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# A LOVE SONG FOR “DA REGION”

by William Halliar



A photo from 1951 that features a 2-year-old Bill Halliar with his parents, their home in Whiting, Ind., located in the heart of “Da Region.”

Are you from “Da Region”?

Do you take pride in that fact, or sheepishly nod your head in the affirmative when posed the question?

Just where the idea of storied land called “Da Region” came from is a question that has been debated, sometimes hotly, for generations.

If you are a “Region Rat” or secretly want to be one, there may be an authority you can cite that puts you on either side of the argument. You may

either be a true denizen of “Da Region,” or a jealous outsider. The savvy reader must decide as the arguments are set forth.

“Da Region” can be described geologically, economically, sociologically and probably numerous other ways, but for those of us who grew up here and call it home, it can only be described in terms of the heart.

Though some may say, as Chicago journalist and TV host Phil Ponce so coarsely put it in a 1996 article, Northwest Indiana is a “*dirty, rotten, ugly place to live and work*,” we of “Da Region” know better.

The Calumet Region, though a bit weary and rusted, is a misunderstood jewel, and a wonderful place to call home.

So what and where, exactly, is the Calumet Region? It seems this area of Northwest Indiana, no matter the exact size and boundaries in question, derives its name from the Grand Calumet and Little Calumet rivers that flow through its towns and cities, prairies, woods, meadows and industrial complexes into the Calumet River in Illinois and, eventually, into Lake Michigan.

Actually, the name “Calumet” is hidden somewhat in the mist of legend and tradition. Since

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The Whiting BP Refinery, an image many associate as being part of “Da Region.”

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there is no written record left by Native Americans who seem to have given the river system its names in the first place, we can only speculate from the tales passed down to us.

One good guess is that Calumet means “reed,” referring to the tall, thick, walled, hollow-stemmed aquatic plants that grow along the riverbanks. These reeds, or phragmites, could easily be fashioned into the stems often used in constructing ceremonial pipes. In fact, Merriam-Web-



Little Calumet River.



Grand Calumet River.

ster defines Calumet as “A *highly ornamented ceremonial pipe of the American Indians.*”

It is speculated, by some, that local Native Americans may have adopted the word Calumet from the language of the earliest European explorers: the French coming down from Canada who might have used the Latin form of the word for reed, “*Calamo.*” Whether there were European explorers here before the French in the mid-to-late 1600s also is an interesting speculation.

The Calumet River system in itself is an interesting study that consists of the Grand Calumet, Little Calumet and Calumet rivers. The Grand Calumet River

originates in Gary’s Miller Beach neighborhood and flows west through Gary, East Chicago and Hammond, and across the Illinois border. Today, the majority of this river drains into Lake Michigan through the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal.

The Little Calumet River has its head waters in New Durham Township in LaPorte County, originally running west across the Illinois border, then looping back to the east where it joined with the Grand Calumet River and Calumet River in today’s Burnham, Ill.

The Calumet River, located on Chicago’s South Side, is a short waterway that originally drained the waters of Lake Calumet into Lake Michigan. There is a



Calumet River.

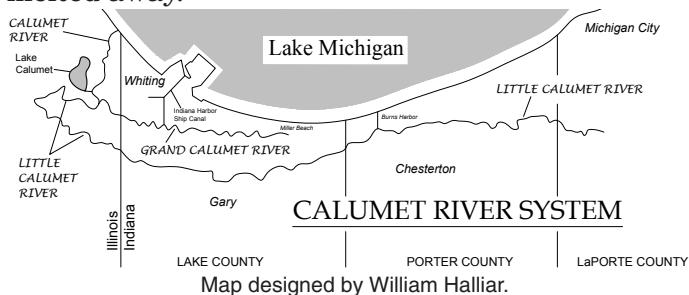


legend that says French voyageurs dug a canal that eventually connected the three river system to improve canoe travel through the region.

The Encyclopedia of Chicago includes an interesting, if unflattering, description of the rivers that give our region its name: *"The Calumet River system is a network of waterways, some human-made and others transformed by two centuries of human straightening, widening, dredging, channeling and damming, as well as by industrial pollution and landfilling of nearby marshes."*

The rivers of Northwest Indiana were the first superhighway systems allowing trade goods to be easily transported between settlements. It can be imagined the Calumet River system formed a more desirable east-west route across the territory than slogging through marshes and wetlands, and over the dunes of the land trails or venturing out into the wild waters of Lake Michigan.

The Grand Calumet and Little Calumet flow east and west across what we consider the bottom of the lake in directions that must have originally followed the contours of sand dunes and swales that had been built up at the southern end of Lake Michigan after the last of the Wisconsin Ice Age, or glaciation, melted away.



Looking at a modern map, the Little Calumet River seems to be the largest river, and Lake Calumet is nothing more than a series of quays for docking large ships.

According to Wikipedia, *"The Calumet Region is the geographic area drained by the Grand Calumet River and the Little Calumet River of northeastern Illinois and northwestern Indiana."* The Calumet Stewardship Initiative hosts a website (calumet-stewardship.org) that carries a map with the area it considers the Calumet Region circled in purple. This map extends from Evergreen Park in Illinois on the west side to New Buffalo, Mich., on the north and east and extends just south of U.S. 30 on the south. This places Michigan City and LaPorte within the area considered by the Calumet Stewardship as the "Calumet Region."

In a 2012 article written by Doug Ross of The Times, he states the Metropolitan Planning Council of Chicago has taken on as its goal the creation of a "Roadmap for the Chicago Region." The council insists the Calumet Region includes the entire Chicago metropolitan area from Milwaukee to Northwest Indiana.

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Purists of “Da Region’s” culture, on the other hand, take on a somewhat narrower view of the land that bears the name of the Native American ceremonial pipe. According to “Urban Dictionary ([www.urbandictionary.com](http://www.urbandictionary.com)), the *true* region is located only in the northwest area of Lake County and consisting of Whiting, East Chicago, Hammond, Munster, Highland, Griffith, Gary and the north sides of Dyer, Shererville and Merrillville. The website states that everyone outside of this small area who claims to be “regionites” are simply “posers” wishing to take on the “mystique” of “Da Region.” It adds that if you are in the true “region,” there are no cornfields in sight!

As you can see, there is great debate over what territory actually constitutes the “True Region.”

If you love “Da Region,” you love it. If you hate it, you *really* hate it.

As for me, I love my adopted hometown of Michigan City, in the heart of LaPorte County. I am sure most who meet me would not suspect from my sophisticated bearing that I am at heart a Region Rat — born and bred in Whiting. My veins if cut flow with sticky, black oil, so to speak, and I am proud to own it. On my father’s side, I am a third-generation regionite and on my mother’s side fifth generation. All of my recent forbearers have lived, worked and died in the heart of the Calumet Region. I am a true and “indigenous” Region Rat in every sense of the word.

Of the people who live in Da Region, the Urban Dictionary says, “*From a cultural standpoint, the region is where the ‘ethnic’ slums of the South Side of Chicago meets ‘white corn-fed hillbilly’...creating*



The origins of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore stem from efforts to protect the lakefront along Lake Michigan’s southern shores.

*a very diverse and unique place.*” It further claims Da Region is “far better than any other location in Indiana.”

I must concur!

