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“He aimed well.”
—Benjamin Rush on Benjamin Rush.

If the cause of American independence needed a good doctor, it certainly found one in Benjamin Rush.

Please join me now in saluting the physician who was the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence from Pennsylvania and one of the youngest men in the Continental Congress.

A mere 31 when he risked putting his neck in a British noose by declaring independence on July 4, 1776, Benjamin Rush, M.D. ranked with Franklin and Jefferson as the most intellectually adventurous among that amazing group of Renaissance men who launched our country in the late 18th Century.

Writing in The Story of the Declaration of Independence (Oxford University Press, 1954), Dumas Malone provided this curriculum vitae for Dr. Rush: “Born near Philadelphia, he graduated from the College of New Jersey (Princeton), began the study of medicine in Philadelphia, completed it in Edinburgh and London, and became the most famous American physician and medical teacher of his generation. In Philadelphia he was associated through most of his professional life with the Pennsylvania Hospital and the University of Pennsylvania, and he was a leading light of the American Philosophical Society.”

I would guess that most of you good medical professionals out there in Beacherland are well aware of Benajmin Rush’s many other contributions to the advancement of medicine in this country.

But for our present discussion, let us examine the philosophical physician’s timely support of American independence.

According to Dumas Malone: “He manifested his enthusiasm for the colonial cause by riding out to meet the Massachusetts delegates to the first Continental Congress in 1774, and he established during the next few years the deepest and most cherished of his friendships with public men — that with John Adams.

“He himself was elected to Congress in July 1776 after the Declaration had been adopted, but there was probably no one who signed the engrossed document with greater satisfaction.”

Dr. Rush became fast friends with Thomas Jefferson, and he served as surgeon general of the armies of the Middle Department in 1777 but, according to Malone, resigned after less than a year when Congress failed to support him over the administration of the military hospitals.

While he was said to be impulsive and indiscreet, particularly when it came to criticizing General George Washington, Rush was also known for his zeal for public service.

Malone notes: “He was the hero of the yellow-fever epidemic of 1793 in Philadelphia, though William Cobbett criticized — not without reason — his practice of bloodletting. Rush never wholly convinced his scientific friend Jefferson that the doctors of that time did more good than ill.”

Although he went through a conservative period after the Revolution, Rush was a staunch Jeffersonian during the partisan battles of the 1790s. However, he maintained his close friendship with John Adams throughout that troubled period.

He was a prolific and vivid correspondent, but of himself, he said: “He aimed well.”

Dr. Benjamin Rush was at the height of his fame in 1813 when he died in Philadelphia at the age of 68.

According to Malone: “His beloved wife Julia, who as at not yet seventeen when he married her, bore him thirteen children. Two of them gained enduring distinction: Richard Rush, the diplomat; and James Rush, who followed his father in the medical profession.”

So doctor up your 4th of July festivities this year by lifting a cold one in honor of the good doctor who rushed the cause of American independence!!!
John Adams’ Letter to Abigail on July 3, 1776

This letter from John Adams to his wife Abigail is about his thoughts on celebrating our young country’s independence. Here it is with his original spellings. Found on the web site www.american.edu

“The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward Forever more.

“You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not.”

John Adams

Preamble to the Declaration of Independence

July 4, 1776

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to self-evident: That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.
There are trans-Atlantic flights, and then there is THE hop across the big pond taken in 1945 by Michigan City’s Frederic R. Shaffer and his crew of five aboard a B-26-G Martin Marauder bomber.

A First Lieutenant at the time in the Air Corps of the Army of the United States, or simply the Army Air Corps, Fred Shaffer was ordered to deliver the government’s twin-engine bomber to the Saint Mawgan Air Base in Cornwall, England for use against German targets.

For reasons known only to the top brass, the designated flight path was not straight across the North Atlantic from the embarkation point of Savannah, Georgia, but rather by a circuitous route along the island chains of the Caribbean, down the coast of Brazil, over to Ascension Island in the middle of the South Atlantic, and thence up along the coast of West Africa and around Spain and Portugal to Saint Mawgan Field in southwest England.

All, mind you, during wartime and with a crew that included a certain co-pilot by the name of Nelson D. Rockefeller.

Yes, Nelson D. Rockefeller, but Fred Shaffer said during the recent interview for this story that he’s not exactly sure which Nelson D. Rockefeller it was who sat with him in the Marauder’s cockpit during that memorable series of flights.

“He was from a different class, and so we didn’t socialize off-duty, and I don’t know what happened to him after the war, because I lost touch with him,” Fred Shaffer said.

For the record, the rest of the crew included the following: bombardier/navigator or “bombigator” John J. Fitzwilliam, who Fred said “couldn’t navigate worth a damn,” and the enlisted crew of Maurice C. Mixon, Walter J. Bajorek, and Virgil R. Griffin who served as aircraft mechanic, gunner and armorer.

“The bombigator sat in the nose, and the co-pilot and I were in the cockpit, of course, and the armor-er was back by the bombay doors. The others manned the top turret, the two waist turrets, and the tail turret.

“Anyway, we had finished training together at Lake Charles, Louisiana in early December 1944, and we took a dilapidated old train to Savannah, Georgia and got our plane right after Christmas.”

A Christmas present from good old Uncle Sam as it were, and to celebrate the promising New Year of 1945, they headed off from Savannah on the aforementioned route on January 3.

“We were under the Air Transport Command, and we flew over a chain of islands in the Caribbean that looked like jewels from the air,” Fred recalled.

They saw the mouth of the Amazon River when they reached Belem, Brazil, and they also had to avoid a search there for another B-26 that had gone down in the jungle.

Using British-controlled Ascension Island as a stepping stone, they crossed the Atlantic at its narrowest width between South America and Africa.

“We did not have overflight privileges over any of the African countries, so we had to hug the coast as we flew up along Africa,” Fred said.

When they arrived in Dakar from Roberts Field in Liberia, unaccustomed sights awaited the man from Michigan City: grass huts and scantily clad people.

After a perilous take-off from Dakar that nearly spilled them into the Atlantic, they flew northward to Morocco where they saw snow on peaks of the Atlas Mountains and developed engine trouble that had them doubling back to the fabled city of Marrakech. Fred didn’t mind because he had read tales of that celebrated place as a boy. Plus, he had his first experience of seeing oranges growing on trees.

“Then from Morocco we had a long flight around Spain and Portugal with no radio because the Germans had jammed the signal. We came into gael force winds off England and it was snowing so hard I reduced our altitude from 9,000 to 2,000 feet so all we could see was just the ocean below us.

“Then we came out of the snow and gloom and almost flew right into some cliffs that turned out to be the coast of Wales. The wings started icing up, and since we did not have de-icing equipment aboard, I got us low over the ocean to melt the ice.

“We were almost out of fuel, so I told the crew we’d head south for 30 more minutes and see what happened.”

What happened next was nothing short of a miracle — signal flares appeared to the stressed-out crew marking the presence of an airfield in Cornwall. The skipper brought his ship down safely only to discover that they had missed their mark by one airfield.

“We had landed at Saint Eval which was right
next to our destination of Saint Mawgan, so the next day I heated up the engines, got her up to five feet, hopped the fence and landed her at Saint Mawgan where I was given a receipt for safely delivering one piece of government property,” Fred said.

And after all that, of course, Lieutenant Shaffer and his crew were invited to participate in numerous bombing runs over German-controlled territory. While they were never hit, they did see Marauders on both sides of them fall to anti-aircraft fire, and they did have the unsettling experience of being attacked by the Luftwaffe’s first jet fighters.

“They flew by so fast, our gunners couldn’t get a bead on them,” Fred recalled.

Shaffer and his crew flew from bases in France and Belgium and found themselves in Holland at war’s end.

For his derring-do over the contested skies of Germany, Lt. Shaffer was awarded an Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters as well as other lesser commendations.

But because Lt. Shaffer had not flown enough bombing sorties to go home, he was ordered to stay in Europe and fly generals around in “some really nice” C-47s which had been commercial DC-3s before the war.

“I flew into Berlin after the war, and it was a mess — a real horror. I was then offered a war-weary B-17 to ferry home, but I didn’t want to fly it across the North Atlantic, so I went home on a liberty ship. It was a rough crossing, and nearly everyone but me got seasick,” Fred said.

He made good use of the G.I. Bill when he got home by getting a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University.

He married Jeannette, and they had Stuart and Wendy who gave them five grandchildren. Sadly, Jeannette died in 1988, but not before she and her husband got to take some great trips together.

Fred retired in 1981 from Weil-McLain in Michigan City where he had worked as a sales engineer. At the age of 76, he bicycled down a mountain in Hawaii, and he devotes much of his energy today to volunteering at his church, playing bridge, and learning computer games from his grandchildren.

