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Double Cover

Deciding which photo by Paul Kemiel to use for our Labor Day edition was no easy task. So stunning were the images he captured, we went back and forth on which one was the most effective. In the end, we decided to go with both of them. To see the alternate cover, check out the back page of our color section.

When Dreams Take Flight

by Andrew Holt

hen was the last time you truly got to live one of your childhood dreams? For me, that moment arrived this summer. Growing up, I had a collection of small, die-cast toy airplanes. Among my favorites was a silver-colored B-17 bomber, the plane American bomber crews heroically flew in World War II, during raids in Nazi-occupied Europe and in the Pacific Theatre. Its sleek, aerodynamic shape and bright silver color captured my imagination in ways few toys did. Of course, I played with the thing until the tiny plastic propellers fell off, then played with it some more, imagining I was in the cockpit of a great warplane soaring high above the Earth. As the years went by, I grew into other hobbies and toys, but the B-17 always held my interests, existing as an unattainable spot on my bucket list.

Until July.

When I heard about a classic, fully-operational

B-17 bomber flying into Elkhart, I had to be there.

The plane, called the Madras Maiden, is one of only a few of the more than 12,000 B-17s made that are still in existence and flying today. It is operated by the Liberty Foundation, a nonprofit flying museum that takes classic and historic aircraft across the country to teach the public about these marvels of aviation.

It was a hot day when I made it to Elkhart Municipal Airport, joining other reporters and media personnel awaiting the plane, which had yet to arrive. Soon after, we filed outside on the tarmac, saw a tiny speck in the sky, which grew with rising engine noise into a gleaming chrome masterpiece of aviation technology.

It was even more magnificent than my young imagination made it out to be. More than 103 feet from wing tip to wing tip and 74 feet long, the machine taxiing to a stop in front of me dwarfed any-



The Madras Maiden is one of only a few of the more than 12,000 B-17s made that are still flying today. All photos by Paul Kemiel

thing I had seen in any aviation museum. The roar of the four 1,200 horsepower turbo-supercharged engines was deafening, the huge props a blur in the bright light of the July sun. Eventually, the engines cut out, and the plane's crew disembarked.



Capt. John Shuttleworth

Led by Capt. John Shuttleworth, the Madras Maiden gleamed like it might have when it rolled off the assembly line as a B-17G on Oct. 17, 1944. Built too late to participate in the war, the Maiden saw non-combat work with the Air Force, testing radar technologies as part of the Pathfinder. After its tenure in the military, it entered surplus as a mosquito and fire ant bomber in Georgia, working to rid the area of potentially

dangerous pests. From there, it became a historic piece, in the hands of various museums or collectors before landing with the Erickson Aircraft Collection of flight-worthy historic planes. Bristling with 13 50-caliber machine guns, the fully operational plane exudes an air of danger even today.



The ventral ball turret.

Up close, the plane was a marvel. Reaching above my head, I was able to touch the wing of this magnificent warbird, the tips of my fingers coming away greasy with the emissions from one of the massive Wright Cyclone 9 engines. The skin of the plane was left largely unpainted, save for five glare-reducing patches of olive on each of the engines and just forward of the cockpit, as well as the bright-red markings of the 381st Bomb Group, leaving much of the body a gleaming polished chrome that made my heart beat just that little faster in my chest. The massive, fat tires almost came up to my chin in



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height, dwarfing anything I had envisioned in my mind.

After a brief history and orientation of the plane, the crew of three led by Shuttleworth separated the media into two groups for a short, 15-minute flight.

My accompanying photographer, Paul Kemiel, and I were in the second group of reporters to board the Maiden. As the first flight took off, prop wash

from the four engines buffeted me and swept my hair up, demonstrating the immense power the plane had to get off the ground and remain airborne. After watching the plane take a wide ring around the town, it once again bounced onto the Elkhart runway.

It was our turn.

One thing you have to understand when you're about to board a restored, lovingly maintained WWII-era bomber is that the Army Air Corps didn't pay to have its planes climate-controlled in the 1940s. Bomber crews routinely suffered frost-bite flying at 25,000 feet above the English Channel, running the constant risk of losing fingers and toes to the cold. In-

down on the plane's aluminum skin caused sweltering temperatures in the cabin. To mitigate this, the plane had a retractable hatch in the ceiling of the radio operator's room the crew opened to allow air-

flow. As I strapped into the radio operator's seat, directly under this hatch, I was informed of the crew's plans. I quickly tucked my glasses into my pocket to prevent them from flying away.

I've flown in many planes before, and many propdriven planes among them, but I have never experienced a takeoff quite like the B-17. The roar of the engines was deafening, my view of the wing out the window was of gleaming aluminum and turbosupercharged engines straining to lift a 74-year-old



A view from the flight deck into the cockpit.

plane into the air, followed by the familiar feeling of my stomach falling out as we lifted into the air. The sound of the wind through the open hatch wasn't too loud, and the wind whipping past the plane barely ruffled my hair.



Drew Holt is photographed with the radar bomb sight.

Travelling fore towards the cockpit, I had to traverse the bomb bay, where the only way across was a single plank of wood over the bomb-bay doors, supplemented by rope handholds and two metal trusses supporting the plane's superstructure. I was warned that as a safety system against a loose bomb exploding inside the plane, the doors were designed to open when anything above a particular weight were to fall on them. If I didn't want to take the express way back to the ground, I had to be extra careful when traversing this gap. In the cockpit, I was treated to views of fully exposed pulleys and cams connecting the aircraft's control surfaces to the pilots' controls.

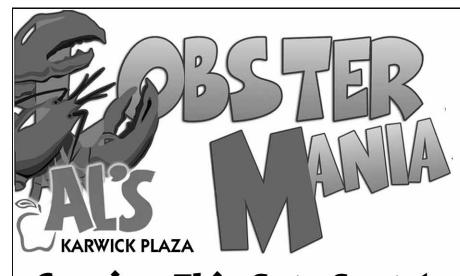


A right seat view from the cockpit.

Through a cramped crawl space under the flight deck was the nose section.

The view from the nose was incredible. The Plexiglas dome covering the front of the plane afforded an almost complete wrap-around view of Elkhart, the sky and what was in front and behind us. From a window on the side of the plane, I could see the two innermost engines only a foot or so from my face.

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Being this close to a piece of aviation history was akin to a spiritual experience for me.

Making my way aft back to the radio operator's room, I had one last thing I wanted to do before we landed back at the airport. Steeling myself, I stood up and stuck my head out of the open hatch in the ceiling. The air rushing past my head was warm, and the wind was not uncomfortable. Surrounding me was bright, open sky, and I imagined this must be how birds feel in flight. Vertigo didn't take me until I looked straight ahead and saw a cloud rushing at and past me, and my courage left as I pulled my head back into the plane.

