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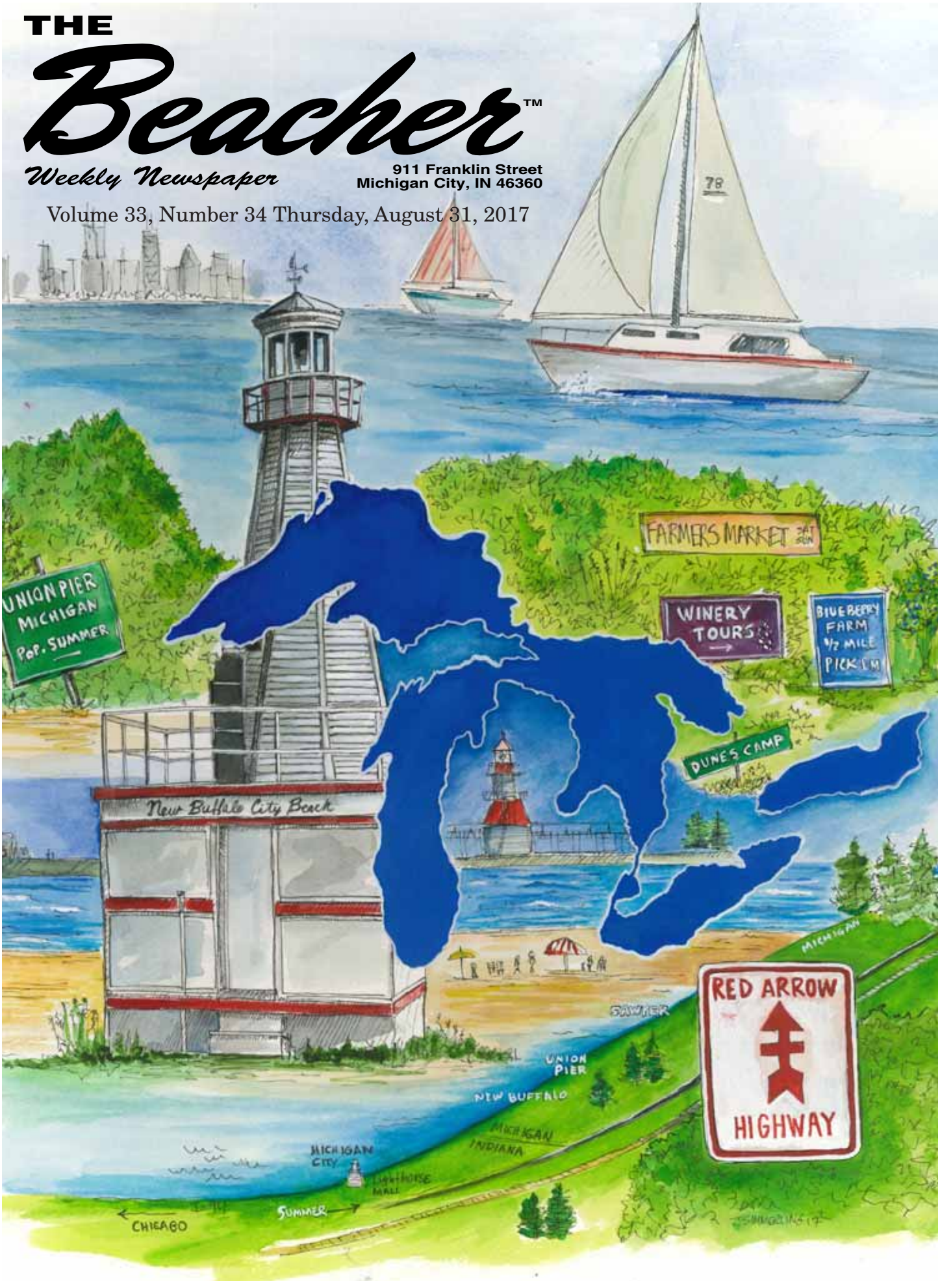

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Mechanical Marvel

by William Halliar

The old swing bridge, admired best these days by diners who frequent Bridges Waterside Grill, has been bearing freight and passengers safely over Trail Creek for 112 years. The rusting and rustic relic of railroading's glory days also can be seen from U.S. 12 across from the modern architectural tower at Blue Chip Casino, Hotel Resort.

Perhaps no one but a rail enthusiast would take a second look at the old structure with its coating of silver paint and large spots of flaking rust. There is so much history and engineering savvy embodied in it, to miss it entirely would be a sad mistake.

The Trail Creek Swing Bridge moves silently through a 90-degree arc, at first forming a bridge between the banks of our famous creek, then rotating out of the way to allow boat traffic to flow through. Save for the noise of the horn warning boaters of its impending movement, the bridge makes no sound: several tons of steel and wood rotating smoothly and efficiently, powered by electric motors and riding on greased rollers standing ready to complete

An Amtrak train heads across the Trail Creek Swing Bridge. Photographed in July by Paul Kemiel.

its task through many decades of winter storms and summer heat.

Back in 1905, the Michigan Central Railroad owned the right of way that crosses Trail Creek, and it was this company that planned and built the old swing bridge.

The Michigan Central began as The Detroit & St. Joseph Railroad, which was chartered in 1831. Considering the fact that the first steam locomotive to be tested in the U.S. was the Delaware and Hudson Co.'s "Stourbridge Lion" on Aug. 8, 1829, the officers of the old Detroit & St. Joseph Railroad were a forward thinking lot.

The fledgling Detroit & St. Joseph Railroad had trouble securing funds for its plan, and in 1837, Michigan bailed out the struggling railroad and invested tax money in a company named the Central Railroad of Michigan.

The bridge, photographed in 1910. Provided by archivist Mike Fleming.

By 1840, the state-run railroad was out of money, selling its assets and rights of way to the newly incorporated Michigan Central Railroad. It was first incorporated in 1846, with an original goal of operating between Detroit and St. Joseph, Mich. The plan was to off load freight at St. Joseph and load it on ships to make the rest of the journey to Chicago.

By 1849, Michigan Central officials decided to run rails all the way to New Buffalo, Mich., from there across the state line into Indiana, then all the way to Chicago. Negotiations with state legislatures were in order. To facilitate this, the railroad purchased the Joliet and Northern Indiana Railroad. By 1850, the railroad had reached Michigan City. In 1852, the Michigan Central finished the rail line to Chicago — 270 miles of rail in total.

By 1852, Chicago had won the battle to be the major deep-water shipping port on Lake Michigan's southern shore, but Michigan City was still Indiana's connection to the Great Lakes and, eventually, other ports of the world. Lumber, grain and

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passenger traffic passed through the breakwater at the mouth of Trail Creek and made its way to quays along the shore.

Early maps indicate the original Michigan Central track crossed Trail Creek on a wooden arch bridge that was not in any way movable, securely fixed to the shore on either side of the structure. These early maps show two turning basins built as a part of the harbor complex. The basins allowed large ships to come off of the lake and pull directly into the mouth of the creek, then turn around so they could easily exit the harbor.

One of the basins was near the mouth of the creek, the other at the lagoon where Blue Chip Casino now sits. The Michigan Central fixed bridge was located between these two turning basins and would interfere with any taller ships passing into the second turning basin. Remember, well into the 20th century, many tall-masted sailing ships were still in use on the Great Lakes. Access had to be made to this inner basin for the taller ships.

The solution would be to construct some kind of a movable structure that could carry rail traffic across the creek, then be moved out of the way to allow taller ships to pass. The structure decided upon by railroad engineers was a "swing" bridge. This is somewhat of a misnomer, since the structure actually does not swing, but rotates 90 degrees during operation from a position transverse to the stream bed for the crossing of rail traffic to a position parallel to the flow of water and creek traffic.

There are advantages and disadvantages to this type of bridge. On the plus side, the bridge requires no counterweights to keep it in an open position, thus it can be a lighter weight design. Because a sort of artificial island must be constructed in the middle of the channel, it forces all river traffic into a sort of "one way" situation on either side, reducing the possibility of collisions between vessels. This artificial island makes an excellent platform for bridge construction.

While this artificial island has its advantages, it also narrows the channel to traffic. Another disadvantage, or design challenge, is that the bridge, when open, has to support its own weight as a sort of double cantilever balanced in the middle. Swing bridges also have a fairly complicated operating system that requires a strict maintenance regime. When the bridge is closed, its weight and the weight of any freight passing over it are distributed by means of a conventional bridge truss from shore to center rotating platform, and from there to the opposite shore.

Construction on a new Trail Creek movable bridge began in 1905. A "Pratt Through Truss" was decided upon for the main super structure and rail support system. The Pratt Truss was invented in 1844 by engineer Thomas Pratt and his father, Caleb, an eminent East Coast architect. There were many truss designs being experimented with at this time, but the Pratt Truss was particularly useful for spans of up to 250 feet. It became commonly used in the railroad industry as bridge design moved from wood to iron and steel.

The overall length of the Trail Creek swing bridge is 200 feet, and the Pratt Truss design can be seen

as the symmetrical structures built on either side of the center of the main central tower configuration. A truss is defined as a structure of connected elements usually forming triangles. This configuration can easily be seen on the Trail Creek Bridge.

Simply stated, a Pratt Truss is made of vertical members and diagonals that slope down towards the center of the structure. For the curious soul, generally, the vertical members bear the compressive loads, while the diagonals take the tension loads. Pratt "Through" Truss simply means that the road bed passes through the structure rather than over or under it. Frequently, a Pratt truss employs pinned joints to give the structure some flexibility, thus relieving some stresses in the structural members, extending the life of the bridge.

Thomas Pratt.

The road bed, or deck, of the Trail Creek bridge is constructed of wood-bearing pieces spanning steel stringers. The track is secured to the wood. Metal walkways run the length of the bridge. A double standard gage track layout spans the bridge, but only one of these is used for rail traffic today. One of the spans of standard gage track has, what appear to be, provisions for narrow gage traffic down its center.

The Trail Creek Bridge can be thought of as three separate structures or systems. First is the center pier, which rests on the bottom and extends deep into the bed of the creek. Second is the Pratt Truss bridge system, spanning the creek, and finally the mechanism that allows the bridge to turn and then lock into place for the safe movement of rail traffic.

The system that allows for the safe turning of the bridge is comprised of several components. First are concrete pads on the ground on either bank of the creek and devices on the bridge structure to engage them. These bear the weight of the bridge when it rests across the creek, ready for rail traffic. Second are alignment devices that ensure the rails line up for smooth operation of the trains. Third is a circular rack and pinion mechanism powered by electric motors that actually turn the entire structure on steel rollers arranged around the outer edge.

While not being used by the many trains that traverse its span daily, the bridge rests open in the center of the stream, allowing boat traffic to flow between Lake Michigan and several marinas that exist up stream in the creek today. When the alarms

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sound and warning lights begin to flash, indicating the approach of rail traffic, several things must happen flawlessly and in the correct order so trains may safely pass.

