discounted tickets to Indiana Beach.
- City Hall, 100 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 17. This is a Fallen Officer Blood Drive, with the chance to buy discounted tickets to Indiana Beach.
- IU Health La Porte Hospital, 1007 W. Lincoln Way, La Porte, noon to 5 p.m. Monday, June 20. Those donating can buy discounted tickets to Indiana Beach.

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.

Calumet Outdoors Series

The Calumet Outdoors Series, hikes organized by the Calumet Stewardship Initiative, continues at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 18, with Bartel Grasslands Bird Hike.

Led by Daniel Suarez of the Audubon Society, meet at the parking lot near Central and Flossmoor avenues. Reservations are requested. Contact Series Coordinator Eric Neagu at (773) 403-5237 or ericneagu@gmail.com

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

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Public Art Committee

The Michigan City Public Art Committee meets at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 16, in the City Hall Mayor's Conference Room.

New Barker Mansion Tours

Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., is offering expanded tour options this summer designed to appeal to a wide range of audiences and interests.

New this year, a self-guided tour of the first floor and garden is at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Visitors receive guide books that point out facts about each room and tell the story of the Barker legacy. Visitors also encounter "Discovery Baskets" filled with replica items from the time period, which can be touched and examined.



A guided Wednesday evening tour takes visitors behind the scenes of Barker Mansion.

Plan to stay 45 minutes for the tour, the cost for which is \$5 for adults and \$2 for youth 15 and younger. Reservations are not needed, and doors open promptly at 10 a.m.

The guided mansion tour, which has been a standard offering for decades, begins at 1 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Visitors view all three floors and are led by a trained interpretive guide. The tour lasts one hour and costs \$8 for adults and \$5 for youth 15 and younger. Reservations are not needed, and doors open at 12:45 p.m.

Back by request, a guided Wednesday evening tour will take visitors behind the scenes of the historic home at 7 p.m. Guests will venture into all spaces normally off-limits, including basement, closet and storage areas. The tour will visit the old laundry room, summer kitchen and former servants' quarters.

The two-hour tour costs \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth 15 and younger. Space is limited to the first 15 people to arrive that evening. Reservations are not accepted. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Tour times and prices are valid through Labor Day 2016. The mansion is closed Mondays for upkeep. Visit www.barkermansion.com for details.

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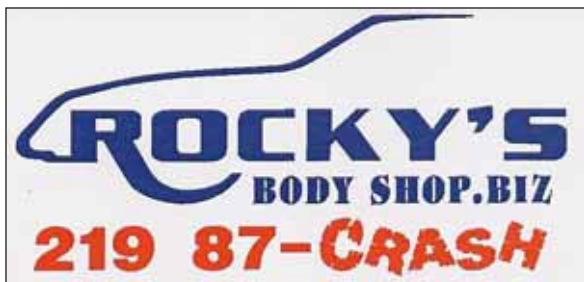
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Visitors to Indiana State Parks can play the Centennial Geocache Challenge for a chance to win prizes, including a 2017 Annual Entrance Permit.

The challenge is a self-guided activity to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Indiana State Parks. A Centennial Cache is located at each state park. Participants can download a passport at INStateParks100.com. It is a game card that resembles a Bingo card with park names inside each square. When participants find a Centennial Cache, they stamp the square for the corresponding park using a property-specific stamp inside each cache.

Completing five parks in at least one row on the passport makes the participant eligible for prizes. Completing more rows increases a player's entries into the prize contest. Twelve entries are possible per passport.

Information on the caches is at geocaching.com, where you can search by property name or ZIP code.

Caches can be found and documented through Oct. 30. Passports must be mailed, or scanned and emailed, to the challenge organizers at Indiana Dunes State Park by Nov. 6. The mailing address is Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton, IN 46304. The email address is dunesnc@dnr.IN.gov



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Chesterton Art Center

The following programs are offered through Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.:

• **Free Seniors Digital Photography Class from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, June 17, courtesy of a grant from Duneland Resale Shop, Chesterton.**

Students 60 and older are invited. George Kassal, Long Beach, will walk students through the basics of working with a digital camera or using a smart phone. All the materials are provided. While the class is free, seating is limited.

The non-profit Duneland Resale, 801 Broadway, has partnered with Chesterton Art Center many times, offering free artistic opportunities for the community.

• **A six-week Altered Couture class with instructor Jane Whedbee from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays starting June 22.**

Students can personalize a garment (or accessory) through techniques that alter or enhance the cut, style or ornamentation. They will be taught to: size a garment down (or up!) or change the fit; combine two garments into one; add additional fabrics or embellishment, such as applique, embroidery or beads; add or remove linings; and incorporate tucks, ruching, flounces, ribbons or lace.

