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Jumping Joe Gets His Due

by Andrew Holt

Chances are, you've never heard of Joe Savoldi. However, to the people of Three Oaks, Mich., the man is a legend, and with good reason. Savoldi led a life more interesting than most.

Consider, alone, the events surrounding his birth in 1908.

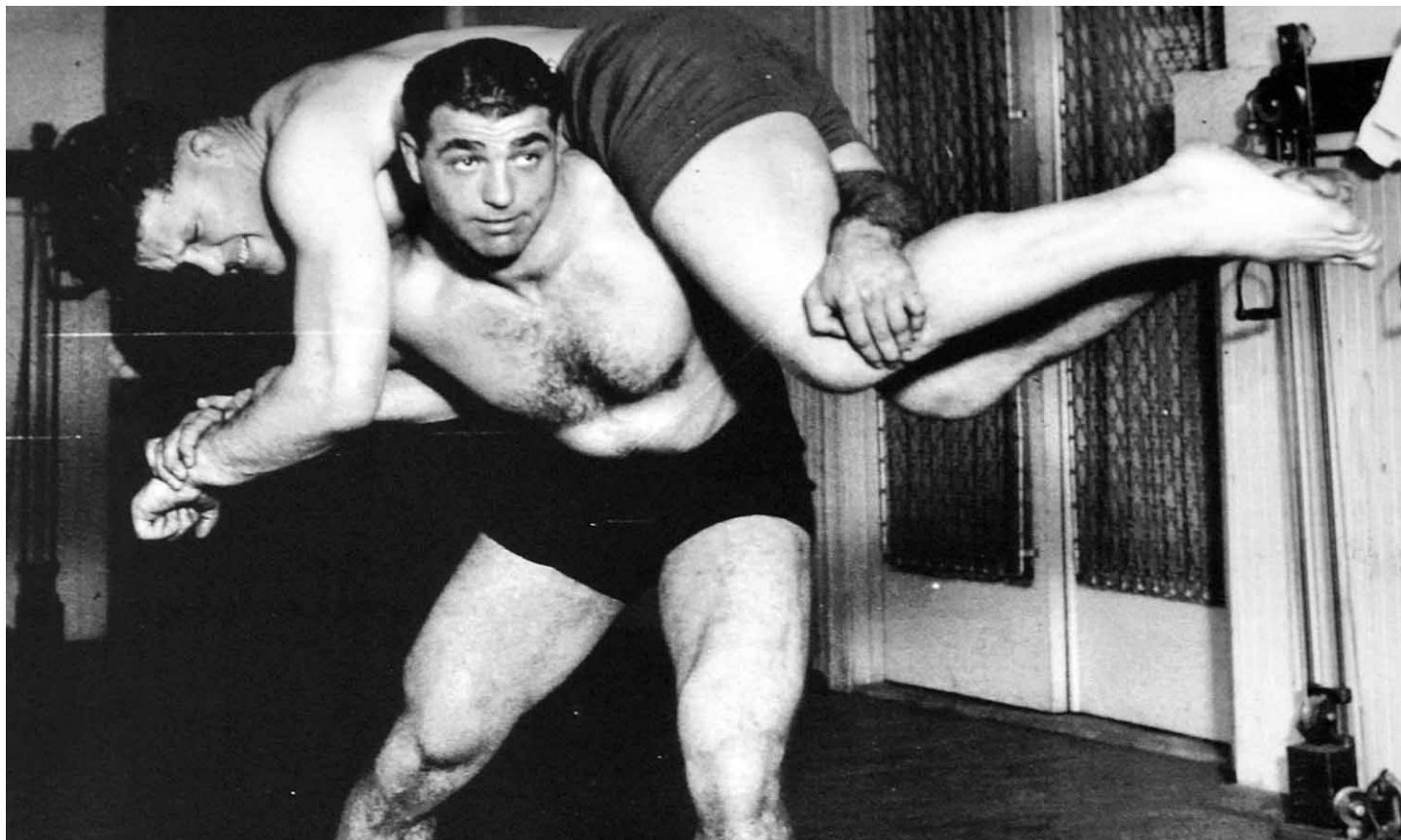
He was the son of first-generation Italian immigrants living in Southwest Michigan. While pregnant with him, his mother rushed back to Italy after learning her father was stabbed by bandits. The stress caused her to give birth two months prematurely in Castano Primo. Her father died around the time Joe was born.

Joe's mother returned to America, leaving him to be raised in Italy by his grandmother and an aunt. Because of his premature birth, he was a sickly child who would not make the trip to America to join his parents until he was 12.

And that's just the beginning to Joe's incredible story that is now the subject of a film, "Joe Savoldi: Gridder, Grappler, Hustler, Spy," that will be shown at noon EDT Saturday, July 21, at Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St. Doors opens at 11 a.m. EDT, and a \$2 donation is requested.

The film is the third project from The Region of

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Joe Savoldi executes an airplane whirl hold during his Notre Dame wrestling career.

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Three Oaks History Museum on the area's history produced by Nick Bogert, a freelance TV producer who serves on the museum's board.

Savoldi is experiencing a resurgence in popularity, having been featured last fall in a history play at The Acorn Theater, "Three Oaks Against the World," written by Allen Turner and directed by Oscar-nominee John Hancock ("Prancer," "Bang the Drum Slowly"). He was portrayed by Northwest Indiana actor Kevin Lee Giese, a familiar face for years at Dunes Summer Theatre in Michiana Shores.

"I'd never heard of Joe Savoldi until embarking on this project for the museum," Bogert said, "but his life unfolded in several very dramatic chapters, and I think this film will be entertaining to sports fans and non-fans alike."

Bogert, who grew up in Chicago, started his career as a TV reporter in Burlington, Vt., and Miami, Fla. As a reporter, he honed skills he would eventually use to make the documentaries he produces today.

"I went to college in Vermont," Bogert told *The Beacher*. "My first job was as the Plattsburgh news bureau. I was a one-man news bureau. I had black-and-white film and equipment that now belongs in a museum, but it was a great place to learn, and a great way to learn because I did everything."

The job meant he wrote the scripts, set up lights and cameras, started filming, recorded news segments and edited them together. All of it laid the groundwork for documentary filmmaking.

"You had to think as a reporter about what pictures you would need as you wrote your script, and you'd think 'oh, why didn't I get that shot? I could

have said this if I'd only gotten that shot,'" Bogert said.

"So, it taught you a lot about how to marry the words and the pictures together, because you were responsible for both."

Bogert then went from being an anchorman in Burlington to working in Miami for 28 years as a reporter specializing in politics and court cases. He covered many high-profile events, such as Elián González, notoriously fished out of the Straights of Florida while attempting to make the crossing with family from Cuba, the controversial 2000 presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore, and the Mariel Boatlift, when Castro opened his

prisons and allowed a mass emigration to Miami from the small island nation.

After nearly 30 years reporting news in Miami, Bogert and his family decided it was time for a change.

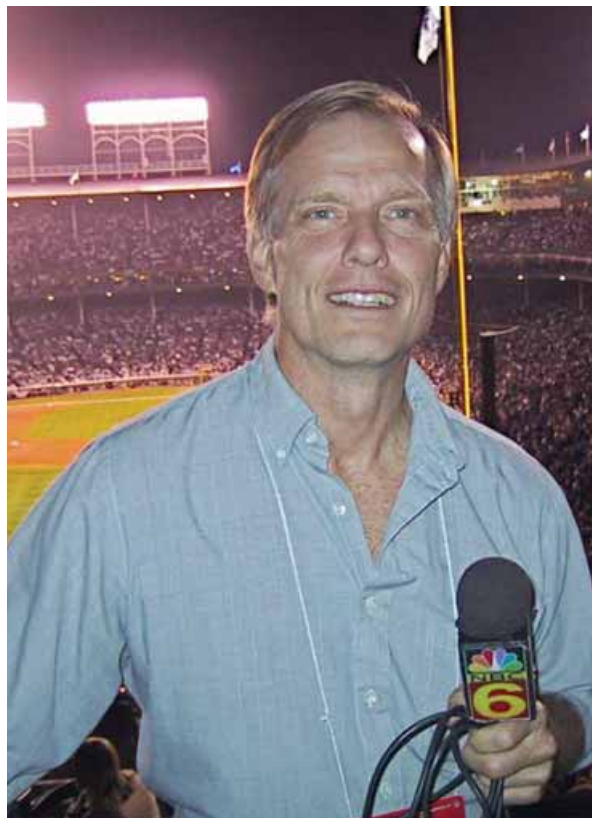
"My wife was never a big Miami fan, and the station I was working for was up for sale," Bogert said. "We decided to move here, to Chicago. I'd done some work for the NBC network bureau here as a producer. I covered the (Rod) Blagojevich retrial here for MSNBC, and I've done smaller projects."

