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# Seeking the **Sext Generation**

by Andrew Tallackson

Sarajane Morse Mullins made her Canterbury Summer Theatre debut in "Merrily We Roll Along," Stephen Sondheim's musical-comedy update of the 1934 Moss Hart-George S. Kaufman play.

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It was the summer of 1995, and Mullins was but 7 years old. For her audition, Artistic Director Ray Scott Crawford asked her to recite "The Pledge of Allegiance" as her monologue, followed by a vocal rendition of "Happy Birthday."

"I was too green to know to have anything else prepared," she recalls.

Crawford, however, knew he had legitimate talent on his hands. He not only cast her in the show, but asked her to play a boy, complete with a big Act II solo.

"I remember being way out of my league," Mullins recalls with a laugh during a telephone interview from Boston. "I was backstage, among all these professionals who knew how to do quick changes. My mother had to stay backstage until Ray Scott was able to take me under his wing. He told me to act twice my age to get through it, which was wonderful advice."

Over the course of a decade, Mullins appeared in at least 30 productions through Canterbury Summer Theatre and its Winter Art Series. Her resume spans much of the American musical theater spectrum. "The Sound of Music." "The Pajama Game."



Judith Ivey (left) and Annie Potts hold up a banner for "Anything Goes" during the early days of Canterbury Summer Theatre.

"Into the Woods." "A Little Night Music." "Fiddler on the Roof." "Carousel." "Guys & Dolls." "Cabaret." Additional performances surfaced, including two years at the prestigious Interlochen Arts Academy, but it was Canterbury she held near to her heart. The experience, she says, made her exceptionally well-rounded.

"Every actor in regional theater needs to know some basics," she said. "They are often expected to strike shows or assist on technical teams. Operating a drill, taping out a set, how to properly clean paint

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brushes are all little things I learned that made me more valuable to my craft in the future."

When Mullins' parents — former Stop 24 residents — moved to Boston, she was devastated she couldn't appear in Canterbury productions.

"I think I cried for two days," she said.

Once she began undergraduate studies in theater at Boston University, though, it hit her. Everything she honed through Canterbury had propelled her to this moment.

"I felt prepared to understand what I was studying," she said, "because I had spent all those years at Canterbury."

Mullins' story is not uncommon among Canterbury alumni. They gush as memories of Canterbury flow freely from their lips.

Over the past 50 seasons, more than 800 performers have graced the Canterbury stage, proudly listing such productions on their resumés. Many have become Tony winners and nominees, college faculty and key figures — on stage and off — at regional theaters. Annie Potts and Judith Ivey, who appeared together on TV's "Designing Women," once honed their craft through Canterbury, starring in a production of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes."

Performances continue this summer, this 50th season, at the intimate, 140-seat Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St., with productions ranging from the Chicago-set dramedy "Graceland" to "Tick,

sical by the late composer of "Rent." Attendance, Crawford says, is up 20 percent over last year. "Actually," he add-

Tick...Boom!," a mu-

ed, "for the first two shows, I've seen people I've never seen before. People in the community are starting to come out again."

Amid this resurgence in local interest, a distressing question mark looms over Canterbury's future. How can the theater troupe still provide exceptional entertainment if there aren't enough people to oversee it? Does the life cycle of a theater exhaust itself, or does fresh blood step in to invigorate it?

"We definitely are looking for a new generation if Canterbury is to survive," Associate Artistic Director David Graham said. "New, interest-



David Graham

ed, local board members are necessary for the continued life of the theater."

Why the urgency, this season in particular?

To answer that question, it is critical to start at the beginning. Founded in 1969, Canterbury has businessman Lyman Taylor to thank for buying the former St. John's church at Ninth and Franklin streets. From there sprang Festival Players Guild, which oversaw Canterbury productions for 28 years at the old church before it moved into what became known as Mainstreet Theatre at 807 Franklin St.

The first artistic director, Dale Miller, relied heav-

ily on Northwestern University students graduates flesh out the 1969 and 1970 seasons. Crawford has served as artistic director for 33 seasons, while



Ray Scott Crawford

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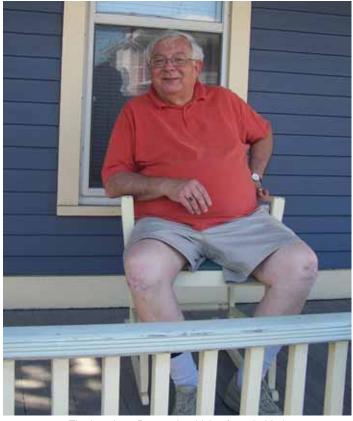


Sarajane Morse Mullins

Graham has been associate artistic director for five, his time with Canterbury spanning 33 years.

Many a cast and crew member have come and gone over the years, but up until 2012, there was one constant.

Jerry Peters.



The late Jerry Peters, the driving force behind Canterbury Summer Theatre for many years.

The former Michigan City Area Schools educator made Canterbury his home. He handled everything: programs, tickets, contracts, bills, press releases, marketing. You name it, he did it. He also worked closely with Crawford and Graham as seasons bloomed into reality.

Having one individual willingly take on so many tasks is a blessing *and* a curse. A blessing in the rarity of one person so devoted as to take on so much. A curse in that once said person is no longer present, the remaining few are left scrambling.

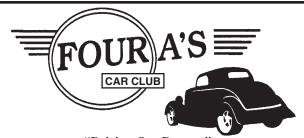
Peters likely would have remained Canterbury's guiding force, but the theater group, and the entire community, was dealt a horrific blow when he was found dead in his home, the victim of a brutal assault, in November 2012.

The summer 2013 Canterbury season took on a melancholy air, continuing in his absence. But by December of that year, board members had arrived at a crossroads.

"The board decided to have a vote on whether it was time to shut the theater down," Graham said. "There was obviously financial issues, the leadership. They didn't know where to go. I think they felt the best move was to shut it down."

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"Born Yesterday," from the 2004 Canterbury season.

Graham, Crawford and many alumni subsequently rallied together, raising several thousands of dollars and persuading the board to proceed with the 2014 season.

Everyone realized, however, that adjustments had to be made. Rather than hire a cast and crew of 15 to 20 people, the troupe was now a resident company of five or six individuals. And those performers, Crawford said, were responsible for every aspect of the theater, from cleaning to box office. Fewer people, he continued, wearing more hats.

The board also realized it was time to rebrand, Graham said. Describing itself as Festival Players Guild, which operated Canterbury Summer Theatre at Mainstreet Theatre, was too complicated. Instead, the board reintroduced itself, and its enterprises, as Canterbury Theatre.

"I think that has really helped us a lot in terms of our identity," Graham said.

Time, however, has a way of dealing an unfortunate hand. Board members age, grow older and pass on. Others decide now is the time to retire. Canterbury lost cofounder John Troyer, a vital presence over the years, and longtime board member Connie Bauer. The 50th anniversary season, in fact, is dedicated to their memories. Board President Jan Dick and Business Manager Sue Vail are retiring.

