Three Steps to Kris’ Renovation: I Do, Redo, and Renew

by Barbara Stodola

For Kris Larsen Bell, “retirement” has meant “renovation” – a totally new look, starting with the house, then the garden and finally, most interestingly, herself.

Anybody who knew Kris Larsen back in the NIPSCO days would not figure she needed any renovating. Remember the cute blonde? Secretary to three turn-overs of Michigan City district managers? First Mike Pryor, then Harry Johnson, then Don Babcock. The managers changed but Kris stayed on, her title of “Secretary” being updated to “Administrative Assistant.”

Never mind the title. What really happened was a change in technology – computers – and a job that originally involved public relations became primarily clerical.

To counteract the mundane aspects of her work-a-day life, Kris took painting classes at the Art Barn; she played tennis; she made party decorations; she learned line dancing; she tried a course in “clowning,” and decided this was no fun. She got a real estate license. She took up yoga. She decorated her “single girl” apartment in an Art Deco style, black and white, centering on a favorite calla lily painting.

Then came three major changes in lifestyle, pretty close together: Marriage, Move to His House and Retirement. Big changes, possibly traumatic.

Late one afternoon Kris sat on her deck, enjoying a cold drink and gazing at the dried-up lawn. It’s one of those Duneland Beach lawns that runs straight up and down, instead of sideways. Suddenly the thought registered that she didn’t need to commute to a job anymore, and could turn to the next chapter in her life. “I will replant that hill” – the decision was made.

Kris Bell enjoys relaxing in the garden she has created at her Duneland Beach home.

Kris and husband Bill Bell enjoy a refreshing drink in their outdoor living room.
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Replanting to some people means calling up a nursery and ordering English ivy. For Kris, it meant enrolling in a Master Gardener program, learning about plant materials, altering the soil, drawing up plans for all-season blooms, and completing the course requirements: volunteer work at International Friendship Gardens, culminating in a design for the Rotary Club garden. The most valuable landscaping lesson she learned was that if your plants don’t thrive, don’t blame yourself; keep moving the plants until they find a place where they are happy.
Today, you wouldn’t recognize that dried-up lawn. A waterfall cascades down the hill, splashing into a fish pond. Artsy little frogs and butterflies are tucked into water-loving plants. Across the back, an embankment of railroad ties secures a profusion of blossoms – tiger lilies, daylilies, hostas, hydrangeas in pink, white and blue, blooming their heads off. Every corner of the garden is teeming with color and activity, as Kris’ five resident cats forage for mice and other delectables amid the groundcover. The only plant/animal problem not resolved is how to prevent “Jake” from cat-napping in the parsley.

Kris instructs Jake to stay out of the parsley bed, but Jake isn’t paying attention.

Next project: renovate the house. Kris married a widower who had not updated the house in several years, and the only caution he applied was: Please don’t put flowers in here. So, taking a cue from outdoors, she brought in the animal life. One room holds a display of glass fish. Another room has a tropical bird motif. The “jungle room” (a.k.a. family room) is where they spend most relaxing time, and it is furnished with plush, comfy cushions upholstered in tiger and leopard prints. The calla lily painting from her previous life has become an exotic flower, holding center stage above the fireplace. For accent pieces, Kris took up painting on glass, painting on furniture, etc.
So the renovation was coming along and, as most of us know, this house/garden thing is an unending process that rewards every small effort. But one day Kris Larsen Bell looked into a mirror and didn’t like what she saw. The fatigue she felt was reflected there, and the lack of energy was impeding all the activities she wanted to take on.

Going at this problem in her inimitable way, Kris began consulting a herbologist and an iridologist (looks into your eyes to see the “internal.”) She scheduled weekly visits to a massage therapist and a chiropractor. She joined Weight Watchers. She enrolled at the YMCA for water aerobics, and became so good at it that friends are asking for instructions.

Just which treatment came first is hard to tell, but the important thing is that she feels better. She has lost 38 pounds and plans to lose 20 more. The cholesterol level is down. She has gone at this self-renewal program with a vengeance, jumping literally into cold water not once but six mornings a week. For Kris Larsen Bell, the renovation chapter in life has come full-circle, as she herself is being totally renovated.
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Audition Notice

Footlight Players has announced open audition dates for their October production of “The House on the Cliff”. Auditions will be held on Sun., Aug. 4, and Mon., Aug. 5, from 7-10 p.m. at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St.

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“Snow White 2002” is Acting Theatre of Michigan City’s summer family show running July 26-28, Aug. 2-4, 10-11 in the Acting Theatre, 215 W. 10th Street (across from the Hutchinson Mansion Inn). Showtimes are 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 5 p.m. Sundays.

A very modern Snow White (Elizabeth Dekker) doesn’t wait for anyone to rescue her from her stepmother, the evil Queen Queasy (Judith Joseph). She uses martial arts on her would-be assassin, gets a job and is even saved from the fatal apple-bite in a real-life way. Her friends, the 7 Dwarfs are bizarre little gypsies who believe in community and are named for their professions: Saterday (Madison Chartier), Batwing (Mya Abbott), Berryjuice (Mara Sandroff), Tentoes (Angelo Guastella), Speshul (Sarah Murray), Amongus (Xavier Carroll), Vanilla (Lauren Dekker).

A fortune teller named Abbaca (Jeanoma Babcock) oversees everyone’s morale. When King Calm (Ken Brelsfoard) leaves the kingdom in charge of the cosmetically challenged Queasy, she invites her brother, Duke Quasi (Doug Moon) and very blonde niece, Quibble (Abigail Wolf) to help her remain “the fairest in the land.” She slips into madness, conjures a poison apple (with help from audience members brave enough to supply the ingredients for the recipe) and is eventually done in by a spinning throne. But it is Cecil B. Astarr (Jim Rosselli) who saves Snow White at the last minute. And the ending is a secret that could only happen in 2002.

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Directed by Christine Wiegand, this Footlight Players production cast also includes Linda Wilczynski and Larry Colgan (both of Whiting), Jay Blackburn (New Buffalo), Emil Cripe (Michigan City) and Steve Rohe (Porter).

The classic comedy opens at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin Street on Fri., Aug. 2 and continues Aug 3-4, 9-11 and 16-18. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Doors open 45 minutes prior to curtain. All tickets are $9; reservations are recommended by phoning 874-4035.
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"South Pacific," Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II's world-famous wartime romantic musical of the navy nurse, Nellie Forbush and the middle-aged French planter, Emile de Becque, opens Wed., July 24, at Michigan City's Mainstreet Theatre, as the third musical of the Festival Players Guild's 34th Canterbury Summer Theatre Season.

Based on four chapters of James A. Michner's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, "Tales of the South Pacific," "South Pacific" itself, won a Pulitzer Prize, scored one of the most notable runs on Broadway in New York theatrical history, and chalked up records in London and Chicago. It is generally accepted as the most successful of the collaborations of the song-writing team's musical-theatre giants which include "Oklahoma!," "Carousel," "The King and I," and "The Sound of Music."

The New York run of "South Pacific" ran for 1,925 performances, from April 7, 1949 to January 16, 1954, just short of five years. At the time of its closing, it had achieved the sixth longest run of any play, musical or non-musical, in the history of the New York stage.

The road company also set records for length of a run. It ran for over a year in Chicago, three months in Philadelphia, and ran continuously across the country without any break from April, 1950 to March, 1955.

With songs such as "Some Enchanted Evening," "Bali Ha'i," and "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair," an original cast recording was a best-selling album for more than a year following the Broadway opening and, in 1958, with the first release of the motion picture version, two "South Pacific" albums were close to the top of the best-seller lists for twelve months—the Columbia album of the original Broadway cast and the RCA Victor release of the film sound-track.

Featured in the Canterbury production will be Alyssa Larson as Nellie and Christopher Alleman as Emile. Others in the cast include Melanie Bell, Eric Vest, Lisa Comer and Paul Fillingim. Director of the production is Joseph Ginnane and Musical Director is Eric Skiles.

Performances are Wed., July 24 through Sat., Aug. 3: Wed. through Fri. at 8 p.m.; Sat. at 6 and 9 p.m. The Wed., July 31 matinee is already sold out.

All seats are reserved. Tickets may be purchased at the box office at 807 Franklin Street or by phone, 874-4269. Visit their web site at www.festivalplayersguild.org.

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It is six days before the opening performance of “Rags to Riches” at the Dunes Summer Theatre in Michiana Shores, and Heather Weiler, 16, and Chris Filipowicz, 15, are calmly nibbling sandwiches during a rehearsal break.

Do they have backstage jitters? No.
Do they know their parts? You bet.
They are as cool as an early autumn breeze off Lake Michigan. As a matter of fact, they are so laid back you might mistake them for seasoned performers like Britney Spears or Justin Timberlake. Well, they are blond and slim and self-possessed.

Heather and Chris share the lead role of Ragged Dick (appearing on alternate days), but no competitiveness is apparent.

“She has a really good voice,” Chris says.
“He’s a guy who can sing,” Heather says.

Ragged Dick is the principal character in the musical melodrama written by Aurand Harris and based on Horatio Alger stories. The production is a joint endeavor of the Children’s and Youth Theatre groups, with kids from Indiana, Michigan and Illinois.