Growing up, most of us from “Da Region” did not realize how special we were or how good we had it. It wasn’t until we were far away from our roots, and people asked us from what part of the country we hailed, that we noticed their unique responses.

When we mentioned our place of birth, some inquirers stepped back in horror, while others drew closer and spoke in curious hushed tones. “Da Region?” As if to ask, “Is everything we have heard true?” Take *Beacher* Editor Drew Tallackson, who grew up in Gary’s Miller Beach neighborhood, and whose family saw its quality of life gravitate to Michigan City. After high school, left the area to attend Indiana University Bloomington. He spoke of the reaction from classmates when they learned one of their own was from the legendary “Region.”

A gasp. A pause. Were they being petty, or secretly jealous? And no, he would reply when asked, he had not met Michael Jackson.

Our history, and our story, are unique in the Midwest. The Calumet Region was the last part of Indiana to be settled. According to Lake and Calumet Region of Indiana published in 1927, our beloved region was originally “*composed of sand hills, sterile soil and numerous marshes.*” In other words, it was a lousy place to farm, but who wants to be a farmer anyway?

The region did not begin to be settled until the last half of the 1800s. It was the last area of Indiana to be populated. Before that, our beloved Northwest Indiana was a wild place of sand dunes



The region’s steel mills, in the eyes of some, give a negative spin on public perception of “Da Region.”



and swamps bordered on the north by Lake Michigan and on the south by the great Kankakee Marsh. It was just plain hard to get here from anywhere else in Indiana. The first serious settlement was Tolleston, named for founder George Tolle, a good German Lutheran, in 1857.

The Lake and Calumet Region of Indiana continues its account: *"The nature of the soil not being attractive to settlers, very few permanent locations were made."* Curiously, though, *"the taverns did a good business on account of increasing tide of travel to Chicago and other points west."*

Nothing much has changed. At one time, it was said Whiting had more churches and more taverns, per capita, than any other city in Indiana.



Whiting's outdoor water park has become a popular tourist destination.

(It must be said, we regionites still do love our beer. And in many circles, our White Castle Sliders.)

Over the years, of course, our region has become more populous. It was discovered early on that Lake Michigan and our other natural resources, such as the rivers and even our dunes sand, could be exploited by industry and parlayed into great fortunes.

Mill workers were referred to as "rats" by those of us who lived among them, and this honorary title probably led to referring to ourselves in general as "Region Rats." They may have derived their monikers from the many very large rodents that inhabited the rocks that were used to build the mills out into the waters of Lake Michigan.

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Time has been cruel and, at the same time, wonderful to our beloved "Region." Steel mills, refineries and heavy industries sprang up. Smoke, fire and the constant thumbing of productivity filled the air in the early part of the 20th century. We didn't mind. Our dads had good work, and the moms and children lived and prospered in close-knit communities.

In Whiting, we built homes on lots that were 25' wide and 180' deep. We were packed in close proximity (like rats, I suppose), but growing up in "Da Region" had its own charm. We could walk to school, to the grocery store, to the movie house and to town. My dad rode a bicycle to work.

Lake Michigan was our front yard, and despite the oil that sometimes splattered our bathing suits, we played all summer on the beach. When we went to sleep at night, we were comforted by the lullaby of train whistles and the lonely sound of the foghorn blowing a warning to ships on the big lake.

Oh, it wasn't perfect being a Region Rat, and I suppose that sometimes, it did smell bad and it was noisy, but it was home.

Through the years, over-reaching industry that sought to take over the lakefront was reigned in and much of it saved. Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore was born out of the struggle of those who loved their homes here and realized the uniqueness of "Da Region."

Economic hard times hit, and much of the heavy industry closed until we looked to the outside world like *"the buckle of the rust belt; a scary Tinker-*

*toy array of refineries, giant exhaust flames, steel mills, smoke and smells,"* according to Phil Ponce.

But we always had hope for our home, realizing what a special place it is in which we live. We have a proud history and heritage, and we are coming back. You can see the growth everywhere, in places like Whiting with its new lakefront water park. The Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana celebrates the creative genius of our people.

In Michigan City, we see renewal and growth everywhere. New construction abounds, the Uptown Arts District thrives, and festivals celebrating our uniqueness, such as the new "Swale Music Festival" or "Taste of Michigan City," are much anticipated yearly events.

So whether you love it and freely admit with pride to being from "Da Region," or you just can't bring yourself to face the fact, we all are truly residents of the Calumet Region. Together, we are all proud Hoosiers and this is, as the Urban Dictionary puts it, *"far better than any other location in Indiana."*



A Halliar family gathering in 2012 in front of Bill's mother's home in Whiting.



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## “Incredibles 2” May Be More Enjoyable Than Original

by Andrew Tallackson



Helen Parr becomes the center of a media stunt to regain public trust of super heroes in “Incredibles 2.”

Fourteen years after the original, “Incredibles 2” hasn’t skipped a beat. Boldly confident, with wit and imagination to spare, it may actually be more enjoyable than the first film.

Sequels, especially those to popular animated fare, tend to feel rushed, redundant. The reasoning is condescendingly simple: If it worked the first time, then kids will gobble up the exact same helping a second time.

But in this case, the broad gap between rounds 1 and 2 has done returning writer-director Brad Bird some good. He appreciates that most families likely have the original as part of their movie collection, having committed much of it to memory. So instead of rehashing what went down last time, he plunges the Parr family into its latest adventure, one that dishes out heapings of laughs and thrills, but also a clever subtext about pent-up resentment between husband and wife when gender roles shift.

Picking up just a few months after the original, “Incredibles 2” finds the super hero Parr family — Bob and Helen, and their lovably testy children, Dash, Violet and baby Jack-Jack — now the poster children for a worldwide ban on super heroes. Until, that is, a super hero fan and telecom magnate, Winston Deavor, along with his sister, Evelyn, the brains behind the operation, persuade the Parrs to embark on a media stunt to restore public trust of super heroes. With Helen viewed as the family’s least destructible element, she’s the recruited one to fight crime, while Bob and the kids are plunked into one of Winston’s gleefully expensive homes.

Computer animation has achieved such staggering leaps in ingenuity since Pixar rolled out “Toy Story” 23 years ago, we often take for granted just how magical the end result is. Visually, “Incredibles 2” does not show us anything we haven’t seen before,

but it’s etched out so beautifully and seamlessly, in many cases we forget we are watching animation. The world is so forcefully created, the action exists not solely to blow things up in ways live action films cannot, but to fluidly sneak in a laugh, a character’s humanity, a sight gag that speaks more to adults than children.

(David Fumo might take note of the certain power unleashed by the character dubbed “Reflux.”)

Where “Incredibles 2” mines its story for exceedingly clever laughs is in the way Bob, now a stay-at-home dad, is feverishly out of touch with the demands of a typical parent. Bird does not go for obvious laughs. No, “Incredibles 2” is trickier than that. What Bob discovers is that today’s tweens are saddled with challenges his lot never faced. The conversation about “New Math” is priceless, as is the inability to put Jack-Jack down for the night. And when Jack-Jack’s own powers emerge, fluidly conveyed to achieve maximum laughter, Bob rediscovers his mojo, rounding up Dash and Violet to explore how they can capitalize on his abilities.