On the way back, I strapped into one of the two empty seats on the flight deck, directly behind the pilot in left seat. Facing me was an old list of electrical components tacked to the bulkhead that must've dated back to when the plane was operated by the Army Air Corps. Without a window to look out of, my only indication we were back on the ground arrived when the entire plane jumped and shuddered as we made contact with the runway.

Firmly back on Terra Firma, I stopped Shuttleworth to ask him why he does this. While Shuttleworth flies all sorts of planes for the Liberty Foundation, the Maiden is by far his favorite.

"There are a couple reasons (the B-17 is my favorite)," he said. "One is the people who come out to see



Simulated bombs in the bomb bay.

it. You get whole families who go for rides in it. But also, we have a crew. Some of the other planes I fly, it's just me. Here, we have a crew, and a great group of people at the Liberty Foundation, and sharing the airplane with families and big groups that come out is fun."

Much later, I'd visit my parents' house, dust off a box filled with old toys and pull out a single, shiny silver B-17 missing its propellers.

It was time to finally check a certain item off my bucket list.

(The Liberty Foundation can be reached at 918-340-0243.)







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Harbor Country Opera Brings Music of Edith Piaf Back to The Acorn

by Andrew Tallackson

Bob Swan never knows how audiences will react to Harbor Country Opera's latest production.

He certainly was not expecting "La Vie en Rose: the Songs of Edith Piaf" to sell out, with many Piaf fans unable to secure tickets, when it debuted in 2014. Then again, Swan attributes the show's success to his colleague: Martha Carés.

"When you have someone as talented as Martha," Swan said, "I really think it was her name that kind of guaranteed a full house."

Since that performance, Swan and Carés have presented various incarnations of the show about eight or nine times in Chicago and Michigan.

So, it seemed a natural to bring "La Vie en Rose" back to The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich., at 8 p.m. EDT Saturday, Sept. 1.

Piaf is heralded as one of the 20th century's most celebrated performers. Her songs — frequently torch ballads — weaved into them elements of her often tragic life. A resurgence in popularity took flight in 2008 when Marion Cotillard won the Best Actress Oscar for portraying her in the appropriately titled biopic, "La Vie en Rose."

When Carés and Swan were prepping their 2014 production, they knew Piaf's most recognized works, but not her extensive catalog. They did extensive research, especially Carés, who tracked down one of Piaf's surviving lyricists, Charles Dumont, who went on to work with Jacques Brel, for guidance.

The songs Carés and Swan collected for their show range from out-of-print manuscripts to the mainstream songs that made Piaf famous. Her collaboration with



Bob Swan and Martha Carés return to The Acorn Theater on Sept. 1 for "La Vie en Rose."

Charles Aznavour is revealed with Swan's English translation of "Plus Bleu Que tes Yeux." Other works include the love song "Fallait-il," the western/cowhand-sounding "Eden Blues," "Autumn Leaves," "Sous le Ciel de Paris," "Simply a Waltz," "Je Ne Regrette Rien," Milord" and the "Exodus Song."

Swan praises Carés for avoiding the trap of mimicking Piaf's style.

"She makes it all very personal," Swan says of Carés. "It all comes

from her heart. There is no overthinking it. She brings so much to it. That's why people think this is so wonderful."

Swan fleshes out the show with historical and musical contexts for individual songs. Providing accompaniment are award-winning pianist and accordionist Don Stille and Dick Bunn on bass.

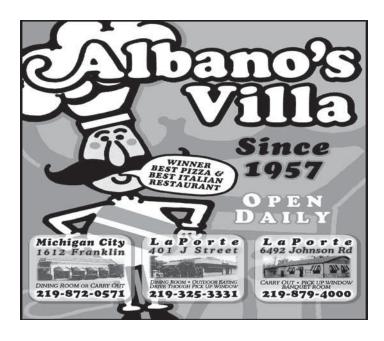
For those not acquainted with Piaf's music, Swan says the idea of a concert primarily in French should not dissuade them from attending.

"Sometimes, people get frightened away by a show that is all French," Swan said. "To me, I never thought it was that important to understand all the words (in a song). Songs always speak to me by the music, from the performance."

Expect the magic of Piaf's music to do the same come Sept. 1.

If You Go

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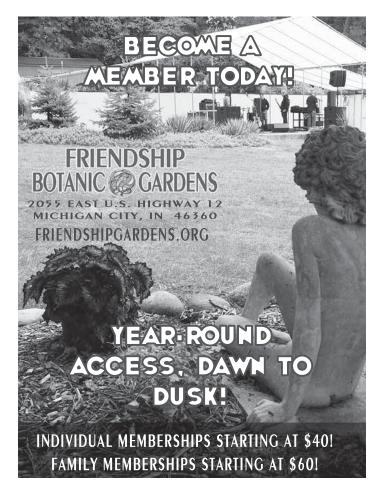
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Meet the Hoosier Star Contestants

Tickets are available for the 13th annual Hoosier Star, a fundraiser for LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra, on Saturday, Sept. 8, at LaPorte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St.

Leading the orchestra is guest conductor Alastair Willis, a Grammy nominated conductor and the new South Bend Symphony Orchestra music director.

Doors open at 6 p.m., when guests can mingle with the finalists, sample food and visit the cash bar. The show starts at 7 p.m.

Audience members receive voting ballots for a finalist in the adult and youth divisions.

Adult division finalists are:

- Laurel Blankenship, who lives in LaPorte, but spent the last year in Chicago attending Columbia College studying musical theater. She also has appeared in area productions of "13," "Grease," "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" and "Shrek the Musical."
- Abigail Bradley, who is from Plymouth, Ind., and now lives in LaPorte's Worthy Women Recov-
- **Mike Green**, who is a 1999 LaPorte High School graduate and 2004 graduate of Valparaiso Uni-

- versity's Theatre Arts program. After college, he spent two years in Chicago working in theater and independent film.
- Julia Obendorf and Rachel Lenker, sisters from Middlebury, Ind., who have opened for events such as B100 Birthday Party, fallen officer memorials and Elkhart Grand Prix. They also are worship leaders/team members at New Life Christian Center in Bristol, Ind.
- Robert Penney, who is a Valparaiso resident, but grew up in West Lafayette. An attorney with Huelat & Mack in LaPorte, he has performed with Fourth Street Theater, Chicago Street Theater, Memorial Opera House and at Star Plaza. Youth division finalists are:
- Maggie Cornett, who lives in LaPorte and attends LaPorte High School. She has performed in many plays and musicals at LaPorte Little Theatre Club.
- Afyah Giuliani, an eighth-grade home-schooler who lives in LaPorte. She plays violin at church and sings at different church activities.
- Joseph Giuliani, a seventh-grade home-schooler who lives in LaPorte. He has participated in

Adult Division







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several competitions, including Monday Musicale and Indiana Federation of Music Clubs.