Heather and Chris, who have experience acting in school plays, said the Dunes Theatre experience is more professional than anything they have done before.

“They expect a lot from us,” Heather says. “We get a lot of instruction here in voice, dance, makeup and costumes. Robert is so great.”

The Robert she is referring to is assistant director Robert-Eric West, who was a member of the Youth Theatre when he was a youngster and acted in several productions. He has a master’s degree in musical theater and choral conducting from Indiana University in Bloomington.

If Heather has any concern, it is putting on makeup to play a boy.

“I’ve never played a boy before, so this is a new experience,” she says. “But it’s good for me to be able to play different characters.”

Heather and Chris were typical of the kids this Beacher reporter interviewed between two rehearsals. No jitters were apparent. The young actors and singers were a cohesive group blithely rehearsing scenes, practicing dance steps and trying on costumes with ease. The laid-back attitudes of director Joann Swann and assistant director Robert West seem to be contagious.

Joann prods the youngsters firmly but with an underlying tenderness.

When Tyler Bonheur, who plays Mark, the match boy, quietly delivers his lines, “Matches, matches. Buy a box.” Joann says from her place in the front row, “Say it louder, please!”

Then she gently admonishes a girl on stage who is waiting for another performer, “Please don’t look into the wings. Just concentrate on your part.”
When two girls hesitate, waiting for the pianist, Robert tells them, “Go ahead. You are in charge. It is the pianist’s job to wait for you.”

Six days before the opening, the rehearsal seems like organized chaos, but most of the young actors are oozing confidence.

“We’re cool. We’ve got it together,” says Russ Wagner, 14, who plays Mr. Grayson, whom he describes as “a rich dude.”

This is Russ’s first time on the Dunes stage, but he says he has everything, including a little singing and dancing, down pat.

Acting professionally is her dream, she says, and she plans to major in drama at Southwestern Michigan Community College in Dowagiac.

Lorna Whiting, 13, also has acting dreams.

“I was in “Yankee Doodle” last year,” she says. “I play Miss Ida in this musical.”

Lorna has a duet with Ragged Dick and also sings a solo.

When she does a run-through, it’s obvious that she is disciplined. She is poised and whizzes through her lines with ease.

Chatting backstage, Brittney Strebe, 12, says she is prepared for her three small parts. “I’m glad I tried out for this,” she says. “My grandmother told me about it. I think it’s a lot of fun.”

Her friend, Kelleen Miller, 12, says she likes the fact that “everyone gets to sing and dance in the finale.”

Although only 9 years old, the match boy Tyler Bonheur is an articulate spokesman for the acting profession, handling an interview like a stage veteran.

“It is a good experience in a group like this because you get to know people’s personalities, and in acting you can express your different feelings,” he answers to a question about what he has gained from being in the play.

When asked whether he gets nervous, he quickly replies, “No. I’ve been doing this since I was 3 years old. My sister also in the show.” He adds with obvious pride that last year his 12-year-old sister, Dominique, played Helen Keller in “The Miracle Worker.”

Tyler says he might like to go into acting when he grows up, but “if that doesn’t work out, he says, “I would like to work at the wild-life center.”

Tyler is a second-generation Dunes Theatre trouper. His father, Paul, was in the program as a child, and now he works on scenery and special effects.
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Paul figured prominently in a real drama during a rehearsal. Just after leaving the stage to oversee some work, he fell from steps leading to the projection room at the back of the theater and appeared to have dislocated his hip. An ambulance was called, and paramedics took him to the hospital.

Tyler was assured that his father would be okay, and someone remarked: “I know people in the theater say break a leg for good luck, but this is ridiculous.”

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“With a little tweaking, things will fall into place,” she says with hope and anticipation in her voice.

She tells us that there are no auditions for the roles. The youngsters read through the play for a week, then they tell her which parts they would like to play.

Amanda Igre, who plays Mrs. Flanagan in the play, lends a hand to paint a house facade.

Performances of “Rags to Riches” are Thursday, July 25, at 10 a.m.; Friday, July 26, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 27, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, July 28, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $5. Phone 879-7509.

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“After their first performance, it will be good,” Joann says. “Sometimes the first performance is a little sketchy. Then something amazing happens, and you’ll see that they are wonderful!”

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Joe Deming, son of Joe and Terry Deming of Long Beach, wed Monica Mersch of Ft. Collins, Colorado, in Loveland, Colorado on May 26, 2002. Monica is the daughter of William and Marleen Mersch of Aurora, Nebraska.

Monica received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Nebraska in Kearney, Nebraska, and a Master of Fine Arts from Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado in 1996. She is a professor at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins.

Joe received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Eastern Illinois University in 1992 where he was affiliated with Delta Chi fraternity. He is a promoter for the Harlem Ambassador Professional Basketball Organization of Ft. Collins, Colorado.
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Bowman encouraged the use of suitable exterior paintings, sculpture, fabric banner, pottery, reflectors and other artistic designs which would add to the connectiveness of the interior home architectural design to the exterior landscape. He added that “outdoor night illumination can give a whole new perspective as a form of art work to your garden.” Basically, Bowman encouraged enriching your daily life by enjoying the earthly delights in your own garden by placing you a little closer to nature.

The next meeting of the Art Guild is scheduled for Mon., Aug. 12, 9:30 a.m., at the John G. Blank Center for the Arts, 312 E. 8th St. Following the business meeting refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to view Museum boutique items such as colorful blown glass garden spheres, Monet and Van Gogh pictorial scenes on matching umbrella and tote bags, and handcrafted bubble wands and other unusual items.

August Meeting

Members and guests will be invited to attend the featured program, “Deaw Your Dream” and meet Edwin Shelton, owner of Izwin, Inc., a sculptor, designer, and producer of whimsical, colorful earthenware objects. Shelton’s current educational child related endeavor has been the “Faux Fish Factory” exhibit at the Art Center.
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If anyone doubts that young girls still like to dress up, they should have joined the party at the Victorian “Pink” Teas held at the Barker Mansion on June 23, 26 and 28th. Shown above are two who attended: Joan Chesterton of Duneland Beach and her granddaughter Elisabeth Brennen of Lakeside, Michigan. Elisabeth admired the hat worn by one of the hostesses so much that she let Elisabeth try it on for this picture.

Lee Meyer and friends entertained with “A Tribute to Lerner and Loewe” as guests were served a traditional Victorian High Tea of currant-pecan sconces, mini chicken salad croissants, cucumber sandwiches, Buckingham sandwiches and watercress spread and assorted mini desserts of pink cream puffs, lemon love notes, cherry cheesecake, fudge rum balls and Earl Grey Tea. Servers were Michigan City High School, Marquette High School, and National Honor Society members. The Victorian teas are an annual event at the Barker Mansion held in June when the gardens are blooming with roses, an event worth putting on the calendar for next year.
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Meanderin’ with Maggie

by Maggie Beyer

One of my fun trips last week was a visit to Judy’s Daylilies out in the LaPorte countryside where Judy Kroczek was having her annual mid-summer sale, a benefit for the Open Door Center and Healing Touch International. Judy has invited me out several times, and this time I had a special incentive: buying some of her special hybrids for my own garden project. There were dozens of people scurrying about when I arrived at noon, walking through the beautiful rolling grounds to choose from over thirteen landscaped gardens of daylilies at the peak of bloom in garden spots called Circle Garden, Temple Garden, Faerie Garden, Prairie Garden, and of course, Angel Garden.

“Garden Angels”, a crew of family and volunteers were on hand to help, giving out maps of the plantings that buyers would mark with their selections, take them to the desk where the diggers would then dig them up to fill the orders. How could you resist selections like Heart of Jade, Fairy Firecracker, Dance Ballerina, 600 more, each one more beautiful than the other. To top off the visit, guests were invited to the sunroom for a equally tempting array of drinks and snacks under the spell of a stained glass window called Web of Life, created by Cloudmaker Studios.

The gardens began back in 1982 when Judy wanted to create a wildflower and herb garden to extend the scope of her Montessori teaching that gives children a chance to learn through the senses, like petting the soft leaves of the rabbit ears plant. A few years later, in 1985, Judy began collecting hemorocallis (daylilies) and perennials to fill the landscape that she and husband Steve, children Eric, Scott and Kelly all helped to build. Now there are thousands of plants everywhere in a horticultural park-like setting, and the family has donated plants to the Michigan City Zoo and International Friendship Gardens.

The Kroczek gardens were also the setting for the YogaKids video created by Marsha and Don Wenig of Dancing Feet Yoga Center. Judy Kroczek, a registered nurse, found a natural extension of her garden’s spirit in learning the art of healing touch and is now a certified practitioner. For an appointment to see and share in her garden of earthly delights, call 219-362-7887.