It’s a smart move on Bird’s behalf, to rally the family together through Jack-Jack, as is Helen’s girl-power bond with Evelyn, animated to resemble someone who stepped off the pages of Vogue, yet has a mind of her own.

Everything about “Incredibles 2,” in fact, is sharp: the writing, the imagery, the voice talents, especially Oscar-winner Holly Hunter as Helen. No one else could voice this role quite like her: plucky, nurturing, defiant — all at once.

Pixar rarely blunders, so the liveliness of “Incredibles 2” is no surprise. That the inventiveness is boundless is proof when it comes to family entertainment, Pixar, after all these years, can’t be beat. Contact Andrew Tallackson at [drew@thebeacher.com](mailto:drew@thebeacher.com)





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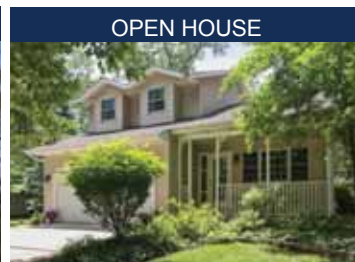
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## “Classic Korea” Concert Brings Cultural Music to Michigan City

by Andrew Holt

Typically each summer, classical music enthusiasts enjoy performances by Michigan City Chamber Music Festival in August.

Fans, however, are in for a special treat Friday, June 22. That's when the festival will co-host the opening concert in “Classic Korea,” a free goodwill tour celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Chicago. The performance, which is from 7 to about 9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St., will feature many classical Korean songs, as well as popular western songs. Guest performers include Bellissima Opera based out of Oak Park, Ill.



Simon Kyung Lee

Simon Kyung Lee, one of the artists performing at the concert, is overjoyed to bring Korean music to America as a sign of unity.

“There is an opportunity to reach out to the American people, to show them who the Korean people are,” Lee told *The Beacher*. “To make a good impression is one of the things that makes this



The “Classic Korea” concert will feature a mix of Korean folk and art songs, and opera and Broadway favorites.

cultural exchange work.”

The festival is sponsoring the concert along with Korea Foundation, Leota Artists Management and Onesti Production. The public is invited to a reception after the concert.

The performers include Koreans and Americans presenting a mixture of Korean folk songs, including “Bird Song,”

“Bak-Yon Falls,” “A-Ra-Ri-Yo,” Korean art songs (“Your Face” and “Golden Mountain”), opera and Broadway favorites (“Hansel and Gretel,” “Rigoletto,” “The Merry Widow” and “Jekyll & Hyde”) and George Gershwin’s “Prelude for Violin and Piano.”

“Classic Korea” artists performing alongside Lee, a tenor, include: Jeongeun Joo, soprano; Jennifer Kosharsky, mezzo-soprano; Jinuk Lee, baritone; So-jung Lee-Hong, pianist; Sarah Yoon-Mayer, pianist; and Yoorhi Choi, violinist

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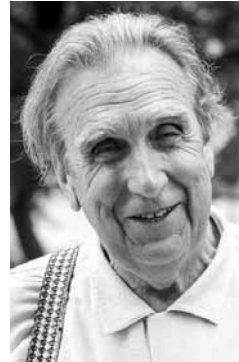


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Oscar-nominated director John Hancock is seeking help with vehicles, and people willing to house cast and crew, for his latest independent film, "The Girls of Summer," which shoots in the area this summer.



Hancock

Written and starring Second City performer Tori Titmas, the story centers on a drummer and her relationship with an established country star.

Hancock ("Bang the Drum Slowly") has a history of filming in the region. Past projects include the Christmas classic "Prancer," as well as "A Piece of Eden," "Suspended Animation" and "The Looking Glass."

"The Girls of Summer," independently financed through Hancock's FilmAcres production studio, is in rehearsals now, with filming starting July 5. Hancock is looking to secure eight rooms through June 30, with an additional 12 rooms July 1-Aug. 30.



Titmas

"We understand that we may likely have to house people in different locations, and possibly move them to available housing throughout the summer," FilmAcres staff said in a press release. "Therefore, we are interested in whatever you might have available during that time period."

FilmAcres hopes some of the rooms can be donated. If that is not possible, a deferred payment program is available.

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## BUILDING ON THE LAKE IN LONG BEACH

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I went to the public hearing May 24th to discuss proposed zoning changes to limit what and where you can build on the lake side of Lake Shore Drive.

Members of the Advisory Plan Commission (APA) explained they want to make sure beachfront owners are using the best means to protect their properties. APA members have been meeting and talking with consultants, DNR, USACE and others since 2016 to create best practices. They also are concerned about how what lakefront owners do impacts others who live in the community and use the lake.

Bottom line, many of the proposed best practices are aimed at preserving the use of the beach for the rest of the community by restricting what lakefront owners can do.

The consultants and the APA have concluded that "seawalls" are not a good way to protect against erosion. The waves dig out in front and back of seawalls, and the "undertow" created by seawalls pushes the sand too far out to be recaptured in normal accretion when the water levels go down.

The APA has taken the existing "View Ordinance" (154.060), which says owners should not build houses further than 106.6 feet from the northerly line of Lakeshore Drive because it will block other property owner views, and proposed it be used for the protection of the lakefront property owners, as well as the benefit of owners on the other side of the street from an environmental perspective. Avoid erosion. Save the beach for everyone. Restrict beach development.

The APA added the height and size standards from another ordinance to the view ordinance to say how wide you can build your house and how high you can build it. The ordinance proposed May 24th states you can no longer build a seawall or fix a seawall unless it has a revetment in front of it, and all of this has to be within the "view ordinance" limit of 106.6 from Lakeshore Drive.

Until the May 24th meeting, the proposed ordinance would not even have allowed current lakefront owners to replace anything further than 106.6' from the road, even though at least 30% of existing lakefront houses extend farther than 106.6' from the road right-of-way.

There is another public hearing at 7 p.m. June 28 at the Town Hall. **Go! Learn! Participate!**

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## LaPorte County Public Library

*The following programs are at the main branch of LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave.:*

- **"Snow White and Sherman" from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 23.**



The cast of "Snow White and Sherman."

Metamorphosis Traveling Theatre Inc. presents the reimagined fairy tale with music, ballet, comedy and drama. Registration is required on the website.

- **Family Dot Art from 11 a.m. to noon Monday, June 25.**

Youngsters engage in painting to create their own works.

*The following program is at the Coolspring branch, 6925 W. County Road 400 North:*

- **Family Field Day from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23.**

The outdoor event includes a giant beach ball, outdoor Jenga and parachutes.



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

## NB Library Community Forum

Seventh U.S. President Andrew Jackson is the focus of the next Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum at 6:30 p.m. EDT Monday, June 25, in the library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St.

Tim Moore of Lake Michigan College will cover Jackson as an orphan, unruly child, lawyer, judge, military chieftain, populist hero, defender of the Union and slayer of the National Bank.

Upcoming programs include: "Icebound Found! The Ordeal of the S.S. Michigan," presented by Valerie van Heest, on Monday, July 9; and "Author Talk: Cindy Hunter Morgan," Aug. 21.

The free series is underwritten in part by The Pokagon Fund. Call the library at (269) 469-2933, follow the Facebook link at [newbuffalotownshiplibrary](https://www.facebook.com/newbuffalotownshiplibrary), or email [new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com](mailto:new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com) for details.