And every time he thinks of flying, he is grounded by the memory of that trans-Atlantic flight to end all trans-Atlantic flights in 1945.
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*Kyle McKanna as Edgar peeking at the unsuspecting Heidi Buonomo as Shelly.

The Dunes Summer Theatre’s second presentation of the season is “Bat Boy-the Musical.” Previews will be held July 5 and 6 with opening night on Thursday, July 17, during the Michiana Festival of the Arts.

Freak! Menace! Abomination! Is Bat Boy a blood-thirsty freak or is he just misunderstood? This tongue-in-cheek, very funny play will answer this question and more as the story of Bat Boy, a/k/a Edgar, unfolds.

This musical employs country, gospel, rock, upbeat showtunes, hip hop and rap to reveal the Bat Boy story. It first opened at the Actors’ Gang Theatre in LA in 1997 and debuted in NYC off-Broadway in 2001, and it is fast becoming a cult favorite around the country as Bat Boy sightings have been reported in Boston, and most recently in Grand Rapids.

Kyle Hillman of New Buffalo and Chicago directs “Bat Boy.” He is operations manager at Lookingglass Theatre in Chicago.

Kyle McKanna is cast as Bat Boy, or Edgar, as he is fondly called by his stage mom, Marie Crist. Heidi Buonomo plays Shelly—can she fall in love with Bat Boy? Dunes’ veterans Howard Brenneman, Dan Moser and Rod Roderick add character to the other leading roles.

Newcomer to the area and longtime singer at the Lyric Opera, Jon Szostak, adds his magnificent voice to the cast. Other cast members include Diana Slease, Mark Milcarek, Amanda Igra, and Damian Hall.

The Dunes Summer Theatre is proud to present this new, fresh musical as their contribution to the brand new Michiana Festival of the Arts which is a collaboration of the DST, Columbia College (Chicago), Acorn Theater and the Vickers Theatre.

Performances are July 5-6, 17-20, 25-27, at the Dunes Summer Theatre, corner of Shady Oak and Oakdale in Michiana Shores. Tickets are $15 ($12 senior citizens and students); phone 879-7509 for reservations. Their website is www.dunessummertheatre.com
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SAM is a series of tests designed to measure skills in mathematics, English and reading. The results serve as a guide to place students in courses that meet their needs and abilities.

SAM test dates at the PNC campus are: Tuesdays, July 8 & 22 in the Library-Student-Faculty (LSF) Bldg., Room 144; and July 29, Aug. 5, 12 and 14 in the LSF Room 114. Sessions will be from 9 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m. or 6-9 p.m.

Test-takers who need a review of basic arithmetic skills or a basic algebra review before taking the SAM tests or are troubled by test anxiety, may attend a SAM Test Arithmetic Review (STAR) or Basic Algebra Review (BAR) or a Test Anxiety Workshop. Students may attend any or all of the free sessions. No reservations are necessary.

Sessions will be Tuesdays, July 15 and Aug. 5 and Thurs., Aug. 21, in Technology Bldg., Room 134. On those dates, Test Anxiety Workshops will meet from 5-5:30 p.m.; STAR sessions will be 5:30-7 p.m., and BAR sessions will be 7-8 p.m.

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The Annual 4th of July Fun Run, sponsored by The Beacher and hosted by Kevin and Camille Higdon, will take place in front of the Old School Community Center starting at 7 a.m. on the 4th. Registration will begin 15 minutes before the race and each participant will be asked to contribute $5 which will be used to support the “Historical Room” project. The course is approximately five kilometers (3.1 miles) through Long Beach and Long Beach Cove. Afterwards, there will be a short-distance running event around the parking lot for children free of charge. Bottled water will be provided; however, no prizes will be awarded or times recorded. This is our 4th, early morning, “no frills,” run. Come join the fun.

You are cordially invited to the opening of an exhibition “Pastels and Painting” by Shaun Armour, on Sat., July 12, 2-4 p.m., in our future Historical Room located down the gallery hallway to the right after entering the building. Shaun lives in Thornton, Colorado, but comes back home to the beach area to visit friends and family. We are pleased to show his work here through July 23rd. In conjunction with the exhibition, we will be discussing potential Historical Room projects, compiling a volunteer list and chit chatting about the past. If you have time to volunteer, or information to share, please join us. Barbara Stodola will be available to sign her new book and to entertain us with her vast knowledge about our community. Come meet the artist, reminisce and enjoy lite refreshments.

Long Beach Open Mic will feature musician and comedian, Captain Craig Darnell on July 12th. The event runs from 7-9 p.m. and admission is a $2 donation ($1 for performers). Come down and share your talent or join the audience and enjoy the show.

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Abe Lincoln lived here in Indiana. Maybe not as long as he did in our neighboring Land of Lincoln state, but Abe was an axe-wielding Hoosier before he became a lawyer and our President.

Axe-wielding? Yes, but not in a negative way, of course. Young Abe spent his formative years growing into manhood in an area of Spencer County to which he and his family settled after leaving Kentucky. During those fourteen years, in hilly southern Indiana, Lincoln learned, um, how to chop wood and carry water. Abe’s father taught him how to construct hand-hewn fences. And appealing split-rail fencing will grab your attention and transport you back in time as you enter the grounds to Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial off Highway 162 in Lincoln City.

Five sculptured, bas-relief panels at the entrance to the Memorial Visitor Center provide an overview of Lincoln’s life, from Abe’s Kentucky childhood, Indiana boyhood, Illinois years of political ascendancy, Washington years as Civil War President, and the heritage he left to his country in a panel titled, “And Now He Belongs to the Ages.” Nine inscriptions taken from Lincoln’s writings appear above the panels. On the Indiana panel, a youthful Lincoln is shown holding an axe, surrounded by neighbors James Gentry and Josiah Crawford, and some of Abe’s kinfolk. Crawford, a neighboring farmer, had loaned books to the inquisitive youth. Abe worked for Crawford for three days to pay for a rain-damaged book loaned him.

Inside the Visitor Center, visitors can watch a short film that outlines Lincoln’s time spent in Indiana. Museum exhibits focus on the Lincoln’s pioneer life on the Indiana frontier. The handsome museum contains two memorial halls on opposite ends. The Nancy Hanks Lincoln room sports a massive stone fireplace. Over it, a massive painting encapsulates the captivating hills and forests of Crawford County. The Lincoln Hall contains a chapel, and we’re told that many couples choose the room for their weddings.

Abe’s mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is buried on the grounds, a short walking distance from the Visitor Center. Continue along a woodsy path and into a clearing, and you can view the Lincoln’s Cabin Site memorial and the Lincoln Living Historical Farm. Sam Yokum, who not too long ago worked for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, now greets guests at the farm and interprets pioneer living in the days when Indiana had just achieved statehood.

Our early June visit was two months too late to witness a gathering of the national Association of Lincoln Presenters in Spencer County. Imagine hundreds of Abe lookalikes flocked together all at one time, and what a photo op that would be. And speaking of flocks, birders can anticipate a cornucopia of sightings around these grounds. Ruffed grouse, Eastern bluebird, Downy woodpecker and Kestral are sighted year-round. Many, many more varieties, from Creepers to Pipits have been documented by visitors and staff. Park grounds are open daily dawn to dusk except on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day. Admission is $5 per family, but since this is a National Park, passes such as Golden Age or Gold Access apply here.

A time crunch caused us to bypass a visit to Lincoln State Park, adjacent to the National Memorial. Instead, we headed over to see how Michael and Kathleen Crews had converted the former Dennis Hanks’ (Abe’s cousin) property located between Lincoln City and Santa Claus.
Sam Yokum, guide and interpreter at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm, sweeps the stoop outside of a reconstructed cabin. Sam is no stranger to our area—he had previously worked at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

Yes, buffalo roam near the old Lincoln home. The Crews are the proprietors of Buffalo Run, which is part farm, grill, and gift shop. Mike treated us to a sampling of his Buffalo Burgers, turning us into instant devotees. Especially when we learned that the flavorful ground bison meat is very low in cholesterol. The Crews’ farm/grill/gift shop stands a short distance from an old buffalo trace turned paved highway, hence the name and reason to be. Mike showed us the live herd of buffalo he keeps in a pasture behind the grill and next to an authentic log cabin (did Lincoln sleep in it?) recently reassembled onsite. Visitors, especially children, will enjoy the opportunity to listen to Crew’s stories about the bison and the area’s rich history. Buffalo Run’s gift shop is filled with unusual items including fossils and local artists’ consignments. Want a mounted bison head? We found not one, but two massive bison heads waiting for someone’s den. Don’t settle for a chain restaurant when you can enjoy a laid-back lunch and an informative tour from Michael Crews. Buffalo Run is located between Lincoln City and Santa Claus on Highway 162. Tours are available year-round by appointment, and include Native American, pioneer, Lincoln, Indiana frontier, and African themes.