The class will be run as an open studio, with individual support for each participant and weekly "mini-lessons" tailored to the class' interests. Resources include books, images and handouts, and several sewing machines, a serger, dress form, embroidery frames and miscellaneous tools. Participants should take their own garment(s), additional fabrics, thread and notions. Students can take their own sewing machine.

The cost is \$80, with members receiving a \$5 discount.

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

Father's Day at the Zoo

Washington Park Zoo, 115 Lakeshore Drive, will offer free admission for all fathers and grandfathers with a paid child admission on Sunday, June 19.

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The 15th season of the Roosevelt Pipe Organ series continues at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at Christ Church (the former First Congregational Church), 531 Washington St.

In the series, acclaimed organists of the wider Chicago area play the historic 1891 Roosevelt organ. On June 22, Derek E. Nickels will perform. He is the director of music at the Church of the Holy Comforter (Episcopal), Kenilworth, Ill., and has performed recitals across the United States. He holds Doctor of Musical Arts and Master of Music degrees in organ performance from Arizona State University, and a Bachelor of Music from Southern Methodist University.

He has been a featured recitalist at several national conventions of the Organ Historical Society, as well as appearances with Ars Musica Chicago, Early Music Chicago, Ensemble Versailles, the Phoenix Bach and Madrigal Society.

The concerts are free, with seating at noon. Donations are accepted to assist with the organ's maintenance. The church is air-conditioned. Call the directors of the series, Ann and George Dobie, at (269) 469-0051 for more information.



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Dunebrook Executive Director Jeanne Ann Cannon recognized C. Jack and Betty Trickler with the Lester Radke Community Service Award, honoring Betty’s early work in creating Dunebrook and their continued efforts as ambassadors for children’s well-being.

Proceeds will support Dunebrook’s home visitation programs and parenting classes, Westville Little School and the Child Advocacy Center.

“Artist Immersion” Workshop

Granger-based artist Anna Drew will lead “Artist Immersion,” a workshop for children 6-12, from 10 a.m. to noon EDT Monday through Thursday, June 20-23, at The Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart.

Drew has displayed her paintings in several Art Walks. Currently, her work is on display at Nancy Wirt Design in downtown Elkhart. She will help children explore their own ideas through color, form and texture, utilizing paint and sometimes collage.

The \$150 fee includes all materials. Space is limited. Payment is due immediately after registration. Call (574) 293-6660 to register. Visit www.Midwest-Museum.US for more information.

Picnic en Blanc Gala

Taltree Arboretum & Gardens’ third annual Picnic en Blanc, a gala supporting its environmental mission, is from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday June 24.

Patrons will sample food by local chefs. Raffles, a silent auction, dancing and music provided by The Big Swing Band are planned.

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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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June 16 — Summer Reading Program Kickoff: Entertainer Jim Gill, 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 16 — Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St. Suggested donation: \$5, \$2/students. Info: (219) 874-4076.

June 17 — Bookmarks: Ann B. Ross’ “Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind,” 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 17 — Poetry Slam Camp 2016 performance, 6 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 17 — Uptown Fashion Affair, 6 p.m., The Uptown Center, 907 Franklin St. Tickets: \$25. Reservations: tinyurl.com/zyev3vy, Urban Soles, 624 Franklin St., Salon Cilla, 120 W. Ninth St.

June 17 — Save the Dunes poster unveiling, 2016 Dunes Blowout: A Festival of Performance and Ecology, noon, Fire & Water in North Pointe Pavilion. Info: <https://savedunes.org/dunes-blowout/>

June 17 — The Save the Tunes Council, 7:30-9 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

June 17 — Movies in Washington Park: “Dolphin Tale 2,” 8:30 p.m., new North Point Pavilion. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 17-20 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing*: “Viva.” Rated R. In Spanish with English subtitles. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also*: “The Meddler.” Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

June 18 — FleaTique Indoor/Outdoor Antique-Collectible-Fleamarket Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave.

June 18 — Elston Grove Art Happening, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Feallock House, 402 E. Eighth St.

June 18 — “Walk a Mile In Her Shoes” fundraiser, 10 a.m.-noon, Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets, 601 Wabash St. Info: steppingstoneshelter.org

June 18 — Michiana Lions Club “Dollars for Dogs” fundraiser, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Kabelin Ace Hardware, 432 St. John Road.