Canterbury Theatre cannot survive, Crawford and Graham say, unless the next generation steps in, finds new ways to keep it thriving.

Who would make an ideal board member?

"We need business professionals who are active in the community, maybe active civically, politically, people who can interest other groups of people to join the board," Graham said. "We need people who can begin a program

> for fundraising, which is one of the main functions of any theater board. They need to have an interest in theater, but don't necessarily need to be, or have been, performers."

> Canterbury also needs what Crawford describes as "able-bodied doers."

"We need people who are available in the evenings, during the week, particularly during the winter, to greet guests, to sell tickets, to do whatever it takes to keep the theater in operation," he said. "We need people who have a sense of ownership."

That would entail, especially during the off-season, Canterbury evolving into a homegrown theater, Graham says, one that attracts youth to shows that excite them about future possibilities there.

"Canterbury is such a lovely theater," he said. "It has such a wonderful history for people in the community, and obviously for the hundreds of people who come through during the summer and worked for us and still support it."

No one knows that better than Canterbury alumna Amanda Marasch-Brinkman, who is rallying the troops to keep the theater group alive and well for future generations.

In a Facebook post seeking donations, she writes, "Canterbury has always been a special place in my heart from my first summer there to the subsequent summers there after. Canterbury had such a huge impact on my life personally and professionally. I came out of my shell and was involved in as many aspects of the process as I had time for. 5 shows in three months. It was a crash coarse in all that it takes to put on a show. It surely was a precursor to my career as an actor in New York City and it helped give me the tools that I needed to succeed."



"Have a Nice Day," from the 2017 season.

Marasch-Brinkman made her Canterbury debut in 2004, returned for two ensuing seasons, skipped a year, then returned as a guest artist in 2008.

In a telephone interview with The Beacher, Marasch-Brinkman, who divides her time between New York and Cincinnati, says what Canterbury achieves in a short amount of time is incredible.

"I don't know many theater groups that do that," she said.



Amanda Marasch-Brinkman

"It's an incredible roller-coaster ride of trust and teamwork and cooperation. Everyone is great at something. Everyone has different strengths. Everyone holds each other's hands, jumping off the bridge and into the next season of shows."

And, Marasch-Brinkman remains close with those who shared that experience with her. Her wedding in 2015 was filled with Canterbury veterans, including the wedding party.

"It made me feel like a little piece of my theater home was at the wedding," she said.

In addition to fundraising, Marasch-Brinkman, and Mullins, are finding ways to elevate Canterbury beyond its concerns, from updating the website to emphasizing online ticket sales.

"The alumni are prepared to go to battle for the theater company," Marasch-Brinkman said, "to have the next generation of professionals glean from what we gleaned from the experience."

That enthusiasm is what fills Graham and Crawford with hope, that Canterbury has many more seasons to offer.

"We have the support going for us," Graham says, "and we are trying to translate that sort of excitement and affection for the theater, to get the community excited about the potential Canterbury has in terms of what it can do for local programming, and what it means to the community in terms of having a professional summer theater group in Michigan City."



"State Fair," from the 2001 season.



"Closer Than Ever," from the 2014 season.



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Canterbury Summer Theatre closes its 50th anniversary season with the regional premiere of "A Texas Romance" on Aug. 2-4 at Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St.

The comedy, written by longtime playwright Ellsworth Schave, debuted at Austin's Live Oak Theatre, later becoming a hit for One Thirty Productions in Dallas.



Allison Miller and Michael Davis star in "A Texas Romance."

Daisy Wilson lives in a small Texas town, a widow since her philandering husband was shot by his mistress. It's 1928, and romance re-enters Daisy's life when she finds Garland Steinholden in the front yard awaiting permission to call on her, despite her older sister's chagrin. Daisy must balance her anger and fear with a need for intimacy, and her determination to have a second chance.

The cast includes Allison Miller, Michael Davis and Canterbury veteran Jasey Gilbert, who appeared in the title role of last season's "Love, Linda — The Life of Mrs. Cole Porter."

The director is Canterbury Artistic Director Ray Scott Crawford, dean of the School of Performing Arts and Communication, and director of theatre at Bossier Parish Community College, which is coproducing "A Texas Romance" as part of its longtime collaboration with Canterbury. After premiering in Michigan City, the play will transfer to Louisiana to start a longer engagement.

Scenic design is by David White, with lighting by Keith Bruce. Rona Leber handles costuming, with properties by Jonathan Offutt. Aislinn Kimbrough is the stage manager.

Performances are at 2 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday and 6:30 p.m. Saturday. There is no Wednesday matinee. Tickets are \$16-\$17, with discounts for seniors and students. Call (219) 874-4269 or email info@canterburytheatre.org for reservations.



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### Dynamite Ensemble Eclipses Curious Performance in "Spelling Bee"

by Andrew Tallackson



The cast in a scene from "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Photo by Andy Neal

Here is a show with dynamite voices and plenty of laughs, but just misses the mark for greatness because of a central performance that doesn't work.

There is much to admire in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," the latest production in the Dunes Summer Theatre season. Right off the bat, the title song gets the royal treatment from an ensemble whose voices soar — and harmonize splendidly — all the way to the back of the theater.

But the play's light tone is repeatedly undermined by a curious interpretation of contestant William Barfee that crosses the line from funny creepy to, well, icky creepy.

The musical-comedy is a staple in regional and community theaters not only because it takes affectionate jabs at the cutthroat nature of spelling bees, but also because it gives actors the chance to sink their teeth into meaty roles.

The Dunes cast, well guided by Director Leigh Selting, is more than up to the challenge. What makes the show delightful is how each performer creates a character that is distinct from the other. No two are alike.

Take Mac Westcott, for instance. His Leaf Coneybear comes decked out in a cape, super-hero T-shirt and checkered pajama bottoms, rambling about the weirdness of the competition, then robotically launching into the correct spelling of a word. The performance is like bearing witness to Napoleon Dynamite's love child: odd, sweet, endearing.

The same holds true for Alecia Pagnotta as Olive Ostrovsky, who wants only to be loved by her parents. Her Act II piece, "The I Love You Song," in which she's joined by Joriah Kwame Fleming and Hannah Williams, the two briefly leaving behind

main roles as "comfort counselor" Mitch Mahoney and host/former winner Rona Lisa Peretti, respectively, is the musical highlight of the show.

Peretti and Fleming, by the way, have Broadway-quality voices. Peretti, in fact, is exceptionally good. How good? Like, "Wicked" good.

Other pleasures abound. Like Eileen Long, in fine deadpan form as the vice principal, who provides definitions to words that flip political correctness the bird. And Derek Demkowicz, the Boy Scout who, in the play's comic highlight, sings about getting an unfortunate "rise" out of the competition. Miggie Snyder's lispy Logainne Schwartzandgrunenierre and Lindsey Baugh's overly confident Marcy Park each come with their own clever quirks.

