Boredom Evaporates When Visiting Orange County

by Paula McHugh

Arms sore from paddling, we were ready for some posh comfort. We had completed a tour of the Crystal Palace at Marengo Cave, had paddled seven beautiful miles of the Blue River at Milltown, Indiana, and motored west and north past a wide and refreshing Patoka Lake over to French Lick. It was time to check into the French Lick Springs Resort and Spa for a much-anticipated overnight stay.

French Lick, an area of rich mineral springs first settled by the French more than 200 years ago, was known as “The Lick” by early settlers. If you have every put out of block of salt for the deer, then you get an inkling of how this area in Orange County got its name. The British built a fort in this little settlement in 1812. None of the French, British, Native Americans or later settlers could conceive of the notion that this Midwestern wilderness would one day become a premiere destination for the upper crust. Sarasota Springs New York, and White (and Red and Blue) Sulphur Springs, West Virginia drew plenty of prominent families to their respective watering holes to “take the cure.” French Lick drew its own international clientele by the turn of the (20th) century when Indianapolis mayor Thomas Taggart inaugurated the French Lick Springs Hotel Company, and banker Lee Sinclair bought and improved the West Baden Springs Hotel just down the road.

The French Lick Springs Resort and Spa retains its grand hotel elegance despite the fact that no one who visits today is keen on drinking its once-famous sulfurous Pluto Water.

West Baden Garden: Descriptions do not suffice. Photographs do not suffice—they merely bait the viewer. And that is the point: West Baden Springs has to be experienced first-hand to be believed. (photo provided)

French Lick gazebo: The Pluto Springs at the resort had been a gathering place for the wealthy who came to “take the waters” to cure a variety of ailments. Hotel guests once had bottles of Pluto water waiting for them outside their rooms each morning, delivered by the attentive staff. (photo provided)
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Health-conscious contemporaries can purchase the 2003-equivalent of Evian, with the label “Pluto,” in the hotel's gift shop, we learned. “Taking of the waters” in current times could mean a dip in the hotel's large indoor-outdoor pool. Or it could mean savoring a mineral bath in the spa or a cocktail in the Derby Room Lounge, or perhaps a walk in the Japanese Garden. But the long-gone original Pluto water, dispensed in quart jars and left outside guests’ hotel rooms, is today relished only by savvy collectors who seek the filled and still-sealed bottles in antique stores. And although the Resort is grand indeed, one need not be a member of the “upper crust” to enjoy the hospitality, personal service, and amenities found here.

Hotel historian, concierge and guide Eva Sharon Kobee, provided us with a tour of the first hotel in Indiana designated one of the Historic Hotels of America by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. FDR, attending the 1931 governor’s conference, announced his presidential campaign here. Ronald Reagan did the same in 1971. Bob Hope and Bing Crosby played golf here. Lana Turner signed autographs as she walked up the famous green-canopied front steps on her way to check in. Howard Hughes flew in on a
A statue of Pluto stands in the Japanese garden. He is a reminder of the past, when the term “watering hole” originally meant imbibing of the natural spring water to affect a cure for dyspepsia and other ailments.

B-52 bomber. Joe Lewis, Abbott and Costello, and Spiro Agnew slept here. The Chicago Cubs, before switching locations to Florida, used a portion of a current 2,600 acres that makes up the resort for their spring training grounds.

Today a guest is more likely to rub shoulders with moms, dads, kids, grandparents, retirees, couples, and business people attending a meeting or seminar. This mother and son came to relax, and our wishes were easily met. Mother joined the rocking chair bunch on the expansive front porch. Son found his way to the video game room. But golly, had we another day to spare, we could have swung into action on one of 18 tennis courts (8 indoor, 10 outside); two golf courses (or miniature golf makes three); horseback trails, a bowling alley, billiard and pool table, exercise machines, and whew! Much, much more. We know we would have followed up on all that activity by booking a massage or one of a host of other available options in the full-service spa. Parents with children aged 5 through 12 appreciate the Pluto Kids Club, which features dozens of staff-supervised rain-or-shine activities. Additional programming is designed to focus on family fun time, according to Eva Sharon Kobee. Ride a trolley, ride a surrey, book one of the scheduled 20-mile scenic train rides at the Indiana Railway Museum. Walk into town and visit the shops, sample wines at the French Lick Winery, take to the water at nearby Patoka Lake. You’ll discover things to do every season of the year in this little corner of Indiana. For more information, contact the French Lick Springs Resort at 1-800-457-4052 or the Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-877-422-9925.

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Builder Lee Wiley Sinclair chose the Carlsbad slogan for his elegant, fireproof hotel from the famous Czech Karlovy Vary spa. “Karlovy” translated from the German is Carlsbad, or “Charles Bath,” named after Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV.

But whatever you do, be sure—absolutely sure—to take a tour of West Baden Springs National Historic Landmark while you are visiting the numerous attractions of Orange County.

Maggie Beyer made a tour and reported back to us in the Beacher a few years ago. Maggie visited the “Eighth Wonder of the World,” also dubbed the “Carlsbad of America” just after renovation had been completed on the 1902 architectural marvel that is West Baden Springs.

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First, a suggestion: put a piece of duct tape over your mouth before you step into the atrium. Do your darnedest to zip your lip (clue: no one else entering will be able to do so). Walk 100 feet to the exact center of the dome, take off the duct tape, and utter your inevitable ooohs, aaahs, wows, or omigosh’s. Then listen as your exclamation bounces back at you. Not once, but 27 times.

Walking into West Baden Springs’ restored atrium, a visitor immediately will understand its designation as the 8th Wonder of the World. Rising one hundred feet above the mosaic-tiled floor below, the famous dome rests on 24 ribs of steel which radiate out from a central hub. An additional 10,000 square feet of glass covers the heavenly curved skylight. The atrium floor measures 600 feet in circumference. (photo provided)

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A plaque in the gift shop documents a partial history of West Baden Springs. The building, currently for sale, is now under the stewardship of the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana and the Cook Group, Inc. of Bloomington.

Rookwood who tour here can only look longingly and drool. The ceramic scene features a smiling Sprudel, West Baden's equivalent to French Lick Springs' mascot Pluto. Behind Sprudel, a village thought to be Wiesbaden, represents the famed mineral waters. You may have guessed that West Baden, pronounced “bay-den” by the locals, had been named after the German town.

West Baden Springs possesses a rich history to accompany the visual banquet this landmark provides. Restoration is still incomplete, but credit for the most recent work—and funding—goes to the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana and the Cook Group, Inc. of Bloomington. Guided tours are available from April 1 until the first week of January. Additional tours, including a Behind the Scenes, Tour and Afternoon Tea, Ride the Rails, Tour and Sunset Cruise at Patoka Lake, and an in-depth tour and seminar, Legacy of Dreams, are also being offered. More information is available from the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. Phone 1-800-450-4534 or log on to www.historiclandmarks.org.

Our week in southern Indiana visiting the attractions in Spencer, Crawford and Orange Counties had come to a close. We managed to pack four days with non-stop adventures, and we sampled only a smidgen of what there is to see and do during our coasters, caves, canoes, and spas vacation. Wander southern Indiana. Enjoy fresh country air, quiet roads, scenic vistas, and no uttering from any family member of that verboten word, boredom.
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NEW LISTING!
Jenna Mammina at The Acorn Theater

The Acorn Theater and Mamma Grace Records announces an evening of music on Fri., July 25th, featuring “Jazz Performer of the Year” (SF Weekly) Jenna Mammina. Jenna is bringing her vocal stylings to Three Oaks, Michigan in celebration of her new CD entitled “Art of the Duo.” She will be joined by guitarist Andre Bush and Tim Fox on bass.

Jenna performs throughout the country at numerous major jazz festivals and other venues to incredible reviews. San Francisco critic Gary Lambert calls Jenna’s performance “pure magic.” She is featured in the July 2003 issue of Jazziz magazine as one of the leading ladies of jazz and is featured on the latest Jazziz compilation CD, which includes other headliners such as Norah Jones. Her CD “Meant to Be” has been nominated as Outstanding Jazz Recording by the California Music Awards.

Andre Bush, guitarist, has had a 10 year musical relationship with Jenna. His latest CD, “Invisible City,” was named Jazz Recording of the Year by Jazz Now Magazine.

Tim Fox is one of the country’s most sought after bass players and has accompanied Jenna for the last two years.

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The Dunes Area Panhellenic

The Dunes Area Panhellenic had their spring Potluck Brunch at the home of Dorothy Miller. Plans were made to advertise and award the annual Panhellenic scholarship.

(l-r): Hazel Pugh, Pat Soller, Stephanie Thomas (President), baby Lia Thomas, Marcia Clevenger, Sue Dziak, Dorothy Miller, hostess.

(l-r): Dorothy Keppen, Betty Duggan, Pat Mershon-Schaefer, Dodie Mull, Sybil Forsythe.

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“Once Upon a Mattress” is the inside story of the popular fairy tale, “The Princess and the Pea.” This satirical version, complete with colorful sets, dazzling costumes, toe-topping music, witty lyrics, and original dance numbers, has something for everyone.