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## Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Bookmarks: Amor Towles' "A Gentleman in Moscow"** at 2 p.m. Friday, June 22.

Patricia Klewer is the reviewer.

• **SlamCamp Performance Night** at 6 p.m. Friday, June 22.

The performance is the culmination of the week-long camp, and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served.



• **Kiddie Parade Day Movie Event: "Surf's Up 2"** at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 23.

The movie, Rated PG, is scheduled before the parade, which is at 2 p.m.

• **Historian Chris Siriano: The House of David Story** at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 26.

Historian and House of David Museum Director Chris Siriano will shed light on the story behind the religious colony founded in Benton Harbor, Mich., in 1903.

• **Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 27.**

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## Fundraising Efforts for Cherry Beach Acquisition Off to Strong Start

Chikaming Township's efforts to acquire woodlands adjacent to Cherry Beach received a boost: a Carls Foundation \$250,000 challenge grant in partnership with the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, and a \$50,000 challenge grant from The Upton Foundation.

The township by Oct. 1 must raise about \$1 million so the project can qualify for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant that, if awarded, would provide 75 percent of the roughly \$4 million needed to complete the purchase.

Chikaming Township has pledged \$175,000 towards the effort.

Cherry Beach is a Lake Michigan beach park open to the public, and owned and managed by Chikaming Township since the Warren Foundation deeded land to the township in 1922. The adjacent parcel now for sale carries a permit for development of a large residential compound. Instead, the township is working with the property's seller to buy the land and keep it in its natural state.

Seven miles of lakefront exist in Chikaming Township. Only 2 percent is public. The acquisition would protect approximately 3 acres of dune and woodlands that have not been harvested since just after the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. The project would extend the park's lakefront from 253 feet to



657 feet, a 250 percent increase.

If the township succeeds in securing the state trust fund grant, the final purchase price will be determined by two appraisals paid for by the MNRTF after project approval in December. The township and a grassroots group of concerned citizens, The Cherry Beach Committee,

plan to initiate public fundraising efforts. No donations will be collected now, but pledges for the MNRTF matching funds must be received no later than Oct 1. The Berrien Community Foundation is acting as the repository for pledges in care of The Cherry Beach Project.

An information meeting to rally support for the project is from 10 to 11 a.m. EDT Saturday, June 30, at the township center.

The Cherry Beach Project is a public-private initiative led by The Cherry Beach Committee in partnership with Chikaming Township. The committee is comprised of township property owners and actively assisted by other area volunteers, local businesses and non-profit Southwest Michigan organizations. In addition to The Southwest Land Conservancy and Berrien Community Foundation, other major partners include The Conservation Fund and The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission.

More information is available at [cherrybeachproject.com](http://cherrybeachproject.com)



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## "Bringing Nature Home" Awards

Applications are due by Monday, July 16, for Shirley Heinze Land Trust's eighth annual "Bringing Nature Home" Awards program.

The initiative recognizes those who landscape their grounds or yards using plant species native to Northwest Indiana. Businesses, institutions, public agencies, landscapers and home gardeners are eligible. Founded by The Friends of Shirley Heinze, it takes its name from a book written by native-plant advocate Douglas Tallamy.

Plantings in Lake, Porter, LaPorte and St. Joseph counties are eligible, with assistance from the St. Joseph County Parks Department for St. Joseph County applicants. Full program details and an application may be found at [bbpnet.com/x24c](http://bbpnet.com/x24c). Representatives will make arrangements to visit the plantings after that date.

Visit [www.heinzetrust.org](http://www.heinzetrust.org), call (219) 242-8558 or access the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/heinzetrust](http://www.facebook.com/heinzetrust) for more details.

## Summer History Camp

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The camp is ideal for children 8 and older. Mansion staff facilitate hands-on activities, including an "off-limits" tour, where kids venture behind the scenes of the historic building. A scavenger hunt and field trip to explore the history of Washington Park and the beach also are on the agenda.

The camp runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday. Craft materials and snacks are provided, and lunch is included Thursday. A \$45 fee includes all activities and materials, plus a Barker Mansion T-shirt, water bottle and drawstring bag.

Registration and pre-payment are required by calling (219) 873-1520. The registration deadline is July 16. Guardians must sign a consent form at Monday morning camper drop-off. Visit [www.BarkerMansion.com](http://www.BarkerMansion.com) for details.

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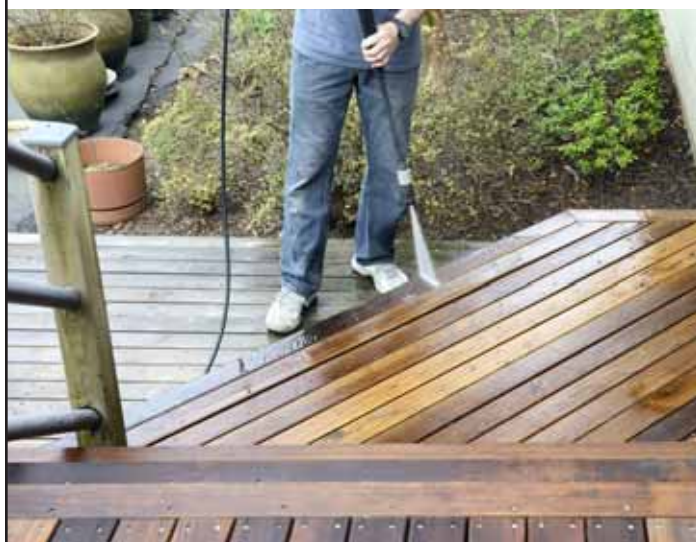
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## Westchester Public Library

*The following programs are available:*

• **Glacial Goodies: Ice Cream Geology** at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 21, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Join an Indiana Dunes State Park naturalist to learn how the Indiana Dunes was formed. Ice cream with toppings helps illustrate the story. At the program's end, attendees sample an ice cream sundae. Register by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **Bookmarks at the Museum** at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Pat Klewer will review Amor Towles' "A Gentleman in Moscow."

• **Books That Make You Think Discussion Group** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room.

The selection is David McCullough's "The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris." Copies of the book are available for checkout.

• **Bandstand Concert & Movie Series** on Friday, June 22, at the Thomas Centennial Park bandstand in downtown Chesterton

Song Sisters performs at 7 p.m., followed by a screening of "Wonder" at 8 p.m.

• **Teen Movie: "A Wrinkle In Time"** at 3 p.m.

**Saturday, June 23, in The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Avenue, Chesterton.**

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• **The Unnamed Guild of Gamers** from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room.

Events include a fifth-edition "Dungeons & Dragons: campaign, as well as "Legendary," "Munchkin," "Ultimate Werewolf," "Settlers of Catan" and "Pandemic."

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

The program targets students 10-17 who finished the Intro to Ukulele Class. The focus June 24 is "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.

• **Bits & Bytes series, Learn to Type**, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 28, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department.

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

• **Muppet Trivia Night** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, at Westchester Township History Museum.

The event is appropriate for 12 and older. Teams of 1-4 people can vie for the prize. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and remain open until the event is full. Refreshments will be served.

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

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

• **Graphic Novel Book Club** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.