Electric motors receive a signal from an operator located, believe it or not, in far-off Chicago. Pinion gears on the bridge structure turn and engage a circular rack gear on the stationary center support structure anchored in the creek bed, and the entire bridge turns smoothly and noiselessly into position. When the structure finally reaches the correct position across the creek, the ends of the track rails, which at rest are bent upward to provide clearance for turning, are lowered into place by levers.

They engage alignment devices on each bank of the creek that ensure that the ends of the rails are completely lined up so trains can pass safely and smoothly over it.

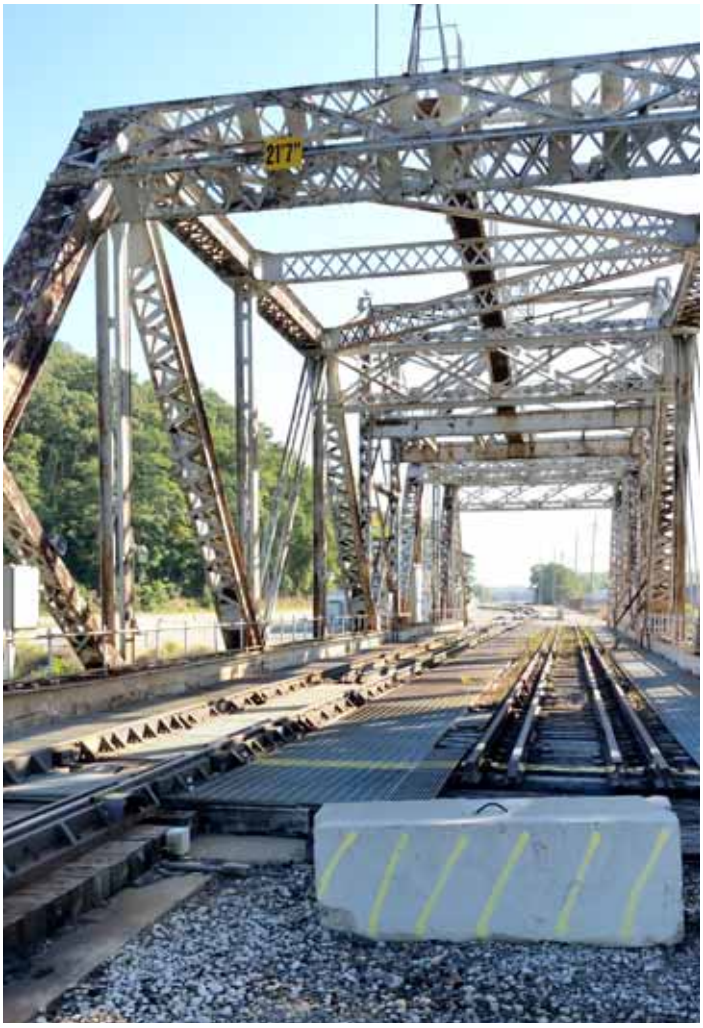
A mechanism is activated at the extreme ends of the structure to lower support devices to concrete support pads anchored in the road bed on both sides of the creek. The double Pratt Truss system is thus supported in the middle of the creek and at each bank, creating an extremely efficient means for bearing the heavy loads of the freight and passenger trains that cross it each day.

At one time, the bridge was controlled from a tower that stands nearby. Today, cameras are trained on all of the vital operating features of the bridge that allow it to be safely operated remotely from Amtrak headquarters in Chicago. Marc Magliari, Amtrak's communication lead in Chicago, assures us this is common practice for the railroad, in this modern age, and that remote operation is safe and secure.

The best spot to observe the bridge, for many in the area, is from the deck at Bridges, which is part of the Pioneer Pier development. The restaurant is named for two bridges over Trail Creek that frame its view of the water.

Dan Radtke, Pioneer Pier owner and developer, said when he built the site so close to the old bridge, he feared rail traffic might bother his guests. Instead, many folks come *because* of the bridge, rushing out whenever they hear the warning horns so they can watch the bridge as it moves lazily and silently through its arc.

At one time, such swing bridges were a common sight across the American landscape, but times and technologies change. Today, there are only a few hundred of these swinging bridges left in the United States. Many of them are disabled and do not move anymore. Many more have been sold by the railroads to states and cities along the routes to be used as bridges for bicycle paths. The old swinging bridge over Trail Creek is the only such bridge that survives in Indiana.



Over the years, our bridge has been owned and operated by The Michigan Central, The New York Central, The Penn Central, Conrail, Norfolk-Southern and now Amtrak. Over the years, the original drawings and plans have been lost, and the designers and draftsmen who created our marvelous little bridge have been forgotten.

Consider that after all of these years, it still operates many times each day, always noiselessly, swinging through its arc, its great mass coming to rest each time and aligning itself perfectly for safe train travel or free flow of traffic on the waterway. It is a testament to the creativity of Mr. Pratt and his truss and to the engineers, designers and builders who created it.

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La Porte Woman's Photo Gains Momentum in Weather Channel Contest

by Andrew Tallackson

She calls it her once-in-a-lifetime shot, and captured no less on a point-and-shoot camera affectionately dubbed "Little Red."

But that picture, in which Chicago's skyline provides the backdrop for Lake Michigan's blustery surface, could bring global attention to the region.

Nancy and Chad Addie

At press time, Nancy Addie's photo, taken nearly a year ago in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood, was among the Top Five in The Weather Channel's "It's Amazing Out There" 2017 Photo Contest. Sept. 1 is the deadline to cast votes, with the winners announced Sept. 11. The first-place winner, as chosen by four judges, could take home $15,000.

All the more impressive when you consider that Addie has no normal training, no expensive equipment, just a passion for sharing the area's beauty with others.

Addie, a La Porte High School graduate, works closely with her husband, Chad, first as estate liquidators through Mended Hearts Collectibles, and second as the driving forces behind La Porte's Addie Acres, whose colorful residents include llamas, an alpaca, miniature horses, a donkey and roosters.

Nancy began actively taking photos about 2 1/2 years ago when she became a weather watcher for CBS 2 Chicago. Eventually, though, she grew restless, so she ventured elsewhere, from La Porte's Stone Lake to Michigan City's historic lighthouse.

"Capturing God's beauty, that's what it really was about," Nancy said. "So, I began sharing the photos (online), and people started going gaga over them."

At first, Nancy was a bit perplexed by the response. Chad, however, whose delight in his wife's talents is evident by the enthusiasm in his voice, says the photos reminded people beauty is closer than they think.

"We've had many people say online, and in person, 'Thank you, I never looked at our area this way before. I'm finding myself seeing things differently than I used to.'

"That inspirational part," Chad continued, "has been really neat to watch."

It was September 2016 that Nancy captured the photo now garnering votes in The Weather Channel contest. It was windy that day, with a few parasailers visible from above.

"When I take pictures on the lake, I'm usually on my knees, halfway in the water to get the shots I see in my head," Nancy said. "That day, I got way down and crouched and pointed my camera up. I kinda zoomed in on Chicago.

"I took three pictures, and only two came out. I shared the photo (online), and oh my gosh, people went wild over it. I had 1,000 shares of that picture in the first 24 hours, and I'm not exaggerating. That told me, there is something special about this picture."

In fact, it was someone who viewed the picture online who persuaded Nancy to submit it to The Weather Channel's contest. That a photo captured with a small, red Nikon — purchased for about $200 at Walmart — is competing against works by world-class photographers humbles Nancy. Equally overwhelming is the groundswell of support it has received. The photo, the Addies said, has been shared on sites across the country.

"It would be really nice to win, but, for me, right now, it's how everybody has been coming together and sharing (the photo) all over the place, encouraging us, helping each other learn how to vote," Nancy said.

"It's been a real blessing how people have supported it. We thought, gosh, if we win any kind of prize, we are going to throw one heck of a party for all these beautiful people who are helping us."

How to Vote

Visit http://bit.ly/2vFJxp1 by Sept. 1 to vote in The Weather Channel's "It's Amazing Out There" 2017 Photo Contest.

Nancy's photo that is competing in The Weather Channel's contest.

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Up-and-Coming Band on Tap for Local Concert

by Matthew A. Werner

If you're in Michigan City on Labor Day weekend, you can experience a rising rock 'n roll band up close and personal.

Angela Perley and the Howlin' Moons will perform here Sunday. Never heard of them? You should. People will soon be talking about them.

Angela Perley and the Howlin' Moons performs at Reggie's Music Joint in Chicago. Photo by Jose Rios.

Perley provides lead vocals, Chris Connor is the lead guitarist and Billy Zehnal plays bass guitar. A rotating quatro of talented drummers backs them up. They met in a studio when Perley first tested her musical ability. She had talent, the trio got to know one another and they clicked. The group evolved into a full-fledged band, inspiring and pushing each other to develop their unique sound rooted in classic blues, folk and country.

But make no mistake about it — the band is pure rock 'n roll.

Perley writes all the band's lyrics and the words give a glimpse into their music. There is simplicity and raw emotion in every stanza like these lines from "Your Love":

Come on, baby, meet me down by the river,
Let your hair fall around your face.
Let us laugh and look at each other,
Oh, I don't want this to fade.
Playin' cards and drinking Coca-Cola,
Taking pictures of the trees.
Wading knee deep in muddy water,
Babe, you got something on me.

Robert Rolfe Feddersen, vinyl record spin-master and local musician, has played with Metallica, Kid Rock, Creed and Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band.

"I've seen the future of rock 'n roll, and it's name is Angela Perley and the Howlin' Moons," he said. "In terms of talent, they're there. They play as well as anybody I've seen up close."

The band has a large catalog of music videos on www.youtube.com. "Your Love" offers a sense of its talent and whimsy — the barbershop scene is guaranteed to crack a smile on your face. Follow it with "Athens," a deeply personal song and a great music video. Move on to my personal favorite, "White Doves," on which Perley croons,

I want to live just how I feel,
I want a heart of a Cadillac.

A Cadillac can't contain the rock 'n roll heart of this group. They deliver the sound, the spirit and the energy that leave fans wanting more. The group has spread its wings and traveled beyond its hometown, Columbus, Ohio. They have played in New York City, Washington, D.C., Nashville, Chicago, Atlanta, Texas and Colorado. They recently opened for Lucinda Williams, who thanked them more than once on stage for performing that night.

Youtube, Amazon, Spotify, Soundcloud, iTunes — check out Angela Perley and the Howlin' Moons. Buy their record, "Homemade Visions." Better yet, see them live in Michigan City on Sunday, Sept. 3, when they perform at Burn 'Em Brewing. Have a teenage rock 'n roller at home? Bring them. All ages are welcome to the outdoor event held in the yard adjacent to the brewery — think old-fashioned German beer garden with a tent and music.

Everybody wants to know about the next great band and hear them before they get big. Here's your chance. Be one of the fans who will say, "I remember when I saw Angela Perley and the Howlin' Moons play in Michigan City!"

