The 4th of July Weekend Brings Plenty to See and Do

In Michigan City it was the Big Parade that included units like the Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps.

The Long Beach Big Parade and Celebration was packed with family activities.

Look for more photos of the Michigan City festival and the Long Beach celebration scattered throughout The Beacher.
Folk Art Inspires Brandstetter’s Hooked Rugs

by Paula McHugh

Susan Brandstetter’s inspiration for rug hooking caught fire after a viewing the American folk art at Vermont’s Shelburne Museum.

“I immediately fell in love with the magnificent collection of hooked rugs and went home and taught myself this traditional folk art,” she said.

Brandstetter, who will be displaying her colorful, washable wool rugs at the Chesterton Art Fair August 7 and 8th, says that rug hooking has allowed her to take broad artistic license in using color, applying perspective and choosing her subject matter. She uses the punch needle process to design her original works, of which no two are alike. The densely hooked colorfast and mothproofed rugs are meant to be used and will no doubt become a family heirloom, she said.

“These are functional pieces of art that will last forever,” Brandstetter explained, adding that they are meant to be walked on. “My rugs are twice as thick and weigh much more than a less expensive imported rug.”

The Porter resident has displayed her work in numerous fairs and her rugs garnered the Best of Show award at the 1999 Bucktown Arts Fest. Additionally, Brandstetter has conducted advanced rug hooking techniques workshops at the Textile Arts Center in Chicago and has produced a History of Rug Hooking slide presentation for fiber art groups.

The rugs Brandstetter will have on display at the fair may be the last ones available to buyers for years to come. Her full attention is now devoted to her six-month old daughter, Ada. Thus, rug hooking and Brandstetter’s other artistic pursuits—metal sculpting, painting (pastels) and quilting—have a much lower priority at this time.

If she had not made the fateful trip to Vermont’s museum, Brandstetter would probably have pursued a career in science writing rather than art, she said. “I find learning about what is going on in chemistry, natural history and biology fascinating and exciting,” she said. “I would welcome the opportunity to learn more and share my passion for science with others.”

Brandstetter has enjoyed participating in art fairs for the opportunity to meet the variety of patrons who visit her booth and to spend the day surrounded by the diverse mix of individuals with a creative spirit. And, despite the unpredictability of the weather on art fair weekend, she has learned to adapt. She has learned that devoted art patrons come to the fair despite the fickleness of weather conditions.

Brandstetter looks forward to the opportunity to chat with visitors at her booth, whether the discussion is about her rugs, science, or about the fine art of mothering a young child. Her daughter, Ada, will be by her side to charm visitors, too.

Each of the more than 200 artists at the Chesterton Art Fair is selected by a three-member jury, which looks for quality, originality and presentation when choosing the exhibitors. The 46th Annual Fair at Hawthorne Park is sponsored by the not-for-profit Association of Artists & Craftsmen of Porter County, whose home is the Chesterton Art Center. Art fair dates are Saturday and Sunday August 7 and 8 at Hawthorne Park in Porter.
Oh, Deer!
by Charles McKelvy

(Even travel writers are occasionally moved to pen poems, so please read the following in a spirit of charity.)

Was I ever
Impatient to plant impatiens
Until
I saw you standing there!
Yes, you deer, by the
Neighbor’s drive, just
eating her entire flat of
Impatiens that she was so
Impatient to plant.

You, you four-legged thief,
Did not mind me or my cat for
One second.

This, you seemed to say,
Is off-season for hunting,
and,
You seemed to add,
This is the wrong side of the
Red Arrow for doing wrong
To deer who are doing nothing
More wrong than eating all
The neighbor’s impatiens that she is so
Impatient to plant.

So, says I to you, deer fellow:

No impatiens this year
for you or for me.
The flower box will lie fallow,
and,
You, and your new rack,
can hoof it off
to
Another corner of the
Settled forest to forage
On someone else’s impatiens.

Please —
eat to your heart’s content,
Big, young, buck,
Because:

I like my venison
Pre-sweetened!
Acting Theatre at Band Concert

Acting Theatre of Michigan City will join the Michigan City Municipal Band for the 26th year of collaboration on Thurs., July 8, at 8 p.m., in the Guy Foreman Amphitheater in Washington Park.

The mythical “Janice La Tutu and Her Girls” will encore last summer’s choreographic treat, set by Ken Brelsfoard to Strauss’ “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 of Michigan City is a repertory company of actors and dancers of all ages performing original work year around in their own theatre as well as with other arts organizations and in the schools. Their next production, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream: The Immortals” opens July 30. For further information on this or the band concert phone 872-4221.
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Different Ways of Doing Digital Art
by Barbara Stodola

“It’s not every day,” wrote Chicago Tribune art critic Alan G. Artner, “that two well-known local artists receive concurrent exhibitions in the largest photography galleries at the Art Institute of Chicago.”

Seldom does it happen (perhaps never) that both these artists are well-known in LaPorte County, having lived here, exhibited their work and judged exhibitions here, at what used to be the John G. Blank Center for the Arts. Both artists have friends and followers and homes in this part of Indiana – Patty Carroll in Long Beach and Irene Siegel out in the country. Both are producing large-scale digital photographs using the PhotoShop program. That, however, is where the similarities end.

David Travis, photography curator at the Art Institute, selected the two of them to exhibit at the same time partly because their work is so different.

“Patty does more of an art director’s thing, like PhotoShop was meant to do,” Travis said. Irene didn’t think of these as first and foremost photographs; she’s using PhotoShop as a painter. I’ve known both these artists for a long time and always liked their work. We had a digital show once before (by Martina Lopez who, coincidentally, also lives in Indiana, in Michigan City), and we loved it. This time, I wanted to show the work of two mature artists side by side, so we could see if their experiments worked. And it was good to have them so different that there was no risk of looking like each other.”

Patty Carroll has never run the risk of resembling anyone else, either in her style of art or the lifestyle that propels it. She is a kid of the be-bop generation, who now scours second-hand stores hunting for vintage stuff from the 1950s. When she was growing up, Elvis was king, and when she really grew up she did photos of Elvis impersonators, from Tennessee to Japan and back again. She also has photographed hot-dog stands, and truck stops, and seedy motels, capturing the spectral glow that comes from neon signs and street lights.

From this repertoire of images evolved the mode and the mentality for Patty’s current exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago. The show consists of movie posters, actually parodies of posters for movies that never existed except in her imagination, starring such salacious characters as “Hubby Bubby” and “Wifey Dicey.” It draws on film noir and drive-in movie theatres and creates a cast of heroines ranging from the svelte femme fatale of the 1940s to the clueless, well-manicured bride of the 1950s, who just couldn’t see the picture through her cat-eye-framed glasses.

Dark and Deadly is the title of Patty Carroll’s show. It is based on the seven deadly sins, as seen through the prism of Eisenhower-era morality. The posters are printed in neon-bright colors flashing against the black of night. They advertise “thrillers from Patty productions, in full sinnerama,” and allow plenty of opportunity for puns and double entendres. The exhibit has a fabulous sense of fun, but at the same time it stirs faintly unnerving memories.

**Patty Carroll’s “Dark and Deadly”**
Irene Siegel’s photographs, by contrast, are somber and serene visions of a secret garden. They originated in the ancient gardens of Iran, the oldest in the world, and were enriched by images of Persian miniatures, 18th century French landscapes, and her present-day Indiana farm, until reaching the level of a paradise on earth.

The show is suggestively installed, with large prints of “wounded trees” forming an alcove around a floor-mounted “pool,” which has floating things like lilies and poppies, or bombs and shell casings and phallic organs. Some of the pieces evoke the music of nature, like the lovely Singing of a Nightingale. Although plant life dominates the scene, it is portrayed as aging and vulnerable, being ravaged by insects, birds, deer and demons hiding in the woods and turning up in the titles: The Pursuers Being Deceived, A Cold Snake Is Lurking, We Are Murderers. The self-devouring propensities of gardens are also noted, as in This Needs Weeding, Pruning, Dredging.

Although the repetitive character of borders and other elements points to the use of digital equipment, the workings of the human hand can be seen in the layering of colors, the “mixing up” of ancient and recent imagery, the purposeful irregularities. Irene compares the use of Photoshop to that of gardening: “Planting and weeding,” she observed, “found a parallel activity in the cultivation of images on screen, through various treatments and manipulations.”

Indiana has become a haven for Irene and her husband, Dr. Richard Meyer, both avid readers, even though the 20 acres of farmland sometimes disrupt restful activities. She is a native Chicagoan who grew up in a brownstone near Lincoln Park, with a garden that was 20 feet in length and one foot wide. She and Patty Carroll have known each other for years, both professionally and in their personal lives.