Bogert's work on previous documentaries, such as those on E.K. Warren and the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, prepared him for making the film on "Jumping Joe" Savoldi, as he was known.

Savoldi displayed outstanding intelligence. Since he barely spoke English, he was

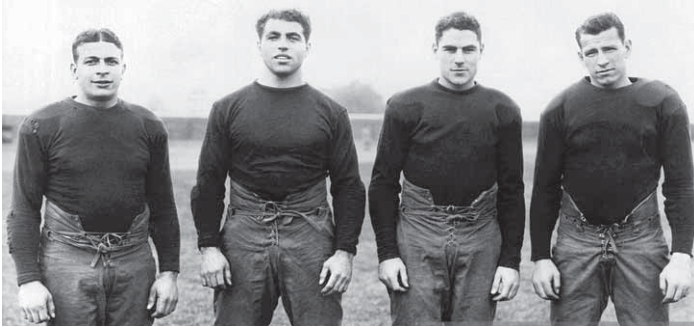
placed in the first grade when was 12. From there, he managed to graduate from high school at 19, only a year later than his peers.

After high school, he went on to play football at the University of Notre Dame, the stocky Italian becoming a star fullback on the 1929 team under legendary Knute Rockne. After getting kicked out



Nick Bogert, photographed in 2003 while at Wrigley Field covering a Cubs game against the Marlins.

of Notre Dame for secretly getting married and pursuing a divorce, Savoldi then played the 1930 football season for the Chicago Bears before becoming a professional wrestling star in the 1930s and 1940s. From there, his career took an abrupt and unexpected change in direction when he joined the Office of Strategic Services, the World War II-era predecessor to the CIA, working as a spy in the European theatre. Eventually, after holding many different jobs and positions, Savoldi settled down and became a high school science teacher at Henderson County High School in Kentucky before he died in 1974.



Joe Savoldi (second from left), during his days at the University of Notre Dame.

"If you put in the name 'Joe Savoldi' (into Google), there's a lot out there," Bogert said. "So, I read some of that and began looking for images, which is a lot of the stuff I've been doing, specifically with the Pokagons and E.K. Warren.

"I went to the Notre Dame Library and read some books, mostly about Knute Rockne, but Savoldi was a player under Knute Rockne, so he was a key figure."

A major hurdle was that while there plenty of information existed out there about Savoldi and his life, much of it was anecdotal, and none of it had been collected into a single volume, which Bogert noted is a goal for Savoldi's grandson, who does not live in the area and is a major source of information for the documentary.

"I think there were mainly five people who were

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Among "Jumping Joe's" enterprises was distributing Red Top beer in Bridgman and Sawyer.

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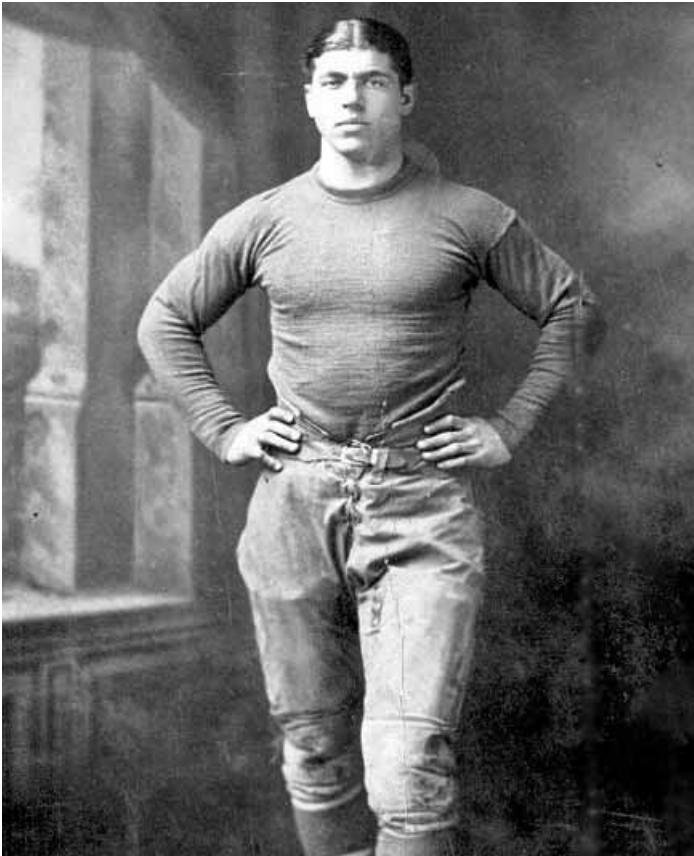
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Joe Savoldi, photographed ready for action.

locals who had something to offer,” Bogert said. “One of them merely talks about the legend — How (Savoldi) carried bricks for his uncle. One of them, his mother was in the graduating class at Three Oaks High and had a story about Joe throwing his books out of the window at one point. One of them had a father that played football for St. Joe and always told him about the time he tried to tackle Joe

Savoldi, and he woke up on the sidelines as they were giving him smelling salts.”

The film is a labor of love whose production involved other local talents, most notably Garth Taylor, who lives in Harbert, Mich., and gives music lessons at The School of American Music in Three Oaks. He composed the film’s score, turning to area musicians to flesh it out, including: Mindy Burns, trumpet; Leslie Blake, flute; Elin Blake, viola; Andrew Tallackson, keyboards; and Taylor, himself, on guitars. Evan Margol served as the recording engineer. It should be noted, as well, that this isn’t the first time Taylor has encountered Savoldi in a Three Oaks production. Last year, he was the music director/conductor for “Three Oaks Against the World.”

The Vickers Theatre screening marks the debut of “Joe Savoldi: Gridder, Grappler, Hustler, Spy.” However, it will be made available during regular hours at The Region of Three Oaks History Museum, 5 Featherbone Ave. DVDs are available at the museum or by calling (269) 756-3547.



Nick Bogert, photographed in Lakeside with his wife, Sally, and son, Taylor.

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by Andrew Tallackson



The incredible life of Fred Rogers takes center stage in “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”

Midway through “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?,” the extraordinary new documentary about Fred Rogers, beloved host of the children’s TV show “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood,” a sensation atypical of me while reviewing films took root.

The feeling was akin to someone holding his breath. We live, after all, in an age when knocking pop culture icons off their golden perches is considered insatiable entertainment. Mostly certainly, the bomb was about to drop that Fred Rogers, the man who for so many represented humanity at its finest, was not what he was cracked up to be.

As the realization settles in that Fred Rogers *was* the persona he projected, that he walked the walk, leading by example, a aura of peace consumes you. You exit the theater convinced of having spent the past 90 minutes in the presence of greatness.

“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” is precisely the movie America needs right now. Here is a balanced look at a man who, more than ever, is a welcome anachronism, someone who believed love and kindness were life’s best recipe.

Director Morgan Neville, the Oscar winner for the 2013 documentary “20 Feet From Stardom,” has crafted a beautiful tribute to Rogers, taking a lean, straightforward approach that balances archival footage with new interviews by those who knew him best, from his wife, Joanne, to François Clemmons, who appeared on the show as Officer Clemmons, to close friend and cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

Rogers was an ordained pastor who believed the medium of television held tremendous potential as a form of outreach, a stark contrast to the mindless, often violent content directed at children. TV,

Rogers believed, could teach children the values of respect and self-worth. Neville charts the humble origins of Rogers’ show, and how the program transformed him into an icon once it aired on PBS.

What’s striking is how Rogers used events of the time to reiterate how society should react in the face of tragedy. In the show’s first week, alone, Rogers through puppets addressed the assassination of Robert Kennedy. Later, when archival news footage reveals a white man pouring bleach into a swimming pool occupied by a black family, the sight of Rogers and Clemmons cooling their feet in a kiddie pool, white feet-black feet side by side, is undeniably powerful.

