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# In the Open Air

by Linda Weigel



zation, it began in 2008, with founder Julie Kasniunas returning from a *plein air* workshop sponsored by Indiana Plein Air Painters Association in downstate Indiana. Her resulting enthusiasm and excitement led to the formation of a core group, including painters Pat Herman and Julia Holmaas.

"I'm sure Julie and Julia would agree that when we began, there was no plan to 'grow a group,' just a desire to paint regularly together outside — in the beginning just two or three at a venue," Herman said. "Now, (there are) regularly 14-16 or more and many drop-ins from our email list. People just keep finding us. It's been amazing to watch it

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Members of Duneland Plein Air Painters made a special trip to Pine Elementary School, a Magnet School for the Arts, in 2017 to share what they do with the students. Beacher file photos by Bob Wellinski

*En Plein Air*, a French expression meaning "in the open air," refers to the art of painting outdoors in all kinds of weather and at various times of the day. It was often used to describe the Impressionist painters of France, especially Claude Monet.

The term now describes anyone who paints outside. In our area, Duneland Plein Air Painters explores the region by producing sparkling, sun-filled moments, in the process capturing the immediacy of our vicinity as it exists today.

DPAP is "Celebrating 10 Years of Making Art" with an exhibit featuring 21 members through July 1 at Southern Shore Art Association Gallery, 724 Franklin St. As an organi-



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grow. No rules, no dues, no officers – just *plein air* painters who've become friends.”

All three artists were committed to exploring outdoor/on-site painting locations within the Michiana region. From there, the group began expanding through word of mouth, becoming known formally as Duneland Plein Air Painters and developing a reputation for its welcoming and non-judgmental approach to all who wished to join their artistic forays regardless of skill level.

DPAP meets weekly April through October at pre-selected locations throughout northern Indiana and southern Michigan, primarily LaPorte, Lake and Porter counties in Indiana and Berrien County in Southwest Michigan. These sites are selected based on member response and suggestions. The majority of meet times takes place early morning until noon, followed by a group critique and often lunch. Other times, they gather in the afternoon to begin painting, or even in the early evening when there is a full moon for special night scenes.

Examples of In-



Julie Kasniunas, who founded Duneland Plein Air Painters, savors the experience of being outdoors as she creates works of art.  
 Provided photo by Laura Krentz

diana locations include: Indiana Dunes State Park, Ogden Dunes, Century of Progress Homes along the lakeshore, Brincka-Cross Gardens, Pavolka Orchard, Pine MAGNET School, Ogden Gardens, Trail Creek and the LaPorte County Fair. In Michigan,

it has painted at Sawyer Market, Lavender Hill Farm, downtown Three Oaks, Chikaming Township Park & Preserve and Fernwood Botanical Gardens & Nature Preserve. Many of these locations offer more than just open landscape and may include farm or city buildings, farm equipment, statues, flowers, lakeshore and people, thus providing varied subject matter.

“There are many things I savor about painting *plein air*: being out in the beauty of nature with friends who share my passion for making art, the challenges of the weather, including bothersome bees and pesky mosquitoes, all of them add to the experience,” Herman said.

“What I know best is that as April approaches and our season begins, I feel such excitement and energy. Can't wait to get out and paint. It's one of the joys of my life.”

Members also have organized special trips to Twinrocker Handmade Paper in Brookston, Ind., to ArtPrize in Grand

## For More Information

- Visit Duneland Plein Air Painters at its Facebook page.
- David Baker's art may be viewed at [www.dbakerart.com](http://www.dbakerart.com), or check out his Facebook page: David Baker Painter
- The Rising Phoenix Gallery, 2803 Franklin St., is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Visit [www.risingphxgallery.com](http://www.risingphxgallery.com) for details.
- Southern Shore Art Association Gallery, 724 Franklin St. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. The website is [www.southernshoreartassociation.com](http://www.southernshoreartassociation.com)





This watercolor produced while at Red Mill County Park's pond is by Betty Thomas, a frequent contributor to Christmas edition covers for The Beacher.

Rapids, Mich., and most recently to the Transparent Watercolor Society of America Exhibition in Kenosha, Wis.

*Plein Air* is for anyone who loves being outdoors in nature, has an appreciation for art, loves painting or learning how to paint and is willing to go beyond their comfort zone to stretch their imagination. It's all about leaving the convenience of your home or studio with indoor controls to experience the air, scents and challenges of the outdoors. DPAP is made up of artists of varying levels of experience, so the comradery, non-competitive nature, the come-and-learn-and-grow attitude provides a way to paint safely in numbers and at your own pace.

Happily, there will be two plein air exhibit sites in Michigan City this month. In addition to the SSAA Gallery, The Rising Phoenix Gallery offers "En Plein Air Exhibit" through June and featuring the works of David Baker and DPAP painters Herman and Betty Thomas. David is a retired art educator from Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac now serving as art professor emeritus. He also teaches at Ox-Bow School of Art in Saugatuck and serves on the faculty of Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph, Mich.

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David Baker's Warren Dunes creation.

He is a master of illumination and diffused light, atmospheric perspective, watery reflections, color and much more. His technical expertise reflects years of well-honed practice, and his paintings bring a controlled, yet peaceful, meditative quality to a specific moment in time.

Both shows offer visitors a wonderful journey into the experience of working outdoors with many readily identifiable and relatable locals. Today, there

are thousands of *plein air* groups and associations throughout the U.S. and the world. In my travels over the years, I've witnessed a growing interest in *en plein air*, talked with numerous artists from California to Florida to London and concluded that as an art movement, *plein air* will continue to grow as recognition of the importance of being outside, actively immersed in our natural world, can provide a level of personal, emotional and visual satisfaction not found anywhere else.



Kirsten Renehan's watercolor of plots and pathways at Brincka-Cross Gardens.

## Upcoming Event

"First Brush of Fall," a paint-out event and competition, is Sept. 21-23 in the Michigan City area, thanks to the strong organizational efforts of Jeffrey Baumgartner.

For anyone interested in fine art, *en plein air* painting or in the continuing growth of the visual arts in our region, the event signals a new and exciting challenge, a perfect fit for "create, play, repeat" branding.

Baumgartner is the artistic director at Dunes Summer Theatre. Dunes Art Foundation, which oversees the theater group, is sponsoring the event in partnership with Indiana Plein Air Painters Association and Converse, IN Paint Out.

In addition to being a professional actor/performer, Baumgartner is a highly skilled *plein air* painter. He developed his interest in painting after playing "Vincent" for 12 years on stage, stating that at one point, he felt, "I finally have gotten the guy. He was incredibly focused about learning how to paint."

That prompted him to open a studio and take classes at The Art Institute of Chicago. In 2010, he was introduced to *plein air* through an IPAPA work-



Jeffrey Baumgartner paints at Stop 23 in Long Beach. Provided photo

shop. In 2012, he took an eight-week paint/drive across country to Carmel, Calif., and spent another six weeks painting his way back, winding up in Carmel, Ind.

More trips followed throughout the U.S. to various paint-outs/competitions, meeting and developing friendships with other painters and prominent *plein air* artists. After attending Converse's first Brush of Fall paint out near Kokomo, Ind., he persuaded leaders there to trade off making this event a biennial one with Michigan City.

September marks the first of what will become an established biennial *plein air* competition for our area. It will include a special Sunday morning "Fast Paint" where participating artists have limited time to produce a singular work, which is

then showcased for monetary awards. Sunday afternoon, all paintings will be turned in by 1 p.m. to the theater, juried for major awards totaling about \$10,000, followed by a public viewing from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Registrations have begun, and this paint out event promises to be one of the more exciting venues the area has to offer in 2018.



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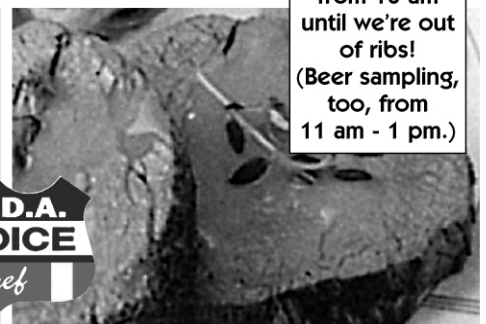
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## The Cast is the Whole Show in “Ocean’s 8”

by Andrew Tallackson

Here’s the thing: You could say “Ocean’s 8” is a continuation of Steven Soderbergh’s popular trilogy that featured the likes of George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon and Julia Roberts. Even amid a low point (2004’s tedious “Ocean’s Twelve”), there was fun to be had watching movie stars goof off, playing the equivalent of the naughty kids at school, too smooth to get caught by the principal.

Clooney’s exceedingly slick thief Danny Ocean may or may not be dead as “Ocean’s 8” begins, the family’s criminal reins handed over to his sister, Debbie (Sandra Bullock), who is being released from prison after a five-year stint. We see Debbie before the parole board, Bullock delivering Debbie’s plea for leniency with the sweet-as-apple-pie sincerity one might expect from America’s Sweetheart.

Seconds later, Debbie is free — decked out in a dress that is anything but sincere — and itching for the latest score, Bullock clearly relishing the character’s gleefully defiant side.

From there, the film, itself, co-written and directed with high polish by Gary Ross (“The Hunger Games,” “Seabiscuit,” “Pleasantville”) settles into the exact same format as the other “Oceans” pictures. In an era where old ideas are repackaged and resold as nostalgia, the over familiarity of “Ocean’s 8,” the routineness of it all, strips the picture of any freshness or excitement.

Having said that, “Ocean’s 8” remains solid comfort food. You’d be hard-pressed to find a cast more game than this, especially Bullock and fellow Oscar winners Cate Blanchett and Anne Hathaway, who blaze through scenes as if they’ve been craving material this juicy.