- **Jacob Griffin**, who lives in Michigan City and is a Westville High School freshman. He not only sings, but also plays bass, guitar, drums and keyboard.
- Molly Lenig, a New Prairie High School freshman who has performed in many musicals and plays. She also has received gold medals after competing in Indiana State School Music Asso-

ciation solo completions.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for students with ID and \$5 for youth 12 and younger. They may be purchased at the door or in advance at Roxy Music Shop in LaPorte, LaPorte Civic Auditorium, LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau in Michigan City or online at HoosierSTAR.com. All proceeds benefit LCSO.

Visit www.bbpnet.com/x34a for reservations.

LCSO Auditions

LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra and Interim Music Director Charles Steck will host auditions for the 2018-2019 season from 7 to 9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, at LaPorte High School (Door 15), 602 F St.

The goal is to fill vacancies for the following positions: Principal Second Violin; Principal Bass; Percussion; Section Violin; Section Viola; Season Student Apprentices (2018-2019 school year); and all instruments available to audition for subbing and/or future LCSO opportunities

The apprentice program, which offers paid positions, places highly skilled high-schoolers alongside seasoned professionals. A limited number of positions are available. Contact the LCSO personnel manager for more information and availability.

The 2018-2019 season will feature a children's concert and three season subscriptions concerts. LCSO also contracts with Healthcare Foundation of LaPorte for its Holiday at the Pops fundraiser, and New Buffalo Business Association for its annual community July 4th fireworks celebration.

All positions are paid, and mileage is paid for non-LaPorte County residents. More information, including specific audition requirements, may be found at www.LCSO.net or by contacting Personnel Manager Morgan Sleeper atLCSOpersonnel@ gmail.com





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Second Photo by LaPorte Woman Lands in Top 5 of Weather Channel Contest

by Andrew Tallackson

In a contest propelled by images of nature, adventure and weather, the old saying that lightning can strike twice, indeed, is fitting for what Nancy Addie has achieved.

In 2017, the LaPorte woman's gorgeous shot of Lake Michigan, framed against the Chicago skyline in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood, landed in the Top Five of The Weather Channel's "It's Amazing Out There" Photo Contest.

She's achieved the same feat this year, but with a photo that tops last year's entry in terms of color and composition. At press time, her image from June of a sunset over Michigan City's lighthouse pier, in which a violet sky blankets a cream-colored horizon, is in the Top Five of the contest.

Sept. 7 is the deadline to cast votes. The contest is open to amateurs and pros. Three photos earn "Fan Favorite" prizes. However, a \$15,000 grand prize is determined by four judges — David Mayhew, Edmund Fountain, Tim Freccia and Nicole Bonaccorso — whose backgrounds range from professional photography to journalism.



Chad and Nancy Addie.

Last vear's contest drew 50,000 entries, so the fact that Addie's picture again landed in the Top Five is something she finds deeply humbling. A LaPorte High School graduate, she works closely with her husband, Chad, estate liquidators as

through Mended Hearts Collectibles, and second as the driving forces behind LaPorte's Addie Acres, an eclectic collection of llamas, an alpaca, miniature horses, a donkey and roosters.

Addie has no training, relying on a simple pointand-shoot camera (Nikon B700 Coolpix) she refers to as "Lil Red," but her works have garnered a fervent following through her Addie Acres facebook page.

The photo in TWC's 2018 contest was shot on "Lil Red," with no additional work through Photoshop to intensify the colors.



Nancy Addie's photo that is in the Top 5 of this year's "It's Amazing Out There" Photo Contest. The color version will appear this week on The Beacher's facebook page.

"If you hold your camera just right," she said, "you can pick up those twilight colors."

Nancy admits she's shocked to be in the running for the top prize two years in a row.

"I'm not a professional photographer," she stressed. "I go to the beach, and there are five or six professional photographers with their tripods, and they sit in one spot. I cannot sit in one spot. I'm in the water, in the sand, on my knees, on the boardwalk. That's how I get my shot."

Whether she wins the contest or not, Nancy is thrilled by how many people have shared the photo through social media, and by the recognition it is bringing to LaPorte County through the contest.

"I feel really blessed that it is bringing the community together, which is basically why I do it," she said. "I don't expect to win, but it's a way for La-Porte County to come together, have some fun."

About the Contest

- Visit wyng.io/CnqHz6 to vote for Nancy Addie's entry. The deadline is Friday, Sept. 7.
- Visit weather.com/photos/contest for more information on The Weather Channel's "It's Amazing Out There" 2018 Photo Contest.









Dunebrook Gears Up for 5th Annual Dragon Boat Races

Dragon boat racing returns to LaPorte's Stone Lake when Dunebrook hosts its fifth annual Dragon Boat Races at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

Teams and sponsors can register at bbpnet. com/x34b or email pam@dunebrook. org

Teams race in three heats in canoe-like vessels with an ornate dragon head and tail on the bow and stern. The course is 300 meters. The fastest team earns bragging rights and a dragon trophy. UPS is the reigning two-time champ. A Spirit Award also is given: Talk to Ted Inc.'s Red Thunder and the Smurfs from Franciscan Health Michigan City are the reigning co-winners.

"Dragon boat racing requires synchronicity and finesse more than power to win," Ted Perzanowski, Dunebrook board president and event co-chair, said in a press release. "We've had paddlers from ages 13 to 70 paddling on teams. It's a friendly competition."

Perzanowski recommends the event as a teambuilding activ-



health providers, non-profits, faith groups and municipalities. A team consists of 16-20 paddlers (13 and older) and a drummer. Friends and family can assemble their own team, and the cost is \$72 per team member. Individual paddlers can

ity for businesses,

register and be placed on a team for \$100. Dunebrook provides the boat, a steersman (to keep the boat on course), paddles, life preserver, drum and team bandana.

Family activities and food vendors round out the event.

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Visiting the show with members of International Harvester Collectors Club, Northern Indiana Chapter 33, is Eric Best, Wanatah, who will debut his rare, giant 1913 International Harvester Mogul 30-60 tractor. Weighing around 23,000 pounds, the machine is one of seven 30-60 Moguls remaining. The tractor was used for breaking tough prairie sod and threshing, as well as operating belt-driven machines and sawmills.