The Firefly Festival production features a large cast of 72 gifted young actors, singers, dancers, and musicians, representing 19 schools from throughout Michiana.

St. Patrick’s County Park is located at 50651 Laurel Road, near the Michigan/Indiana state line. There is a parking fee of $3 per car. The hillside has areas for chairs and blankets. Picnics are welcome; however, glass containers and alcoholic beverages are not allowed. A vendor for the St. Joseph County parks will sell beer and wine.

Tickets are $11 in advance and $13 day of the show. Ages 6-16 are $5 each and under age 6 are admitted free. Phone 574/288-3472 or log onto www.fireflyfestival.com

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Air Fest
Explore the wonders of the air by flying through it at Bluhm County Park, 3855 South 1100 West, near Westville on August 2nd. Participants will learn to make and fly kites, balsa wood airplanes, and much more from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.! Many local clubs will be giving demonstrations on flying kites, remote control airplanes, and paragliders. There will be small fees for some activities. For more information call the LaPorte County Parks Department at (219) 324-5855.

Bluhm Challenge Mountain Bike Race
Challenge yourself and your bike at Bluhm County Park, 3855 S. 1100 West near Westville, on August 3rd. This is a mostly flat, single-track course, almost 6 miles in length; a good course for the beginner yet a challenging technical course for an expert. Registration begins at 8 a.m. There will be Expert, Sport, Beginner, and Kid class races. Participants must have NORBA License, ANSI approved Helmet, bicycle in proper working order, and lap counting ability with competitive spirit. One-day license will be available for $5 and annual license for $45. Class races entrance fees are $20 and Kids race free! For more information call Bike Stop Bicycling at 872-9228 or go to www.bikestopcycling.com. Course is provided by the LaPorte County Parks and is open for riding any time during normal park hours.
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Illinois Gov. Len Small, indicted in 1921 on charges of pocketing $500,000 during his previous term as state treasurer, spent his summers in Long Beach. For a few years he occupied Mary Mac cottage and in 1925 moved over to Broad Ripple cottage, at Lake Shore Drive and Avondale. Gov. Small was acquitted, the rumor being that he bribed the jurors, but he continued golfing and making friends in Long Beach.

No evidence has yet surfaced that Al Capone golfed here, but he did cross the state line to spend time in an Indiana hospital, due to a golf-related accident. According to historian Laurence Bergreen, Capone’s favorite country club was Burnham Wood, run by the “Boy Mayor” Johny Patton. Bergreen quoted Capone’s caddie, Timothy Sullivan, as saying that Capone was a deplorable golfer. “I don’t think he broke 60 for the nine holes. He could drive the ball for half a mile, but he always hooked it, and he couldn’t putt for beans.” The gangster foursome played for high stakes, and at the end of nine holes about $10,000 had been exchanged — Capone the loser on every hole.

“Sullivan, Al’s constant caddie, subsequently learned that gangsters played golf like no other people played the game. All the boys wore hip flasks, which clinked with every step they took, and they drank as they went, so by the time they approached the ninth hole they were in an uproarious mood. Drunk, they dug divots the size of trenches... Being racketeers, they constantly cheated on each other, which led to bitter fights.”

Capone settled some of these fights by brandishing the weapon that he always carried in his golf bag. On one occasion, however, his .45-caliber revolver accidentally went off, wounding him in the abdomen and both legs. Patton rushed Capone to St. Margaret’s Hospital in Hammond, where the chief physician feared that his presence would endanger the other patients. In the end, he was allowed to register under the name “Geary,” and he took a suite of five rooms to accommodate round-the-clock bodyguards.
Prohibition, Long Beach, and Friends of Capone

In the exchange of gunfire between the mobsters and policemen imported from Chicago on Election Day, Capone’s older brother Frank was killed, his body riddled with bullets. All of Cicero’s saloons were ordered closed during his funeral procession, as the silver-plated coffin was escorted to the cemetery by 100 cars, fifteen of them bearing floral tributes.

Afterward, it was back to business. “One hundred sixty-one bars ran wide open in Cicero after that. Handbooks, gambling dens, dog tracks and the like did the biggest business in modern history. Five hundred harlots flocked to Stickney, the adjoining commonwealth... Within four months the Capone-Torrio take was $200,000 a week.” These were the estimates provided by Richard T. Enright, 1931 chronicler of “Capone’s Chicago.”

However the proceeds were apportioned, Ed Konvalinka did well. On December 21, 1928, he bought a home on Lake Shore Drive in Long Beach. It was a beautiful Spanish-style home, appropriately named “Belle Casa.”

A 1920s cartoon depicts all the players with their hands out — police officers, magistrates, prohibition agents, everyone who had a hand in allowing the vice business to flourish in Chicago and its suburbs.

A more gentlemanly version of the sport was practised in Long Beach by friends of Capone, such as Edward G. Konvalinka, who had played a pivotal role in establishing the town of Cicero, Illinois, as Capone territory.

Ed Konvalinka began his career in Cicero as a soda-jerk with political ambitions. After he rose through the precinct ranks to become ward boss, Gov. Small appointed him Republican committeeman. The 1924 city elections presented opportunities almost beyond belief. Chicago Mayor “Big Bill” Thompson, friend of the racketeers, had decided not to seek re-election, and the reform platform of Prohibitionist William Dever sent the Torrio-Capone organization scurrying for a new base of operations. Konvalinka offered up Cicero. If Mayor Joseph Z. Klenha could be re-elected, he promised, the mob would have a free hand in Cicero.

Election Day in Cicero, April 1, 1924, was a battleground unsurpassed in its violence and flagrant grasp for power. The streets were patrolled by the gangsters’ seven-passenger touring cars filled with gunmen. According to author Robert Schoenberg, “Thugs, guns drawn, allowed voters to cast only ballots marked the right way.” Democrats later told of being kidnapped and confined to cellars until the morning after. The Republican slate won handily.
Ed Konvalinka and his wife were good golfers, and they became active members of Long Beach Country Club. Ed took part in “The Bletherin” — annual play-day on the golf course. His wife, Rose, won the women’s golf championship in 1930 and the Sports and Pastimes trophy in 1931. They sent their son to Culver Military Academy.

Back home in Cicero, Ed Konvalinka had risen from soda-jerk to proprietor of the Western Drug Company, located at 4742 West 22nd Street. His listing also includes “Special Assessments Commission,” an identification the city directory does not explain.

“The Bletherin” was a fun day for men only on the Long Beach golf course. The event was organized in 1927 by Charles Shattuck (center) and became more uproarious each year, with costumes, shenanigans and untold carryings-on. In 1931, the guests of honor were Illinois Governor Louis Emmerson and Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak. Ed Konvalinka was on the Long Beach committee, along with J.L. McDonald, H.T. McMahon, E.J. Sheehan, J.P. Maloney, J.B. Lawler, E.F. Ploner and others.

“Belle Casa,” a Spanish-style home at Golden Gate and Lake Shore Drive, was purchased by Cicero native Edward Konvalinka, who became a successful businessman and politician.

Golf was taken seriously at Long Beach Country Club, where club members had the opportunity to compete with John and George Dawson, leading golf amateurs from Chicago. An exhibition match was staged in July 25 by John Dawson (left), champion at his home course, Green Valley, and his brother George, star of the University of Illinois golf team.
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“A Retrospective, With Affection”

Purdue University North Central will be hosting an exhibit of the artistic works of the late Dale Landsman, a well-known Chicago creative advertising executive and long-time Michigan City resident, at its Valparaiso Academic Center through Sept. 30.

“A Retrospective, With Affection: The Works of Dale Landsman” is made possible through the generosity of Landsman’s surviving family members including his wife Peg Landsman.

Though Landsman is commonly known for his innovative advertising work with companies like McDonald’s, Campbell Foods, General Mills, Kraft, and others, he also had a deep interest in the arts. During his lifetime, he attended the Art Institute of Chicago, where he studied under the nationally famous painter, Paul Wiegart, and went on to produce works in a variety of media, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, Plexiglas, and, in his later years, computer art.

This exhibit consists of 11 of the artist’s pieces displayed at various locations throughout the Center, located at 600 Vale Park Road South, Valparaiso, and can be viewed during the building’s regular hours, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. The exhibit is closed during the lunch hour, noon-1 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Judy Jacobi, Purdue University North Central director of marketing, 872-0527, ext. 5593.

