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Unleashing the Human Spirit

by Andrew Tallackson

Ann Galinowski arrives at *The Beacher* with her father, Steve, by her side. Excited by the prospects of discussing her involvement with Special Olympics, she introduces herself with a hearty “hello.” Steve carries a tangled web of medals that sways back and forth like a pendulum.

How many medals are there? Ann and Steve aren’t sure. Her many accomplishments stretch back to when she became involved in Special Olympics back in elementary school. This month, she turns 38. Between the medals and ribbons back home, the tally of Special Olympics honors hovers at around 100. Asked which events they represent, Ann pauses for a moment, collecting her thoughts. A smile curls across her face. She has competed in everything from 50 meter and softball throw to bowling and track and field. Last year, she adds, she was first in the state for bowling. On one occasion, she and Carol Schultz, the Special Olympics Indiana LaPorte County coordinator, marched in opening ceremonies of the state games, much like the Olympic procession during winter-summer games.

“People were high-fiving, shaking our hands,”



Ann Galinowski holds the many medals she’s won through Special Olympics. Photo by Andrew Tallackson

Ann recalls, her eyes ablaze with the joy of that memory. “It was cool.”

Ann, it also must be noted, is the only Special Olympian from LaPorte County to hold a position through the organization’s Athlete Leadership Programs. Through ALPs, she is like LaPorte County’s spokeswoman for the athletes here.

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When not competing in Special Olympics events, Ann, who has Down syndrome, is employed by Michigan City's Meijer, where she has worked for 15 years. She attended Niemann Elementary School, then Krueger Middle School before graduating from Michigan City High School in 1999. With a diploma, Steve stresses, not a certificate.

Steve, a former print salesman for *The Beacher*, couldn't be prouder of his daughter. He and his wife, JoAn, try to attend as many of Ann's events as they can. The last few years, Steve says, Ann has preferred to attend by herself, which prompts Ann, who appears slightly embarrassed, to dismiss his remark with a pronounced, drawn out "Daaaad."

Steve chuckles. The laughter is one of distinct satisfaction not just at his daughter's independence, but at what Special Olympics brings to their lives.

"The happiness and joy on their faces, even just to compete," Steve says of what he savors most. "Winning is secondary."

This year is a banner one as Special Olympics celebrates its 50th anniversary. For local Special Olympians, Chicago is the place to be when festivities commence July 17-21. Heralding "the next 50 years of the Inclusion Revolution," the events boast a high-level sports competition at the Unified Cup, the Torch Run and Global Day of Inclusion festival and a concert at Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island. More information is available at www.specialolympics.org/50th.aspx



Eunice Kennedy Shriver was the driving force behind the creation of Special Olympics.

The driving force behind Special Olympics was Eunice Kennedy Shriver, whose sister, Rosemary, was born with intellectual disabilities and underwent a frontal lobotomy that left her permanently incapacitated. An article Kennedy Shriver wrote during the early 1960s for *The Saturday Evening Post* was cited as a watershed moment in being open and honest, with a desire to change public opinion, about people with intellectual disabilities. She also

started a day camp — Camp Shriver — in June 1962 for children with intellectual disabilities at her home in Potomac, Md. Her concern was the limited opportunities for such individuals to compete in athletic events.

Chicago's Soldier Field was the location for the first International Special Olympics Summer Games in July 1968, drawing

an estimated 1,000 athletes from the U.S. and Canada. The event was a joint venture between the Chicago Park District and Kennedy Foundation.

Today, Special Olympics is the largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities across the globe. Estimates place the number of athletes who participate in year-round training and competitions at 5 million. To compete, individuals must be at least 8, with an agency or professional identifying them as having an intellectual disability or closely related developmental disability. A Young Athletes Program exists for competitors younger than 8.

Special Olympics debuted in Indiana one year after the inaugural event in Chicago. In those early days, a chapter could spring up wherever someone chose to do so. But about 16 years ago, the orga-

nizational structure changed where volunteer coordinators were established per county in Indiana to oversee operations.

Carol Schultz has been with Special Olympics upwards of 35-36 years, and she has been La-Porte County's coordinator from the position's inception. You could not ask for a more qualified person — both in background and, more importantly, in spirit. A retired educator with La-Porte Community School Corp., she was the special education teacher for many years at La-Porte High School. She received a Bachelor of Arts in physical education and later a Master's Degree in special education, along with additional credits in physical education and learning disabilities, all so she could better serve students with learning disabilities.



Carol Schultz has been involved with Special Olympics for 35-36 years.

But the heart of her "education," if you will, began during childhood, when she was blessed with parents who taught her to look beyond first impressions, to consider the whole person.

"My mom had a friend over, and her son had Down syndrome, and we played together and there wasn't any problem," Carol said. "I had a classmate in elementary school who was 'mentally challenged,' as they called it. But I wondered in middle school, where did she go?"

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The opening parade for the 1968 Special Olympics in Chicago.

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Truth was, Schultz said, in those days, many students with what was classified as intellectual disabilities never progressed beyond middle school, if that.

"There wasn't anything beyond that for them to do," she recalled, her voice tinged with sadness. Worse, she continued, when she began her career as a teacher, many parents kept their children at home, hiding them, fearful of the stigma attached to intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Thankfully, today, that is not the case. Special education, especially in LaPorte County, Schultz said, "has come a long way. We have wonderful special-ed programs in the schools."

And, Schultz adds, the stigma affixed to Special Olympians has eroded over the years.

"The real stigma is that our athletes can't do anything," she said. "They can't learn how to do that, and that is definitely not true."

"I have a bowler who started when he was 8, and he's about 25 now. He's autistic. Every year, he progresses. Now, he throws the ball right down the middle. He could probably throw a strike every time."

As coordinator for Special Olympics LaPorte County, Schultz is in charge of the entire program here, with the athletes training anywhere from six to eight weeks before an event. Events are held throughout the year. The number of athletes these days, Schultz says, ranges from 115 to 125. Some live in group homes, others have devoted parents who ensure their children make it to meetings, practices and competitions.

Volunteers, Schultz said, number at about 75.

Spring sports involves swimming and track and field. Summer sports include softball and bowling, the latter continuing into fall. Winter sports emphasize basketball. All sports are divisioned by age and gender so a level playing field exists.

Funds to support the LaPorte County chapter are generated through fundraisers, from Port-a-Pit sales to a golf outing. To limit costs, Schultz considers free sites as locations for practices. Michigan City's Gardena Park, for example, is one such place.

Monthly meetings are held, with LaPorte County engaged in four to five of the sports recognized by the national organization. The issue is getting

enough volunteers involved to serve as coaches. For a few years, bocce and golf were options, but again, that depends on having individuals available to supervise such sports.

Why become involved with Special Olympics, either as a coach or volunteer? Schultz does not hesitate with a reply.



Members of the local swim team at summer games in Terre Haute.

"Special Olympians feel so much better about themselves," she said. "They practice, and when it comes around to competitions, they're so proud afterward."

"The athletes, they are great. They are wonderful. They are, like, my friends, and I know the coaches would say the same. Seeing them grow, get better, earn medals and

ribbons, that is just so satisfying."

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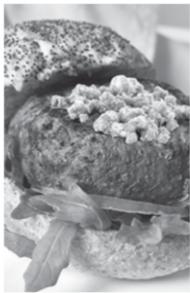
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Janet Ulrich Brooks, making her Theatre at the Center debut, is cast as advice columnist Ann Landers in “The Lady With All the Answers.”

Previews begin July 12, with opening night July 15 and performances continuing through Aug. 12 at the Munster theater.