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Patty's attraction to Indiana is of a different sort. Describing herself as a “beach bum” and a “night owl,” she first had a small cottage and now has settled into a Long Beach house with husband Tony Jones, president of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Patty studied photography with the late Arthur Siegel (Irene’s first husband), who headed the photo department at the IIT Institute of Design. By now, everybody has heard the story about how Patty met Tony (when he bought her cottage); but the new story is about their new place, a classic ‘50s ranch house that still had its original pink kitchen, a perfect match for their collection of vintage model cars, all of them pink. Anybody else would have remodeled the kitchen, but for them it was perfect.

The Patty Carroll and Irene Siegel exhibits continue, in the photography galleries at the Art Institute of Chicago, thru September 19.
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“Cinderella” Opens at Canterbury

Rodgers and Hammerstein’s musical version of the timeless story “Cinderella” opens Wed., July 7, and continues through Sat., July 17, as the third offering of the Festival Players Guild’s 36th Canterbury Summer Theatre Season at Michigan City’s Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St.

Over 107,000,000 viewers viewed Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Cinderella” when it first appeared on the CBS television network on March 31, 1957. Julie Andrews, the new Broadway sensation after her appearance in “My Fair Lady”, was the first Cinderella. A second version in 1965 starred Lesley Ann Warren. The latest televised version featured pop singer Brandy in the lead role which also featured Whoopi Goldberg, Bernadette Peters, and Jason Alexander.

Though written for the small screen, “Cinderella” has all of the elements of a Broadway stage musical and has a score that ranks with the best of the team. Among the ten songs are one of their finest waltzes -- “Ten Minutes Ago I Saw You” along with the lovely “Do I Love You Because You’re Beautiful?” The hilarious “Stepsister’s Lament” is contrasted with Cinderella’s “In My Own Little Corner.”

James Kline is the director and Elizabeth West is the musical director of the Canterbury production. Cast members include returning Resident Company members Melissa Myers as Cinderella and Paul Fillingim as the Prince. Rachael Magill is the Fairy Godmother and Hilary Odom and Stella Thompson are the stepsisters, Joy and Portia.

All seats for Canterbury productions are reserved. Performances are Wed.-Sat. at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Wed. matinee and a 5 p.m. Sat. performance. Reservations may be made at the Mainstreet Theatre Box Office, 807 Franklin St., Michigan City, Mon.-Sat., or by phoning 874-4269. Information is also available at the web site: www.festivalplayersguild.org

Tickets are $12 and $13 for adults and students high school age and below are half price. Senior Citizen and Group discounts also are available. Group dinner/theatre or luncheon/theatre packages are available through cooperation with the Michigan City Yacht Club and Galveston Steakhouse.

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Judging is at 2 p.m. and trophies will be awarded to 1st place; special ribbons to 2nd & 3rd place.; and everyone who enters will receive a ribbon.

**Kite Flying-1-3 p.m.**

This fun event will take place near the Park Department office. Bring your own kites. No prizes will be awarded this year.

**Musical Entertainment**

From 6-10 p.m. on Saturday, the Boogie Men will be performing on the Jaycee Stage.

From noon-2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Spellbound will take the stage, and from 3-5:30 p.m. Shannon Raye will perform, and the final act, from 6-9 p.m. will be Final Approach.

**Fireworks Show**

At dusk on Sunday, be at Washington Park for the spectacular fireworks show. This year, fireworks will be launched from the lighthouse pier.

**More Summer Festival Events**

**July 9**

**Luau Fish Fry.** 4-7 p.m. at the Senior Center in Washington Park. $7 will buy you perch, cole slaw, potato salad, and fruit salad. Drinks will also be available.

The Horseshow Cloggers from Wheatfield, Indiana, a percussion dance team based on American heritage dances, will provide entertainment during the Luau.

**July 9 and 10**

**Gospel Festival.** The Michigan City Gospel Festival will run 5-10 p.m. each day at the Guy Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheater in Washington Park. There will be local as well as regional choirs, including the Mass Choir led by Dewitt Jackson.

Food and soft drinks will be available for purchase. For more information on this event, phone Larry Higgins at 872-4418.

**July 11**

**Runnin’ Wild For the Washington Park Zoo.**

This 5K run/walk will register starting at 7:45 a.m. in front of the zoo, and the race will begin at 9 a.m. Registration is $16, includes a shirt, and proceeds will benefit the Zoo.

The race will proceed down Lake Shore Drive into Sheridan Beach, then down to the beach and back to the parking lot. Medals will be awarded to the top three in 13 age groups. Johnny Stimley is chairman.
Before the Michigan City Parade there was Time...for a Chalk Contest, for warming up, and for picking the perfect seat for you and your friends.
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David Kodeski Returns to The Acorn

Writer and actor David Kodeski will give a 90-minute solo performance of “I Can’t Explain the Beauty” at The Acorn Theatre on Fri. & Sat., July 9 & 10. The monologue simultaneously chronicles two cross-country journeys: a present-day road trip through the American West from Chicago to San Francisco, and a bus ride from Albany to Los Angeles during the Great Depression.

Kodeski alternates between describing each trip, the first undertaken by himself scarcely a month after the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and the second recounted in the entries of a diary he purchased through an online auction. In addition, a third journey is detailed as Kodeski recounts his attempts to track down information via the Internet regarding the author of the diary, a man named Fred Nye.

“I Can’t Explain the Beauty’ is a true-life-mystery-road-trip-civics-lecture-history-lesson wrapped up in a comic monologue,” Kodeski says. “The tales of two journeys, many years apart, reflect on the fragility of an individual life within a complex and beautiful world.”

The show begins at 8 p.m. (MI time). Tickets are $15 and can be reserved at 269/756-3879 or purchased at the door. The Acorn Theater is located in the historic Featherbone Factory at 107 Generations Drive, behind the Post Office on North Elm St.
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Near the door was a photo display of all the scholarship winners since this program began in 1997. 2004 scholarship winner Brett McNeal and his friend, Kevin Flowers (a freshman at Michigan City High School) found this display quite interesting.

Next Unity President Maggi Spartz spoke about the Unity Foundation of La Porte County. She said that the Lilly Endowment, Inc., came up with the fabulous idea to give money away. Their Community Scholarship Program was initiated in 1997 and is designed to raise the level of post-secondary education attainment in Indiana. Maggi said, "Our Unity Board members had great vision; we have gone from zero to over three million in assets, with most of the money being interest. We have given help to many of our private donors to find good places for their money. As for the scholarships, we make the recommendations and Lilly provides the money."

Martha Havener, from Independent Colleges of Indiana, was the next speaker on the program. She said, "We participate in the final selection of the winners and then write the checks. Each county has a community foundation to help in this process. For every..."
100,000 population, three students receive scholarships. The cost of each scholarship for the four years varies for different colleges. At Purdue, the cost is about $34,000 and at Notre Dame, it could be $132,000.”

Cheryl Miller, Scholar of 2002 and a student at Manchester College, spoke on a Student’s Perspective of college. To her, friends are very important. She is quite involved in campus activities and makes new friends through these activities. Cheryl had to make some serious time management changes since she started college. She closed by saying, “College is what you make of it! You have the opportunity to grow and have more fun than you ever thought. I wish you good luck!”

Paul and Judy Mahoney, parents of Sara Mahoney, 2000 scholarship winner, spoke on A Parent’s Perspective. Judy said they were so happy and thankful when their daughter received the Lilly scholarship. Sara has been involved in many activities at St. Mary’s College and, since her recent graduation, she began her new job as Admissions Counselor there just a week ago. Paul’s advice to parents was that if someone offers help in moving your child into the dorm, take it!

Romona Hay, Scholarship Chairperson, presided over the awards presentation. She mentioned that from 74 applications (without the applicants’ names on them), the committee selected 14 finalists who were then interviewed and narrowed down to only 6 winners. She said, “You are all to be commended for being finalists. The finalists will each receive certificates, book bags filled with college supplies, and also a check for $100. (a grant from our Community Fund and from an anonymous donor). Scholarship winners receive the certificates and the book bags. Members of the scholarship committee Marlene Mitzner, Al Brinklow and Dan McKibben will help with the presentation of these awards.”

Among the criteria of selection of the finalists and recipients are: actual performance, service to others, filling out very detailed applications, answers to open-ended questions, and a 250 word essay.