About an hour’s drive from Evansville, Spencer County provides numerous attractions for family fun. If you are planning a trip to the area, contact Paula Werne at 1-800-467-2682 (extension 209) for more information.

At the Buffalo Run farm, visitors are informed about early pioneer and Native American life in this area not far from a buffalo trace. Here, reenactors come to participate in ceremonies near a large teepee on the property. A very old cabin that Buffalo Run owner Michael Crews says dates back to the 1800’s has also been moved to the property.

Buffalo do indeed roam in a fenced-in field behind the grill and gift shop. Michael lured his heard close to the fence so we could get a close-up look at the gentle animals.
Acting Theatre of Michigan City joins the Michigan City Municipal Band for the 25th year of collaboration on Thurs., July 3, at 8 p.m., in the Guy Foreman Amphitheater, Washington Park. Ken Brelsfoard has choreographed a new comedic ballet for the mythical “Janice La Tutu and Her Girls” set to Strauss’s “Blue Danube Waltz.” Dancing the roles of the sincere, but misguided ballerinas will be Elizabeth Dekker, Judith Joseph, Rosanne Miller and Abigail Wolf. Richard D’Archangelis conducts.

Acting Theatre is a repertory company of actors and dancers of all ages performing year around original work in their own theatre as well as combining with other community arts organizations. Their next production, “Happy Birthday, Tinkerbell!” opens July 25. For more information on this or the band concert, phone 872-4221.

Rosanne Miller of Acting Theatre of Michigan City is one of the dancers performing with the MC Municipal Band on July 3.
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The Long Beach Country Club Women’s 18 Hole Golf League hosted the ladies from Pottawattomie Country Club for the annual cross club outing on June 17th. The sunny, warm day, the first of the golf season, set the tone for an enjoyable morning of golf with approximately 20 Pottawattomie golfers joining the Long Beach women. Prizes were awarded in a number of categories:

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SATURDAY, JULY 5

3-4:30 p.m. GOING NATIVE. Nectar-loving creatures such as butterflies, moths and hummingbirds are declining in Dune Country due to loss of habitat. Domestic flower beds with their pansies and petunias are showy, however, they lack the nutrition needed by these winged wonders. Join a ranger and a members of the Friends of Indiana Dunes at the Memorial Wildflower Garden in front of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center for some interactive “native” gardening tips.

7:30-8:30 p.m. CHICAGO’S RING OF FIRE. Attention “Baby Boomers!” What comes to mind when you hear the term “Cold War?” Did you know the Indiana Dunes played a vital role during this trying time? Join a ranger at the National Lakeshore Campground Amphitheater for an informative presentation on this little-known piece of Dune Country history.

SUNDAY, JULY 6

Noon-3 p.m. HORSING AROUND: BINDING GRAIN. Observe horse-power first hand as Farmer Jim gets Mollie, Linda and/or Amber harnessed, hitched and headed out to the fields (weather permitting). Park at Bailly/Chellberg parking lot.

1-4 p.m. WORKING WITH PINE NEEDLES. Volunteer Eileen Stewart will display her collection of Native American baskets while demonstrating how to make your own spiral medallion from pine needles. Your spiral medallion or a small woodsy wreath can then be saved for a Christmas tree ornament. Park at Bailly/Chellberg parking lot.

For more information, phone 926-7561, ext. 225.
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The rain stopped...and it was showtime.

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As part of Michigan City's Summer Festival, the Peru Circus comes to town every year to put on two fabulous shows on the St. Paul School grounds at 8th and Franklin Streets. Everything that makes up a professional circus was here: from the barker to the clowns to the aerialists, even jugglers and trampoline artists.

These youngsters work very hard all year to perfect their skills. They range in age from 7-18 years. Their payoff is in the delight they bring audiences wherever they go.

Their hard work culminates in the big Circus City Festival held every year in July in Peru, Indiana. For information on this event, phone 756/472-3918 or email perucirc@perucircus.com
Women Golfers “Grand Dames” Event

The Long Beach Country Club Women’s 18 Hole Golf League held its annual Grand Dames event on June 24th. Many of the ladies came dressed in lovely hats, gloves, and “jewels” giving new meaning to “Grand Dame.” Here are the winners--

**Overall winner:** Susan Yemc

**Championship Flight**

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Megan McFadden, a 2003 graduate of Marquette High School, has been chosen to receive the Tower Student Scholarship in the amount of $1,000. Her major will be in mathematics, and she will attend Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana, in the fall.

Margaret Brown and Stephany Moss are each recipients of the 2003 Tower Student Scholarship and will receive $500 contributed by D.A.R.E. Margaret’s major will be in elementary education, and she will attend the University of Miami, Florida, in the fall. Stephany’s major will be in Forensic Chemistry and she will attend Las Positas, Central CA, in the fall.

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Fritz Olsen Sculptures of Sawyer has announced this year’s winners in its “2003 Name That Sculpture” competition, an annual event in which visitors to the studio are asked to submit a title for a brand new sculpture.

Sue Albertson of Chicago emerged as this year’s winner (selected from approximately 400 entries) for her title “Pine to the Sky.” Honorable mentions were awarded to Howard Robinson of Chicago for “Twisted Development,” Deborah Sadroff of Union Pier for “Jail-House-Rock”, and David Sarra of Sawyer for “No Exit.” Congratulations to all.
“King Neptune will open the Roman Plunge,” crowed the *Long Beach Billows*, “with a big splash. For the past month work on the big tub has been pushed with all haste to have it ready for the beach community... The workmen continued keeping three concrete mixers running full speed from morning until midnight.”

The Roman Plunge, showplace of the new recreation garden, measured 100 feet by 40 feet, and held 250,000 gallons of water. Lions’ heads were mounted at each end, continuously spouting fresh water. The Plunge officially opened at evening festivities on July 1, 1922, with “strings of colored lights cleverly arranged to play upon the water.”

Activities were planned for the Roman Plunge to occupy the younger set while their parents golfed and played bridge. Swimming lessons were given and fish clubs were organized, so that swimmers could proceed from Minnows to Perch to Salmon to Whales and finally to Sharks. Contests were held and prizes awarded.

Long Beach Country Club employed coaches and recreation directors to keep the activities interesting and safe. Tug-o-war was a popular contest, as was the candle race — swimming across the pool holding lighted candles. Most amusing was the cracker race: after swimming two widths, each contestant was given a number of crackers to eat, and the first one to whistle after that was the winner.

Most important were the pool rules, summarized for the 1925 *Long Beach Billows* by H.W. Ahrens:

> These and 200 other vintage photos are reproduced in Barbara Stodola’s new book, *Michigan City Beach Communities: Sheridan, Long Beach, Duneland, Michiana Shores*. The book recalls the early years of Long Beach, and will be sold at the 4th of July celebration in Long Beach. The author will be on hand to autograph copies, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the T-shirt tent. Proceeds will benefit the Old School Community Center.
Pool Rules Kept Beachers in the Swim

1. The Plunge will be closed from 12:15 to 2:00 to give the children’s stomach a chance to compete with the rest of the body.

2. Do not enter water soon after a meal.

3. Do not over estimate your depth.

4. Do not push anyone into the plunge that can not swim. Penalty for so doing will be two weeks in dry docks.

5. Do everything you try with the best possible form.

6. Don’t throw articles like chairs, paper, or wood into plunge. Try to keep it clean.

7. Be sure you take your shower before entering plunge.

8. Do enter all activities and try hard.

9. Do ask for information about stunts or the like that you would like to know about.

10. Be ready to take part in races and exhibition on Saturday’s and Sunday’s.

11. Try and help the other swimmers all you can.

12. Be sure to wear the Long Beach emblem.

13. Do not snap towels, as it’s hard on towels and someone may get hurt.

14. Do not enter plunge alone. This is for the younger children.

15. Always be cheerful, a grouching poisons the water.

“The Roman Plunge” was smartly tiled in a black and white checkerboard pattern. The 20-foot-high diving board is pictured (right) and the Dutch windmill (center), where the showers were located.
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4th Annual Old School Run on the 4th

The 4th of July festivities in Long Beach will begin at 7 a.m. with the 4th running of the Old School Run, a 5K with its start and finish in front of the Old School Community Center. This year’s event will be hosted by Camille and Kevin Higdon.

The run, which was started by beach resident and runner, Hal Higdon, follows a course approximately five kilometers (3.1 miles) long that meanders through Long Beach and Long Beach Cove.

“There is no advance entry,” said Susan Vissing, the Center’s director, “just show up 10 or 15 minutes before the start ready to run.”

Each participant will be asked to contribute $5 which will be used to support the Center’s activities. There will also be a short-distance running event around the parking lot for children, free of charge.

No prizes will be awarded, but every participant will receive a certificate donated by The Beacher, and bottled water will be offered after the race.

“This is a low-key event,” Susan said. “It’s an opportunity to have some fun on a holiday morning, and we promise to be finished in plenty of time so you can enjoy the parade and parties later in the day.”