As those familiar with "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" know, however, the play ultimately becomes William Barfee's story as he excels to the top. Patrick Regner, however, pushes the character's eccentricities too far. The sniveling tics, the slumped posture, the aggressive physicality of the performance, become abrasive. The character wears out its welcome. I've seen interpretations of the role that find the vulnerability beneath the off-putting exterior. William wants what everyone else in the show desires: triumph and acceptance. If Regner can tone down the intensity of the performance, find succinct ways to reveal the humanity of the character, then William becomes likable.

Is "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" worth seeing? Of course, it is. Just fine-tune that character, and they've got a full-blown winner on their hands.

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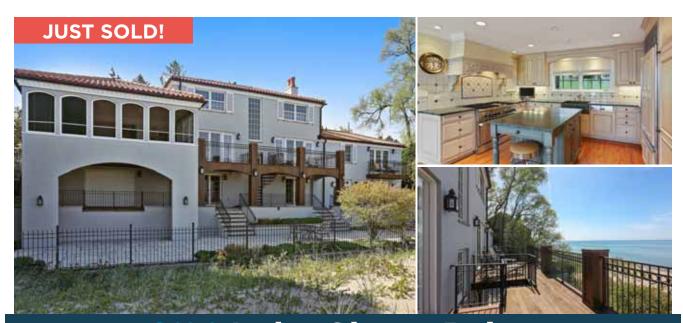
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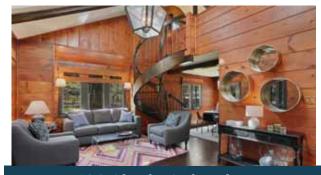
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The Michigan City Public Art Committee will host a sculpture dedication at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, at City Hall.

The event will celebrate the donation of John Sauvé's sculpture, "Dasein." The committee also will announce the addition of four new sculptures to the 2018 Sculptfusion exhibition. The event is free, with light refreshments afterward in City Hall.

The Michigan City Common Council formed the art committee in 2011. Sculptfusion debuted in 2013 with an original exhibit of eight sculptures meant to rotate each year throughout the Uptown Arts District and Washington Park. As the sculptures gained popularity, many leases were renewed and several sculptures purchased for Michigan City's public-art collection. The most recent was "The Owl & the Pussycat" by local artist Richard Kiebdaj, located in Charles Westcott Park.

This year, four sculptures have been replaced. At Michigan Boulevard and U.S. 12, Sophie Ma-

> rie, whose artwork explores mythology and metaphors, is exhibiting "Khnum."

> "Khnum was originally a god who was thought to rule over all water, including the rivers and lakes of the underworld," Marie said in a press release. "He was associated with the source of the Nile and ensured that the inundation deposited enough pre-

cious black silt onto the riverbanks to make them fertile. The silt also formed the clay, the raw ma-



Kansas Williams' "Circle of Fifths."

the idea for the sculpture while on tour with her band.

"I have always been a musician and an artist," she said in a press release. "For me, there is no division between the two. The circle of fifths is the concept on which western music is based. I view this sculpture as a three-dimensional representation of music theory."

Another new work, Steve Cantor's "Bird," is at Eighth Street and terial required to make pottery. According to one creation myth, Khnum molded everything on his potter's wheel, including both the people and the other gods."

Kansas Williams looks forward to celebrating the unveiling of her sculpture, "Circle of Fifths," which is located near Seventh and West Franklin streets. Williams, who also is a musician, came up with



"Bird" by Steve Cantor.



Sophie Marie's "Khnum."

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Michigan Boulevard. The tall steel sculpture casts an early shadow over the intersection like a sundial. Cantor exhibits sculpture throughout the country, but says the Elston Park location in Michigan City is his favorite.

John Sauvé is exhibiting a new work, "Faust." Located at Putnam Park on U.S. 12 at the western gateway to Michigan City, Sauvé explores the theme of individual choice in his art. His new installation



John Sauvé's "Faust."

exemplifies that theme with reference to the German folk legend best captured by Goethe's book by the same name.

A free app called Otocast is available for readers to download on their phones. It connects with Google Maps and provides locations and an audio tour of the sculptures.





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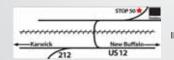
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### Family Meets Recipient of Scholarship Named After Deceased Loved One

Six children of the late Barbara Dobben, who was a PEO Chapter DF member, had the chance to meet the recipient of a scholarship the chapter established in her name.

When she passed away in 2016, the family presented monetary gifts to the chapter as a tribute to her. The chapter's scholarship committee then conducted a search for the best candidate, who turned out to be Michigan City High School graduate Jenna Stevenson.

Scholarship committee members Elaine Alonso, Joyce Beckner and Ann Berg wanted to choose a student who excelled academically, but also exhibited "some of the traits that made Barb such a special person." Stevenson's resumé of personal and academic activities and achievements, and positive community contributions,

impressed the committee, the chapter and the Dobben family.

With a goal of applying to medical school special-



Scholarship recipient Jenna Stevenson (center) is photographed with Dobben family members, Steven (from left), Pamela, Richard, Brian, Deborah and Douglas, after a ceremony conducted in the garden of Franciscan St. Anthony Health Medical Center, where Richard Dobben is a physician. Photo by Sharon Dobben.

izing in neurology, Stevenson will attend Purdue University in the fall, majoring in biology.

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### **Civil War Days**

Dewey Cannon Park will be the setting for historical and educational events during Civil War Days in Three Oaks on Saturday and Sunday, July 28-29.



Saturday offerings run from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. EDT, kicking off with an opening ceremony and followed by Coffee with the Generals. Activities for children are planned, along with historical presentations by Gen. George Armstrong Custer

and Gen. Robert E. Lee at Dewey Cannon Park, and Brigadier Gen. Joshua Chamberlain and Fanny Chamberlain at Three Oaks Township Public Library, "battles" on the school grounds and musical venues.

Sunday events run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT in Dewey Cannon Park, with a church service by Real Life at the gazebo, then Gen. Jeb Stuart will follow with a historical presentation. Later is another "battle" on the school grounds.

Harbor Country Singers will present a concert of period music at 2 p.m. Sunday at the outdoor stage of the Arts & Education Center, 14 Maple St.

Selections include "Battle Hymn of the Republic," folk tunes from both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line and spirituals. The group is directed by Donna Mitchell, executive director of the School of American Music and a SAM voice instructor.

Afterward is a presentation on the Iron Brigade/24th Michigan and Civil War Artillery. A special event involves the Melodeon Organ from 1867, presented by Linda Martin Mangold on Sunday afternoon at The Region of Three Oaks Museum.

In connection with the event, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter of Three Oaks, will dedicate three new Civil War veteran grave markers at 6 p.m. EDT Friday, July 27, at Shedd Cemetery on Spring Creek Road south of Three Oaks.