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- Steam train rides, including the 67-ton 1929 Shay logging locomotive.
- Steam threshing and steam tractors.
- An operating steam-powered saw mill and 92-ton steam crane.
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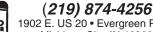
Visitors can sample traditional festival treats or popcorn from a steam-powered popcorn machine. A Labor Day flea market offers everything from antiques and railroad memorabilia to arts and crafts. Food is available at Doc's Soda Fountain, the museum's air conditioned soda fountain and restaurant.

Admission is \$5 for adults. Children 12 and younger are free. Train fares cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12. Friday, Aug. 31, is "Senior Day" with half-price rides for seniors.

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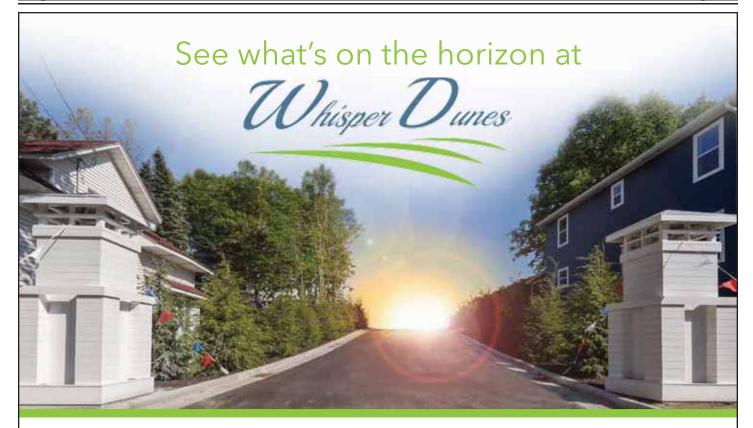
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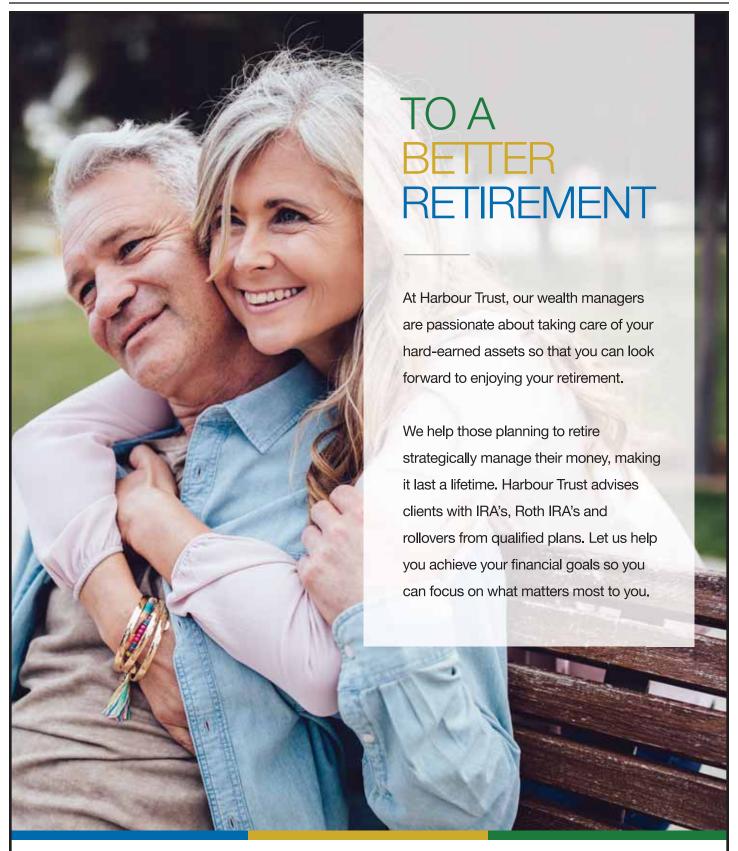
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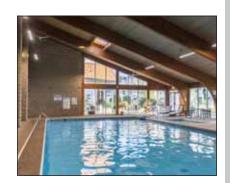
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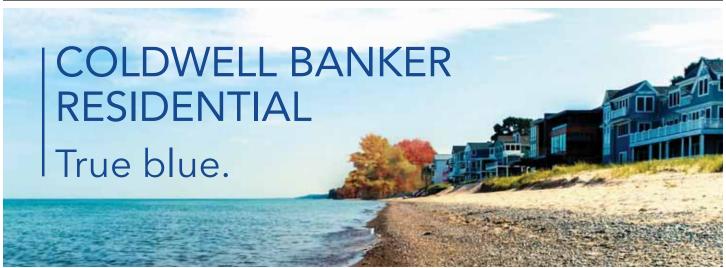
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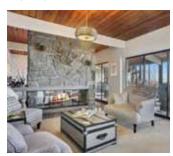
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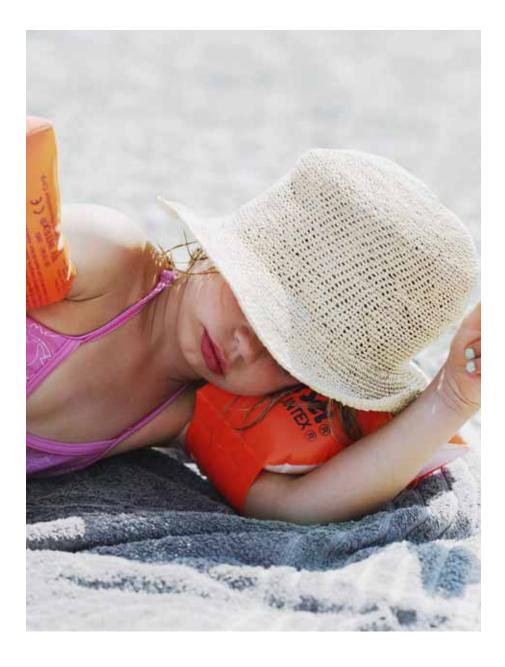
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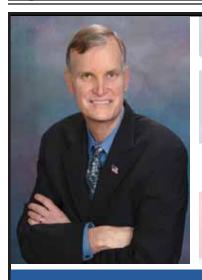


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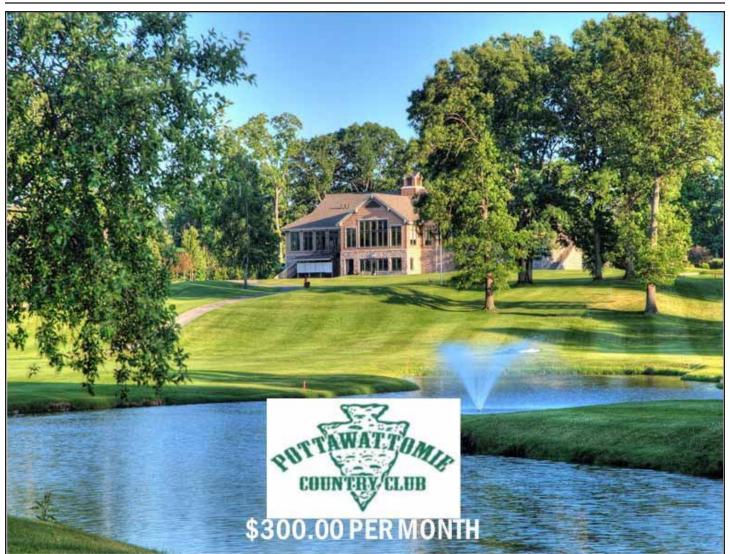
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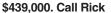


If you prefer to build on Lake Claire, we represent a recently surveyed site on Hideaway Point with 139' of lake frontage. The lot is 139' deep, allowing for flexibility in design, such as single-level construction, for placement of family areas and master bedroom to enjoy the lake access and views. \$135,000. Let Jeff provide the survey and building covenants.