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The same sunny Saturday afternoon took me to a visit in Union Pier at On the Lounge Lounge Slipcover Studio. Marjolein Senger, born in Holland, states she can just about slipcover any piece of furniture you desire. Or, if you find a fabric from the hundreds of bolts and swatches she carries, she offers a line of muslin upholstered furniture from which to choose. With ten years of experience, she can offer helpful design hints as well. Perhaps you’d like a tight, upholstered look; or one medium loose, the most popular; or a very loose, comfy shabby look. Or just bring in a picture from a magazine with a look you like and she can help you achieve it.
The bolts of fabric lining the show room are what Marjolein calls “good bolt prices”, many of the fabrics are from Spain and Holland, but she also has swatches from famous fabric makers like Designers Guild. I leafed through the swatches of Marimekko on the counter, the big and bold patterns that have made a name for years. It’s the denims that Marjolein finds most in favor these days for second home owners in Harbor Country who want a comfortable cottage look, favoring the green and white of country living and the blue and whites of Provence. To help in selections, there is a brochure available that gives you approximate yardage for many types of upholstered pieces you might want to slipcover.

On the Lounge, 9935 Townline Road, Union Pier, Michigan, keeps weekday day hours of Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 1 to 5 pm; Saturday, 11 to 5, Michigan time. But she is on call to bring fabric swatches to the home for consultation; phone 616-469-4354.

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June was Glass Month at The Courtyard Gallery at 813 E. Buffalo Street, that’s Red Arrow Highway on the east side of New Buffalo. Thankfully, when I stopped on the same July weekend drawn by the new bronze cougar sculpture guarding the door, glass artware was still busting out all over and you know how I love glass. Melissa Stranad, manager, pointed out one of their newest artist’s work, Frederick Warren, who has created a silver opaque glass process, the result of 30 years of work. It is a process hundreds of years old that creates colorings of misty, soft swirls, the result of a chemical mixture of silver nitrate, copper and tin. Only five artists in the world can replicate the chemical balance; its soft sheen almost yearns for a hand to gently pass over its surface to make sure what you see is really there.

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As I roamed the gallery caught by the glass creations of Peter Secrest, Mellisa came up to me and said, “You have to see the new exhibition in the courtyard.” Of course I would. It is by neighbor Sanford Friedman. In the arbored courtyard that gives Gene Halun’s gallery its name, the garden was filled with the unique welded steel art abstractions that Sandy does so imaginatively, both here and in his Sarasota Studio that I visited last winter. They share space with “Critters” by William Allen and a dramatic emerging lady of the lake in bronze by Jeff Adams who created the cougar out in front. Jeff is also noteworthy for his larger-than-life bronze of Lincoln and a chief of the Mohawks commissioned by the city of Oregon, Illinois.

The Courtyard Gallery with its original fine art is always a favorite stop. When they have a special showing, it is even better. There is glass and bronze, ceramics and paintings upstairs and down, a jewelry counter with original designs...and of course the courtyard.

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It has been discovered by many people for Jon Goldbaum’s creative way with custom designed entryways, interior doors, cabinetry and leaded glass. On other visits I’ve watched Jon as he creates his leaded glass windows and doors, and old art made new again and much in demand to give homes a taste of the classic in fresh modern designs. Now Jon has been working on something different in leaded glass designs...you might call it his Bottle Period. Time didn’t permit knowing just how he does it, but it looks as if unique bottle shapes are imbedded in glass, a myriad display of stained glass color very much nouveau art. Jon and I will get together for more about this at another time. I can see custom-made giftable ideas ahead for many people.

Goldbaum Door & Window L.L.C. is located 9 North Barker, just off Rt. 12. To call to see his work and get even more ideas, phone 616-469-6455.

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Just one of Jon’s stained glass originals.
**Niles Riverfest 2002**

This annual event will be held from Thurs., Aug. 1 through Sun., Aug. 4, in downtown Niles, Michigan, in Riverfront Park along the St. Joseph River, and is free to attend.

People of all ages will enjoy the variety of recreational activities, entertainment, great food, craft booths and more. The 3rd Annual Mr. and Mrs. Riverfront contest, sponsored by the Niles Daily Star and Friends of Niles/Riverfest, will be held on Thursday. It is open to all men and women over the age of 18, and winners will receive over $1,000 in prizes. Contestants will be judged on stage presence, personality and an interview with the panel of judges. The reigning Mr. and Mrs. Riverfest 2001 will pass on their crowns to the next lucky winners.

The opening ceremony will be held on Fri., Aug. 2, 6:30 p.m., at the amphitheater stage. It will be followed by the Awakening of the Dragon ceremony—the prelude to the Dragon Boat Race. This original Chinese ritual features dotting the eyes of the dragon’s head on each boat. The ceremony is conducted to cleanse and bless the area of the competition, the competitors and their boats. It also gives the boats and its crew the strength of the Dragon and the blessing of the Goddess of the Sea. There will also be a practice session for all registered Dragon Boat teams following the ceremony. For the fifth year, Riverfest will feature a Dragon Boat Challenge on Sat. at 8:30 a.m.. Dragon boat teams consist of 18 paddlers and one drummer. A special “Spirit Award” will be given to the team best exemplifying the American Dragon Boat Assoc. motto of friendship through paddling.

**Friday, August 2**

AAA 8th Annual All Classic Car & Truck Show with cruise at 7 p.m.

**Saturday, August 3**

8 a.m. Registration for the 2nd Annual 5K Run/Walk which begins at 9 a.m.
8:30 a.m., Dragon Boat Challenge.
Niles Farmer’s Market will be open all day
2 p.m. “Anything That Floats” raft race

**Sunday, August 4**

6:30 a.m. Redbud Bassmasters fishing tournament begins at Riverfront Park boat launch.
10 a.m. Church service.
11 a.m. Folk musician, Leslie Brooks and other entertainment on stage.

**All Weekend**

Antique Appraisal Show featuring Britton Knowles; fee is $5 per item.

All kinds of bands can be heard all weekend: bluegrass, country, rhythm and blues, classic rock ‘n roll, heavy metal, dulcimer, folk.

Train rides around the park sponsored by the Lions Club.

Admission to the festival is free; for more information, phone Dick Fintze at 616/683-8888 or visit www.nilesriverfest.net
Bob Hoffman to Exhibit at Art Fair

If you should visit the Indiana Dunes State Park one of these fine summer days, you might spot Merrillville painter Bob Hoffman at work on one of his dunes landscapes. Hoffman, who has been an artist most of his life, finds the dunes a unique subject with their ever-changing shapes and shadows contrasted against lake and sky.

Making the leap from bricklayer to painter might seem difficult to some, but for Hoffman it was easy. After a 30-year stint as a bricklayer, he was ready to turn a hobby into a full-time career. Hoffman, who studied painting at the Chicago Academy of Fine Art, has taught painting classes since 1972. His work has won more than 65 awards and is included in many corporate, public and private collections. He has conducted workshops from one end of the country to the other, from New York and New Jersey to California and Oregon, as well as in the Midwest. His spring and fall workshops in Brown County, Indiana, are extremely popular. A special feature of some of his classes is outdoors, on-site instruction.

Hoffman, who prefers to use oils, likes to paint the dunes either in the morning or in the late afternoon when the light, color, and general ambiance of the scene is best. Rather than work from a photograph or simple sketch, he roughs in the foundation of a painting on site to capture a general view and then finishes the work at home in his studio. Not all of his paintings are of pretty scenery—sometimes he includes a distant view of the steel mills, simply as a contrast. In fact, a woman who bought one of his paintings specifically requested that the steel mill be included—as a reminder, she said, of just what beach the painting represented!

Hoffman participates in only one art fair: The annual Chesterton Art Fair, held this year on August 3 & 4 in Hawthorne Park, Porter. For fair information, phone 219/926-4711. Bob has been an exhibitor in that fair for many years and says that its long history (now 44 years) proves that this is a quality show.
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“She has headed our annual bake sales and can usually be seen behind our refreshment counter or ushering out theatre goers to their seats for nearly all our productions.

“Barbara, widow of John J. Stanfield, PhD and a professor of English at PNC, and mother of Amy Colvin, is a very busy lady. She is a lifetime member of the Dunes Arts Foundation where she was very active with their children’s theatre program, is a member and secretary of the board for the Sinai Forum, and a long standing member of the Exchangettes Club of Michigan City.

“She may be retired after 32 years with First Federal Savings and Loan (now Fifth Third Bank) but she enjoys all her volunteer work, second only to the time she spends with her very beautiful grandchildren, Johnathon and Michael Colvin. Barbara is as proud of her affiliation with our group as we are of her.

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It was 180 years ago, in 1822, that Alexis Coquillard and Francis Comparet bought the trading rights for the American Fur Company from Pierre Navarre, the first Europeans to settle in the St. Joseph River Valley. Just eight years later in 1830, South Bend officially became a town when the United States directed the name of the Southold post office to be changed to South Bend. In 1834, Alanson Hurd started the St. Joseph Iron Works, which led to the founding of Mishawaka.

In conjunction with Founder's Month, visitors may tour "New Order on the Land" in Voyages Gallery. The exhibition features the 1829 cabinet from Lathrop Taylor's trading post, which served as South Bend's first post office. An 1830 ledger used by Taylor to keep early records and an 1831 pocket map used by pioneers and early travelers are also on view. Nearby, in Kidsfirst Children's Museum, kids can pretend to be pioneers in a log cabin just their size or climb aboard a Conestoga wagon and make believe they're journeying cross-country to their new homestead.