Written by David Rambo, the play provides a behind-the-scenes look at the popular syndicated advice columnist, whose life seemed letter-perfect. With more than 90 million readers daily, she had a quick wit that could be comical and creative, as well as sharp and shocking, all in the same sentence. The play unfolds in Landers’ Lake Shore Drive apartment in Chicago in 1975, where she shares fascinating stories while preparing to write the most difficult column of her career.

Brooks received two Joseph Jefferson Equity Award nominations for Actress in a Principal Role in a Play as Sonia in “Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike” at the Goodman Theatre, and as Anya in “A Walk in the Woods” at TimeLine Theatre. Other credits include “33 Variations,” “All My Sons,” “When She Danced,” “Not Enough Air” and “Week-end.” Film credits include roles in “Divergent,” “One Small Hitch” and “Conviction.” TV credits include roles in “Chicago Med” and “Chicago Fire.”

“I feel as though I grew up with Ann Landers in my home through my mother’s sharing of columns she found funny or helpful or as a conversation



Janet Ulrich Brooks stars as advice columnist Ann Landers in “The Lady With All the Answers.”

starter at the dinner table,” Brooks said in a press release. “She was always very informative.”

Director Larry Wyatt’s previous TATC productions include directing “The Odd Couple,” “Some Like It Hot” and “Over the Tavern.” The creative team includes Scenic Designer Angela Weber Miller, Lighting Designer Denise Karczewski, Sound Designer Michael Patrick, Costume Designer Brenda Winstead and Wig Design by Kevin Barthel. Jessica

Banaszak is the stage manager.

Performances are at 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, with select Thursday and Sunday night performances. Individual tickets range from \$42 to \$46. Discounts are available for groups of 11 or more, and student tickets are \$20. Call the box office at (219) 836-3255 or Tickets.com at (800) 511-1532 for reservations.

A free companion exhibit, “Making Headlines: From Ann Landers to Walter Winchell,” is designed as a nostalgic collection, including items once owned by Landers and other media celebrities of the 20th century. It includes Landers’ 1961 Royal Manual Typewriter, personal correspondence and awards. On loan from the collection of journalist Philip Potempa, the exhibit is presented by South Shore Arts through Sept. 23 in the Atrium Gallery adjoining the theater lobby.

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New Troy's first Allan Boyd Memorial Strawberry Social is from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, July 8, in the community center's new gazebo.

The free event will feature strawberry treats and live music. Both the event and gazebo are being presented as a gift from the Boyd family to honor Allan Boyd (1925-2017), who grew up in New Troy and attended New Troy High School, which existed where New Troy Township Park is today. As a young man, Boyd owned a garage in the center of town. Later, he became township supervisor and remained a prominent figure in local politics for many years. His reminiscences of the town were featured in the movie, "New Troy: The Center of the World."

When considering ways to memorialize their father, Boyd's son and daughter, Brett and Jan, recalled his often-related memories of an annual strawberry social at the old Congregational Church, which stood on the site of the current parking lot for the community center and township park. He also spoke of his dream for a community gazebo in which to recreate those happy memories.

When Brett Boyd attended Friends of New Troy's May 9 meeting seeking approval for the donation, he was met with great enthusiasm. The gazebo was delivered just eight days later and placed in an area once overgrown with invasive vines, but now cleared and planted with grass (also courtesy of the Boyd family). Classic Catering, which is owned by Brett and his wife, Melissa, will prepare the food for the social and provide the staff to serve it. The family is hiring a live band to play old-time music.

The center, located at 13372 California Road, is an all-volunteer facility run by the non-profit Friends of New Troy. A map is available on www.facebook.com/Friends-of-New-Troy. Contact FriendsOfNewTroy@yahoo.com or Terry Hanover at (269) 426-4199 for more details.

Footlight Players 69th Season

Footlight Players has announced its board, and slate of shows, for the 69th season.

The board has elected Robert Komendera for his 18th term as president, Laura Meyer as vice president, William Wild for his 23rd consecutive term as treasurer and newcomer Lara West as secretary. The three general board members are Gary Bartholomew, Jim Milcarek and Thom Nelson.

The upcoming season begins with "The Wizard of Oz," which is in rehearsals and runs the first three weekends in August, followed by "Dark of the Moon" in October, "A Doublewide, Texas Christmas" in December, "Arsenic and Old Lace" in March and "Musical of Musical, The Musical" in May. Plans for concerts, workshops and other events are in the works.

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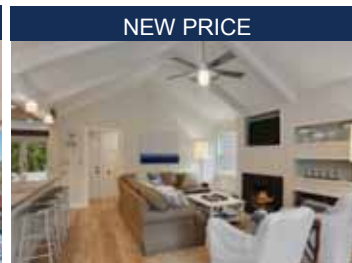
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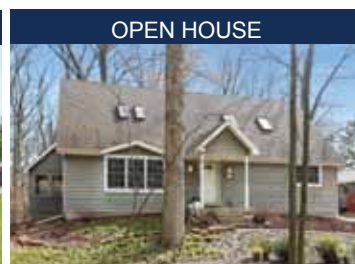
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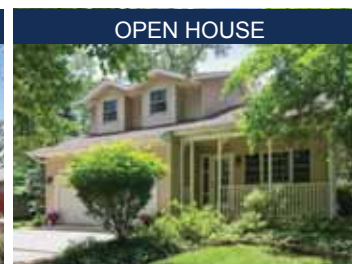
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Krentz was elected mayor in August 2017 after Blair Milo accepted a position in Gov. Eric Holcomb's cabinet. His previous experience includes being a member of LaPorte's Board of Public Works and Safety, director of LaPorte Savings Bank and chief executive officer of Thanhardt-Burger Corp. He will answer questions after his program.



Krentz

Dinner With the League is presented by League of Women Voters LaPorte County. The public is invited, and reservations are not required; however, a donation is requested from non-members. Attendees are encouraged to arrive at 5:30 p.m. and can buy dinner from the menu.

Email LWVLaPorte@gmail.com for details.

Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Summer Reading Program: "Labyrinth" at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 5.**

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• **Free Gentle Flow Yoga at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 7.**

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Trains, which bills itself as THE railroading magazine, trains its spotlight in this month's issue on the “Indiana hot spot” of Michigan City.

That's right.

The railroad industry's respected journal has tagged Michigan City as “Indiana's passenger-train paradise (that) provides all-day action.”

You will find Brian Schmidt's report and photos on Page 64, and you will be happy to know that “*in a state known for its many train-watching hot spots, Michigan City, Ind., stands apart from the rest.*”



The westbound Pere Marquette on final approach to St. Joseph, Mich., before heading for Michigan City.

Schmidt notes that Amtrak and the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, which we know and love as the South Shore Line, offer regular passenger service on three routes through Michigan City.

I know because I have ridden on all three lines, and yes, as Schmidt suggests, I have done my share of “train watching by timetable,” particularly at the South Shore's Carroll Avenue station which, of course, we know and love as Shops.