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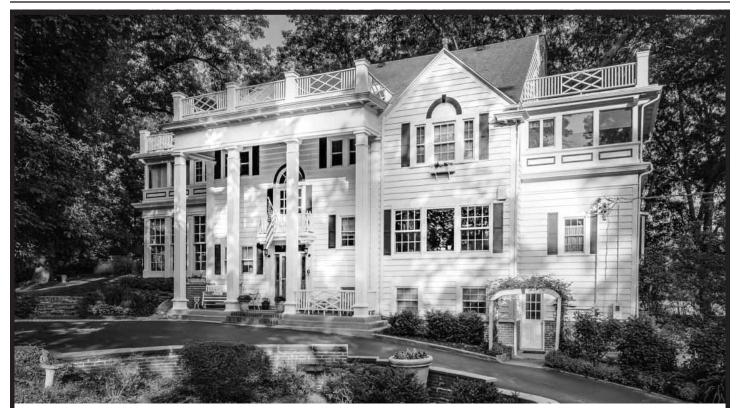
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Is that pain in your heel or bottom of your foot due to PLANTAR FASCIITIS?

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- worse as the day progresses?
- when walking after prolonged sitting?
- · when climbing stairs or standing on your toes?
- · after standing for long periods?

Dear Fellow NW Indiana Resident,

Heel and foot pain is no joke. It can be debilitating...

You begin to dread getting out of bed in the morning...not a great way to start your day.

You get embarrassed with the way you walk after sitting for a while...you get curious glances from people.

You get frustrated...disappointed, sometimes even angry at yourself for not being able to do the things you love to do...like shopping, leisure walking, or just simply keeping up with your kids or grandkids.

What is plantar fasciitis?

Plantar fasciitis (say "PLAN-ter fash-ee-EYE-tus") is the most common cause of heel pain.

The plantar fascia is the flat band of tissue (ligament) that connects your heel bone to your toes. It supports the arch of your foot.

If you strain your plantar fascia, it gets weak, swollen and irritated (inflamed). Then, your heel or the bottom of your foot hurts when you stand or walk.

Repeated strain can cause tiny tears in the ligament. These can lead to pain and swelling. This is more likely to happen if:

- Your feet roll inward too much when you walk.
- You have high arches or flat feet.
- · You walk, stand or run for long periods of time, especially on hard surfaces.
- You are overweight.
- You wear shoes that don't fit well or are worn out.

Here's the test...

Sit down on a comfortable chair. Cross the leg of the involved foot over the opposite knee.

With either thumb, press firmly on the bottom of the involved heel, towards the arch of the foot.

If you find that this spot is tender and painful to you pressing on it, then most likely you have plantar fasciitis.

Now...using the hand on your affected side, take hold of your affected foot and pull your toes back towards the shin. This creates tension/stretch in the arch of the foot/plantar fascia.



Repeat on the other side for comparison.

If this step feels so much tighter on the affected side, then you most likely have plantar fasciitis.

Now you may be asking...can plantar fasciitis heal and pain subside without medications, injections or surgery?

In most cases, yes...but it depends on, but not limited to the following factors:

- · Length of time you've been suffering.
- Things you're doing that are making the condition worse without you knowing it.
- Degree of swelling and tightness of the plantar fascia.

FREE Heel and Foot Pain Workshop Tuesday, September 11, and Thursday, September 13

To help our fellow NW Indiana residents dealing with heel and foot pain, Orthopedic and Balance Therapy Specialists will host the FREE Heel and Foot Pain Workshop on the following dates and locations:

- Tuesday, September 11, LaPorte office at 6:00 PM: 1405 E. Lincolnway, Suite B (next to All Star Auto, same building as Hair Fitness)
- Thursday, September 13, Valparaiso office at 6:30 PM: 3125 Calumet Ave., Suite 8 (next to the Valpo YMCA)

Here's what you will learn at the workshop:

- The top 2 most common causes of heel and foot pain
- Single biggest #1 mistake heel and foot pain sufferers make resulting in a condition that necessitates surgery
- · How you can heal naturally without medications, injections, or surgery
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This event is limited to 20 attendees only due to the interactive nature of this workshop. **To hold your spot, please call:**

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See you at the workshop.

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Outsiders Outside Art Fair Returns Labor Day Weekend

by Kayla Weiss

For the past 32 years, Judith Racht Gallery has been a key presence in Southwest Michigan.

Providing a warm, welcoming atmosphere in her Harbert gallery, Racht highlights unique pieces, both in her gallery and through "All Tied Up — Outsiders Outside Art Fair."

The annual Labor Day weekend event, now in its 23rd year, is set for Friday through Sunday, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, at the gallery, 13707 Prairie Road.

"It's all about untrained artists," Racht said, "no academic training in the arts. We have people from

all over the country come, and I set up big tents in the yard, and all of the artists and dealers come.

"We have artists, dealers, food and music. People just really love it. I don't like to let my people down."

This year's fair will spotlight more than 50 artists and dealers, as well as the event's first silent

auction. Proceeds benefit the newly formed non-profit Jacob K. Brown Contemporary Art Museum and Center in Niles. So far, nine acres of land have been donated, with building plans drawn up. Money from the auction will aid the building fund.



A sand sculpture by "The Sand Pirate" is planned during the fair.

extension of Racht's lifelong love of art. Born in Pennsylvania,

The outsiders fair is an

Born in Pennsylvania, Racht and her siblings moved all over the country due to their father's job. His company would send him to different locations, set up a store and move on to the next location.

"I was in 11 schools before I was in high school. But I remember mom always made it an adventure," Racht said. "She would always take us to all the local museums wherever we were, and even took us to the Easter egg roll at the White House when we lived in

Washington, D.C.

"She was a real renaissance woman."