The Center for History is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, phone 574/235-9664 or visit www.centerforhistory.org

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What a day. It started about 7:30 am when my pal Diane Botica picked up William and me for our trip to Chicago (William is my grandson, enjoying the summer in Michigan City). We had a tight schedule but a glorious one – all about food, of course. I won’t bother you with tales about that damn early morning truck traffic on Route 80-90. Grrrr.

We reached Chicago's Green City Market at the south end of Lincoln Park in good time. Actually, our timing was not just good, it was incredible. Once there, we encountered two celebrities, several "old friends" from other Beacher stories and all that magnificent fresh produce. Lovely timing, to be sure. The Green Market has been in operation several years, but this was only my second visit. It is well worth taking on all that truck traffic. Called a sustainable green market, it is held Wednesdays 7 am to 1:30 pm, May through October. Its purpose is "to connect local producers and farmers to chefs, restaurateurs, food organizations and the public, and to promote a healthier society through appreciation for local, fresh, sustainably raised produce and products." The market operates on funds raised by various special events and donations from organizations and the public. One of the annual special events was an auction running through June 30 – with prizes like dinners or cooking classes by well-known local chefs. Note: The auction will be long gone by the time you read this. If you want to learn about equally interesting upcoming events, contact the market's manager, Lynn Peemoeller at organicspice@hotmail.com or 773-220-5966.

Each Wednesday at 10:30 am, there's a demonstration by a local chef at one of the handsome tented booths. I told you our timing was excellent – Rick Bayless, owner of Frontera Grill/Topolobampo was our demo-chef that day. Like, there we were, ankle-deep in beautiful Lincoln Park's grass among all those stunning fresh edible foodstuffs, a mere arms length from a famous chef during a live TV show. A rare experience.

Other well-known demo chefs scheduled for future Green Markets this summer are Sarah Stegner of the Ritz Carlton, Gale Gand from Tru, Jacquy Pfeiffer of the French Pastry School, James Wierzelewski, the Fairmont. And that's only a few – it's a weekly event.

My "old friends" were some of the vendors I’d met and briefly interviewed last winter for the Beacher story about CHIC culinary school's Sunday farmers markets. Carol Mueller of Prairie Grove Farms in DeKalb, IL, also known as the Sausage Lady, told me she’d been surprised when she received a copy of that Beacher from a neighbor who’d picked it up during his Harbor Country weekend and carried it back to DeKalb.

There was Beth and Brent Eccles from their lush, exotic Green Acres Farm in North Judson, IN. I’d become acquainted with the Eccles at the Saturday farmers' markets at Armitage and at the post office on Clark, when I lived in Chicago and visiting fresh produce was my favorite Saturday morning pastime. Another Green Market booth featured those Capriole Farms goat cheeses I wrote about in the Fancy Food Show article a few weeks ago and I finally got to meet the owner, Judith Schad. A newcomer to my list of foodstuff friends, is another North Judson-ite, Jeff Shane of Kingfisher Farm. One of the snack samples Jeff offered was pickled shallot stems – great tasting, looked like skinny green beans. Jeff is a chef, too, a highly unusual one – he mainly works with terminally ill patients.

On our satisfying rounds of all the canvas-booths, we spotted James Ward and his TV crew and camera. Ward is a well-known food critic whom you've probably seen on ABC-TV or read his excellent restaurant reviews in Chicago newspapers and magazines. He is quoted below, via the internet, about still another vendor.

I came away with some spectacular red oak lettuce, grown by the Tomato Mountain Farm in Brooklyn, WI, some of Capriole's outstanding goat cheeses, bread from Red Hen Bread in Chicago and a flavored vinegar from Herbally Yours in Willow Springs, IL. I added a number of other fresh green goodies to enhance meals the rest of this week for William and me.
Diane, William and I tucked our beautiful groceries into the SUV’s cooler and headed a few miles up north for the next stop – Paulina Meat Market at 3501 Lincoln Avenue. I’ve loved that place for years, mainly for their sausages, but they have countless other goodies, too. Lots of packaged meals (their own private-label packaging – like chicken parmesan, jambalaya, pork tenderloin with rice) and meats to throw in the freezer when you get home. Their meats are stunning, like works of art. And, lo and behold, the man who waited on me is another Harbor Country-ite, a former weekender in New Buffalo! George Lekan has a number of relatives who will relish reading about the family market in their old friend, The Beacher. I found a cleverly worded report on Paulina Market on the internet, by food critic James Ward whom we’d just seen at the Green Market, “...new age or old... lean or fat... for Mrs. Sprat or Jack – the Paulina Market’s got it all.” I’m in total agreement.

Next stop: Fox and Obel Food Market, a unique upscale grocery. You’ll find them in Chicago’s Streeterville neighborhood at 401 East Illinois. Watch for their fresh (not boxed, not canned) anchovies – the only place I’ve ever seen such rare delicacies. In their catering brochure, I read “At Fox and Obel we have a passion for great food. With a commitment to excellence, we are able to offer you a unique, high-quality selection of savory foods, artisanal breads and pastries backed up by exceptional service. Our goal is to exceed your expectations.” If you’re interested in more information about their lovely stock, their web site is www.fox-obel.com. At the grocery, you’ll find beautiful baked-foods...
on-the-premises breads, lots of imported stuff, fresh produce beautifully displayed with some rare treats in that department, too. The Chicago Tribune tells us the owners, Ken Obel and Ari Fox, were once lawyers who decided that their calling leaned more toward brie than briefs...I believe they're right. A wide variety of foodstuff, a wide price range. There is free parking with validated ticketing, across the street (corner of Illinois and McChurg Court).

Last stop, and it was time. My feet were complaining bitterly. Diane introduced us to the International Club, mainly visited by restaurateurs and chefs who get some fabulous stuff at unbelievable low prices. You must be a member of this food warehouse in order to benefit from those good prices, so I added my purchases onto member-Diane's bill and then repaid her. Great, great stuff. There's a huge seafood room with shelf upon shelf of freshly caught fish, as well as lots of lively seafood in tanks all around. Live blue crabs wiggled and smiled at us, octopus were knotted around themselves waiting for a buyer, chicken and duck parts I'd never seen displayed before – like feet and heads galore (yick). Among the produce, we found some pretty little mini-pineapples for a mere $1 each! The other inviting produce gem was baby bok choy – beautiful. Loads of imported canned and boxed goods. I didn't collect any paperwork information about this membership club – it's on Pulaski, via R.55, if you want to search it out and join up.

Yeah, the cooler in the SUV was overflowing by then, but we were only an hour from home. It had been ten or eleven hours since we'd battled that morning truck traffic. We were tired. We were full. We were beaming, so pleased with our mutual purchases and the fantastic places we visited on this Beacher food travel. How can we ever beat it? Perhaps a second visit is required, if only to reaffirm our pleasure and re-enact our joy!

William and I made it right away, and put it on some black bean & rice tortillas. Yum.

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**SALSA-BAKED GOAT CHEESE**

1/4 cup pine nuts or coarsely chopped walnuts or pecans
4-oz. log goat cheeses, flavored or not
1 3-oz. package cream cheese, softened
1 cup roasted jalapeño-tomato salsa
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro, for garnish

Heat oven to 350º. Spread out nuts on baking sheet and toast them in the oven until lightly browned and very fragrant, 7 or 8 minutes (the pine nuts will brown quicker than either of the others). Remove and slide them off into a medium-size bowl. Add the cheeses to the bowl and combine thoroughly with the nuts. Scoop it in the center of a baking dish (or use a decorative 9" pie pan) and form into a 5" disk. Spoon the salsa over and around. Place the dish in the oven and bake until heated through, 10 to 15 minutes. Sprinkle with cilantro. Enjoy as a dip or a spread, with tortilla chips, pita triangles, crackers or crispy toast.
Art Barn Best of Show

The Art Barn, 695 North 400 East, Valparaiso, is having an exhibition of 75 new works by winners of their annual juried art show. Over 20 artists have work on display.

One of the artists is Sy Ellens, famous for his acrylics. While the detail and composition of his paintings are skillful and realistic, there is often an offbeat, almost playful sense of color that strays from nature and keeps these pieces from being strict depictions of reality.

Ratindra Das is a well-known artist from Wheaton, Illinois. Patterns of flat, colorful shapes and a skillful use of the white of the paper form the backbone of his work. To him, painting is like an adventure to an unknown world while discoveries are to be made along the way. There are surprises and obstacles, but the joy of finding the beauty is always there.

Oil painter Sue Connors of Valparaiso was influenced by David Sander, especially his use of a heavy black outline. She believes shape and color are the most important elements in her paintings. She uses only four basic colors: blue, red, orange and yellow and outlines in black.

Many other artists’ works are on display, including Louis Urisitti of Porter, with his unusual point of view and Marlies Glickauf of Valparaiso featuring vibrant watercolors. Golden fields of light filled vistas will be seen in Renee Ricks-Miller’s (of Chesterton) watercolors and untamed rivers along forest edges are the subjects of John Termatt’s watercolors.