Indeed, as Schmidt notes, “*South Shore Line commuter trains make up the bulk of Michigan City's rail traffic. Weekday trains are set up for a workday commute to Chicago with intermittent daytime service.*”

He also cites South Shore Freight, which ap-

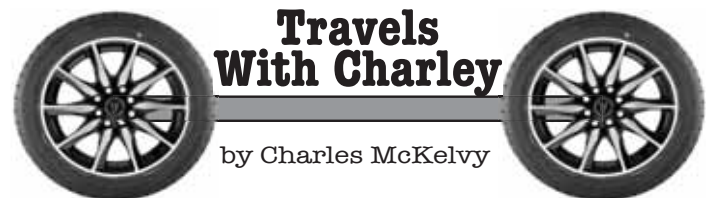


A South Shore Freight locomotive ready for action at Carroll Avenue.

pears between commuter trains, saying the best place to watch those orange locomotives haul freight through town is along 11th Street. Not to brag or anything, but I can honestly claim to have seen 11th Street from the cab of a South Shore Freight locomotive. That was back in October 2007 when

I wrote a ride-along feature on the railroad for *The Beacher*. Tough work, but somebody had to do it, and I have to say, my day with those professional railroaders was as good as it gets for a lifelong railroad enthusiast. Or, if you will, train watcher, or train spotter.

But I digress, when I should be quoting Schmidt, who writes: “*Amtrak operates 10 trains through town, the Blue Water and three Wolverine round trips on its own line (along Fourth Street in town) and the Pere Marquette on CSX, which crosses Franklin Street near the football stadium). An NS (Norfolk Southern) local runs east in the morning, often following the first Amtrak train, and returns west in the afternoon. An old concrete coaling tower, drawbridge and diamond crossing with the South Shore add interest to this line.*”



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What Schmidt is saying is, Michigan City is THE place for some of the best train watching in the country.

But you already knew that because, if you're anything like me, you take the South Shore into Chicago for business and/or pleasure, and because you're forever seeing one Amtrak train or another whizz past as you're driving through town.

Actually, the Pere Marquette doesn't speed through Michigan City, and I say that from the experience of one who often takes that train from St. Joseph, Mich., to Chicago and back for day trips to the Windy City. You trot right along through South-west Michigan and into Northwest Indiana, then the train slows to a sensible canter as it proceeds



You'll find this former New York Central coaling tower on the Amtrak line along U.S. 12.

through town. Some passengers object, but I rather like that slower pace through Michigan City, because I can do some reverse train watching and see who's out and about that particular day.

So there you have it, rail fans, "Train watching by timetable" in an Indiana "passenger-train paradise" that "provides all-day action."

Be kind and courteous to any and all train watchers attracted to Michigan City by Schmidt's article, and politely suggest they stick around for a while after they've exhausted their big, honking cameras and dine and enjoy Michigan City's many other attractions.

And, knowing I have no affiliation whatsoever with *Trains*, do see what it has to offer by visiting www.TrainsMag.com. Who knows, you may find yourself watching trains in somebody else's backyard.



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Coast Guard Day @ Museum

Old Lighthouse Museum and Michigan City Historical Society will celebrate the grand opening of a new exhibit, "U.S. Coast Guard Station Michigan City," on Friday, July 6.

Museum hours will be extended, with doors open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission and parking are free. A special guest that day is Mary Lou Guthridge, the first woman to serve at the Michigan City station, beginning her career here in 1979 and serving until 1987.

The exhibit is collaboration between museum staff and the U.S. Coast Guard Station, members of which will be present July 6 to answer questions about the service and explain its history. Michigan City's station began in 1837 as the U.S. Life Saving Service and officially became the U.S. Coast Guard in 1915, when the Life Saving Service merged with the Revenue Cutter Service established by Alexander Hamilton in 1790.

Tour the museum grounds and see a restored 1927 surf boat used by the Coast Guard until 1942. View artifacts from ships lost in storms, and learn the story of the Eastland disaster that took the lives of 844 people bound for Washington Park for a company picnic in 1915. Visitors also can tour the 1858 lighthouse and browse the collection of Michigan City Historical Society, which is celebrating its 45th year.

"Summer of Love" Fashion Show

LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., will host its third event of the "Summer of Love" season, a fashion show, at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 7.

The show features the Historical Society's clothing collection from the 1960s and 1970s, along with the vintage collection of Sandy Young, who will model that day. Some fashions shown include hostess dresses, evening gowns and a Jackie Kennedy look-alike outfit.

The "Summer of Love" display runs through August. Featured are more fashions and an exhibit of news events from the 1960s. The Historical Society recently acquired all new mannequins, which make their debut this summer.

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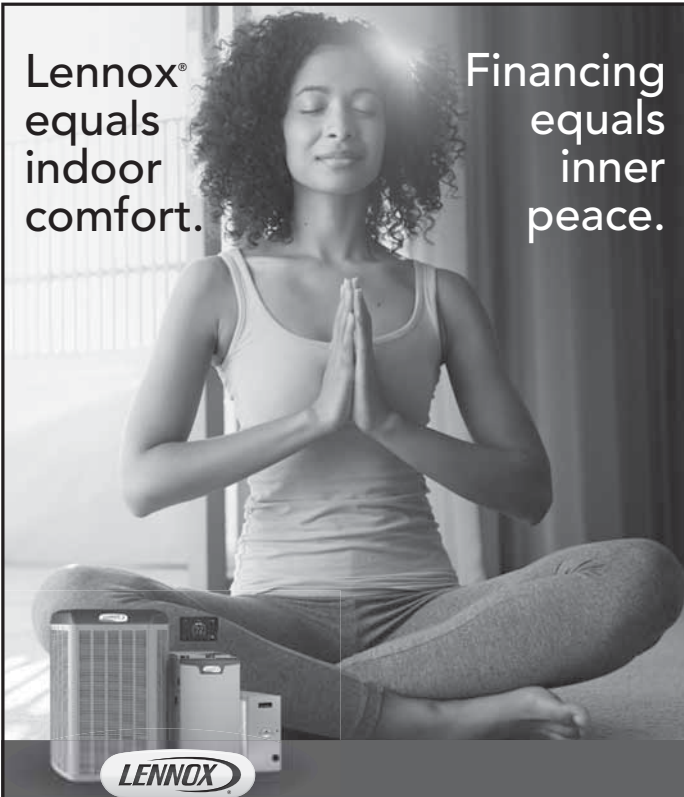
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South Shore Interpretative Program

The National Park Service and East Troy (Wis.) Railroad Museum will host a joint interpretative program featuring historic South Shore Railroad Car 33 on Saturday, July 7, during the museum's annual "Chicago Day" event.

Car 33 is one of 19 historic South Shore cars conveyed to the NPS in 1984 after the Chicago, South Shore & South Bend Railroad decommissioned them. Since 1984, the NPS has worked with numerous organizations to preserve the historic cars, and finally succeeded in securing their preservation in 2010 by transferring them to railroad museums.

East Troy Railroad Museum received eight of the 19 cars because it demonstrated the ability to preserve, maintain and operate them through a large contingent of volunteers.

Several of the restored historic South Shore cars will be in operation during "Chicago Day" on July 7, which also includes an evening dinner train (advanced reservations are required).

The South Shore cars will depart the museum hourly from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. CDT. NPS rangers will be at the museum, and volunteers will ride in each car to answer questions about the NPS, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and South Shore history.

East Troy Railroad operates on 7.5 miles of electric rail line that has been in continuous operation for more than 100 years. The museum has been in operation since 1972. It is the only one in the country that regularly operates historic South Shore cars on an electric interurban line. Its operating season extends April through October, with special holiday events in December. Visit easttroyrr.org/ for details.

New Beach Pathway

Work on a new path to the Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk beach is completed, replacing the one destroyed by early spring storms.

Those storms also caused a viewing platform to collapse. In addition to trail work, volunteers and staff from the City of Portage and National Park Service removed a large amount of storm debris from the beach.