Chapter members have been working with records and historical documentation to restore the burial grounds. The new markers from the Bureau of Veterans Affairs honor: Cpl. Benjamin Platts and privates John Redman and Thomas Bock. A historical tour of the cemetery is at 1 p.m. EDT Sunday. Contact rebecca.deweyto@gmail.com for details.

Full programs will be available on site. Contact the Civil War Days Committee at cwinthreeoaks@ yahoo.com or visit www.civilwardaysthreeoaks.jimdo.com for more details.



### A Ride with Deadly Purpose

I was taught at City News Bureau of Chicago to never bury the lede, so I confess my favorite bike ride is to the cemetery where my wife and I will be buried.

I speak of Riverside Cemetery on Three Oaks Road in Chikaming Township, Mich. I relish the 12mile loop I created from our house in Harbert whose focal point is the very plot we purchased a year or so ago to house our mortal remains. Our "place," as it were. And, yes, we are going to buy the stone sometime this summer, but keep our departure dates blank because Natalie absolutely insists we are going for 100. Our arrival dates were in 1950, however, so that should give you some idea as to how long we've been spinning around the mortal coil.

And it should give you some idea as to what a crazy old geezer I've become.

I mean, come on, really?!? You enjoy riding to your grave? Are you nuts, or what?

I am a bit off. I admit it. But let me present my case for what I call my ride with deadly purpose.



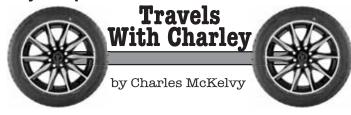
I qualify for a marker like this on our grave. But none too soon, I hope.

First, and foremost, I developed a love for riding around cemeteries as a kid growing up in the Beverly neighborhood Chicago's far southwest side. You couldn't ride Beverly far in without hitting a busy stretch like Western Avenue or 103rd Street. I was told to stay off 107th Street, which

in my young opinion, was lightly traveled. So I ventured over to 111th Street and began riding around the two cemeteries there. The residents had no objections whatsoever. There was absolutely no traffic except when there was a funeral. Then, I would discreetly withdraw, and it was guiet and guite lovely.

The worse thing that ever happened was, a sexton appeared one day and asked what I thought I was doing.

"Taking a beautiful bike ride and praying for the



dead," I replied.

He chewed on that for a second, nodded and said, "OK. Carry on."

And I did.

So when we moved to Michigan in 1987, I sought out all the local cemeteries and incorporated them into our rides. We immediately fell in love with New Troy Cemetery on Weechik Road in Weesaw Township, often stopping there on long rides to look at the old graves, some from the Civil War, and to take on water. And this being the centennial of the War to End All Wars, you should know New Troy Cemetery contains graves and markers for local lads who fell in France during the bloody summer of 1918.

Alas, as much as we like New Troy Cemetery, we knew we couldn't be buried there because we live in Chikaming, not Weesaw, Township. We had two choices in Chikaming, Riverside or Lakeside, and we opted for Riverside Cemetery because it is closer to our house. Not that we'll have to make that final drive, mind you, but you get the point.



This road wasn't closed to bike traffic. Welcome to Michigan, right?

While we're on the subject of Chikaming's two cemeteries, permit me to share a short story from when I worked for the local funeral home as a "funeral celebrant."

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My bike takes a much-needed break at our gravesite at Riverside Cemetery.

substitute funeral director, I headed for the burial in one of Chikaming's two cemeteries. We were motoring north on Three Oaks Road when I looked up and saw the police wanted us to turn left on Warren Woods Road toward Lakeside Cemetery on, you guessed it, Lakeside Road.

"No," I said, "go straight to Riverside. The committal's at Riverside."

So, the fill-in funeral director followed my orders and we led the entire procession to Riverside Cemetery, where there were no preparations to receive the deceased. "My bad," I said, red-faced. "Lakeside it is." Indeed, had I but looked at my notes, I would have seen that it was. So we drove all the way around lovely Riverside Cemetery, then all the way over to Lakeside Cemetery, and the funeral director told me to apologize to the family.

They were all laughing when I did, however. Their dearly depart-



I was looking mighty pooped as I approached the cemetery. Time for a rest, but hopefully not an eternal rest.

ed, it seems, always said she would be late for her own funeral.

Such are the memories I entertain whenever I take my ride with deadly purpose to Riverside Cemetery. And, yes, I do include some rather steep hills in my route, so I am more than a little reminded of my mortality when arriving at our last little piece of real estate, and the midpoint in the ride.

There you have it, fans of far-out: a quiet ride in the country by an old coot who loves nothing better than taking a break at his gravesite. Hey, if anything really bad happened to me, at least I'd be at the right cemetery.



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The story is set in several of Shirley Heinze's Northwest Indiana nature preserves. Readers follow an Irish setter named Red as he and his human friends head out to explore nature. Along the way, Red meets other animals who offer guidance and teach him about the natural habitats in which they live. Scenes in the book depict Heinze Trust sites in Gary, Hammond, Hobart, Portage, Chester-

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ton, Valparaiso, Michigan City and South Bend. The

book also includes an appendix that explains what a nature preserve is, why protecting these places is important and how readers can visit them.

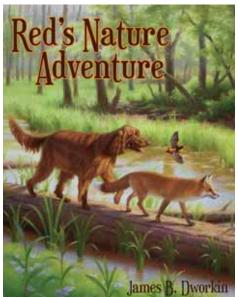
"Red's Nature Adventure" is the third children's book produced by

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Dworkin and Chelich. Proceeds from its sales benefit Shirley Heinze's land-conservation work.

Shirley Heinze and Lakeshore PBS will co-host a PBS Kids Explore the Outdoors Event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Meadowbrook Nature Preserve, 109 W. County Road 700 North, Valparaiso. The first 200 families to attend will receive a copy of the book, and the chance to have it signed by Chelich.

The event is free and open to the public. Families can explore nature through crafts, hikes and demonstrations. They are encouraged to

take snacks, water, insect spray and sunscreen, and to

wear closed toe shoes.

Visit www.bbpnet.com/x29a for details on the book, which also is available on Amazon. Dworkin can be reached for information on book readings or signings at (219) 363-2970 or dworkinjim@gmail.com



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Friendship Botanic Gardens on July 18 hosted a dedication ceremony for the recently installed Horizon Bank Labyrinth Garden. The bank has been a major supporter of the local attraction over the last few years, with the new Labyrinth Garden viewed as a way to help attract visitors to the area. The ceremony included wine and light appetizers, along with speeches from representatives of Friendship Botanic Gardens and Horizon Bank.







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"Gatsby in the Gardens," a garden party in the spirit of the 1920s-1930s, is from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12.

Guests at the 21-and-older event have the option to dress in 1920s apparel, sample cocktails, dance or play lawn games while listening to live jazz music. Drinks such as BA to Barcelona and Lashed to Mast will be available.

Tickets, which are \$40, are available at www. friendshipgardens.org, on Eventbrite, the Facebook event page and the day of the event. Limited tickets are available. Call (219) 878-9885 for more details.