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The New Buffalo Business Association will hold the 4th annual Tom Ray Memorial Golf Outing on Thurs., July 24, at the Diamond Bowl Miniature Golf Course on U.S. 12 in New Buffalo. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with a Hole-in-One Contest at 6:30 p.m. and a shotgun start at 7 p.m. (MI time)
“This tournament is a lot of fun for a great cause—a scholarship for a New Buffalo student,” said Barry Griffin, one of the organizers of the event.
This year, New Buffalo High School senior Bill Covert was awarded a $1,000 scholarship.
The Masters will be limited to 24 teams of four persons each. The registration fee is $80 per team and must be paid before play begins. In addition to a round of miniature golf, each golfer will receive a hot dog and a soft drink. A cash bar will be available. Anyone interested in registering a team for the event should contact Griffin at Alliance Bank, 269/269-7283.
There will be prizes for the first, second and third place teams. The winner of the Hole-in-One contest will get 50 percent of the amount collected for the contest, which costs $5 for three shots.
Hole sponsorships are available at $50 per hole, or $40 per hole for registered teams. Other events include a 50/50 raffle and a gift basket raffle. Persons interested in donating items or gift certificates for the raffle or sponsoring a hole should contact Griffin at 269/469-7283.
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3032 Maple St., Michigan City
Extremely nice home & very unique in Edgewood on beautiful corner lot. You will not believe this house inside. So many custom features you have to come and see for yourself. Some include: Custom kitchen cabinets, corian counter tops, bay window in kitchen, oak flooring in kitchen, built in oven, cook top, dishwasher and side by side refrigerator. The living room has cathedral ceilings with a fireplace, an adjoining office, and a formal dining room. The master bedroom is large with its own bath and walk in closet.
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ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS is how this wonderful, newer home can best be described! Features start at the front door with this home’s magnificent leaded glass door and continues into the spacious, elegant living room with vaulted ceiling and fireplace. A fantastic great room combination with vaulted ceiling features an upscale kitchen, dining room and informal sitting area with gorgeous ceramic floors and sliding doors to the adjoining covered patio.
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Meanderin' with Maggie

It seems natural when you reach New Buffalo’s main street to turn north toward Lake Michigan. Whittaker Street, the town’s Mag Mile awaits you with its tempting shops and cozy eateries. Wise folk know that a turn to the south opens another door to what Whittaker Street has to offer, little galleries and cozy shops all an easy walk from each other, especially after a meal at Hannah’s. South Whittaker is the home of the New Buffalo Railroad Museum and Gold’s fitness center located in the old railroad roundhouse where you can see photo murals of the days when the railroad’s turntable sent engines on their way to cities far and near. Less glam, a little more hometown than the north end, South Whittaker still has the same visitor friendly air you find everywhere in Harbor Country, joining in events and promotions like the Shop Saturday Evening hours that say come as you are from boat or car, to browse or shop on Saturday night just as main streets in the Midwest used to do when farmers came to town after chores. Folks from the farm land are still welcome, of course, but mostly you’ll find visitors from Chicago and other places near and far as word spreads around that there is much to find in upscale art and fabulous fashion in this Harbor Country town.

Want some friendly atmosphere twinned with artistic flair? Steve Rubinkam’s Studio/Gallery is the place to find it. The bench outside is as welcome as the feeling inside. If Steve is there, and he usually is in summer, he’s probably at work on his latest impressionistic oil, glad to take a break if you want to chat a bit, or just let you look around and see what the gallery has to offer. If Steve is off doing a show in Chicago or Charlevoix or Carmel, there will always be another artist on hand, doing his or her thing. He draws artists to him, the good ones who know he has an artist’s eye for talent and encouragement.

The Rubinkam Studio/Gallery offers more than the hanging art you can see from the window if you stop for a look-in before venturing inside the door. Right at the entry, I was drawn to the display of abstract pottery on display, usable bowls, platters and plates that said, “...wouldn’t I be a conservation piece in a cubby on your shelf or add some pizzazz to set a party humming”. Doug Brown is one of these artists in clay; Jeff Laibson is another with his JAZZ art; Kurt Ruby works in copper. Mauro Possobon has bas relief wall hangings that beg for display in a garden courtyard as well. A taste for old world grandeur? See Dan Albright’s European photographs in antique frames. Want to bring the lake indoors? Find shore photography by James Richmond and Steve Vaughn’s panoramic photography. Sharper focus? See interpretations of Santa Brink’s Women. Steve takes off for Florida in December and comes back in April; until then find the Rubinkam Studio/Gallery at 425 South Whittaker Street.

Sharing the same block next to Steve is By Design, an interior design shop that lets you wander at will to see, well, whatever catches your eye. If you don’t get any farther than the markdown table of designer discards, that’s all right, too. But if your eye wanders around, you may find some delicious ideas in pillows and accessories, or some helpful advice with a decorating problem. Like other Whittaker Street stores, you’ll find it open on Saturday night.
Artists often paint *en plein aire*, outside in the open air. At **L & M Framing**, they can exhibit outdoors as well, on the porch of this quaint, colorful cottage on South Whittaker Street. Cross the street from Steve Rubinkam's Studio, or walk down the street a few doors across the street from Hannah's and there it is. Frankly, I couldn't believe the sale prices on some of the art on display. There must have been a dozen *framed* pieces of *original* art on display under $50. If I could have thought of an available piece of wall in my little cottage, the pair of lighthouses, one by morning light, one by sunset, would have come home with me. Unbelievable bargain.

**L & M Framing** has made a name for itself for the imagination it brings to original, unique mats that often carry out the theme of the picture being framed. Look around the walls and see examples. Look around at the shelves and display cases filled with other decorative pieces and find something *you* will want to take home. That's almost a guarantee, especially if you have an eye for the work of local artists shown in the jewelry display. Walk the porch, wander inside, **L&M** also welcomes visitors on Saturday Night.

My last stop on South Whittaker Street is also one of my favorite places, **Indian Summer** with its selection of so-wearable clothes for shall we say, my not-so-svelte-as-it-once-was figure. If you can get past the sale rack outside, inside there are other racks with more, more, more. One is filled with a rainbow of those gauzy little drifts from India, this time meant to be tied with a flirty flip at the mid-line hem; another holds jackets of oriental embroidery, appliquéd cotton to make an outfit of a summer shift and carry into fall. There was a pant set of soft imported rayon in sapphire blue that called to me, *but* I have so much blue, *but* it was so perfect for now and beyond. Maybe it will call me back. New and notable is the line of clay-dyed hemp in women and children's tee-tops and shorts so eco-friendly in the soft hues of natural dyes, even down to onesies for the very, very young. Hemp as you know, gets softer with every wash.

Take time when you visit to see the murals across the front and side that include one of Buddha the sleek black cat that just wandered up one day to stay, and stay, and stay. The murals are the work of Tina Ullrich who opened a shop in Three Oaks last year and has moved on to other endeavors, the shop now occupied by French Twist, the up-scale women's wear store. Tina works with Mandala which in Sanskrit means circle/center, and her work is now showing at the **Acorn Theater Gallery** in Three Oaks which is gaining its reputation as the Broadway of the cornfields. Be sure to see the mandala that welcomes visitors at **Indian Summer** just inside the entry door. Buddha will be there to greet you as well. Stop in anytime, including Saturday Night.
LaPorte County Kennel Club

The LaPorte County Kennel Club will host its 61st All-Breed Dog Show outdoors on Sun., July 20, on the campus of the Michigan City High School, 8466 W. Pahs Road.

Over 1000 dogs representing most of the breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club have registered for this year’s event. Breed judging begins at 8 a.m. The Best of Show trophy is expected to be awarded by 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge. However, the parking fee is $3 per vehicle at the gate. Catalogs listing all of the breeds being shown are $4 each.

A.K.C. Sanctioned B Fun Match

On Sat., July 19, the County Kennel Club is hosting this event at the same site. Judging for this event begins at noon. Entries will be taken from 10 -11:45 a.m. and are $5 each. All dogs must be A.K.C. registered. No champions of record or dogs with championship points may participate in this event. A Fun Match provides novice dogs experience in the show ring prior to entering a regular A.K.C. show. It is helpful if owners entering their dogs are somewhat familiar with dog shows and the judging process.

A portion of the entry/gate fees from this show will be donated to the Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine for a scholarship, to the Leader Dogs for the Blind program and to the LaPorte County Sheriff’s K-9 Unit.

For more information on these shows, phone 874-8239, 219/362-9694 or 219/462-9854, or the LaPorte County Visitor’s Bureau, 872-5055.

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**Membership Drive for Gardens**

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Garden volunteers will be present to provide garden information and to answer questions and accept memberships from residents who wish to support IFG’s efforts to restore the gardens. A concerted effort has been made the last six years by a group of dedicated volunteers to restore and develop new ethnic gardens to celebrate its mission since it opened in 1935, which is world peace and friendship. There are no paid staff doing the work to keep the 106 acre botanical site, which is the scene of many summer weddings and events, open.

George Neagu, Vice-President, states, “There are two universal languages, music and gardens. International Friendship Gardens, half trails and half gardens, receive tourists from all over the world who marvel at its beauty. We urge the community to become involved in this worthy effort by becoming a member.”

For more information, phone Tammy Steinhagen, Executive Director, 878-9885.

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**Harbor Country Book Club to Meet**

The Harbor Country Book Club will meet on Tues., July 29 at the Harbor Grand Hotel, New Buffalo, at 7:30 p.m. (MI time). The group is open to anyone interested; you do not have to have read the book. A brief bio of the author and a book review precedes the book discussion.

This month’s selection is *Forgiveness: Finding Freedom Through Reconciliation* by Avis Clendenen and Troy Martin. Members are asked to bring recommendations for future months to this meeting.