Finalists were recognized first. They were: Marya L. Brennan, Bethany L. Firnhaber, Nicholas Hussey, Sarah Johnson, Lauren Murphy, Danielle Spellman, Erica Wort, and Whitney L. Young.

Then the six actual winners were called forward, one at a time, to be recognized.

Kyle Kownacki, New Prairie High School, plans to attend the University of Notre Dame and study pre-medicine. He is the son of Stanley and Laura Kownacki. He has been active in school with football, basketball, track, National Honor Society, and French Honor Society. He volunteers at La Porte Hospital.

Brett McNeal, from Michigan City High School, plans to attend Butler University with a major in management. He is the son of Richard and Samara McNeal. In school he has been a senior class representative to student government, vice president of Spanish Club, section leader of the marching band, and member of the track team. Brett is a volunteer with Dunebrook.

Kathryn Meyer, Marquette High School, plans to attend University of Indianapolis and study voice performance/psychology. She is the daughter of Robert Meyer and Laura Folino-Weiss. She has been active with Marquette Singers, drama club, and cheerleading. She takes vocal and guitar lessons and is active in community theatre.
Virginia Pagels, Michigan City High School, plans to attend Butler University with a major in pre-pharmacy. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Monica Pagels. Virginia has been the editor of the yearbook, in the Spanish Club, the National Honor Society, the foreign language honor society, the quiz bowl team. She is a hospital junior volunteer and a participant in Leadership La Porte County.

Angela Zolvinski, Michigan City High School, plans to attend Purdue University to major in pre-pharmacy. Her parents are Thomas and Pamela Zolvinski. She is a 10-year member of 4-H and active with jr. leaders, teen club, and horse & pony. She is editor of the school newspaper, in the National Honor Society, and plays softball. She volunteers with the Deserving Children’s Shopping, Dusk to Dawn, and Project Feel Good, and is also a tutor.

Charles T. Zila III, Westville High School, plans to attend Purdue University with a major in plant genetics and breeding. His activities include track, pep band, contest band, Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Honor Society, and class treasurer. He attended the Dick Lugar Symposium and is in La Porte County Youth Leadership. He works at McDonald’s.

We wish all the scholarship finalists and winners much success in their future endeavors!

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The Dunes Summer Theatre invites you to take a step back in time to the fabulous late 60's to enjoy the wistful, musical story of "Sweet Charity." Come out and enjoy a few chapters in the life of Charity Hope Valentine, a young and naive nightclub dancer who, despite life's disappointments, continues to have faith in the human race. Classic songs such as "Hey, Big Spender," "Rhythm of Life," "Baby, Dream Your Dream," and "Sweet Charity," along with sexy Bob Fosse-style dancing, will entertain you with an evening of exciting theater you'll long remember.

"Sweet Charity" debuted on Broadway in 1966 and was directed and choreographed by Bob Fosse, with book by Neil Simon, lyrics by Dorothy Fields and music by Cy Coleman and starred the inimitable Broadway legend Gwen Verdon. Some may remember when Ms. Verdon visited the Dunes during the summer of 1997.

Diana Cirone (Valparaiso) plays the part of Charity with Ray Walters (Michigan City) as Oscar, Nicole Adelman (Chicago) as Nickie, Laurie Schmidt (Valparaiso) as Helene, Samuel Ladd (Union Mills) as Vittorio, Richard Ruby (New Buffalo) as Herman, Steve Congress (Merrillville) as Daddy Brubeck, Bianca Marthen (Michiana Shores) as Ursala, and Allison Hupp (Valparaiso) as Carmen.

Additional cast members are Emil Cripe and Dan Moser from LaPorte; Howard Brenneman, Noel Carlson, Amanda Igra, Melanie May, Julie Ann Merrion, Katy Meyer and Crystal Schlegelmilch from Michigan City; Danny Martinez and Trish Sabocek from Portage; and Chris Frame, Kyle McKanna, Abby Schmidt, and Colleen Zanna from Valparaiso.

The Dunes Summer Theatre's production is directed by George Maslankowski and choreographed by Allison Hupp with music direction by Robert Johnson, set design and lighting by Chris Frame, and costumes and make-up by Robert-Eric West.

Show dates are July 16-18, 23-25, 30, 31 and August 1. Show times are Fri. & Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 7 p.m. [IN time]. For reservations, phone the box office at 879-7509 Tues.-Sun. from 1-6 p.m. or email www.dunessummertheatre.com.
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This duet, with Nye on piano and vocals, and Lloyd on the upright bass, was born out of Nye’s “Swingin’ Mudbugs” trio and they have appeared throughout the United States and Europe.

Since 1999, Nye has been the organizer of the annual Blues & Boogie Piano Summit, presenting like-minded pianists from around the world. He has been the recipient of multiple awards presented by the Cincinnati Enquirer and CityBeat Magazine. For the last three years, Nye has performed in Switzerland, The Netherlands, Belgium and France.

Lloyd was born in 1975, grew up in Iowa and began his musical studies at the age of eight. He has performed classical, jazz, country, swing and blues music. He uses the “slap” technique that gives his music a unique drive and pulse. Lloyd also maintains a professional workshop where he builds, repairs and sells upright basses.

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New Display at County Museum

“By Water’s Edge: Summer Past on LaPorte County’s Lakes”

This exhibit of vintage photographs shows LaPorte County residents from the late 19th century through the 1950s relaxing by the area’s many lakes. Images included show steamboats on the waters of Pine Lake, the concession stand in the Fox Park pavilion, the roller coaster at Washington Park in Michigan City, summer cottages in the Chautauqua-style Weller’s Grove on Stone Lake, and church picnic groups near the lakes.

Also displayed are examples of swimwear from the period, fascinating reminders of sultry summer days of long ago.

Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The museum is located in the LaPorte County Complex Building in downtown LaPorte, behind the Court House. Admission is free; donations are welcome. This facility is accessible to those with physical disabilities. For more information, phone 873-7014, ext. 276, or log onto www.lapcohistsoc.org

Greg Constantine at Lakeside Gallery

“Botticelli Trio”, acrylic on canvas and wood, by Greg Constantine.

“A History of Art With Famous Trios” is the new exhibit by local educator and nationally known artist Greg Constantine at The Lakeside Gallery. The exhibit will continue through Aug. 6th.

Greg Constantine has taught painting, drawing, and art history at Andrews University for 36 years while conducting fifteen art history summer sessions for students in Europe. He began exhibiting nationally in 1969, and since 1975, has had numerous one-man shows including fifteen in New York City that have dealt with Art About Art.

The latest theme Mr. Constantine has been exploring is the combination of three famous portraiture from famous art historical paintings all recombined and gathered together into one work of art.

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On June 14th, Lubeznik Art Center Guild members conducted their meeting at the Beverly Shores Community House. The June Art Education Series program encouraged members to share and relate personal significance to acquired artistic pieces. The varied overview of the educational segment provided a cross section of art, heart and a seamless historical transition between artist and collector. Among the many contributors, Rita Brodsky, member and 1987 President of the Guild, engaged the audience with an artistic work of Frank Niederle, her father. His 1914 etching, “Deer in the Forest,” was created while he was a student in Austria/Hungary preparatory school. The artistic work would later be transferred and reproduced on glass vases for extensive glass commercial use.

The next meeting of the Art Guild will be on Mon., July 12th, at the Beverly Shores Community Center at 9:30 a.m. Auxiliary parking is available at the Beverly Shores’ Depot. The July Art Education Series will feature Sonia Bencke, local artist. The Lubeznik Art Center Guild Board meeting will be conducted prior to the general meeting at 9 a.m. In addition, a colorful display of Museum Shop items will be on display during the refreshments.

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Before and after the Long Beach parade there was plenty of time to eat, relax, renew old acquaintances and just "hang around."

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I came… I saw… I looked around… and decided that Long Beach on the 4th of July is a pretty good place to be.
The Long Beach 4th of July parade was a
Too--- Too cute, Too clever,
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The Parade Winners are listed on page XX
Everyone was glad to see the Water Ball Contest back at the Long Beach festivities. Especially the kids! A great way to cool off on a hot and sticky day.
Winners of the Long Beach Parade

The Long Beach Civic Association once again sponsored the popular and very successful 4th of July parade and celebration despite weather concerns! The association is made up of 27 families. Parade chairmen for this year’s event were Norm and Pat Bruemmer. Here are the winners.