While the beach is open, visitors will find a narrower sand beach due to the erosion, higher water levels in Lake Michigan and a nearby harbor structure that impedes sand flow. Exposed rocks to the east are dangerous and should be avoided. The beach has no lifeguards, so visitors must know when the lake is safe. Large waves are dangerous and can be accompanied by deadly rip currents.

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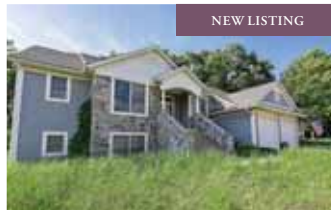
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The new exhibit "Summer Days" will celebrate everything related to the season in Northwest Indiana at Southern Shore Art Association, with an opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 6. The exhibit continues through July 29 at the SSAA gallery, 724 Franklin St. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Visit www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com or the SSAA Facebook page for details. Pictured is a work by Phillip Fancone.



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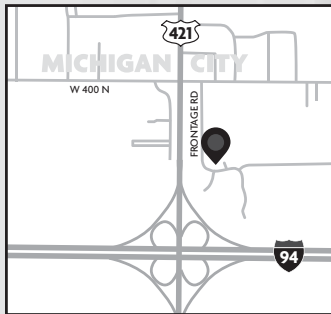
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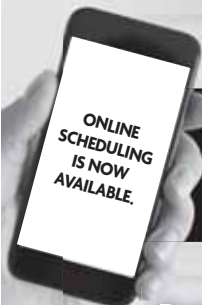
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Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series

The 17th season of the Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series continues Wednesday, July 11, at Christ Church (the former First Congregationalist Church), 531 Washington St.

All performances are free and at 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays.

Performing July 11 is Michael Soto, who studied organ performance at the University of Texas. He then spent two years studying privately at the church of St-Etienne-du-Mont in Paris.

He has served as organist and music director in churches across the U.S., as well as in France and Tunisia. He currently serves as music director of St. John's Episcopal Church in Flossmoor, Ill. He also is the accompanist of the Grande Prairie Choral Arts Society, and serves as secretary of the Chicago chapter of the American Guild of Organists. In September 2016, he was a guest soloist with Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra for a performance of the Saint-Saëns Organ Symphony.

Soto's July 11 program — one week after Independence Day, three days before Bastille Day — will explore the musical exchange between the U.S. and France in the 19th and 20th centuries, including works of Aaron Copland, Jean Langlais and Marcel Dupré.

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The 45-minute, low-impact mindfulness program starts at 7:45 a.m. and meets at Luhr County Park Nature Center, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La-Porte. Dates are:

- July 9, 16, 18, 23, 25 and 30.
- Aug. 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29.

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- July 11 — "Diabetes Awareness and Sugar Glucose" with Clarise Largen of LaPorte Hospital.
- Aug. 1 — "Meditation, Relaxation and Chair Yoga" with Danielle Kessler of The Crossing.

Tuesday Treasures

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

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

- July 17 — "Connecting Habitats," effects on animal homes.
- July 24 — "Rock Your Planet," outer space.

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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.

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• **Make N Take Kids Craft Time on Saturday, July 7, at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Children can stop by anytime during the day (while supplies last) and make patriotic red, white and blue windsocks to celebrate July.

• **Ukulele Rocks from 3 to 4 p.m. Sundays in July in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The program targets students 10-17 who finished the "Intro" Class. The schedule is: July 8, "Peace Like a River" by unknown composer; July 15, "Bad Moon Rising" by Creedence Clearwater Revival; July 22, "Let it Be" by The Beatles; and July 29, "Rock Around the Clock" by Bill Haley or "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg (student's choice.) Space is limited, and registration is required. The library has ukuleles that can be checked out; however, those with ukuleles should indicate so. Call (219) 926-7696 to register.

• **The Messier The Better for 9- to 30-month-**

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• **Tinker, Create, Invent and Have Fun! from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 9, at Hageman.**

Classes revolve around science, design, engineering and art through project-based work. Space is limited to 12 children, and registration is required by visiting the library or calling (219) 926-9080.

• **Popular Books at 2 p.m. Monday, July 9, at the Thomas Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The focus is Donna Tartt's "Goldfinch."

• **Bifocal Bookies at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, at Hageman Library.**

The focus is Jennifer Clement's "Prayers for the Stolen." Copies are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

• **Teen Writing Workshop: Writing Fictional Stories Using Time Travel with Heather Augustyn from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, July 10-12, in the Thomas Library Computer Classroom.**

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• **Mad About Mysteries at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Joan Costello will present Emily Brightwell's Mrs. Jeffries series. Refreshments will be served.

• **Tween Dance Craft Revolution for children 8-12 on Wednesdays.**

Participants create a craft and learn a dance or game from a different period in music history. The schedule is: July 11, 3 p.m., Hageman, country-western. Registration is required. Call (219) 926-7696.

• **1920s Summer History Camp at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

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The first session, for youth entering grades 4-6, is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 10-13. The second session, for youth entering grades 7-10, is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 17-20. The camp is free, and youth receive a T-shirt. Snacks and water are provided. Registration ends June 29. Camp size is limited to 16 per session. Call (219) 983-9715 to register or stop by the museum.

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- **Crown Point:** Tuesday July 17 from 1-5 PM (11055 Broadway Suite E)
- **Highland:** Tuesday July 17 from 1-5 PM (2144 45th St.)
- **Valparaiso:** Thursday July 19 from 1-5 PM (3125 Calumet Ave., Suite 8)
- **La Porte:** Thursday July 19 from 1-5 PM (1405 E. Lincolnway Suite B)

Screens are 20 minutes long

We have 12 spots available at each location.

Here is how you sign up...

- **Crown Point:** Call Ana at 219-310-8278.
- **Highland:** Call Kristine at 219-301-7961.
- **Valparaiso:** Call Shane or Meghan at 219-548-8770.
- **La Porte:** Call Laura at 219-380-0809.

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Spectacular Pageant

Drum Corps International hosted its popular Pageant of Drums on June 24 at Ames Field.

- The competitors included:
- Colt Cadets — Dubuque, Iowa.
 - Pioneer — Milwaukee.
 - Genesis — Austin, Texas.
 - Colts — Dubuque.
 - Blue Stars — La Crosse, Wis.
 - The Cadets — Allentown, Pa.
 - Boston Crusaders — Boston, Mass.
 - The Cavaliers — Rosemont, Ill.

The Cavaliers took first place in the World Class Division and the Colt Cadets first place in the Open Class Division.

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Middle-Schoolers Attend Summer Leadership Camp



Leadership LaPorte County recently completed its 10th annual Summer Leadership Camp for middle-school students.

The camp at Kesling Park targeted students in sixth through eighth grades from throughout LaPorte County who participated in activities to teach leadership skills and positive character development. The youth were nominated by their school, the camp funded by a Healthcare Foundation of LaPorte grant and the 34th class of Leadership's adult program. Members of that class made a significant donation to Leadership LaPorte County Youth at their graduation ceremony in May.

Facilitators were Monica Komaskinski, Leadership LaPorte County executive director, Mary Foell, LaPorte County Purdue Extension community development extension educator, and Youth Service Bureau staff. They

were assisted by volunteers from Leadership LaPorte County's board and past members of the LLCY program.

"Camp activities are designed to provide experiential learning of key concepts such as team-building, personal responsibility, self-confidence and respect for others," Komaskinski said in a press release.

During the school year, the students will continue leadership training with meetings and activities that focus on the community, volunteerism, philanthropy, servant leadership and civic responsibility.

As a result of a partnership with Youth Service Bureau and Unity Foundation of LaPorte County, a select group of these students will learn about grant making for youth projects in LaPorte County.