By the time Racht and her siblings reached high school, her father had retired from traveling, wanting his children to graduate from the same high school. It was during this time that Racht began

baby-sitting for a neighbor, John Wilson, who would go on to start what became known as Expo Chicago: The International Exposition of Contemporary & Modern Art at Navy Pier.

"When I first started babysitting for him, he was work-

If You Go

Hours for the Outsiders Outside Art Fair are (all Eastern) 6 to 9 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Friday's Opening Night Party costs \$25. Saturday and Sunday admission is \$10, while children 12 and younger are free.





ing on the road, and I remember he would bring home cases full of art prints that he was supposed to sell, and I was able to look through all of the artwork, which really interested me," she recalled.

That interest in art, and the art world, continued to flourish, and upon graduating from college, she found herself working again for Wilson, this time for his expo at Navy Pier. Artists from all over the world would attend. Racht could walk through the gallery before the doors were open. She was mesmerized.

"I'm not an artist, but I really spoke their language and they spoke mine," she said. "It was so incredible."

As a young mother, Racht moved back to the Lakeside area, looking to open her own gallery. So, she bought a small house down the road, furnishing it like she would her home so her children could come and still feel at home.

"I would have people come in wanting to buy paintings and furniture," Racht said. "When I moved to Harbert, I bought a schoolhouse, but didn't furnish it with furniture because it was so little. But people would come in and want to know where the furniture was, so I eventually gave in. It's homey and



Primitive art will be on display.

welcoming, and people aren't pressured to buy anything."

Through her work, Racht came to appreciate the more unique pieces and lesser-known artists, aiming to provide a place to showcase their work.

Hence, the Outsiders Outside Art Fair. One such artist is "The Sand Pirate," who will create a sand sculpture. A portion of her sales will go to the Cherry Beach Project. David Smykal, featured in *The Beacher*'s Aug. 23 edition for his longtime mentorship of New Buffalo artist Brian Cooley, is expected to return, along with returning artist Joe Pinkerton. Janine Fentiman, who collects primi-

tive art, during her travel, will show pieces she's collected.

"I've always had an interest in things people made by hand out of the wackiest things, and to me it was a form of art," she said. "I decided that since there was so much interest in it, I would start a show, and it's grown and continues to grow.

"The work comes from artists who are in it because they love it. The stories behind the pieces are incredible. It's a lot of different people with a lot of different ideas than the norm."



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Time to Take a Mini-Break and Head North

by Linda Weigel

Like so many before me, there comes a time when you just need to get out of town, even if only for a day...but where to go? Thinking it over, I decided to revisit a location in Michigan I always enjoyed, but hadn't seen in several years.

Saugatuck and Douglas.

In about the same time it takes me to drive to downtown Chicago, I can be on the other side of the lake in Michigan, enjoying the many small shops, restaurants and, my favorite, art galleries.

We began our trip by loading up the car top with my husband's kayak and securely strapping it down. He would kayak while I strolled and enjoyed the finer things.



Farmhouse Deli & Pantry in Douglas.

The drive is easy, Interstate 94 to Interstate 196, then Exit 36 for Douglas and Saugatuck. It took us about an hour and a half to arrive, and the first thing we did was stop for a tasty lunch at The Farmhouse Deli & Pantry on the Blue Star Highway. Afterwards, we turned onto Center Street for downtown Douglas.

If you enjoy kayaking or paddle boarding, head to the end of the road to the memorial park, where you can rent a kayak for an hour or more and enjoy a river adventure. Douglas is much smaller than Saugatuck, but has really nice shops, galleries and coffee court. Be aware, several restaurants are only open for dinner.

Once the kayak was unloaded, I took off for my favorite art gallery and destination No. 1 – J. Petter Galleries at 161 N. Blue Star Highway, Douglas. With more than 12,500 square feet and more than



J. Petter Galleries is artistic heaven.

1,000 works of art, I was in artistic heaven. The mix of paintings, glass, sculpture, prints and mixed media range in style from realism to abstraction, from large to small, from affordable to expensive.

There is something for everyone, and the of art is of the highest caliber. Julianne Petter is the owner and in our discussion revealed they especially enjoy introducing art to young collectors by assisting them, even if on a limited budget. The gallery also hosts special events throughout the season, and once you have toured the art, you can move on to



Amazwi Gallery in Saugatuck.







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the wine and food section.

There are nearly 20 galleries scattered between the two nearby towns, but that is not all. Parking in Saugatuck is tight, and patience is needed to find a spot. Once settled, I began walking up and down the streets, noting the varied shops and restaurants, spots to grab ice cream or gelato, beautiful gardens, bed and breakfasts, and boat traffic along the riverside.



The gorgeous view from a park in Saugatuck.

There is plenty to see, and if you enjoy popping in and out of tantalizing little boutiques, this is the place for you. Just off Water Street is the Kalamazoo River, and a wonderful small park with picnic tables to sit, eat and watch the river traffic while taking a short rest. I preferred to sit indoors and settled on Coral Gables restaurant, where I had a great view with expansive windows while enjoying a small snack and plenty of cold iced tea. Afterwards, I headed back out to continue my stroll, stopping to admire the architecture and small colorful gardens packed between buildings. I even stumbled upon a small group of plein air painters at one small flower-packed park at the corner of Butler and Mason.

Once you've walked enough, perhaps you would like to settle onto a nice beach blanket and take in the sound of waves hitting the shoreline. Head to Oval Beach on Lake Michigan and take a dip. You can always go back into town for more ice cream later

As for me, well, it wasn't long after my iced tea and snack that my husband called, ready to be picked up. So, I headed back to Douglas to get him and load up the kayak. We made one more quick stop at Respite Cappuccino Court before heading home.

It was the perfect day, and once home I realized how much I appreciated having such a wonderful destination fewer than two hours away: a mini getaway that satisfied the need to get out, do something different and explore.



Love to kayak? Rental options exist on Central Street in Douglas.

If You Go

Information on Saugatuck and Douglas:

- www.michigan.org/city/saugatuck
- www.michigan.org/city/douglas

Information in J. Petter Galleries

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The lineup is:

• Jaimy Gordon, Sept. 15.

Gordon is the National Book Award-winning author of <u>Lord of Misrule</u>. Her third novel, <u>Bogeywoman</u>, was on *The Los Angeles Times* Best Books List for 2000, as well as on Context's booksellers' list of the Most Important Works of Fiction published that year.



She was born and raised in Baltimore, which figures prominently in <u>Bogeywoman</u>. Her second novel, <u>She Drove Without Stopping</u>, was published in 1990. Often described as a woman's road novel, it was an American Library Association Notable Book for 1990. In 1991, it won an Academy-Institute Award from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

• Clare O'Donohue, Sept. 29.