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“Emerging Artists” at Lubeznik Art Center

The 3rd annual Emerging Artists From Michigan City & Vicinity art exhibition will take place at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 720 Franklin Square. The opening reception will take place on Sat., July 12, 7-9 p.m.

Joining the Michigan City artists will be a number of guest artists. These include recent graduates of area colleges and universities including Columbia College, the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois.

In addition to the visual art on display, the opening reception will offer a chance to listen to musical and literary performances by regional young artists. The evening’s festivities will include outdoor performances in the property next to the Franklin Square building. Refreshments will be served. For more information, phone 874-4900.

A Celebration of Realism

The realistic acrylic paintings of Fred Holly and Julie Sklar are currently on display at the Chesterton Art Center through August 15.

Holly, of Highland, Indiana, teaches colored pencil at the Art Center and has exhibited in many juried exhibitions in the Midwest. He consistently produces award-winning work including Best of Show at the Art Center’s ART COMP 2002.

Sklar, of Tinley Park, Illinois, has worked in acrylic for one year and this year has work at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art for a special exhibition on children’s toys and games.

The opening reception will be Sun., July 13, from 2-4 p.m. The Art Center is located at 115 South Fourth St., Chesterton; phone 219/926-4711. Regular center hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays and 1-4 p.m. on weekends.

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Meet Dylan Scott Pierce

Dylan Scott Pierce is an award-winning watercolorist who began exhibiting his work as a toddler. He will be on hand for a “Meet the Artist” event at Country Mates, New Buffalo, on Sat., July 5, from 1-4 p.m. (MI time).

Primarily a self-taught artist, Dylan has taken only a few art lessons. He completed his first self-portrait—a pastel—after observing his painting instructor’s technique for just two hours. Local art patrons in the Atlanta metropolitan area quickly recognized Dylan’s budding talents. By the age of nine, he had completed several commissioned portraits.

In 1996, at the age of 10, Dylan won first place in the children’s competition at the Atlanta Arts Festival, and now participates in more than 40 shows each year.

A licensing and distribution partnership that Dylan has established with Cottage Garden Collections of Bainbridge, Indiana, makes his art available to a much larger audience.

For more information, phone Country Mates at 269/469-2890.

Harbor Country Book Club

The Harbor Country Book Club will meet on Tues., July 29, at the Harbor Grand Hotel at 7:30 p.m. (MI time). New members are invited to attend. You do not have to have read the books; there is always a brief biography of the author and a book review before the book discussion.

The selection for July is Forgiveness: Finding Freedom Through Reconciliation by Avis Clendenen and Troy Martin.

The selections for August are: Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf, and The Hours by Michael Cunningham.

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According to the dictionary: the word fondue comes from the French word fondre, meaning to melt…then there’s an anonymous definition: A pot of fondue is a pot of gold.

You don’t have to carry that grill out to the beach. Take the fondue pot instead. Just because it’s considered a special treat during the winter holidays doesn’t mean fondue can’t be the perfect summer special out there on the sand, on the patio or in the backyard.

Fondue was introduced on the party food scene back in the 60s. I instantly fell in love with it, and that love has lasted all these years. Back then, I fixed cheese fondue a lot. My recipe (the card is yellowed and tattered and I can’t remember where in the world it came from) is super simple and it worked every time, and, of course, was passed on to many guests who begged me to share it. It’s a very unsophisticated recipe: 1/2 lb. Swiss cheese, 1 can Campbell’s cheddar cheese soup (back then, it seemed Campbell’s soup was in everything), dash garlic powder, cubed French bread. Period. Not even instructions.

That old recipe was super simple and it worked every time. Now, these days during cheese fondue’s revival when I try new recipes, they don’t always work. They clump. They string. Why? Have cheeses changed over the years? Are there additives or chemicals that weren’t on the scene back in the 60s? I’ve had guests for two fondue suppers in the last few months. Both times the cheese clumped up into a big solid lump. I was so embarrassed, having been known as a successful fondue cook over the years. And so I’ve been studying fondue instructions every chance I get. Here’s some of the fondue talk I’ve come across – the instructions are simpler than they sound:

-Fondue sets contain a pot, a stand on which the pot rests and a burner for cooking or keeping the food hot at the table. Small pots used for desserts require only a candle burner to keep the sauce warm.

-Make sure you buy genuine Swiss Gruyère and Emmentaler cheese (ordinary Swiss is obviously out, these days), as they are less likely to clump than other varieties.

-Always begin by rubbing the fondue pot with a clove of garlic that has been cut in two.

-When adding cheese to a hot sauce, do it slowly and make sure the heat is turned to medium or low. This helps it melt smoothly and prevents clumping (As you see, the word ‘clumping’ just keeps popping up).

-Do not allow the cheese to boil, whether in a fondue pot or, prior, on the stove top.

-After combining cheese and flour, toss to coat cheese. Add cheese to liquid mixture, a handful at a time, stir in Z-pattern, not round and round (!), after each addition until cheese is melted.

-Use a wooden spoon when mixing fondue.

-Dusting the cheese with flour or cornstarch helps keep it from sticking together (clumping, again) and provides a little thickening for the fondue.

-An acid in the recipe (white wine, white wine vinegar, brandy) helps break down the cheese proteins so clumping doesn’t occur. Or squeeze a little fresh lemon juice over the shredded cheese before adding to the fondue pot.

-To ensure a smooth fondue, add the cheese a little at a time, minimizing the chances the cheese will clump.

-Once the fondue is cooked (stove top) it is placed in the fondue pot over the burner at the table. From then on it must be constantly stirred to prevent burning. This is easily done as guests dip in bread, vegetables and cubes of cold meat.

-To keep a cheese fondue creamy, you must swirl the dippers (forks) in a figure eight when dipping (note: I think this is important, like the Z-pattern). Watch out – tradition has it that if you lose the bread off your fork in the fondue, you have to do the dishes afterwards.

The Bookstore at Lighthouse Place has fondue books with more recipes.
Here is TRADITIONAL SWISS FONDUE – serves 4, and it works
1 garlic clove
1/3 c. dry white wine
squeeze of lemon juice
2 c. grated Gruyère cheese
2 c. grated Emmentaler cheese
1 T. cornstarch
2 T. kirsch
Pinch salt
1/4 tsp. paprika
1/4 tsp. grated nutmeg
French bread cut into 1” cubes, slightly dried

Cut the garlic clove, then rub it around the inside of the fondue pot. Pour in the wine and lemon juice and place over the lit stove-top burner. Gradually add the cheeses, stirring (in a Z-pattern, remember) throughout until completely melted. When the cheese has melted and begins to bubble, blend the cornstarch with the kirsch and Z-stir into the pot. Cook, stirring, for 2 to 3 minutes. Add remaining ingredients to taste. Transfer to the fondue pot or chafing dish set over a flame. Then its time to dip those crusty bread cubes. Enjoy.

And for dessert, CHOCOLATE FONDUE (heart-healthy, by the way)
2 tsp. cornstarch
1/2 c. water
1/2 c. skim milk
1/4 c. unsweetened cocoa
1/4 c. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/4 c. liqueur (Grand Marnier, Chambourd, Cointreau)

Combine cornstarch and water in small saucepan. Add milk, cocoa, sugar and vanilla. Stir until smooth (no clumping here). Cook over medium heat until mixture boils, stirring constantly. Boil one minute, stirring constantly. Add liqueur. Serve warm as a dip with fresh fruit – sliced pineapple, pears, apples, melon.

I wish you good luck and, vitally important, non-clumping!

You can find these lovely fondue pots at Mikasa at Lighthouse Place Premium Outlet Mall.
Book Signing at The Depot

The Beverly Shores Depot Museum and Art Gallery will host a Meet the Author Reception for Jacqueline Widmar Stewart on Sun., July 6, from 2-4 p.m. Jacqueline grew up in Beverly Shores and has written The Glaciers’ Treasure Trove, A Field Guide to the Lake Michigan Riviera.

The guide examines the southeastern shore of Lake Michigan including the 42 miles of sandy beach stretching from Indiana through Michigan. This Riviera coast boasts the last operating inter-urban electric train, 5 public beaches, the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, 2 state parks and 2 city harbors.

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The book will be available for sale at The Depot.

The Depot of Beverly Shores Museum and Art Gallery is located at 525 Broadway, Beverly Shores, Indiana, just north of U.S. 12. Admission is free, donations are welcome. Open Sat. & Sun., 1-4 p.m., from May through November. Phone 871-0832 for more information.

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Some people call it the “gas station garden”, a line-up of red geraniums and yellow marigolds in front of a spreading yew, the kind that came with picture windows in the 50’s. I knew I didn’t take to this commonplace planting, but I wasn’t sure why until I saw the gardens at the Meyer’s home in Harbert on the recent Home and Garden Tour. The landscaping was the work of James Van Sweden and Wolfgang Oehme with their trademark “New American Garden” look. Lots of flowing grasses and native perennials, drifts of color that changed with the season, natural and simple and so in touch with the earth.