The high-concept twist this time around, obviously, is the all-female cast, and it is what gives the story its kick. Debbie has spent the past five years formulating and reformulating plans for her next elaborate heist, one that tosses into the mix an act of revenge involving an old flame (Richard Armitage) responsible for getting her tossed into the clink. Her target is a Cartier necklace valued

at \$150 million. How to sneak it past its protectors? Persuade spoiled, self-absorbed actress Daphne Kluger (Hathaway) to wear it at the high-profile Met Gala, switch it with a fake and waltz off with the genuine article.

Debbie enlists the aid of old pal Lou (Blanchett) to round up a team crafty enough to pull off the heist. With this film and last year’s “Thor: Ragnarok,” it’s good to see the ferociously intense Blanchett ease up a bit, have fun, go with the flow.

Rounding out Debbie’s team are Mindy Kaling as jewelry maker Amita, Awkwafina as street hustler Constance, Rihanna as hacker Leslie, Helena Bonham Carter as fashion designer Rose Weil and Sarah Paulson as Tammy, a profiteer.

There is not a weak link among

these actress, but here’s where “Ocean’s 8” falls short. Any heist picture is divided into thirds: the first, which revels in the details, the planning; the second, the heist itself; and the third, the epilogue. In the first “Ocean’s Eleven,” the early scenes had a lot of funny dialogue and lively exchanges. Not so here. Ross’ script, which he cowrote with Olivia Milch, lacks the same wit. We are left waiting, as they say, for the “good stuff.”

Thankfully, it arrives when the heist commences, which is crammed with a smorgasbord of cameos and twists. Ross choreographs the actresses with lickety-split precision as they maneuver through a sea of familiar faces and one close call after another. The film’s second act is everything you’d want from an “Oceans” movie. And it is here that Hathaway walks off with the picture, proving Daphne has a few tricks up her sleeve as well.

By that point, “Ocean’s 8” is precisely what it set out to be: fun. Is it especially memorable? Eh... but that’s OK. A pleasant diversion is good enough these days.

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Starring in “Ocean’s 8” are (from left) Sandra Bullock, Sarah Paulson, Rihanna, Cate Blanchett and Awkwafina.



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## New Delectable Delights Await Bubbles Customers

by Andrew Tallackson

Bubbles Ice Cream Parlor has a way of endearing itself to customers far beyond its hand-dipped delights.

For some, it is the youthful staff who view what they do not as a job, but as family, aging before our eyes over time into earnest young adults.

For others, it is memories forged and preserved.

Take, for instance, the first time my son, Will, sampled his first intimidating scoops of Blue Moon ice cream cratered within a hefty waffle cone. Outside the parlor. Not quite 2, not quite mastering the art of consuming ice cream, thick blue streaks across his face like war paint. Moments later, standing amid the stream of bubbles projected from a tiny machine, the bubbles dancing around him as if designed to lift his tiny frame into the heavens. My wife and I, kicking ourselves on the car ride home for not capturing the moment with pictures. A few weeks or so later, returning to Bubbles to discover pictures of Will from that day, included within a collage of photos displayed across the wall.

Someone from Bubbles snapped those photos as we remained blissfully unaware of their presence. We, like all those who entered their doors, were more than just dollar signs to them.

The family behind Bubbles has been creating memories like that for 15 years at Coolspring Avenue and Wabash Street. Now, owners Kim and Tim Martin are shaping new memories with doughnuts



Displaying the clever array of doughnuts are (from left) Morgan Skonieczny, Aubrey James, Quinn Troy and Kylie Filipiak.

that defy customer expectations for such pastries.

Doughnuts with names like Maple Bacon. Fat Elvis. Cookie Monster. Fruity Pebbles.

The Martins, whose son, Zach, is an integral part of the enterprise, are not the type of owners who distance themselves from customers. On any day, they can be seen relaxing in one of the booths, chatting with staff, shooting the breeze with customers.

The story of how Bubbles came to be is one the Martins share with a laugh. After all, it began with a dare. Simple, yet straightforward.



Quinn Troy prepares the batter to make a batch of doughnuts

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Kim and Tim Martin.

Sixteen years ago, the couple was lounging about with friends, gathered around the pool at their home. They were commiserating their lot in life. Some were involved in strikes at their places of employment. Some had lost their jobs. Others were headed off to college. Someone lamented the lack of old-fashioned, hand-dipped ice cream in town.

Tim piped in, saying, "I know a great place for an ice cream shop."

Kim, in response, issued a challenge.

"I said, 'Go buy it,'" Kim recalled, laughing at the memory. "I dared him to buy the property...and he did."

The couple formulated a business plan, engaged in the appropriate research and within time, Bubbles Ice Cream Parlor was born. The formula for success was simple. The Martins concentrated on serving the best ice cream possible in its delectably retro, 1950s mom-and-pop setting.

It was while vacationing in Florida, Tim says, that the couple frequented a bakery that produced doughnuts with eclectic tastes. Back home, Bubbles had the counter space and, more importantly, the

time to consider such an option for customers. From 10 each night to noon each ensuing day, the parlor sat empty. So, the Martins decided this year to test drive their new doughnut concepts, from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sunday only. Many ideas for doughnuts came from Pinterest, Tim says, others from the staff, many "out of the blue."

The Cookie Monster doughnut, for instance, is coated at the top with blue frosting, eyes and Oreo cookie crumbles for the beard. Fruity Pebbles is covered in the breakfast cereal. Maple Bacon, the parlor's most popular creation, is like sampling the breakfast favorite smothered in maple syrup.

Watching customer reactions, especially among children, is what the Martins savor.

"Kids this age," Tim says, "have never experienced anything fresh like this, so when their eyes light up, it's an entirely new experience for them."

Then again, Bubbles, from the start, has been about people. The customers. The staff.

Especially the staff.

"This year, we have five graduating from high school," Kim said. "We've seen them all the way through high school. We watch them grow and learn."

"They're growing up into adults."



Susan Shell holds her daughter, Livia, who points at which doughnut she wants. Livia's brother, opting to photobomb instead, sticks his tongue out. He did so during every photo taken.



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Canterbury Summer Theatre opens its 50th anniversary season with the award-winning comedy-drama "Graceland" on June 13-16 at Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St.

Written by Ellen Fairey, "Graceland" won the Joseph Jefferson Award for Best New Play in Chicago, where it premiered, and was extended for six months due to popular demand. Fairey was a writer/producer on Showtime's "Nurse Jackie" and "Masters of Sex" and is a co-executive producer on USA Network's "The Sinner." Her new work, "Support Group for Men," premieres this summer at Goodman Theatre.



Annie Barker and Andrew Palmintier appear in "Graceland."

The play's title refers to Chicago's oldest cemetery, where two siblings reunite after their father's puzzling death, as jets roar overhead during the annual Air and Water Show. When the pair looks for answers at their father's favorite tavern, their weekend becomes complicated by bad choices and startling revelations, illuminating the siblings' search for connection, happiness and closure.

The production contains mature themes and is recommended for high school age and older.

"Graceland" stars Annie Barker, Andrew Buel, Rosa Campbell, Andrew Palmintier and returning Canterbury veteran Jesse Kortus, who was last seen in "Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical," "First Date" and "Boeing Boeing."

The show is directed by Canterbury Associate Artistic Director David Graham, marking his 29th staging with the theater company. Guest artist Leah Mazur also returns to handle scenic and light-

ing designs. She is assistant professor of scenography and resident designer at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Lari Leber serves as costumer, with Allison Claggett as stage manager.

The first musical of the season, "The Bikinis," runs June 20-30.

Written by Ray Roderick and James Hindman, with musical arrangements by Joe Baker, and additional music and lyrics by Baker and Roderick, the show is a comic celebration of, and tribute to, classic pop hits of the 1960s.



Ariya Hawkins (from left), Kailin Vannatter, Rosa Campbell and Annie Barker star in "The Bikinis."

In the play, the popular girl group returns to the Jersey Shore to raise money for Sandy Shores RV Resort. In front of a live audience, The Bikinis relive their heyday and beyond, beginning in the summer of 1964, when the group got its name winning the Belmar Beach Talent Contest in their bikinis.

Featured are hits such as "Yellow Polka Dot Bikini," "Under The Boardwalk," "These Boots Were Made For Walkin'" and "It's Raining Men."

The cast, which includes Annie Barker, Rosa Campbell, Ariya Hawkins and Kailin Vannatter, is directed by Canterbury Artistic Director Ray Scott Crawford. Scenic design is by Michael Rogers, lighting by Adam Whisman and costumes by Lari Leber. Olivia Buller is the stage manager.

Performances are at 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and 6:30 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets are \$16 to \$17, with discounts for seniors and students. Call (219) 874-4269 or email [info@canterburytheatre.org](mailto:info@canterburytheatre.org)



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Performing June 20 is Stephen Schnurr, director of music at Valparaiso's St. Paul Catholic Church. He also is adjunct instructor in organ at Valparaiso University and

editorial director and publisher of *The Diapason*.

The June 27 concert features Mark Sudeith.

Also of note, the 1891 Roosevelt Opus 506 tracker organ is in need of a new home. Call Ann Dobie at (219) 608-5358 for details.

## SlamCamp 2018

Purdue University Northwest and Michigan City Public Library are co-sponsoring the seventh annual SlamCamp for middle-schoolers Monday through Friday, June 18-22, at the library, 100 E. Fourth St.

The camp provides a full week of writing, art, theater performances and games for students entering grades six through nine in the fall.

The camps meet from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 18-21, and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 22. At 6 p.m. June 22, camp participants will host a free showcase, performing original creative pieces and competing for prizes. Parents, friends and family members are invited.