If You Go

Angela Perley & the Howlin' Moons performs from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, at Burn 'Em Brewing, 718 Freyer Road. Tickets are $5 in advance or $10 at the gate, with all ages welcome. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with live entertainment scheduled throughout the day, including:

- Noon — Flatland Harmony Experiment.
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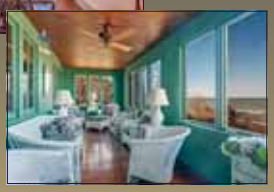

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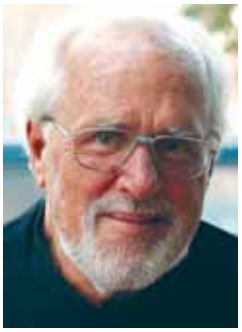
Local Celebrities, Artists Part of Rotating Dunes Productions

Dunes Summer Theatre will close its season with productions of A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters" and Jason Miller's "Barrymore's Ghost" Aug. 31-Sept. 3 at the Michiana Shores theater, 288 Shady Oak Drive.

Bob Swan, the Harbor Country Opera founder and actor ("Hoosiers," "The Untouchables"), teams with actress Holly Schroeder for "Love Letters" on Sept. 3. Philip Potempa, *Chicago Tribune*/*Post Tribune* columnist, author and Purdue University Northwest adjunct instructor, teams up with *New York Times*-bestselling author Kate Collins for their version of the play Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.


Bob Swan

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"Barrymore's Ghost," which features local plein air artist and Dunes Artistic Director Jeffrey Baumgartner, is Sept. 2.

"Love Letters" centers on childhood friends Andy and Melissa, now grown, as they reminisce on their love and friendship through letters written over the years, beginning with birthday party thank-you notes and summer camp postcards. Their letters chronicle Andy's foray into the military and rise to the U.S. Senate, and Melissa's failed marriage and downward spiral into a world of gigolos and booze.

"Barrymore's Ghost," a staged reading, chronicles the life and times of John Barrymore, considered the best stage and screen actor of all time. In the play, his ghost is sentenced by the gods to return to the theater as his penance for squandering his stage talents in the pursuit of fame and greed. Barrymore painfully and humorously disputes these assertions as he chronicles his climb as the finest classical actor of his generation, his rise to movie stardom, his compassionate relationships to his sister Ethel and brother Lionel, and the explosive debacles of his four marriages.

General admission tickets cost $18, while senior and student tickets are $15. They may be purchased online up to two hours before show time, and at the box office, which opens on show dates at 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Visit www.dunesartsfoundation.org/box-office for reservations.

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LCSO Gears Up for Annual Hoosier Star Fundraiser

by Kayla Weiss

Cherri Blair-Drayton recalls the day her husband, Michael, came home to say the clock was ticking.

La Porte County Symphony Orchestra, for which Michael serves as board president, was having trouble finding someone to chair the annual Hoosier STAR competition.

Having worked 12 years for La Porte County Public Library, planning numerous events for all ages, Blair-Drayton accepted the challenge.

"When it comes to planning an event like this, you need to start as soon as possible, and usually planning has already begun once the new year rolls around," she said. "Thankfully, my experience with the La Porte County Library system has given me many years of planning events in preparation for this.

"But overall, it's been a tremendous group effort, and I am so thankful to everyone on the planning committee and the board for all of their help, and being so kind to answer any and all of my questions."

The 12th annual Hoosier Star competition is Saturday, Sept. 9, at La Porte Civic Auditorium 1010 Ridge St. Amateur performers from all over the state try out for the LCSO fundraiser in the adult and youth divisions, the contestants performing with the symphony conducted by Phillip Bauman.

Auditions are in March. This year, finalists range in age from 8 to over 40, representing areas such as Michigan City, La Porte, Westville, Elkhart, South Bend and Berrien Springs, Mich.

"There are so many facets to planning an event like this. It's just been a wonderful experience," Blair-Drayton said. "Getting to know the finalists and the youth finalists and their families – whoever has come with them – just seeing the support that they give their families is wonderful.

"The auditions, alone, were amazing. It was a long weekend, and not having been a part of something like that before, it was an incredible thing to see these wonderful performers come and audition for something like this."

This year, five youth and five adult competitors will sing in styles ranging from Frank Sinatra to Adele for the chance to be crowned this year's Hoosier Star.

The candidates are:

ADULT DIVISION

Wooding

Stewart

Campoli

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- Julia Campoli, a 21-year-old attending Bethel College, Mishawaka, and majoring in elementary education.
- Stormi Staggers, a Blue Chip Casino hotel supervisor.
- Joe Stewart, a La Porte Community Schools substitute teacher and Galveston Steakhouse server.
- Laura Whidden, who lives in Berrien Springs and was a "Michiana's Rising Star" finalist.
- Evan Wooding, who first competed in Hoosier Star in the seventh grade.

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- Victoria Horne, South Central High School.
- Hope Johansen, a 17-year-old from Schererville who attends Lake Central High School.
- Jarynn Sampson, a 15-year-old freshman at Clay High School in South Bend Community School Corp.'s Fine Arts Magnet Program.

Hoosier Star kicks off at 7 p.m., but doors open at 6 p.m. for the audience to enjoy food and beverages.

"It's been such a wonderful experience," Blair-Drayton said, "and I am so very thankful for all of the help I have received from the board members, past and present, my husband, and Tim King, and my mother, who was always willing to swoop in and help with any glitches I encountered along the way.

"It really has been a group effort, and I'm so excited to see it all come to fruition. I'm just very excited about the finalists and the places they represent. It's really a great event for the community."

If You Go

Hoosier Star is Saturday, Sept. 9, at La Porte Civic Auditorium 1010 Ridge St. Tickets cost $15 for adults and $5 for children 12 and younger.

Advance tickets can be purchased at www.hoosierstar.com/ or at ticket outlets:

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John Simmerling

About the Cover

by Andrew Tallackson

In many ways, *The Beacher's* Labor Day edition finds me susceptible to bouts of melancholy.

From here on out, the days commence with their gradual descent into fall. The warmth of the sun does not bake us quite like it does amid summer's apex. Darkness falls each day sooner than we're ready for it to do. A chill sneaks into the air.

I could wax poetic for paragraph upon paragraph. John Simmerling's work that graces this week's cover beautifully encapsulates our sentiments about summer along Lake Michigan's glorious shores.

Simmerling is the son of the late Jack Simmerling. Longtime *Beacher* readers may recall that several works by Jack — a renowned painter and owner of The Heritage Gallery in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood — graced our covers.

John has lived in New Buffalo, Mich., for nearly a year.

"And," he says, "I'm learning more every day about why my parents would often spend their weekends along Red Arrow Highway."

His work on this week's cover found him intent on conveying the lakeshore experience in Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan.

"I needed a center around which these different pieces could revolve," he said. "I decided on the Great Lakes image, which is seen everywhere here — on T-shirts, furniture, posters and other paintings.

"And I love that particular blue hue. It had to be perfect, so there are several layers of wash on the Great Lakes centerpiece image.

John used Cresent acid-free archival watercolor illustration board, which he bought, appropriately enough, at a Red Arrow Highway art supply store.

"When I spoke with the owner," John said, "he knew my father and told me all about which watercolor paper and brushes he liked best."

Thanks, John, for extending the Simmerling tradition of making our covers special.

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Area Artist Facilitates Latest Art Infusion

by M.D. Cunningham

Michigan City's continued dedication to the arts is on full display in its thriving Uptown Arts District.

As part of the city's Sculpt Fusion project, which traces its origins to former Mayor Chuck Oberlie in 2013, five new pieces have arrived. Odes to wildlife, music and the abstract, the city leases them for two years, a common practice that offsets purchase prices, which hover around $15,000, and adds a vibrant, ever-changing motion to the city's landscape.

Area artist Lora Fosberg was hired to run this year's replacement efforts. After the lease terms end, creative works are returned to artists, unless a buyer steps forward. Fosberg said Washington Park Zoo officials recently voiced interest in making a purchase. Fosberg, who hired local talent from engineering firm Haas & Associates LLC and Marquiss Electric Inc. to assist with installations, is thrilled by the opportunity.

"I have always wanted to be involved in the progress of my city," she said. "It feels great to help bring art and enthusiasm to Michigan City."

Fosberg said her affiliations and understanding of the art world aided the effort. She examined the work of 45 artists before presenting 15 to Michigan City Public Art Committee, which made the final decision.

Those pieces are: "Waterbird" by Janet Austin; "Woah" by Gary Kulak; "Libretto" by Cynthia McKean; "Sol Invictus" by Dan Shaughnessy; and "Bear Family" by Jim Collins.

"Public artwork in a city shows that the city cares," Fosberg said. "It shows that the city is invested in the community and dedicated to making the city a warm, welcoming and interesting place. Art spreads love."

Fosberg hinted her involvement in the project may spur her own interest in outdoor sculpture, something she's never done. In addition to seeking out knowledge through her involvement, Fosberg maintained focus on acquiring "the highest quality public art."

"I've learned that great public art is very difficult to find," she said. "I love meeting and working with the artists, and I'm flattered and honored that MAC hired me to assist in this project."

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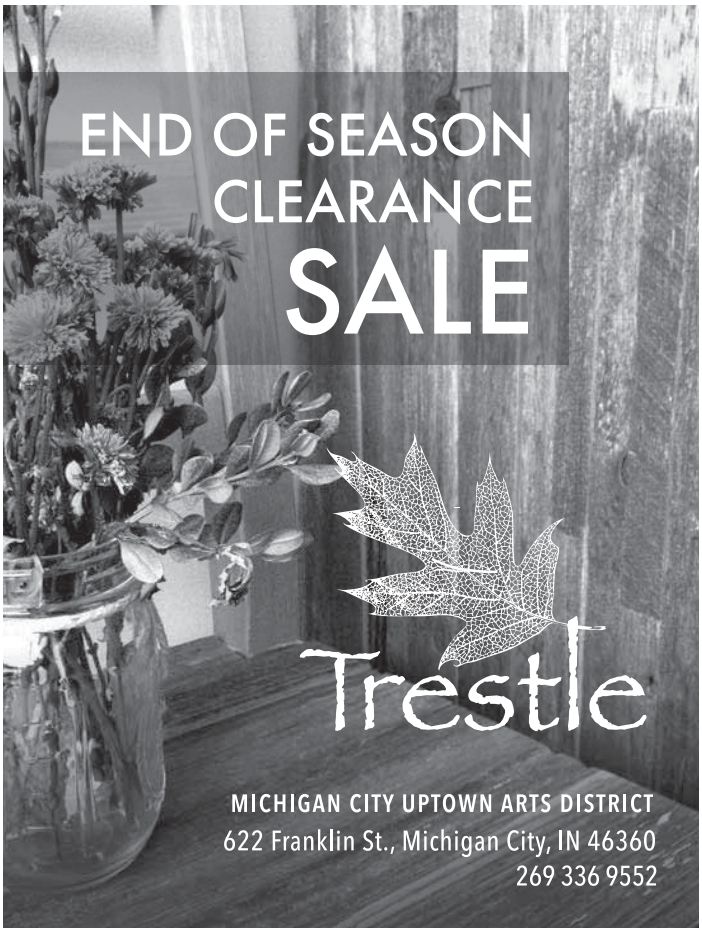

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The annual event celebrates visionary, folk and outsider art. Inside the gallery are pieces by Larry Palsson (1948-2010), a reclusive Seattle-based painter who created sophisticated compositions. At the time, he was labeled "mentally retarded," but all indications suggests autism. Like many outsider artists, he used the materials at hand, such as cereal and Marie Calendar cardboard boxes to create boldly colored abstract paintings.