The focus is Rick Remender's "Tokyo Ghost." Register in person with the IT department or by phone at (219) 926-7696.

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## Getting to the Point in Pittsburgh

When we arranged to commit my mother to her native Pennsylvania soil at the Steel City's historic Homewood Cemetery on Sept. 20, 2014, I resolved to get to the point in Pittsburgh.

Specifically, I decided to pad my trip by train to Pittsburgh with time to take in the following four:

1. Baseball on the Allegheny River at PNC Park, Home of the Pirates ([www.mlb.com/pirates](http://www.mlb.com/pirates)).
2. A bite or two into one of those nationally famous sandwiches at the original location of Primanti Bros. restaurant at 46 18th St. (phone number: 412-263-2142).
3. An exploration of Point State Park at the confluence of the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio rivers at the tip of Pittsburgh's "Golden Triangle" ([bbpnet.com/x24a](http://bbpnet.com/x24a)).
4. A walk back through time at Fort Pitt Museum housed in the Monongahela Bastion in Point State Park (hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT daily, (phone: 412-281-9284).



Cousin Rick Smith (left) and me at PNC Park for a Pirates game. Yes, they hoisted the "Jolly Roger."

I am here to tell you, I made it to a Pirates game with my cousin, Rick Smith, the night before we buried my mother and, yes, we watched the Pirates win in her honor. On the Sunday after the Saturday committal service, I ate an entire Southwest black bean burger with the requisite fries and slaw stuffed between the bread at the iconic Primanti Bros. Then, after the family all departed for various destinations, I walked over to Point State Park from



Omni William Penn Hotel, where I had established my command center, and sought admission to Fort Pitt Museum.



A day well spent at Fort Pitt Museum.

Alas, I arrived at the latter at 5:01 p.m., just as they were locking the front door, but they told me to come back when I had a full day to peruse the amazing collection. I promised I would. Of course I would, because my cousins Anne and John, and aunt Cynie, had just invited me to visit them in suburban Philadelphia the following year so we could catch up whilst revisiting the historic sites in Philly. And yes, I did pass through Pittsburgh in fall 2015 on the way east, by train of course, to see my cousins and aunt, and so I got my day at Fort Pitt Museum.

So now, I am prepared to present a complete travelogue of Pittsburgh, beginning with a walk with cousin Rick to PNC Park to watch the Pirates win. And, wouldn't you know, I don't remember whom they played. I do know they didn't face the Cubs, and I do remember they hoisted the "Jolly Roger" when they won. The coolest part of all was walking to and from the game on the Roberto Clemente Bridge, which is closed to traffic. Never mind that



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Pittsburgh's famous Golden Triangle.

we got lost walking back to our hotels after the game, the point being that the friendly folks of Pittsburgh happily pointed us in the right direction.

Then, on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, my sister, her friend, Joyce, cousin Rick and I made our pilgrimage to the original Primanti Bros. on 18th Street. Face it, foodies, you cannot say you have dined in the Steel City until you have tucked into one of those meal-in-a-sandwiches at Primanti Bros.

Then, when all had departed, I got myself to Point State Park and basically just hung out at the confluence of those three rivers on an absolutely splendid autumnal equinox and processed my grief. I found a bench by the fountain at the point: crying, praying, meditating, becoming one with the mist. Then, I walked some of the 37-mile Three Rivers Heritage Trail, mostly along a stretch of the Allegheny River.

Having passed through Pittsburgh many times as a kid when it was truly the Steel City, I was surprised by the sparkling air quality. Not so much back in the 1950s and 1960s when those mighty mills along the rivers were blasting away. Progress?

I suppose, but I do know I cannot finish a "Travels with Charley" until I get to Fort Pitt Museum, which I most certainly did the following year.

So, I dedicated an entire day to the museum, and saw it all, beginning with the detailed scale model of Fort Pitt and all manner of artifacts and replicas, including a life-size trader's cabin and diorama of the area. What I explored, basically, were the momentous events of the mid-18th century on what was then considered the frontier, and how those shaped the nation we know today as the United States of America. That day flew by as I immersed myself in the contest for control of the lands west of the Appalachian Mountains between the Shawnee, Delaware and Seneca tribes, and the two most powerful nations on earth at the time: France and England.



A meal in a sandwich at Primanti Bros.

If you love American history as much as I do, you really do need to book a day, or two, at Fort Pitt Museum. I hope to see you in Pittsburgh sometime this summer or fall, even if the Pirates don't get to hoist the Jolly Roger in October.

(Next up: A three-day history lesson in old Philadelphia.)

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## 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?

There will be:

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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**
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See you at the workshop.

Sincerely,



Dr. Arlan Alburo, PT, DPT, MTC

Orthopedic and Balance Therapy Specialists

***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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## Pageant of Drums



Drum and bugle corps from across the country will fill Ames Field during the 58th annual Pageant of Drums from 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday, June 24. The show, a stop on Drum Corps International's national tour, will feature teams from Iowa, Texas, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Illinois. The Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps of Rosemont, Ill., plays a part in hosting the event, along with DCI and many local volunteers. Visit [bbpnet.com/x24b](http://bbpnet.com/x24b) for more details.

## Krasl Art Center

Registration is under way for Krasl Art Center's summer class schedule, with the center also offering free Family Days and Family Nights.

A wide variety of youth art camps, and teen/adult studio classes, are available. Youth camps include "Write and Illustrate Your Own Storybook" (ages 5-7), "Greenscreen & Animation" (ages 8-12) and "Fun Felting" (ages 8-12).

Teen/adult classes include "Art Exploration," "Experimental Photograms" and "Summer Ceramics Sampler."

Family Days are from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT Saturdays at Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, 500 Market St., St. Joseph, Mich.

Events are planned at the library while the Krasl grounds are under construction. They include coffee, snacks and art activities. The schedule is: Block Building Challenge on July 21 and Public Sculpture Bike Ride on Aug. 18.

Family Nights are from 5 to 6:30 p.m. EDT Wednesdays at Benton Harbor Public Library, 213 E. Wall St. The schedule is: Chinese Paper Lanterns on June 27; Dream Vacation Postcards on July 18; DIY Paper Kites on Aug. 1; and Monogram Relief Printmaking on Aug. 15.

The center is located at 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph. Call (269) 983-0271 or visit [www.krasl.org](http://www.krasl.org) to see full class listings and/or register.

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**Ages:** 3-11

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**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).



## La Porte County Parks

*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.*

### 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, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La-Porte. Dates are:

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

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.

### 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 26 — "What's Under The Canopy?," forest animals.
- July 17 — "Connecting Habitats," effects on animal homes.
- July 24 — "Rock Your Planet," outer space.

Pre-registration and payment are required one week before each program.

### Parent & Child Discovery Days

The program includes arts and crafts, games and snacks. All activities are related to the topic. Programs are appropriate for children 3 to 8, with an adult required to participate. Times are from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Luhr County Park. The cost is \$5 per child/per program. Pre-registration and payment are required at least one week in advance or until full, whichever comes first.

The schedule is:

- June 27— Creepy Crawlers.
- July 18 — Snakes Alive.

### 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. 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.



## “Accessible Gardening”



Zully Alvarado will highlight “Accessible Gardening” during an open LaPorte County Master Gardener Association meeting Thursday, July 5, at the Purdue Extension-La Porte County Office, 2857 W. Indiana 2, LaPorte.