Faculty from PNW's English department develop the curriculum, training and coordinating volunteers consisting of PNW faculty, students, alumni and community members.

Campers write stories and song lyrics, draw comics and participate in improvisational performances. Teams compete to accumulate points for prizes. The week is topped off by the Friday night showcase.

A \$5 registration fee covers all activities, supplies, lunches and a T-shirt. The fee may be waived in cases of financial need. Registration can be completed through the SlamCamp Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SlamCampNWI/](http://www.facebook.com/SlamCampNWI/) or by visiting [bbpnet.com/x23a](http://bbpnet.com/x23a)

Contact Bethany Lee, PNW assistant professor of English and one of the camp's directors, at [btlee@pnw.edu](mailto:btlee@pnw.edu) or (219) 785-5229 for more details.



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## Becoming One with Benedictines and Baseball in Bridgeport

My dear wife Natalie always has my best interests at heart. One day a few years back, she went online and found me, as she said, “a monastery a lot closer to home.”

Allow me to explain.

We live in the southwest corner of Michigan’s lower peninsula — right across Lake Michigan from Chicago — and I was, at the time, fulfilling my duties of a Benedictine oblate, or lay member, of St. Meinrad Archabbey, which is more than six hours away in the southernmost part of Indiana. I had been going to St. Meinrad on an annual retreat every December with a great group of Catholic men from South Bend, but the last time, our bus nearly ran off the highway during a blizzard. Natalie was not too nuts about a repeat performance, observing that I was spending a lot of windshield time once a month when I drove over to the Kalamazoo area for oblate meetings.



Peter Funk, OSB, is prior of Monastery of the Holy Cross.

“How often does a monk from St. Meinrad come to your meetings?” she asked.

“Not often,” I said. “We pray in the office together, and then we usually watch a video of a conference from St. Meinrad.”

“All right,” Natalie said, “so let me get this straight: you’re driving an hour on I-94 to go to an oblate meeting to get the wisdom of the monks from St.

Meinrad, and there usually isn’t a monk there?”

“Yeah, but —”

“What if I told you that you could drive an hour the other way, or take the train, which you love, and get the wisdom of real, live monks at every oblate meeting?”

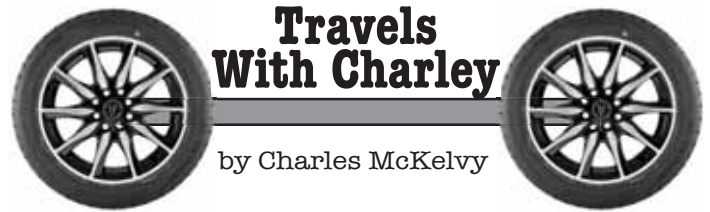
“I’d say, sign me up.”

And so, Natalie assigned me to check out the website of Monastery of the Holy Cross at 3111 S. Aberdeen St. in Chicago’s historic Bridgeport neighborhood.

Like, wow!

I was blown away.

Literally, because, after all, I grew up on Chicago’s South Side as a die-hard White Sox fan, and it was not lost on me that this here Monastery of the Holy Cross was literally within easy walking distance to the White Sox’s Guaranteed Rate Field at 35th and Shields.



by Charles McKelvy



You will find Monastery of the Holy Cross at 3111 S. Aberdeen St. in Chicago’s Bridgeport neighborhood.

“You could go to Mass with the monks, attend your oblate meeting with the monks and then walk to a White Sox game,” Natalie said. “What do you think?”

I looked at the website and liked what I saw, which was this:

Monastery of the Holy Cross is a Roman Catholic Benedictine Monastery of the Subiaco Cassinese Congregation. Continuing a centuries-old tradition, we live according to the Rule of St. Benedict, seeking God through a life of prayer, silence, work and hospitality. We do this in a distinctive way by offering the Church the service of contemplative life in the city. The monastery was established in the Chicago Archdiocese at the invitation of Cardinal Bernardine in 1991. In 2011, it was elevated to the status of independent priory by Abbot President Bruno Marin, OSB.

What’s not to like, I thought, and so, on a gray, Benedictine day in December 2014, I took a deep breath, called the monastery and asked the guest master, one Dom Ezekiel Brennan, OSB, if I could arrange an exploratory visit.

Brother Ezekiel said: "Sure. And why don't you stay for lunch?"

And so, I set out from Southwest Michigan by car, South Shore commuter train, CTA Orange Line train and foot to visit what could become my new monastery.

Brother Ezekiel greeted me in the warm Benedictine manner, settled me in at the nearby guesthouse and bid me join the monks for the midday office, followed by a lunch cooked and served by the monks in the refectory. And amid it all, silent prayers that I was making the right decision.

When I joined the small, but spiritually mighty band of some dozen or so monks, I knew Natalie had once again steered me in the right direction.

The monks opened their table to me that day and bid me break bread and a delicious vegetable casserole with them while the reader of the week declaimed from a book about how Europe stumbled into a great war in August 1914.

And then, when we had had our repast, Prior Peter Funk, OSB, suggested I talk oblate business with Father Edward Glanzmann, OSB.

I told Father Edward my story and why I came to the monastery, and he suggested I write to the oblate director at St. Meinrad Archabbey, Father Meinrad Brune, OSB, and request permission for a transfer to Monastery of the Holy Cross.

I did as instructed, and Father Meinrad wrote back by return mail and gave me his blessings to depart Saint Meinrad and join Monastery of the Holy Cross as an oblate.

I forwarded Father Meinrad's letter to Prior Peter, and in no time flat, I was attending monthly Mass and oblate meetings at 31st and Aberdeen in Chicago. I was fitting in so well with the monks and other oblates that by December 2015, I did not hesitate to accept Prior Peter's invitation to transfer my oblation to Monastery of the Holy Cross at Mass. I also confessed at the oblate meeting that followed that I was a die-hard White Sox fan in search of fellow fans to attend a game or two during the 2016 season.

Well, it had not been much of a season for my White



Don't expect the White Sox to do much sweeping this season.

Sox — what else is new? — but, wonder of wonders, one Sunday that summer, I persuaded one of the monks to join me for a game. When he appeared out of habit in jeans, casual shirt and comfortable shoes, I was a bit surprised, but I was soon delighted by his company as we walked on over to the ballpark, not more than a mile really, and enjoyed his astute observations as we watched the White Sox once again snatch defeat out of the jaws of victory.



My favorite view at Guaranteed Rate Field, from Section 558, at the end of the third-base line.

I told the good monk I was taking him to the game that summer day in 2016 in gratitude for the gracious hospitality he showed me that bleak winter's day in 2014 when I was seeking a spiritual home closer to my home in Michigan.

The good Benedictine smiled and said, "That's what we do."

I continued mixing baseball and Benedictines through the 2017 season, even though some of my prayers were being answered by September as the Sox began showing promise for 2018.

Well, it's 2018, and the White Sox have loaded their roster with hot young players and, well, I've been to two games so far this season. Despite fervent prayers for their success at Monastery of the Holy Cross, I have yet to witness a White Sox win. But there is still a lot of baseball to be played this season, and many happy, baseball-loving monks to pray with, so stay tuned.

But just know that you read it here first: the Chicago White Sox will win the World Series in 2020... because they have 20-20 vision.



A self-portrait of a satisfied Benedictine oblate after a rare White Sox victory.





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Hoak is a 2010 graduate of Lyons Township High School and a 2014 graduate of The College of Wooster. She is an account executive at Zimmerman Advertising. Bervoets is a 2007 graduate of Franklin High School and a 2011 graduate of The College of Wooster. He is a senior pricing analyst at Liberty Power Corp.

The wedding is Saturday, July 7, at Friendship Botanic Gardens, Michigan City.

## Hesston Steam Museum

As a Father's Day treat, Hesston Steam Museum will offer rides to fathers for only \$1 with a paid child's ticket.

The museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, will have all three live-steam railroads operating Saturday and Sunday, June 16-17.

An antique truck show, presented by the American Truck Historical Society Northwest Indiana Chapter, is planned. Restored trucks can be viewed throughout the grounds. The BBQ Smokehouse Smokehouse will feature brisket and pulled pork, among other cuts of meat.

The museum also is a showcase for a working steam-powered sawmill with a 60-inch blade, La Porte's first electric generator and a blacksmith shop where iron is turned into handcrafted works of art. Hand-scooped ice cream treats and sodas made from traditional recipes are for sale in the restored vintage soda fountain and ice cream parlor, Doc's Soda Fountain. Breakfast also is served at Doc's from 9 to 11 a.m. On June 17 only, all-you-can-eat pancakes will be available for breakfast.

The museum officially opens at 11:30 a.m. and runs through 5 p.m. Fares are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12. Visit [www.hesston.org](http://www.hesston.org) or call (219) 778-2783 on the weekends for more information.

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Working in partnership with Dunes Learning Center and the South Shore Line, the IDNL will provide service between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day. There will be two routes: one in the park's east end and the other in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.

For the west end shuttle, buses will run their Miller routes to encourage Chicago and South Bend visitors to use public transportation to get to the park. The shuttles will stop at the Miller South Shore station following the train schedule. Once passengers disembark, they can catch the shuttle or walk down Lake Street for shopping, restaurants and other services.

In addition to the Paul H. Douglas Center, the dune buggys will drop off passengers at Lake Street Beach and Marquette Park Beach, both of which are Gary Parks Department sites with restrooms, food service and lifeguards. The Douglas Center is less than a mile walk from the train station if visitors miss the shuttle or don't want to wait for the next one. The entire route takes about 20 minutes.

For the east end shuttle, one dune buggy will pick up visitors at the Dunewood campground registration office and shuttle to the Kemil Beach parking. It also will make a stop at the U.S. Geological Survey parking lot to pick up overflow beach parking.