**Floats:**
- LB Central—the Mellens
- Gilligan’s Island—Applegate/Wright

**Costumes or Misc.:**
- Grass is Always Greener—Bernacchi
- Long Beach Olympians—Kennedy

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- Seabiscuit—Remeyer
- Bring Back the Band—McNabb
- Everyday is Father’s Day—Weber
- Aloha Long Beach—Shinn

St. Paddy’s Day in July

It will be a little bit of St. Patrick’s Day in July at the Box Factory for the Arts’ “Irish Festival,” on Sat., July 10, at 8 p.m. (MI time). Featured will be Kennedy’s Kitchen and Fitzgibbons and Gallagher.

Joining the bands will be “Celtic Fire”—a South Bend-based group of dancers performing original choreography developed under the direction of World Champion Irish Dancer Paul Cusick. All this and plenty of blarney will be available for $10; $8 for senior citizens and students.

Kennedy’s Kitchen plays traditional Irish music as well as ballads, pub songs and original compositions. Under the direction of John Kennedy are Nolan Ladewski, Sally Joyce, Bob Harcke, Chris O’Brien, Joel Cooper and Rob Weber.

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**foodstuff** by carolyn m’connell

A lovely season indeed. Farmers markets all over the place. I have only one complaint — why doesn’t anybody around here have fava beans?

I started out the 2004 season at Furnessville, up the road, off Route 20. Their market, at Schoolhouse Shop, is held both Fri. and Sat., beginning at 10 a.m. For a couple years, Marilyn Kolosci has been my provider of lots and lots of good stuff, including gorgeous lettuces, green beans, berries, purple cauliflower and broccoli. And throughout the summer, all sorts of tomatoes — heirlooms, Brandywine, mortgage lifter, oxhearts, carbon (that’s a black one), juane flamme, etc. This year she suggested I try her striped beets. I did, early on, and they were a big hit.

Laurence Marsh of Buchanan MI displayed his beautiful peonies — that springtime wonder. They come in all colors, last a full week en-vase, and are something to look forward to as a luscious sign of spring. One of these years in May I’m going to drive up to his peony farm in Buchanan and expect to see thousands of those beauties covering a large area.

Another interesting Furnessville farmer is Daniel Fagerstrom, from Fairstream Farms. His offerings are all chemical and pesticide-free foods, locally grown (in LaPorte) and harvested within 24 hours. Gourmet salad greens, herbs, berries, flowers and vegetables. ‘Here at Fagerstrom Farms we give that extra effort to ensure a product that is extra special. We cultivate soil before we cultivate crops, creating energy packed food. The way we see it the more life in the soil the more vitality in the food, hence the more vigor in your life.’ Besides dramatic and crisp lettuces, he displays many other beauties, vegetable and floral.

My first 2004 visit to Michigan City’s market was pleasant, as always. For one thing,

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and other wares, along with local artists. I guess I hit that one too early. I got there on the dot of 9:00 their first Sunday morning and I was the only person there! I went back a couple hours later and came upon just one booth, a non-food one. It was Wilbur E. Bougher, a glass-blower from LaPorte, and folks, he showed some beautiful glass bowls that would hold a salad in a stately manner. I'll check that one out again soon.

The following Saturday, I headed for Chesterton. Their market, at Thomas Centennial Park, has grown to almost double last year’s size, and it was already huge back then. Amazing – now it even crosses the street for an additional blocks-length of vendor’s booths. Its not all food. There are many booths with jewelry, gift items, services. But the food booths alone are great.

One of their vendors surprised me. A couple years ago when I first attended CHIC’s Sunday market in Chicago, I was impressed with Cyrano’s Bistrot & Wine Bar booth (Didier ‘Cyrano’ Durand’s dining room is located at 546 N. Wells, Chicago). Back then, he was selling coq au vin cassoulet, white chocolate mousse, and to my surprise, duck fat. And now, he's out here in Chesterton with loads of goodies. I bought some frisky bisque of butternut squash and looked forward to enjoying its marvelous flavors.

I was also attracted to the Way Back Elk Ranch, Chesterton. They offered sample-bites of elk sausage – really good. They call it ‘meat for a healthy life.’ Its lean, flavorful, lower in fat and cholesterol than other meats – comes in roasts, burgers, steaks, sausage.
Farmer’s Market  Continued from Page 43

Next, I stopped at the Collecterrific booth and aimed my camera at their Edible Delights collection, the gent there said ‘Hey, I know you.” It’s indeed a small world..... when I’d made my second stop at that new Beachwalk farmers market the previous Sunday, that guy was there, too, chatting with the glass-blower. Apparently he’s considering taking his edible delights to Beachwalk’s Sunday market, as well as the one in Chesterton.

My last neighborhood stop was in Stevensville, MI at Vergot’s farm stand. Remember my Vergot hanging tomato plant last year? I guess we can call that ‘balcony tomatoes.’ This year, I didn’t get there til mid-June and was almost too late to nab a 2004 basket. But I did get one, and it’s fantastic. So tall, so heavy, so thick that it filled up the entire back of the jeep. When I got home I had to ask over a strong young neighbor to transport that treasure up to my balcony. It’s lush with tomatoes, both ripe-red and spring green.

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1/4 cup plain low-fat yogurt
3 T dark rum or apple juice
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 cup flaked sweetened coconut
Cooking spray
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1/2 cup powdered sugar
 1-1/2 T fresh lime juice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside. Place sugar and butter in large bowl. Beat with a mixer at medium speed until well blended. Add the eggs, beating well after each addition. Add banana, yogurt, rum and vanilla to mixing bowl and blend. Add flour mixture. Beat at low speed just until moist. Stir in 1/2 cup coconut. Spoon batter in to 8”x3” loaf pans coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle with 1 T coconut. Bake for 1 hour or until wooden pick comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes on wire rack. Remove from pan. Combine powdered sugar and juice, stirring with whisk. Drizzle over the warm bread. Cool completely.
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Through a series of vignettes, World War II: The Homefront transports visitors to the early 1940s when America found herself at war. The exhibition chronicles the response of the local community--at home, in the workplace and at leisure.

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“Take Our Picture, Please!”

That was the cry each time The Beacher went out many years ago to the Old School (which was a school then). There was this group of boys and girls who just loved having their pictures taken.

Now, some years later, the kids have certainly grown up, but the plea each year remains the same—“Take our picture, please!”

Chamber Trio at Valparaiso University

The Castillon Piano Trio will present a Sun., July 11th concert at the Valparaiso University Center for the Arts in preparation for its upcoming tour of the United Kingdom.

Members of the trio are violinist Dr. Andrew Smith, assistant professor of music; pianist Dr. Joseph Bognar, assistant professor of music; and cellist Andrea Mills.

The ensemble will perform at 3 p.m. in Duesenberg Recital Hall. Admission is $5.
Singing Sands Cancellations

The Singing Sands Performing Arts has announced that The Second Saturday and Third Wednesday Open Mic Nights scheduled for the Washington Park Bandshell have been cancelled for the rest of the summer.

Toe-Tapping Fun in Three Oaks

Music in the Park will feature the toe-tapping music of Carol & Kaye's Dixieland Band. This free program is held at Dewey Cannon Park just east of downtown Three Oaks, Michigan. Some seating is available; blankets and lawn chairs are recommended. The show starts at 7 p.m. (MI time).

The Dixieland Band features a clarinet, tenor sax, trumpet, trombone, tuba, guitar, bass, piano and drums. Band leader, Carol Stelter is a native of Baroda and has been a member of the St. Joe Municipal Band's trumpet section for twenty years. She also plays flugelhorn in the SMC Brass Band. She has a Music Education degree from Michigan State University and is one of the few women in the area to play big band music and jazz. Stelter has performed all over the Michiana area, most notably with the Nostalgics.

Carol & Kaye's Dixieland Band has performed as featured entertainment for the Municipal Band Concerts in St. Joseph, MI, in concert at Weko Beach in Bridgman, and during the Venetian Festival.

Page Turners Book Discussion Group

Black and Blue by Anna Quindlen will be discussed in the next Page Turners book discussion from noon-1 p.m. on Tues., July 13 in the small meeting room at LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., downtown LaPorte. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge or registration. Light refreshments appropriate to the book will be provided. People may bring a lunch if they wish.

This book is one of Oprah's Book Club selections. It is about a nurse who sneaks away with her son after being physically abused many times by her policeman husband. Copies of the book to read beforehand are available at the library in regular print and paperback and on audio tape and CD.

Page Turners will next meet on Tues., Aug. 10 at noon to discuss The Secret Life of Bees, a best seller by Sue Monk Kidd.