Also planned are works by The Peace Profit. The big tent will feature: George Thomas, Michigan; Ethnic Arts, Michigan; Joel Pinkerton, Kentucky; Jackie's Folk Art, Texas; Ridgefield Gallery, Michigan; Ellison Art Studio, Michigan; Paul Hart, Indiana; The Pardee Collection, Iowa; and Harvey's Art and Antiques, Illinois. New exhibitors include: Brad and Sundie Ruppert, Iowa; Carl Barger, Oklahoma; Midwest Art and Antiques, Chicago; Charlie Haskins, Ohio; Danette Sperry, Georgia; and Cecilia Hunt, Chicago. "Local legends" include Jeff Matejovsky, Niles, Julie Schwarz, Sawyer, and David Smykal, St. Joseph.

The Opening Night Preview Party is from 6 to 9 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept. 1, and includes dancing and food. The cost is $25 per person for the party, the "first look" and a full weekend pass. A cash bar benefits Michiana Human Society.

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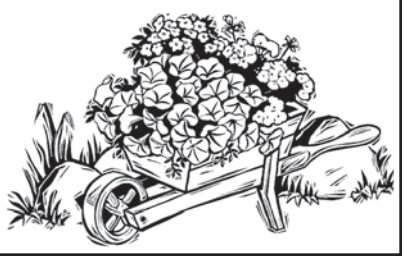

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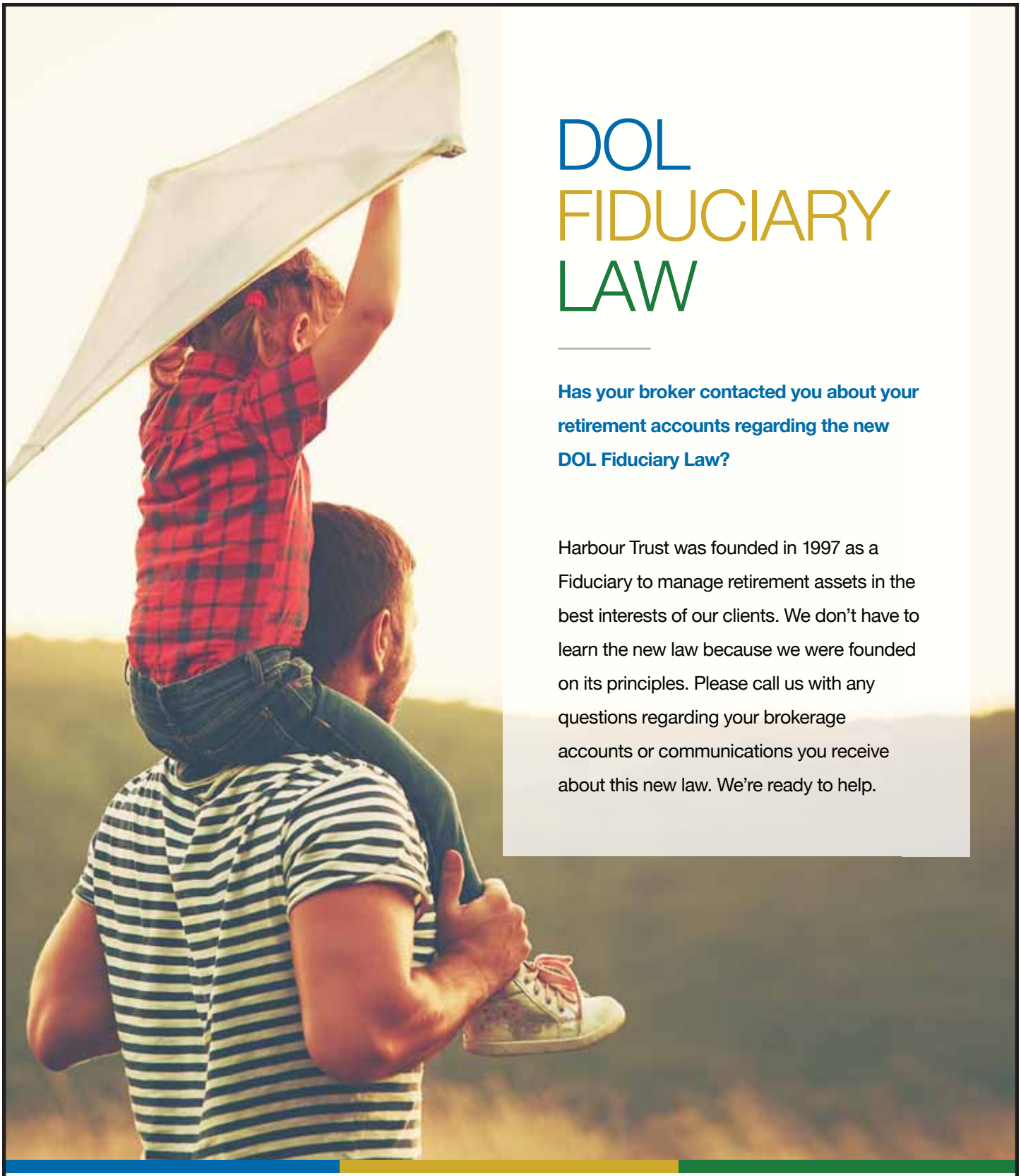

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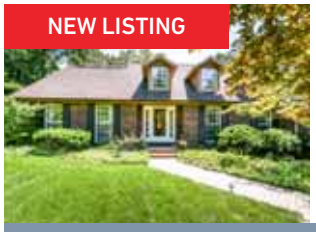

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3 bed / 2 bath / $399,000

Fabulous 11 acre Estate with Renovated Dutch Colonial Home! Luxurious grounds include creek and spring fed pond with fountain, heated pool, new eight-person hot tub and outdoor audio, two-car garage, four-car heated garage with loft, landscape irrigation, and hen house.

25 Skyline Drive, Ogden Dunes

3 bed / 3 bath / $500,000

This Midwest Mid-Century home is tucked into a dune top with beautiful landscaping and a large fenced yard. Finished area of 3,356 sq ft, this spacious house with open floor plan features: Living Room with fireplace and Dining area with wood millwork on ceilings.

11 Shore Drive, Ogden Dunes

3 bed / 2 bath / $500,000

Classic outside and Contemporary inside, this Shore Drive house with lake views has an open floor plan with a large living room, stone fireplace (gas), gorgeous combo kitchen-dining room with cathedral ceiling and arched windows, and a streamlined kitchen.

789 W Joliet Road, Hobart

3 bed / 3 bath / $800,000

Grand Country Manor House on 19+ acres of lawns & forests with 6.5 acre spring fed pond, 3 car garage, detached 2 car garage & workshop with 2nd floor loft. Home features cathedral ceilings, luxurious materials & finishes throughout, high-end kitchen and more.

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2114 Lakeshore Drive

Long Beach • 5 bed / 5.1 bath • 2114LakeshoreDr.info • $2,925,000

This showcase estate rests majestically on 120 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline. The kitchen features William Ohs custom cabinets, granite counters & sink, 6 burner Thermador range with 2 ovens, Miele dishwasher, Sub Zero fridge. Lower level beach kitchen also has William Ohs cabinets, fridge, ice maker, full sink with disposal, dishwasher, and granite counters. Spacious main floor screened porch with expansive Lake Michigan views and custom roll canvas shades. Beach level family room features custom cabinets for TV & audio, two elegant bathrooms for beach goers, and office/TV room which could be 2nd master suite. Beach level boathouse with access to beach (larger than a 2 car garage). Pack your bags, this beauty is move in ready! Come see this masterpiece on the sand!

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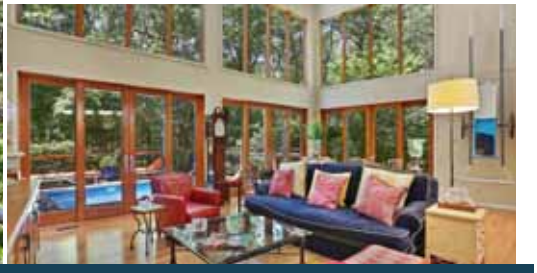

314 Sunset Trail

Michiana Shores • 4 bed / 3 bath • 314Sunset.info • $899,000

Inspired by the private dune top setting, walls of windows surround you with views of beautiful mature trees and nature at every turn. Large open floor plan, 4 fireplaces, and vaulted ceilings. Gourmet kitchen with Carrara marble counters & island, and custom tile backsplash. White oak hardwood floors throughout main level, stairway & hall. 10' x 16; in-ground heated pool with spa jets and retractable cover, surrounded by Brazilian cherry decks & stairways. Outdoor shower near pool, security system & in-ground sprinklers.

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2917 Roslyn Trail

Long Beach
4 bed / 3 bath
2917Roslyn.info • $365,000

114 Bellevue Avenue

Beverly Shores
3 bed / 1 bath
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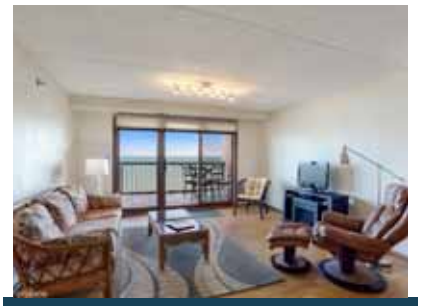

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Sheridan Beach
3 bed / 2 bath
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☐ $283,000

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- Five bedrooms, three full baths
- Three levels of living space over 4,000 SF
- Two separate gathering areas
- Two-car garage, plenty of parking (6-7 cars)

68 DUNE RIDGE DRIVE
NEW BUFFALO, MI

- Village of Michiana; 3 short blocks to LK MI
- 3 BRs, 2½ BA home
- 2-story great room; beautiful stone fireplace
- Screen porch; multiple decks
- Mstr ste w/ 2 walk-in closets

91 DUNE RIDGE DRIVE
NEW BUFFALO, MI

- Short distance to Stop 41
- 3 BR, 2.5 BA home
- Large screen porch; abundance of natural light
- Kitchen with skylights; 2-car garage
- Upper level w/vaulted ceilings & wood-burning fireplace

4127 CHEROKEE DRIVE
NEW BUFFALO, MI

- Beautiful 4 BR, 3 BA home in Village of Michiana
- Wooded .82 acre lot; 3-car garage
- Main flr w/2-story barrel ceiling
- Gas fireplace, screen porch
- Mstr suite w/extra den

103 BEACHWALK LANE
MICHIGAN CITY

- Award-winning Beachwalk Resort Community
- 5 BRs, 4.5 BAs, almost 3,000 SF
- Huge front screen porch
- Finished basement/rec. room
- Assoc. pool, tennis, playground, Lake Kai

213 BEACHWALK LANE
MICHIGAN CITY

- Award-winning Beachwalk Resort Community
- 4 BRs, 4 BAs, kitchen, dining area
- Living room w/gas fireplace
- Wrap around screen porch
- Coach house w/2 BRs, 1 BA

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125 Upland, Sheridan Beach
$550,000
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2115 Avondale, Long Beach
$599,000
Fresh and sophisticated 4 BR/2.5BA Lake Michigan home has spacious newly-designed kitchen with granite countertops and newer appliances and shares the light-filled dining area that conveniently opens to large deck for entertaining. Master suite with private bath, newer tile and hardwood flooring throughout, and just steps to Stop 21 beach.