I knew more about this famous pair of landscape architects the next day when the Chicago Trib featured them as pioneering plantsmen who came on the scene in the 1970s when they shocked, shocked, prim Georgetown neighbors as they ripped out lawn and rosebushes and planted tall swaying grasses, masses of bulbs and native shrubs like witch hazel and tree of heaven. The trend took off and the cobbled streets of Georgetown were never the same again. Neither was Washington D.C., as the iconoclastic pair gained the approval of the director of the National Gallery of Art to landscape the Federal Reserve Building, stalwart of the staid, bastion of capitalism conservatism.

The plants they used became the foundation for new gardens across the land: Miscanthus sinensis (that’s my new grass planting!); Rudbeckia, black-eyed Susan; Yucca; Coneflower; daylilies; Sedum ‘Autumn Joy’ (I have that in a mass planting), Eupatorium purpureum, old Joe-Pye weed. These and others now dot the globe according to the Trib, from the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, to New York’s Battery Park City, to Oprah Winfrey’s Indiana farm.

In James van Sweden’s book, “Gardening with Nature”, he calls his landscaping a metaphor for the
Crows haven’t dropped fish lately but one came into my garden, pecking and rolling Charlie’s ball. Question: Is it a cackle of crows as it is a gaggle of geese? An exaltation of larks, the crows definitely are not. Fourth of July and the Long Beach parade will definitely be a pride of children.

Over the years, readers of The Beacher have seen my grandchildren in various stories. The years roll on; here come my gathering of greats: Nick, Holly and Lily.

American meadow and picked up early inspiration in the dunes of Lake Michigan, as well as in a tropical estate garden in Fort Meyers, Florida. Marc Cathey, former director of the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. said it’s not just turning the garden over to the randomness of nature; Van Sweden and Oehme have restated nature with movement and awareness of light as it moves through the day. And the landscape architect Douglas Hoerr, responsible for the planters that spill down the middle of Boul Mich, credits Oehme and van Sweden with getting American gardening out of a rut, away from copying California and England and bringing landscaping to the boards of architects planning buildings. Their work is part of the delight of the Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe where the gardens teem with ideas that can translate to any garden. Here, in Beacher and Harbor Country we can see the ideas filtering in where the owners have given some thought to their gardens, knowing it’s the feel of country woods and meadows, drifts of dunes and grasses that drew them here, a drawing card they want to keep. Save your manicured lawns and rows of red salvias for the suburban home. The New American Garden moves into prime time everywhere.

I bless Bryan every morning when I bring my coffee to the pond to hear the water splashing beneath clumps of grass that catch the light and dip low over the water to greet the day, to see a black squirrel come to drink at the edge, warily minding the crows lurking overhead; for helping me see that changing light on the textures and colors of massed foliage is what makes a garden follow you through the day with variations on a theme, sometimes jazz, sometimes a concerto, all making music of its own. And poetry, oh yes, poetry. That’s there, too. And so it is.
Bulls, Beer, and Boors

Pandemonium is due to break out once again in Pampalona. The annual San Fermin festival gets into full swing on July 6. Six bulls a day prepare to terrorize runners who will scramble to keep ahead of the sharp-horned beefers during the 6-minute run to the bullpen. This craziness continues through July 14.

When I logged on to sanfermin.com, I could not seem to pull myself away. It was the descriptive writing, probably translated from Spanish, which mesmerized me. I kept clicking and clicking on links. Why? Because the site’s content—mainly the text—not-so-subtly reveals a raucous, no-holds-barred tone to the bacchanalian romp. There is much more happening in Pampalona during this week than the mere running of the bulls.

Every year at this time, the news media shows us snippets of the runners’ racing for their lives. The media does not show all the other stuff that goes on, mainly drinking and dancing in the streets. All day and all night. In between, traditional events such as the Parade of Giants, procession to the church, the bull-fights—are going on, too. Here is another example of how access to the Internet gives you the opportunity to learn about a lesser-known town-and-tourist phenomenon in-depth. Hemingway would be pleased.

But Hemingway did not write the website content. I’m still confused as to whether someone in Pampalona connected with the tourism department wrote the colorful descriptions about this 7-day drunken orgy, but the scribe is definitely a local. And probably of college-age. The main message is that if you plan to go to the San Fermin fiesta, you had better be prepared to have a good time (meaning: get drunk, stay drunk, carouse and party hearty).

“If you have been drinking all the night and you are totally drunk, quite normal, don’t run (with the...
bulls),” advises the web author. On another page he says “you can be a boor all day long if you want.” It was such comments that kept me clicking for more—only because I’m accustomed to such stoic (by comparison) tourism sites.

The usually quiet town with a normal population of 160,000 counts on an invasion of international revelers during this one 7-day stretch each July. The much-heralded bull run lasts just a few minutes each of the seven days. The Parade of Giants, 4 pairs of oversized papier-mâché Kings and Queens representing the four continents (no Antarctica) march and wind their way through the streets for a much longer duration, relatively speaking. Accompanying Kilikis, also wearing giant papier-mâché headdresses, sashay through the streets searching out children to scare out of their wits. If a child wears glasses, the Kilikis often grab them and break them. No problem, says the webmaster. “The festival has insurance to cover replacement costs.” The website’s author tells us that yes; many children have lingering nightmares about the Kiliki. Some last into adulthood. And maybe that is why the beer and wine flow so freely in Navarre.

The website serves a dual purpose. First, it gives you all the information you’ll ever need to make an informed decision about attending the rowdy carnival next year or, in the case of some of you, immediately booking the next flight to Spain to catch the non-stop action of this boozy romp. If you want to include yourself in the loud, pushy-shovey, singing, dancing, jumping, stumbling grimy masses at Pampalona, book your trip.

The webmaster at sanfermin.com paints a clear picture of what to expect. You just gotta smile because everything is gained, rather than lost, in his Spanish-to English translation.

(Comments, questions, and suggestions can be sent to left2write@hotmail.com with “cyberscribbles” in the subject heading).
Michigan City’s Kidde Parade

Not to be scared off by a little thunder and rain, the 2003 Kiddie Parade in Michigan City went off without a hitch. When it was time to sign up, line up and march, the skies had cleared and the streets had lined with onlookers. The theme “We are America’s Future” (What Will I Be When I Grow Up?) was expressed with young people dressed as firemen, sol-

Soldier, Andrew Altherr.

Steve Diaz wants to run for president. He was real outgoing and will obviously work hard to get his votes!

Seth Long, just along for the fun, Sydney Bearickx, White Sox cheerleader, and Drake Dierdorf, White Sox ball player.

Future firefighter, Cameron Tucker.

“Here she comes, Miss America...” as represented by Emily Yussum & Amber Badill.

Kaitlyn Altherr, Miss U.S.A. 2013.

Snow White, Kaila Brown with her sister, Nicole, along to pull the wagon.

Amber Yussum wants to achieve the highest calling of all, a mommy. Good job Amber.

Taylor Wofford, basketball player; Eugene McGregor, basketball player; Ciara Woodard, future supermodel.
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diers, explorers, athletes, cheerleaders, even mail carriers and beauticians.

You could tell much time and thought went into many of the wagons and costumes. If you missed it, you missed a real treat. We have great kids who are looking to bring a great future to this town and this country.

Nelson Park Day Camp in Trail Creek are “Growing into America’s Future!”


Jenny Copeland, USA rocket representing the space program of the future, brother Alex as Uncle Sam, & mom Sue.

Michigan City Day Camp was well represented. Front row: Kari Cox, Briana Glowacki, Taylor Burroughs, Alayna Sims, & Latasha (“I’m always at the end!”) Sims. Back row consist of staff members: Malia Detrich, Michele Ohms, director, & Kevin LaBaj.

Soldier Ryan Yussum, drives his tank to the rescue.

Stars are in the future for astronaut want-to-be Elizabeth Yussum.

Chase & Grant Laughrey in the steam train they built with their dad.

Bailey Matzke, Olympic swimmer, shows off her medals.

Cody Lamphieare, footballer & Bailey Matzke, Olympic athlete.
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Victorian “Pink Tea” Held Successfully at Barker Mansion

by Jan Van Ausdal

What’s a great summer activity? How about enjoying tea in an outside garden? Many women from various places gathered recently to enjoy a marvelous time at the Victorian “Pink Tea” held outside at Barker Mansion. I was privileged to be one of the 80 guests on Wednesday afternoon, June 25th. Preceding the tea, I joined a group taking the tour of the new summer display, “Summer Whites: A Glimpse Into a Victorian Wardrobe.” Before this tour, a video of the history of the Barker Mansion and family was shown at 2 p.m. in the downstairs level of the house.