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**Tea Time at Buckley Homestead**

Buckley Homestead, Lowell, Indiana, is planning a series of three teas to be held at the historic farm. Tickets to each are $5 each and can be purchased with a credit card by phone at 219/945-0543. There will be three seatings: noon, 1:30 p.m. or 3 p.m. There will be indoor alternatives in case of inclement weather.

- **Sat., July 19:** Garden Tea Party. Visitors are encouraged to wear their favorite hat or bonnet and enjoy herbal teas fresh from the Buckley gardens.
- **Sat., Aug. 16:** Doll Tea. Dolls have a story to tell, you know. And, you can tell your doll’s story at this tea which will feature the Buckley Homestead antique doll display.
- **Sat., Sept. 6:** Literary Tea. Every wondered what it would have been like to live in 1910? Or maybe be a wandering traveler? Or how about an artist? Come and enjoy this afternoon of wonderful stories, delightful tea, and a delicious taste of treats. The Literary Tea in the shade of the historical homestead will refresh your pallet and your imagination.

Directions: I-65 south to Lowell exit west; then 4 miles to Hendricks Rd.; then south (left) for 1/4 mile.

**Purple Giraffe Gallery Closing**

The Purple Giraffe Fine Art Gallery will close on Aug. 17th. This will be the last chance to view original prints, paintings, sculpture, photography and fine crafts by outstanding artists.

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Buckley’s 5-Miler at Buckley Homestead

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There will be three water stations, digital clock and computerized results at chute; refreshments and a huge raffle.

There are many age categories from 14 and under to over 70. T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 500 registrants. Walk-trophies to the first 12 finishers. Run-trophies in several categories.

Registration fee is $12 before July 19 and $15 after that date; phone 219/696-1570 or register online at www.active.com

Directions: from I-65 (south of Merrillville), turn west on SR 2 (Lowell exit), drive 4 miles to Hendricks, turn south (left), 1/2 mile to parking lot on left.

Moonlight Madness in Harbor Country

Harbor Country’s Red Arrow presents the Annual Moonlight Madness on Sat., July 19th. Eleven businesses will be open until midnight for your shopping and dining pleasure. There will be sales, discounts, art exhibitions, and late night dining. Shop for art, antiques, furniture, collectibles, fabric, home accents, jewelry and more. Meet artists. Celebrate grand openings. Round out the evening with a decadent dessert and after dinner drink.

Participating businesses include: Fritz Olsen Sculptures, The Open Trunk, Harbert Antique Mall, Charm Cottage, Red Arrow Roadhouse, Abigail Heche at Home, On the Lounge Slipcover Studio, Patty’s Picks, Acorn Gallery, Local Color Gallery, and The Plum Tree.

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Washington Park Zoo Camp 2003
Lane Theriac, director of the Washington Park Zoo, announced the dates for the 2003 Zoo Camp.
“This season’s Zoo Camp will focus on the impact of streams and rivers on animal life,” she said. “With plenty of fun games, crafts, and much more, young- sters will enjoy their experiences and learn at the same time.”
Zoo Camp for children ages 6-8 runs from July 22-25, 9 a.m.-noon. Fees for members of the Washington Park Zoological Society are $30 for the session and $40 for non-members.
August 12-15 are the dates for Zoo Camp for children ages 9-11; sessions run from 9 a.m.-noon. Fees are $40 for Zoological Society members and $50 for non-members for the session.
Registration forms are available at Washington Park Zoo and on their website, www.washingtonparkzoo.com
For more information, phone 873-1510.

Port-a-Pit Chicken Fundraiser
The Service League of Michigan City will hold its annual fundraising event, a Port-a-Pit Chicken sale, on Sat., July 19, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., in front of Wal-Mart, Michigan City.
Tickets, costing $4, can be purchased at the organization’s office, 301 E. Garfield St., on Monday, Wednesday and Friday or they can be purchased at the site.
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Have you been worried about Tinkerbell’s mental state of late?
Then you and your family absolutely must attend one of Acting Theatre of Michigan City’s performances of “Happy Birthday, Tinkerbell!” to discover how Peter Pan and company get everybody’s favorite fairy back in the groove.

All will be revealed about the source of Tink’s depression and Peter Pan’s no-fly issues when the delightful play opens on July 25 at 7 p.m. (CDT) in the Acting Theatre at 215 W. 10th Street in Michigan City.

The action- and music-packed production by Ken Brelsfoard continues at 7 p.m. on July 26, August 1, 2, 8, and 9. The Sunday performances on July 27 and August 3 and 10 will begin at 5 p.m.

Admission is $12 for adults, and $8 for children 12 and under. For reservations, please call: 219/872-4221, and please be advised that special group rates are available.

Also be advised that the play, under the learned direction of Ken Brelsfoard, is the perfect summer entertainment for the entire family.

For not only will you discover the secret to Tinkerbell’s depression, you will delight as Peter Pan and company work their own magic on the glum fairy and get her smiling again.

Captain Hook, of course, will be there menacing Wendy’s daughter, Jane, and a lively character named Miss Hannigan will stop the show with her incredible singing and dancing. Without giving too much away, suffice it to say that Miss Hannigan proves to be the one who’s been feeding Tinkerbell too much junk food.

Yes, “Happy Birthday, Tinkerbell!” absolutely sparkles with lively song-and-dance numbers. You will think you have booked tickets on Broadway when you watch Jeanoma Babcock as Miss Hannigan, Doug Moon as Captain Hook, and Joe Stewart as Wendy’s son Mike strut their way through a lively song/dance number called: “An Actor’s Life for Me.”

I know I left a recent rehearsal singing “hi diddly dee — an actor’s life for me.”

And who needs to watch “Hamlet” when you can ruminate with a philosophical Captain Hook as he explores his troubled relationship with a certain crocodile in a song called: “Never Smile at a Crocodile” for “he is contemplating how you would look in a lizard suit.”

You fans of swashbuckling adventure will certainly not be disappointed, because Judith Joseph puts her all into her performance as Peter Pan, especially when she engages the evil Captain Hook in a dazzling sword fight that chews up every inch of the set.

And speaking of the set, major kudos to the Beecher’s very own Tom Montgomery for inserting an ingenious set into the theatre’s limited space. If it looks a bit like a playground, well, the cast certainly use it as such. There is a retractable swing for Peter Pan to fly on, and a multi-tiered wooden platform for climbing and hiding and just general hijinks.

Hijinks, after all, are what “Happy Birthday, Tinkerbell!” is all about, and you and your family are sure to enjoy every last moment of Ken Brelsfoard’s inspired production.

During a recent rehearsal, the adult and children
And the good director, patient though he was, was not reluctant to occasionally suggest to a young actor: “Will you please give it to me louder.” But then he told Mary Fridh that she had done enough pouting as Tinkerbell and to “keep going.”

Everyone, regardless of age, agreed that working under Ken Brelsfoard’s direction was both fun and formative.

Samantha Weiler, who plays the Lost Child Mudpie, said: “I’ve been acting here since I was 4, and I’m 8 now, and I want to be an actor when I grow up because it’s so much fun.”

The cast includes: Madison Chartier as Wendy’s daughter Jane, Joe Stewart as Wendy’s son Mike, Rosario Guastella as Wendy’s other son James, Mary Fridh as Tinkerbell, Judith Joseph as Peter Pan, Pat O’Leary as USP Tom, Doug Moon as Captain Hook, and Jeanoma Babcock as Miss Hannigan.

The Lost Children are played by: Megan Daurer as Sweet, Angelo Guastella as Tootles, Sarah Murray as Chickpea, Alyssa Rosselli as Tiger Rose, Mara Sandroff as Twirp, Samantha Weiler as Mudpie, and Veronika Werner as Runaround.

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**Bookmarks at Noon**

On Fri., July 18, at the Michigan City Public Library, the book *Atonement* by Ian McEwan, will be reviewed by Hilda DeMuth-Lutze. Like two or three books in one, this expansive novel begins with a domestic crisis in a wealthy British home in the summer of 1935. Briony Tallis, an over-imaginative 13 year-old falsely accuses her sister's friend, Robbie, of assaulting her cousin. The book follows Robbie after his release from jail, as a member of the British army and Briony as she becomes a nurse in London amid the country's mobilization for war. McEwan, a master at English prose, creates a saga of history, families and moral dilemmas.

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You probably know my son. He’s a man of few words with great culinary achievements. Thanks to him, all our meals have been elevated from ordinary dinners to totally fantastic dining experiences.”

I’d stopped at Michigan City’s First Travel Center on Woodland, to get information about my road trip to Brown County this fall. Instead, I came away with a food story for you Beacher readers. The pleasant travel agent at the counter, Eileen Zrenner, recognized me as the *foodstuff* writer and began telling me about her son Bob, the youngest of her six children, a chef who has been immersed in the joy of cooking most of his life.

Chef Zrenner’s first real food job was at Roxanne’s Drive-in on Route 212 (now Alfredo’s). Roxanne’s was a hamburger joint but Bob did a far better burger job than he had as a scout. That was followed by stints at Ye Olde Benny’s, Redamaks, and finally, Dakota’s. At age eighteen, he began at Dakota’s on their opening day, and was still there on their final day of closing about three years later. And that last year at Dakota’s is when he finally decided chefs’ work was just too damn hard, so he threw down his apron and went off to college. Yes, as expected, in a few short years he realized he missed all those kitchen activities, both endless chores and endless pleasures.