Clemmons, in fact, offers the film’s most electrifying moment. He recalls how, at the time, he could not be open about his homosexuality. The reasons were twofold: One, he appeared as an actor on a children’s program and, two, the black community needed a role model on TV and would not have accepted a gay one. When Clemmons reveals the reaction of Rogers to his homosexuality, well, anyone not moved by it has a heart forged out of stone.

From there, “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” moves from one powerful moment to the next, from Rogers singing a duet with a boy slated for spinal fusion surgery, to a distraught Rogers trying to convey hope after 9/11, to everyone interviewed honoring Rogers by taking a moment, a silent one, to recall someone who inspired them.

This is remarkable storytelling. One of the best films not just of this year, but of *any* year.

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The Nursing Fawn

Editor's note — Julie McGue, a Duneland Beach resident, submitted this article to The Beacher.

Duneland Beach Road is an old Potawatomi Indian path coated with asphalt. Crumbly patches mar its surface, caused in part by harsh winter storms and the sandy dune, which is its foundation.

The road begins as an exit off U.S. 20 near Notre Dame School, then jigs and jags around 200 cottages, dense thickets and forests of towering oak. It winds past Duneland Beach Inn and the community park, but never glimpses the Lake Michigan shoreline. In winter, one must pull into someone's driveway so another vehicle can pass cleanly.

On this muggy July afternoon, the right tires of my youngest daughter's Ford Escort settle onto the shoulder of Duneland Beach Road. We are parked a few feet shy of the four-way stop that protects pedestrians laden with beach gear from the traffic that barrels down from the ridge on Arrowhead Trail. My daughter's car is motionless, not to allow another vehicle to pass, nor to genuflect at the stop sign, but to indulge me in the picture I crave.

"Stop, here," I say. "I want to get a shot of the fawn with its mother."

"Oh Mom," my daughter replies. "It's so cute. Look at those spots. It's a baby."

She coos, much like I imagine her doing when she becomes an aunt for the first time later this summer.

My daughter, a recent college graduate, will board a Southwest flight to Washington, D.C., before the weekend hits a crescendo. Her past life as a college coed is being supplanted by her new role as an asset manager for a hotel REIT. The last of my four offspring to make her mark on an ever-changing global economy, she and I have soaked up these last few hours together. When I drop her off at Chicago Midway International Airport, she officially becomes a young professional managing her own apartment and ceases to be my last dependent, domiciled on the shores of Lake Michigan.

We watch the spotted fawn scamper to the spot where its mother has planted herself, dead center in our neighbor's front yard. The pair is equidistant between our Ford and the black enamel front door

of the red brick ranch. The mother stands so still, she looks like a yard sculpture, yet her gaze is unwavering. Thick-lashed brown eyes scan our vehicle. When the automatic window makes its descent, her donkey-like ears telescope around.

The doe isn't as mature as other females that frequent the forested blocks south of our lake house. Either she is barely out of puberty, or she struggled in the winter months with her pregnancy. The deer population has reached epic amounts in many Northwest Indiana beach communities. Their numbers and inadequate food sources have pushed them into every domestic garden, yard and driveway. There is talk of culling the herds due to the threat of deer ticks and other diseases. That strategy, while healthier for the human population, would mean this doe and fawn might not be relocated, but drugged, cornered and hunted with arrows.

Now that the outdoors has entered our vehicle, my daughter's voice is a whisper.

"Look. The baby is nursing on the mom."

Whether it's nostalgia over my daughter leaving or this chance display of motherhood, moisture dampens the frames of my sunglasses.

I drag my iPhone from my purse and zoom in. The fawn's head bobs, tugging

for milk at the mother's underbelly. Undeterred, the doe is locked in a stare down with our windshield. She allows her famished offspring to take her fill while I click away. The thoughts in my head run the gamut: the doe's with her baby and I'm with mine; she is taking care of her child as I do mine; that offspring is struggling to survive, while mine is starting a new way of life.

"This is so cool that we got to see this today, right before I leave," my daughter says. "That baby is my new favorite beach house memory."

"Mine too."

"I'll send you the picture, so you can post it to your timeline," I add.

In my head, I label it "Moment With Mother and Child," but the caption I send along with the photo is "Nursing Fawn."



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Adventures in Good Music With Mom

It is 2013, and we are settled in the second row, stage right, at Orchestra Hall. Chicago Symphony Orchestra — arguably one of the best in the world — is tuned and ready to deliver another amazing performance under the baton of its Italian stallion of a music director, Riccardo Muti.

Devices have been silenced, and the full house awaits in silent anticipation for Maestro Muti to enter, stage right, right over our heads.

And then, when a dropping pin would have shattered the mood, the shy lady in seat B7, the one and only Hannah Dick Macfarlan McKelvy, says in that full voice of hers, loud enough for cabbies on Michigan Avenue to hear: “Where’s the big guy!?”

The pin dropped, then the big guy himself appeared and, being the good Italian son he is, smiled down upon Momma McKelvy as he strode to the podium. Mom nodded approvingly for the big guy to proceed with the show.

And he did.

Maestro Muti did, indeed, smile down at Mom when it was all over. Despite her 90-something years, she hauled herself to her feet to join the standing ovation.

We gave my mother a standing ovation at her funeral after, at 93, she went to join the heavenly chorus on June 4, 2014. I would like to thank Mom here and now for sharing her love of classical music, and for inviting me to be her seatmate for so many years at Symphony Center on Michigan Avenue.



Hannah McKelvy was all smiles after another dazzling Chicago Symphony Orchestra performance.

Mom started me on my path of musical appreciation while I was home for semester break from Illinois State University, where I’d just taken a class in music appreciation as part of general education requirements as an English-journalism student.

On a particularly snowy day in January 1969, Mom asked if I would like to hear Chicago Symphony Orchestra in concert. A friend, she said, had

a ticket in the first balcony, but didn’t want to venture out in the bad weather, wanting Mom to use it. “Sure,” I said.

And off I went from our Beverly neighborhood on the south side on the old Rock Island Line to Orchestra Hall, where I was utterly spellbound by the symphony’s performance of the tone poem “Finlandia” by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. It was one thing to listen to a professor drone on in a lecture hall about the wonders of great symphonic music, but to see and hear and, yes, *feel* one of the world’s great orchestras fill that great hall with some of the greatest music ever written was, well, words fail me. Music never has, however, especially as my



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mother continued to lead me on that journey.

In the fullness of time, you see, she invited me to be her Chicago Symphony Orchestra seatmate, she in her aforementioned B7, me beside her in B5. And those seats, so you know, were so close to the string section at stage right, one could read the music.



Riccardo Muti seems to be saying, "Come on over. The music's better on this side of Michigan Avenue."

Later on, Mom invited me to join her for the symphony when she was still living in Beverly. I would drive in, stay Thursday night, then we would set out on the Dan Ryan for Symphony Center at 220 S. Michigan Ave., listening on the way, of course, to classical music on the radio and discussing that day's program in exquisite detail. My mother, you see, was weaned on The Philadelphia Orchestra as a child, and though she was reluctant to admit it, she was an accomplished pianist in her own right.

And, I must add, she mightily encouraged me when I returned to the clarinet as an adult, even having me give concerts at her assisted living residence when we moved her to be near us in Michigan.

And that's when the adventures in good music with Mom gained traction. Everyone thought we should cancel the symphony subscription in Chica-



Mom's view from seat B7.

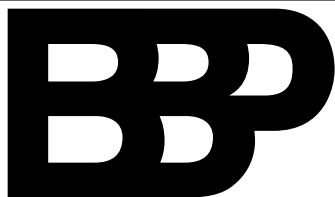
go and opt for local music because the distance was too daunting, but not for Hannah Macfarlan McKelvy. The Scots, as you know, are not adverse to a wee bit of travel, and my Scottish-American mother loved to be on the open road.

And so, for the final four symphony seasons of her life, we hit the open road from Bridgman, Mich., to Chicago. We'd listen all the way to Symphony Hall on SiriusXM satellite radio, and Mom never minded my creative shortcuts, especially when I'd get off the Skyway at Stony Island and weave our way up through our former neighborhood.