Tour guides Terry Pabon and Jan Woodruff each led half the women through the very interesting tour, giving many extra bits of information. I was in Terry’s group. Starting in the downstairs foyer, we viewed mannequins Catherine Barker and her governess beside a display of items connected with the tea.

Upstairs on the second floor, we saw many fascinating displays. In one bedroom, a maid was holding lingerie while other lingerie items were displayed on the two beds. On the fainting couch in this bedroom, a tea dress was laid out, ready to wear. When growing up, Catherine Barker’s waist was only 18”!

Glimpses into the mostly white bathroom showed bottles labeled with various products used at that time, such as camphor and witch hazel. Nosegays, nicknamed tussy mussies, were held to sweeten the air, since baths were not taken frequently.

In the master bedroom, various white lingerie dresses (some with hats) were displayed on headless mannequins. Parasols and some other things in this room were original Barker items. The second dress from the left is a wedding dress. All of these dresses were handmaid. The Delineator magazine of the era said, “White is in the highest favor and is for all occasions.” Assorted colored sashes were used and trim could be lace or ribbons to make each dress unique.

Some of the corsets worn underneath dresses helped women maintain their small waists. In the East Bedroom, three dolls were enjoying their own “Tea for Three!” Note: When one of Catherine’s dolls traveled with her mistress, the doll went with her very own trunk full of clothes.
In another room, called the Peacock Room (because of peacock feathers and the colors used in the carpet and accessories), a maid was serving breakfast to her mistress. Pink roses adorned the table and strawberries were on the menu.

Servants’ quarters were also on this floor. Some of the 37 rooms in the Barker Mansion were not included on the tour because they are needed for storage of all the many items, which may be used at Christmas or on other occasions. Before the Barkers gave their home to Purdue University, they gave each servant something from the house. The servants were very well treated.

Terry pointed out many interesting items when we toured the rooms on the third floor of the mansion. The foyer, where guests to a dance were greeted, had stained glass windows. On the wall is an intercom with which one could call someone in another room.

Here in the upstairs rooms are now many display cases, which hold original Barker items and photographs belonging to the Barker family. In the former ballroom, there are two pianos. One is a Grund Steinway and the other is a 1928 Chickering electric player piano, which still works.

In the third floor schoolroom, there are desks for the governess and also for Catherine Barker. Catherine began taking French lessons from a French tutor when she was only 18 months old! The governess’s bedroom is on the third floor. It has carved maple furniture, which was made to resemble bamboo, appropriate to the era.

Terri gave us many interesting facts about items on the first floor of the mansion, where we completed our tour. John Barker’s face appears on the green and white fireplace in the parlor, which was something commonly done at that time. A “courting couch” is in the parlor; a couple could sit on it (not close to one another) for fifteen minutes only. A “perpendicular dinner” (with everyone standing up) was sometimes held after a ball to accommodate all the guests since the dining room table could seat perhaps 12 people. When they sat down to eat, they would be at the table for at least 3 hours.

In the kitchen, I photographed some members of the Honor Societies from Michigan City and Marquette High Schools who were helping serve at the Pink Tea. Those on duty that Wednesday were: Mary Frances Yackus, Megan Skwiat, Jessica Wall, Melissa Wall, Lisa Pairitz, and Jennifer Montgomery. The girls wore white blouses and dark skirts topped by light pink aprons.

With a short time to go before having afternoon tea, guests strolled through the Barker gardens enjoying the many flowers (especially the beautiful roses) and chatting with their friends. Then it was time to “Come to Tea!” As they entered the veranda and the lawn, they located the tables where they were to be seated (Seating arrangements were put together by Jan Woodruff—kind of like doing a crossword puzzle, according to Cecelia Zubler)

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Teatime at last!
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Lee Meyer played on the keyboard as guests found their seats. I was fortunate enough to sit at Table No. 1 with a group of very friendly women. They were Kay Ruder of South Bend; Eleanor Calderone from New Lenox, Illinois; Nancy Lamb at her first Barker Mansion tea; and Joanne Smith from Lakes of the Four Seasons. Kay and Eleanor wore hats. Since she first attended tea at the mansion, Kay has frequently done volunteer work from being behind the desk to helping with various other activities through the year.

Eighty were present at this particular tea, on the very hot but breezy June afternoon. Included on the menu were: scones with apricot and strawberry preserves; cheese & nut, cucumber, and watercress sandwiches; chicken almond spread with assorted crackers; fresh baskets of fruit; Genoise Cake, lemon squares, and éclairs; and the special Barker Mansion Tea. Everything was very, very, good! Classic Catering prepared the menu items, using recipes from books, which are sold in the Barker Gift Nook.

I photographed a few groups of tables and two table close-ups. At one table were: Louise Durflinger, Heather & Claire Frew, Roberta Merritt, and Carmen Gondek. Heather and Claire are from Connecticut and were celebrating Heather’s eighth birthday (on June 26th) with relative, Roberta Merritt.

At another table, wearing their red hats and purple trim were members of La Chapeau Rouge from South Bend. They are: Paulette Zimmer, Jean Meiss, Katherine Sterling, Joyce Frost, Eve Pierce, Dixie Thurin, Nan Meek, and Barbara Wirt. Last year, they saw the ad for the Barker Mansion tea in the South Bend Tribune, but just got to it this year. They were enjoying themselves very much.

The afternoon entertainment, called “Summer Serenade,” was presented by Howard Brenneman and Lee Meyer. Howard sang a number of love songs, three of which were written by Hoagy Carmichael.
Then Cecelia Zubler, Executive Director of the Barker Mansion, spoke to the guests, thanking them for coming. She also acknowledged the help of her staff. Some were previously mentioned; others include Mary Kintzle (who got the tables & chairs and put everything out), Ann Jankowski (who did the programs and helped with the bookkeeping), and Elke Zimmerman (who put the display together and restored and sewed some of the dresses). Cecelia said, “Come again next year for our 9th tea!”

In case you would like to see the display “Summer Whites: A Glimpse Into a Victorian Wardrobe” and learn more about the Barker family and Barker Mansion, tours will be held through September 30th. Regular guided tours are at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. on Monday through Friday; and also at noon & 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tour prices are $4 for adults, $2 for youth 3-18, and free for children under 3. Phone 873-1520 for more information.
Sand Sculpture Contest

Gather your friends and family and join the fun as Indiana Dunes State Park hosts a Sand Sculpture Contest on Sat., July 12. Registration will be 9-9:30 a.m. at the beach, just west of the Beach Pavilion. Participants may begin building their creations after they have registered. The sculptures must be finished by 11:30 a.m. so judging can begin. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at noon.

Categories will include: Individuals—ages 7 and under; ages 8-12; ages 13-16; ages 17 and up. Groups—ages 7 and under; ages 8-12; ages 13-16; ages 17 and up; families and groups of mixed ages.

You can also preregister by Fri., July 11; registration forms are available at the Indiana Dunes State Park or the Porter County Visitor's Center in Chesterton.

For more information, phone 219/926-1390.

Art Classes at Chesterton Art Center

Sculpture workshop taught by Marsha Demkovich—July 7-10, for ages 5-14. 2:15-4 p.m. Cost is $50/member and $55/nonmember for a total of four sessions. Students will build their own shelves and learn painting techniques including color mixing, textures and shading to create a one-of-a-kind wall shelf.

Acrylic Painting class taught by Ken Goodman—July 7-11, for ages 9-14. 10 a.m.-noon. Cost is $50/members and $55/nonmembers for a total of five sessions. In this class, students will create several paintings while exploring how to use acrylic paints.

Basic Sketching class taught by Mary Ann Pals—July 7-11, for ages 10-14. 1-3 p.m. Cost is $40/members and $45/nonmembers for five sessions.

The cost for a membership in The Chesterton Art Center is $20 per year for an individual or $25 per year for a family. Phone 219/926-4711 for more information. The Art Center is located at 115 South Fourth St., Chesterton.

Mighty Mic at the Library

The Michigan City Public Library's showcase of talent, Mighty Mic, will be held on Wed., July 2, at 6:30 p.m. Poets, musicians, dancers and video makers are invited to this open mic forum, hosted by Poet Troubadour Richard Fammeree. This program is free and open to the public. Phone 873-3049 for more information.

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“The Michigan City Summer Festival parade theme is ‘Proud to be an American’ and we can’t think of any better way to illustrate that theme than by featuring our citizens who are currently serving our country,” said Brillson. “I encourage all active duty men and women to join together and carry the flags of all branches of the Armed Services as well as the POW flag on the Summer Festival & Labor Dayz float on July 5th.”

Joe Doyle, Summer Festival chairman, said, “We have room for 20 men and women on the float, and we hope that others in active duty will march behind the float, representing their branch of the service. Family members of any active duty man or woman, whether they are in the parade or serving their country in a distant land, are invited to walk the parade route behind the float carrying those in active duty.”

