

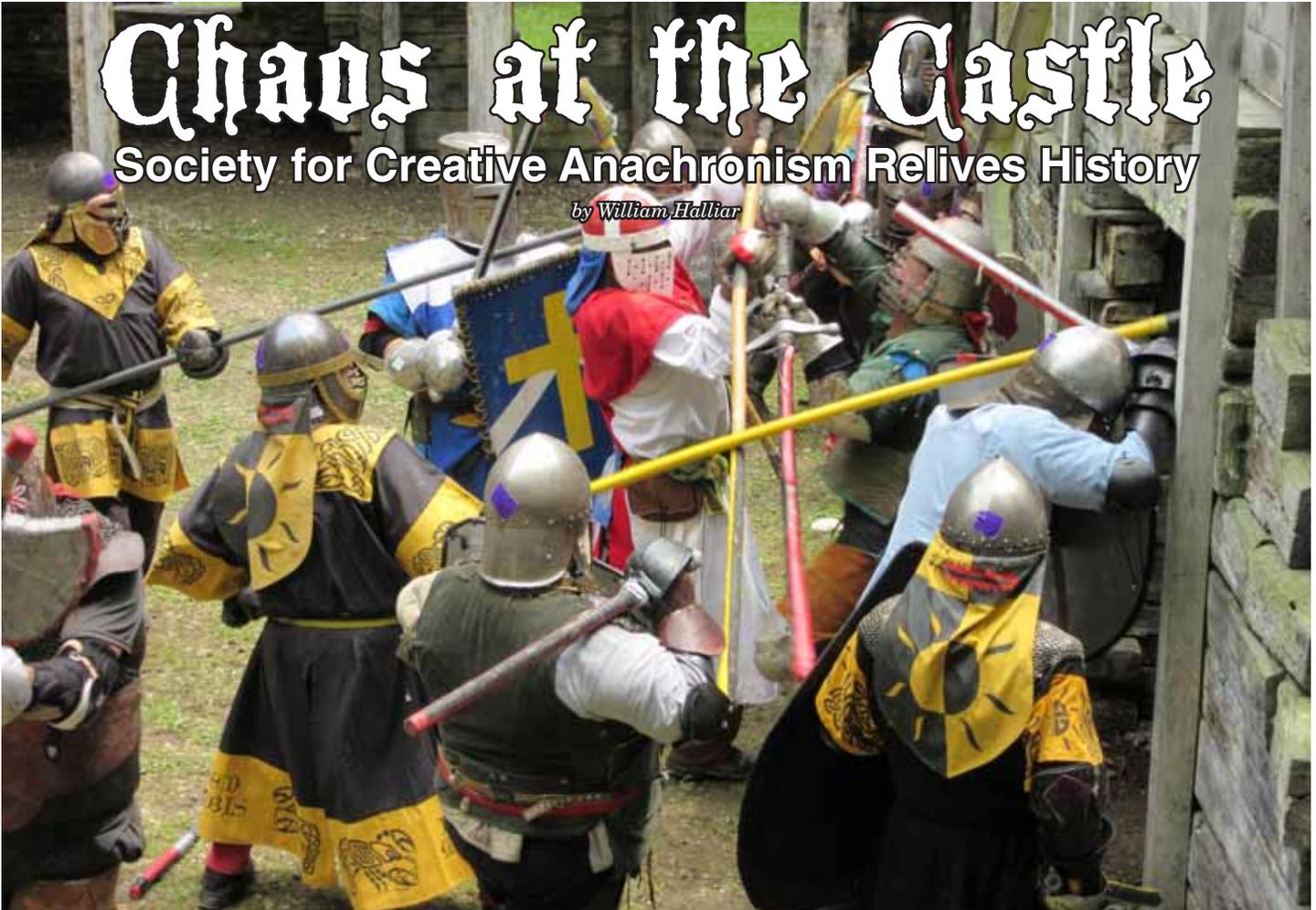


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Chaos at the Castle

Society for Creative Anachronism Relives History

by William Halliar



Knights storm the castle as "Chaos at the Castle" commences.