Visit [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu) or call (219) 395-1824 for more details.

## Moonlight in the Gardens Ball

Friendship Botanic Gardens will host its third annual black-tie optional fundraiser, the Moonlight in the Gardens Ball, from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Blue Chip Casino's Stardust Grand Ballroom.

The event kicks off the 2018 season with a formal dinner, appetizers, drinks, paddle and live auctions.

The guest speaker is Mayor Ron Meer, and a live orchestra will perform. A cash bar is planned.

Tickets are \$100. Visit [bbpnet.com/x23b](http://bbpnet.com/x23b) for reservations.

## Necktie 5K Walk & Run

Father's Day weekend signals the arrival of the 11th annual Necktie 5K Walk & Run, which kicks off at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 16, at Rebora Plaza, 1E Lake Front Drive, Beverly Shores.

As the name implies, all participants are encouraged to wear neckties in recognition of fathers during the run. Prizes are awarded to participants with the most creative neckties.

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## Michigan City Public Library

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

- **Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Celebration: Magician Steven Kellogg at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 14.**

Kellogg emphasizes audience interaction during his show.

- **Duneland Stamp Club at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 14.**

The club meets the second Thursday of each month. New members are invited.

- **STEAM Ahead Kids: Stomp Rockets at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday, June 15.**

Children 7 and older, and their families, can make a paper rocket and watch it soar from a launch pad made with PVC pipe and a two-liter plastic bottle. Take an empty two-liter plastic bottle for launch; however, supplies will be available.



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

## Miller Garden Club

The Miller Garden Club meets at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Marquette Park Aquatorium, 6918 Oak Ave. in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.

This year's featured speaker is Niki Witkowski, Agricultural/Natural Resources and Horticulture Purdue Extension educator for Lake County. She will address the basics of growing fruit, sharing the challenges and benefits from growing a perennial crop.

Witkowski, the Lake Country Master Gardener coordinator, has bachelor's and master's degree in horticulture from Purdue University.



## Arts & Crafts Show

The fifth annual Arts & Crafts Show is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Swanson Activity Center for Older Adults, 910 State St., LaPorte.

The event features artists and crafters from Indiana and Michigan, with hand-crafted wares for the yard or patio, bird baths and feeders, stepping stones, sculpted stoneware, decorated wood signs and assorted live garden plants.

Home décor includes original paintings, baskets, wall hangings, glassware, clocks, coasters, wooden bowls and pressed flower artwork. Hand-sewn items range from adult bibs, totes and oven mitts to veggie bags, doll clothes and table runners. Independent consultants include Thirty-One Gifts, Scentsy, LuLaRoe and Damsel in Defense.

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## Westchester Public Library

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• **NorthShore Health Center free blood-pressure screenings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter, and 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, June 20, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Interested patrons also can receive help calculating Body Mass Index.

• **Music at the Museum from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at Westchester Township Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

The Flashbacks will perform. Members are: Suzanne Keldsen, playing guitar, recorders and fiddle; Julietta Raby, playing fiddle, mandolin and guitar; Nancy Cairns on dulcimer and ukulele; Paul Mache playing guitar and banjo; and Marti Pizzini on autoharp, dulcimer and guitar.

• **Bandstand Concert & Movie Series on Friday, June 15, at the Thomas Park Gazebo in downtown Chesterton**

Cynthia Shelhart performs at 7 p.m., followed by a screening of "Paddington 2" at 8 p.m.

• **Duplo Club from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 16, at Thomas Library's Children's Department.**

Geared towards preschoolers ages 2-5, registra-

tion is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **Ukulele Rocks from 3 to 4 p.m. Sundays, June 17 and 24, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The program targets students 10-17 who finished the Intro to Ukulele Class. A new song is taught each week: June 17, "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen; and June 24, "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz or "Stitches" by Shawn Mendes. 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.

• **Chenille Buddies Craft Program for Tweens from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday, June 18, at Hageman Library.**

Children 7-12 create poseable buddies with chenille stems, straws and beads. Supplies are provided. Register by calling (219) 926-9080.

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

Participants create a craft and learn a dance or game from a different period in music history. The schedule is: June 20, 6 p.m., Thomas Children's Department, the 1980s; June 27, 6 p.m., Thomas, music of today; July 11, 3 p.m., Hageman, country-western. Registration is required. Call (219) 926-7696.

• **The Art of Wire Wrapping from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, at the Thomas Branch Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

An Indiana Dunes State Park naturalist teaches the art of wire-wrapping with an Indiana Dunes history twist by making beach glass or stone jewelry. Attendees take home one piece of jewelry for a necklace or ornament. All materials are supplied. Aimed at 11 and older, space is limited, and registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **Minecraft Meet-up from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, at Thomas Library.**

Registration is required in person. The Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct must be signed. Parents are welcome, but required for youth 10 and younger.



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## Fiber Artists Accent the Summer Season

by Linda Weigel

First Friday on June 1 unveiled the first tempting fiber art works of 2018.

SFC Gallery presents Suzy Vance, a fiber artist specializing in felted "paintings." Suzy began her journey into fiber when her mother taught her to knit at a young age. She even brought her knitting with her to college to stem off boredom in classes and lecture halls. Later, she bought a weaving loom and became an avid weaver, eventually learning how to spin yarns and felt with wool.



Suzy Vance's "Homage to Hubble — Swan Nebula."

It is the expressive properties of dyed wools to create "painted fiber forms" that especially captured her attention. The process to create these beautiful works is fascinating as it allows for spontaneous responses on the part of the artist, resulting in a highly textural surface. It's tempting to want to touch.

Most of her completed works are mounted on deckled edged handmade paper and custom framed. She is a multitasking individual with published books of original art and poetry. In addition to felted art works, she also is the coordinator of "No Regrets Getaway," which plans special events, such as team-building retreats, immersion into nature or



Suzy Vance's felted painting, "Road Trip."

fiber painting.

Suzy's art will remain on view through the end of the month.

June 8 and Second Friday welcomed two new exhibits in Beverly Shores: one at the Ellen Firme Gallery, the other at The Depot.

The Ellen Firme Gallery opened with a second fiber art exhibit featuring the quilted works of Gwen Jones of Bridgman, Mich. Gwen has a Master of Fine Arts from Northern Illinois University and for years worked primarily in drawing and painting until she discovered art quilts. Working with textiles appealed to her. Not only was she ex-



A more traditionally shaped quilt by Gwen Jones.



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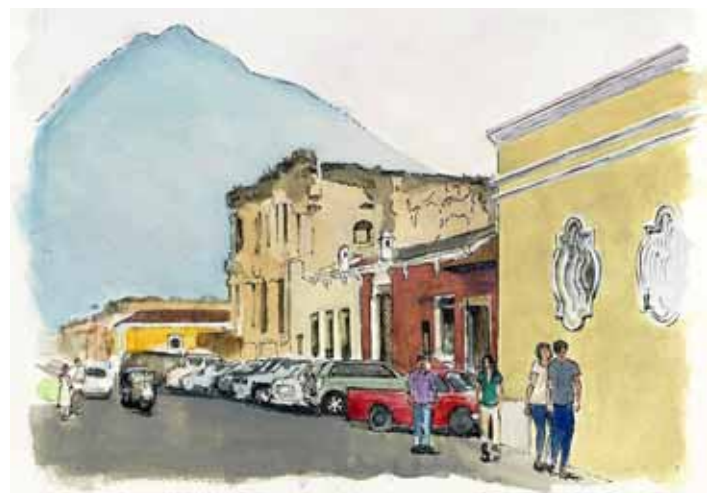
cited by the media and the art of stitching, but there also were practical reasons for expressing herself in this media – no heavy frames or breaking glass.



An example of a free form-shaped quilt by Gwen Jones.

Gwen also holds a Master in Library Science and supported herself for years as a medical librarian while working on her art during spare time. She is retired from library work and devotes herself to executing her color-saturated fiber works (no neutrals or pastels for her). Her art quilts are reminiscent of the art of collage, except they are created with fabric and not paper, glue and paint. She is most often inspired by nature and the surrounding woodlands of her Michigan home. Gwen's expressive and intensely colored fiber art works will remain on exhibit until the end of the month.

The Depot this month presents "Guatemala Sojourn" with recent gouache and ink paintings by Nick Bridge from Oak Park, Ill. These works are the result of several trips he made to Antigua, Guatemala, to study Spanish. While there, he trav-



"Ruinas y Volcan" (Ruins and Volcano), gouache and ink on paper by Nick Bridge.

eled to other nearby areas — sketchbook, pen and paints in hand — capturing the immediacy of the region and his response to the varied environments. He states in his biographical information that "A common concern throughout my work has been light, regardless of media or genre." He is certainly successful in introducing many different forms of light into these fascinating paintings. His style is expressively loose, fresh, textural and makes for exciting viewing.

The exhibit ends June 24.



"Un Pajaro En La Mano" (A Bird In His Hand) by Nick Bridge.

## If You Go

- SFC Gallery, 607 Franklin St., is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Visit [www.sfcgallery.com](http://www.sfcgallery.com) for details. View more of Suzy Vance's work at [www.fiberpaintings.com](http://www.fiberpaintings.com) and [noregret-experiences.com](http://noregret-experiences.com)
- Ellen Firme Gallery is located within Glenn L. Firme & Associates, 92 W. U.S. 12, Beverly Shores. It is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Call (219) 874-4003 for details.
- The Depot Museum and Art Gallery is located at 525 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores. Visit [www.thedepotmag.org](http://www.thedepotmag.org) for details. Check out more of Nick Bridge's work at [www.nickbridge.com](http://www.nickbridge.com)

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The Race is On!