The Summer Festival & Labor Dayz parade float will also be featured in the LaPorte parade. The theme for the July 4th event is “Standing Tall With Pride.”

To reserve a seat on the Summer Festival float, contact Joe Doyle at 874-8213. Family members who wish to walk the parade route behind the float should contact Joe Doyle for information on line-up locations and times for both parades.

Art and Theatre at Judith Racht Gallery

Judith Racht Gallery, 13707 Prairie Rd., Harbert, Michigan, will be hosting an opening reception for artists exhibiting at the gallery during the month of July.

Stephen Hokanson, sculpture; Dennis Markley, sculpture; Ed Ott, paintings; and, Angela Schlaud, paintings will be on display July 5-27. The opening reception will take place Sat., July 5, 6-8 p.m. (MI time).

Theater at the Gallery

“The Shape of Things” by Neil LaBute will be performed on Sun., July 6, at 3 & 7 p.m. (MI time). There is limited seating and tickets are $15; phone 269/469-1080 for reservations.

Need Your Car Washed?

Purdue University North Central’s cheer and dance squad will have a car wash on Sat., July 5, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Wal-Mart in Michigan City.

Donations will be accepted. Proceeds will be used to fund cheer and dance squad activities and pay for necessary expenses.
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Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:

June 25-July 5 — “A Little Night Music.” Festival Players Guild production at the Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Wed-Fri @ 8 pm; Sat @ 6 & 9 pm. Wed. matinee @ 2 pm. Tix $12/weekdays; $13/Fri & Sat. Discount tix available; phone 874-4269. There will be no July 4 performance.

July 2 & 9 — Noon Organ Recital at the First Congregational Church, Washington at 6th Street, Michigan City. Free and open to the public. Music begins at 12:15 p.m. for approx. 45 minutes. Info, George Dobie, Trustee, at 219/778-9802.

July 2 — Mighty Mic Showcase at the Michigan City Public Library. 6:30 pm. Poets, musicians, dancers & video makers are invited to this open stage hosted by Troubadour Poet Richard Fammeree. Free & open to the public.

July 3 — An American Jazz concert featuring the Diamondtones. 10:30 am-noon in the lobby of the Michigan City Public Library.


July 4 — Annual 4th of July Fun Run in Long Beach. Arrive 6:45 am to register ($5); race to start at 7 am. Approx, 5K through Long Beach and Long Beach Cove. Bottled water provided. Kiddies race at the Old School after (no fee).

July 4 — Summer Festival Patriotic Program at the Michigan City Public Library. 8 am. Library Plaza will be the site for this traditional 4th of July program. The library will be closed.


July 5 — Farmer’s Market. 8th & Washington streets, Michigan City. 8 am-1 pm.

July 5 — LULAC Breakfast, 6-10 am in the 1100 block of Franklin St., Michigan City.

July 5 — PNC cheer and dance squad car wash fundraiser. 9 am-2 pm at Wal-Mart, Michigan City.

July 5 — Summer Festival Parade, Michigan City. 10th Street to Ames Field. Start 11 am. Theme “Proud to be an American.”

July 5 — Drum Corps International Competition at Ames Field, Michigan City. 7:30 pm. Tix $20 center stadium seating & $15 for all others; available at Greene’s BP Amoco, 1204 Franklin St., Michigan City.


July 5 — Beach Jam 2003 at the Washington Park Beach. Featuring “The Current.” 4-8 pm.

July 5 — Opening reception for artists on display during July at the Judith Racht Gallery, 13707 Prairie Rd., Harbert, Michigan. 6-8 pm (MI time).

July 5-6 — Pro-Am Beach volleyball tourney at Washington Park Beach. Contact Darrell Garbacik, 873-1524 for more info.

July 5-6 — Watercolor demonstration by Terry Armstrong. Sat. 11 am-5 pm, Sun. 11 am-4 pm at the Courtyard Gallery, New Buffalo.

July 5-6 — “One Hundred Years of Broadway.” Presented by The Footnotes, the singing ensemble of Footlight Players, Inc. Sat @ 8 pm & Sun @ 2 pm. Directed by Robert W. Komendera, piano by Fallon Will. Tix $10/adults, $5/kids 12 & under; reservations 874-4035.

July 5-6, 17-20, 25-27 — “Bat Boy—the Musical” at the Dunes Summer Theatre, Michiana Shores. Curtain Fri & Sat at 8 pm; Sun. at 7 pm. Tix $15/adults, $12/students & senior citizens. Subscriptions also available; phone 879-7509. See story this issue.

July 6 — Meet the author reception for Jacqueline Widmar Stewart at The Depot Museum and Art Gallery, Beverly Shores. 2-4 pm. The Glaciers’ TreasureTrove, A Field Guild to the Lake Michigan Riviera will be available for sale and signing. 871-0832.

July 6 —Theatre at the Gallery: “The Shape of Things” by Neil LaBute performed at 3 & 7 pm (MI time) at Judith Racht Gallery, 13707 Prairie Rd., Harbert, Michigan. Tix $15; reservations 269/469-1080.

July 6 — Reggae Romp at the Washington Park Beach. Featuring the Indika Reggae Band. 3:30-7 pm.

July 7 — Memoirs at the Michigan City Public Library. 1:30 pm. Open to anyone interested in or already writing their memoirs.

July 7 & 21 — Meditation Group at the Michigan City Public Library. 7 pm. New members invited to attend.


July 10 — Spaghetti Dinner at the Senior Center, Washington Park, Michigan City, 4-7 pm.

July 11 — Free Family Movies in the Park. Dusk. The MC Public Library and the City of Michigan City are bringing family films to the Jaycee Stage in Washington Park. “October Sky” will be shown. Free, but subject to parking fee for non-residents.

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. Located one mile south of LaPorte on US 35. Hours 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Sat; noon-4:30 pm Sun. 219/326-1337 or 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 269/469-5409.


The Depot of Beverly Shores Museum and Art Gallery, 525 Broadway, Beverly Shores, IN. Adm. free, donations welcome. Open Sat. & Sun, 1-4 pm from May-November. Info about museum, 874-5322; info about gallery, 872-4185.

Farther Afield:

July 5 — Leslie Gail Brooks (country/blues singer) on stage at The Box Factory, St. Joseph, Michigan. 8 pm. Tix $8/adults, $5/senior citizens at the door. Info 269-983-3688 or log onto www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

July 5 — Firefly Festival presents The Waifs in concert. Australian ensemble. Held at St. Patrick’s County Park, South Bend. Tix $11/$14/$5. 574/288-3472 or www.fireflyfestival.com

June 28 — Firefly Festival presents a concert by the South Bend Symphony Pops! 8 pm. followed by fireworks. Tix $14/in advance, $19/at the gate; $5/ages 6-16; phone 574/288-3472 or www.fireflyfestival.com. Held at St. Patrick County Park, South Bend.

Through September 14 — “Linda McCartney’s Sixties Portrait of an Era.” Photo exhibit by the late wife of Beatle Paul McCartney. At the Ella Sharp Museum, 3225 4th St., Jackson, MI. 517/787-2320 or log onto www.ellasharp.org
Travels with Charley:

De-Bugging the New Nature Center at Love Creek
by Charles McKelvy

In my dispatch dated April 4, 2002, I promised you not a rose garden but a new Nature Center by the garden of earthly delights that is the Love Creek County Park in Berrien Center, Michigan.

In fact, I even included a photograph of the Nature Center as it was nearing completion.

Well, the good wife and I went back to Love Creek a week or so back to be sure construction had been completed, and — YES!! — it was.

“It’s like we’re in a dream-land,” Pat said. “With the old center we were in a converted picnic shelter that had been built shortly after the park was dedicated in 1976. It served us well for a long time, but we ran out of room, especially in winter when we simultaneously operate our (cross-country) ski rental and have school programs.

“This past winter we had school kids in the multi-purpose room and skiers warming up in the Trillium Room, and they didn’t even know it. It all works really well.”

Indeed, it worked so well the early summer day we were in residence that we could watch a host of bright little birdies visit the outdoor feeders without breaking a sweat or swatting a single mosquito.

Yes, the new Nature Center at Love Creek County Park is your best bet for climate-controlled summer birding.

In fact, we discovered that Love Creek’s fabulous new Nature Center was opened to the public on August 24, 2002 thanks largely to a Clean Michigan Initiative Bond Grant.

Parks Naturalist Pat Underwood was on duty the day we went for our long overdue inspection, and he said he and his colleague, Chief Naturalist Kip Miller, absolutely love the new Nature Center because it has all the roomy comforts its predecessor lacked.

And more because the center’s spacious Trillium Room is available for rent by businesses, civic groups, and other organizations in search of a unique and relaxed location to host meetings, planning sessions, or group training seminars.