### **Critter Camp**

Children 6-8 can explore forests, streams, meadows and trails during "Critter Camp" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 6-10, at Dunes Learning Center, 700 Howe Road, Chesterton.

Activities range from camp crafts and themed hikes to a day at the beach. The cost is \$190. Visit duneslearningcenter.org/public for more details.

### **Footlight Auditions**

Footlight Players will have auditions for "Dark of the Moon" from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Aug. 5-6, at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St.

Director Robert Komendera and Assistant Director Kristina Moore seek 13 men and 12 women. No experience is necessary. Performances are Oct. 5-7 and 11-14.

### **New Carlisle Hometown Days**

New Carlisle Hometown Days is Friday through Sunday, July 27-29, at New Carlisle Memorial Park.

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A total of 141 runners and walkers, plus or minus a few, participated in the traditional low-key run prior to the Long Beach parade. Despite hot temperature prior to race day, the early morning race had reasonable, but humid weather conditions.

The event is organized and presented by Kevin and Camille Higdon, with several family members and friends contributing in some fashion or another. The day starts early with marking the course at 5 a.m. and Beacher Doug Wickstrom showing up to open the Old School Community Center at 6 a.m. for registration and race activities.

The event's laid-back structure ensures it doesn't become too serious. The course even is non-standard at just shy of three miles. Many favorable comments indicated how it reminded people of the old days of just showing up to walk/run without a lot of pressure.

With a trail being cleared in Moon Valley Forest Preserve for everyone's use by Long Beach Boy Scout Troop 802, the race has a \$10 donation, and proceeds go to the Town of Long Beach to maintain the trail and potentially re-establish some of the old trails that have grown over. The town donated wa-





### Old School Run Helps Trail Maintenance in Moon Valley



ter for thirsty participants and use of the Community Center lobby/restrooms. This year, \$1,200 — a new record — was collected to start the Moon Valley Trail Maintenance Fund.

The Beacher has been another loyal supporter for all 21 years by providing advertising space in the newspaper and certificates for all finishers. Finishers also could get the usual "Old T-shirt" as a memento. This year, only a couple of T-shirts remained, and they were accumulated to start the pile for next year's run. An added attraction was that the Top 3 male and female leaders received a Hal Higdon autographed book, <u>Marathon the Novel</u>.

Race Supervisor Camille Higdon and her helpers had things organized by making sure registrations went smoothly and donated water was available. Runners come to Long Beach to mingle with old friends and family. From Anchorage, Alaska, to the west to Hadden Township, N.J., to the east, all sections of the USA were represented. This year's run even had a world-wide flavor as one family came all the way from Saudi Arabia to run in the race.

Well, maybe they didn't come to Long Beach just to run the race, but it does make the story better.

As consistent with previous runs and its low-key manner, 20 minutes before race time, it appears the number of runners would pale in comparison to previous years. But as with every other year, almost everyone shows up at the race start time with the usual latecomers missing the start and jumping in after the event begins.

Runners were finally lined up. In true holiday mode, for the second year in a row, 20-somethings Holly Higdon and her cousin, Angela Sandall, per-



formed a beautiful rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner," with Holly securing one of the Town of Long Beach U.S. flags for everyone to see.

Finally, the race began. Bryce Schmisseur of Phoenix, his cousin, Hobbs, and uncle, Mike Kessler, made it a family affair by separating themselves from the rest of the field. Mike Kessler dropped back a little bit over the hill on Floral Trail and the snake trail through the golf course. Near the mile mark, Schmisseur, who runs on the Grand Canyon College cross country team, decided it was time to see how fast he could move it out. He pressed onward, and with local celebrity Hal Higdon out on his bike ensuring Bryce made it through the snake turn, he pushed it home, finishing with a time of 14:40. The Kesslers finished strong, with Hobbs maintaining the second in 16:10 and Mike picking up third place in 16:33.

On the women's side, former homegrown Beacher







Katie Leahy Bryant began the race in the company of her husband, David, as they came in from Kansas City, Mo., to be part of the Leahy clan. Katie decided not to get in the same situation she had last year when she was passed by her former coach's (Hal Higdon) grandson at the finish line. She took it out hard and ran a whopping minute and a half faster than last year with a winning time of 17:48. She ended up sixth overall, and her time is the fifth fastest women's time in the 21 years of the race. The Women's Course record is 15:49, run by Colleen Murphy of Cleveland, Ohio, who ended up winning the overall race in 2002. Katie even left her husband in the dust as he finished 15 seconds back of her in seventh place. In the meantime, Sandy Gregorich from Madison, Wis., and a friend of Beacher Carter Elenz's family, ended up in second place. Eryn Schmisseur, Bryce's sister, and a star high school runner, made it a real Schmisseur family outing by finishing in third place.

After the leaders, of course, several others finished in their own fast and/or leisurely way, with everyone done in less than an hour. All were able to get back to have their morning breakfast and attend the rest of the July 4 festivities.

The most important aspect was the typical camaraderie the participants shared, catching up on the goings-on since the previous year.

So, until next year, keep up the training. And wear your old T-shirt proudly.

### The Top 3 Common Causes of Lower Back Pain and Sciatica

Dear Fellow NW Indiana Resident,

Back pain and sciatica can be one of the most frustrating problems to deal with…leading to pain killers, expensive MRIs, multiple injections, and even surgery.

What's worse is that many times these costly procedures do not lead to being pain free...or even less pain OR relief...leading to frustration...feeling like life is passing you by...and depression.

BUT from experience of helping over 2000 patients with back pain and sciatica heal naturally without medications, injections, or surgery...I can share that in every case the person got back to normal because the CAUSE of their back pain and sciatica was addressed correctly.

### So what causes back pain and sciatica?

From my experience, there are 3 most common causes we see at Orthopedic and Balance Therapy:

### Cause #1: Stenosis, Arthritis, DDD (Degenerative Disc Disease)

Pain with standing and walking? Less pain when you sit down? 50 or more candles on your next birthday cake?

If you answered Yes to these 3 questions, then there's a 99% chance the cause of your back pain or sciatica is stenosis, arthritis or DDD.

Sufferers with this cause may also have lower back stiffness when they first get out of bed in the morning...and may need to "move around" for 15 minutes...or get a hot shower before they loosen up.

They usually have trouble being on their feet for long times...and need to "sit down for a minute" to get relief.

This is the person who needs to lean forward on the grocery cart to make it through the store.

### Cause #2: Herniated Discs or Pinched Nerves

Sufferers with herniated discs are usually younger...40 years of age or younger...and have sharp pain down the back of their leg when they bend forward or lift.

As a general rule, the further down the leg they have pain, numbness or tingling...the more pressure they're putting on their nerve.

They have pain bending forward...and usually relief bending backwards or standing.

### Cause #3:

This third cause is the most commonly missed cause of back pain and sciatica because it does not show up easily on an X-ray or MRI.