St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, 1506 Washington St., hosted another re-sounding success when its sixth annual 5K Run/Walk commenced early Saturday, June 2, in Trail Creek’s Nelson Park.

Race proceeds help fund much-needed church repairs. Runners and walkers amounted to 115 entries in the event.

- The top three male open winners were:
- 1. Bryon Berg.
  - 2. Ryan Kwiecinski.
  - 3. Ian Nilson.
- The top three female open winners were:
- 1. Katie Maas.
  - 2. Kara Potter.
  - 3. Bridget Mark.



All photos by Paul Kemiel





## Top 2 Most Common Causes of Heel and Foot Pain

Dear NW Indiana Neighbor,

Summer is upon us.

What a great time to spend with family and friends...out in the park...on the beach...maybe hiking...or just leisure walking enjoying the beautiful outdoors.

But all these activities also mean being up on your feet a lot...

Unfortunately, heel and foot pain can derail your best laid summer plans.

*Heel and foot pain is no joke...*

*...it can be so debilitating you dread getting out of bed in the morning.*

*...it can get embarrassing with the way you walk... you start getting curious glances from people.*

*...frustrating and maddening...it makes getting through your daily life such a bear.*

### Cause #1: Plantar Fasciitis

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

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

If you strain your plantar fascia, it gets weak, swollen, and irritated (inflamed).

How do you know if you have plantar fasciitis?

- Stabbing pain on the bottom of your heel
- Sensation of tightness and/or tenderness along your arch.
- Pain the morning, when stepping out of bed and taking the first steps of the day
  - with prolonged standing
  - when standing up after sitting for awhile
  - when walking barefoot or in shoes with poor support

### Cause #2: Achilles Tendonitis

Achilles Tendonitis is the second most common cause of heel and foot pain.

The pain can go up the back of the ankle when walking or running.

It is an irritation of the Achilles tendon (the largest and strongest tendon in our body), a thick band of tissue along the back of the lower leg that connects the calf muscles to the heel.

How do you know if you have Achilles tendonitis?

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- Tenderness in the heel or higher up in the Achilles tendon
- Tightness in the ankle
- Tightness in the calf
- Swelling in the back of the ankle
- Pain in the back of the heel when walking or running

**FREE Heel and Foot Pain Workshop**  
**Monday June 25, Tuesday June 26, and Thursday June 28**

To help our fellow NW Indiana residents prepare for summer, Orthopedic and Balance Therapy Specialists will host the FREE Heel and Foot Pain Workshop on the following dates and locations:

- **Tuesday June 26 LaPorte office at 6:00 PM:** 1405 E. Lincolnway, Suite B (next to All Star Auto, same building as Hair Fitness)
- **Monday June 25 Highland office at 6:00 PM:** 2144 45<sup>th</sup> St. (in the Porte DeLeau Plaza)
- **Tuesday June 26 Crown Point office at 6:00 PM:** 11055 Broadway, Suite B (south of 109<sup>th</sup> on Broadway)
- **Thursday June 28 Valparaiso office at 6:30 PM:** 3125 Calumet Ave., Suite 8 (next to the Valpo YMCA)

Here's what you will learn at the workshop:

- The top 2 most common causes of heel and foot pain
- Single biggest #1 mistake heel and foot pain sufferers make resulting in a condition that necessitates surgery
- How you can heal naturally without medications, injections, or surgery
- Do-it-yourself techniques that will make you feeling better immediately after the workshop

This event is limited to 20 attendees only due to the interactive nature of this workshop. **To hold your spot, please call:**

- **219-380-0809 in LAPORTE**
- **219-301-7961 in HIGHLAND**
- **219-203-3100 in CROWN POINT**
- **219-202-2500 in VALPO**

See you at the workshop.

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***PS-Call NOW to hold your spot for the FREE Heel and Foot Pain Workshop on Monday June 25 in Highland, Tuesday June 26 in Crown Point and La Porte, and Thursday June 28 in Valpo.***

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## Going Green at Lunch



Krueger Middle School recently implemented a compost and recycling program in the school cafeteria that is significantly reducing the amount of waste headed to landfills.

The program, spearheaded by environmental science teacher Daisy Lee, began April 30. It involves two stations manned by student volunteers who assist other students in disposing items on their trays in an eco-friendly manner at one of five stations: Share Table; Compost; Recycling; Garbage; and Trays.

Sodexo custodial staff assist with setup each day for the stations.

"Before this program, the kids were producing up to 12 bags of garbage in the cafeteria each day during lunch," Lee said. "Now, we're down to just two bags a day."

Food scraps are collected in small buckets, which are composted by seventh-graders in an area behind the school. Krueger, which is an environmental science-themed middle school, uses the compost as fertilizer and mulch for plantings on school property.

Michigan City Area Schools Food Service staff take food left on the "share" table to area homeless shelters.

"On a typical day, we may have 50 or 60 bags of sliced apples and 20 bananas, along with milk, string cheese and apple sauce to give to the shelter," Lee said. "All of this was being thrown in the garbage before."

Other immediate benefits the student volunteers cataloged:

- In the first two weeks alone, students saved 481 pounds of food from going into the landfill due to compost (not including the share table).
- In the first two weeks, students saved 180 pounds of recycling from going into the landfill.
- No plastic lunch trays have been accidentally thrown away.
- The school will use 30-40 fewer plastic trash bags each week in the cafeteria thanks to the program.

Krueger also partners with Quality Beet, 717 Franklin St., which has been donating its food scraps to the school to compost for about a year.



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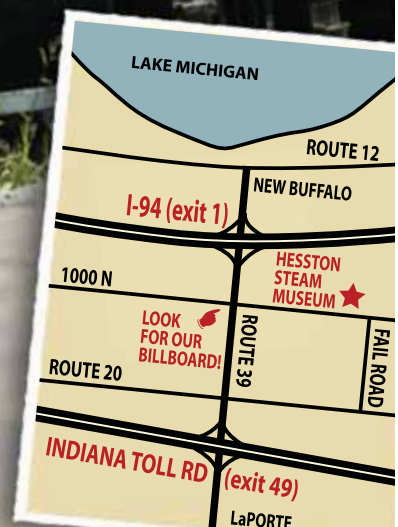
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## Lake Michigan Shore Wine Festival

The Lake Michigan Shore Wine Trail has moved the 13th Annual Lake Michigan Shore Wine Festival to Warren Dunes State Park in Sawyer, Mich., to accommodate the event's growing popularity.

The festival is from 1 p.m. to sundown EDT Saturday, June 16. Admission is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the gate. Advance tickets can be purchased at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com), then search by the name of the event, or stop by LMS wineries, any Martin's Grocery Store or Harding's Friendly Market in Bridgman.

Locally grown and produced varietals include 12 Corners, Baroda Founders, Cody Kresta, Cogdal, Contessa, Dablon, Domaine Berrien, Fenn Valley, Gravity, Hickory Creek, Karma Vista, Lawton Ridge, Lake Michigan Vintners, Lazy Ballerina, Lemon Creek, Round Barn, St. Julian, Vineyard 2121, Warner and White Pine.

Regional live music programming is scheduled in the big top tent, including: The Hemispheres (headliners), Jamiah Rogers, Slim Gypsy Baggage, Jake Mack & The Lesser Stags and Sean Wiggins.

Rounding out the event are food trucks and other local restaurants, including Nosh Village, Lake & Farmer, Lark's BBQ, Da Pizza Dude and Pachama Street Food.

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## MCAS Honors Wall of Fame Inductees, Retirees

by Andrew Holt

Michigan City Area Schools honored hardworking professionals who dedicated their careers to teaching the city's youth at the annual Retirement and Wall of Fame Dinner on June 4 at Blue Chip Casino.

The event, which showcased everyone from bus drivers to teachers to paraprofessionals, gave friends, family and colleagues the chance to repay a small fraction of the dedication they illustrated in their long careers with the school district.

vices. He served for 34 years, from 1967 to 2001, in the McIntire Media Center, Elston High School and Michigan City High School.

The Wall of Fame honors MCAS employees who went above and beyond in providing the highest quality in care and education. To qualify, candidates must have been employed by MCAS for at least 15 years. They also must have been retired or separated from the school system for at least five years.



The Wall of Fame inductees and their nominators.

Stan Holdcraft, one of five Wall of Fame inductees and the namesake behind the Stan Holdcraft Performing Arts Center (the former Elston auditorium), was hired by Jim Wagner, who began the Wall of Fame in 1976.

"It has a lot of meaning to me," Holdcraft said. "It's an incredible honor."

Holdcraft's service to MCAS spans educator, stage manager, theater director, director of educational media and coordinator of radio and TV ser-

Holdcraft was joined by the following inductees:

- Cheryl Bohlim, English teacher and cheerleading coach. She served for 42 years, from 1969 to 2011, having taught at Harrison Elementary, Krueger Junior High, Rogers High School and Michigan City High School. The award was awarded posthumously. Bohlim passed away in 2012.
- Dianne LindenMeyer, a teacher and curriculum coach, having served a combined 32½ years from 1972 to 1976, then from 1985 to 2013 at Mullen,



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- Jane Malott, a teacher, library media specialist, and technology trainer, having served 40 years from 1973 to 2013 at Coolspring, Edgewood, Joy, Knapp, Marsh, Pine, Springfield, Beverly Shores, Central, Eastport, Jefferson and Riley elementary schools.
- Charmaine Tompkins, a paraprofessional, reading tutor, parent involvement coordinator and mentoring coordinator, having served 26½ years from 1976-2003 at Park, Edgewood and Pine elementary schools.

Presenters included Tim Bumber, Bohlim's longtime friend and colleague, Katie St. Germaine, Holdcraft's student and colleague, Linda Swedenberg, Lindenmeyer's longtime colleague, Shelly Malott, Jane Malott's daughter, and Shannon Gast, Tompkins' daughter.