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Beachers Help Raise Money at Golf Outing

Pictured are four beachers who golfed in the annual Darling Divots Rally for the Cure outing on June 15. They are Diane Haverstock, Judie McFarland, Jackie Schiewe and Jane Freitag. Nearly $5,000 was raised at the Briar Leaf Golf Club nine-hole event and donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

foodstuff by carolyn m’connell

Correction to Last Week’s Recipe

In last week’s Five Star Supper Club story, I missed the 2d part of Shirlee’s recipe. It is not a gelatin. Here is the entire recipe:

SHIRLEE’S AMAZING ARCTIC SALAD
6 oz cream cheese
2 T mayonnaise
2 T sugar
1 can sauce of whole cranberries
9 oz can crushed pineapple, well drained
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup whipping cream (Shirlee used the aero-can whip cream)

Blend into softened cream cheese, the mayonnaise and sugar. Then add fruits and nuts. Fold in whip cream. Pour into 8-1/2 x 4-1/2 pan and freeze 6 hours or overnight. Let stand 15 minutes before slicing. Serves 8.

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My cantankerous world of ponds is wearing a big smile these days. Mike, the pond guru at Clark’s Secret Garden came through. While shopping for a new tree to replace my Cherokee that didn’t make it, I went to see the fountains they had on display. There were fountains of many sizes of weathered bronze and carved stone, very old world, but my eye was caught the cobalt blue of a ceramic orb, very Zen. I bought it with the dream of a gentle burble of water adding to the pond’s effect...if I ever got the pump going. But the hose outlet didn’t fit my water intake hose. Back it went, another dream back on the shelf. But Mike came to rescue when I came back. No prob, he said, fitting the smaller hose into the bigger one. Silly me.

I thought it would need some intricate coupling I didn’t feel I could cope with. I also told him of my problems in getting the pump up and going and we went through the problem possibilities, particularly my faulty outlet. Had I checked the fuse box? Of course. Was there a reset button on the outlet? I didn’t think so. The installation was old. Perhaps a mouse or woodchuck had nibbled at the wires under the house? That would mean an electrician. Ouch.

Oh, well, back to square one. Just to rule out everything, I checked the outlet again. There it was. The reset button. One push and it was on. All my testing, trying, stewing, fretting, gone for naught. I set up the fountain and plugged it in. A Vesuvius erupted, a fountain of Versailles, a geyser spewing, not quite the gentle burble I had planned. But Mike had given me a hint. Should my pump be too powerful, it could be tamed by a careful cut in the intake hose that would divert some of the water. I prepared for the operation, feeling as if I were undertaking open heart surgery.
made the incision, and eventually got it right. See my pond, clean and clear; see my water spout, burbling with Handel music; see my cobalt blue fountain, very Feng Shui, gathering all that Zen energy into peaceful nirvana.

It is now time to sit back and enjoy the plants that are beginning to bloom. I abound in day lilies, some common, some hybrid. The hybrids are from Judy and Steve Kroczek’s Day Lily Farm purchased two years ago at their benefit sale for the Open Door Health Center. Last year, the deer ate the blossoms before I could see the special ones I had purchased. This year, I think Charlie’s vigilance has barked the deer away, because here come the blooms. One is beautiful beyond description, a soft peach shade with mauve overtones and deep yellow heart. Is it Heart of Jade, or Fairy Firecracker or Dance Ballerina or Bridal Suite? Who knows? Who cares? It’s beautiful. Judy is having another Hybrid Daylily Benefit Sale on July 17 and 18 this year from 11 to 5 p.m. with an added attraction this year for a donation to the Open Door of light refreshments, entertainment and door prizes. You can wander the fields at will, choose the ones you want to buy and they’ll dig a generous, well-rooted clump to take home. The trip to LaPorte countryside south of Michigan City to the daylily farm at 1805 N. 675 W. is something special in itself. Call 219-362-7887 if you need directions.

The new tree that graces the little rise behind my pond is Forest Pansy, (I love the name) a Red Bud variety, with deep maroon leaves shaded in with soft green that catches filtered light with soft effect. The petals of its heart-shaped leaves, smaller than common Red Bud, are soft as velvet. It is a perfect small ornamental, meant for under planting beneath tall trees. After the first burst of dark red flowers that say spring is here, there is the promise of leaves turn yellow-orange in fall. Though I mourned the dying of the dogwood, nature, by way of Clark’s, has provided a replacement with its own special promise. When something goes, perhaps something even more special can replace it. Life has a flow of its own.

And so it is.

Having received a preview of what is coming up at Purdue North Central and all around LaPorte County later in July and early August, I made a special effort to find a website about French cheeses, or fromages. Next, I found what looks at first glance to be a commercial website, but it is really a funny spoof. Then I made myself dizzy looking at the different optical illusions on Akiyoshi’s Illusion Pages. Come join the fun!

**Fromages.com** will put cheese lovers in a heavenly state. The French website is full of information that will educate a novice and at the same time, delight the connoisseur. In addition to a monthly cheese recipe and recipe gallery, there is a cheese library, pop-up notes (the welcomed kind) that educates you on the fine art of cutting your cheese selections, which wines marry well, and more. For a taste of Provence, you might want to purchase the cylindrical Rouleau de Provence, or maybe Tomme d’Arles. Purchasing cheeses from fromages.com is one of the main reasons for the website, and they reportedly deliver to the States within 72 hours. Yet loads of other information will make you feel like an expert after you visit this site.

**Huh?** What’s it all about, Alfie? Go to huhcorp.com and you will think you have reached an important corporate website. It’s a very good-looking website in a grey-flannel suit kind of way. But start reading and you will get the giggles. The creator’s strategic plan is “to convince people that we do stuff they can’t do themselves, and that we deserve lots of money for it.”

**Illusions.** Warning: before you linger over Akiyoshi’s Illusion Pages, read the cautionary note at the top of the website. Some people may become sensitive to the “anomalous motion illusion” and can make a viewer dizzy or sick. If that’s the case, leave the website and go somewhere else on the Web. Also, note right away that a box will pop up telling you that you have to install the Japanese language pack to properly read the website. Hogwash. Do not bother to install it and clog up your memory. Most of the writing is already in English. But you are less likely to read anything and more likely to feel that a hypnotist has you under his spell when you start viewing the rotating snakes, the rollers, wheels, Op Art...
THE DuPont Dune and Swale Hike

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designs, and the many other illusions that will grab your eyeballs and make you see things that are not "real." Or so they say. Akiyoshi is serious about optical research but he does throw in a few "jokes." Find it at ritsumei.ac.jp/~akitaoka/index-e.html. By the way, that long URL is no joke.

I still have more room, so as a bonus to my loyal readers, I will mention an additional website worthy of a quick glance. Actually, the Surname Distribution across the United States at hamrick.com is a neat way to find out how many people across the country share your last name. Or, which states stack up as having the most people that share your surname. Better yet, this website uses Census information from 1850, 1880, and up to 1990, so you can check, for example, to see if a wayward family member broke away from the pack and headed to California in 1850. I was surprised to see that my maiden name was more popular in Wisconsin and Michigan than (Chicago) Illinois, home of the largest population of Polish residents outside of Warsaw. Outside of curiosity, some surfers researching genealogy might find this website helpful.

Send your questions, comments, and pet peeves to cyberscribbles101@yahoo.com. Read past issues of this column at geocities.com/cyberscribbles101/index.html.
Open Door Garden Show

Hybrid Daylily Sale
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Tickets are $7 and are available in advance at Health Partners Medical Group (information desk), The Bookstore at Lighthouse Place; St. Anthony Memorial Health Center Gift Shop, Dalton’s Heating and Air Conditioning, or at the Garden.

There will be light refreshments along with entertainment and drawings.

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BBQ Festival in the Dunes

The 3rd Annual Barbecue Festival in the Dunes will be held on Sun., July 11, at Panozzo’s Pantry, 19135 W US 12, New Buffalo. Innovative barbecue techniques and recipes and samples will be available.

Local amateur chefs will be on hand demonstrating their best recipes along with cool favorites. New this year, participants will provide samples for tasting—from ribs to vegetarian served up from noon-4 p.m. (MI time).

The theme of the day is fun, food and music. A bluegrass band will be playing all afternoon while the “grilling and the chilling” take place.

The event will take place, rain or shine. For more information, phone 269/469-9408 or log onto aneedtofeed.com

Travel the World: London & Paris

This program at the Michigan City Public Library is part of the Provence in LaPorte County program of events, sponsored by Purdue University North Central.

This travelogue will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is a slide presentation by Sonia and Bob Lawrentz.

Visit Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London and Stratford-on-Avon. Then cross the Channel to Paris and tour Notre Dame, the Louvre, and the Palace of Versailles.

Bob and Sonia will provide a virtual journey through their stories and pictures.