So he went off to Johnson & Wales culinary school in Rhode Island. From there, he applied for a job in the kitchens of Al Forno’s in Providence – a world-famous, five star restaurant, award-winning for their Italian cuisine with 100 percent fresh seasonal food and hand-churned ice cream. Getting that job took a while. Al Forno’s has an unbelievable job application form consisting of five full pages with weird questions, like “Do you eat out often? Why do you eat out often?” That restaurant is so well known, its list of applicants is probably five pages long, too. But Bob was as persistent as they were, phoning several times a day, stopping in on a regular basis, and finally after six long weeks, he won the position. It was a heady and memorable experience.

Next, Bob landed in Chicago. It wasn’t at all like going for that kitchen job at Al Forno’s. He was immediately hired by Tru, one of Chicago’s finest dining rooms. There, he began as the ‘roundsman,’ a junior sous chef filling in for the regular meat, fish and salad chefs on their days off. He was there about two years and enjoyed every moment.

The Zrenners are from Grand Beach, just over the Michigan line, and Bob attended Marquette High School, so I’m sure many of you are familiar with this noted chef. Bob learned to cook at his grandmother’s knee at the age of five – that is, when he wasn’t glued to TV, first watching Julia Child, then Bozo. Two of his grandma’s many specialties were fudge, every child’s love, and Irish stew. Those are still his two favorites, after all these years. Growing up so close to Lake Michigan, Bobby spent a lot of time at the beach, making pretend sand stew for his pretend buddies. Yes, he was seriously interested in food at that young age. Then at age 12, he was appointed cook at Boy Scout campouts and concocted terrible things like burnt hamburgers and other memorable mis-cooked morsels. Later, according to his sister Katie, she heard rumors that he sold Cosmic Spaghetti at Grateful Dead concerts.

His next food chapter was at North Pond, a highly regarded and elegant restaurant in Chicago’s Lincoln Park, with Chef Bruce Sherman who was formerly with the Ritz Carlton. This chef job was better by far than being a roundsman. Allowed a great deal of creative self-direction, Chef Zrenner had a splendid time. And when the dining room closed for renovation, the chefs changed their aprons, from cook’s to tradesmen’s, and turned to carpentry as unskilled labor. Since it all led to their favorite subject, food preparation, it was, of course, a labor of love. That’s where Chef Zrenner was when the 9/11 disaster occurred. He and Sherman joined other chefs at the James Beard house in New York to prepare hundreds of meals for survivors in the food industry, such as waiters and dish-
washers. But there's good news, too, while at North Pond – he had the ecstatic pleasure of serving dinner one evening to his favorite TV star, Julia Child.

These days, our old friend and neighbor seems firmly planted in another lovely Chicago restaurant a little further north. Its name is Tournesol (that's French for sunflower, the restaurant's logo), a handsome bistro on Lincoln Avenue. There are large framed mirrors surrounding the room, wainscoted walls, chalkboards listing suggested wines. The food there is top quality at moderate prices (Chef Zrenner's highest priced entrée is $18). Each white-clothed table is adorned with a floral arrangement, formal place settings and a baguette wrapped and tied in brown paper. The sizeable and affordable wine list is impressive – mostly imported from small vineyards in France and includes half-bottles and by-the-glass selections.

Some of the most popular dishes on the menu are steak frites, roasted chicken with thyme and lemon, shellfish bouillabaisse, pan seared trout with caper brown butter, a trio of silky custards for dessert. (No, I didn't see Irish stew.) Appetizers, too, are bistro fare with flare: Onion tart, poached leeks, escargot fricassee, among many. When I asked Chef Zrenner which was his favorite dish, he hesitated for a long long time and finally said with a smile, “You know, that's like asking a mother which is her favorite child. I can't answer that.” He obviously loves them all.

The day I was there, a special event was being prepared for the next day. It included five courses, each served with its own complimentary wine. To me, the foodstuff sounded more French-formal, less bistro – like quenelles of pike with sorrel cream sauce, torchon of foie gras with pain d'epice, seared duck breast with currants and cassi, brillat Savarin with artisanal bread, and for dessert, burgundy cherry tart. It makes one's mouth water, doesn't it?

No, Chef Zrenner does not have time to cook at home. Arriving at Tournesol, (which opens at 5:30 p.m.) in mid-morning for the entire day and evening, he's never awake in his off-hours long enough to cook for himself. And yes indeed, he wants to own his own restaurant some day.

He misses you, his old Michigan/Indiana friends, and wishes he could see more of you. His sends this message to you, “Hey, you know where you can find me. Git over here.”

Tournesol, 4343 North Lincoln, Chicago, 773-477-8820
Victorian Wardrobe Display at Mansion

Barker Mansion’s current display, “Summer Whites: A Glimpse Into a Victorian Wardrobe” starts in the turn of the century mansion’s foyer with Catherine Barker and her governess welcoming visitors. Catherine is in her white first communion dress accented with pin-tucking and lace insertions and the governess is in a white cotton netting and Venetian lace dress.

By the 1890’s sheer white undergarments became so elaborate with lace inserts, silk ribbon, and tucking that outer gowns were designed in a similar fashion and were known as the lingerie dress. From around 1897 to 1915, this pure white gown was the most popular fashion for both young girls and women. The Delineator, an 1890’s publication stated “Indeed, the entire, summer wardrobe may be in white”. Thanks to the sewing machine, frills and ruffles proliferated and white cotton batiste was the chosen fabric for these garments.

In the master bedroom there is Mrs. John Baker’s white batiste gown, embellished with a lace bodice and hand embroidery on the skirt. Other white batiste gowns displayed are accented with yards of lace insertions, pastel sashes, or empire-style bodices. Hats, shawls, and parasols complete this summer scene.

In Catherine Barker’s childhood bedroom, a group of children stand poised to have a summer tea party. Antique dolls in antique dresses sit at a small table and an older girl watches the baby in a bassinet covered with Catherine Barker’s net bassinet skirt. Children wore clothing styled after adult fashions, and 1895 era original patterns were used for children’s clothing in this exhibit.

Until the 1890s only the wealthy could afford a white wardrobe because of the impracticability of keeping white items clean. In the Mansion’s lower level there is a typical laundry scene with laundry tubs, Fels Naptha soap, wash board, and a hard-working maid hanging laundry on a line.

This display continues through September 30 and is viewed during guided tours offered Monday-Friday at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday at noon and 2 p.m. There is an admission charge. For more information phone 873-1520. Barker Mansion, located at 631 Washington St., Michigan City, Indiana, is the 1905 home of freight car industrialist John H. Barker, and contains original furnishings, works of art, and an architectural style garden.
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May the Stars Be With You
As I write this, transiting Uranus is conjuncting my natal Mercury. The planet associated with exciting discoveries, the unexpected, genius, and astrology is currently sitting atop the fleet-footed sign of the messenger, Mercury in my chart. So it makes perfect sense that I talk about astrology sites this week—although I had already decided on the topic before I checked my transits.

One of the most popular columns—based on the amount of feedback I received—had to do with my mentioning a fun little site that offered free “oracles.” It’s a great little substitute for having a reading at a psychic fair, but don’t expect to put much stock in what you get. The website address has since changed, and you can find the oracles currently at http://astrologysoftware.com/new_oracles. But please keep reading before you rush off to your computer.

Most people enjoy reading their daily horoscope in the newspaper or online. If you are simply checking your sun sign’s daily reading, you can’t expect much from it. But I know many, many people who are much wiser about astrology than they let on. These people know that to get a decent reading they need to provide their time and place of birth along with their birth date. And they want an astrologer, not a mere horoscope reader, to interpret their natal charts, transits, and progressions. The Internet has a host of sites that provide free personal readings. I’m aware of several very good ones.

One of my favorites is AstroDienst (www.astro.com). You can type in your birth data and receive a free personal daily report, an abbreviated personal portrait, a transit forecast, and of course, compatibility and love reports. You can print out a copy of your natal chart, too. I like this site because I am a fan of Robert Hand and Liz Greene, two of the top names in the field of astrology. I’ve used Hand’s Planets in Transit for years, and my dog-eared copy gets used a lot. AstroDienst does not expect you to know about sign and planet glyphs, so it is easy to use.
Another of my favorites is the lesser-known Adze Mixxe website (www.adze.com). The daily readings are consistently upbeat, which is a big plus in my book. You can get additional information, including Current Cosmic Conditions, and you can get a free sample forecast. Adze includes celebrity star bios if you are into that. If you want upbeat, then check out Adze.com.

I’ve recently become a fan of StarIQ (www.stariq.com). Provide the necessary birth data and you can receive planet forecasts in your email. You’ll also receive a more general New Moon report each month. Both free. StarIQ has much more to offer, too. It provides articles from prominent and respected astrologers covering a multitude of subjects. Most of the topics demand that you have some background in astrology, at least at the intermediate level. You can read the Cosmic Perspective of 9/11, for example. And plenty of other topics that touch upon current news events in the context of planetary transits.