For more information, or directions, phone 219/462-9009 or email ArtBarnIn@aol.com
Events at Deep River County Park

Weaving Demo/Instruction
On Sat., July 27, there will be an opportunity to learn about weaving, try your hand on the antique loom and then buy materials to make placemats or rug mugs/coasters at home.

Staff at Wood's Mill at Deep River County Park is offering the hands-on opportunity on the first floor of the mill where the antique loom sits at the ready and where rag rugs woven on the loom are available for purchase.

At 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 3 p.m., you may observe the weaving demonstration, then sit at the loom and put your touch to the rug in progress.

Phone 219/947-1958 to sign up. Instruction and demonstration are free. Deep River County Park is located on Old Lincoln Hwy (U.S. 30) at County Line Road, between Merrillville and Valparaiso. (Go past the Deep River Water Park to next stop light and turn right—follow signs).

Beary/Berry Tea and Quilting
What could be cheerier than a Beary/Berry Tea? Not much! You are invited to join the festivities and the only requirement for admission to this happy event is your (or a borrowed one) Teddy Bear. Bring your bear to enjoy a beary tea with you on Sun., July 28, 1-4 p.m. The tea will be held at Wood's Mill.

In addition, the Quilting Bee will be going on and featured quilter of the month will be Mary Evers with a few examples of her quiltmaking. See the Shoo-Fly in the frame being worked on by the Deep River Volunteer Quilters.

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The next offering in the Firefly Festival 2002 season will be performed on Fri., July 26, and Sat., July 27, at South Bend's St. Patrick County Park. Both performances begin at 8 p.m. With exotic sets, colorful costumes, a dazzling score, and original dance numbers (including the incomparable Jerome Robbins ballet), this Broadway classic shimmers with beauty, humor, and extraordinary energy. Who could forget such Rodgers and Hammerstein favorites as “Getting to Know You,” “Hello, Young Lovers,” and “Shall We Dance?”

The show’s talented cast of students were selected at region-wide auditions last spring and are directed by theatre veteran David Chudzynski and a team of other arts professionals.

Tickets for the show are $11 in advance, and $16 at the gate; children ages 6-16 are admitted for $5 each, and under 6 years of age are admitted free. Phone 574/288-3472 or log onto www.fireflyfestival.com

St. Patrick's County Park is located at 50651 Laurel Road, near the Indiana/Michigan state line. Bring your own chairs or blankets for the hillside seating. Picnics are welcome, but no glass containers or alcoholic beverages.

“Panther Pride” Orientation

“Panther Pride” is the theme for Purdue University North Central’s New Student Orientation, set for Sat., Aug. 17th, from 8:30 a.m.-noon on the PNC campus.

The orientation session will give new students an opportunity to become more knowledgeable about the PNC campus and college life. This event is intended for all students who will begin classes at the campus this fall, along with their families and friends.

“New student orientation is designed to be a fun way for students to familiarize themselves with their new campus and the many educational opportunities and extra-curricular activities that Purdue North Central has to offer,” said Janice Whisler, assistant director of admissions and orientation co-chairperson.

Registration will be held from 8:30-9 a.m., and will include a continental breakfast.

Following registration, each student will follow a “Purdue Program” which will guide participants to informational sessions for parents and students, computer lab orientations and an opportunity to visit information tents for academic sections and student organizations. Faculty members, as well as student organization representatives, will be available to talk with students and their families. Students are encouraged to ask questions, get to know the key people on campus and become familiar with the PNC buildings and classrooms, so they can ease their transition as PNC students.

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Websites In Beacherland

You may have noticed that I’ve been reviewing local websites once or twice a month for the past few months. There is so much good stuff right in our own backyard (so to speak) that it’s worth taking a look at the neighborhood around us. I’ll continue to recommend visiting these places in person when you can. If you are a late-night surfer who prefers the Web to David Letterman, by all means take a tour of our local sites.

This week, I’ll start the Web tour in Westville, home of the Purdue North Central Campus. I was surprised to see a complete overhaul of the college’s website when I logged on (purduenc.edu). I remember back in the ‘60s as a high-schooler when we sent away for college catalogs—those thick, heavy volumes that used tons of paper and must have cost a fortune to mail to the thousands of prospective students requesting them. Those were pre-Internet days. Purdue North Central’s website has everything anyone would want to know about the school. PNC’s Chancellor, Dr. Dworkin, has his own welcoming webpage on the site, which I find a nice touch. Naturally, faculty members are listed and outstanding faculty members are noted, too. You’ll find a brief history of PNC, a campus map, a page of Quick Facts with links, and a whole lot more. I especially liked the campus tour. Starting with Schwarz Hall, you learn where the important departments are, what the classrooms look like, and most important—ahem—for college students, where the lounges are. The photos are terrific, and the campus grounds—especially the Shakespeare Garden—are very inviting. The website lists current campus news, too. Purduenc.edu also has thoughtfully added community links, and The Beacher is listed among them. Congratulations to PNC for a very well done website!

Halcyon Domanski has created a lovely and informative website for her business, Arboreal Arts (arborealarts.com). She uses three frames for surfers to choose between. On the left, you can click on pictorial samples of her wonderful hand-made tiles, her murals, installations, mirrors and more. Halcyon has put much thought and care into building her website and she warns you in advance that the graphics make take a little time to load. Even my dinosaur computer loaded them quickly enough, though. Halcyon also has her bio and a page dedicated to her exhibition calendar to refer to. Arboreal Arts “endeavors to bring beauty and creativity to every aspect of your life.” She shows you what you can do to enhance your living spaces, inside and out. I especially liked her “Beyond the Sea” installation, where she uses 3-D starfish, a baby squid, and a sand dollar embedded in beach stones for a bathroom floor focal point. Rather than me trying to describe it, log on to arborealarts.com and have your own look around. Halcyon
has links to her favorite websites, including information for crafters, and pages devoted to her family’s experience at a Star Wars Convention. And if you are looking for a unique wedding gift or a baby gift, or any other kind of gift for that matter, check out Halcyon’s tiles. She can make custom tiles based on your own ideas and wishes.

Over in LaPorte, the happenin’ place to be is **Temple News Agency**. I was alerted to the fact that Temple News does indeed have a website, and you can find them at [http://templenews.tripod.com/](http://templenews.tripod.com/). I need to explain why, at first, I could not find their website. Like my own site, Temple News Agency is a Tripod website, requiring that the URL use http:// BUT NOT www. If you type in www., you’ll never find them.

I found them and I discovered that this is a place that I have to visit. Soon. Charles McElvey wrote an article about Temple News Agency for *The Beacher* some time back, stating that it was his favorite LaPorte hangout. After visiting Temple News’ website, I could see why. Music, music, music—by all manner of local musicians, keep the place jumpin.’ You’ll find a listing of who’s jamming when, which appears to be regularly or whenever anyone wants to strum a banjo or hit the keyboard. Yes, they have a piano and an open invitation. Yes, they have a computer for you to check your email. Temple News Agency is, after all, a cybercafe. Yes, they have the latest newspapers and magazines. But the pièce de résistance, for many, may just be the old fashioned soda fountain and the mouth-watering selections of ice cream goodies young and old and middlin’ enjoy here. Sandwiches, too. And coffee creations. This is a family place, a local-color establishment where you won’t find a corporate logo-type coffee bar. No way. Temple News Agency is unique, and when you log on to their website, you’ll be introduced to some of the unique regulars who frequent the popular hangout. LaPorte locals are fortunate to have such a place. I’m jealous. Would you guys consider opening a second operation here in Chesterton?

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Danny Lerman is the featured performer at TGIF: Music in the Gardens, which takes place from 5-8:30 p.m., on Fri., Aug. 2. The event takes place on the lush grounds of Copshaholm, located at the Northern Indiana Center for History, 808 W. Washington St., South Bend. The mansion’s surrounding 2-1/2 acres of gardens, in full bloom at this time of year, offer a fragrant backdrop to the evening of music.

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The official bat girls for the exhibition game will be four of the nation’s top ladies from Hawaiian Tropic. Tournament action will begin Friday ending with the championship game Sunday afternoon. Entertainment throughout the weekend includes a home run contest, fireworks, a beer tent and music from South Shore. Admission is $4 per day, or $10 for the weekend. Children under 12 are admitted free, and senior citizen tickets will be reduced $1. For more information, phone 873-1507.

New LaPorte County Web Site

Two local companies, Videotech Communication and Custom PC have joint ventured to create the ultimate LaPorte County interactive web site: www.laportecountysource.com

By accessing this page you can find and link to LaPorte County’s non-profit organizations, businesses, government links, news and media and more. Research this site for everything from tourism, county events, county communities, education and places of worship.

For more information, phone Ken Willard or Keith Harris at 872-1313 or email kwillard@laportecountysource.com
**Pine Needle Basketry Class**

Pine needle basketry is a coiling technique using long leaf pine needles and thread or raffia and is one of the oldest forms of basketry. Before the Civil War, pine needle baskets were made exclusively by Native Americans as utility items. During the Civil War, the plantation women of the South learned to make pine needle baskets from the Native Americans and then added elegance to the baskets by incorporating their skills with teneriffe, a type of Swedish needle weaving done on a wire frame.