We were such regulars at the Grant Park Underground Garage, a certain attendant in the office was waiting for us on symphony day to assist Mom with "the facilities." Meaning, she would get her in and out of the women's room. Then I would park, pop the wheelchair out of the trunk and wheel her to the elevator. Up we'd go to that toddlin' town, where all we had to do was cross Michigan Avenue and enter the front doors of Symphony Center for one amazing afternoon of the world's greatest music, by what we considered the world's greatest orchestra, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Mom even developed a lasting friendship with one of the violinists. After Mom passed, the violinist looked down to wave at Mom and saw she was missing. I patted my heart and cried. She approached me after the concert, and we mourned the passing of one plucky Scot who shared her love of classical music with her son.

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Cast photo by Leigh Seltling

Dunes Summer Theatre will present the Tony-winning musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" on July 20-Aug. 5 at the Michiana Shores theater, 288 Shady Oak Drive.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

The musical centers on a fictional spelling bee at Putnam Valley Middle School. Six quirky adolescents compete in the annual spelling bee run by three equally quirky grown-ups. Contestants, who finally get their chance to shine, approach the competition with all the ferocity of athletes in a state-wide championship. With each correct spelling, the nerdy, socially awkward classroom misfits display youthful exuberance.

Resident actors include Miggie Snyder, Hannah Williams, Mac Westcott, Sydney Crutcher, Joriah Fleming, Patrick Regner, Hannah Williams, Alecia Pagnotta and Derek Demkowicz. Local actors include Eileen Long and Lindsey Baugh. Leigh Seltling, who chairs the University of Wyoming's Theatre and Dance Department, returns as director.

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Old Lighthouse Museum 45th Anniversary Celebration



Join us as City officials cut the ribbon to celebrate the completion of phase I of the exterior restoration project.

A memorial service will be held to commemorate the 103rd anniversary of the Eastland Disaster. The United States Coast Guard will place a memorial wreath in Trail Creek. Father Lev of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church will lead the memorial service. Our special guest speaker is author Patricia Sutton who recently published "Capsized! The Forgotten Story of the S.S. Eastland Disaster." Patricia will be signing copies of her book immediately following the Memorial Service.

Admission to the museum will be free until closing at 4 pm. The celebration will continue on Sunday, July 22, 2018 with free museum admission from noon to 4 pm.

Knowledgeable docents will be on hand to answer your questions. Climb up to the Lantern Room for a great view of Lake Michigan and the harbor. Come explore our many exhibits.

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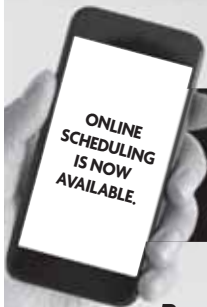
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“In the Heights”

“In the Heights,” Lin-Manuel Miranda’s Tony-winning love letter to his hometown, arrives in concert format through Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. EDT Friday, July 20, at Silver Beach in St. Joseph, Mich.

The performance features stage direction by Paul Mow and Leah Tirado in partnership with South Bend Civic Theatre.

“In the Heights” tells the story of a vibrant community in New York’s Washington Heights neighborhood on the brink of change, and full of hopes, dreams and pressures. In 2008, it received Tonys for Best Musical, Best Score, Best Choreography and Best Orchestrations.

Gates open at 6:30 p.m. EDT. Lawn seating costs \$15 and reserved seating \$25. Children 12 and younger cost \$5. Tables of 10, which include two parking passes, cost \$300. The day-of cost is an additional \$5 per ticket. The concert rain location is St. Joseph High School Auditorium, 2521 Stadium Drive.

Visit bbpnet.com/x28a for reservations and more details.



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Lighthouse Museum Celebration

Old Lighthouse Museum in Washington Park will celebrate its 45th anniversary from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 21.

WEFM will broadcast live, with city officials holding a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. to signify completion of Phase One of exterior restoration.

Fred DeVries will receive the Honorary Life Trustee Award at 10:30 a.m., followed by the 103rd anniversary memorial of the S.S. Eastland at 11 a.m. The Coast Guard will place a wreath in Trail Creek. The guest speaker is Patricia Sutton, who wrote the new book, “Capsized! The Forgotten Story of the S.S. Eastland Disaster.” Immediately after the memorial, she will sign copies of her book.

Admission to the museum is free until closing at 4 p.m.

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The Lake City Skiers, the state's only competitive ski team out of Warsaw, Ind., returns for LaPorte Rotary Club's free "Hub of Awesome" show at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 21, on LaPorte's Pine Lake (Waverly Road). The show lasts one hour, with two local celebrities scheduled to make an acrobatic ski appearance. Parking is free behind Cummins Lodge in Soldiers Memorial Park. Take chairs and blankets. Waverly Road will be closed from the Soldiers Memorial Park entrance to Garden Street from 4 to 7 p.m. Food trucks and vendors will be adjacent to the beach. T-shirts will be available.



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The 17th season of the Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series continues Wednesday, July 25, at Christ Church (the former First Congregationalist Church), 531 Washington St.

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

Performing July 25 is Ben Basile, whose performance marks the 13th time he has participated in the summer series. His program will include pieces from the 19th and 20th centuries, including an arrangement of Debussy's "Clair de Lune."



Basile is a member of Precious Blood Missionaries, a Roman Catholic religious community. He is associate professor of mathematics and college organist at Calumet College of St. Joseph, Hammond, Ind. He also is the organist at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Whiting, Ind., after serving for 18 years as organist and music director for Cathedral of the Holy Angels, Gary. He is a board member and treasurer of the Chicago-Midwest Chapter of the Organ Historical Society.

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The fifth annual Summerfest Music & Microbrews will feature more than 64 beers from 16 Michigan craft breweries, plus live music, all to benefit South-west Michigan Symphony Orchestra.

The event is from 4 to 10 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 21, at Shadowland Pavilion, 101 Broad St. in St. Joseph, Mich. Gates for the all-ages event open at 4 p.m. EDT, followed by performances from The Swift Brothers at 5 p.m. EDT and Fool House at 7:30 p.m. EDT.



The Swift Brothers

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Food vendors include Classic Catering & Events and Roosters Party Store & Deli.

Tickets are \$15 (\$5 higher the day of) and include entrance to the event, the live music and a souvenir tasting mug. Children 12 and younger are free. Drink tokens are purchased separately at the event. Tickets are available online at bbpnet.com/x28b or by phone at (269) 982-4030.

S. Shore Free Rides/Essay Contest

To thank local educators, South Shore Line created Teacher Appreciation Week, where educators ride for free July 23-29 on all off-peak weekday and weekend trains.

Also during Teacher Appreciation Week, educators can submit essay applications for a chance to win free field-trip transportation for their classes.

Educators should submit an essay focusing on what they did on the day they used the free train service. All essays must be submitted by Aug. 6, and the winner will be contacted by email and announced on social media.

Submissions must include the educator's name, email address, school and grade(s) currently taught. The essay must include a one-to-three paragraph description of the trip. Photos are encouraged and may be shared on SSL social media.

Email essays to mysouthshoreline@gmail.com with the subject "Teachers Ride Free Essay." Only one submission per educator is allowed. The field trip must occur during the 2018-2019 school year.

Fashioning the Gilded Age

The Barker family will serve as the vehicle for exploring a specific period in history during "Fashioning the Gilded Age" from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 20, at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.

The discussion goes in-depth on the types of materials that were popular, and the strict social norms that dictated the clothes and various outfits worn for certain occasions.

The talk also will feature original Barker clothing being publicly displayed for the first time. Guests can design their own Victorian and Gilded Age clothing by using various patterns, clothing examples and events as inspiration. Paper and colored pencils will be provided.

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Visit www.LocalColorArtGallery.com or call (269) 469-5332 for more information or to register.

Fancy Pants Bazaar

The History Museum will host its Fancy Pants Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 21, on the front lawn of the Oliver Mansion.

The event is part of Treasure Hunt North. Items sold range from antique and quality art prints to vinyl records, model boats, dolls and kitsch. Proceeds benefit The History Museum's Collections Fund. The bazaar moves to The History Museum if it rains.

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Fernwood Botanical Garden

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

• **Lavender Cut and Craft Class from 2 to 5 p.m. EDT Thursday, July 19.**

Cut fresh lavender from Lavender Hill Farm, Niles, and create a fragrant and decorative lavender wand or small wreath, with owner Martha Wilczynski. The cost is \$20, or \$16 for members.