Alvarado, who has been disabled most of her life, will share gardening tips she’s learned along the way. She also will discuss projects in which her organization, Causes for Change, is involved, as well as accessibility of public and private spaces for gardening. Refreshments are at 6 p.m., with her program at 6:30 p.m., followed by questions. At about 7:30 p.m., the association will conduct a general business meeting, so the public may choose to leave at that point. Donations to Causes for Change are welcome.

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Community members and organizations are invited to apply as a parade unit in the LaPorte Jaycees 72nd Annual July 4 Parade.

The popular event is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 4. It follows the traditional route down Lincolnway in LaPorte, from Tiptop Street to Andrew Avenue. Parade units are encouraged to decorate with the theme "Let Freedom Ring," and construct more traditional floats for spectators to view. A \$35 application fee is due at the time of submission.

Visit [laportejaycees.org/4th/paradeentries/](http://laportejaycees.org/4th/paradeentries/) to find more information and entry forms. Email [lp-jaycees4th@yahoo.com](mailto:lp-jaycees4th@yahoo.com) or call Brad Rauschenbach at (219) 363-4864 for details.

## **Children's Summer Program**

First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St., will present a Children's Summer Program from 5 to 8 p.m. June 25-29.

Children in grades four through eight can help create a Bible-based musical where they sing, dance, play drums, run lights and sound. Dinner is served each day at 5 p.m.

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

Performing June 27 is Mark Sudeith, who began his organ studies at the University of Minnesota. He has performed recitals in venues throughout the region, including the Organ Historical Society National Convention in Chicago. He also was featured in a live performance with the Chicago Gargoyle Brass on WFMT radio.



Sudeith has a Doctor of Music in piano performance from Indiana University and is professor of music at Chicago State University, where he has taught since 1984.

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## Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

*The following programs are available:*

**• Community Hike and Sunset Paddle from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 21, in Marquette Park.**

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

**• Mount Baldy Solstice Sunset Hike from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 21.**

Meet at the Mount Baldy parking lot off U.S. 12 for the ranger-led hike.

**• Campground Program from 8 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 22, at Dunewood Campground Amphitheater.**

Drew Kellum will present a play about Alice Grey ("Diana of the Dunes.") The campground is at Broadway and U.S. 12 in Beverly Shores.

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

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

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

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

**• Hike With Your Hound from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 23, in Miller Woods.**

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

**• Urban Farming Fun from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the Paul H. Douglas Center.**

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

**• 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.

**• Midsummer Celebration from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at Bailly Homestead/Chellberg Farm.**

Learn about the traditions of Swedish immigrants at Chellberg Farm, and experience music, dance and food associated with the special day. Costumed performances by a local children's dance group, Nordikids, and the Indianapolis group Dans Nor-

den are planned. Guest speaker Kenneth Schoon, author of "Dreams of Duneland," will share stories on local history.

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

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

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

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

**• Bailly/Chellberg History Hike from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 24.**

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.

**• Miller Woods Full Moon Hike from 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, June 27.**

Join a ranger for the moonlit hike through oak savannas and massive sand dunes out to Lake Michigan.

**• Sunset Around the Fire at the Pavilion from 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, 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.*



## 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.

- **Dunes Creek Hike from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, June 21.**

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

- **Tea Time from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21.**

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

- **I Spy Hike from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday, June 22.**

Meet at the Nature Center for the hike that's like "Where's Waldo" in the Dunes.

- **Salamander Gander from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday, June 22.**

Meet at the Nature Center to view salamanders, then head out for a short walk.

- **Summit Saturday: High Dunes Hike from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 23.**

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

- **Dunes Photography Talk from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 23.**

Meet at the Nature Center, where dunes photographer Edward Byrne will showcase his photography of the state park and the stories behind them.

- **Ssssnakes Alive! from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Sunday, June 24.**

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

- **Beach Mysteries from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Sunday, June 24.**

Identify items on the beach.

- **Feed the Birds at 10 a.m. Monday, June 25.**

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

- **Photo Scavenger Hunt from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, June 25.**

Meet at the Nature Center for the game that involves a list and prizes. Take a camera.

- **To the Blowout and Back from 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, June 26.**

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 26.**

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**June 5, 2018**

**Event: Putting**

**"A" Flight**

<b>Event:</b>	Donna Hennard
<b>Low Gross:</b>	Jeannie Muldowney
<b>Low Net:</b>	Donna Hennard
<b>Low Putts:</b>	Kathy Kenefick

**"B" Flight**

<b>Event:</b>	Susan Keeley
<b>Low Gross:</b>	Connie Sullivan
<b>Low Net:</b>	Linda Wilson
<b>Low Putts:</b>	Joan Carey

**"C" Flight**

<b>Event:</b>	Tina Sonderby/Mary Weithers
<b>Low Gross:</b>	Rima Binder
<b>Low Net:</b>	Tina Sonderby
<b>Low Putts:</b>	Gloria McMahon

### Sunken Approach

Kathy Kenefick	Hole 6
Connie Sullivan	Hole 18
Linda Wilson	Hole 18
Tina Sonderby	Hole 6

## 9-Hole League

**June 7, 2018**

**Event: Odd/Even**

**"A" Flight**

<b>Event:</b>	Kathy Kenefick
<b>Low Net:</b>	Kathy Kenefick
<b>Low Gross:</b>	Carol Excell

**"B" Flight**

<b>Event:</b>	Linda Wilson
<b>Low Net:</b>	Suzanne Sullivan
<b>Low Gross:</b>	Linda Wilson

**"C" Flight**

<b>Event:</b>	Sarah Blank
<b>Low Net:</b>	Dottie Healy
<b>Low Gross:</b>	Sarah Blank/Dottie Healy

**"D" Flight**

<b>Event:</b>	Regina Bradley
<b>Low Net:</b>	Michelle Archibald
<b>Low Gross:</b>	Mary Pat Reilly

### Birdies

Sarah Blank	Hole 10
Michelle Archibald	Hole 10

### Sunken Approach

Sarah Blank	Hole 10
Marge Walsh	Hole 4

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Andreotti

Marci Meyer

**"C" Flight****Event:****Low Net:****Low Gross:**

Adele O'Donnell

Line Mullins

Kathy Hanley

**"D" Flight****Event:** Alison Kolb, Sally Allen, Jeanne St. Peter**Low Net:** Diane Rubey**Low Gross:** Kolb, Allen, St. Peter**Sunken Approach**

Janet Andreotti

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## JROTC Conducts Leadership Camp

Michigan City High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps conducted a leadership camp June 4-8 at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield, Wis.

Cadets also used a local Boy Scout camp for adventure training and a local state park for a land navigation exercise.

The Marine Corps funded the camp so attending cadets would have no costs involved.



Cadets do the tire flip as part of the "mud run."

"The objective of the camp was to provide leadership opportunities for cadets while conducting adventure training," Maj. Tom McGrath, the senior Marine instructor, said in a press release. "We maximized the training facilities here at St. John's, along with the Scouts and the local park, to provide challenging events that tested the cadets mentally and physically."