Sufferers of this cause usually have pain with changing positions such as getting in and out of a car…or rolling in bed…or getting in and out of bed.

Sitting or driving is usually a problem…and one leg can feel "heavier" than the other.

Sufferers with this cause can even experience groin pain and trouble controlling their bladder (even at a young age).

### Why knowing the cause of your back pain or sciatica is important...

When you know the cause of your back pain and sciatica, then it's much easier to do the right treatment to get back to normal...and heal naturally.

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- How to match the right treatment to the exact cause of your symptoms (this is where most patients get poor results... when the correct treatment is not matched to the correct cause).
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### **Nine Hole Fever**

Long Beach Country Club's Nine Hole Golf League recently celebrated Guest Day with a disco theme, "Thursday Morning Nine Hole Fever!"

Members and guests were treated to beautiful weather, cocktails the night before and a '70s-themed buffet both days. Everyone had a great time "Playing Alive"!

Several awards were presented:

Front Nine **First Place** Carol Lyons Gail Byrnes Carol Sullivan Sue Hill **Second Place** Roxanne Martino Kathy Graham Terri Bolzan Karen Zarlengo **Third Place** Adele O'Donnell Terry Deming Noelle Repetto Beth O'Donnell Closest to the Pin Sara Stoeckly **Longest Drive** Gail Byrnes



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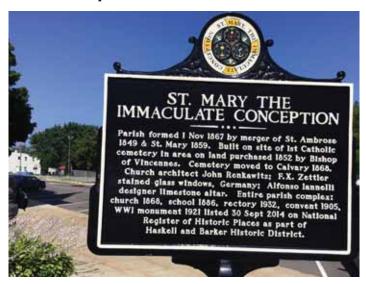


### **Unveiling of Historical Marker Helps Close Sesquicentennial Celebration**



The dedication of a historical marker that tells the story of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 411 W. 11th St., helped close its 150th anniversary celebration with a ceremony after the 9 a.m. Mass on July 15.

The marker sheds light on the church's place on the National Register as part of the Haskell-Barker Historic District. The unveiling was led by parish historian Patricia Gruse Harris, who researched the marker. The Rev. Kevin Huber, parish administra-



tor, then blessed the marker and everyone present.

Harris thanked: Huber, St. Mary's parish council and finance committee for their support and funding of the marker; Linda Milzarek and Janet Sypniesk for critiquing the wording and layout; Kurt and Kurtpatrick Catterlin of City Supply Inc. for storing the marker prior to installation; and Dave and Kevin Nelson, Mike Dreske and Jack Zink for installing the marker designed by Sewah Studios of Marietta, Ohio.







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### **Westchester Public Library**

The following programs are available:

• Crazy About Chocolate from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 26, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

Linda Bayman from Purdue Extension will lead a discussion with facts about the confection, including chocolate sampling.

• Bits & Bytes series, Learn to Navigate Facebook, from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 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.

• Kids Science Explorer Club at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 27, at the Thomas Library Children's Department.

Duneland School Corp. teacher Kim Stahura leads the science-based program for children 6 and older. The focus is the science of roller coasters. Registration is required in person or by calling (219) 926-7696.

• Bandstand Concert & Movie Series on Friday, July 27, at the Thomas Centennial Park bandstand in downtown Chesterton

The South Shore Brass Band performs at 7 p.m., followed by "Lego Batman Movie" at 8 p.m.

• Westchester Public Library Comic Con 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

The lineup includes a costume contest at 1 p.m., an author and artist alley, Spider-Man photo op, trivia contest at 11 a.m., drawing workshop with artist Bill Halliar Jr. at noon, all-day kids activities and free comic-themed swag while supplies last. Costumes are encouraged.

 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 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.

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### **Fernwood Botanical Garden**

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

# • Gardens of Lawndale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT Thursday, July 26.

Annamaria León, the Greening, Open Space, Water and Soil Subcommittee chair for the North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council, leads the program. NLCCC implements North Lawndale stakeholder-driven greening initiatives.

### • Volunteer Educators Training Session: Tallgrass Prairie from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Thursday, July 26.

Volunteer educators aid youth programs, from leading nature walks on the trails to assisting with public programming. For the training, dress for walking the trails.



The Chris Greene Quartet

# • Chris Greene Quartet from 6:30 to 9 p.m. EDT Friday, July 27.

Led by saxophonist Chris Greene, the quartet has been part of Chicago's jazz scene since 2005, winning Best Jazz Entertainer at the 2018 Chicago Music Awards. Chef Tim Carrigan will prepare food, while beer and wine will be sold. Tickets are \$15.

# • Niles Handweavers Guild from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Aug. 1.

The focus is dying techniques. Contact Elizabeth Pilley at (269) 697-4003 for details.

### • In the Curator's Gallery.

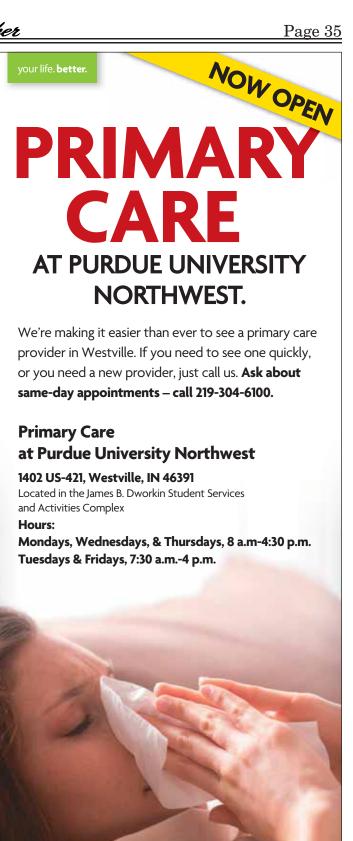
"Glass Blowing Artists" runs through Sunday, Aug. 5.

#### • In Trillium Hall.

Drawings and paintings by Kathryn Barbin through Sunday, Aug. 5.

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

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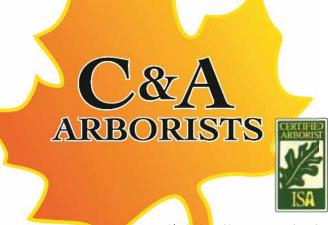




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The American Red Cross LaPorte County Chapter will sponsor the following bloodmobiles:

- Conservation Club House, 1 Mill Pond Road, Union Mills, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 29.
- LaPorte Hospital, 1007 W. Lincolnway, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, July 30.
- First United Methodist Church, 1225 Michigan Ave., LaPorte, 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1.

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.

### **Cat Shelter Fundraiser/Open House**

Independent Cat Society, 4061 S. County Line Road, Westville, will host its Eyes on the Pies/Summer Open House on July 28-29.

Times are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The event includes pies, baked goods, raffle prizes and ICS merchandise. Proceeds aid the medical care of shelter cats and kittens.