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n anachronism is a person or object out of place in time, like an old-fashioned tool used in a modern setting, or a polyester pant suit worn to an Internet café.

Spending a day with the Lords and Ladies of the Shire of Greyhope, in the middle of a La Porte County summer, conjures shades of "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," or time travel on a grand scale.

The Society for Creative Anachronism is an international organization made up of curious, creative folks who call themselves geeks, nerds and lovers of history. They gather on a regular basis to research,

recreate and celebrate the arts, skills and traditions of pre-17th century Europe, a time in world history often referred to as the "Dark Ages."

Founded 50 years ago in Berkley, Calif., the SCA has grown and gathered followers over the years. It now has members and supporters worldwide. The organization is divided into kingdoms, baronies, shires, guilds and houses just as the people of the Middle Ages might have arranged themselves and their lives.

Who among us would suspect that this alternate culture has existed parallel to our modern life for so many years, and that such great interest and

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passion for an ancient way of life would still thrive alongside our modern technology and thought?

Lake, Porter and La Porte counties are included in the Society's Shire of Greyhope, and they proclaim to all who join their ranks, "Welcome to the Middle Ages." Members consider themselves much like a family, and they support and encourage each other in the study of life from a faraway time and place. At each gathering, members take part in many varied activities, including: combat in armor; archery; costuming; cooking metal work; woodworking; music; dance; calligraphy; fiber arts; and equestrian activities. Their literature proclaims, "If it was done in the Middle Ages or Renaissance, the odds are that you will find someone within the SCA interested in it and recreating it."

The Society's gatherings are an anthropological dream as members actively participate in the pro-

cess of learning about, and practicing, the arts of these ancient times. As they say, "To learn about the clothing of the period, you research it and then sew and wear it yourself. To learn about combat, you put on armor (which you may have built yourself) and learn how to defeat your opponent. To learn brewing you make (and sample) your own wines, meads and beers."

The Society does not shun technology, but rather selectively chooses to recreate the culture of another time choosing elements of the culture that interest and attract them. Mixing the modern with the ancient world, they creatively weave and construct an alternate culture that embraces collaboration in research, learning and experimentation in the ancient arts.

Members carefully research the names of people and clans from early European cultures from the Middle East to the Vikings of the north. They take names that reflect the persona they wish to recreate. A college of heraldry ensures the authenticity of each



The troops prepare to storm the castle.

name, and that crests and tartans are prototypical to the era portrayed. Thus, at any Society event, you may expect to meet anyone from “Kat the Green from the House of Dark Horse,” or “Thor Thengilsson,” a Viking of the north country, or the elegant “Elsbeth Kirkaldy, Baroness of the White Waters.”

On July 11, a group of nearly 100 Society members — mainly members of the Shire of Greyhope, but also some who travelled great distances — gathered at Sherwood Forest Paintball, 3497 U.S. 35, La Porte, to recreate an afternoon fair and battle of the Middle Ages. The event was billed as “Chaos at the Castle.”



Participants in “Chaos at the Castle,” exhausted after a day of battle.

The public is more than welcome at these gatherings, but participants and Society members stress what they do is not a Renaissance Fair in which hired actors recreate the past and sell their wares. Rather, members participate and learn from the experience of actually stepping into another era and reliving it. It is very much a “hands-on” experience.

Armor and clothing styles, language and foods are studied and recreated. Men and women study metal crafting and sewing, knitting and beading, perfecting their wardrobes and living the lifestyles of the past.