The aptly named Trillium Room features large observation windows overlooking a wooded ravine, a fireplace, kitchen facilities, computer, slide, VCR and DVD projection and public address sound system. The room accommodates up to 75 people in auditorium style seating or about 50 at tables if a meal is desired.

“The (Berrien County) Intermediate School District and County Commissioners have had catered events here, and they loved it,” Pat Underwood said.

Trillium Room rental rates are $150 for three hours or less and $25 for each additional hour during regular business hours or $50 for each additional hour after regular business hours. Rental rates
include the park entry fee for all event participants, access to the facilities, and technical assistant of the Nature Center staff.

Please note that the Trillium Room is not available for weddings, receptions, reunions, memorial services, company picnics, birthday parties or similar such events. Also, alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all Berrien County Parks locations.

For detailed information on available dates and times, please call Love Creek at 269/471-2617.

And while you’re on the phone with Pat Underwood, Kip Miller or a member of their staff, please inquire about their other programs and services.

Love Creek, after all, winds its way through a rolling 150-natural area almost within hailing distance of the scenic St. Joseph River and the campus of Andrews University. A full schedule of programs will resume in the fall, and the trails come alive with cross-country skiers when there is adequate snow in winter.

The staff welcome out-of-state teachers and their classes for naturalist-led programs in the fall. They note that rain is never a problem with the new Nature Center because it is large and versatile enough to keep everyone amused for hours.

Love Creek now charges $2 per person for on-site programs. Popular past programs have included a journey to a frog pond, birding for kids, and snakes alive.

Speaking of snakes, Pat Underwood said the staff goes to great lengths to quarter only docile domestic snakes in the multi-purpose room.

“We had a rat snake here that never calmed down, so I had to take him out in the woods and let him go,” Underwood said.

Love Creek currently features a member of Michigan’s only poisonous snake species, the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake. The specimen on view appeared much smaller than those monster Diamondbacks one sees out west, and Pat Underwood assured us that the Massasauga is not an aggressive snake. He said they can usually be found in wetland areas where they like to feed on frogs and mice.

After all that nature talk from Pat, Natalie and I decided to brave the bugs for a short walk along the 1/2-mile Marsh Ridge Trail. We saw a pair of bluebirds and got back to the Nature Center just as the resident mosquito population was getting wise to our warm-blooded presence.

We have found from past experience that the clearly marked trails are best enjoyed in late summer and early fall, particularly the Prairie View Trail where we have had to pick our way carefully over all the prowling praying mantises. And don’t even get me started on all the butterflies, birds, and critters we have seen at Love Creek over the years.

It’s simply a happening place if your idea of a big happening is a happy old walk in the woods or prairie.

Love Creek’s trails are open during daylight hours, and Nature Center hours are: Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Michigan time) and closed on Mondays.

The daily entrance fee is $3 per vehicle for Berrien County residents and $5 for non-residents. Everyone can save by buying an annual entrance permit for $25.

From Michigan City, take U.S. 12 east to U.S. 31 and north on 31 to Walton Road (exit 7). Turn right onto Walton Road and follow it to the stop at Old U.S. 31. Turn left on Old U.S. 31 and continue to Deans Hill Road. Turn right onto Deans Hill and then make an immediate right turn onto Pokagon Road and follow the directional signs to the park entrance.

Phone 269/471-2617 or visit them online at: www.berriencounty.org/parks
On July 3, 1819, in New York, the Bank of Savings (the first savings bank in America), opened its doors to the public. The bank had 80 customers on the first day, receiving total deposits of $2,807.00.

On July 3, 1878, George M. Cohan, American actor, director, song writer, and playwright, was born in Providence, Rhode Island.

On July 3, 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state to be admitted to the Union.

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.

On July 4, 1802, the United States Military Academy opened at West Point, New York.

On July 4, 1817, work began on the construction of the Erie Canal.

On July 4, 1826, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the second and third presidents of the United States, died on the same day.

On July 4, 1886, more than 250 sailing ships, along with America's biggest ever fireworks display, honored the Statue of Liberty on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

On July 5, 1945, General Douglas MacArthur announced that the Philippines had been liberated from Japanese occupation.

On July 6, 1885, Louis Pasteur first successfully inoculated a human being against rabies.

On July 6, 1919, the first Atlantic crossing by an airship was completed when a British dirigible landed at New York's Roosevelt Field.

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On July 6, 1928, the preview of the first all-talking motion picture, *Lights of New York*, took place at New York’s Strand Theatre.

On July 6, 1995, Army bugler Buck Wrightam, the model for the popular World War II song “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy from Company B.” died, in Florida, at the age of 77.

On July 7, 1754, “King’s College,” which in 1784 changed its name to “Columbia University,” opened in New York.

On July 7, 1887, French painter Marc Chagall was born in Russia.

On July 7, 1898, Hawaii was annexed as a territory of the United States.

On July 7, 1911, American opera composer Gian Carlo Menotti, who received the 1950 Pulitzer prize for music, was born in Cadegliano, Italy.

On July 7, 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill granting statehood to Alaska.

On July 7, 1796, Frances Barre, being “a citizen having occasion to pass into foreign countries about his lawful affairs,” was granted a passport, the first to be issued by the Passport Division of the U.S. State Department.

On July 7, 1835, Philadelphia’s Liberty Bell cracked as it was being rung for the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall.

On July 9, 1819, Elias Howe, American inventor of the first practical chain-stitch sewing machine, was born in Spencer, Massachusetts.

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**Red Cross Classic Golf Tournament**

Plans for the 16th annual Red Cross Classic golf tournament are underway, for Fri., July 25, shotgun start at 7:45 a.m., at Pottawatomi Country Club. There are still openings for Corporate Sponsors, individual golfers and Hole Sponsors. This event is a major fundraiser for the organization.

To receive additional information on the tournament, contact the American Red Cross at 874-4247 or log onto www.redcross-laporte.org

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-----Andrew Jackson
Getting Mother’s Body by Suzan-Lori Parks

No ladies, this is not a diet and fitness book...although it does get physical at times. It is thoroughly enjoyable and probably like nothing else you have ever read. The background? JFK is still in the White House, civil rights is still in its infancy, and being black, 16 and pregnant is not cause for celebrating.

“Black comedy” seems like a very bad pun to describe this story, but the truth is, that’s what it is. It takes place in 1963 in a small dusty Texas town where Billie Beede is in trouble. Her boyfriend Snipes (he builds custom-made coffins) has gotten her pregnant. She takes the $63 he has given her and gone and bought a wedding gown since he has promised to marry her next Thursday. Guess what? Snipes is already married....surprise, surprise.

Needless to say, Billie doesn’t want any reminder of that low-down Snipes, especially his baby, but she doesn’t have the money needed for an abortion.

Billie lives with her Aunt June, she lost a leg in an accident when she was 16, and Uncle Roosevelt Beede, he’s an ex-minister (“I used to be a preacher but I lost my church. God is funny.”). The three of them live in a trailer behind the gas station they run for a white man.

Billie’s mother died when Billie was ten; by all accounts Willa Mae was a con artist and hustler extraordinaire. The only things of worth she owned was a real pearl necklace and a real diamond ring which she ordered her lesbian lover to bury with her when she died.

Are you keeping up? There are still several characters to identify.....the lesbian lover is Dill Smiles, one tough broad who is now a pig farmer. (“They call me bulldagger, lezzy, what-have-you. I like my overalls and my work boots. Let them say what they want. It don’t bother me none.”) Then there is Laz Jackson, son of the local funeral director, and would be lover to Billie.

Here’s where things begin to heat up. Billie gets a letter from Dill’s mother, Candy, who lives in LaJunta, Arizona. Willa Mae is buried on her property. Now she has sold that part of her property to a real estate developer who will tear up the ground to build a shopping center. What are you going to do about Willa Mae’s body?

It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to figure this one out. Even Billie immediately sees the answers to all her problems: go to LaJunta, dig up the body and get the jewels, come back and get the abortion. Simple, right? Of course not.

“Jewelry buried in the ground. Gals needing husbands. Bulldaggers with pistols. I would head home right now and wash my hands of the whole thing it it weren’t for my five percent.” That comment came from one of the unexpected members of the entourage Billie soon finds herself with on her trip to LaJunta. Everybody wants a piece of the action; each has an agenda and dreams of their own.

The wonderful thing about this story is that each short chapter is told by a different character. Like my wonderful British author, Dorothy Cannell, you may find yourself wanting to read this book out loud to make the most of the wonderful regional dialect.

That’s all I’m going to give you. You will giggle, groan and find it hard to put this book down. Is the ending satisfying for all concerned? Let’s just say that justice will have been served.

Pack this one up in your beach bag.

Author Parks won the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for her play “Topdog/Underdog.” Educated at Mount Holyoke where she studied with James Baldwin, she now teaches creative writing. Parks is currently writing an adaptation of Toni Morrison’s novel Paradise for Oprah Winfrey; impressive credentials.

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