• **Fernwood Friday from 5:30 to 9 p.m. EDT Friday, July 20.**

Kennedy's Kitchen will perform as part of the WVPE Summer Concert Series. Performers play fiddle, flute, whistle, mandolin, tenor banjo, bouzouki, guitar and bass. Food is by Chef Tim Carrigan, with beer and wine sold. The cost is \$5, while Fernwood and WVPE members are free.

• **Fernwood Book Group from 10:30 a.m. to noon EDT Saturday, July 21.**

The focus is John McPhee's "Suspect Terrain." The program is free with paid Fernwood admission.

• **"Reclaiming Our Nature" Contemplative Program: Summer Retreat from 1 to 4 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 21.**

Deirdre Guthrie, a meditation teacher and University of Notre Dame research professor, leads the program that features meditation activities and exercises. The cost is \$40, or \$35 for members.

• **Art Stations: Drawing with Charcoal from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 21**

The program is free with paid admission.

• **Summer Yoga from 12:15 to 1:30 and 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. EDT Wednesday, July 25.**

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A Bittersweet Farewell to a Vital Presence in the Local Arts Scene

by Andrew Tallackson

Writing about Ken Brelsfoard in retrospect, shortly after his passing, is tricky.

For nearly 50 years, he was a key presence in the local arts scene. And yet, he was a private man. In discussing his mortality with Judith Joseph, who knew him best, their bond stretching back almost 60 years, he made it clear to her he didn't want public memorials or eulogies, newspaper articles recounting his many accomplishments.



Ken with his students, Diane Davis, Michelle Heeg and Judith Joseph.

Instead, Joseph said, he wanted to die knowing "my students are leading graceful, productive lives. Let them tell their stories."

If, indeed, anything was to be published about his passing, Brelsfoard told Joseph, let it be mostly through pictures. Photos that depicted his passion for his craft, his students.

Brelsfoard struggled for years with Parkinson's disease, passing away June 29 at 77 at a care facility in Morgantown, Ind. His love of dance and movement saw his career weave through ballet, musical theater, choreography, directing, playwriting and, above all, teaching. His students, Joseph said, were everything to him. And it was through groups he created, specifically Dance Arts Unlimited and Acting Theatre of Michigan City, that his students stretched their wings, learning that through dance and the arts, anything is possible.

In fact, it is one of Brelsfoard's former students, Kristine Anderson, herself a ballet teacher, who said it best, posting this condolence on the website for the funeral home that handled Brelsfoard's ar-



Ken appears as Boris in "Revenge of the Gypsy Brain Surgeon."

rangements:

"Ballet is an art form that is passed down directly from teacher to student. There isn't a score to read notes from, and although you can learn a lot from studying the performance of others, it takes the hands of a master placing your body in the correct position, crafting out your lessons so that the right steps are introduced at the right time in the right way, guiding you so you don't stamp away in utter frustration, or give up when the going gets rough, so that the lessons you learn will stand the test of time and be worthy of the next generation."

"My master teacher Ken Brelsfoard (actually half of a team of master teachers) has died. I am sad to feel the passing of time, grateful that he is free from a debilitating disease, but mainly just overflowing with memories. Rest in peace... no way...rest in the joy

that comes from leaving all limitations behind. Because I knew you."

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(Special thanks to Judith Joseph for providing The Beacher with these photos.)



Ken and Judy, before a summer performance with Michigan City Municipal Band.



Ken (right) with The Beacher's Sally Montgomery, herself an extraordinary figure in the local dance community.



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SUFFERERS MAKE, AND HOW TO OVERCOME IT***

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There's suffering. There's coping. And then there's overcoming--

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--Lebron James, the best basketball player on the planet, overcoming his condition, and winning three NBA Championships.

--and former Indiana Senator Richard Lugar, overcoming, and not allowing his condition to stop him from becoming the longest serving Indiana Senator in history.

Have you ever been out on the streets or maybe just at home enjoying your day when --boom-- all of a sudden you feel your equilibrium is off and suddenly feel like you're going to fall?

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It's those moments when you look around the people around you and feel like no one else understands what you're going through.

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...missed celebrating my anniversary with my wife because I just didn't feel steady enough to go out...

...felt frustrated because I just didn't feel like myself...

...gotten so concerned because my mom started falling...

But my mom and I overcame. Just like Nicolas Cage, Lebron James, and Sen. Lugar did.

My name is Dr. Arlan Alburo. I am the Founder of Orthopedic and Balance Therapy Specialists.

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Call my office now 219-380-0809 in La Porte or and secure your spot for my Balance and Dizziness Workshop...

- **La Porte** office **Tuesday July 24th from 6-7 PM** located at 1405 E. Lincolnway Suite B (next to All Star Auto, across Route 2 from Walmart).

This workshop is ABSOLUTELY FREE but I am only taking 30 attendees...so call **219-380-0809 in La Porte** NOW to reserve your spot.

Sincerely,



Arlan Alburo
Orthopedic and Balance Therapy Specialists

P.S. Call 219-380-0809 now to secure your spot for my Balance and Dizziness Workshop on **July 24 Tuesday 6-7 PM in La Porte.**

P.P.S. This workshop is ABSOLUTELY FREE but I am only taking 30 attendees. Learn how to overcome dizziness, fear of falling, vertigo, and unsteadiness in this must-attend-workshop!

U.S. 12 Garage Sale

The Region of Three Oaks Museum has openings for vendors in the Three Oaks stop on the U.S. 12 Heritage Garage Sale — said to be the nation's longest — on Friday-Sunday, Aug. 10-12.

The museum's locations are either the Carver Park Pavilion or adjoining Three Oaks Elementary School at Oak and Ash (U.S. 12) streets. Permits range from \$10 a day to \$55 for the entire weekend.

Applications are due by Tuesday, Aug. 7. Contact Julie Sittig at juliesittigrn@vanzine.org or (269) 756-3547 for details.

Michigan City Golf Tournament

The 2018 Michigan City Golf Tournament, open to anyone in the area looking to compete against golfers of the same skill level, is July 21-22 and 28-29 at Michigan City Municipal Golf Course.

The field is flighted after the first week. The entry fee is \$60. A green fee is charged each day of play during check-in. The cost is \$13 for a non-season pass holder and \$2 for a season pass holder. The cart fee is \$9.

Sign up at the golf course pro shop.

French Market

Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich., will host its 10th annual "French Market" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 21.

The marketplace features local artisans, antiques and collectables, a church boutique, specialty foods and homemade baked goods. Openings remain for a limited number of vendor stalls. Booths cost \$15 and tables \$10. Contact Jeannine Totzke to register at (269) 921-1127 or tljtjr@gmail.com

Proceeds support Episcopal Church of the Mediator ministries. Email office@mediatorharbert.com or call (269) 469-1441 for more details.

LaPorte County Public Library

The following program is at the main branch of LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave.:

• **Jewelry Making from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 21.**

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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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First and Second Fridays Enhance the Local Art Scene

by Linda Weigel

First Friday on July 6 continued the summer fiber-art trend with Edwin Shelton's large mixed-media work inspired by a trip to China titled "Two Spirits, Namaste."

Comprising the major portion of his solo fiber and drawing exhibit, "Recent Translations," at The Rising Phoenix Gallery, 2803 Franklin St., this large mixed-media statement invites the viewer to get up close, explore and discover the complexity of layers that makes up the highly original artwork.



Edwin Shelton appears by one of his large works.

The opportunity to travel to Zibo, China, to teach greatly impacted him, and the results are now available for viewing.

Edwin has a Bachelor of Arts in sculpture from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Master of Fine Arts in sculpture from University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has taught art at Marquette Catholic High School for the past three years and prior to that at Renaissance Academy, Notre Dame Catholic School and Queen of All Saints. He also is the Area Artists Association president.

His exhibit continues until Sunday, July 29.



Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St., presents "Summer Days," a group show featuring works inspired by the theme and appearing in numerous interpretations and varying media through July 29.

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., hosted its official opening for "Warhol: Icon & Influence," and the place was packed.

The group of invited artists appearing in the upstairs galleries brought strong interest and resultant active conversation. It was especially interesting to note Christopher Cosnowski's painting "Big Crackerjack Shiva, 2013." Not only are the technical aspect of his hyper-realistic technique amazing — he must use tiny brushes to get the highlights on those surfaces — but also the theme itself is special. His subject matter relates to toys and small plastic figures, and he appears to have a fascination with Cracker Jack toys — nostalgic and relatable to many viewers.