2308 Lakeshore Drive, Long Beach
$875,000
Last 50' beachfront lot! Building permit in place. Price includes breathtaking Lake Michigan views, "ready-to-build" drawings for 4,068 finished sq. ft. home with 4BRs/5BAs, additional space for overnight guest, screened porches, garage and plenty of parking. New septic and sea wall already installed.

2010 Oriole Trail, Long Beach
$475,000
One-of-a-kind Long Beach Lake House close to Lake MI beach, 2500 sq. ft. on 120 x 175 lot. Wainscoting, bead board, wood floors, 3 BRs, 3 BAs, library, vaulted ceilings, 2 FPs, screened balcony, media room, in-ground stone fire-pit, pond, water fall, patio and gazebo. Fish included to qualified buyer.

1111 N. Roeske Trail, Country Club Sub.
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615 Lakeshore Drive, Sheridan Beach
$699,000
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1938 Lakeshore Drive, Sheridan Beach
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402 Northbrook Shoreland Hills
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106 Moorman Road, Sheridan Beach, IN
$429,000
Lake Michigan views from 4BR, 4BA private 3-story with HW, tile and laminate floors, fireplace, front and rear balconies, screen porch, master suite, dressing room, shower and whirlpool, laundry room, garage and parking galore. Private wooded 4/10 acre, no yard work, time to enjoy miles of Lake Michigan beach.

1121 Lakeshore Drive, Sheridan Beach
$669,000
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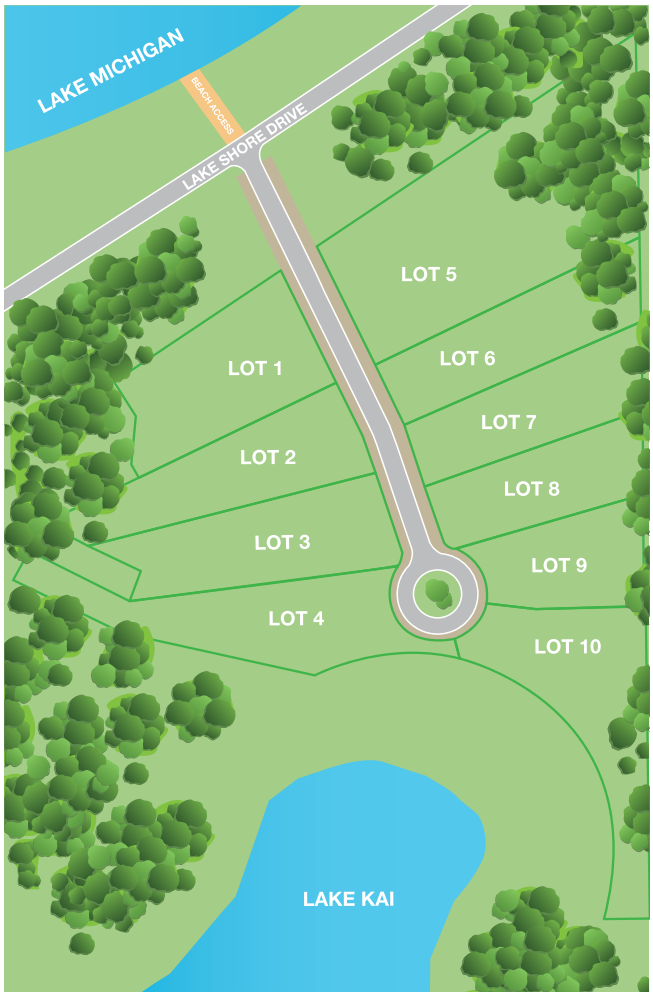

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LOT	PRICE	SQ FOOTAGE	DIMENSIONS
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Lot 3	$245,000	37,800	105 x 360
Lot 4	**Under Contract**		
Lot 5	**Under Contract**		
Lot 6	**Under Contract**		
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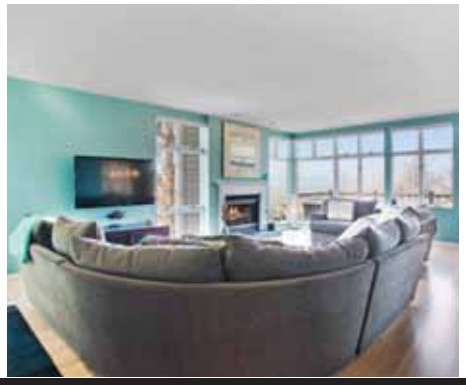

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106 Montana, Beverly Shores

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20 Pleasant, Beverly Shores

Wonderful 3BR/3.5BA home, multiple decks, finished lower level, one acre lot. Meticulously maintained! **$565,000**

23 Summit, Dune Acres

Ultra private 4BR/2.5BA cedar home adjacent to National parkland. Lower walkout & a private putting green! **$649,000**

215 Broadway, Beverly Shores

Sweet 2BR/1BA cottage with fireplace, hardwood floors, sunroom, deck, hot tub. **$249,000**

48 Dogwood, LaPorte

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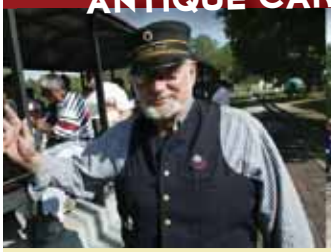

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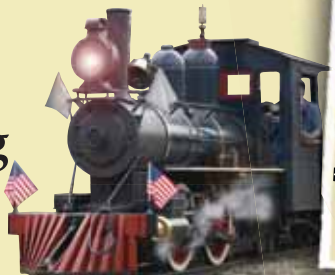

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4 | 2.5 | 3,246

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2300 Hazeltine Drive | Long Beach | $349,900

4 | 2.5 | 1,734

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2025 Juneway Drive | Long Beach | $595,000

4 | 3 | 2,981

OPEN HOUSE!

Sunday, September 3rd

1:00pm to 3:00pm

Hosted By: Pat Tym

Susan Kelley | Broker Associate | 312.622.7445 | CRS |

2001 Goldengate Drive | Long Beach | $979,000

5 | 5 | 4,143

Just steps to Stop 20 in Long Beach. 5 bedrooms and 5 baths (2 en-suite). French Country decor with gleaming hardwood floors throughout. Large modern kitchen features all high end appliances. Wood burning fireplace and a cozy alcove grace the living room. Screened-in porch completes the main level. Lower level boasts an authentic Irish pub, a large laundry area, and two storage rooms. Over sized deck is ideal for grilling and outdoor entertaining!

Karen Pavy | Broker Associate | 219.210.0494 | GRI |

330 Maplewood Drive | Shoreland Hills | $349,000

3 | 3.5 | 1,937

Charming Cape Cod home boasting open concept with cathedral ceilings. Comfortable living room has a gas fireplace, built-in shelves and French doors leading to a 4-season room with windows and electric baseboard heat. Finished laundry room and powder room off the kitchen/dining room. Upper level has two bedroom suites. Third bedroom on the lower level adjoining a sitting room/office and full bathroom. 2-car garage and plenty of room for beach toys!

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523 E Lakefront Drive | Beverly Shores | $679,000

2 | 2 | 3,520

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3 | 1.75 | 1,404

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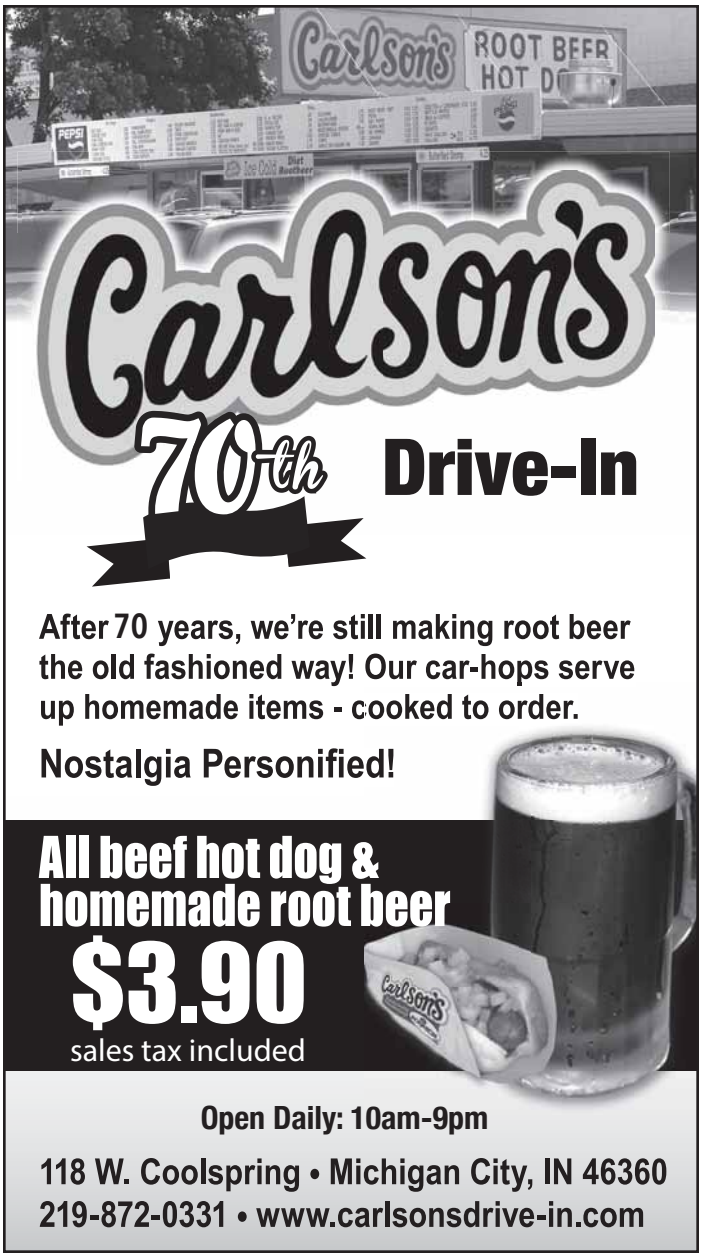

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"Lyrical Suites"

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An image by Larry Brechner.