This program is free and open to the public.

Lakeview Fundays at Washington Park

July 14-18

Astronomical Rides will be the carnival setting up in the park to continue Summer Festival events in Michigan City. Many rides, including a 140 ft. Mega Drop, will be available for all ages. Food and refreshments will also be available for purchase.

Hours for the carnival will be 5-10 p.m. Wed.-Fri.; 1-10 p.m. on Sat. & Sun. Phone the Summer Festival, 874-3630, for more details.

Remember, that a Michigan City parking sticker is necessary to enter the park, or a fee will be charged.
PNC Continuing Ed Dunes Ecology Course

Purdue University North Central Continuing Education now offers a course that studies the Dunes National Lakeshore.

The Glacier’s Treasure Trove takes a look at the forces that created the dunes, the people who worked to protect them and practical steps on how the public can work to protect other precious ecological areas.

Taught by local author, Jacqueline Stewart, this course will meet on Wed., July 14-Aug. 18, from 7-9:30 p.m. The cost of this class is $149.

For more information, phone (219) 872-0527, ext. 5343, or visit PNC’s web site at www.pnc.edu/ce. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact ext. 5343.

Butterfly Count for Audubon

Enjoy butterflies close up when the Potawatomi Audubon Society conducts its annual Butterfly Count on Sat., July 10th. People of all ages are welcome.

Mary Campbell again will provide expertise in identifying the beautiful insects which everyone can help to find. Meet at 9 a.m. at Creek Ridge County Park, 7943 W 400 N, Michigan City. After scouring the park for butterflies, counters will car pool to other sites within the 15-mile diameter official counting circle.

For more information, phone 219/362-4043 or 872-0052.

Each year results are submitted to the American Butterfly Association as a part of its continuing monitoring of the distribution of these native insects.
LBCC Women’s Golf Leagues
9 Hole League Winners
July 1, 2004
Event: Club Manager’s Trophy
Winner: Marge Cullen
Championship Flight
Event: Marge Walsh
Low Net: Mary Weithers
2nd Low Net: Julie Girsch
Low Putts: Susie Yemc

“A” Flight
Event: Jean Guerin & Joan Lincke
Low Net: Bonnie Reese
2nd Low Net: Dorie Mertz, Bobbie Blank, Aimee Sullivan, Rima Binder
Low Putts: Joan Carey

“B” Flight
Event: Jan Duffy
Low Net: Sally Allen
2nd Low Net: Jean O’Neill
Low Putts: Mary O’Neil, Mary Pat Reilly, Traute Bransfield

“C” Flight
Event: Mary James, Lori Osmanski
Low Net: Vangie Kuhn
2nd Low Net: Mary Lou Linnen, Betty Duggan
Low Putts: Mary Bruce

Sunken Approaches: Bonnie Reese #9
Birdies: Donna Hennard #12

18 Hole League Winners
June 29, 2004
Event: Celebrate America
Winner: Laurel Byrne

“A” Flight
Low Gross: Peg King
Low Nets: Kathy Kenefick
Low Putts: Pat Kelley

“B” Flight
Low Gross: Laurel Byrne
Low Net: Joan Geoghegan
Low Putts: Joan Lincke

“C” Flight
Low Gross: Dorie Mertz
Low Net: Laurie Wink
Low Putts: Betty Duggan

Birdies: Sue Luegers #2 & #17, Peg King #17, Ann Nicolosi #10
Sunken Approaches: Bonnie Reese #7, Peg King #17
Successful Ninth Annual Victorian Pink Tea Held at Barker Mansion

by Jan Van Ausdal

On a summer afternoon, where will you find hats of many colors trimmed with stunning flowers, scarves, or ribbons; people having refreshments and chatting with old friends and new acquaintances; and musical entertainment? At the annual Victorian Pink Tea outdoors at Barker Mansion, of course! I was fortunate enough to take part in one afternoon of this event, which was held on June 23rd, 25th, and 27th of 2004 with good weather on those afternoons.

I joined others at a table under the roofed porch near the outside gardens. My tablemates were Patricia Molchan with her mother, Helen Shearer; and Patricia Huff with her daughters, Loren and Leah; all from Valparaiso and members of the same church. I photographed four of them standing by a hanging fern. Loren and Leah have previously been piano students of Patricia Molchan, but she said, “They’re on their own now!” The girls and their mother are learning sign language. Leah said her sister “can find the ugliest hat, but she still looks good in it when she puts it on!” Pat left her hat in their car.

Pretty in Pink are Mother and daughter, Kathleen & Natasha Switalski of Northville, Michigan.

Michigan, not far from their home in Northville. Kathleen said, “My sister-in-law sent me the clipping about this tea, and I was so excited that I called about it.” They sat with her Aunts Bonnie and Mary; Sister-In-Law Judy; and Mother-In-Law Ruth and can’t wait till next year’s tea!

Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Craig Forwalter who live in Wanatah. When asked how they happened to attend, Craig told me, “I saw an ad in the Herald-Argus, so I called. Cheryl and I are enjoying it very much!”

At another table, I photographed a mother, Kathleen Switalski, and her daughter, Natasha, who both looked pretty in pink. Kathleen told me that she “felt like raspberry sherbet in her shawl,” which she found at Nordstrom’s, Summerset Mall in Troy.

Jill Brummett performed a delightful historical musical review, “Those Gilded 90’s,” which included...
“Meet Me in St. Louis” and “After the Ball is Over.” She wore an 1890’s style dress with a pink skirt and her hat featured flowers, feathers, and a waist-length piece of white tulle down the back. She carried a yellow parasol from the turn of the century. Jill is the mother of two and a music teacher in Osceola, Indiana. She has performed various musical revues since 1981 and can be reached at (574) 674-6733.

Cecilia Zubler, Director of Barker Mansion, told those present, “Some years it’s been 95 degrees out here, but this year is more pleasant. We have 90 each of the three afternoons for a total of 270. I would like to thank the members of my staff who include Ann Jankowski, Janet Woodruff, Mary Kintzele, Terry Pabon, Elke Zimmerman, and Kathleen Hamilton. I’d also like to thank our servers who are Michigan City High School National Honor Society Members, and Classic Catering & Events of Bridgman who have provided the delicious refreshments.” Included were small tea sandwiches, fresh fruit, scones, Cheese Welsh Rarebit, mini éclairs, and Barker Mansion English tea. Cecilia gave her favorite quote from Henry James, “There are few hours in life more agreeable than those dedicated to afternoon tea,” and invited guests to tour the outside gardens if they wished. Many guests had earlier toured the summer inside exhibits, “Daily Life In A Victorian Household,” and “A Potpourri of French Decorative Art,” which will be displayed through September 30th, 2004. Regular guided tours will be at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m., Mon.-Fri. and noon & 2 p.m. on Sat. and Sun. For more information, phone 873-1520.

At the extreme left are tea guests Craig & Cheryl Forwalter of Wanatah.

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The Writer's Block Group to Meet
The Writer's Block is a group for amateur writers. Meetings are held at the LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., downtown LaPorte. The next meeting is 6 p.m. on Mon., July 19.
People will share their experiences with other writers. The group is led by Nora Belzowski. There is no cost or registration. For more information, or to request signing for the hearing impaired, phone 48 hrs. in advance, 219/362-6156.

How Does Your Garden Grow?
Do you have a garden that you’d like to share? The Michiana Humane Society is looking for the best gardens in Northern LaPorte County. Contact the Garden Walk Committee at 872-4499 if you would like to have your garden considered.

Summer Book Sale
Friends of the Library and the LaPorte County Public Library will hold their summer book sale this weekend: Fri., July 9, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat., July 10, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sun., July 11, noon-5 p.m. The event will be held at Maple Lane Mall in LaPorte.
Organizers promise great prices on used books, paperbacks, albums, VHS tapes, audiocassettes and more.

Free Admission Day at Center for History
On Mon., July 12, in celebration of Independence Day, the Northern Indiana Center for History is offering free admission to its exhibitions and Kidsfirst Children’s Museum from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Copshaholm will not be open.
Kidsfirst Children’s Museum includes a pioneer village, including log cabin, one-room schoolhouse, trading post and Conestoga wagon. Kids can explore an authentic wigwam, “navigate” the St. Joseph River in a life-sized canoe, and dress in pioneer clothing.
For more information, phone 574/235-9664 or log onto www.centerforhistory.org.

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**Vintage Base Ball Game**

On Sun., July 11th, the Deep River Grinders will take on the Bonneyville Millers from Bristol, Indiana, in a game of vintage base ball played by 1858 rules.