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Fernwood Botanical Garden

The following programs are through Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich.:

• **Fernwood's Bluebirds from 2 to 3:30 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 7.**

Guests learn about the bird's natural history and how to attract them to a backyard nest, then walk part of the bluebird trail. The cost is \$12, while members cost \$10. Children 10 and younger are free.

• **From Mints to Milkweeds from 1 to 2:30 p.m. EDT Sunday, July 8.**

The class emphasizes midsummer wildflowers, followed by an afternoon walk through Fernwood's gardens. The cost is \$12, while members cost \$10.

• **Second Sunday Concert from 4 to 5 p.m. EDT Sunday, July 8.**

WAUS Radio and Fernwood present another season of Second Sunday Concerts through September on Fernwood's Green. Peter Aglinskis is the performer. Admission to the garden is free after 3:30 p.m. EDT.

• **Summer Yoga from 12:15 to 1:30 and 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. EDT Wednesday, July 11.**

All levels are welcome, with the class incorporating yang (energetic movement) and yin (restorative) poses. The cost is \$12, or \$10 for members.



Call (269) 695-6491 or visit www.fernwoodbotanical.org for more information and to confirm the status of classes.

Harbor Country Hikers

"What is Spicer Lake" marks the next Harbor Country Hikers program at 9 a.m. EDT Saturday, July 7, at Spicer Lake Preserve near New Carlisle.

Leading the hike through the 300 acres of wetlands and woodlands is Michael Klingerman. Starting on the boardwalk to the observation platform, she will provide a history of the area known for its kingfishers, sandhill cranes, hawks, pileated woodpeckers and blue herons. Beavers, otters, snapping turtles, three species of salamanders, garter snakes and perhaps a bobcat may be seen along the Lancaster Trail Loop and Glacial Flats Trail going to the Buttonbush Wetland overlook.

The preserve is at County Road 1000 North and Country Line Road, just south of the Indiana/Michigan border. The two-hour hike is about 2.5 miles long and of moderate difficulty. Boots and bug spray are advised.

Membership costs \$20 for individuals or \$30 for families. Although membership is encouraged, the events are open to adults and children if accompanied by an adult.

Visit harborcountryhikers.com for details.



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Chesterton Art Center

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

• **Jean Barger** is the guest artist in July, with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 8.

An Ogden Dunes resident, Barger has been painting for 65 years. She varies her technique depending on the subject matter, which encompasses everything from landscapes to portraits. Recently, she has focused on oil painting as her primary medium.



Jean Barger's painting of the stairs at West Beach.

Barger is a member of Area Artist Association and Southern Shore Art Association. In 2005, she spent a month in Ireland painting *en plein air*, which endeared her to the method. When she returned, she joined Duneland Plein Air Painters and has participated in the group ever since. She also is an active member of Chesterton Art Center and Art Barn School of Art.

The exhibit runs through July 30.

• **Mary Acton will host Pysanky egg classes for adults and children 10 and older.**

Classes are from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 14.

Students use wax to control various dyes on the eggs. Participants may choose from a variety of patterns or design their own. By the end of class, each person will have completed an egg or two.

Class sizes are limited to 10 to afford students individual attention. Each class costs \$65, with members receiving a \$20 discount.

• **Local painter Mark VanderVinne will host Critique Night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11.**

Guests are welcome, with no prior registration required. All ability 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 a piece of work at any stage, from

conception to the final version. While it is a safe and friendly environment, it is a critique involving VanderVinne and others providing advice and insight into the effectiveness of the work or artistic concept.

• **Leslie Cefali will teach a four-week Quilting Gone Wrong class beginning from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 12.**

Cefali, according to a press release, says traditional quilting rules will be tossed out the window. No sewing or quilting experience is necessary.

The cost is \$125, with members receiving a \$20 discount. A materials list will be provided.

• **Life Drawing Open Studio from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays.**

An open studio setting, artists should take their own supplies and clean up afterward. There is no formal instruction. A fully clothed model serves as the subject matter.

The cost of each session is \$10, plus a tip for the model. The summer session runs through the end of August.

• **Two weeks of Kids Summer Art Camps are planned in July.**

Each camp runs Monday through Thursday, with ages 4-7 meeting from 9 to 11 a.m. and 8 and older meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The camps are: July 16-19, "Third Coast Art;" and July 23-26, "Black & White Art."

For "Third Coast Art" week, the projects include Lake Michigan/dunes art, canoe sculptures, salt dough fish, beach life wooden art and sand paintings. "Black & White Art" week includes pen and ink owls, zentangle, string and nail art, and clay sculptures.

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Carpenter Mike Belzowski and his crew gave LaPorte County Historical Society Museum's W.A. Jones Collection of Ancient Weapon a face-lift. The historical society invited Jones family descendants to the grand re-opening on Saturday, June 23.

Dine for the Depot

The Dunes' Woman's Club will sponsor "Dine for the Depot," a fundraiser to benefit Beverly Shores Museum and Art Gallery.

Participating venues donate a portion of the food cost to the building often referred to as "The Depot."

The schedule is:

- July 8: The Rolling Stonebaker pizza truck in Beverly Shores, east of Broadway on U.S. 12. No coupon is required.
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Two options exist for students with serious interest in advancing their singing skills. Children ages 5-10 are taught from 9 a.m. to noon, and older children and teens 10-18 from 1 to 3 p.m., for four days. The fifth day (Friday), students present a public musical program at 3 p.m.

The faculty are Jennifer Muniz, Indiana University professor of piano, and Kim Jones, soprano of the Lyric Opera of Chicago tenure. Tom Coe, La-Porte High School choral director, will direct the afternoon group. Muniz will accompany both groups on piano, with Jones as performance coach for soloists from both groups.

Education Director Sunny Orbovich will teach the morning group, which concludes with a daily art period.

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Johnny V

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The Up N Smoke food truck will be present, and beer and wine will be available.

Tickets are on sale at the door the day of the event. The cost is \$5 for 13 and older, while 12 and younger are free. Music starts at 7 p.m.

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The following programs are available:

• **Community Hike and Sunset Paddle from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 5, in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.**

The hike, limited to 20 people, heads through the Miller Woods oak savanna, the paddle on Marquette Lagoon. Make reservations at (219) 395-1824. Marquette Park is two miles north of U.S. 12.

• **Mount Baldy Summit Hike from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Fridays and 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sundays.**

The Mount Baldy parking lot and beach are open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily after being closed for the last several years. The dune, however, is still closed for general public use, so the ranger-led hike offers the chance to experience the dune as much as is possible. No reservations are required. The parking lot is located off U.S. 12.

• **Beginning Birding from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays through Sept. 1 at the Great Marsh Trail.**

A ranger leads the hike. Meet at the parking lot on Broadway north of the Beverly Shores train station.

• **Playdate in the Nature Play Zone from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 7, at The Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Explore Miller Woods, build a fort, climb a tree, create nature art and feed the resident fish, turtles, snakes, toads and frogs. Dress for the weather.

• **Pinhook Bog Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 8.**

Talk a self-guided tour of the bog and talk to rangers along the trail for a better understanding of the site filled with carnivorous plants and orchids. Arrive by 2 p.m. to allow about one hour to walk the trail and tour the bog. The bog parking lot is at 700 N. Wozniak Road in Michigan City.

• **Volunteer at Miller Woods from 1 to 3 p.m.**

Saturdays and Sundays.

Join staff and fellow volunteers to help restore the Miller Woods oak savanna. Wear comfortable clothes; work gloves and equipment will be provided. Dress for the weather, and be prepared to walk off trail.