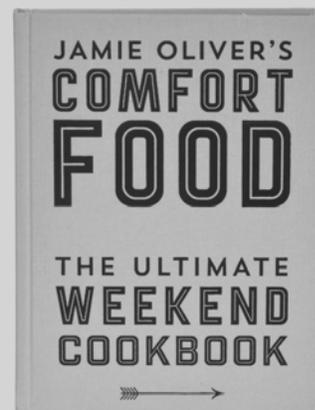
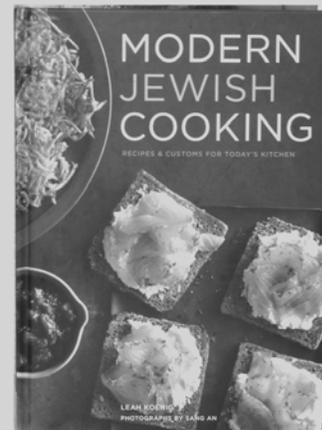
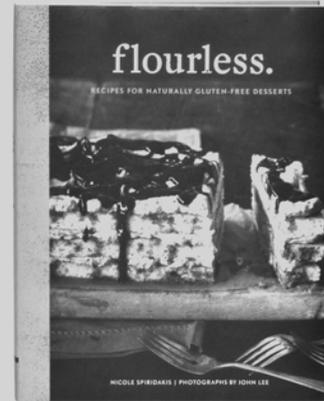
A friendlier group of re-enactors could not be found in any time or place. With a little imagination, a visitor could suspend reality for a bit, transported by the moment and actually feel like he/she is experiencing 15th or 16th century Europe.

The day at Sherwood Forest is filled with clashes of combatants in authentic and handmade armor, polished yet dented and scarred by many a battle. Merchant and guild members ply their wares, classes are taught in medieval crafts. Colorful Ladies of the court mingle with serving wenches and Lords of the land to create an atmosphere of celebration and learning.

Combat — heavy with armor, broad swords, pikes and battle axes, and what is called light with rapiers — seems to form the core of the society’s events.

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Indeed, peerages and kingships are awarded by a person's skill on the field of battle.

Between battles, groups of knights practice their techniques while the Society's "Masters of the Academy of Defense" tutors combatants in the finer points of swordplay.

In this modern-day version of the battle of Hastings or the Crusades, safety is a main concern. Each combatant must go through a vigorous check of skill and armor before he/she is allowed to enter the fray. Men and women can participate in the fight, but they must, in this way, be approved and authorized.



Ready for battle.

On this day, there is a castle to defend. The arrayed forces are divided into two teams: one to defend the castle and one to attack from the outside. Strategies are formed and the battle engaged. Referees closely watch the action to make sure no one is injured, and if a call of "halt" is heard, all stop and await the ruling of the official.

The winners of the

day are determined by points accumulated in combat. While the fighters move to and fro in the heat of the skirmish, the ladies, squires and guild members cheer their sides on from the battlements of the castle.

Swords, pikes and axes are made of a special rattan material so they do not splinter on impact and injure the participants. The tips of rapiers are blunted and cushioned, so while the battles are realistic, no one can be injured, thus ensuring that the day ends in celebration.

Each team battles through the morning and afternoon, earning points and striving for the honor of being recognized as the best of the day. Knights — both men and women — struggle against each other in helmets, chain mail and heavily padded armor. They beat each other back and forth across the field and at the castle gate until, finally, all fall exhausted at the end of the day: tired, sweating, but filled with excitement over the glorious day of battle. "What a game," one winded, bedraggled knight exclaims with a grin on his face.

And at the end of the day, they feast, enjoying a hearty repast together as family and friends, sharing the stories of the day and making plans for the next gathering. Society members tell of the support they give each other, even in what they call "the mundane world" where they must live and work. All week long, they exist in the work-a-day world,

looking forward to the weekends when they can don their mid-level personas and gather, once again, to celebrate another simpler time.

Many of the members' automobiles carry a sticker in their windows, much like a Masonic or union logo, identifying them as SCA members. When they meet, by chance, far from home, it is as if long-lost friends



Lady B'Gen Van de Sterren (Cindy Faraone) and her son.



Lake, Porter and La Porte counties are included in the SCA's Shire of Greyhope.

have at last been reunited.

A yearly two-week gathering called "Pennsic," which has been going on for more than 40 years, draws up to 12,000 people. Participants live in medieval-style pavilions, rather than tents. They feast together, enjoy Bardic evenings of stories and song and take classes on medieval crafts and lore. A highlight is the Pennsic War, which is fought between the Societies East and Middle Kingdoms.

Many of the "Chaos" attendees spoke of the grand times they have had at past Pennsic gatherings. Children play together and friends meet to share stories. Hundreds of knights meet on the field of battle, and the noise and dust of the great struggle and the glory and memory of the event carry them through the rest of the year, back in the "mundane world."