The game will take place on Grinders Field at Deep River County Park at 2 p.m. See players in historical uniforms play with hard, leather-covered base balls and homemade wooden bats.

Hot dogs and sarsaparilla will be available for sale. Admission to the game is free.

Deep River County Park is located off US 30, between Valparaiso and Merrillville. Take US 30 west past Deep River Water Park to the next stop light, turn right and follow the signs. For more information, phone 219/947-1958.

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**Exploring the Lake Michigan Riviera**

Jacqueline Widmar Stewart, author of *The Glaciers’ Treasure Trove*, will present the program “Exploring the Lake Michigan Riviera” at 6:30 p.m. on Tues., July 13 in the large downstairs meeting room at LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., downtown LaPorte. She will give a fascinating look at our natural wonders at the tip of Lake Michigan.

There is no cost or registration. For more information, or to request signing for the hearing impaired (48 hrs. in advance), phone 219/362-6156.

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**Gaia Gallery Calling For Entries**

Gaia Gallery is putting out a call for interested fine artists to enter the 1st Annual Invitational Art Show to be held on Aug. 7th. The event will be held on the lawn of the Shaker Cottage Complex, 19135 W. US 12, New Buffalo.

For more information, contact Maureen Lighthall at 269/469-4616 or Barbara Opie at 269/469-4815. Information can also be found on the web site www.gaiagallery.com or by emailing mslighthall@triton.net or bgoflute@comcast.net

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Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:


July 8-12 — “Super Size Me.” Winner Best Director Sundance Film Festival. Thurs. & Fri., 6:30 pm; Sat. & Sun. 4 & 6:30 pm; Mon 6:30 pm (EST). Not Rated. Also showing: “Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter...& Spring” Korean language with Eng. subtitles. Thurs-Mon. 9 pm only. Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, MI. 269/756-3522 or www.vickerstheatre.com

July 9 — Luau Fish Fry at the Senior Center, Washington Park. 4-7 pm. Tix $7; purchase at Greene’s BP station, Top Dog Restaurant, Island Fish & Seafood or the park office. The Horseshoe Cloggers from Wheatfield, IN will perform during the Luau.

July 9-10 — Gospel Fest at Washington Park. 5-10 pm at the Guy Foreman Amphitheater at Washington Park, Michigan City. Free. Food & drinks will be avail. to purchase. Info: Larry Higgins 872-4418.

July 9-10 — Farmer’s Market at the Schoolhouse Shop, Furnessville. 10 am-4 pm.

July 9-10 — “I Can’t Explain the Beauty.” One man show presented by David Kodeski. A 90-min. monologue chronicles two cross-country journeys decades apart. Curtain 8 pm on Thurs, Fri, Sat; Sun matinee 2:30 pm. Tix $15/adults, $12/sen. cit.; $10/students. Reservations: 219/464-1636 or www.ctgonline.org

July 9-10 — Farmer’s Market at the Schoolhouse Shop, Furnessville. 10 am-4 pm.

July 9-10 — Runnin’ Wild for the Washington Park Zoo. 5K run/walk. Registration ($16) starts 7:45 am in front of the zoo, race to start at 9 am. Medals to top 3 in 13 age groups.


July 10 — Music in the Park series. 5 pm (MI time) at Dewey Cannon Park, Three Oaks, MI. This week:

July 10-11 — Fun Days in the Park. Starting at noon in Washington Park, Michigan City. Food & craft vendors; sand castle-building contest (Sun 11 am-1 pm); kite-flying event (Sun 1-3 pm). Live music Sat. 6-9 pm; Sun. noon-9 pm.


July 12 — Noon Organ Recitals at the First Congregational Church, 6th & Washington streets, Michigan City. Lasts approx. 45 min. Free & open to the public. Various organists will be participating.

July 13 — Page Turners Book Discussion group at the LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. Noon-1 pm. Black and Blue by Anna Quindlen will be discussed. Free & open to the public.


July 14-18 — Lakeview Fun Days in Washington Park, Michigan City. Carnival rides; food & refreshments. 5-10 pm Wed-Fri, & 1-10 pm Sat & Sun.

Places to Visit:
Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., Michigan City. Adm. $4/adults, $2/kids 18 and under, free/kids under 3. Guided tours Mon-Fri 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm; Sat & Sun noon & 2 pm. 873-1520.

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.

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. 2nd St., Michigan City. Tues.-Fri., 10 am-4 pm; Sat. 10 am-2 pm. Phone 874-4900.

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.


Farther Afield:
July 10 — Firefly Festival presents “Leahy.” 8 member family act from Canada. Gates open 5 pm; show starts at 8 pm. Tix $15 in advance, $20 at the gate; $5 for youths 6-16. Held at St. Patrick’s County Park, 5-651 Laurel Rd., South Bend, near the Michigan/Indiana state line.
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On July 8, 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 8, 1822, English poet Percy Bysshe Shelley drowned when his boat capsized off Spezia, Italy.

On July 8, 1835, Philadelphia’s Liberty Bell cracked as it was being rung for the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall.

On July 8, 1847, Lawrence Olivier was knighted by the King of England, becoming the youngest actor to be so honored.

On July 9, 1776, in New York, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to General George Washington’s troops.

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

On July 9, 1850, Zachary Taylor, the 12th President of the United States, died in the White House. He served only 16 months of his four year term.

On July 9, 1947, Congress authorized the army to issue the Distinguished Service Cross and Distinguished Service Medal.

On July 9, 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state to be admitted to the Union.

On July 10, 1834, painter James Whistler was born in Lowell, Massachusetts.

On July 10, 1850, upon the death of President Zachary Taylor, Vice President Millard Fillmore succeeded to the presidency.

On July 10, 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state to be admitted to the Union.

On July 10, 1913, in the hottest day ever recorded in the United States, the temperature rose to 134 degrees Fahrenheit in California’s Death Valley.

On July 10, 1962, the Telstar Communications Satellite, designed to relay TV and telephone signals between the United States and Europe, was launched from Cape Canaveral.

On July 11, 1767, John Quincy Adams, who would become the sixth President of the United States, was born in Braintree (now Quincy), Massachusetts.

On July 11, 1780, French General Comte de Rochambeau, along with 5,500 French soldiers, arrived in Newport, Rhode Island, to aid the Americans in their war with England.
On July 11, 1798, an act of Congress created the United States Marine Corps.

On July 11, 1936, New York’s Triborough Bridge, linking Manhattan, the Bronx, and Queens, was officially opened.

On July 11, 1955, the new Air Force Academy was dedicated at Colorado’s "Lowry Air Force Base."

On July 11, 1979, an abandoned Skylab space station burned in the earth’s atmosphere, showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

On July 12, 1730, Joseph Wedgwood, whose name became synonymous with fine pottery, was born in the English village of Burslem.

On July 12, 1817, author Henry David Thoreau was born in Concord, Massachusetts. A large part of his philosophy developed while living near "Walden Pond."

On July 12, 1854, Kodak camera inventor George Eastman was born in Waterville, N.Y.

On July 12, 1862, during the Civil War, Congress authorized the issuance of the "Medal of Honor."

On July 12, 1895, author Oscar Hammerstein II, who would become famous as a writer of words for songs and musical plays, was born in New York City.

On July 12, 1933, the United States Congress established 40 cents an hour as the minimum wage rate.

On July 13, 1787, Congress adopted the Northwest Ordinance, an act setting up the rules for governing the vast Northwest Territory.

On July 13, 1919, Britain’s R-34, the first dirigible to cross the Atlantic Ocean, completed a round trip between London and New York.

On July 13, 1977, a massive power blackout virtually paralyzed New York City.

On July 13, 1995, Chicago’s high temperature for the day reached 106 degrees, breaking a 61 year old record, and was the herald of the second hottest summer in city history.

On July 14, 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry presented a letter from President Fillmore to the Emperor of Japan. His diplomacy, plus a show of force, convinced the Japanese to open up their markets to world trade.

On July 14, 1857, a British brigantine, the Madeira Pet, became the first ship to arrive in Chicago from an overseas port.

On July 14, 1913, Gerald Ford, who would become the 38th president of the United States, was born in Omaha.

On July 14, 1914, scientist Robert Goddard was granted a patent for a liquid-fueled rocket.

On July 14, 1944, during World War II, Italy declared war on Japan, its former Axis partner.
Meaning that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources had basically abandoned the trail last summer, leaving maintenance to such volunteers as an organization called Friends of the Kal-Haven Trail.

Well, as a member of that group, I am pleased and proud to report that that very group has just concluded a successful campaign to preserve and even improve the Kal-Haven Trail (KHT).