An opening reception is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, part of the Uptown Arts District First Friday Art walk.

The inspiration behind the exhibit, which runs through Oct. 1, could be everything from a song sung to the artist as a child, or an overture that made a lasting impression.

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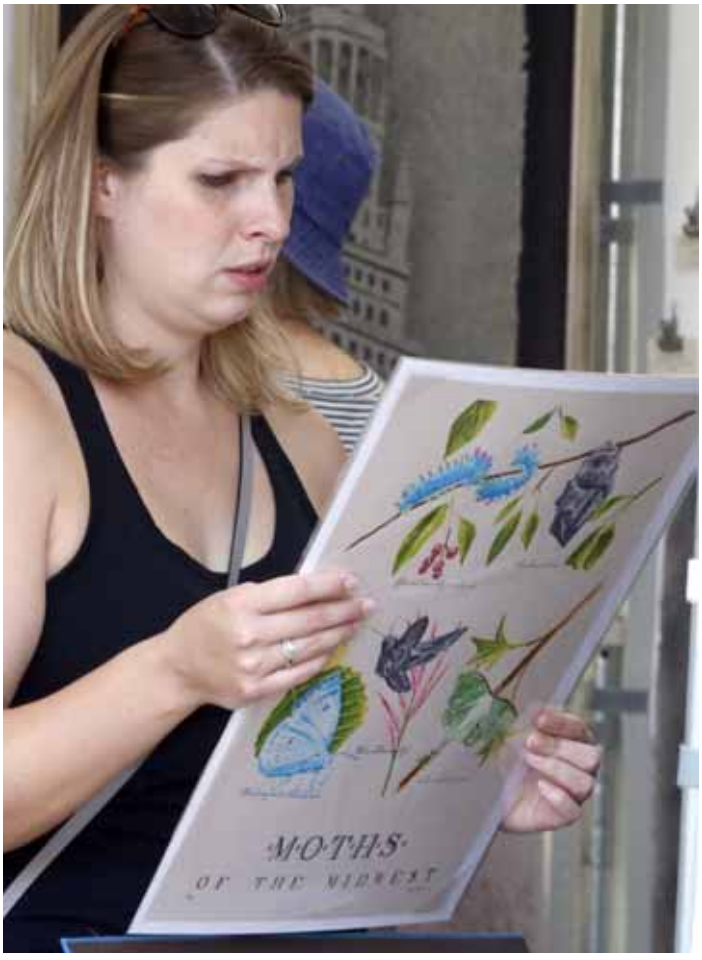
A Fine Weekend for a Festival

It's estimated nearly 2,500 people attended the annual Lubeznik Art and Artisan Festival on Aug. 19-20. Held on the grounds of the Lubeznik Center, 101 W. Second St., visitors sampled everything from artist booths to food and live entertainment. *The Beacher*'s Bob Wellinski was there to capture the many sights for us.



The 2017 award winners are:

- Juror's Award Winner: Mark Thorgerson, Booth 34, Scrimshaw.
- Juror's Award Winner: Neil Estrick, Booth 29, Ceramics.
- Neil Kienitz Award for Representational Art Winner: Anne Parks, Booth 62, Oil Painting.
- First Place Artisan Award Winner: Megan Winn, Booth 54, Leather Bound Journals.
- First Place Artist Award Winner: Chris Plummer, Booth 27, Print Making.
- Best of Show Award Winner: Paula McKinney, Booth 48, Eco Printing on Silk & Wool.

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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are available at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

• Sunset Paddles at Marquette Lagoons from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Take a kayak or canoe, life jacket and paddle for the leisurely sunset paddle with a park ranger, co-sponsored by the Miller Spotlight Access Committee. The program includes a visit to a beaver lodge. Meet at the Marquette Park Lagoon parking lot near the stairs north of the Marquette Pavilion. Marquette Park is located about two miles north of U.S. 12 in Gary's Miller neighborhood.

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

No experience is required. A spotting scope and binoculars are provided. The program starts at the southern gravel parking lot, followed by a short hike to the Great Marsh observation deck to look for herons, egrets, ducks and other birds. Anyone arriving late should hike to the observation deck.

The trail south parking lot is on Broadway, about 1/4 mile north of U.S. 12 in Beverly Shores.

• Pinhook Bog Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 23.

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.

• Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm Open House and Cemetery Tour from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3.

Meet in the Bailly/Chellberg parking lot for the 90-minute hike to Bailly Cemetery. Then, explore the interiors of both historic homes and homesteads from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Learn about early settlers and farmers who came to the region in the 1800s. Take the children at 4 p.m. to help feed the Chellberg Farm animals. The parking lot is on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 20 and 12 in Porter.

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is at 100 N. Lake St. in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

• Duo Sequenza Interactive Concert from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3.

The flute and classical guitar ensemble will present Jorge Muñiz's "South Shore Suite" at the nature center. Sign language interpretation will be provided. The performance is part of the 2017 Arts in the Parks program

Sunday/Tuesday/Thursday through Sept. 3.

• Beach Yoga — 9 to 10 a.m.

The Duneland YMCA will offer beach yoga at the main beach by the pavilion. The cost is $10 per session. Call (219) 926-4204 to register, or just show up.

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.

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Archaeology Month starts Sept. 1

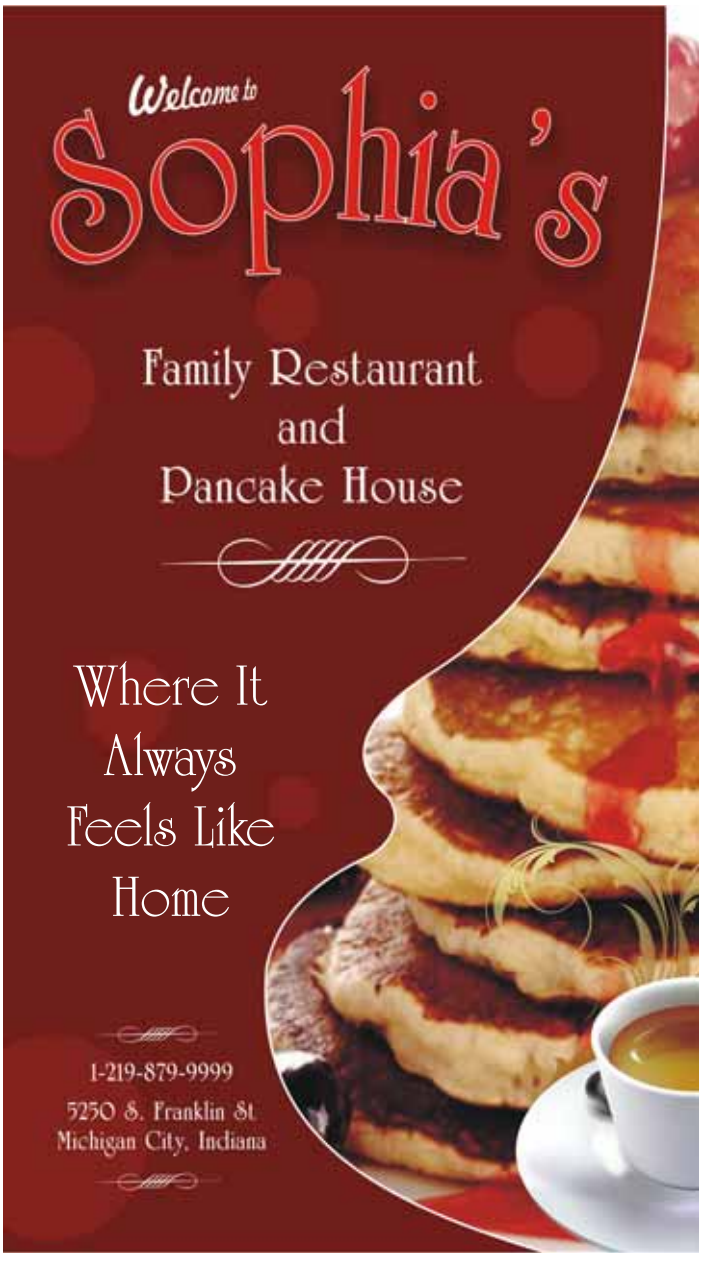
Indiana in September will host events as part of the 22nd annual statewide celebration of archaeology.

Archaeology Month is a chance to learn about the scientific study of historic or prehistoric peoples and their culture in Indiana. Hoosier history buffs can meet archaeologists and learn about the state's past.

Events are held by universities, museums, organizations and individuals.

The DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology coordinates Archaeology Month. This year's commemorative poster focuses on Eli Lilly's archaeological legacy. In fact, this year marks 40 years since Lilly's death, and the 80th anniversary of the publication of his book "Prehistoric Antiquities of Indiana."

A schedule of events and additional information is available at dnr.IN.gov/historic



Rotarians Rally to Aid Cause

Through united efforts by area Rotary clubs, Rotarians from Turkey will visit Indiana for training to better serve people with disabilities.

In the summer of 2016, Rotarians from several areas of Turkey visited Indiana seeking such assistance. People with disabilities in Turkey often are relegated to a lower status and deemed untrainable. They are not integrated into society and often hidden. The Rotarians from Turkey agreed the U.S. does a better job of accepting, training and integrating people with disabilities into communities.

Rotary Club of La Porte members subsequently spearhead an effort to collaborate with other Rotary Clubs, including Michigan City, Valparaiso and Monticello, to create The Turkish Trainers Training Trainers Program. The effort won a $37,710 grant from Rotary International Foundation and Rotary District 6540 that will bring three trainers from Turkey to Indiana, where educators will mentor them in operating successful work training and placement programs for those with disabilities. Training materials are being prepared that will assist the new trainers as they return to Turkey to train more people.

The collaborative effort between American and Turkish Rotarians involved using every communication skill available, including email and Skype. Christina Dougherty of the La Porte Rotary and Mary Kaczka were instrumental in writing the grant, with Musa Pilar, a Valparaiso University business professor, helping translate documents and communication between the groups.

This is the first time La Porte has been a participant in the International Rotary Foundation grant process. The Turkish trainers are scheduled to come to the area Sept. 30-Oct. 15.

Visit rotaryoflaporte.org or facebook.com/RotaryClubofLaporte for more details.

Women in Leadership Program

Women in Leadership of La Porte County will present "Cover Your Assets: Protecting Yourself, Your Stuff and Your Future" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Portofino Grill, 3233 N. Indiana 39, La Porte.

Speaker Sandy Menne will discuss:

- What you have and what in the marketplace is right for you.
- The importance of protecting yourself with liability coverage.
- Protecting business assets and possible additional liability risks.

Also speaking at the meeting is Dan Todd of General Insurance Services.