"Here, we get to live our dreams," Enkara of Darkhorse (Ann Dellhambre in the "mundane world") says. "We get to act out and experience the best of the Middle Ages."

It can be said that Society members truly know how to celebrate life, creating a new world for themselves, each time they gather, melding the ancient with the modern.

(For more information in the "mundane world," visit www.sca.org or www.midrealm.org/greyhope. The local contact is Jen Dreessen, Lady Quenild of Mercia (a noble woman of 16th century Turkey), who can be reached at fenyx_fyre@hotmail.com)



Baroness Zafirah of the White Waters (Sarah Neverly).



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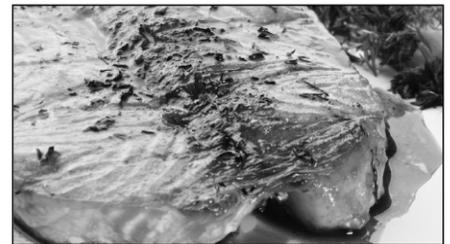
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Show Up and Show Out



Story and photos by Janet Baines

We've seen them in parades, at local events, on TV, always bringing their signature enthusiasm and rhythm to each appearance.

As they celebrate their 15th anniversary this year, the Michigan City Soul Steppers on July 18 hosted their eighth annual "Show Up and Show Out" competition at Michigan City High School. They did not compete, but instead provided entertainment throughout the event as teams competed from Alabama, Missouri, Tennessee, Illinois and Ohio.

Lyn Isbell created the group 15 years ago, her dream being to encourage teens to set high standards and, in the process, change the negative image of today's youth.

The group's many awards attest to that, as did their July 18 competition. The Soul Steppers presented a dynamic evening with plenty of drums, the air electric with the excitement each team brought to the floor.

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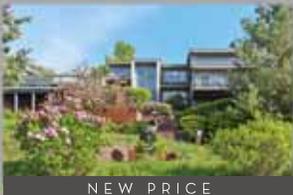
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This year marks the 21st annual Leprechaun Hunt, where guests hunt for leprechauns and win cash prizes up to \$1,500, with all proceeds benefiting the Share Foundation and its Sharing Meadows facility in Rolling Prairie.

The event is from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2. The cost for one admission is \$45 in advance (if purchased by 5 p.m. Friday, July 31) or \$55 at the gate, or \$40 per senior (65 and older) in advance and \$45 at the gate. Children 13 and younger are free when accompanied by a parent or grandparent.

An Irish feast will be served that includes ribs, chicken, sausage, corned beef and cabbage, tacos and nachos, roasted sweet corn drawn in butter, pulled pork dinners, hamburgers and hot dogs, homemade zucchini bread, assorted salads, beer, wine and soda.

Live Irish entertainment is planned, including Magic by Kalita, hayrides, a moonwalk, boating and fishing. The Villagers of Sharing Meadows will sell craft items, including birdfeeders, butterfly houses, wine racks and woven rugs, placemats and dish towels. Potted grasses and flowers will be sold. Auc-



Guests take a hayride through Sharing Meadows in search of leprechauns.

tion items are planned.

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Fourteen La Lumiere students traveled to Hualien City, Taiwan, to immerse themselves in three weeks of cultural study at Tzu Chi University.

The husband-and-wife team of Chris Ciambarella and Taiwan native Li Chen Tsai, both La Lumiere teachers, led the students through tours of the country. In addition to cultural studying and traveling,

students completed 25 hours of community service by assisting in activities such as working on an organic farm and teaching English to Taiwanese students.

“This trip changed my perspective on key aspects of my life and taught me how to reflect on my own life and the world surrounding me,” rising senior Blair Arnell, Chesterton, Ind., said.

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La Porte Bike Night: A Glimpse of Things to Come

by M.D. Cunningham

It's not often someone copies something they saw on TV with positive consequences, but that's what happened when Temple News Agency Owner Joe Whicker saw an episode of "Best Bars in America," set in Detroit, on the Esquire Network.