The honored retirees were:

- Nancy Benson (21 years).

- Patricia Breitzka (33 years).
- Lorie Butler (20 years).
- Cathy Glidden (21 years).
- Arlena Higgins (21 years).
- Lenore Ruth Hoard (31 years).
- Andrea Janes (27 years).
- Bette Johnston (22½ years).
- Daniel Kilgore (45½ years).
- Victoria Krantz (17 years).
- Bernadette Krueger (16 years).
- Susan Parry (26½ years).
- Anne Pearson (18 years).
- Jody Presser (41 years).
- Janet Priebe-Protas (20 years).
- Janice Radford (24½ years).
- Debbie Sharp (25 years).
- Mariam Mussa Taha (17 years).
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The school system's retirees pose for a group photo.

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Week 6: Racing

Week 7: Jungle

## Long Beach Summer Tennis Camp

**Dates:** June 19 - August 2

**Days:** Tuesday and Thursday

**Time:** 8:00 - 9:00

**Location:** Long Beach Community Center  
Tennis Courts

**Ages:** 6-11

**Fee:** Resident: \$50.00

Non-Resident: \$60.00

The 15 openings for Tennis Camp will be filled on first-come, first-serves basis. Tennis balls are provided for all lessons and extra rackets on first-come, first-serve basis.

All registrations forms are available at the Long Beach Town Hall, Long Beach Community Center, and online at [longbeachin.org](http://longbeachin.org) beginning June 1, 2018. Any questions please call 219-873-3773 or email [longbeachsummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:longbeachsummercamp@gmail.com).

## In Memoriam

Marilyn Therese (McGrath) McGury passed away June 2, 2018, surrounded by her family.

She was the beloved wife of the late Honorable Judge Jack McGury. Devoted mother of the Honorable Judge Kathleen McGury, Dr. Ellen (Charles) Stone, Marilyn (Greg) Baldwin, Dr. Susan McGury and Carol Hease. Loving grandmother of U.S. Army Spec. Jack Baldwin, Christina, Ellie and John Hease. Cherished daughter of the late John (the late Marie nee Griffin) McGrath. Dear sister of the late Father Jack McGrath, O.M.I., and the late Father Robert McGrath, O.M.I. Fond aunt of Peggy (nee Maloney) (John) Pasquini and the late Sharon, the late Thomas Maloney.



An alumnus of Mundeline/Loyola University, Marilyn was an amazing woman, a feminist before her time. Blessed with "the gift of gab," she devoted her life to her own education and that of others. She spent more than 30 years with Chicago Public Schools and Archdiocesan schools of Chicago.

Marilyn was a treasure who will be sorely missed by her many friends and neighbors in Chicago and Long Beach.

The funeral was June 8 at Thomas McInerney's Sons Funeral Home, with the Mass of Christian burial celebrated at St. Gabriel Church. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

## Night Bike Ride

The LaPorte Park and Recreation Department's Night Bicycle Ride, which offers a leisurely experience of LaPorte, is Friday, June 15.

Check-in is at 9 p.m. at the park office, 250 Pine Lake Ave., the ride starting promptly at 10 p.m. The event is not a race. All participants must wear a helmet, the bikes equipped with headlights and tail-lights. Participants 10 and younger must be accompanied with, and ride with, an adult, either pulled behind or tandem, and require separate registration.

The cost is \$20 per person. The event is part of a series of three rides planned for July 20 and Aug. 17. Future locations will be announced later.

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## Fernwood Botanical Garden

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

• **Fernwood Book Group from 10:30 a.m. to noon EDT Saturday, June 16.**

The focus is J. Drew Lanham's "The Home Place: Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love of Nature."

• **Summer Yoga from 12:15 to 1:30 and 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. EDT Wednesday, June 20.**

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

• **Volunteer Educators Training Session from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. EDT Thursday, June 21.**

Volunteer educators lead nature walks and assist with public programming. Dress for walking the trails. Contact naturalist Wendy Jones for details.

• **Jon Meyer Nature Day Camps.**

The camps include hikes along nature trails, games, educational activities and crafts.

• **Roy and Ethelbel Knauer Art Camps.**

The camps combine the arts with natural sciences, with campers using Fernwood's gardens and natural areas to create projects that include drawings, paintings, tie dye and sculptures.



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

## Vendors Sought for Craft Fairs

The Greater LaPorte Chamber of Commerce is seeking vendors for its craft fairs, which are from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, July 21 and Aug. 18, in *The Herald Argus* parking lot, State and Monroe streets in downtown LaPorte.

The times coincide with the LaPorte Farmers Market. Desired vendors include those making handmade or artisanal items, those selling items as part of a national direct sales company and everything in-between. Booth spaces are available for \$35 per event date, or \$30 for Chamber members. An application must be submitted and the fee paid before the event.

Those interested can call the Chamber at (219) 362-3178, email [info@lpchamber.com](mailto:info@lpchamber.com) or visit [www.lpchamber.com](http://www.lpchamber.com)

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## Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

*The following programs are available:*

• **Mount Baldy Summit Hike from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 15, and 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 17.**

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

• **The Save the Tunes Council performs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 15, 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.

• **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.

• **Drop-In Volunteer Program from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 16.**

Projects focus on preserving the park's natural and cultural 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.

• **Junior Wildland Firefighter Program from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

Meet the IDNL's fire crew and learn about their jobs and equipment. Children then receive a Junior Wildland Firefighter activity book and patch. The 30-minute program is repeated throughout the day.

• **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.

• **Beach Fun Saturdays from 1 p.m. to**

**about 30 minutes past sunset every Saturday through Sept. 1 at West Beach.**

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

• **Playdate in the Nature Play Zone from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 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.

• **Bailly/Chellberg History Hike from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 17.**

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, June 17, 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.

• **Arts in the Park Camp from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 18-21, at The Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

The free week of nature art projects, aimed at children 4 and older accompanied by an adult, includes sand casting, weaving, macramé, jewelry and watercolors. Pre-register by calling (219) 395-1821.

• **Sunset Around the Fire at the Pavilion from 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, at Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, 100 Riverwalk Road.**

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

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



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## Indiana Dunes State Park

*The following programs are offered:*

- **Beach Break from 1 to 2 p.m. daily.**

Stop by the beach pavilion to see what surprises the naturalist has.

- **Photo Scavenger Hunt from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, June 14.**

Take a camera or phone to the Nature Center for the game that includes a list and prizes.

- **Dunes CCC Stories from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Friday, June 15.**

Hear stories in the Nature Center about the Civilian Conservation Corps boys who helped build the park more than 80 years ago.

- **Spider Sniffing Saunter from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. Saturday, June 16.**

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

- **Summit Saturday: High Dunes Hike from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 16.**

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 from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16.**

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

- **To the Blowout and Back from 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, June 17.**

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

- **Turtle Time from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Sunday, June 17.**

Meet outside the nature center to learn more about turtles.

- **Wild Edibles Walk from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, June 18.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a 60-minute walk exploring dune delicacies.

- **Wetland Wonders from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Monday, June 18.**

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

- **Pollinator Party from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 19.**

In celebration of National Pollinator Week, stop by the Nature Center to make a craft or play a game.

- **Beach Mysteries from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 20.**

Meet at the Nature Center to identify items found on the beach.

- **Snakes Alive from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, June 20.**

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

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• **Life Drawing Open Studio from 6:30 to 9:30 Mondays starting June 18 and continuing through August.**

This is an open studio setting, so each artist should come with supplies and clean up afterwards. There is no formal instruction. A fully clothed model serves as the subject matter. The cost is \$10 per session, plus a tip for the model.

• **Leona Jurincie will teach a watercolor workshop on bleeding heart flowers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 23.**

The workshop is for beginning and intermediate painters. Students learn how to paint from photographs, work with glazing on washes, and study positive and negative painting. Jurincie will share various techniques.

A supply list is provided once each student is registered. A one-hour lunch is included, with students asked to take a lunch. The cost is \$80, with members receiving a \$20 discount.

Visit [www.chestertonart.com](http://www.chestertonart.com) or call (219) 926-4711 for details.

## Cinderella Ball

Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest (formerly Taltree) will host its annual Cinderella Ball from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Railway Depot and Saturday, July 14, at the Celebration Rose Pavilion.

The daddy-daughter themed event will feature princesses, photo opportunities with a horse-drawn carriage, a "decorate your own crown station" and favorite princess songs. Dainty finger foods will be served. Guests are encouraged to dress in costume.

Tickets are \$10 for adult members, \$5 for child members, \$15 for adult non-members and \$10 for child non-members. Sales end at 5 p.m. Friday.

Gabis Arboretum is located at 71 N. County Road 500 West near Valparaiso. Visit [Taltree.org](http://Taltree.org) for more information.

## Beach Glass Craft

The hands-on program "Beach Glass and Blooms" is from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, in the gardens at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.

Beach glass enthusiast and crafter Dawn Rosinski will work with participants to create a clay pot adorned with beach glass from her collection.

The event, which includes refreshments and a self-guided tour, moves inside if it rains. The cost is \$12 to \$15. Registration is required on Eventbrite. Visit [www.barkermansion.com](http://www.barkermansion.com) for more details.

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All registrations/questions go through the Red Mill County Park Administrative Office, 0185 S. Holmesville Road, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 or visit [www.laportecountyparks.org](http://www.laportecountyparks.org) for more details.

### Family Fishing Nights

Free all-ages fishing is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 18, at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte.