"High Maintenance" in the Susan Block Gallery reveals an installation by Chicago-based Mexican-American artist Yvette Mayorga.



Chris Cosnowski's oil on canvas, "Big Crackerjack Shiva, 2013."



Yvette Mayorga, photographed against one of the walls in her recent installation.

A pink room envelops you upon entering, ceiling to floor in a warm luminescent glow, filled with objects made from acrylic paint, ceramics, constructions of foam and extruded frosting-like plaster. It is a space the LCA website states "...uses the American board game Candy Land as a conceptual framework to juxtapose the borderlands of the U.S. and Mexico..."

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SFC Gallery, 607 Franklin St., hosts Dorothy Graden, an award-winning artist and former Valparaiso educator.

For more than 25 years, Graden has traveled to prehistoric rock art sites and marveled at their ancient drawings, sometimes scrambling over rocky outcroppings to view the sacred images. Her contemporary interpretations bring a sense of intrigue and wonder, and are executed in a sophisticated, sensitive manner.

In her artist statement, she describes her method: *"When creating each work of art, I pull and pigment each sheet of cotton rag in the paper studio and then apply India ink, watercolor and pastels. The hand-pulled paper and cotton pulp painting provide a surface that lets images emerge from the paper, creating the atmosphere and detail I experience at various rock sites."*

The exhibit continues until Saturday, July 28.



Dorothy Graden's mixed-media work, "Prescience."

July 13 and Second Friday in Beverly Shores saw the opening of two photographic exhibits: an individual show and a group effort.



"Lighthouse World" by Peggy Carter

The Ellen Firme Gallery, 92 W. U.S. 12, featured works by the Duneland Photography Club, showcasing traditional printing, metal prints and prints on canvas by group members.

The exhibit continues until Sept. 11.

The Depot, 525 S. Broadway, features "Sidetracked," a photography and diorama exhibit by Steven Schwab. He has traveled all over the world taking pictures of passenger trains and transport. He intentionally blurs the images to give them a sense of motion, capturing momentary scenes of

reading, talking and strolling. The dioramas are meant to explore the *"relationship between humanity and machine as the people on the platform and trainspotters are either mesmerized by, or oblivious to, this high-speed world whizzing by them as they dance, bicycle and move about their daily lives on the sidetrack."*

Blink Celebrates Milestone

Blink Contemporary Art, 1709 Franklin St., celebrated its 10th anniversary with a special opening July 14 featuring its final 2018 major show, "10x10," including work by artists who exhibited with them in the past decade.



Dianne Burgis' mixed-media work, "Heartbroken."

Seventy-three artists were invited and 58 participated. The art ranges in style from contemporary, minimalist or abstract to realistic, and includes 2-D and 3-D works and multiple different medias.

Blink is not a commercial gallery, but rather a combined working studio and studio gallery. It is a space for hosting special art events such as critiques, art gatherings and two to four major shows a year. It is a project of painter Richard Lange and sculptor Suzanne Cohan-Lange. Most of the time, the gallery is used as studio space for creating new art and storage. When they do host a major show, exhibits always feature highly skilled, interesting, contemporary artists and are well-attended, leaving those who visit wanting more.

On June 24, Blink co-hosted a Moveable Art Feast with The Nest, 803 Franklin St. Titled "Collection Obsession: Starting Your Own Art Collection," it featured Shari and Stuart Diamond, who collect vintage posters, especially those from the late 19th-early 20th centuries.

The presentation was interesting, with Diamond's sincerity in describing how they got into collecting, and the ups and downs of doing so, forthright and informative.

Events such as this enhance the art scene in our community, and bring a new and different approach to learning about art and artists.



Betty Ann Mocek's etching/mixed media, "My Kind of Tower."

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are available:

- **Community Hike and Sunset Paddle, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 19, in Marquette Park.**

A ranger leads the hike through Miller Woods, with the paddle on Marquette Lagoon. The program is limited to 20 participants. Make reservations at (219) 395-1824. Marquette Park is located at 1 N. Grand Blvd., about two miles north of U.S. 12 in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.

- **Mount Baldy Summit Hike, 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. The dune, however, is still closed for general public use, so the ranger-led hike offers a chance to experience the dune as much as is possible. No reservations are required. The parking lot is located off U.S. 12.

- **The Save the Tunes Council performs, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 20, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

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

- **Drop-In Volunteer Program, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 21.**

Projects focus on preserving the park's resources. Dress for the weather, and be prepared to walk off trail. All equipment and protective gear, including gloves and eye protection, will be provided. Meet at The Park Connection volunteer office, which is adjacent to the main Chellberg Farm parking lot.

- **Beginning Birding, 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.

- **Hike With Your Hound, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 21, in Miller Woods.**

Join a ranger for a leisurely hike through Miller Woods, with pets allowed. Take a leash, pick-up bags, a bowl and water.

- **Pinhook Bog Open House, 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.

- **Playdate in the Nature Play Zone, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 21, 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.

- **Volunteer at Miller Woods, 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, 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, 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 22.**

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, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at Paul H. Douglas Center.**

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

- **Feed the Farm Animals at Chellberg Farm, 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.

- **Sunset Around the Fire at the Pavilion, 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, 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.

St. Ann Pancake Breakfast

St. Ann of the Dunes' annual Pancake Breakfast is from 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, July 22, at the church, 433 Golf Wood Road, Beverly Shores.

The \$6 cost includes sausage, juice, coffee and all-you-can-eat pancakes, including blueberry pancakes. Also planned are a silent auction and 50/50.

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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

• **To the Blowout and Back, 10 to 11:15 a.m. Sunday, July 19.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a trek *USA Today* voted as Indiana's greatest hike.

• **Drama in the Dunes, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 19.**

Learn how nature can inspire acting through different exercises. No experience is needed. Attendees can participate once or weekly, with ensuing dates July 26 and Aug. 2 and 9. Visit www.dramainthedunes.com for details.

• **Beaver Tales, 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 19.**

Meet at the Nature Center to learn facts about beaver adaptations.

• **Park Plays, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 19.**

Park Plays features local theater groups presenting shows and excerpts from classic Shakespeare, to contemporary musical, to improv. Take a blanket or beach chair to the west side of the pavilion.

• **Sunset Yoga, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 19.**

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.

• **Tree ID Spree, 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, July 20.**

Meet at the Nature Center to explore simple ways to ID trees.

• **Tea Time, 3 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 20.**

Meet at the Nature Center for the free taste testing of teas made with natural items.

• **High Dunes Hike, 10 to 11:15 a.m. Saturday, July 21.**

Meet a naturalist at the nature center for a hike to the summit of the state's highest sand dune. Wear

hiking shoes.

• **Sssssnakes Alive!, 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 21.**

Meet at the Nature Center to view snakes and learn more about them.

• **Spider Sniffing Saunter, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 21.**

Meet at the Nature Center to learn the technique for finding spiders' eyes at night along the trail.

• **Beach Yoga, 9 to 10 a.m. Sunday, July 22, and Tuesday, July 24.**

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.

• **From Dunes With Love, 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, July 22.**

Make postcards at the Nature Center.

• **Shipwreck Stories, 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 22.**

Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium for the interactive program.

• **Feed the Birds, 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, July 23.**

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

• **The Sun Did It!, 3 to 4 p.m. Monday, July 23.**

Meet at the Nature Center to learn about solar energy.

• **Fun with Furs, 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 24.**

Meet at the Nature Center for the interactive program on dunes mammals.

• **High Tech Scavenger Hunt, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 25.**

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

• **Wetland Wonders, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 25.**

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



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Westchester Public Library

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- **Bits & Bytes series, iOS devices, from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 19, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

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

- **Bookmarks at the Museum at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Jessica Hoffmaster will review "Lord of Misrule," the 2010 National Book Award winner by Jaimy Gordon.

- **Bandstand Concert & Movie Series on Friday, July 20, at the Thomas Centennial Park bandstand in downtown Chesterton**

The Patti Shaffner Jazz Trio performs at 7 p.m., followed by a screening of "Cars 3" at 8 p.m.

- **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 to Ukulele Class. The schedule is: 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.

- **"Local Life in the New Century: 1920-1929" from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at Westchester Township History Museum.**

Joan Costello takes a look at life in the Duneland area in the 1920s.