The open house allows guests to meet adoptable kittens. Donations of canned cat food (Friskies/Fancy Feast), dry food, cat treats, paper plates, paper towels and laundry detergent are welcome.

### **Butterfly Bonanza**

The free program "Butterfly Bonanza" is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12.

Horticulturalist Dolly Foster will discuss butterfly gardening, pollinator conservation and how to attract them to your backyard. Visitors can experience live butterflies as newly hatched monarchs are released into the butterfly garden. Children can make free butterfly crafts.

Visit www.friendshipgardens.org for details.

### **Annual Holy Trinity Rummage Sale**

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 7396 W. Johnson Road, will hold its annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 27-28.

Items include dishes, glassware, crystal wine glasses, platters, small appliances, crafts, clothing, shoes, purses, records, books, tapes and toys.

### Michigan City Public Library



A scene from "Arthur Christmas."

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

### • Christmas in July: "Arthur Christmas" at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 26.

Children up to 18 years old who arrive within the first 30 minutes of the screening have a chance to win a copy of the DVD. The movie is Rated PG. Children will make a craft. Light refreshments will be available.

### • Film Showing: "West Side Story" at 2 p.m. Friday, July 27.

The library and Michigan City Chamber Music Festival are collaborating to present the film that won 10 Academy Awards in 1961. The screening also is part of the 100-year celebration of composer Leonard Bernstein's birth. Light refreshments will be served.

### Volunteer Tutors Needed

The Learning Center needs tutors for children and adults in: reading, math, high school equivalency (GED) and English as a Second Language. All supplies and training are provided; the requirement is two hours a week. Contact Jessica Hoffmaster at (219) 873-3043 or stop by the Learning Center for more information.

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#### **The History Museum**

The following programs are through The History Museum, 808 W. Washington St., South Bend:

• Gallery After Dark presents "Dancers in the Historic Oliver Gardens" at 7 p.m. EDT Thursday, July 26.

The program celebrates the works of Louis Comfort Tiffany on view in "Tiffany: Luminous Masterworks." Four groups will perform, including (in order of appearance): Chloé Ilene and Joanna Whitmyer of New Industry Dance (modern dance); The DisDress Dolls (burlesque); South Bend Folk Dancers (folk dance); and Ruby Jazayre and the Sisters of the Nile & Company (Middle Eastern).

Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$14 for members. Reservations are required by calling extension 233 or visiting historymuseumsb.org

"Tiffany: Luminous Masterworks" showcases more than 50 objects, including a French gilt-bronze clock, an enameled copper vase, a stained glass window that features lilies and a white opalescent glass chandelier.

• "Insights in History" at 1:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Michael Nassaney, Western Michigan University professor of anthropology and principal investigator of the Fort St. Joseph Archaeological Project, will discuss early explorers and French voyageurs.

Admission is \$3, or \$1 for members. Reservations are required by July 30.

A tour of the exhibit "Voyageurs: French Exploration of the New World" will be offered. Drawings, maps and other illustrations on the exhibit's 29 panels chronicle French exploration in North America, including the history of fur trade, French voyageurs, Fort St. Joseph, the Potawatomi Indians and French explorer Robert de La Salle.

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#### **Indiana Dunes State Park**

The following programs are offered:

## • Drama in the Dunes, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 26.

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

## • Scatology 101, 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 26.

Meet at the Nature Center where a game offers, according to a press release, "the scoop on poop."

#### • Park Plays, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 26.

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

#### • Sunset Yoga, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 26.

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.

## • Nature's Camo Hike, 3 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 27.

The hike emphasizes the science of camouflage in the Dunes.

• Full Moon Hike, 8:30 to 9:45 p.m. Friday,



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#### July 27.

Meet at the Nature Center for a short presentation about the moon, followed by a hike to Lake Michigan and back.

## • Dunes Creek Hike, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 28.

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

## • Critter Dinner, 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1.

View the Nature Center's reptiles and amphibians as they eat their live meals.

## • Sensational Hike, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28.

Meet at the Nature Center for hands-on activities.

## • Beach Yoga, 9 to 10 a.m. Sunday, July 29, and Tuesday, July 31.

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

## • Savanna Saunter, 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, July 29.

Join a naturalist at the Nature Center for the hike exploring oak savanna habitats.

#### • Beaver Tales at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 29.

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

## • High Dunes Hike, 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, July 30.

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

#### • Owl Puke, 3 to 4 p.m. Monday, July 30.

Discover what is coughed up in pellets from an owls' dinners.

## • Wild Edibles Walk, 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 31.

Meet at the Nature Center for the walk exploring dune delicacies.

## • Spider Show N' Tell, 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 31.

Meet at the nature center to learn about arachnids that call the Dunes home.

## • Shipwreck Stories, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1.

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#### **Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore**

The following programs are available:

# • 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. 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.

## • Campground Program from 8 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 27, at Dunewood Campground Amphitheater.

The campground is at Broadway and U.S. 12 in Beverly Shores.

## • Miller Woods Full Moon Hike from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday, July 27.

Join a ranger for a moonlit hike through oak savannas and sand dunes to Lake Michigan. Meet at the Paul H. Douglas Center.

## • 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.

## • 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.

# • Insects of the Indiana Dunes from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at The Paul H. Douglas Center.

Chicago Field Museum entomologist expert Jim Louderman will show insects found in IDNL, and a few from other places in the world. The program is part of the Douglas Center open house from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## • 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.

## • Urban Farming Fun from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the Paul H. Douglas Center.

Learn tips and tricks of starting a vegetable garden from park rangers and volunteers.

#### • 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 toasting, 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 29.

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 29, 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.

# • Sunset Around the Fire at the Pavilion from 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, 100 Riverwalk Road.

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

## • A portion of Glenwood Dunes Trail to temporarily close.

The closure is due to a NIPSCO project on Furnessville Road and will remain in effect through Aug. 17. The short loops beginning at the two trailheads will remain open.

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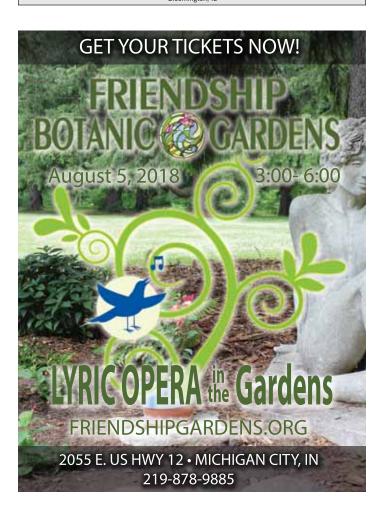
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The following programs are through Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.:

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Church will lead students through a variety of watercolor techniques.

The cost is \$95, with members receiving a \$20 discount. Supplies are not included. Church will discuss supplies with all beginners to start the class.

· Kristina Knowski will give a free presentation on "Picture Framing for Artists" from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 29.

Knowski will review the basics of framing artwork on paper, canvas and other substrates, then discuss selecting mats, frames and glazing.