Visit www.women-in-leadership.com/events or the Women in Leadership La Porte County facebook page for more information.

Antique Engine and Tractor Show

Michigan Flywheelers Museum will showcase hundreds of old flywheel tractors and engines during its 34th annual Antique Engine and Tractor Show.

Held Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 7-10, at the museum, 06285 68th St., two miles east of South Haven, collectors from across the country attend with an assortment of antique farm machinery.

A large outdoor flea market features more than 200 vendors. There also are daily equipment parades, demonstrations at the blacksmith forge, sawmill and shingle mill, and eating sweet corn cooked in a 1923 Nichols and Shepard steam traction engine made in Battle Creek, Mich.

A previous entry in the Thing-A-Ma-Jig parade.

Other activities include antique and garden tractor pulls, kids events, Thing-A-Ma-Jig parade, consignment auction and valve cover races.

This year's entertainment includes oldies singer Quentin Flagg, folk singer Joe Foster, the Casco Band, Ken and Judy Moore's Jam Session, Silver Songs and the Bronk Bros. The Silver Songs show, set for 8:30 p.m. EDT Thursday, is a benefit concert for Senior Services of Van Buren County.

Saturday is "Kid's Day." Activities start with a Kiddies Pedal Pull at noon EDT, a sawdust pile treasure hunt at 3:30 p.m. EDT and the John Dudley Magic Show at 7 p.m. EDT. Tractor games are planned for children with access to riding lawn tractors. Returning for its seventh year is the "Kids Night Time Lawn Tractor Cruise" at 8 p.m. EDT Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

A popular activity is the South Haven Tractor Cruise at 4 p.m. EDT Thursday.

Gates open at 8 a.m. EDT each day, rain or shine. Admission is $7. Children 12 and younger are free with a paid adult admission. Thursday is Senior's Day, so admission is $3 for visitors 62 and older.

Camping sites are available on a first-come basis. The cost is $10 per night, plus daily admission per person. Pets are allowed with exhibitors, campers and vendors only.

Call (269) 639-2010, email michiganflywheelers@yahoo.com or visit www.michiganflywheelers.org for more details.

Acorn Concert Series

Mr. Blotto and The Planetary Blues Band will perform during the Acorn Concert Series from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 450 W. County Road 100 North, Valparaiso.

Mr. Blotto is a jam band that blends rock, folk and country, drawing inspiration from artists such as The Grateful Dead, Bob Marley and Bob Dylan.

The opener is The Planetary Blues Band, which takes its inspiration from the blues, along with a wide range of musical styles.

Tickets, are $15, can be purchased at tinyurl.com/yc6p8ybg or at the door. Those purchased online will be placed on a will call list available at the door.

Gates open at 6:30 p.m. The event is held rain or shine. Take a lawn chair. Outside beverages are prohibited, but a smoking section is available. Dogs are not permitted.

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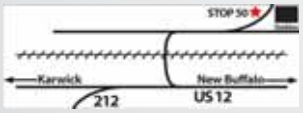

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Michigan City Public Library

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• Free Gentle Flow Yoga at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2.

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

• Friends of the Library meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, in the library meeting room.

The focus is upcoming fundraisers. Anyone interested in learning more about the group can attend.

The library will be closed Sunday and Monday, Sept. 3-4, for the Labor Day holiday. Contact Robin Kohn at (219) 873-3049 for more information on library programming.

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New Creative Space Launched

by M.D. Cunningham

Beacher photographer and Maple City Media Creator James Conlin is launching a creative space that will showcase and partner with local artists.

Conlin thinks of Muse as a place that, in addition to housing his own creative and commercial work, offers space for other artists from across the region.

The studio is located at 720 Franklin St. For September's First Friday Art Walk, he's invited three photographers to join him: Macee Windu and Matthew May, both of Michigan City, and Raymar Brunson, Gary, Ind.

Conlin, born and raised in Northwest Indiana, is influenced by all things Midwestern.

Brunson started doing photography at 17. He's always wanted to show people images that make them feel a certain way.

"I want individuals to become sad, mad, angry, joyful or even uncomfortable when I show them something through my eyes," he said.

May, a 36-year-old multimedia artist originally from East Texas, moved to Northwest Indiana in January 2016 and is an Uptown Artist Lofts resident.

Windu will show a body of work she's titled "Whimsical Realness," which features various chapters of her career in photographs that include nature and candid shots of important people from her life.

Apple Festival Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with the Apple Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17, at Chellberg Farm.

The National Park Service, Dunes Learning Center and Friends of Indiana Dunes united last year to present the first Apple Festival amid the year-long celebration of the National Lakeshore's 50th anniversary. Drawing more than 2,000 people, organizers decided to make the festival an annual event.

For volunteers, no experience or expertise on apples is needed. All training will be provided. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks, and can work shifts as short as three hours. Help is needed greeting and directing visitors, assisting people on and off the hay wagon ride, planting apple trees, making apple butter and cider, demonstrating traditional farm crafts and showing children how to play old-time games and make simple crafts.

Those interested should call volunteer coordinator J.P. Anderson at (219) 395-1848 or at jean_pierre_anderson@nps.gov

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Greek Fest

Greek Fest is Friday through Sunday, Sept. 1-3, at The Annunciation and Agia Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church, 17760 Behner Road, New Buffalo, Mich.

The annual event, hours for which are noon to 11 p.m. EDT, includes Greek music, folk dancing, homemade pastries and authentic Greek food. Souvenirs will be available, and visitors can tour the remodeled church.

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Grandparents Day Essay Contest

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The theme is "What My Grandparent Means to Me." Winners will be selected in three divisions: second and third grade; fourth and fifth grade; and sixth through seventh grade.

Each winner will be invited to read his/her essay at a reception on Grandparents Day at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Brentwood, 2002 Andrew Ave., La Porte. Winners from each category also will read their essay on radio station WIMS. All essay writers, and their grandparents and families, are invited to the reception. Essays are due to any La Porte County Public Library by Sept. 1. Reservations for the reception by calling the library at (219) 362-6156 are due by Sept. 8.

Visit laportelibrary.org for more details.

First Friday @ Lubeznik Center

Peter Aglinskas returns to present a fusion of jazz, soul and rock during First Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Sept. 1 at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

Part of Uptown Arts District's First Friday Art Walk, visitors can listen to Aglinskas' solo guitar stylings while perusing the galleries. Admission is free. A cash bar is planned.

New to the Area Artists' Association Gallery is Edwin Shelton's "Spirit Portraits" — abstract and conceptual depictions of spirits.

Email artinfo@lubeznikcenter.org, visit lubeznikcenter.org or call (219) 874-4900 for details.

Genealogical Society

La Porte County Genealogical Society will present its 2017 Residency Awards at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the La Porte City Parks Department Headquarters, 250 Pine Lake Ave.

The society for many years has presented its First Family awards, honoring the heritage of people who settled in La Porte County before Dec. 31, 1840. Recognition has since been expanded to Settler Families, Pioneer Families and Civil War Families.

More information about these awards and the society is available at tinyurl.com/p3wxfhq

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Chesterton Art Center

The following classes and programs are available through Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.:

• Local painter Mark VanderVinne will host Critique Night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Guests are welcome, with no registration required. All levels and styles can attend. While VanderVinne is a painter, he can advise artists in other mediums. Guests may sit and listen; however, participation is encouraged. Artists can take work at any stage, from conception to the final version. VanderVinne and others will provide advice and insight into the effectiveness of the work or artistic concept.

• Suzie Rosso will teach a new "Technique of the Week" Class starting from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7.

Each week, Rosso will focus on a technique students can use in nearly any 2-D medium, including pencil, pastel, watercolor, oil and acrylic. The Dunes is September's theme. The schedule is: week 1 (Sept. 7), sand; week 2 (Sept. 14), clouds/water; and week 3 (Sept. 21), dune grass/trees.

The September cost is $60, with members receiving a $15 discount. Students must register and pay at least 24 hours before class starts. The limit is 10 people to ensure individual student attention. Beginners are welcome. Students must take supplies.

• Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery will offer two stained glass classes starting from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12.

In the 10-week Beginning Stained Glass Class, which finishes before Thanksgiving, students learn the art of copper foil stained glass, originally invented by Louis Tiffany. Tools and supplies are included. The limit is four students. The cost is $140, with members receiving a $30 discount.

In the 10-week Stained Glass Open Studio, students slump glass in a kiln to create a flower, which will be attached to a stained glass window to form 3-D art. Students also may work on their own projects at their own pace, with assistance as needed from instructors. Students are expected to provide tools and supplies. The limit is eight students. The cost is $80, with members receiving a $25 discount.

Students must submit payment before the first session.

• Jennifer Martin will host an Outer Space edition of "Cookies and Canvas" on Friday, Sept. 15.

Children 3-7 can attend from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and youth 8 and older from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The evening includes an 8x10 space-themed, stretched canvas painting, as well as cookies and juice. The cost is $10 per child, or $5 for those for members. Those interested must register and pay no later than Thursday, Sept. 14.

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

Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

• Knit Wits and Pearls of Wisdom at 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

The weekly meeting is open to the skilled and novices, with no registration required.

• Bits & Bytes series, Intro to Computers & Windows, from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

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

• Make N Take Kids Craft Time on Saturday, Sept. 2, at Thomas Library.

Children can stop by the Children's Department anytime during the day (while supplies last) and make a "Very Hungry Caterpillar" puppet based on Eric Carle's book.

• Knitting Together from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

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

• Bits & Bytes series, Programming with Javascript, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department.

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

• Adult Coloring Program from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, at Hageman Library.

This month's program will feature mandala magnets. Registration can be done in person or by phone at (219) 926-9080.

• Crochet Club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 5-Nov. 28, at Thomas Library.

Attendees learn beginning crochet from instructor Sadie Steciuch. Children are asked to take a size G crochet hook and skein of medium-weight yarn to each session. Class size is limited, so registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

• Minecraft Meet-up from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 6 and 20, at Thomas Library.

Registration is required and must be done in person. The WPL Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct must be signed upon registration as well. Parents are welcome to attend, but required for youth 10 and younger.

• Holiday Closings.

Both branches, The Baugher Center, Westchester Township History Museum and Westchester Township Trustee office will close Monday, Sept. 4, for Labor Day. Buildings resume regular hours Tuesday, Sept. 5.

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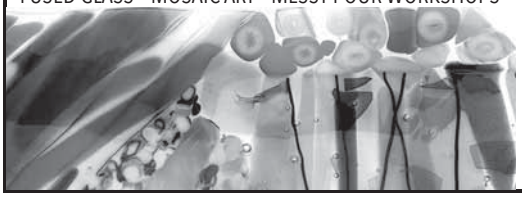
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Northern Indiana Walk for PKD

The two-mile walk is Saturday, Sept. 9, at Creek Ridge County Park, 7943 W. County Road 400 North.

Check-in is at 10 a.m., with the walk at 11:10 a.m. Register at www.walkforpkd.org/northernindiana. Email northernindianawalk@pkdcure.org or visit www.pkdcure.org for more details.