• **Beach Fun Saturdays from 1 p.m. to about 30 minutes past sunset every Saturday through Sept. 1 at West Beach.**

Try a kayak or paddleboard starting at 1 p.m. All equipment is provided for free. A one-hour sunset hike on the Dune Succession Trail starts at 7 p.m. from the Ranger Contact Station in the north end of the parking lot. A beach campfire, complete with marshmallow roasting, starts shortly before sunset. Meet at the West Beach parking lot, 376 N. County Line Road, Portage. A \$6 per car parking fee is charged until 7 p.m. Take a picnic dinner and warmer clothing for the evening sunset and beach campfire.

• **Bailly/Chellberg History Hike from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 8.**

Explore the grounds of both historic homes, and learn about early settlers and farmers who came to the region in the 1800s. Park at the Bailly/Chellberg parking lot off Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter.

• **Miller Woods Hike from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, July 8, at Paul H. Douglas Center.**

The ranger-led stroll explores a rare black oak savanna, and offers views of Lake Michigan and Chicago.

• **Feed the Farm Animals at Chellberg Farm from 4 to 5 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 28.**

The farm's current residents include cows, pigs and chickens. The animals are at the farm through a partnership with Dunes Learning Center, Friends of Indiana Dunes, 4-H Club of Porter County and the FFA of Westville. Chellberg Farm is off Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 20 and 12 in Porter.

• **Parents and toddlers can participate in the Nature Tots program from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, July 11, at the Paul H. Douglas Center.**

Children 2-4 will learn about nature through a ranger-led story time, crafts and outdoor play.

• **Sunset Around the Fire at the Pavilion from 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, 100 Riverwalk Road.**

Catch a Lake Michigan sunset from the pavilion, and roast marshmallows from the fireplace.

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.

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Pop Up Tour

Barker Mansion staff will host the next Pop Up Tour site, St. Mary the Immaculate Conception, from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 7.

Participants meet at the mansion, 631 Washington St., and walk as a group to St. Mary, 411 W. 11th St. The church is 151 years old and intertwined with Barker history. Learn the Barker connection, and view the Alfonso Iannelli altar and Stations of the Cross. Mansion Heritage Interpreter T.J. Kalin and St. Mary historian Pat Harris will lead the group.

The event costs \$10 per adult and \$5 per senior or youth. Proceeds are split between the two organizations. Registration is required at Eventbrite or by calling the mansion at (219) 873-1520, Ext. 5.

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The camp emphasized skills needed for a career in cyber security, skills cadets use when competing in Cyber Patriot, the national cyber-security game where they act as security managers for an organization, defending and counterattacking against a cyber attack.

The camp did not cost the cadets nor MCHS, with funding by the National Security Agency and National Science Foundation.

The curriculum covered:

- Cyber security awareness training through educational games.
- Implementing a cyber-security awareness Virtual Reality game.
- Arduino-based robot game design and security design principles.
- Ethical hacking and digital forensics practice.
- Team competition to solve a simulated computer forensics case.

Camp attendees came from as far west as the Chicago metro area and as far east as Michigan City. MCHS had the most students from any one high school.

"Most of our extracurricular activities are physical in nature: drill team, rifle team, raider team, along with community service and participating in parades and ceremonies," Master Sgt. Jeff Benak said in a press release. "Cyber Patriot really tests our cadets' mental abilities."

The drill team will continue to practice throughout the summer in preparation for next year's season. Its goal is to qualify for and win the National MCJROTC meet in April 2019 in the Washington, D.C., area.

Cadets also participate in numerous parades and community service events. The largest is Michigan City Area Schools' Back-to-School Rally on Aug. 9, which provides free school supplies to thousands of students. Cadets help with preparation Aug. 7-8, then the event itself.



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Michigan City Art League

Michigan City Art League member Paul Ortega will present a class for children 9-14 accompanied by an adult from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 14, at the Faith City Assembly of God activities building, 1314 S. Woodland Ave.

The class title is "Create a Galaxy with Watercolor." Ortega, who specializes in outer space paintings, will share his techniques. The cost is \$45 for one (adult) and \$60 for a child and adult. Checks may be mailed to: Michigan City Art League, P.O. Box 9720, Michigan City, IN 46360. Include names and email information.

Call Betty Thomas at (219) 879-0903 for reservations or more information.

Dunes Adventure Camp

Dunes Learning Center will offer teens everything from guided hikes to a backcountry experience during Dunes Adventure Camp on Monday through Friday, July 16-20.

Aimed at teens ages 14-17, the five-day/four-night event also features fishing, kayaking, photography and artistic interpretation. A beach party and glow night round out the offerings.

The cost is \$450. Visit duneslearningcenter.org/ public to register or for more details. Dunes Learning Center is located at 700 Howe Road, Chesterton.



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Casual Classics Concert

Grandmaster fiddler Matt Combs joins singer/mandolin/guitar player Scott Simontacchi for South-west Michigan Symphony Orchestra's second Casual Classics Concert, "Songs & Stories," at 6 p.m. EDT Thursday, July 12, at The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 513 Ship St., St. Joseph, Mich.

After spending decades in Nashville, Combs and Simontacchi play a mixture of styles, from bluegrass to folk to original music.

"We will be talking about the music we will be playing from the stage," Combs said in a press release. "The set list...tends to be a moving target. It should have an informal living room feel — playing and talking about music. I'm really looking forward to the show."



Matt Combs



Scott Simontacchi

Combs is credited with many achievements, including fiddler and mandolinist for America's longest-running radio show, "The Grand Ole Opry," member of the Rayna James band from the hit show "Nashville," 2012 Grandmaster Fiddler champion and adjunct professor of fiddling at Vanderbilt's Blair School of Music. He also toured with singer/country music icon Reba McEntire.

Simontacchi is a singer-songwriter-photographer-actor-mandolin and guitar player. Also a member of the Rayna James band from "Nashville," he has performed with Travis Tritt, Ricky Skaggs and Robert Earl Keen.

Tickets, which are \$35, can be purchased at www.sonso.org or by calling the SMSO office at (269) 982-4030. Tickets include a light summer supper and wine.



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- First Church of God, 2020 E. Lincolnway, LaPorte, noon to 6 p.m. Monday, July 9.
- Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St., 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, July 13.

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.

Heritage Arts and Crafts Fair

Civil War Days in Three Oaks Committee is seeking crafters to participate in the Heritage Arts and Crafts Fair.

Spaces are available in Dewey Cannon Park, 14 Maple St., Three Oaks, on Saturday and Sunday, July 28-29. Crafts such as sewing, quilts, knitting, soap, candles and shawls are welcome. Participants may display goods to sell and/or demonstrate skills. The cost is \$20 for one day or \$30 for both. Participants must provide a tent, tables and chairs.

The registration deadline is Saturday, July 14. Email cwinthreeoaks@yahoo.com for details, or find the form at civilwardaysthreeoaks.jimdo.com

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

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LaPorte County Genealogical Society

"Accessing FAMILY SEARCH's Digital Records" is the program of the next LaPorte County Genealogical Society meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, at LaPorte Park Department, 250 Pine Lake Ave.

Marlene Petty Polster, Lake County county genealogist and Porter County Public Library professional, will help navigate the extensive data collections of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Recent changes in how these records are distributed will change strategies needed to use them.

Light refreshments will be served at the meeting. Visit lpcgs.blogspot.com for details.

National Hot Dog Day

National Hot Dog Day this year falls on Monday, July 23, and Top Dog Restaurant will celebrate all month long.