Allow me, if you will, to quote from the Friends' newsletter of March 2004 in which it was stated: “In the spring of 2003, in response to state fiscal shortages, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) began reduced operations on the KHT. There was to be no trail grooming in preparation for the 2003 season, no trail mowing, no trash barrels, and other reductions. The Friends of the KHT did provide some funds to help, but were limited in what could be done to maintain full services on the trail.”

That was the bad news, and Natalie and I certainly experienced the results of it last cycling season as we watched our beloved trail become overgrown, littered, and just generally neglected. It was too sad for words which is why there were no words about the trail in 2003 editions of The Beacher.

But now there is a feature in The Beacher about the Kal-Haven because the DNR successfully persuaded local governments along the trail to basically take over the trail. And, as the Friends of the KHT reported in their March 2004 newsletter: Van Buren County has leased the entire Kal-Haven Trail State Park and will administer both it and the Van Buren Trail between Hartford and South Haven.

Well, that was simply too good to be true, so Natalie and I decided to do a scouting ride on the Kal-Haven on a recent hot and muggy day.

Excuse me, I meant to say on a hot, muggy AND mosquito-infested day.

Okay, so the Kal-Haven Trail is not climate-controlled or fully screened from biting insects like mosquitoes and deer flies, but, as we readily discovered, the old trail is in a whole lot better shape than it was last summer.

And then some!!

We actually took our helmets off at one point and saluted the fine folks at Van Buren County for stepping in and saving a priceless recreational resource.

Then we rode from the South Haven trailhead out to the halfway point in Bloomingdale and took our helmets off again in yet another salute to Van Buren County.

We did so because we had found vault toilets where there had been none last year. Not only that, but they were clean thanks to a recent visit by the custodian of Van Buren County.
The trail had been cleared of fallen timber, and surrounding undergrowth had been cut back. The trail surface itself was in great shape, and Van Buren County workers had repaired a wash-out along the Black River near the South Haven end.

There was even a bright, smiling Van Buren County employee waiting to greet us at South Haven and to be sure we had either purchased our $3 individual day passes or individual annual passes for $15. (As members of the Friends of the KHT, we had already purchased the latter by mail and had them proudly displayed on our bikes.)

THE KAL-HAVEN WAS BACK!!!

And were we ever a pair of happy cyclists. While we still have to scout the eastern half of the trail from Bloomingdale to Kalamazoo, we were convinced from all we saw on the west end that Van Buren County is doing a fabulous job of trail grooming, trail mowing, vault toilet cleaning, water pump maintenance and tree and brush pruning.

We were even more heartened to learn that Kalamazoo County is focusing its efforts on developing the Kal-Valley Trailway. According to the aforementioned Friends newsletter, this trail will eventually extend across Kalamazoo County, where the KHT now ends, to the Battle Creek Linear Parkway with other

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portions linking south to the Portage Bicentennial Parkway and north to Markin Glen Park and the Nature Center.

The really big news from the Friends newsletter is that construction will begin this summer on the last five miles of the former Kalamazoo & South Haven Railroad to connect the KHT from 10th Street, where it now ends, to downtown Kalamazoo, “thus creating a true Kal-Haven Trail. Included in this will be a tunnel under US-131, built by the Michigan Department of Transportation as the highway is reconstructed in the next two years. The tunnel is expected to be completed in 2005.”

And you can expect to see a story soon thereafter, complete with photographs, detailing how Natalie and I rode our bikes all the way into downtown Kalamazoo.

Meanwhile, may I humbly suggest that you load up your bike and head up to South Haven for a lovely ride (as long as you bring plenty of bug spray) along the old but newly improved Kal-Haven Trail. Again, individual day passes are $3 and family day passes are $7. Individual annual passes are $15 and family annual passes are $35. For more information, please contact: Kal-Haven Trail, 219 East Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079. Phone: 269/657-8271 or visit their website at: www.kalhaventrail.org

From Michigan City, take I-94 east to I-196 then north on I-196 to Phoenix Road exit for South Haven and west on Phoenix Road to stoplight at Blue Star Highway. Turn right on Blue Star and go north less than a mile to sign that will direct you to turn left to the Kal-Haven Trail staging area where there is plenty of free parking, cold water and clean vault toilets.

Let the good times roll this summer and be sure and give a tip of your helmet to the good folks at Van Buren County for saving the Kal-Haven.
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The Seville Communion by Arturo Perez-Reverte

Only about 50% of the time does a novel grab you in the first two or three pages with prose that sparks instant interest. That's what happened to me with this week's book recommendation....

Usually when a hacker breaks into someone's computer it is to set a virus or look for information. In this week's religious thriller, someone has hacked his way into the Pope's personal computer, not for mischief, but just to leave a message: “My audacity is justified by the gravity of the matter.”

The “matter” in question is a 17th century church in Seville, Our Lady of the Tears, which is now in danger of being sold and torn down for urban development. To further complicate things, two people who have been on the side of saving the church, have both died. Ruled accidental in each case, some think it might have been murder, including the hacker whom the Vatican has code named Vespers. He said the church “kills to defend itself.”

Enter Father Lorenzo Quart, member of the IEA (Institute for External Affairs), sort of a Vatican CIA. Tall, dark and handsome, looking anything but a priest, in expensive suits and collars to boot, Quart is a cool customer, clear thinking and seemingly devoid of emotions. His job is to go to Seville, assess the situation, discover the identity of Vespers, and report back to Rome. Getting any cooperation from the archbishop of Seville will be almost impossible since Quart had a run-in with him several years ago over a security matter.

But that’s not all Quart has to face when he gets to Seville. There’s Father Priamo Ferro, the 64 years old priest at Our Lady of the Tears, a rough former country priest who still recites mass in Latin, and who obviously cares for his parishioners. When Quart comments that he is there to help him, Ferro responds: “I know your type...What this church needs is a different kind of help, and you haven’t brought any of it in those elegant pockets of yours. So leave now. I have a baptism in twenty minutes.”

Then there’s Gris Marsala and Father Oscar Lobato. Quart meets Gris in the church. Wearing blue jeans and plaited hair, working on church renovations, Quart is surprised to find out that she is an American nun, an expert in restoring religious buildings who has a dispensation from her order to be there. Father Lobato is the young and fiercely loyal assistant to Father Priamo.

Two priests and a nun...could any one of them be Vespers?

Just to sweeten the pot, there is also Pencho Gavira, vice-director of the bank that will profit if the sale of the church goes through and his wife (separated, that is) Macarena who just happens to be on the side of Father Priamo. Her escapades with a bullfighter make great fodder for the tabloids. Because of a 17th century paper that states the church is untouchable by the city as long as a mass is said every Thursday in memory of an ancestor of Macarena’s, Pencho figures the answer to his dilemma of closing the church is simple: do something to cause that mass not to be said.

Pencho has an assistant to do his dirty work—Celestino Peregl. “He was fond of white socks, loud silk ties, double-breasted jackets with gold buttons, and hookers in hostess bars. But above all, fond of the magical pattern of numbers on the gambling tables of any casino that still let him in.” Why his boss trusted him with the money to find a professional to solve the problem of the church is a mystery to me. What he does is hire three of the most unlikely “professionals” you could imagine....

Don Ibrahim, aging fake lawyer from Cuba with a penchant for cigars, white suits and Panama hats. He’s the brains of the gang. (Shudder.)

La Nina Punales, aging ex-cabaret singer “with a beauty mark and spit curl on her withered forehead.” Don Ibrahim holds a soft spot for her.

El Potro del Mantelete is a giant of a man. It’s too bad his brain isn’t proportional to his bulk. A former bullfighter and prizefighter, El Potro had sustained one too many blows to his head and now waits, like a faithful dog, for Don Ibrahim’s instructions.

These three characters, along with Peregl, provide more than a few chuckles with their bumbling attempts to first shadow the priests, then get any photos of Macarena and Quart together (no one told El Potro to rewind the film before he took it out of the camera), and try to burn down the church (they almost go up in flames themselves).

Quart’s investigation seems to be going nowhere when a mysterious post card showing the church in 1895 appears in his hotel room. Is it a clue? Along the way, Quart finds out that there is more to this story than just closing and tearing down of a church building; family secrets and personal revelations surface to make this an intelligent read. Oh yes, and then there is dead body number three...

This translation from the Spanish is now out in paperback. The author has a new novel, The Queen of the South, that has hit the bookshelves recently and seems to be gaining popularity. Perez-Reverte books have sold millions of copies and have been translated into nineteen languages in thirty countries.

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