Michigan City planned and coordinated the camp that also involved Portage and South Bend Riley high schools. Among the events were rappelling, negotiating an obstacle course, a low-level and high-level leadership reaction course, shooting, swimming, canoeing, land navigation and paintball. Physical training was conducted at 5:30 a.m. each day. The final PT event was the famous St. John's Mud Run.

This was the first of many summer events for the cadets. They supported the MCHS graduation June



Gunnery sergeants Danny Walker and Haley Williams negotiate the obstacle course.

10. Some cadets attended a Cyber Camp at Purdue University Northwest-Hammond on June 18-22 in preparation for the Cyber Patriot season. The national competition has cadets act as a security manager for a company's information system, defending against a cyber attack.

Cadets also are involved with several parades and ceremonies, including the Michigan City Summer Festival parade June 30.

They also will prepare for the upcoming military drill season. Last year, Michigan City qualified for the National Marine Meet, earning first place in one event. The objective this year is to not only qualify, but also win the meet, to be the National MCJROTC champion.

Community service continues, culminating with the Michigan City Area Schools Back-To-School Rally on Aug. 9.

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Four collectors will share the how and why they started their collections:

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- Rick Valicenti and Dyan Elliot, whose current collection is motivated by art created by or about women. It includes paintings, photographs and small sculpture.

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## Midsummer at the Mansion

"Midsummer at the Mansion" aims to hearken back to Catherine Barker's social life in the 1920s, as a young woman making bathtub gin and patronize clubs in Chicago, Los Angeles and Paris.

The first-time event is at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. The garden is the primary setting, but guests can tour all three floors. Games of the era, including bocce and croquet, can be played while listening to popular songs of the time.

Tickets for the 21-and-older event, which cost \$20 per individual or \$30 per couple, are for sale on Eventbrite or by calling (219) 873-1520. The price includes two glasses of beer or wine, a food sampling and a self-guided mansion tour. Visit [www.barkermansion.com](http://www.barkermansion.com) for details.

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## 4th Friday @ The Vic

The Rev. James Wetzstein will highlight Canada's ethnic diversity, and its relationship to the U.S., during 4th Friday @ The Vic at 7 p.m. Friday, June 22, at Valparaiso International Center, 309 E. Lincolnway.

Wetzstein grew up in Regina, Saskatchewan, and first came to Northwest Indiana in 1990. He served at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Gary for 12 years before becoming university pastor at Valparaiso University in March 2003.

During his talk, he also will share the history of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as a way of understanding Canadians' relationship to their wilderness.

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## Red Arrow Highway Marketplace

Only 25 booths are available for the annual Red Arrow Highway Marketplace from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 21, at Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich.

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## Curator's Report

Susie Richter, LaPorte County Historical Society Museum curator, released her May report.

Visitors came from 16 states, 11 counties and the U.K. Tour groups included Boston Middle School and Kingsbury, Crichfield and Lincoln elementary schools. Also touring were two senior groups from Portage, Mich., and County Wide Realty.

Barry Happel gave a program on aerial photography, and People Engaged in Preservation held a release party for its new book. The second Brown Bag lunch was held. Bruce Johnson presented the program on "Hoosiers in the Movies." With the gun cabinets finished, the public is invited to a grand reopening of the W.A. Jones Collection of Ancient Weapons on Saturday, June 23.



Performers in last year's variety show.

The aerial photography display was removed to make room for the summer exhibit, "Summer of Love: A Look Back at the 1960s," which runs through August. A 1960s variety show is at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 23, on the museum's lower level. Local talent will be featured. That same day, 1960s drive-in-type food will be offered in the meeting room starting at 4:30 p.m. The museum will not close that day, but remain open for the variety show.

May donations included:

- Allis-Chalmers Farm Color History Book, Allis-Chalmers Story Book, Tom Kessler.
  - "Wabash Blues" sheet music, Susie Richter.
  - Barbie watch belonging to Anna Mann, Frey Bros. of Michigan City apron belonging to Robert Mann, David Mann.
  - Dollhouse made by Oreste Lantero, Marcia Lantero.
  - LaPorte coverlet, hat box, old lighthouse cross-stitch pattern, Henrietta Patrick.
  - Items for the sale table, Jean Bauer and Richter.
- The museum is located at 2405 Indiana Ave.

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## Activities to Explore

### In the Area:

**June 20-21** — Arts in the Park, LaPorte's Fox Park. June 20: LaPorte City Band/June 21: Vintage Postcard (jazz/oldies). Pre-show music/6:15 p.m., concerts/7 p.m. Info: [www.artsintheparklaporte.com](http://www.artsintheparklaporte.com)

**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, [info@canterburytheatre.org](mailto:info@canterburytheatre.org)

### **June 21 — FIRST DAY OF SUMMER.**

**June 21** — Mount Baldy Solstice Sunset Hike, 7:30-9 p.m., parking lot off U.S. 12. Info: (219) 395-1882.

**June 22** — I Spy Hike, 10-10:45 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**June 22** — Bookmarks: Amor Towles' "A Gentleman in Moscow," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**June 22** — SlamCamp Performance Night, 6 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**June 22-27** — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "Pope Francis: A Man of His Word." Rated PG. Times: In English, Italian, Spanish and German with subtitles. Times: 6 p.m. Fri. & Sun., 7 p.m. Tues. *Also Showing:* "RGB." Rated PG. Times: 6 p.m. Sat. & Mon. *Also Showing:* "The Rider." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. *Also Showing:* "Claire's Camera." Not Rated. In Korean, French and English with subtitles. Time: noon June 24. *Also Showing:* "Angels Wear White" ("Jia Nian Hua"). Not Rated. In Mandarin with English subtitles. Time: 6 p.m. June 27. All times Eastern. Info: [vickerstheatre.com](http://vickerstheatre.com)

**June 23** — Kiddie Parade Day Movie Event: "Surf's Up 2," 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**June 23** — Family Field Day, noon-2 p.m., Cool-spring Library, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**June 23** — "Snow White and Sherman," 2-3 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Registration: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**June 23** — 1960s variety show, 7 p.m., LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave.

**June 23** — Heartless-Midwest's Premier Tribute to Heart, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$30. Info: [www.acorntheater.org](http://www.acorntheater.org), (269) 756-3879.

**June 24** — Movable Art Feast, 11:30 a.m., The Nest, 803 Franklin St. Info: [thenestmichigancity@gmail.com](mailto:thenestmichigancity@gmail.com), (219) 262-5200.

**June 24** — Bug Safari, 2 p.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Info: [friendshipgardens.org](http://friendshipgardens.org)

**June 24** — "Midsummer at the Mansion," 7 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. 21 & older.



Tickets: \$20/individual, \$30/couple. Reservations: Eventbrite, (219) 873-1520.

**June 24** — Drum & Bugle Corps – The Big Show, 7-10 p.m., Ames Field. Info: [www.dci.org](http://www.dci.org)

**June 25** — Family Dot Art, 11 a.m.-noon, La-Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**June 25** — Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum, topic: U.S. President Andrew Jackson, 6:30 p.m. EDT, library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

**June 26** — Historian Chris Siriano: The House of David Story, 6:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**June 26** — Muppet Trivia Night, 7-8:30 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

**June 27** — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Mark Sudeith, 12:15 p.m., Christ Church (the former First Congregationalist Church), 531 Washington St. Free. Info: (219) 608-5358.