This class will be held on Sat., July 27, 10 a.m.-2 or 3 p.m. (a small basket, 4 inches in diameter, can be made in that time). Bring a lunch and drinking water. The class will be held at International Friendship Gardens and costs $20 with the entire fee being donated to the Gardens Restoration/Refurbish Fund. To reserve a spot, phone 878-9885. In case of rain, shelter will be provided.

**Museum Accepting Rummage Items**

Items are now being accepted at The Great Lakes Museum of Military History for a Rummage Sale sponsored by General Rental to be held on Sat., Aug. 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sun., Aug. 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. It will be held in an Army tent in front of the Museum.

Appointments can also be set for volunteer pick-up of useable, working items in good condition. The volunteers doing the pick-up reserve the right of refusal on items that are too large or not working. With advanced notice, boxed, useable items leftover from other garage sales will be accepted.

Volunteers Sandy Staback, Michael Klarich and David Joyner are coordinating the sale. Items may be dropped off at the Museum anytime up to the date of the sale. Phone the Museum at 872-2702, or Sandy Stayback at 872-7985 for more information.
The "Four Artists" exhibition at the John G. Blank Center for the Arts, 312 E. 8th St., shows off the varied works of woodturner Larry Jensen, color pencil artist Sara Scherberg, pastel and watercolorist Fred Semmler and pastel painter Michael Zieve. The exhibit is open through Aug. 15. Gallery hours are Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat., 10 am.-2 p.m. Phone 874-4900 for more information.

Larry Jensen
Larry Jensen smells the sawdust in the sandalwood bowl displayed at the Blank Center for the Arts. He has left the remnants in the bowl so that others might be acquainted with the sweet fragrance of the wood. Larry has a full body of knowledge of the wood that he turns. He brought a log of sandalwood home with him after a visit to India last fall. In India, he relates, sandalwood is used to make statues of Hindi gods.

The Chinese mount stone both for contemplation and for aesthetics in an art form called gongshi. Larry has found that the root from the California manzanita tree lends itself to gongshi. The rough shards that are part of the root may be hard to work with but fit Larry's idea of the way wood pieces should appear. "I like pieces that are not pristine," he explains.

Sara Scherberg
Sara Scherberg's color pencil drawings are for both those who survey art from across the room and for those who get close enough to attend to each detail. Viewers who come close to Sara's pieces are rewarded with layers of drawing. That flower may contain faces inside the petals. Or other nature scenes could be hidden in a leaf. Perhaps even a group of women in medieval dress will subtly make up a segment of an owl.

"I'd like to think that it works on different levels," Sara says of her work. "Not everyone will look at a work for a long time. I'd like to think it's for the select few who will really look at it," she continued.

The printmaker by training turned to color pencils about a dozen years ago for the control in detail offered. With the color pencil, she is able to layer drawings inside of drawings.

As Larry talks about his pieces, he naturally explains the wood. A teapot has been made from a pod from the Australian banksia tree. Those pods contain three layers of varied wood, an outer bumpy layer, a second of red fur and an inner hard wood with a daisy pattern. All three layers are seen on the teapot. "Who would think a tree would have fur?" the Beverly Shores resident asked.

Two elm bowls show the surprises that can come when working with wood. The bowls came from the same plank of wood but have different color and texture. "The only thing that was planned was the graining pattern on the inside of the bowl," Larry said. "For some reason, which I can't figure out," they turned out very different," he continued.
Still, she knows that she does not have complete control of her work. "There's always surprises. You don't know quite how the colors are going to blend or to layer until you try it," she said.

Sara blends colors to intense hues in scenes depicting plants and animals. She prefers a southwest look, for she enjoys traveling in that part of the country.

The president of the Area Artists Association owns the Acorn Gallery, 16142 Red Arrow Highway, Union Pier, Mich. This is her third year at the gallery, where she sells contemporary fine art that she describes as more figurative than abstract.

Formerly of Hyde Park, Sara moved to the area after seeing the buildings she now owns. "I came up here with no thought in the world of doing anything but having a day off. I saw the gallery, loved the gallery, loved the house and bought it."

Fred Semmler

Beverly Shores is an inspiration to Fred Semmler, whose works at the Blank Center shows varied aspects of the lakefront community. "It's brought out the best in me," he said. "Every day I see a scene that probably I could paint," he added.

The watercolors and pastels of the area include "Transitions," a look at the Beverly Shores Museum, Depot and Gallery before it was renovated, "Winter in Lituanica Park" and "Light Breaks," a scene in which a line of light comes through the clouds past a dune.

Dunes, deer, the lake, the old train station, all of these could be a pretty picture. Fred, though, wants to portray more than a scene. He is interested in "capturing the spirit of the dunes." "The dunes has a soul of its own," he said. He wants a scene to get "a feeling of the sound of the waves and the highlights on the dunes or grasses or trees." And he wants the wind captured. "The wind, I think, creates so much of an atmosphere."

Fred sketches scenes that he wants to paint, but he relies on his memory to evoke the spirit of the subject. Working on a painting, he said, "What I loved about the dunes this day is all the vertical shadows and the criss-crossing of shadows."

After his heart attack a year and a half ago, Fred returned to pastels, painting what some have described as "soulful" scenes. The heart attack, too, made him more aware of where he wants to put his time. He is interested in sparking children's interest in their creative side and meets with them in a community building in Beverly Shores. There, youth from age four to 14 engage in music, art and acting.

Michael Zieve

Michael Zieve speaks of his role as an artist as that of a "listener." His work, he said, is to relay the feeling that inspires a piece. "What is that feeling?" he asked. "It's just the feeling of connection and awe," he answered.

"I try to touch on whatever kind of poetry I can," he explained while talking about his work at the Blank Center. Inspiration for the pieces is from nature come from areas locally and across the country. But it is not a scene in nature that he is trying to convey in his work. He wants to relate the feeling one has in a setting. For that reason, he relies on his memory and not photos of an area. "I have to have that emotional connection," he said.

The pastel artist has lived in a nature preserve in rural LaPorte County for eight years. The area, he says, has changed his art from portraying negativity to healing. While he worked in Chicago, he portrayed victimization in city life. His pieces centering on nature now have a different perspective. "I felt the idea of talking about victimization was a dead end. I'd rather talk about healing. I'd rather make art that had an uplifting effect," he said.

He explained, "Instead of looking at the negative, I looked at the positive -- what can an artist do to bring joy, depth of perception and listening. I think the idea of listening is what artists have always done. They've always listened and talked about what wasn't being talked about."

Michael also paints murals in homes and public buildings. He painted scenes from Rolling Prairie's early years in the town's post office.
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We have an increase in our budget due to the generous donations we received from the 4th of July 5K run. Earlier in the year there was some interest in creating a **Volleyball team** for fun and exercise, however, we are hesitant to invest in equipment if our residents aren’t committed to the idea. We are happy to facilitate any activities you desire but need to hear from all of you to develop programming. Let your imagination run wild and give us a call with your idea of a good time. Chances are if you want to give it a try someone else would like to join in the fun. Is anyone interested in **Bingo**? Bingo to the Beatles? Bingo to Benny Goodman? How about table tennis? Let us know. It could happen. We really are creating it all.

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Exhibits at 18 Artists Gallery

Jack Hagman
Opening reception: Sat., July 27, 1-4 p.m.

Jack Hagman will be showing small watercolors during the month of July. Each one is 4 x 8 inches and is an intricate abstract. He is one of the Board Owners of 18 Artists Studio & Gallery.

Jack has spent the last forty plus years emersed in the arts and has worked in almost all media at one time or another. He attended the Institute of Design in Chicago. From there is worked as an award-winning graphics designer and later joined the renowned Studio 22 Printmakers’ Workshop in Chicago, owned by Bronislav Bak. He then joined the faculty of Columbia College where he was instrumental in developing the visual arts program. Over the past few years, he has also done theatre set designs for the Community Theatre Guild (Valparaiso).

David Hugg
Opening Reception: Fri., Aug. 2, 5-8 p.m.

David is a local artist, self taught and has been working primarily in pastels. His work is very brightly colored and is best described as “fun and entertaining.”

18 Artists Studio & Gallery is located in the Shoppes of Indian Oaks at 540 Indian Boundary Road, Chesterton. Phone them at 219/926-6306.
Ground Squirrels vs. Grinders

The Rock Springs Ground Squirrels from Decatur, Illinois, will meet the Deep River Grinders in a game of 1858 vintage base ball on Sun., July 28. A double-header, games begin at 1 and 3 p.m.

Rules that will be followed include no base stealing, no leading off, no mitts, and no spitting, cursing, or ungentlemanly behavior. Players, dressed in uniforms of the time period, engage in lively banter and invite the fans (or cranks, as they would have been called) to join in by cheering for good plays by either team.

Games will be played on Grinder Field at Deep River County Park, home of Wood's Historic Grist Mill. It is located off Old Lincoln Hwy. (U.S. 30) at County Line Road, between Merrillville and Valparaiso (turn right at first stop light past Deep River Water Park and follow signs).

Hot dogs, chips and sarsaparilla, the favored drink of the Grinders, will be available for purchase. For more information, phone the park at 219/947-1958.