In 1893, Austrian-Hungarian immigrants Emil Reichel and Sam Ladany created the Vienna Beef hot dog, its debut at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. The hot dog was a staple during the Depression, when entrepreneurial push cart driver's created the "Chicago Dog" as a complete meal.

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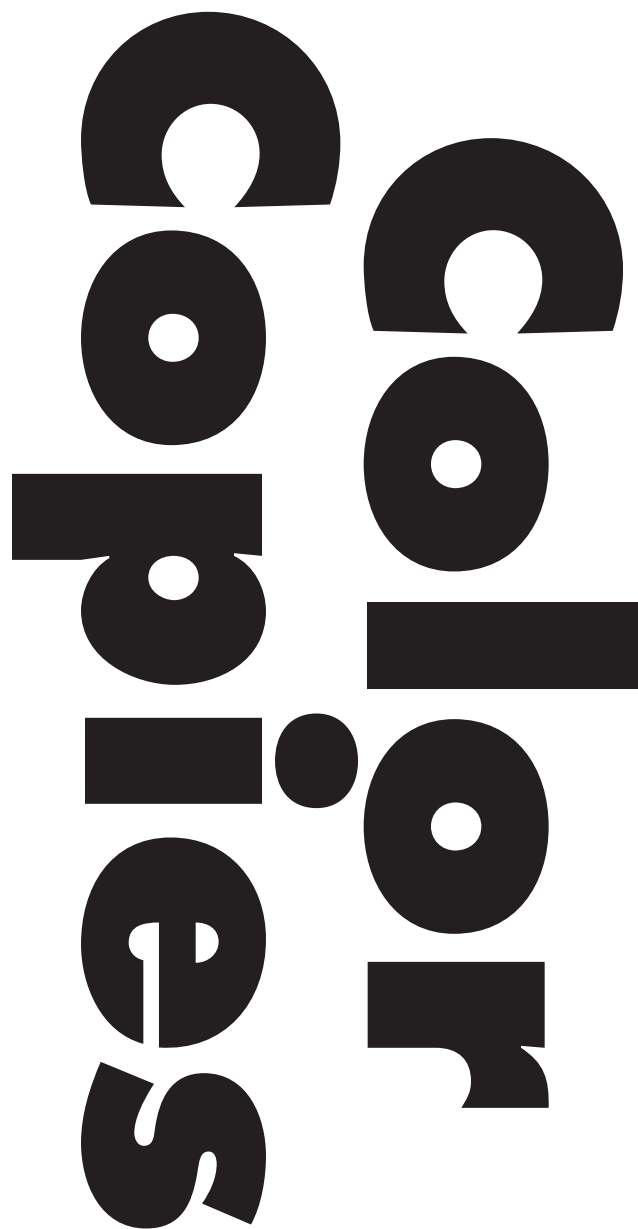
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Activities to Explore

In the Area:

July 4-5 — Arts in the Park, LaPorte's Fox Park.
July 4: LaPorte City Band/July 5: Cripple Creek
Stone Lake Beach Party. Pre-show music/6:15 p.m.,
concerts/7 p.m. Info: www.artsintheparklaporte.com

July 5 — Summer Reading Program: "Laby-
rinth," 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100
E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

July 5-14 — "End of the Rainbow," Canterbury
Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Times: 2 p.m. Wed.-Thur.,
7:30 p.m. Fri., 6:30 p.m. Sat. Tickets: \$16-\$17. Info:
(219) 874-4269, info@canterburytheatre.org

July 6 — First Friday in the Chapel, Mary Kay
Steele & Me and the Boys, noon, LaPorte Hospital
Family Chapel. Free. Info: (219) 325-7633.

July 6 — First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m., Up-
town Arts District (downtown Michigan City).

July 6 — Artist reception, Edwin Shelton, 5-8
p.m., The Rising Phoenix Gallery, 2803 Franklin St.
Info: (480) 206-0964.

July 6 — Coast Guard exhibit, 5-8 p.m., Old
Lighthouse Museum, Washington Park. Info: www.oldlighthousemuseum.org

July 6 — Opening reception, "Warhol: Icon & In-
fluence," 5-8 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101
W. Second St. Info: www.lubeznikcenter.org

July 6-8 — "Noises Off," Dunes Summer Theatre,
288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. Times: 7
p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$18, \$15/ stu-
dents & seniors. Reservations: (219) 879-7509,
dunesartsfoundation.org

July 6-11 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three
Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "Tully." Rated R. Times:
6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also Showing:* "The Seagull." Rat-
ed PG-13. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun.
Also Showing: "Bending the Arc." Not Rated. Time:
7 p.m. July 10. *Also Showing:* "Death By Design."
Not Rated. Time: 7 p.m. July 11. All times Eastern.
Info: vickerstheatre.com

July 7 — Harbor Country Hikers, "What is Spicer
Lake," 9 a.m. EDT, Spicer Lake Preserve near
New Carlisle. Info: harborcountryhikers.com

July 7 — "Summer of Love" fashion show, 1 p.m.,
LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405
Indiana Ave. Info: (219) 324-6767.

July 7 — Barker Mansion Pop Up Tour (St. Mary
the Immaculate Conception), 7-9 p.m. Tour starts @
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seniors or youth. Reservations: Eventbrite, (219)
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July 7 — The Newports, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn
Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich.
Tickets: \$15. Info: www.acorntheater.org, (269) 756-
3879.

July 8 — Native American Heritage Day, noon-4
p.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12.
Free. Info: friendshipgardens.org

July 8 — Opening reception, Jean Barger on exhibit, 2-4 p.m., Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Info: www.chestertonart.com

July 8 — Log Cabin Committee Ham & Bean Dinner, 5-7 p.m., LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2, LaPorte.

July 8-14 — LaPorte County Fair, LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2. Info: lpfair.com

July 9 — Popular Books, Donna Tartt's "Goldfinch," 2 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

July 10 — Dinner With the League, LaPorte Mayor Mark Krentz, 6 p.m., Patrick's Grille, 4125 Franklin St. Info: LWVLaPorte@gmail.com

July 11 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Michael Soto, 12:15 p.m., Christ Church (the former First Congregationalist Church), 531 Washington St. Free. Info: (219) 608-5358.

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: ssmcfarmersmarket@gmail.com, (219) 851-1785.

Saturdays — Michigan City Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Eighth and Washington streets. Through October.

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

In the Region

July 8 — Allan Boyd Memorial Strawberry Social, 2-4 p.m. EDT, New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road. Free. Info: (269) 426-4199.

July 8 — Second Sunday Concert, Peter Aglinskas, 4-5 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Info: www.fernwoodbotanical.org, (269) 695-6491.

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

Support Groups

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

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On July 5, 1865, in London, William Booth founded The Salvation Army.

On July 5, 1894, a major fire destroyed several of the buildings left from Chicago's 1893 "Columbian Exposition."

On July 5, 1945, General Douglas MacArthur announced that the Philippines had been liberated from Japanese occupation.

On July 5, 1946, the bikini bathing suit made its debut at a fashion show in Paris.

On July 5, 1997, for the first time, a mechanism produced on Earth roamed the surface of Mars when a robot rover began creeping away from its mothership, the U.S.-launched Pathfinder, which landed on the planet the previous day.

On July 6, 1885, Louis Pasteur first successfully inoculated a human being against rabies.

On July 6, 1919, the first Atlantic crossing by an airship was completed when a British dirigible landed at New York's Roosevelt Field.

On July 6, 1928, the preview of the first all-talking motion picture, Lights of New York, took place at New York's Strand Theatre.