Maya Del Mar’s Daykeeper Journal (www.daykeeperjournal.com) focuses on astrology, consciousness and transformation. You can sign up for forecasts here, too. This is another astrology site that delves into current events. Read her “Saturn and the US Birthday,” for example.

Those with a more in-depth interest in astrology are likely to have bookmarked the Mountain Astrologer website (www.mountainastrologermag.com). For anyone who has read this far and still considers astrology a flaky pseudo-science, I suggest you read Bruce Scofield’s “Were They Astrologers? Big League Scientists and Astrology.” Nothing flaky about Scofield’s well-researched dissertation.

If, up to now, you’ve settled on receiving just a general sun sign horoscope provided through customizable home pages, do yourself a favor and set up a free account at one of the websites I’ve mentioned here. When you are ready to delve deeper into those glyphs on your natal chart, links on these sites can point you to that information.

And may the stars be with you.

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**Summer Camp For Adults**

Strategic thinker and founder of Workforce Intervention, Suzy Vance, invites adults to an ultimate summer camp. The “No Time Like the Present” hands-on exploration of visual art and creativity will take place at the Dunes Retreat, 8 Beach Ave., Beverly Shores. Previous artistic experience is not necessary. While playing with found and manufactured materials—from book-making to bread-making—this camp is designed to develop your creative and expressive self. Watercolor artist, Emily Beynon, will guide participants in communication techniques utilizing watercolor, pen and ink, and pastel.

Study guides, lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information and camp fees, phone 872-7266 or log onto www.workforceintervention.com

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**Historical Discovery Series at Deep River**

Summer fun for children is being held at Deep River County Park during its Historical Discovery Series. Held on July 22, 23 & 24, the program is open to all area children free of charge. The topic for this week is “Fishing.” Sessions are: Tues., July 22, 11 a.m. for ages 3-5; Wed., July 23, 11 a.m., for ages 6-8; Thurs., July 24, 11 a.m., for ages 9 and over.

The one-hour programs are for individuals and families, not groups. No preregistration needed; meet in front of the Visitor Center.

Deep River County Park is located off U.S. 30 between Valparaiso & Merrillville; go past Deep River Water Park to next stop light and turn right. For more information, phone 219/947-1958.

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**Music Program at Valparaiso University**

On Fri., July 18, Valparaiso University continues its Chamber Music Series with “Faculty Chamber Music with Pianist Joseph Bognar.” The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, phone 219/464-5452.

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Watercolor Demo at Courtyard Gallery

Charles Murphy, watercolorist from Michigan, will conduct a demonstration at Courtyard Gallery, New Buffalo, on Sun., July 20, from 1-4 p.m. Mr. Murphy has been painting for over 30 years. His landscapes reflect the many memories of his travels around Europe and North America. Along with watercolors, Mr. Murphy also likes painting in oils and doing illustrations.

Antique Dolls on Display in August

About 50 dolls from the Rose Buckley Peace collection will be on display in the main house at Buckley Homestead on weekends during the month of August from noon-5 p.m. The dolls, representing those available to a middle class family in the early 1900s, show a variety from bed dolls to cloth dolls. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, German doll makers dominated the market with German bisque dolls being the “play dolls” and the daintier wax dolls being the “show-off” dolls of Europe and America.

Buckley Homestead is located in Lowell, Indiana, off I-65. For directions, phone 219/769-PARK.

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As retired teachers, Joan and Ron Engel have an interest in effective teaching styles. The Beverly Shores residents also have a connection to the civil rights movement. Ron, who had been a Unitarian minister, worked in community development in Chicago during the 1960s. Also, the Engels’ friend, the Rev. Jim Reeb, had been dealt a fatal blow to the head in Selma, Ala., just prior to the 1965 Selma to Montgomery march for voting rights.

Those interests landed the Engels on a bus with 85 students from California and their teachers for the class “Sojourn into the Past.” All participated in a 10-day field trip to places in the South that were prominent in the civil rights movement. The leader of the trip, teacher Jerry Steinberg, has put together the class in an effort to make history come alive to students. Having found that his students had heard the names Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., but knew little of that period, the teacher wanted to make the period more relevant. Each year he brings groups of students to meet people who had a part in the movement.

Prior to the trip, the Engels and students read five books related to the movement. Aboard the bus, documentaries were watched and students wrote out questions for speakers, as well as thank-you notes. The Engels were impressed with the students and the teaching method. “Everything was reinforced,” Joan said. “They also had time to talk about it.”

When the students met with Georgia’s U.S. Rep. John Lewis, they knew that he had worked in the 1960s so that all citizens could vote. They knew of his friendship with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Their jeans and t-shirts were set aside for dress clothes appropriate for meeting a congressman. The U.S. representative told them how he had grown up on a dirt poor farm and of his struggles to keep the civil rights movement non-violent. Afterwards, he talked individually with students. “He just took time to be personal and speak to each of them,” Joan said.

Students, too, were given a limited amount of time to take pictures of the sites. They had been informed that they were not tourists but learners. At the Martin Luther King, Jr., Museum in Atlanta, students were to choose a photo to write about. “It was interesting to see what they picked out,” Joan said.

At each stop, students were prepared to ask questions of the speaker. Sometimes, the speaker was emotional, as in Little Rock, when a woman told how she felt as a teen while helping integrate a high school.
In Montgomery, Ala., the Engels noted that the church where Martin Luther King, Jr., had preached was just down the hill from the state Capitol. A Confederate flag still flies at that building. “For him to have gotten up and preached justice in Montgomery was extremely courageous,” Ron said.

Visiting the home where Medgar Evers was shot, the high school students learned not only about the civil rights leader but his wife, Merlie. “They were trying to provide role models for young women as well as young men,” Ron said. “Merlie really went out and made an incredible life for herself.”

Throughout the 10 days, the Engels found the youths’ decorum noteworthy. “The poise of these kids to ask personal questions and political questions was amazing,” Ron said. Among the people met were the Dahmers, a family whose farmhouse had been bombed after the father registered to vote. When asked why the family stayed, the students heard the reply, “We loved this land. This is our life. We’re not going to leave.”

Such words and struggles made an impression on the high school students. At the end of the trip, Ron heard teens say that they would be active in their communities. “That’s what they were pushing,” he said, “that citizenship was more than just voting every few years. It is taking responsibility in your community for racial tolerance and mutual respect and the practice of civil liberties – freedom of speech and freedom of the press.”

For Ron, the trip connected him to a friend he had not seen in nearly 40 years. In Selma, Ron had the chance to see how his friend had been remembered. In the Voting Rights Museum there, a candle glowed on the picture of the Rev. Jim Reeb. In a grove by the Edmund Pettus Bridge, Ron found the tree on which Jim’s birth and death dates had been carved. A tree has been dedicated to each person who died struggling for voting rights. The sight of Jim’s tree filled the gap in the years.

“It felt like the years between 1965 and now had vanished and we were still together,” Ron said.
Well-known artist and resident of the Community Center Ron Wennekes is teaching a **Figure Drawing Class** combining traditional study of drawing with accelerated learning techniques used by the masters of various disciplines. The class will be held on Thursday evenings from 7-10 p.m. beginning July 24 and continuing through Aug. 28. This class is designed to challenge seasoned artists while gently guiding beginners. No previous drawing experience necessary. The cost for all 6 three-hour classes is $95 including model fees. Phone the Community Center and leave a message to register at 879-3845. Space is limited. We are looking to hire models for this class. If you are interested in the job, please phone for details.

The **2nd annual Izwin Clay Camp for Kids**, wonder fun making clay objects with Edwin Shelton and Laurel Izard, will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 22-Aug. 7, from 1-2:30 p.m. The class is designed for ages 6-11, and all materials are supplied at a cost of $110. To register, and for more information, phone 874-1395.

A beach area resident has inquired about starting a **Bridge Group**. Is there anyone interested in joining her? We need four people per table to play. To coordinate, phone Kathy at 872-9184.

Thank you to Kevin and Camille Higdon for hosting the 4th of July Fun Run and to *The Beacher* for being our sponsor. We sincerely appreciate your contribution to our community.

The works of Shaun Armour, **Pastels and Paintings**, will be on display and for sale in the Historical Room here at the Community Center July 12-23. To set up an appointment to view his work, please phone Shaun at 879-2854 or Allison at 874-1339.

We have **space for rent**. Keep us in mind for your next event. As always, let us know how we can help you facilitate a class or activity.

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I had a visitor this morning. A deer was looking through the rhododendron near the pine tree as I brought coffee to the pond for my early ritual. Charlie was on his chain, not the least aware we had a visitor. I watched for a minute or two, wondering if this wary doe would come further so that I might see what plants she had come to sample. *Bark, Charlie, bark,* I finally said. He didn’t. She scampered away where I could see her nibbling at something in the woods. Thankfully not my flowers. I’ve seen deer nibbling at the tips of yews in the winter and they have carefully selected certain tulip tops in spring, but have never come this close in summer as far as I know.