Knowski is a professional frame designer, working with SFC Gallery in Michigan City's Uptown Arts District and partnering with 18 Artists for the CAC presentation.

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#### Chamber Festival Internships

Michigan City Chamber Music Festival will offer its first internships for high school and college-aged students wanting to learn about how performing arts-organizations operate.

Duties include working with Artistic Director Nic Orbovich, Education Director Sunny Gardner-Orbovich and Operations Director Earle Perez during the festival, which is Aug. 4-12 at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St.

Interns would assist in stage management, ushering, running errands for guest musicians, assisting with light movement of chairs, instruments and music stands and equipment, reception assistance and cleanup. Prospective interns would be encouraged to sign up to help whenever possible during the festival.

Internships are unpaid, and attendance is required at the operations team organizing meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, at First Presbyterian.

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#### In the Area:

**July 25-26** — Arts in the Park, LaPorte's Fox Park. July 25: LaPorte City Band/July 26: Code Names (hard rock). Pre-show music/6:15 p.m., concerts/7 p.m. Info: www.artsintheparklaporte.com

**July 25-28** — "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

**July 26** — Christmas in July: "Arthur Christmas," 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**July 26** — Crazy About Chocolate, 10-11 a.m., Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

**July 26** — Family Fishing Night, 6-7:30 p.m., Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte. Free. Registration: (219) 325-8315.

**July 27** — Film Showing: "West Side Story," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**July 27** — Full Moon Hike, 8:30-9:45 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**July 27-29** — New Carlisle Hometown Days, New Carlisle Memorial Park, West Michigan Street.

July 27-Aug. 1 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Now showing: "On Chesil Beach." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 7 p.m. Tue.-Wed. Also Showing: "Hearts Beat Loud." Rated PG-13. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

**July 27-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 28** — Westchester Public Library Comic Con 2018, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

**July 28** — Ninth annual Cocktails at the Grand Cottage (Michiana Humane Society fundraiser), 5 -9 p.m. EDT. Tickets: \$100. Reservations: (219) 872-4499, www.michianahumanesociety.org

**July 28** — "Gatsby in the Gardens," 6-9 p.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Cost: \$40. Reservations: www.friendshipgardens.org, Eventbrite, Facebook event page, @ door.

**July 28-29** — Eyes on the Pies/Summer Open House, Independent Cat Society, 4061 S. County Line Road, Westville. Times: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat./11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun.

**July 28-29** — Civil War Days in Three Oaks. Hours (Eastern): 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Sat./ 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Info: www.civilwardaysthreeoaks.jimdo.com

**July 29** — Butterfly Bonanza, 2-4 p.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Free. Info:

www.friendshipgardens.org

**Aug. 1** — Michigan City Public Art Committee sculpture dedication, 6 p.m., City Hall.

**Aug. 1** — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, 12:15 p.m., Christ Church (the former First Congregationalist Church), 531 Washington St. Free. Info: (219) 608-5358.

**Aug. 2-4** — "A Texas Romance," Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Times: 2 p.m. Thur., 7:30 p.m. Fri., 6:30 p.m. Sat. Tickets: \$16-\$17. Info: (219) 874-4269, info@canterburytheatre.org

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 26** — Gardens of Lawndale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles Mich. Info: (269) 695-6491, www.fernwoodbotanical.org

**July 27** — Chris Greene Quartet, 6:30-9 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles Mich. Tickets: \$15. Info: www.fernwoodbotanical.org (269) 695-6491.

July 27 — Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival Touring Co., "The Merchant of Venice," 7 p.m. EDT, Benton Harbor Arts District (Fifth Street/Territorial Road). Free. Info: shakespeare.nd.edu

**July 28** — PBS Kids Explore the Outdoors Event, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Meadowbrook Nature Preserve, 109 W. County Road 700 North, Valparaiso.

**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.

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

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

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by Sally Carpenter

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On the trip over to the island, Bowditch learns a hunter came forward, admitted to the shooting, then recanted his story. Buckle up, Bowditch, you're in for a wild ride...

The island is home to only about 90 people, people who have a local law officer and pride themselves on handling their own business. So the appearance of a Maine state warden causes many to clam up and not say anymore than they have to.

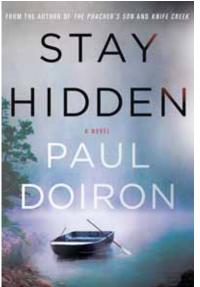
The deceased is Ariel Evans, a well-known international journalist and bestselling author, not to mention blond and beautiful. She'd rented a cottage on the island for two months to rest and work on her next book. Looking over the cottage and its disarray, Bowditch concludes she also was a hard-drinking party girl and drug user.

After securing the scene, taking photos and evidence, the body is removed to the mainland for an autopsy.

Expecting backup from Maine State Police the next day, Bowditch is at the pier to meet the weekly boat that comes from the mainland. Imagine his surprise when off steps none other than Ariel Evans. Say what?!

This woman is almost the exact duplicate of the deceased now on her way to the coroner. Bowditch soon discovers this woman standing before him is, indeed, Ariel Evans, and the dead woman is her sister, Miranda, the black sheep of the family.

Officer Klesko of the Maine State Police would lead the investigation since it is now officially a homicide. But he is stuck in Bangor on a court case, so Bowditch is on his own and in charge.



Bowditch wants Ariel to leave the island since someone wants her dead and will now know they killed the wrong sister. She is adamant and won't budge until the killer is found.

Bowditch starts the arduous task of questioning a lot of islanders who would rather see him picked up by an eagle and dropped in the ocean.

Ariel says she knows no one on Mequoit, so who would want her dead?

As with most small communities, there is a hierarchy. Herman Reed is clearly in charge, with Sher-

iff Andrew Radcliffe tucked neatly under his thumb. He's kind of the Barney Fife of Mequoit.

Then there's the Washburn boys—tough, stupid, priding themselves as being neo-Nazis. Hmmm. Seems Ariel wrote an expose on neo-Nazis...could that be a connection?

The librarian/schoolteacher, Beryl McCloud, has been avoiding Bowditch. She says it's because of her Lyme Disease — convenient excuse?

Then there's Blake Markman, a refugee from Hollywood who was accused, but later acquitted, of killing his wife years ago. He lives as a hermit on a craggy piece of rock off the coast of Mequoit, tending his sheep. Miranda spent a lot of time with him. Hmmm. Could he have found out who Miranda really was?

Other island characters are so richly drawn, they practically jump off the page.

In his late 20s, Bowditch is a wonderful threedimensional character who has grown and evolved over the past eight novels. He admits his faults, but leans on his strong sense of intuition, which doesn't always go over big with his superiors.

One thing for sure — nothing about this case is straightforward, and Bowditch is running out of time. Solve this case, or be replaced.

Doiron's love of Maine is evident: The landscape of the Maine coastal islands is beautifully described, from the Atlantic coastline to the inner island forests and marshes.

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