On July 6, 1933, the first all-star major league baseball game was played in Chicago's Comiskey Park. Herman "Babe" Ruth hit a home run, helping the American League to beat the National League by a score of 4-2.

On July 7, 1865, four of John Wilkes Booth's accomplices in the assassination of President Lincoln were hanged. They were Mary E. Surratt, David K. Herold, George A. Atzerodt, and Lewis Payne.

On July 7, 1898, Hawaii was annexed as a territory of the United States.

On July 7, 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill granting statehood to Alaska.

On July 7, 1981, President Reagan nominated Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

On July 8, 1663, England's King Charles II granted clergyman Roger Williams a charter to Rhode Island.

On July 8, 1776, John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, in Philadelphia.

On July 8, 1835, Philadelphia's Liberty Bell cracked as it was being rung for the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall.

On July 8, 1889, *The Wall Street Journal* published its first edition.

On July 8, 1889, the last “bare-knuckles” championship boxing match was held. John L. Sullivan retained his heavyweight title by knocking out Jake Kilrain in the 75th round.

On July 8, 1984, John McEnroe defeated Jimmy Connors to win the Wimbledon men’s singles title.

On July 9, 1776, in New York, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to General George Washington’s troops.

On July 9, 1850, Zachary Taylor, the 12th President of the United States, died in the White House. He served only 16 months of his four year term.

On July 9, 1893, at Chicago’s Provident Hospital, Daniel Hale Williams, a black surgeon, performed the first successful suture of a human heart and pericardium.

On July 9, 1995, the Grateful Dead played its last concert at Chicago’s Soldier Field.

On July 9, 1995, Pete Sampras won the men’s singles title at Wimbledon by defeating Boris Becker.

On July 10, 1553, Lady Jane Grey was proclaimed queen of England.

On July 10, 1913, in the hottest day ever recorded in the United States, the temperature rose to 134 degrees Fahrenheit in California’s Death Valley.

On July 10, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate and urged its ratification.

On July 10, 1925, in Dayton, Tenn., a jury selection took place as schoolteacher John Scopes went on trial, charged with violating the law by teaching Darwin’s theory of evolution.

On July 10, 1938, Howard Hughes, accompanied by a crew of four, completed a flight around the world.

On July 10, 1958, Ezra Pound, after 13 years in an American mental hospital, returned to Italy and told reporters, “All America is an insane asylum.”

On July 11, 1798, an act of Congress created the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Marine Band.

On July 11, 1804, in a pistol duel near the New Jersey town of Weehawken, Aaron Burr killed former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton.

On July 11, 1899, E.B. White, author of children’s books such as “Charlotte’s Web,” was born in Mount Vernon, N.Y.

On July 11, 1934, President Franklin Roosevelt became the first chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal.

On July 11, 1944, President Franklin Roosevelt announced his availability for a fourth term by saying, “If the Convention should nominate me, I shall accept. If the people elect me, I will serve.”

On July 11, 1977, the Medal of Freedom was awarded posthumously to Martin Luther King Jr.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The President is Missing by James Patterson and Bill Clinton (hardcover, \$30 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

How would World War III play out? Troops on the ground? Drone attacks coupled with ICBMs? Or maybe all-out nuclear war? How about something more insidious? A war that would not be seen, but felt — a war that would bring America to its collective knees.

Clinton and Patterson have written a novel that is just as exciting as anything written by Vince Flynn, Mark Greaney or others of the political action/adventure genre. Patterson's signature short chapters with cliffhanger endings are here in abundance, and Clinton's knowledge of the presidency and maneuverings of life on "The Hill" combine to make one exciting read.

The story jumps right into the hectic day of President Duncan — told in his own voice — and the dizzying array of phone calls, staff meetings, paper reading and deciding how he will answer questions at the upcoming Senate probe. It is the beginning of what Speaker of the House Lester Rhodes hopes will lead to the president's impeachment.

Duncan is a recent widower. His beloved wife, Rachel, died of cancer. That left him and his college-age daughter, Lilly. To top it off, Duncan suffered from a blood disorder, ITP (immune thrombocytopenia), a low platelet count, that keeps the blood from clotting as it should.

It's actually amazing he's still alive. He served in Operation Desert Storm as a corporal, then became famous as a POW who stood by his scruples and refused to go on camera for the Iraqis and blame the USA for the war, no matter how they tortured him.

And now, at the Senate hearing, he is asked to explain why, when the chance existed to take out the leader of a well-known terrorist group, Suliman Cindoruk, head of the Sons of Jihad, Duncan pulled troops back, allowing the man to go free. Then, there was the alleged phone call made to Cindoruk by Duncan soon after...what does it all mean, Mr. President?

Rhodes is positively salivating at the thought that Duncan cannot talk his way out of this one, marking the beginning of the end for him.

We hear the words and thoughts of Duncan

through his own voice: What the truth is behind his recent actions, and how he will handle Rhodes. Listening to his reasoning puts an interesting slant on what it must be to hold the most powerful job on earth. It's easy for the public to be an armchair quarterback when you haven't played the game.

Soon, the president gets word the Los Angeles factory of a government contractor making airplanes has blown up, taking with it the next door private health lab that is in partnership with the state and CDC. Is this a warning shot of things to come? And who is behind it? The Russians? Chinese? How about North Korea? Wouldn't it be curious if the threat came from somewhere else entirely?!

When Duncan disappears from sight, only his chief of staff, Carolyn Brock, knows where he is — a secret location known to very few. Secret meetings are arranged, urgent calls to world leaders...I wish I could tell you more, but at this point, the action sweeps into high gear and I can't — make that won't — spoil the whole plot! A plot that is well-written, most frightening and somehow plausible.

As one character in the story says, *"One of the great ironies of the modern age is that the advancements of mankind can make us more powerful and yet more vulnerable at the same time. The greater the power, the greater the vulnerability."* What do you think?

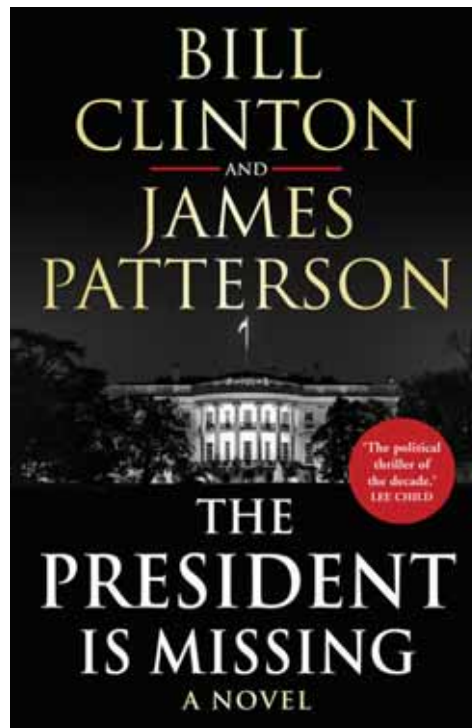
Only the skill of a renowned writer and seasoned politician can come up with a plot that will keep you on the edge of your seat, trying to outfox the authors in guessing the climax. And what a climax! You won't be disappointed. A well laid-out plot that sensitively sidesteps naming which party is in control and which is not.

Some readers might take this book as a political statement. I say, lighten up! Read it for what it is — a well-written, exciting novel I give two enthusiastic thumbs up!

The Wall Street Journal: "Harrowing...Mr. Patterson withholds details until the moment of maximum dramatic effect...beach reading of a high order."

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