A limited number of poles and bait will be provided. No fishing licenses are required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The program requires between 10 and 40 people. Pre-registration is required at least one week in advance. Call (219) 325-8315

### Joyful Movement, "Shake, Rattle and Move"

The 45-minute, low-impact mindfulness program starts at 7:45 a.m. and meets at Luhr County Park Nature Center Dates are:

- June 18, 20, 25 and 27.
- July 9, 16, 18, 23, 25 and 30.

The free program is self-paced and ideal for all ages. Participants can sit or stand. The emphasis is stretching, meditation, heart pumping and balance.

Call one week in advance of each date.

### Nature's Tiny Tots

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

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. June 18, July 9 and 23, and Aug. 6 and 20 at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

### Tuesday Treasures

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

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

- June 19 — "Sweet As Honey," bees.
- June 26 — "What's Under The Canopy?," forest animals.

### Teachers-Groups-Scout Leaders

Free environmental education programs are offered to groups throughout the year. Programs last one hour or longer depending on the group size and age. Programs can be scheduled at Creek Ridge, Luhr, Bluhm or Red Mill parks. Call (219) 325-8315 for more information or to make a reservation.



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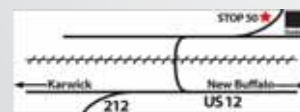
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## IDNL Prepares for Summer

Final preparations are being made for another busy beach season at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

Each year, more than 3 million people visit the 17 miles of shoreline along the national lakeshore and nearby Indiana Dunes State Park. In the national park, beaches range from the lifeguarded West Beach, with its bathhouse and 500-car parking lot, to smaller, unguarded beach areas such as Dunbar and Central Avenue, which have limited parking and facilities.

Food vendors will operate at West Beach, Portage Lakefront and Porter Beach. Kona Ice and a variety of other menu items will be available from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily in the West Beach bathhouse. In addition, an Eastern National outlet in the bathhouse will sell souvenirs and educational items during the afternoon and early evening Thursdays through Mondays.

At Portage Lakefront, Twisted Citrus will offer a varied menu in the Lakefront Pavilion from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Porter Beach will feature food and ice cream treats from the Hot Diggity Dawg cart Friday through Monday afternoons during the beach season.

The Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra returns to West Beach for a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3. Take chairs. Food trucks and park partner booths are planned.

Many park beaches, it must be noted, have eroded due to near record-high lake levels. The condition affects all of Lake Michigan, but expect to find narrower-than-average beaches at Portage Lakefront, Central Avenue and Mount Baldy due to nearby harbor structures that impede sand flow.

Improvements are planned at Central Avenue Beach, where the bathrooms will be remodeled and upgraded. The beach will remain open and temporary facilities provided during the remodeling work.



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## NB Library Community Forum

A "Summer Solstice Hootenanny" marks the next Community Forum Series program at 6:30 p.m. EDT Thursday, June 21, at New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

The informal evening is open to all ages and skill levels to sing and play their acoustic instruments. Musicians and singers from The School of American Music will take the lead through folk, rock, blues and show tunes. Listeners are welcome. Promeny Olive and Wine of New Buffalo will provide an intermission snack.

Upcoming FOL programs include: "Andrew Jackson by Tim Moore," Monday, June 25; "Icebound Found! The Ordeal of the S.S. Michigan," Monday, July 9; and "Author Talk: Notable Michigan Poet Cindy Hunter," Tuesday, Aug. 21.

The free series is sponsored by the Friends of New Buffalo Library, and underwritten in part by The Pokagon Fund. Call (269) 469-2933, follow the Facebook link at [newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org](http://newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org) or email [new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com](mailto:new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com) for more details.

## LaPorte County Public Library

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

- **Zoo to You! from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 16.**

Learn about animals from Potawatomi Zoo staff.



Visit [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org) for more details.

## Artist Talk on "Dual Insights"

Carole Stodder and Tom Brand will discuss their exhibit, "Dual Insights," at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Marshall Gardner Art Center in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.

The exhibit ends Sunday, June 17. The center is located at 940 S. Lake St.

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Valparaiso Theatrical Co.'s production of Colleen Zana's "Mom Cole's Truck Stop" will benefit Phi Beta Psi sorority's Theta Alpha Omega Chapter.

Performances are June 15-July 1 at First Christian Church, 1507 Glendale Blvd., Valparaiso. Times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays.

The show follows the story of Gail, a stranger in town looking for work. Mom Cole usually hires family, but takes a chance on Gail. When the bank comes to take the truck stop for unpaid back taxes, chaos ensues.

The Saturday, June 30, show benefits Phi Beta Psi, founded in 2012 and based in Michigan City.

Tickets are \$10, of which \$6 goes directly to Phi Beta Psi. Contact Michelle Burkhart at (219) 210-3062 or email taophibetapsi@gmail.com for tickets.

## PNW Women's Association

Purdue University Northwest Women's Association is taking reservations for its July 21 day trip to Chicago to see the Tony-winning musical "The Color Purple."

Current and new members — male and female — are encouraged to register early because seats on the luxury bus are limited.

The trip starts at 7:15 a.m. with boarding in front of Schwarz Hall. The outing includes a stop at Trader Joe's, shopping on the "Magnificent Mile," time for lunch on one's own and a ticket to the 2 p.m. matinee. The approximate return time is 6:15 p.m.

The \$90 cost (plus \$10 membership dues) includes expenses except lunch. Assistance will be provided and package stowage available. Those on the trip must be members or join the PNWA to participate.

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Online orders will not count. A coupon is required, and is available at the depot, the administration building and from the club website at www.beverlyshoresindiana.org

A portion of the sales will benefit the depot.

## Public Art Committee

The Michigan City Public Art Committee meets at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 21, in the City Hall Mayor's Conference Room.



## Midwest Museum of American Art

Two new spotlight exhibits from its permanent collection are on display at Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart.

The first is "Ted Drake: Artist Illustrator." Long known as the designer for University of Notre Dame's official mascot, Drake (1907-2000) was an accomplished illustrator and fine artist with a career spanning more than five decades. The exhibit complements Elkhart County Historical Museum's "Ted Drake Art/Commerce/History" at Elkhart Public Library. Included are never-before-seen works, beginning with a portrait of a sweetheart from the early 1940s. The remaining works typify his developed style and include subjects of sailboats, trains and the local Amish community.

The exhibit runs through July 31.

"American Modernism in the 20th Century," which runs through Nov. 11, emphasizes artists ranging from John Marin (1870-1953) and Hilla Rebay (1890-1967) to Stuart Davis (1894-1964). Modernism embraced ideas reflected in mass industrialization and the Jazz Age, and reacted to the aggressive propaganda of two world wars.

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**June 13-16** — "Graceland," 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, email [info@canterburytheatre.org](mailto:info@canterburytheatre.org)

**June 14** — Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Celebration: Magician Steven Kellogg, 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**June 14** — Photo Scavenger Hunt, 10-11 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**June 15** — STEAM Ahead Kids: Stomp Rockets, 11 a.m. & 4 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**June 15** — Night Bicycle Ride, LaPorte. Check-in: 9 p.m. @ 250 Pine Lake Ave. Cost: \$20. Info: [www.cityoflaporte.com](http://www.cityoflaporte.com)

**June 15-17** — "The Drowsy Chaperone," Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15, \$10/12 & younger. Reservations: [www.footlightplayers.org](http://www.footlightplayers.org), (219) 874-4035.

**June 15-20** — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "The Rider." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 7 p.m. Tue. *Also Showing:* "Little Pink House." Not Rated. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. *Also Showing:* "1945." Not Rated. In Hungarian and Russian with subtitles. Time: noon June 17. *Also Showing:* "Claire's Camera." Not Rated. In Korean, French and English with subtitles. Time: 6 p.m. June 20. All times Eastern. Info: [vickers-theatre.com](http://vickers-theatre.com)

**June 16** — Necktie 5K Walk & Run, 8 a.m., Re-bora Plaza, 1E Lake Front Drive, Beverly Shores. Entry fee: \$25. Registration: [www.necktierun.com](http://www.necktierun.com)

**June 16** — Zoo to You!, 11 a.m.-noon, LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. Info: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**June 16** — Fifth Annual Arts & Crafts Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Swanson Activity Center for Older Adults, 910 State St. Info: (219) 326-5354.

**June 16** — "Zoobilation Celebration!" (90th anniversary bash), 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Washington Park Zoo. Regular admission. Info: [www.washington-parkzoo.com](http://www.washington-parkzoo.com)

**June 16** — "Beach Glass and Blooms," 2-4 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Cost: \$12-\$15. Registration: Eventbrite.

**June 16** — Friendship Botanic Gardens fundraiser, Moonlight in the Gardens Ball, 6-10 p.m., Blue Chip Casino's Stardust Grand Ballroom. Tick-



ets: \$100. Reservations: [bbpnet.com/x23b](http://bbpnet.com/x23b)

**June 16-17** — Father's Day @ Hesston Steam Museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North. Train fares: Fathers pay \$1 with paid admission. Hours: 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Info: [www.hesston.org](http://www.hesston.org)

**June 16-17** — 23rd Annual Relay For Life of LaPorte County, LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2. Info: (219) 614-3282.

**June 17 — FATHER'S DAY.**

**June 17** — Father's Day @ Washington Park Zoo. Free admission, fathers/grandfathers, with paid admission. Info: [www.washingtonparkzoo.com](http://www.washingtonparkzoo.com)

**June 18** — Family Fishing Nights, 6-7:30 p.m., Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte. Free. Registration: (219) 325-8315.

**June 20** — The Art of Wire Wrapping, 3-4 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Registration: (219) 926-7696.