- **Superhero Shoes Craft Program for Tweens from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday, July 23, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

Aimed at children 7-12, tweens should take a new or clean older pair of canvas shoes. Supplies to decorate them will be provided. Registration is required by calling (219) 926-9080.

- **"It's the Little Things" Miniature Workshop from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, in the Thomas Branch Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Learn how to upcycle little things from recycling and odds-and-ends bins.

- **Bits & Bytes series, Learn to Navigate Facebook, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department.**

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

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Michigan City Public Library

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



The "Peter and the Wolf" sequence of Disney's "Make Mine Music."

• **Summer Reading Program: "Make Mine Music" at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 19.**

Disney's eighth full-length animated film offers musically charged animated shorts, including "Peter and the Wolf" narrated by Sterling Holloway. Youth 18 and younger who arrive by 10:30 a.m. have a chance to win a copy of the movie, which is Rated G. Light refreshments are provided.

• **Bookmarks: "Lord of Misrule" at 2 p.m. Friday, July 20.**

Jessica Hoffmaster will review Jaimy Gordon's book that won the National Book Award for Fiction in 2010.

• **Movies in Washington Park: "Coco" at 8:15 p.m. Friday, July 20, in Washington Park's North Pointe Pavilion.**

The free series is co-sponsored by the Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department.

• **STEAM Ahead Kids: Ozobots at 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 23.**

Register at the Youth Services Desk or call (219) 873-3045 and ask for Dave. The program is appropriate for children 7 and older accompanied by an adult.

• **Kite Decoration Craft for Kids at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 24.**

Children 3 and older accompanied by an adult can create a "stained glass" kite window decoration using tissue paper squares and contact paper. All materials are provided.

• **Angels Among Us at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 24.**

Angel Benz leads the discussion on inspiring stories about the presence of angels in everyday lives.

• **Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 25.**

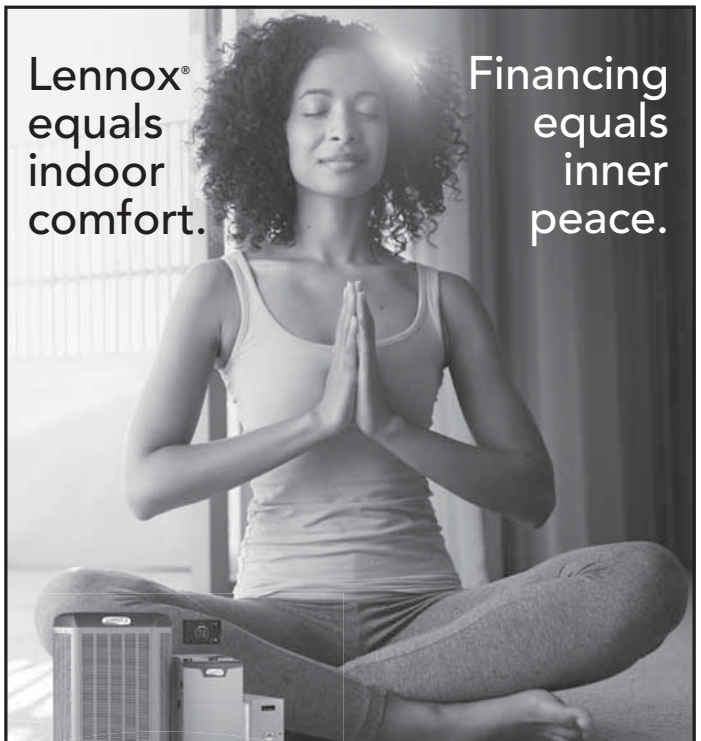
Children birth to age 5 and adults will enjoy stories, songs and crafts. Arrive a few minutes early to receive a name tag.



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Celtic Psalms from Northern Ireland

Kiran Young Wimberly and The McGraths will present "Celtic Psalms from Northern Ireland," part of their U.S. tour, at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at The Presbyterian Church of LaPorte, 307 Kingsbury Ave.



Kiran Young Wimberly and The McGraths.

Wimberly is an ordained pastor, having served churches in the U.S. and northern Ireland. During her time in northern Ireland, she developed a love for Celtic music and began setting the Psalms to these melodies. She then partnered with a local family of Irish musicians, the McGraths. Together, they have recorded albums and toured Europe and the U.S.

Call (219) 362-6219 or visit yourhomechurch.org for details.

Diaper Drive for Salvation Army

The Michigan City Fire Department has teamed up with The Salvation Army of Michigan City to restock shelves of the Diaper Bank.

The drive started Monday, July 16, and ends Friday, July 20. Anyone wishing to contribute can buy a pack of diapers (any brand) and drop them in a box at any Michigan City Fire Department station or at City Hall. Stations are located at 2510 E. Michigan Blvd., 2005 U.S. 12, 1013 Indiana 212, 5000 Cleveland Ave. and 1012 Ohio St.



On average, The Salvation Army distributes about 6,000 diapers per week to needy families with young children.

But for the past few months, the organization has struggled to keep the shelves full.

"We usually purchase these diapers through the Food Bank of Northern Indiana because they are available at such a discount," Capt. Dale Simmons, who oversees the local Salvation Army, said in a press release. "But the food bank has been out of stock for the past few months."

The diaper bank program is largely sustained through a \$2,000 grant from the Michigan City Community Enrichment Corp. Those funds, however, don't last long when purchasing diapers at full retail cost, Simmons said.

"Through the Food Bank, we can purchase diapers for about \$5 or \$6 per case. While we are trying to keep the diaper bank operating, we've been purchasing cases of diapers for about \$24 per case," Simmons explained. "Although we believe this is a crucial program in our community, it's getting tougher to sustain the diaper bank at these costs."

When the Michigan City Fire Department heard about this concern, Fire Chief Randy Novak created a Diaper Drive and volunteered his stations as a drop-off location to support this program.

While any size diaper donation is appreciated, Simmons said the greatest need is sizes four, five and six. Monetary donations to help buy diapers can be mailed to 1201 Franklin St., Michigan City, IN 46360, and are accepted throughout the year.

More information is available by calling (219) 874-6885.

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- St. Peter Church, 1101 Michigan Ave., LaPorte, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 24.
- Golden Living Center-Fountainview Terrace, 1900 Andrew Ave., LaPorte, noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 25.
- Trail Creek Place, 1400 E. Coolspring Ave., Michigan City, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25.

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.

MCHS Athletics to Host Benefit

The Michigan City High School Athletic Department will host a "Sunset & Cocktails" fundraiser from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at Sunset Grille (North Pointe Pavilion) in Washington Park.

Only 200 tickets will be sold for the 21-and-older event that includes hors d'oeuvres, drinks and a silent auction. Tickets, which are \$75, are available by contacting Athletic Director Craig Shaman at cshaman@educateMC.net or (219) 873-2043.



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July 10, 2018

"A" Flight

Low Gross:
Low Net:
Low Putts:

Peg King
Kathy Kenefick
Carol Excell

"B" Flight

Low Gross:
Low Net:
Low Putts:

Donna Hennard
Mary O'Neill, Susan Keeley
Janet Andreotti

"C" Flight

Low Gross:
Low Net:
Low Putts:

Mary Weithers
Alison Kolb
Kathie Mole

Sunken Approach

Kathy Kenefick
June Salmon
Donna Hennard

Holes 2, 3
Hole 17
Holes 5, 10

Birdies

Kathy Kenefick

Hole 3

July 9, 2018

Event: Low Net/Even Holes

"A" Flight

Event:
Low Gross:
Low Net:
Low Putts:

Toni Bonnee
Toni Bonnee
Lisbeth Slattery
Donna Hennard

"B" Flight

Event:
Low Gross:
Low Net:
Low Putts:

Janet Andreotti
Jeannie Muldowney
Janet Andreotti
Eileen Miller

"C" Flight

Event:
Low Gross:
Low Net:
Low Putts:

Mary Weithers
Mary Weithers, Jayne Krol
Gloria McMahon
Alison Kolb

Sunken Approach

Donna Hennard
Lisbeth Slatter
Susan Keeley

Hole 2
Hole 15
Hole 15

9-Hole League

June 28, 2018

Event: Beat the Pro

"A" Flight

Event:
Low Gross:

Sue Luegers, Eunie Nondorf, Peg King
Peg King, Sue Luegers

"B" Flight

Event:
Low Gross:

June Salmon
Janet Andreotti

"C" Flight

Low Gross:

Rima Binder

"D" Flight

Low Gross:

Catherine Kelly

Birdies


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Hole 5
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July 18-28 — "Tick, Tick...Boom!," 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

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July 20 — Save the Tunes Council, 7:30-9 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

July 20 — Movies in Washington Park: "Coco," 8:15 p.m., Washington Park's North Pointe Pavilion. Info: (219) 873-3049.