June 18 — “Get Out and Play Day,” 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Washington Park Zoo, 115 Lake Shore Drive. Info: www.washingtonparkzoo.com

June 18 — Book signing, Matt Werner & “How Sweet It Is,” 1-3 p.m., Visit Michigan City La Porte tourism bureau in Marquette Mall.

June 18 — Exhibit Opening: The Bailly Family and Homestead, 2-4 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

June 18 — La Porte County Symphony Orchestra free concert, 7-8:30 p.m., Washington Park's Guy Foremen Amphitheater. Info: www.lcso.net

June 18 — Sixth Annual Variety Show, 7 p.m., La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Info: (219) 324-6767.

June 18 — Music in the Park, singer/songwriter winners, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Dewey Cannon Park, Three Oaks, Mich. Free.

June 18 — Opening reception, Robert Winslow's "Deconstructing Complacency: In Defiance of the Collective," 6-9 p.m. EDT, Judy Ferrara Gallery, 16 S. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Info: (269) 756-9338.

June 18 — Dennis Dean's "Celebration of Life," 7 p.m., American Legion, 486 E. Michigan St., New Carlisle. Info: (574) 339-9719.

June 18 — 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 18-19 — Exhibit opening, Birdie Rossow McElroy's "A Season of Light," 12:30 to 5 p.m. EDT, Courtyard Gallery, 813 E. Buffalo St., New Buffalo, Mich. Info: (800) 291-9287.

June 18, 22 — 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 21 — New Buffalo Community Forum Series, author Jim Stine Jr., 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

June 22 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Derek Nickels, 12:15 p.m., Christ Church (formerly First Congregational Church), 531 Washington St. Info: (269) 469-0051.

June 20 — The Literary Underground fundraiser, "Full Moon Lobby Takeover: Trip Closet," 6-8 p.m., Artspace Uptown Artists Lofts, 717 Franklin St.

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

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Cassandra Blackwell, an American student, has won a scholarship to the prestigious Raleigh College at Oxford University. Not by accident, exactly. Here's why...

Cassie has pretty much taken care of herself most of her life. Her mother, Joanna, was plagued with bouts of deep depression and violent outbursts, while her stepfather was a horrible human being. Joanna finally ended it all one day. The 14-year-old Cassie came home from school to find her mother dead in the bathtub. She slit her wrists.

Cassie managed to stay out of the clutches of the DFC after that and raise herself. She was a very self-reliant girl. Her stepfather? Well, he came to an end in a home fire ruled accidental by the fire inspector. Hmmm.

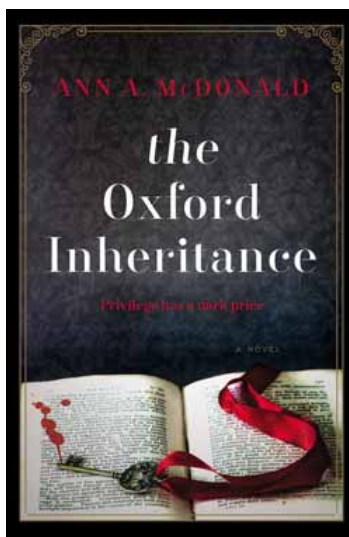
Cassie didn't give up on studying and after high school was accepted to Smith College. One day, she receives a strange package. *"The foreign stamps were peeling, and the original Oxford postmark was smudged and faded, the labels pasted in turn, re-directing the box through old apartments and past crimes all the way back to the original recipient."*

The package contains a ticket stub (showing a voyage from Plymouth, England, to New York City in 1995), a picture of her mother in black robe at Oxford University, along with a cryptic note: *"You can't hide the truth forever. Please come back and end this for good."*

Well, first of all, Cassie never knew her mother went to Oxford. She never told her anything about her past life, including who Cassie's real father is. And, what's more, how could Cassie reconcile the happy woman in the photo with the agitated, lost soul she grew up with?

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Cassie's roommate, Evie, is an outgoing, party-loving graduate student. She introduces Cassie to her close friends, cousins Olivia and Hugh Mandeville, who come from a rich family, indeed, with Hugh's father even running for prime minister. Then there's Paige, who is Lady Pembroke, and Sasha, whose family runs a large shipping company. Very impressive friends, indeed!

Cassie meets Elliott, a student working at one of the university libraries. With his help, she gets access to old books and papers that help uncover clues to her mother's time at Oxford. But as she digs deeper, Cassie is drawn into sinister and scary information. Enough information to get someone killed? She finds more than one mysterious death that is attributed to suicide. Cases that don't seem to have been investigated thoroughly.

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The author's descriptions of the college grounds and the city of Oxford made me want to book the next flight to England! This is the whole package—just read it in the daytime...please.

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