My shady garden has few blooms to nibble, however. Hosta are just beginning to show their blooms, sprays of white for the blues like Big Daddy and Krossa Regal, another blue; smaller lilac for the Golden Edgers. It’s also daylily time with roadsides in Michiana blazing wild orange trumpets and the gold of *Stella d’oro* lighting up gardens. I have *Stella* blooming now but I’m waiting for the other to bloom, some choice hybrids from Judy Kroczeck’s daylily gardens, others from a ragtag bag of unnamed varieties from Brookside, another source for hosta and daylilies south on Rte. 421. Sunny summer gardens throughout the beach area are massed with blooming plants these days, but if other shady gardeners are like me, we carefully comb our gardens each day to see if a promised bloom awaits us. To me, gardening is like the bridge game I used to play. There was promise in each hand and I just wanted to make the most of it, not really caring if we would win the rubber; it’s the same with plants. They promise much, and I just want to see if I can help them come through. Each bloom is a bonus and plants that produce get an encouraging verbal pat on the petal. *Good girl,* I tell them, *you did it.*

The *astilbe* have had airy kisses as well as pats. They have come through beautifully after being moved about last year. The deep reds are graceful spires by the pond; feathery whites bloom beneath the oak tree and a soft peach *astilbe* peeks through the wildflower garden. I give a nod for good work to the *spirea* bushes, related to *astilbe*, and moved about as well. I haven’t noted the names of the varieties I have, but the gold spirea in bloom with lavender flowers might be *Goldflame*; a dark green with deep pink flowers could be *Anthony Waterer,* and white bloomers fit the description of *Tunbergii.* There are
over 100 species of *spirea*, a plant that comes from the rose family, though unlike roses, does well in partial shade. We may know it best from the old-fashioned *Vanhoutte spirea* known as bridal wreath that can spread to mounds 10 feet high to 6 feet wide. You still see them in gardens where they have been allowed to grow full size, usually with equally old-fashioned lilacs nearby. When you see the sprays of bridal wreath with their delicate white flowers, can’t you imagine a twined wreath in the flowing hair of a Shakespeare heroine hiding in the woods in one of his playful plays about mismatched lovers? Or playing in my woods with that fawn-like deer? If a gardener can’t be fanciful, who can.

*Spirea* could be the one all-purpose landscaping shrub. So many varieties, so many sizes from tiny *Daphne spirea* “Alpina” that barely reaches a foot tall, to taller types like “Neon Flash” that arch to five feet. They are tolerant of most soils and look well in a rock garden, a background for a perennial border, as screens, or a low border along a walk, or hedges. With so many from which to choose, with *spirea*, there is no one-size-fits-all.

The newer varieties have had their wings clipped by hybridizers for smaller gardens, grow fast and are easily trimmed so we often see hedges of *spirea* now. Back in the days when I grew up in Berwyn, most hedges were of *privet* and the clip-clip of people pruning kept time with the creak of porch swings on summer days. Later in Hinsdale as a young family of the 50’s, we planted a clipped hedge of *Alpine Current* dipping around a spreading redbud tree along the front walkway and we filled the air with the hum of our hedge clipper. Now, years later, I matched my neighbor’s hedge of spirea with one of my own along our shared lot line. He brandishes his electric pruner. I let mine alone to arch over the walk. *Non gustibus disputandum*. Both ways work.

And so it is.

*Astilble, graceful by the pond.*
Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:

July 16-19 — “State Fair.” 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.

July 16 & 23 — 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 17 — Introduction to Webcams. 6 pm at the LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., downtown LaPorte. Intro to the hardware and software needed to get started with Webcams. Free & open to the public. No registration necessary. Info 219/362-6156.

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


July 18 — Bookmarks at Noon. Atonement by Ian McEwan will be reviewed by Hilda DeMuth-Lutze at the Michigan City Public Library. Free & open to the public.


July 18-20, 24-26 — “Lie of the Mind.” A play by Sam Shepard presented by Community Theatre Guild at Chicago Street Theatre, 154 W. Chicago St., Valparaiso. Fri & Sat @ 8 pm; Sun @ 2:30 pm. Tix $12/adults, $10/sen. cit., $8/students. 219/464-1636 or www.ctgonline.org

July 19 — Farmer’s Market. 8th & Washington streets, Michigan City. 8 am-1 pm.

July 19 — Service League of Michigan City Porta-Pit Chicken fundraiser. 11 am-1:30 pm in front of Wal-Mart, Michigan City. Tix $4.


July 19 — Amarillo Star Country/Western dance. 7-10:30 pm at the Skwiat American Legion Post, Michigan City. Adm. $3/AS members and $5/non members. Info Chris at 874-3624.


July 19 — Harbor Country’s Red Arrow Moonlight Madness. Stores & restaurants along Red Arrow Hwy. are open till midnight for shopping & bargains galore. See last week’s Beacher (page 10) for complete listing of participating merchants.


July 20 — Demonstration by watercolorist Charles Murphy. 1-4 pm at Courtyard Gallery, New Buffalo.


July 24 — Tom Ray Memorial Golf Outing. Held at the Diamond Bowl, New Buffalo. Registration 5:30 pm with Hole-in-One contest at 6:30 pm & shotgun start at 7 pm. Fundraiser for the New Buffalo Business Association for their scholarship program. See story this issue or phone Griffin at Alliance Bank, 269/469-7283.

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.dpauto-
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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 18-19 — Firefly Festival presents “Once Upon a Mattress.” 8 pm. Gates open 5 pm. Held at St. Patrick’s County Park, South Bend. Tix $12/$16/$5. 574/288-3472 or www.fireflyfestival.com

July 23 — Colts Day at the Beach. Traveling museum featuring memorabilia from the Indianapolis Colts football team. Noon-4 pm at Indiana Beach, Lake Shafer, Monticello, IN. www.IndianaBeach.com

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:

High Times at the Hettlinger Horse Camp near Bridgman

by Charles McKelvey

I am a city slicker, born and bred, and my dear wife Natalie was raised in the “land beyond O’Hare.”
Meaning that we have never owned horses nor had much contact with those who do.

Until, that is, we started working for Classic Catering in Bridgman and had the pleasure of becoming friends with one Debbie Hettlinger and her delightful daughters Erica and Beth.

In the course of clearing tables after a recent “wedding event,” I not-so-subtly hinted to Debbie Hettlinger that Natalie and I were horse-deprived.
Sure, we had ridden a few trail horses here and there, but that had been long ago, and far away, and now that we are living in what is fast becoming “Harbor & Horse Country,” we are feeling the need to mount the occasional steed.

Debbie Hettlinger, who lives with her totally handy husband Gary on a medium-sized farm just east and a little south of Bridgman, immediately invited the pair of us city/suburban slickers to ride the Hettlinger horses around their acreage.

“Just give me a call,” Debbie said, “and we’ll set something up.”
Debbie made that wonderful offer late on a Saturday night, and I phoned her reasonably early on the following Tuesday morning, and we soon settled on a date at her Date Road farm for that Thursday at 5 p.m. “when Gary gets home from work.”
Gary, you see, has a day job in Benton Harbor as a supervisor for American Electric Power, or AEP, and he comes home every evening promptly at 5 to tend to his night job as husband, father of three daughters, and farmer of corn, soybeans, hogs, chickens, beef cattle, and three horses.

Smokey is ready for the trail.

Smokey (left) and K.C. are ready to be ridden.

Our hosts at Hettlinger Horse Camp: Debbie and Gary Hettlinger.

Beth Hettlinger with K.C.
Natalie, who is always worried that she will not get enough to eat or have to miss a meal, immediately fretted about the appointed time being so close to dinner.

“Not to worry,” said Debbie, “just come for dinner, and then you can go riding afterwards.”

And that’s precisely what we did on a hot, humid summer’s eve.

Gary was there to greet us and give us the grand tour of a home and barn filled with his handiwork, and we had the pleasure of finally meeting the middle Hettlinger daughter — the lovely and erudite Melissa who is studying to be a nurse.

Once we had established that the corn would indeed be beyond “knee high by the Fourth of July,” we repaired to the air-conditioned Hettlinger dining room for an all-American summer dinner consisting of: ice cold lemonade, barbequed hamburgers and hot dogs, deviled eggs, baked beans, broccoli with cheese sauce, cole slaw, fresh water melon, and the dessert-to-end-all-desserts — Debbie’s very own baked pretzel crust/cream cheese/cool whip/jello/strawberry surprise.

As for the latter, the only surprise was that Gary and I didn’t polish off the whole tray of that totally yummy concoction in one sitting.

We had to do some serious horseback riding before we were able to return to the kitchen and later clean the pan.

But I can say that Debbie’s delightful dessert was the perfect fuel for a summer evening of serious horse play on and about the Hettlinger spread.

For the record, Natalie was assigned to Sadie, a registered Appaloosa mare, and I was mounted on Smokey, a frisky six-year-old gelding quarter horse who will be featured in the forthcoming Berrien County Youth Fair in August as the horse who delivers the goods for youngest daughter Beth in various competitions.

Gary, who was at ease in the saddle as John Wayne ever was, took the lead with K.C., a gelding quarter horse.