O'Donohue is a Chicago native and best-selling mystery and suspense author.

She earned a degree in international studies, with a minor in economics, then worked as a newspaper reporter at a small weekly. She moved to Los



Angeles and worked in television. She traveled as a field producer on documentary and true-crime shows, interviewing everyone from CEOs to prison inmates, Malaysian orphans to sports heroes. She's had tea with a member of the House of Commons at Parliament, suited up to examine the Ebola virus at a lab in Brussels, and dipped a toe in the Sea of Galilee.

In 2008, she published her first novel, <u>The Lover's Knot</u>, the beginning of the Someday Quilts Mysteries series. Her eighth novel, <u>Beyond the Pale</u>, is the first in the World of Spies Mystery series.

Graham Hoppe, Oct. 6.

Hoppe writes about culture and history, with a focus on food, music and tourism. He is a graduate of the folklore program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While at UNC, he studied topics such as Cracker Barrel, firehouse dinners and parking garages. His first book,



<u>Gone Dollywood</u>, is available now from Ohio University Press.

Born in Michigan City, he lives and works in Raleigh, N.C. His father, David, is a former Writing Out Loud author who helped create the program in 1984.

• Maurice Broaddus, Oct. 27.

Broaddus is a community organizer and teacher. His work has appeared in *Lightspeed* magazine, *Weird Tales*, *Beneath Ceaseless Skies*, *Asimov's*, *Cemetery Dance* and *Uncanny* magazine, with some of his stories collected in *The Voices of Martyrs*. He is the author of the urban fantasy trilogy



The Knights of Breton Court, and the (forthcoming) middle-grade detective novel series, The Usual Suspects. He co-wrote the play "Finding Home: Indiana at 200." His novellas include Buffalo Soldier, I Can Transform You, Orgy of Souls, Bleed with Me and Devil's Marionette. His gaming work includes writing for the Marvel Super Heroes, Leverage and Firefly role-playing games, as well as working as a consultant on "Watch Dogs 2."



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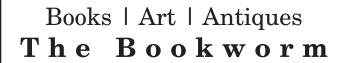


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- Franciscan Health Michigan City, 301 W. Homer St., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31.
- St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road, noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Those who donate through Sept. 4 receive a Red Cross aluminum water bottle while supplies last. 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 details.

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The Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana has entered into a collaboration with Purdue University Northwest.

The non-profit group will be known as The Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest. Now, the two can jointly promote "a culture of innovation," according to a press release, and increase their potential for economic, social and cultural impact.

Through the agreement, PNW will serve as the host organization. The Society's headquarters will be at PNW's Portage Meeting Facility, seeking opportunities to support and augment PNW's research and economic development efforts across the region.

The Society, established in 2005 and nurtured by Ivy Tech, has approximately 1,600 members who have been inducted in recognition of contributions to Northwest Indiana business, culture and society.



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Krasl Art Center

"Personal to Political: Celebrating the African American Artists of Paulson Fontaine Press" runs Sept. 1-Nov. 25 at Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich.

The traveling exhibit is organized by Bedford Gallery at the Lesher Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek, Calif. It features works by black artists who helped shape the contemporary art scene largely in the Bay Area. Covered are a wide range of prints, paintings, quilts and sculptures, including an array of abstract and formal imagery.

At the heart of the show is a Berkeley-based fine art print studio — Paulson Fontaine Press — which over the past two decades has developed a roster of internationally celebrated artists such as Martin Puryear, Kerry James Marshall and the Gee's Bend Quilters.

Running for the same duration in the artlab are works by Allison Svoboda, who uses patterns and forms in nature to create collages of layered pen and ink paintings that are assembled into large-scale installations.

Fall class registration is under way, with the deadline being 10 days prior to the start of class (unless noted).

A variety of youth studio classes are available, including "Paper to Canvas to Clay" (ages 5-7) and "Comics to Animation" (ages 8-12). Adult/teen studio classes include "Magic Hour Photography," "Saturday Ceramics," "Introduction to Oil Painting" and "Colorful Enameling."

A free studio open house, Michigan Wildlife," is from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Saturday, Sept. 15.

All ages are welcome, with a presentation by a Sarett Nature Center naturalist at 3 p.m. EDT.

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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

• Feed the Birds, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 30.

Meet a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding.

• Wetland Wonders, 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30.

Meet at the Nature Center for the hands-on program.

• Sunset Yoga, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30. The class for all levels is taught by Duneland YMCA instructors. The cost per class is \$10, which is paid to the instructor. A \$40 five-class pass is available. Classes cancel in case of inclement weather. Take a yoga mat or towel. The program is located near the beach pavilion.

• Ant Lion Safari, 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31.

Join a naturalist at the Nature Center for the short discovery walk.

- Tea Time from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31. Meet at the Nature Center for the free taste testing of teas made with natural items.
- Critters in the Campground from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31.

Meet at the campground shelter, near campsite 116, to see some of the Nature Center's animals.

• Spectacular Spiders from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1.

Meet at the Nature Center to learn about arachnids in the Dunes.

• Dunes Creek Hike from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1.

Meet a naturalist at the campground shelter next to campsite 113 for a program on the creek that flows through the dunes.

• Bat Chat from 8 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1. Meet at the Nature Center for a look at bats using iPad apps to detect and identify them.

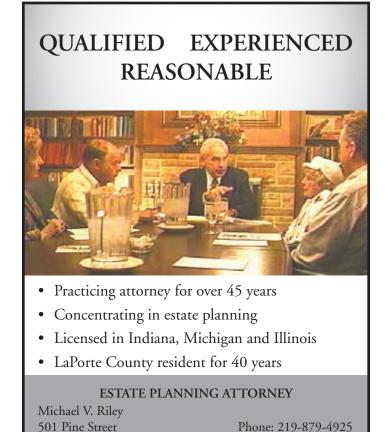
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Michigan City Public Library

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



• Friday Afternoon Movie: "I Can Only Imagine" at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31.

The final summer Friday afternoon movie is the box-office hit inspired by the lead singer of the Christian group Mercy Me, and how his faith restored his relationship with his abusive father. Rated PG, the film stars J. Michael Finley and Dennis Quaid.

• Volunteer Tutors Needed

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Holiday hours.

The library is closed Monday, Sept. 3, for Labor Day.

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

Greek Fest

Greek-style food, music and family oriented activities make up the annual Greek Fest, which is Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at Agia Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church, 18000 Behner Road, New Buffalo, Mich.

Admission and parking are free. Hours each day are noon to 11 p.m. EDT. A DJ and dance troupe are at 2 and 7 p.m. EDT Saturday. Sunday features a Greek dance troupe.