July 20 — Fashioning the Gilded Age, 7-9 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Cost: \$10. Reservations: Eventbrite, (219) 873-1520.

July 20-22 — Young Peoples Theatre Co., "Avenue Q," The Holdcraft Performing Arts Center, 1200 Spring St. Times: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/students. Available @ door, online @ www.yptcinc.com/tickets

July 20-24 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "Hearts Beat Loud." Rated PG-13. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 7 p.m. Tue. *Also Showing:* "Disobedience." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. *Also Showing:* "Five Seasons with Piet Oudolf." Time: 7 p.m. July 25. Cost: \$10 (Fernwood & Chikaming Open Lands members/\$8). Registration: (269) 695-6491, www.fernwoodbotanical.org. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

July 20-Aug. 5 — "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. Times: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat./2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$18/general admission, \$15/seniors & students. Reservations: (219) 879-7509, dunesartsfoundation.org

July 21 — Old Car Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., LaPorte.

July 21 — 45th anniversary celebration, 9 a.m.-noon, Old Lighthouse Museum, Washington Park.

July 21 — LaPorte Rotary Club "Hub of Awesome" show, 5:30 p.m., LaPorte's Pine Lake (Waverly Road). Free.

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July 22 — FOP No. 75 Fly In/Drive In all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, 7 a.m.-noon, Michigan City Municipal Airport Phillips Field, 1300 Indiana 212 North. Cost: \$7.50/adults, \$5.50/children 5-12, free/ children 4 & younger.

July 21 — Jewelry Making, 10 a.m.-noon, La-Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Registration: www.laportelibrary.org

July 24 — Kite Decoration Craft for Kids, 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

July 25 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Ben Basile, 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: ssmcfarmer-smarket@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 20 — Fernwood Friday, Kennedy’s Kitchen, 5:30-9 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Cost: \$5, Fernwood & WVPE members/free. Info: (269) 695-6491, www.fernwoodbotanical.org

July 20 — “In the Heights” (Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra concert version), 7 p.m. EDT, Silver Beach, St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: lawn seating/\$15, reserved seating/\$25, children 12 & younger/\$5. Info: bbpnet.com/x28a

July 21 — Summerfest Music & Microbrews, 4-10 p.m. EDT, Shadowland Pavilion, 101 Broad Street, St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$15 (\$5 higher day of), 12 & younger/free. Reservations: (269) 982-4030, bbpnet.com/x28b

July 21 — French Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EDT, Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich. Info: (269) 469-1441.

July 22 — Meet-the-artist reception, Ben Calvert III block-relief prints, 1:30 p.m., The Village Gallery @ Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso. Info: (219) 465-1591.

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The August selection is Celeste Ng's "Little Fires Everywhere." Meetings are open to the public.



Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Bearskin by **James A. McLaughlin** (*hardcover, \$26.99 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook*)

Ah, nature in all its glory! Only a true nature lover would appreciate a story that starts with a honeybee attack.

Rice Morton is removing old paneling from a cabin when the wall comes alive with hundreds of angry bees, giving him his due. Needless to say, his face doesn't look very pretty by the time he makes his escape...

Moving back the clock a bit, let me explain where Rice is and why he is making enemies of the honeybees.

Rice is the almost-biologist (he never finished his degree) and caretaker of the Turk Mountain Preserve in the Virginia Appalachian range — *"a thousand acres of primary forest passed over by eighteenth-and nineteenth-century loggers and protected by the Traver family ever since."*

His main scientific job is to keep journals and charts of the various flora and fauna. He also has taken over the task of remodeling the main lodge and several cabins for future use by the Traver family, a task he likes as it keeps him secluded and hidden away from...what? That's the \$64 question. Throughout the book, Rice reflects on his past life in Arizona and a drug cartel. But whose side was he on — the cartel or the DEA? Whichever, it is obvious he is hiding out.

Back to the bee attack — Rice washes down some Benedryl with a couple beers and comes out to find an old mountain man in the yard. He says there is something Rice should see. A long walk into the forest takes the pair to a bait station set up by a tree with a dead bear below. The paws were cut off and the stomach cut open to remove the gallbladder. Nothing else was taken.

If there are bear poachers on the Preserve, Rice feels it is his responsibility to catch them. Calling in the law only brings in unwanted publicity and possibly exposes him to those from whom he escaped.

Thinking he can back-door into this investigation, his first mistake is going to a local bar and pretending he is looking to buy dogs for bear hunting. Several men send him on a wild goose chase to Dempsey Boger, who does have dogs, but recognizes right away who Rice is. He does, however, give him a lesson about these particular bear poachers: they only take claws and the gallbladders because

the mafia will pay good money for them. They will grind up the bile salt and sell them to the Chinese for medicine and the claws for a gourmet soup.

Boger also tells him about Sara Birkeland, the scientist who worked on the preserve before him. She also tried to discover who the poachers were and was kidnapped one night, raped, assaulted and left for dead. She couldn't identify any of them, and the case was never solved.

Rice's second mistake is pretending he has gallbladders for sale, which only leads to a beating by some men who know the gallbladders he is trying to sell are from a pig.

What next, Rice? The real question here is at what point does commitment become obsession? Rice starts staying up all night roaming the woods, hoping to catch the poachers in action. He becomes dehydrated, stops eating, relies on coffee and beer to keep him going...eventually this has to catch up with him, and the reader — as well as Rice — wonders how much of what's happening is hallucination and how much is real?

Sara shows up one day, supposedly to pick up files and other things she left behind. But she is really checking up on Rice for the owner, who has reservations about his mental and physical health after several strange phone calls. She stays, but what can this wounded woman do to help an equally

wounded man?

One night, he dons his camouflage gear and sees a man on a dirt bike carrying a crossbow. There is a confrontation, Rice gets knocked out and the next morning, the man is nowhere in sight. Another hallucination? Not this time. The sheriff comes around looking for a missing man that meets the description of the guy on the dirt bike. Did Rice kill him? A body cannot be found.

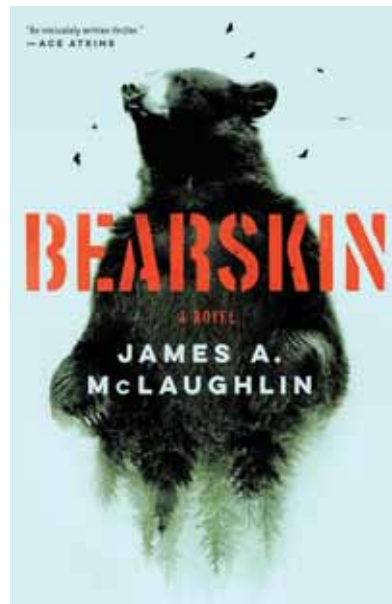
Rice's total absorption into the wilderness, his rejection of human contact and his non-stop determination to find the poachers reaches deep into one man's inner struggle with his demons and his past.

McLaughlin writes so eloquently, describing the area with such realism and personal knowledge, I could almost smell the pine and feel the fresh breeze on my face. The prose is beautiful, evocative and mind blowing.

This is, quite simply, a perfect summer read.

McLaughlin holds law and Master of Fine Arts degrees from the University of Virginia. Website: www.jamesamclaughlin.com

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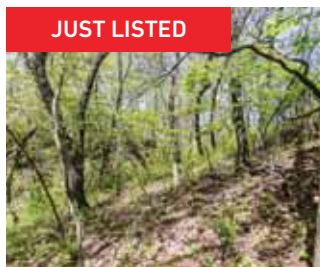
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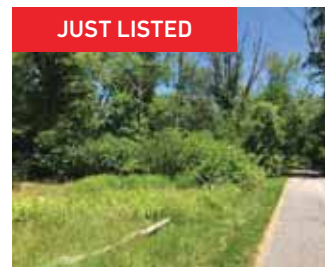
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