Beth, Melissa and Debbie graciously gave us leave.
to ride their horses and hung back at the homestead, no doubt awaiting Gary’s signal flare when Natalie and I fell off our horses.

But, I have to admit to you good people, neither Natalie nor I had one single mishap out there on that glorious trail ride.

Well, we should have worn long pants as Gary did, and we should have availed ourselves of bug spray at the beginning of the ride rather than in the middle, but we managed to keep to our saddles and absorb a whole lot of information about modern farming from Gary who proved to be a fascinating font of agricultural wisdom.

When we worried, for example, that our horses would trample the corn in one of the fields, he sagely noted that the horses were smart enough to set courses straight down the middles of the rows without nicking a single stalk.

He enlightened us as to the importance of planting corn after the cold spells have ended to ensure proper germination, and he explained, in terms that even a pair of city/suburban dudes could understand, the intricacies of “field tiles.”

We thought at first that he was talking about some kind of ceramic tiles artfully placed around the fields, but Gary showed us that he was talking about a system of flexible, plastic pipes arranged so as to allow water to drain from the fields into a nearby stream.

Gary pointed out a red-tailed hawk in a dead tree, noting that the hawk’s acidic waste is what killed the tree.

He then took us past a neighbor’s farm where a pair of inquisitive llamas came a running to check us out. While he had no particular interest in raising llamas himself, Gary conceded that some people had no particular interest in raising horses themselves.

After a brief stop back at the Hettlinger home for some major bug spraying of the two riders who had foolishly worn shorts, we headed south on Date Road to check out a hay field Gary had just worked.

We learned all about the method of rolling hay for more compact handling and storage, and then we headed back home along Date Road as the sun slunk behind some enormous clouds on our left. Gary gave me my leave to put Smokey to a gallop, and I did.

I’ve got to tell you people that that horse took off and just kept taking off — I mean, he knew he was headed for home, and if he kept that dumb city slicker in the saddle or lost him was of no particular concern to him.

Smokey was smokin’, and all I could do was let out a whoop and lean forward and squeeze my knees against his flanks as Gary had suggested.

I did not fall off, and Debbie, Melissa and Beth thought the rider on the galloping horse was Gary, not me. That made my evening.

And to celebrate at trail’s end, Gary and I got out our forks and made quick work of the rest of Debbie’s delicious dessert.
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On July 17, 1821, Spain formally transferred Florida to the United States.
On July 17, 1906, the Northwest Indiana town of Gary was incorporated.
On July 17, 1955, Disneyland officially opened in Anaheim, California.
On July 17, 1955, Arco, Idaho (population 1,200) became the first community in the world to receive electricity generated by atomic power.
On July 17, 1975, in the first link-up of its kind, an American Apollo spaceship docked with a Russian Soyuz spacecraft in orbit.
On July 18, 1811, English author William Makepeace Thackeray, one of the most compelling novelists of the “Victorian Age,” was born in Calcutta, India.
On July 18, 1914, the forerunner of the Army Air Corps was created as a branch of the Army Signal Corp.
On July 18, 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.
On July 18, 1938, pilot Douglas “Wrong Way” Corrigan arrived in Ireland. He had left New York with the stated intention of flying to California.
On July 18, 1986, videotapes were released showing the remains of the Titanic, the British luxury liner that went down in 1912 in the North Atlantic.
On July 19, 1814, Samuel Colt, inventor of the Colt revolver, was born in Hartford, Conn.
On July 19, 1834, world famous impressionist painter Edgar Degas was born in Paris.
On July 19, 1969, Apollo 11 went into orbit around the moon.
On July 19, 1969, England’s John Fairfax came ashore at Ft. Lauderdale, becoming the first person in history to row across the Atlantic Ocean alone.
On July 19, 1985, Christa McAuliffe was chosen to be the first schoolteacher to ride aboard the space shuttle. (She, along with six others, was killed the following January when the Challenger exploded in flight).
On July 20, 1304, Italian poet Petrarch, whose sonnets placed him among the greatest love poets of all time, was born in Arezzo.
On July 20, 1871, British Columbia became a Canadian province.
On July 20, 1917, the World War I draft lottery began.
On July 20, 1942, the first detachment of the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps, later known as WACs, began training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.
On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin became the first men to set foot on the moon.

On July 20, 1976, the United States spacecraft Viking I, after an eleven month flight, began sending back clear pictures from the surface of the planet Mars.

On July 20, 1985, off the coast of Key West, Florida, a diving sortie, led by Mel Fisher, discovered $400 million in sunken treasure.

On July 21, 1831, Belgium gained its independence from the Netherlands, proclaiming Leopold I as King of the Belgians.

On July 21, 1856, the Illinois Central Railroad began operating wood-burning trains on its Chicago lakefront line.

On July 21, 1899, author Ernest Hemmingway was born in Oak Park, Illinois.

On July 21, 1919, thirteen were killed and 28 injured when the Goodyear blimp, Wing Foot Express, caught fire over Chicago’s Loop and crashed into the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank.

On July 21, 1930, Congress authorized the establishment of the Veterans Administration.


On July 22, 1587, a second English colony, under the command of Captain John White, was established on Roanoke Island, off the coast of North Carolina.

On July 22, 1796, Moses Cleaveland founded the city of Cleaveland, Ohio. In 1831 the spelling was changed to Cleveland.

On July 22, 1846, the “Christy Minstrels,” the first blackface minstrels to appear in Chicago, performed at the Rice Theater on Randolph Street.

On July 22, 1849, Emma Lazarus, author of the poem “The Colossus” (which is carved at the base of the Statue of Liberty, was born in New York City.

On July 22, 1898, American poet Stephen Vincent Benet was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

On July 23, 1829, William Burt, of Mt. Vernon, Michigan, received a patent for a machine called a “Typographer.” The name was later changed to typewriter.

On July 23, 1846, Henry David Thoreau was sent to jail for refusing to pay his poll tax. The ordeal inspired him to write his most famous novel, Civil Disobedience.

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No Second Chance by Harlan Coben

“If you contact the authorities, we disappear. You will never know what happened to her. We will be watching. We want two million dollars. Get the money ready. Go home and wait. There will be no second chance.”

That was the ransom note received by Dr. Marc Seidman’s well-to-do father-in-law two weeks after Marc was shot in the chest, his wife, Monica, was killed, and their six-month old daughter, Tara, was taken by person or persons unknown. Marc has spent the past twelve critical days in the hospital. After getting the duffel bag full of money from his father-in-law, Marc contacts the police, who call in the F.B.I., and the drop is made. Afterward, the kidnappers make one last call to Marc: “I warned you about contacting the cops. No second chance.” Then they hang up.

Eighteen months pass. Months in which a father tries desperately to put his life back into some semblance of order. To try and understand what happened and what went so terribly wrong. Just when he is convinced his daughter is dead, his father-in-law receives another ransom demand. Hair samples sent by the kidnappers show them to be from Tara. What do you do now?

This is a tightly drawn story of love and loss and lots of loose ends. Do we ever truly see what is right in front of our face? Maybe eventually, but not right away. Marc enlists the aid of his best friend Lenny, who is a lawyer and sees right away after the shooting that Marc is the number one suspect. Police detective Tickner and F.B.I. agent Regan seem to be doing their best to build a case against Marc which convinces him not to involve them with the second ransom note. Instead, he phones Rachel, his old flame from college days who was an F.B.I. agent herself. Was is the operative word here, since it seems that Rachel shot and killed her husband, also an F.B.I. agent, at close range, but was never charged, only allowed to “retire” from service. Marc, of course, doesn’t know all this.

There are so many things going on in this story! Nail biting sessions curled up in my favorite chair kept me reading long after I should have gone to bed.

What are the elements of a good mystery?—a sticky situation, in this case a kidnapping and murder; plenty of possibilities; several sidelines that veer just enough from the path for added interest (and confusion); and a surprise or two that makes you say “Why didn’t I see that?!” No Second Chance has all of this and more.

We follow Marc’s reasoning and logic as he speaks in the first person, while others are seen from the third person narrative. Author Coben is a family man, and believe it or not, I could sense that from the way he tells this story. The feelings expressed by Dr. Seidman about his daughter were so very tender and deep that only a family man could write it that way. The opening line reads: “When the first bullet hit my chest, I thought of my daughter.” Even Lenny expresses deep feelings about his family in a conversation with Marc in which he says, “You think you love your daughter, but you have no idea. What you feel, it grows every day. The longer you have a child, the more attached you get. The other night I came home from work. Marianne was crying because some girls were teasing her in school. I went to bed feeling sick, and I realized something. I can only be as happy as my saddest child. Do you understand what I’m saying?” Yeah, Lenny, I do.

What happened after the second ransom demand? Ain’t gonna tell. To tell you anymore would be giving out too many secrets. Like The Da Vinci Code, the momentum of this story carries you along like a strong current. Another beach bag recommendation.

USA Today says No Second Chance is “a killer thriller with more twists and turns than an amusement park ride…”

Harlan Coben is the first writer to win three major mystery writers awards: the Edgar, Shamus and Anthony Awards. He has written nine previous novels, one of which became an international best seller, and another became a main selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club.

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