**Through Oct. 13** — “Warhol: Icon & Influence,” Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: [www.lubeznikcenter.org](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: [ssmcfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:ssmcfarmersmarket@gmail.com), (219) 851-1785.

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

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

### In the Region

**Through 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)

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

### Support Groups

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

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

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

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**On June 21, 1948**, the “long playing” record, which would revolutionize the recording industry, was demonstrated by Columbia Broadcasting Co.

**On June 21, 1989**, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that burning the American flag, as a form of political protest, is protected by the 1st Amendment.

**On June 21, 1997**, the Women’s National Basketball Association made its debut.

**On June 22, 1933**, one day after the first vessel arrived from New Orleans, Chicago celebrated the completion of a waterway from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico.

**On June 22, 1944**, President Franklin Roosevelt signed the “GI Bill of Rights,” authorizing a broad package of benefits for World War II veterans.

**On June 22, 1993**, approximately 150,000 people gathered in Grant Park to salute the Chicago Bulls after they had won their third consecutive National Association Basketball title.

**On June 23, 1868**, Christopher Latham Sholes, a Wisconsin journalist and state senator, received a patent for his “Type-Writer.”

**On June 23, 1904**, the Republican National Convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated President Theodore Roosevelt and Vice President Charles Fairbanks for a second term.

**On June 23, 1927**, choreographer and director Bob Fosse was born in Chicago.

**On June 24, 1497**, the first recorded sighting of the North American mainland took place when John Cabot, on a voyage for England, sighted what is, probably, present-day Canada.

**On June 25, 1798**, Congress passed a law requiring immigrants to live in the United States for 14-years before becoming eligible for citizenship.

**On June 25, 1876**, during Montana’s “Battle of the Little Big Horn,” Lt. Col. George Custer, along with his entire Seventh Cavalry, was wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians.

**On June 25, 1951**, the first commercial color telecast took place as CBS transmitted a one-hour special from New York to four other cities.

**On June 25, 1967**, the Beatles performed a new song, “All You Need Is Love,” during a live international telecast.

**On June 26, 1925**, Charlie Chaplin’s comedy “The Gold Rush” premiered in Hollywood.

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## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

**Hardcore Twenty-Four** by Janet Evanovich  
(hardcover, \$28 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

OK readers, it's time to lighten up. This week, I give you my favorite go-to author when things get too serious. This is a woman whose exploits will make you grin, smile and laugh out loud (in that order), even though sometimes her job can get intense. Her boyfriends will make the ladies sigh, and now I give you —

Stephanie Plum. Trenton, New Jersey's hard working "bail bond enforcement officer." She lives in an apartment with her hamster, Rex. The bail bond company she works for is owned by her cousin, Vincent Plum, and in 23 past books, Stephanie has had some pretty strange bond skippers to pick up, not to mention those who are crazy, psychotic, delusional and, yes, funny. But, that's how she makes her living, and can't imagine herself doing anything else.

She is in love with Trenton policeman Joe Morelli — they grew up in the same neighborhood — but neither can commit to marriage.

Then there's Rangeman, the tall, dark and handsome hunk who comes to Steph's rescue, a lot, and who runs a security firm that has state-of-the-art... well, everything. Stephanie keeps her distance from the Rangeman, but she's only human! Even I get goosebumps when he greets her, "Babe," in that low sexy voice I just know he has...but I digress...

Most of us ladies would like to have two such men in our lives. How about three?! Of yes, I forgot Diesel. He's the tall, blond and very well-built man who comes and goes into Steph's life at the strangest times. "He was drop-dead handsome with perfect white teeth and a lot of attitude." He won't tell his last name or what his job actually is, but Stephanie knows it involves hunting down people. He shows up mysteriously and leaves the same way. No romantic entanglements there, Diesel made that clear.

On to Stephanie's job. First skip of the day is Simon Diggy. He's a professional grave robber. He also lives in a double-wide with a boa constrictor named Ethel. Simon says he will go quietly if Stephanie agrees to come and feed Ethel — roadkill, McDonalds, chicken, pizza, whatever. She agrees — God, the things she does for a paycheck!

Going from strange to bizarre, headless bodies are suddenly found around Trenton. Some heads

are taken from funeral home corpses, but one, a murdered man dumped behind a church, is missing his head, too. Who's collecting heads? And for what unholy purpose?! Though Stephanie knows it's time to let Morelli and the Trenton P.D. do their job, you just know she will get involved somehow...

And here it comes: Something else strange is going on, possibly a link to the headless corpses. One night going to feed Ethel, Stephanie and her wise-cracking, ex-'ho side-kick Lula, see zombies in the woods by Simon's trailer. Yes, I said zombies. And Stephanie bounces one off the side panel of her car as she and Lula make a break for it.

Next skip of the day is trying to locate a man named Zero Slick: 29, 5 foot 2, listing his gender as "questionable." He blew up an apartment building cooking a large batch of meth.

On a sideline, there's Stephanie's parents and grandmother. Grandma Mazur is an unusual senior citizen, to say the least. To say the most, she packs a handgun in her purse, and her idea of a fun night is going to funeral-home showings to find out the latest gossip and fill her purse with cookies. She has a 1953 Buick Roadster that

Stephanie has to borrow from time to time on account of she has a lot of accidents with her cars — don't ask...

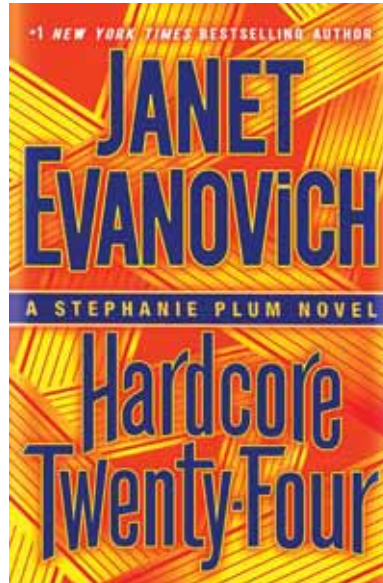
Grandma has been surfing the web on senior dating sites lately. She found a possible boyfriend who lives in Florida and looks like George Hamilton. Stephanie points out that that *is* a photo of George Hamilton, not Willie Kuber. With a little help from her friends, Stephanie learns all she needs to know about wily Willie. Time to stop Grandma from flying to Florida!

Stephanie finds herself in so many improbable situations — to be fair — not always of her making, but she manages each one with style, grace and a box of donuts. How does she manage to keep her girlish figure?

There's so much more to this story than I have room for. Suffice it to say, Stephanie is a gal you need to meet and enjoy from beginning to end. A great beach read!

Evanovich is the *New York Times* bestselling author of not only the Stephanie Plum series, also the Fox and O'Hare series, the Lizzy and Diesel series, the Alexandra Barnaby novels and a non-fiction book: [How I Write: Secrets of a Bestselling Author](#).

Till next time, happy reading!






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LONG BEACH, IN • 4 BED / 2.5 BATH • \$849,000

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## 160 Turner Ct, Sheridan Beach

**\$1,999,000**

Perfect Beach Home! Magnificent brick home perched high on the hill with 180 degree panoramic views of Lake Michigan. 3 bd 4.5 baths. Too many amenities to list!



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