Spirit Fest Set For Aug. 3

A unique, multi-sensory, interactive family and community experience will take place on Sat., Aug. 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Spirit Fest will combine yoga, mystic musical rhythms, healthy foods, arts and crafts, a fire dancing performance, a drumming circle and dancing to poetic world music under the stars, with a backdrop of a blazing bonfire.

Tickets to Spirit Fest are $15 in advance and $20 at the door, with $10 for students and senior citizens; children under 12 are admitted free. A limited number of tent sites will be available. Campers will be awakened by harp music to join a morning meditation, yoga class and breakfast.

Spirit Fest will be held at Tryon Farms, 1500 Tryon Road, Michigan City. Phone Dancing Feet Yoga, 872-9611, for more information.

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July 25-28 — “Rags to Riches”-a Musical Melodrama. Presented by the DAF Youth Theatre and Children’s Theatre, at the Dunes Summer Theatre, Michiana Shores. Tix $5. Thurs. 10 am; Fri 10 am & 7 pm; Sat 7 pm; Sun 2 pm. 879-7509.


July 25-29 — “Lagaan.” Academy Award Nominee Best Foreign Language Film. Rated PG. Hindi, Bhojpuri and English. Thurs. 7 pm; Fri & Sat, 4:30 & 9 pm; Sun, 2 & 6:30 pm; Mon, 7 pm. Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, MI. 616/756-3522 or www.vickerstheatre.com


July 27 — Pine Needle Basketry class at International Friendship Gardens. 10 am-2 or 3 pm. Cost $20, all of which goes back to the Gardens. Reservations 878-9885. Bring lunch and water.

Through July 27 — Porter County Fair, Valparaiso. (215 E. Division Rd at Indiana 49). Adm. $4/adults, $1/kids 10-15 and under 10 free. Daily 7:30 am-10:30 pm. 219/464-2783 or www.portercofair.org

July 26-28 — “Hello Dolly!” at the Memorial Opera House, 104 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso. Fri & Sat performances @ 8 pm; Sun @ 2 pm. Tix $13/adults, $11/students, sen. cit. & groups of 20; tix $2 more when purchased day of performance; phone 219/548-9137 or www.memorialoperahouse.com

July 27 — Campfre Theatre at New Buffalo’s Tall Oaks Inn. Yasmina Reza’s “Art” will be accompanied by refreshments. Presented by the Columbia College Theatre Department. Tix $15; 616/469-0097 or 800/936-0034.

July 22-27 — LaPorte County Fair, LaPorte, Indiana.

Through July 26 — Advance registration for Fall Semester at Purdue University North Central. 872-0527, ext. 5505 or www.purdue nc.edu

July 30 — Harbor Country Book Club. 7:30 pm. Harbor Grand Hotel, New Buffalo, MI. Discussing
**Places to Visit:**

Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., Michigan City. Guided tours on Mon-Fri, 10 am, 11:30 am. Adm. $4/adults, $2/kids 18 and under, free/kids under 3.


Door Prairie Auto Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., LaPorte (one mi. south of LaPorte on US 35). Open Tues-Sat, 10 am-4:30 pm; Sun, noon-4:30 pm; closed Mon & holidays. Adm. chg.; phone 219/326-1337 for more info. or visit www.dpautomuseum.com

Great Lakes Museum of Military History, 360 Dunes Plaza, Michigan City. Info 872-2702 or on the web at www.militaryhistorymuseum.org

LaPorte County Historical Museum, county complex in downtown LaPorte, Indiana. Hours 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Sat. Adm. free; donations welcome. 219/326-6808, ext. 276 or www.lapcohistsoc.org.

New Buffalo Railroad Museum, 530 S. Whittaker St., New Buffalo, MI. Open Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm; Sat-Sun, 10 am-3 pm (MI time). Info 616/469-5409.

John G. Blank Center for the Arts, 312 E. 8th St., Michigan City. Gallery hours Mon-Fri, 10 am-4 pm; Sat, 10 am-2 pm. 874-4900. New exhibits: “Four Artists” and “The Art of Columbia College Goes to Harbor Country” runs through Aug. 15.


Farther Afield:

July 26-27 — Firefly Festival Presents “The King and I.” 8 pm. St. Patrick’s County Park (near the Indiana/Michigan state line), South Bend. Tix $11/$16/$5/children 6-16; under 6 admitted free. 219/288-3472. See story this issue.


July 30 — Michigan State Fair Wine Competition-Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. 517/373-1104 or www.michiganwines.com

July 31 — Free Admission Day at Northern Indiana Center for History, 808 W. Washington St., South Bend. Open 10 am-5 pm, Tues-Sat, and noon-5 pm on Sun. 574/235-9664 or visit www.centerforhistory.org

Through August 16 — Summer Concert Series (Sundays), Saugatuck, MI. 616/857-1701 or www.saugatuck.com

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Cycling into Sizzling Summer on the Sylvan Kal-Haven

by Charles McKelvy

This is the scouting report all you serious cyclists have been waiting for: the 33.5-mile linear bike trail known as the Kal-Haven Trail State Park is up and ready for a super season of summer (and fall) cycling.

The finely crushed gravel surface is packed and prepared for bike tires of all sizes; the well-placed wells are all primed and ready to deliver cold, refreshing water from deep below the earth, and the outhouses have all been cleaned and positioned at strategic points along the way.

Best of all, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is no longer charging cyclists, pedestrians and equestrians to use the trail that winds between South Haven on the west and Kalamazoo on the east, and there is plenty of free parking at both trailheads and at the mid-point staging area in Bloomingdale.

Oh yes, there were plenty of goodies to be bought in such trailside towns as Gobles, Grand Junction, Kendall, and, of course, in South Haven. (If you’ve noticed I’ve omitted Kalamazoo, it’s because the east trailhead is actually quite a ways from the commercial areas of Kalamazoo.)

So have yourselves a jolly good time this summer (and fall) on the Kal-Haven compliments of your friendly Beacher biking team.

Again, any bike will do on the Kal-Haven, but do be sure and tune-up your trusty two-wheeler before you head up to South Haven. I mean, you’d do that before riding anywhere, so why not be sure and thoroughly check out your rig before exposing you and your family to the ultimate cycling pleasure that is the Kal-Haven Trail.
And I am not guilty of hyperbole when I speak thusly of the Kal-Haven, because it truly is a cyclist's paradise in that it is basically a 33.5-mile auto-free zone with hills that even little kids can handle with relative ease. Granted, you do have to cross the occasional road or highway, but those are well-marked, and if you keep your wits about you and stop and look both ways before crossing, you'll be ready for repeat visits.

I know Natalie and I have repeatedly ridden the Kal-Haven since it was created from an abandoned railroad right-of-way in the late 1980s, and we have never, no never, grown tired of it.

In fact, as we were in the middle of our 2002 scouting ride, we encountered a 60-year-old gent from South Haven on a recumbent bicycle who said he has pedaled nearly all the rails-to-trails in the Midwest and has decided that none compare to the sublime-ly sylvan Kal-Haven right out his back door.

And what you'll see are a profusion of plants, animals, birds, and, yes, insects, that will cause you endless delight. Well, some of the insects such as the aforementioned deerflies and mosquitoes could all take a hike, but if you're prepared with the good-old bug spray, you'll do just fine out there.

Unfortunately, we never got the gentleman's name, but we certainly agreed with him that the Kal-Haven is an ever-changing pleasure grove of cycling delights. Why is that?

Well, you simply have to ride it for yourself and see.

And do pack a lunch, because there are picnic tables along the trail, particularly at mid-point in Bloomingdale. In fact, I'd recommend a big break in Bloomingdale because the bugs aren't bad in town and because there is a great deli at the four-way intersection with cold pop, and everything else you stomach desires. Plus, they have a farmer's market in the downtown park on Fridays at mid-day.

The Kal-Haven, of course, is closed at night, but open whenever there is light.

From Michigan City, simply take I-94 east to I-196, then north to South Haven and exit Phoenix Road. Turn left, or west, to first stoplight at Blue Star Highway, then right, or north, on Blue Star and be prepared to follow the brown Kal-Haven signs for a left turn off Blue Star and then a right turn to the west trailhead.

Oh, and be sure and follow the rules of the road out there especially keeping to the right side of the trail, because the trail begins with a long downhill along the Black River, and you don't want to meet oncoming cyclists the hard way.

Ride on!!
On July 25, 1814, England's George Stephenson, who was to become known as the Founder of Railways, first successfully demonstrated a steam locomotive.

On July 25, 1866, Ulysses S. Grant, victorious Union general in the Civil War, was named to the five-star rank of “General of the Armies,” the first officer to be so honored.

On July 25, 1878, the first Chinese diplomatic mission to the United States arrived in Washington.

On July 25, 1885, Louis Pasteur inoculated the first human being against rabies. The patient, Joseph Meister, who had been bitten by a rabid dog, later became superintendent of the Pasteur Institute.

On July 25, 1909, French aviator Louis Bleriot (in a monoplane) made the first flight across the English Channel, traveling from Calais to Dover in 37 minutes.

On July 25, 1984, Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya, as she stepped from a Soyuz T-12 space capsule, became the first woman to walk in space.