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. 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:

- Sept. 13 — Fall Flowers, seeds for the future, soil health, composting and fall cleanup, Sacha Gee-Burns, La Porte County Solid Waste District.
- Oct. 4 — "Understanding Medicare Parts A, B, C and D," and the upcoming annual enrollment period, John Williams, State Health Insurance Assistance Program medicare specialist.
- Nov. 1 — Foot and ankle care, health and education, Dr. Christopher Grandfield.

Nature's Tiny Tots

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

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 16 and 23 (wear a Halloween costume and take treats to share), Nov. 6, 13 and 27, and Dec. 11 and 18 at Luhr County Park Nature Center, Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

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:

- Oct. 11 — Wiggly Workers.
- Oct. 18 — Tree Treasurers.
- Nov. 1 — What's That Color.
- Nov. 15 — Hooting Good Time.

American Red Cross

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

- St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road, Michigan City, noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5. Donors receive a free Red Cross T-shirt while supplies last!

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Harbor Country Book Club

Harbor Country Book Club will discuss Ann Mohin's "The Farm She Was: A Novel" at 6:30 p.m. EDT Thursday, Aug. 31, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

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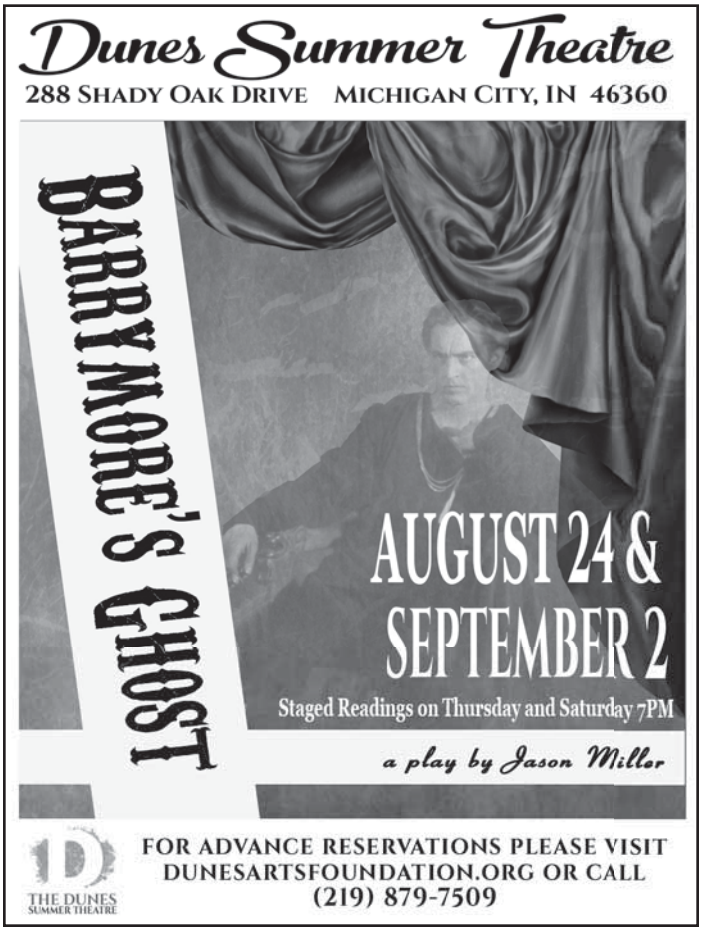

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In the Area:

Aug. 30-31 — Arts in the Park, La Porte's Fox Park. Aug. 30: Nawty/Aug. 31: The Tom Milo Band. Pre-show music/6:15 p.m., concerts/7 p.m. Info: www.artsintheparklaporte.com

Aug. 31-Sept. 3 — "Love Letters," "Barrymore's Ghost," Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. "Love Letters": Aug. 31, Sept. 1 & 3. "Barrymore's Ghost: Sept. 2. Times/tickets: www.dunesartsfoundation.org/box-office

Sept. 1 — First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m., Uptown Arts District (downtown Michigan City).

Sept 1 — First Friday Open Air Market, 4-8 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, Eighth & Franklin streets. Info: stpaulopenairmarket@yahoo.com

Sept. 1 — First Friday, Peter Aglinskas, 5-8 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Free.

Sept. 1 — Opening reception, "Lyrical Suites," 5-8 p.m., Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. Info: www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com

Sept. 1 — "Faces of the Civil War" open house, 5-8 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Cost: $10/adult, $5/youth & seniors. Info: (219) 873-1520.

Sept. 1 — The Chicago Experience Concert, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: $30. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

Sept. 1-3 — Greek Fest, The Annunciation and Agia Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church, 17760 Behner Road, New Buffalo, Mich. Free. Hours (Eastern): noon-11 p.m.

Sept. 1-4 — Hesston Steam & Power Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Hesston Steam Museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, La Porte. Admission: $5/adults, free/children 12 & younger. Fares: $5/adults, $3/children 3-12.

Sept. 1-6 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing*: "The Big Sick." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. & Wed. *Also*: "Lady Macbeth." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. *Also*: "Disturbing the Peace," 7 p.m. Sept. 5. Rated PG-13. Free. Includes discussion. Co-sponsored by Harbor Country Progress. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

Sept. 2 — Susan Johnston's "Voyaguer Series," noon-5 p.m. EDT, Courtyard Gallery, 813 E. Buffalo St., New Buffalo, Mich. Info: (800) 291-9287, gallery@courtyardfineart.com

Sept. 3 — Duo Sequenza Interactive Concert, 3-5 p.m., nature center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Sept. 4 — LABOR DAY.

Sept. 5 — Adult Coloring Program, 6-7:30 p.m., Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter. Registration: (219) 926-9080.

Saturdays — 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.

Saturdays — La Porte Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Lincolnway & Monroe. Info: www.facebook.com/laportefarmersmarket

Saturdays — Pinhook Bog Open House, noon-3 p.m., 700 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City. Through Sept. 23. Info: (219) 395-1882.

Through December — World War I exhibit, La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportecountyhistory.org, (219) 324-6767.

In the Region

Sept. 1-3 — Outsiders Outside Art Fair, Judith Racht Gallery 13698 Prairie Road, Harbert, Mich. Opening Night Preview Party: 6-9 p.m. EDT Sept. 1. Cost: $25. General admission: $10, children 12 & younger/free. Hours (Eastern): 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Info: (269) 469-1080.

Support Groups

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

Mondays, Fridays — Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m. Mon./Franciscan St. Anthony Health, 301 W. Homer St., 9 a.m. Fri./First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St. Info: https://oa.org, (219) 879-0300.

Wednesdays — Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group for Caregivers, 2 p.m., third Wednesday of each month, Rittenhouse Senior Living, 4300 Cleveland Ave. Info: (888) 303-0180.

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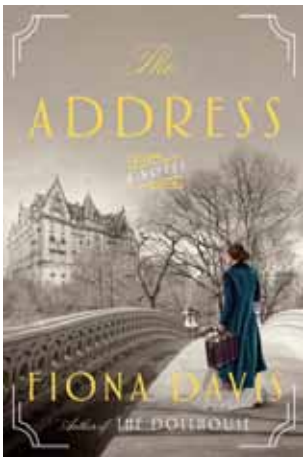
The Address by Fiona Davis *(hardcover, $26 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)*



The Barbizon Hotel. The Dakota. Famous buildings in New York City — historically and architecturally. But when you come right down to it, it's the people who lived in these buildings that made them memorable: The Barbizon, its residents future super models and secretaries, careers made and dreams lost; the Dakota for the rich and famous people who have lived there since 1884…people like Rudolf Nureyev, Lauren Bacall, Rosemary Clooney, Leonard Bernstein, Gilda Radner, John Madden (bought apartment from Gilda Radner), Roberta Flack and, of course, John Lennon. Lennon, we all know, made the building even more famous (or should that be infamous) when he was shot outside the building in 1980.

Fiona Davis took the Barbizon and brought it to life in her debut book, The Dollhouse, which I reviewed last year. Now, she has taken the Dakota and breathed brilliant life into it with the fictional story of two fascinating women divided by 100 years and the dictates of society. Just how far have we come?

Skillfully blending real people with fictional characters, Davis brings a city, a building and an era into what I call "Technicolor reading." She has a way of making a location come to life, making your mind's eye envision both the New York City of 1884 and that of 1985. Along the way, you become completely engaged in a story of family complexity and the things we think we want, but may not need, and the consequences of discovering family secrets.

It's 1884, and Sara Smythe is head housekeeper at London's prestigious Langham Hotel. A chance glance out a window to the rooms across the courtyard shows a toddler hanging out an open window. Sara races to the room and ultimately saves the little girl's life. Her father is Theodore Camden, an American architect who helped design the Dakota. He offers Sara a job at the soon-to-be finished apartment building. What an opportunity! To go to America where anyone can fulfill their dreams and better their position in life.

She accepts and arrives shortly before the first tenants are due. Come to find out, she will be more than head housekeeper. She will be the "*managerette*" of the building, overseeing all aspects of its running. Sara proves more than capable at her job, and Camden is taken with her and works very closely with her…maybe a little too close. Hang on, Theo! You have a wife and three children, remember?

Fade to 1985 when Bailey Camden has just arrived back in New York City from a stint at rehab for her drinking and drug problem. She was an interior designer for Crespo & O'Reilly, which footed the bill for her rehab. A meeting with the owners proves heartbreaking for Bailey. While they take responsibility for her rehab, they don't want her back in the company. Now what? Her cousin, Melinda Camden, is redecorating the family apartment in the Dakota in advance of her 30th birthday when the apartment would become hers. She immediately fires Crespo & O'Reilly as her decorator and hires Bailey, letting her stay in one of the rooms for free.

At first, I wondered what connection would come between Sara and Bailey as the stories seem to run parallel, except, of course, for the intersection of the Camden name. Bailey's great-grandfather was taken in by Theo Camden as a ward, so Bailey was not a blood relative and would inherit none of the Camden estate. Going back and forth in time, however, soon builds up an amazingly contrived story of lies and greed.

Back in 1884, it isn't long before Sara's dream job starts to unravel. It happens the day Mrs. Camden's emerald necklace disappears and shows up later in Sara's desk drawer. Explain that, Sara. And that's only the beginning of her troubles…

Bailey, on the other hand, is having troubles of her own trying to handle the crazy design ideas of her cousin while dealing with Renzo, the building manager.

One day, while looking through the storage room in the basement where Melinda's family things are stored, she comes across three very old chests: one belonged to Theo, one to his wife and the last to Sara. What she finds there will be eye-opening, to say the least.

What happens to Sara in the end will finally bring together all the sticky parts of this absorbing story that makes you wonder if it is just fate — or maybe karma — that leads Bailey to her destiny.

People: "A delicious tale of love, lies and madness."

Ms.: "The Address is compelling, historically minded fiction with unexpected—and entertaining—twists and turns…the novel delights…"

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