**June 20-30** — "The Bikinis," 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, email [info@canterburytheatre.org](mailto:info@canterburytheatre.org)

**Through June 29** — Chesterton Woman's Club Annual Art Show, Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Info: [www.chestertonart.com](http://www.chestertonart.com)

**Through Oct. 13** — "Warhol: Icon & Influence," Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: [www.lubeznikcenter.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/laportefarmersmarket)

**In the Region**

**June 15-July 1** — "Mom Cole's Truck Stop," First Christian Church, 1507 Glendale Blvd., Valparaiso. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$10. Benefits Phi Beta Psi (Michigan City). Reservations: (219) 210-3062, [taophibetapsi@gmail.com](mailto:taophibetapsi@gmail.com)

**June 16** — Lake Michigan Shore Wine Festival, 1 p.m.-sundown EDT, Warren Dunes State Park, Sawyer, Mich. Admission: \$10/advance, \$15/gate. Reservations: [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

**Through July 19** — Community Supported Agriculture Valpo season preview exhibit, The Village Gallery @ Pines Village Retirement Communities, Valparaiso. Info: (219) 465-1591.

**Through Aug. 5** — "New Acquisitions: Selections from the Permanent Collection," Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art. Summer hours: noon-5 p.m. Tues.-Sun. Info: (219) 464-5276.

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**On June 14, 1775**, the U.S. Army was founded when the Continental Congress authorized the recruiting of ten companies of riflemen.

**On June 14, 1777**, the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official national flag.

**On June 14, 1900**, the islands of Hawaii became a territory of the United States.

**On June 14, 1922**, Warren Harding spoke over Baltimore's radio station "WEAR," becoming the first U.S. president to make a radio speech.

**On June 14, 1954**, the first nation-wide civil defense test was conducted.

**On June 14, 1992**, the Chicago Bulls won their second consecutive NBA championship, defeating the Portland Trail Blazers four games to two.

**On June 15, 1686**, the first Anglican Church worship services were conducted in Boston.

**On June 15, 1831**, Cook County, Ill., was granted a charter.

**On June 15, 1938**, Johnny Vander Meer, pitching for the Cincinnati Reds, became the only major leaguer to pitch successive no-hit, no-run games.

**On June 16, 1858**, in a speech in Springfield, Senate candidate Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

**On June 16, 1902**, the musical comedy, Wizard of Oz, opened in Chicago's Grand Opera House.

**On June 16, 1903**, Ford Motor Co. incorporated.

**On June 16, 1920**, London was the host city as the Council of the League of Nations held its first meeting.

**On June 16, 1972**, for his bogus Howard Hughes autobiography, author Clifford Irving was sentenced to 2-1/2 years in prison.

**On June 16, 1981**, William Wrigley announces the sale of the Cubs to Tribune Co. for \$20.5 million.

**On June 17, 1775**, during the Revolutionary War, the "Battle of Bunker Hill" was fought near Boston. More than 3,000 British troops launched an attack on 1,000 American soldiers defending the hill. On their third try, the British succeeded in taking the hill, but not until one-third of their army was destroyed.

**On June 17, 1928**, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland as a passenger on a flight piloted by Wilmer Stultz to become the first woman to cross the Atlantic in a plane.

**On June 17, 1966**, a resolution by the Chicago City



Council designated the chrysanthemum as Chicago's official flower.

**On June 18, 1873**, suffragist Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for attempting to vote in the 1872 presidential election.

**On June 18, 1885**, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, arrived in New York harbor.

**On June 18, 1983**, astronaut Sally Ride became America's first woman in space as she, along with four colleagues, blasted off aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

**On June 18, 1996**, inventor Joe Urschel, chairman of Valparaiso-based Urschel Laboratories, who held 73 patents on machinery used in the food, pharmaceutical, and chemical industries, died at 82.

**On June 19, 1903**, Lou Gehrig, who would become one of baseball's all-time greats, was born in New York City.

**On June 19, 1905**, "The Nickelodeon," the world's first theater devoted exclusively to the exhibition of motion pictures, was opened in Pittsburg.

**On June 19, 1910**, the first observance of Father's Day took place in Spokane, Wash.

**On June 19, 1912**, the U.S. government adopted the eight-hour workday for federal employees.

**On June 19, 1923**, the Illinois legislature passed a law stating that "the official language of the State of Illinois shall be known hereafter as the 'American' language."

**On June 19, 1963**, Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman in space, landed after spending almost three days orbiting the earth.

**On June 20, 1632**, England granted to Lord Baltimore the rights to an area surrounding Chesapeake Bay, most of which now comprises the state of Maryland.

**On June 20, 1782**, Congress adopted the Great Seal of the United States. The seal depicts an eagle clutching an olive branch in one talon and 13 arrows in the other. In its beak is a ribbon bearing the legend "*E Pluribus Unum*" (from many, one), (from many states came one nation).

**On June 20, 1793**, inventor Eli Whitney applied for a patent on his cotton gin.

**On June 20, 1874**, the District of Columbia came under the administration of Congress.

**On June 20, 1947**, in California, gangster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot to death in his Beverly Hills mansion.

**On June 20, 1948**, "Toast of the Town," a variety show hosted by Ed Sullivan, premiered on CBS-TV.

**On June 20, 1975**, the Steven Spielberg shark thriller "Jaws" debuted.

On June 20, 1977, the first oil began to flow through the \$7.7 billion, 789 mile long, Alaska pipeline.

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## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

**The Outsider by Stephen King** (hardcover, \$30 online and in bookstores; also available as an eBook)

*"I was thinking about the universe. There really is no end to it, is there?  
And no explaining it."*

Stephen King likes you to consider possibilities; other reasons why something happens, or someone or something isn't what it appears to be. Keep that in mind as I relate to you a tale of two cities in two states, and something that happens in each that is not only improbable, but impossible. Science is showing us every day that what was once called impossible is now a reality. Welcome now to the impossible kingdom of King...

Flint City, Okla., is your typical small town, mostly a safe place to raise a family. Safe, that is, until the body of 9-year-old Frankie Peterson is found in a city park. Finding the body is the elderly Mr. Jon Fritz, who can barely repeat what he saw.

The story actually starts out with police statements by Fritz and anyone who might have seen Frankie the day he was so violently killed. It sets the tone of the horror and evil someone could do to a child. The various witnesses seem to lay no doubt as to who did the deed...Terry Maitland, the Little League coach, English teacher, husband and father of two girls. Wow. Maitland is the kind of guy who wouldn't litter. How could this little community think of him as a stone cold, sadistic killer?

Det. Ralph Anderson knows the Maitland family well. His son was in Little League. Imagine the feelings going through your mind if you have a son who was so close to a psychopathic killer...he could have been Terry's victim instead of the Peterson boy.

With that boiling in his mind, Anderson makes the rash decision to arrest Maitland during a Little League game in front of almost 1,500 fans who know and respect him. Two detectives, but not Anderson, march onto the playing field and put the cuffs on Terry to the horror of his wife and daughters. That decision will soon prove to be the worst of his career.

Marcy Maitland soon finds her friends deserting her one by one as community feelings rise to mass hysteria when evidence comes out in the newspaper.

Many witnesses come forward: Among them is Arlene Stanhope who saw Maitland at 3 p.m. talking to Frankie, whose bike had a broken chain. She said Terry put the bike in a white van and Frankie

in the front seat. June Morris saw Terry come out of the park around 6 p.m. wearing a bloody shirt — told her he had a bad nose bleed. Terry also was seen at a local bar. Willow Rainwater swears she took Maitland in her cab to the railroad station. You get the picture — add all these eyewitnesses with blood samples and fingerprints and you have a guilty man. Maybe...Maybe impossible.

You see, Maitland has an air-tight alibi: He and some other teachers went to Cap City for an English teachers conference. Each teacher told the same story, and surveillance cameras bore out that Maitland was, indeed, attending a conference at the same time Frankie Peterson was being tortured and murdered. The two cities were far enough apart that Maitland could not have done the deed in Flint City and made it back to the conference that fast. What we have here is a basic law of physics — Maitland simply couldn't be in two places at the same time. Science is clear about that. But what is the answer? Jeannie Anderson, Ralph's wife, has an explanation: She thinks the only answer that makes sense is that Maitland must have had a double work with him. But what if the real answer is completely out of the realm of sensibility?

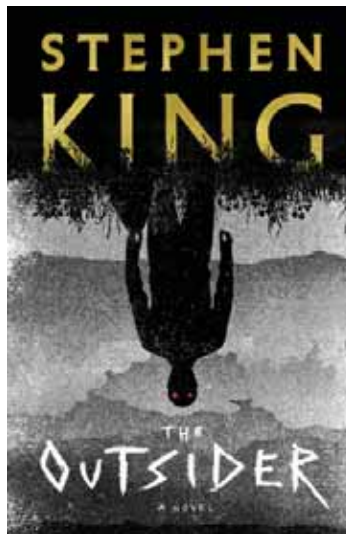
Here is where King shines (no pun intended). He has the hairs on our arms standing up, and he revels in keeping the reader dazed and confused until the end. The only solid piece of evidence is that Frankie Peterson is dead. That cannot be disputed; however, trying to make sense of the rest is impossible. Jeannie sums it up: *"The more you find, the wronger it gets."*

Another expert is brought in to help. Her name is Holly Gibney (the beloved character from King's "Mr. Mercedes" trilogy). She tells them of another murder in Ohio that sounds eerily like the Peterson one. After hearing the Peterson story, she has another explanation: the murders were committed by an "outsider."

As Holly tells Anderson, *"Most legends hold a grain of truth, but they're not the truth, if you see what I mean."* And you will see in a wide-eyed climax that takes place in a cave in Texas and is pure Stephen King.

No doubt about it, the man is a master storyteller! Kirkus Reviews: "A juicy tale that plays at the forefront of our current phobias...[The Outsider] will remind readers of King's early novel *It*."

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