The traditional Greek dinner is from noon to 9 p.m. EDT each day. Greek pastries are offered. Also planned are tours of the Byzantine-style church and greek museum.

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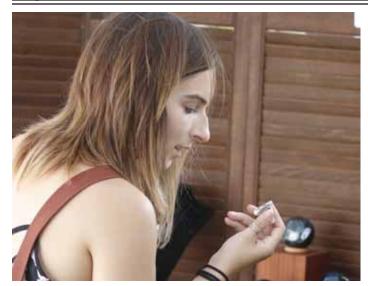
























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Aug. 31 – Friday Afternoon Movie: "I Can Only Imagine," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Aug. 31 – Critters in the Campground, 7-8 p.m., campground shelter @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Aug. 31-Sept. 2 — "Wait Until Dark," Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. Times: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15/seniors & students, \$18/general admission. Info/reservations: (219) 879-7509, dunesartsfoundation.org

Aug. 31-Sept. 2 – Greek Fest, noon-11 p.m. EDT, Agia Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church, 18000 Behner Road, New Buffalo, Mich. Free admission/parking.

Aug. 31-Sept. 3 — Labor Day Weekend Steam and 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. Train fares: \$5/adults, \$3/children 3-12. Info: www.hesston.org

Aug. 31-Sept. 3 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Now showing: "Leave No Trace." Rated PG-13. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. Also Showing: "Three Identical Strangers." Rated PG-13. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

Sept. 1 — "La Vie en Rose: the Songs of Edith Piaf," 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$25, \$35/café-style seating. Info: www.acorntheater.org, (269) 756-3879.

Sept. 1-3 — Fawn Run Farm Mercantile, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 3883 E. County Road North, Rolling Prairie. Info: (219) 778-2809, www.fawnrunfarm@gmail.com

Sept. 3 — LABOR DAY.

Through Oct. 13 — "Warhol: Icon & Influence," Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: www.lubeznikcenter.org

Saturdays — St. Stanislaus of Michigan City farmers market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. through Oct. 27, parking lot next to tennis courts. Info: ssmcfarmer-smarket@gmail.com, (219) 851-1785.

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In the Region

Aug. 31-Sept. 2 — Outsiders Outside Art Fair, Judith Racht Gallery, 13707 Prairie Road, Harbert, Mich. Hours (Eastern): 6-9 p.m. Fri./11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Cost: Friday Opening Night Party/\$25, Sat.-Sun./\$10, children 12 & younger/free.

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Saturdays — Beach Fun Saturdays, 1 p.m.-30 minutes past sunset, West Beach, 376 N. County Line Road, Portage.

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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.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

<u>Murder on the Left Bank</u> by Cara Black (hardcover, \$27.95 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

Since my budget doesn't allow for a vacation to Paris right now (probably never), I reach for my favorite series about a *tres chic* PI in the City of Light, letting my imagination and Cara Black's amazing knowledge of the city take me away at the more reasonable cost of a comforting cup of coffee and warm croissant.

In each of her novels, Black takes us to a different area, or *arrondissement*, of Paris, giving us not

only a well-plotted, well-paced murder-mystery, but also the history of these areas, and a you-are-there feel through her astonishing description of the sights and sounds of the streets and the French people.

This is the 18th book in the series. I have always said, when a series goes beyond three books, you just might have a winner. In this case, characters, story and location have been the staying power of a smart, young woman, Aimée Leduc, and her equally smart, though short partner, Rene´— he's a 4-foot dwarf and computer security expert. Our heroine is young, cute and very fashionable, but not extravagant. She buys vintage clothing from secondhand stores. Af-

ter all, she now has a baby, 10-month-old Chloe, to care for, too.

Computer security may be the bread-and-butter part of Leduc Detective, but somehow, things always take a turn to murder...

In this story, an old man, Leo Solomon, makes his way to the office of an attorney, Eric Besson. He hands over an old accounts book he says must be given to the prosecutor immediately...

"Besson...opened the well-worn volume to see columns of names and numbers, an accountant's tiny, perfect handwriting. He turned page after page, his eyes catching on names and franc amounts as it gradually dawned on him what he must be looking at." Leo is dying and wants to make things right with his conscience before time is up. What exactly do all these figures represent? The secrets in these pages are the dirty dealings of a group of crooked cops over the past 50 years, laundering money into investments.

Leo has meticulously recorded everything: names, dates, amounts. This whole fiasco started after World War II as a favor to a fellow POW who saved his life. Problem is, the friend got involved with some shady cops after the war, and his "business" sprang to life. Despite his misgivings, Solomon feels an obligation to this man and agrees to keep his books.

Leo's on his way to court, so he has his 18-yearold nephew, Marcus, deliver the papers. But Marcus has other plans...romantic plans with his girlfriend, Katrine. So what if the package isn't delivered right away? No big deal. Can't be a very big deal, can it?

Of course, it's a big deal. Marcus is killed and Katrine is missing. The police dismiss it as a drug deal gone bad. No sign of the record book, and soon, Ka-

trine's body is found, stabbed to death.

So what happened to the package? Obviously, Marcus must have stashed the book before his tryst with Katrine. Besson calls on Aimée to find the papers, but she's reluctant to take on the task. Her father was a policeman who was mysteriously killed, and she is afraid he might be found on the pages of Solomon's accounts. Of course, as an investigator, and a daughter, she must find out the truth. Aimée takes on the job despite the strong objections of her partner and ex-boyfriend (father of Chloe).

Whatever damning proof is in this account book makes it worthy of killing indiscriminately. Aimée soon finds herself the target of assassins — but

how did they find out she was looking for the book? Apparently, whoever these men are, they have the power and means to find out things. Even her godfather, Morbier, a retired policeman, warns her to stay away from this whole mess — perhaps he knows more than he is saying?

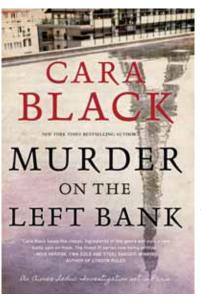
When an attempt to kidnap Chloe goes wrong, Aimée sends her child to a safe place and is more determined than ever to find Solomon's record book.

It's a plot worthy of the best mystery writers. The images of Paris move you around this amazing city in a whirlwind race against time before Aimée, or someone she loves, becomes the syndicate's next victim. But who can you trust?

From the Asian quarter, to a 17th century tapestry factory, to a modern art gallery, clues lead Aimée on a wild ride, both chasing and being chased.

Black's books have been on *The New York Times* bestselling lists. She has received multiple nominations for the Anthony and Macavity Awards, and her books have been translated into seven languages. She lives in San Francisco and, no surprise, visits Paris frequently.

Till next time, happy reading!







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