On July 26, 1775, the Continental Congress appointed Benjamin Franklin to be the nation’s first postmaster general.

On July 26, 1856, playwright George Bernard Shaw was born in Dublin.

On July 26, 1856, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal.

On July 26, 1990, Spanish-American War veteran George E. Echols, the oldest known American war veteran, died at the age of 105.

On July 27, 1789, Congress established the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the present State Department.

On July 27, 1824, novelist Alexander Dumas was born in Paris.

On July 27, 1866, the first underwater cable message was sent between North America and Europe.


On July 27, 1909, Orville Wright set a world record by keeping his airplane aloft for 72 minutes and 40 seconds.

On July 28, 1750, Johann Sebastin Bach, German composer and organist, who is regarded as one of the greatest composers of all time, died at the age of 65.

On July 28, 1868, the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing due process of law, was ratified.

On July 28, 1896, Florida’s city of Miami was incorporated.
On July 28, 1943, during World War II, President Franklin Roosevelt announced the end of coffee rationing.

On July 28, 1945, by a vote of 89 to 2, the United States Senate ratified the United Nations charter.

On July 28, 1996, former Chicago native Harold Fox, designer of the wide-shouldered, narrow-cuffed “Zoot Suit,” popular in the ‘30s and ‘40s, died, in Siesta Key, Florida, at the age of 86.

On July 28, 1850, “La Traviata,” the first opera to be performed in Chicago, opened at the Rice Theater.

On July 29, 1869, Booth Tarkington, American novelist and dramatist whose writings are considered one of the best mirrors of life in the Middle West, was born in Indianapolis.

On July 29, 1914, transcontinental telephone service began with the first phone conversation between New York and San Francisco.

On July 29, 1958, NASA came into being when President Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act.

On July 29, 1977, the oil began flowing through the 800-mile long Alaska pipeline.

On July 29, 1978, Penny Dean set a new record (7 hours & 42 minutes) for swimming the English Channel.

On July 30, 1818, British novelist Emily Bronte, author of the 1847 classic “Wuthering Heights,” was born in the town of Haworth.

On July 30, 1863, Henry Ford, the “Father of the American Automobile,” was born on a farm near Greenfield, Michigan.

On July 30, 1877, the United States government issued its first patent. It went to Vermont’s Samuel Hopkins for a process for making potash and pearl ash.

On July 30, 1890, the cornerstone of the United States Mint, the first building erected by the federal government for public use, was laid in Philadelphia.

On July 31, 1790, Thomas Edison took out a patent leading to the development of the phonograph.

On July 31, 1964, an American space probe, Ranger 7, transmitted pictures of the moon’s surface back to earth.

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The Emperor of Ocean Park by Stephen L. Carter is this week's stunning book recommendation. At 657 pages, this is not a book for the “quick read” reader, but a story to savor and consider; in other words, a contemplative as well as a fascinating read.

Talcott Garland, the narrator of the story, is an Ivy League university law professor, the son of Federal Judge Oliver Garland, who has just died as the story begins. Talcott, called Tal by some, and Misha by close friends and family, has a brother Addison, and a sister, Mariah. Another sister, Abbey, had been killed by a hit-and-run driver some years ago; his mother has also passed away. Tal has a wife, Kimmer, who is a very successful lawyer, and a three-year-old son, Bentley. This is upper middle class America—summers at Martha’s Vineyard, moving in political circles, on a first name basis with many movers and shakers of the country. What’s different about this family is that they are African American.

I was totally intrigued about this little-known side of American society; let’s face it, stories of African American families usually take place in the inner city or in the deep South. This is a story of a different side of the black experience. Except, after getting into the story, I found that it is much more than that. This is mystery, intrigue, love and hate, political machinations, family secrets, revenge and a whole lot more.

The author of this book is a real life African American law professor, so he knows whereof he speaks. Having previously written seven non-fiction books, this is Stephen Carter’s first attempt at fiction. And what a success! This book has been on best seller lists across the country since its publication the beginning of June.

Let’s get back to the story....

At the Judge’s funeral, Talcott is approached by a white underworld figure, Jack Ziegler, “Uncle Jack” to the Garland children, since he was godfather to Abbey and close acquaintance to the Judge. In fact, this close friendship caused the Judge to lose an appointment to the Supreme Court. Ziegler tells a confused Talcott, “The arrangements, Talcott...I must know everything about the arrangements.” Of course, he knows nothing about any arrangements, but Ziegler insists and adds that he will protect Tal and his family, because he made a promise. Tal is also cornered by his sister, Mariah, who tells him she thinks the Judge did not have a heart attack, but was murdered instead.

Next come two F.B.I. agents (at least they said they were) asking all kinds of questions that just makes Talcott more suspicious. He finds himself being followed, even beat up once, despite Uncle Jack’s claim, although the two thugs mysteriously turn up later with all their fingers cut off. Strange clues start turning up, and Mariah keeps the fire burning with all kinds of research into possibilities of her theory.

Add to this the fact that Kimmer is up for a nomination as a federal judge and is afraid her husband’s looking into his father’s past can only mean disaster to her political ambitions.

Are you a chess player? Tal finds his biggest clue in discovering the “arrangements” is in solving a chess problem, The Double Excelsior.

Carter’s style of writing has you standing next to Talcott, making the pages melt away as you get caught up in all the aspects of learning with him the facts of his father’s past, things that most children would rather go through life not knowing. The exciting climax happens in the middle of a hurricane and will surely have you staying up way past your bedtime!

There are lots of characters in this book, and sometimes I had a difficult time keeping them all in their proper places. Author Carter moves us up and down the Atlantic seaboard, from Martha’s Vineyard to Washington, D.C., weaving in lots of things about relationships and families as well as ethics and politics and how they all interconnect, sometimes with disastrous results.

Two enthusiastic thumbs up.....four stars.....maybe the best book of the year.

Till next time, happy reading!
A PILOT’S PARADISE! This 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath contemporary home is just the topping on the cake of this 4 acre wooded home site. Sun on the deck or take a dip in the heated pool. Walking trails criss-cross the woods at the back of a manicured, landscaped lawn. An open floor plan and cathedral ceilings let light fill the living areas. Finished walk-out basement holds a rec room and guest bath. **$289,000**

NOW IS PRIME TIME!!! One of Northwest Indiana’s premier restaurants is right here in our beach area and could be yours! Matey’s is a high profile bar and restaurant which serves a steady lunch & dinner clientele. Ideal location provides quick access to marinas, beach & Washington Park. Lake views from triple outdoor decks bring in the summertime crowd. Call Jim McGah for further information.

1014 N. Roeske

**POTAWATTOMIE PARK** This beautifully decorated and exquisitely maintained 2-story could be your ticket to settling down. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath traditional floor plan offers 3 levels of living plus an extra half lot! One owner home features 2 fireplaces, a finished basement and an underground sprinkler system to keep the professionally landscaped yard green and growing. Call Jim McGah. **$179,900**

**DIRECTIONS:** Karwick Road south to Springland; west to Roeske (just past entrance to Pottawattomie Country Club); north to home.

108 Redwing

**MICHIANA SOLITUDE!** Original Michiana cottage has a spacious 2-story addition which provides all the room you’ll need for pursuing the art which you never had time for until you finally found your summer get-away! And the quiet woods which surround this cottage will give you the peace you’ve been seeking for that art. 3 bedroom; 2 bath; over 2800 sq ft. Check it out this Sunday. **$379,000**

**DIRECTIONS:** Lake Shore Drive to Michiana Drive; east past the Michiana village center to Redwing; east past the Michiana village center to Redwing; south to home.

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GLIMPSES OF LAKE MICHIGAN, cool lake breezes, and the sound of breaking waves. You have it all in this home away from Lake Shore Drive and the traffic. Almost 2600 sq. ft. of living area on 3 levels. 3 generous sized bedrooms, 2½ baths, formal dining room, great room or use as dormitory with adjoining bath. Covered porch, 2 fireplaces, screened porch, double garage.

$369,000

THIS AMAZING CONTEMPORARY was designed by architect Bill Kehoe, to enjoy Lake Michigan views and the beautiful woods behind the home. Standing proudly on a high dune - there are 3 bedrooms, 3½ baths (one with Jacuzzi). Fireplace, hardwood and carpeted floors. The kitchen opens to a wonderful screened porch overlooking the woods while the dining room has lake views and an adjoining balcony. Designed for all ages to have a space to enjoy. Short stroll to beach.

$369,000

WARMTH, STYLE AND CHARM abound in this well built home by Mignory. Special touches are everywhere - slate floor in entryway, garden room adjoining the dining room and fireplaces in living and family room. Family room has adjoining bath and could be used as fourth bedroom. 3 bedrooms including master suite (2 have wood floors). 3 baths, large basement had space for workshop or photographer's dark room. Quick walk to beach.

$255,000

FRONT ROW SEATS to watch the golfer from spacious screened porch and deck. Flowing family area, sumptuous hot tub. Skylit loft with closet can be 4th bedroom. Fireplace in family room. Large kitchen, separate dining room. Sewer, double garage. Walk to beach.

$319,500