The idea didn't immediately get legs — or teeth? — but came to light the way so many ideas do: chatting with friends.

"Someone mentioned doing something downtown," Whicker said. "You know, 'Hey, I saw a show where people did that...'"

And so it began.

Whicker, who has pushed for a bike-share program in town, joked that if just he and a friend showed up, they'd bike to each other's houses for a cold beer. But the word was out. Black-and-white flyers with a towering bike that would require a ladder to ascend, along with a dapper gentleman with a handlebar mustache, were plastered around local spots and online. More than a few people came out alone after seeing the flyer — mainly on facebook. One business trainer who travels often in the week said she was hyped to find something fun to do locally on a Monday night.

Riders of different skill sets and ages met July 20 at Temple News Agency, a "coffee shop that serves ice cream" that began in 1918 as a newsstand and still serves as a beacon for social gatherings.

Having spent a great deal of time commuting by bicycle in Chicago when living there, I didn't think twice about joining the night's festivities. In hindsight, biking from Michigan City to La Porte may not have been the best idea. My legs were rubber by the time I made it to Temple 20 minutes after the scheduled meet time.

I found the group a few minutes later at Jefferson



Photo by Matt Cunningham

Avenue and Jackson Street, where La Porte's first community garden is located. Eventually, the garden will serve as an educational platform for agricultural topics, as well as an outdoor meeting place. As Whicker said earlier, biking in a group is better. And going from a single rider to a member of a baker's dozen was more than enough to revitalize me.

Not too far after, we stopped for a cold beverage at Ogle's. A few riders departed for a bite to eat, but most folks seemed happy to be enjoying a chill summer evening with a fun, laid-back group. Apparently, dentists love to ride. As our group dwindled to about 10, we had two dentists. Who would have thought?

After a quick pit stop, the group coasted down McClung Road for a scenic ride in the throes of the day's light. Many riders who'd never previously met used the pleasantly paced ride to banter while gently pushing along the newly minted pavement. The emphasis of the event was definitely social, and along with the cool sweet air that carried the perfume of local restaurants and fragrant trees, there was a pioneering feeling that we were doing something fun, unusual, with a limited agenda, but at the same time a certain destination.

(La Porte Bike Night will meet every other Monday. Look for it on facebook, or ask for Joe at Temple News Agency, 816 Jefferson Ave.)



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Return of Classic Car Cruise-in Proves Popular in New Buffalo

by William Halliar

Old captain Whittaker would be amazed by the way the town of his early dreams, New Buffalo, has changed and grown during the last 180 years. This pristine stretch of Lake Michigan shoreline has become the destination for so many tourists, a place where permanent residents, shop keepers and business folk share a love for their Southwest Michigan heritage.

This summer, the New Buffalo Business Association decided to bring back a beloved tradition from the past: the classic car show. On the first Wednesday of each summer month, from June through September, the energetic and creative board of directors invites owners of classic automobiles to join in the fun and display their vehicles on the main business route through town.

The event is quickly becoming a region favorite. Who can resist an evening of classic cars, food, music and late-night shopping on Whittaker Street, with vistas of Lake Michigan's sparkling waters in the background? As board member Karen Gear observes, "It is nice to see so many families enjoying an evening out."

Cathi Rogers, New Buffalo Business Association executive director, and NBBA Board Member Jan Vallone are the spark plugs of the event. Ever positive and brimming with excitement, their pride in their community is evident in how they can be seen running to and fro all evening, carrying signs, answering questions and taking notes — making sure every detail is perfect.



Jim and Linda Tower's 1934 Ford Coupe.

NBBA members all pitch in to create a successful event. In July, Gear helped direct visitors to parking areas, while Mark Traill displayed his sleek silver Shelby convertible to appreciative crowds of strolling visitors. The boys in the crowd — no matter their age — walked through the display, their eyes wide in wonder, beholding the creative variety of the automobile designs and mechanical ingenuity of bygone years.

To some today, it may seem all cars look pretty much alike, but there was a time when celebrated designers were hired specifically to make these amazing vehicles enduring works of art. Each car was a "statement" and the pride of its owner. Strolling past gleaming fenders, massive grills and side-mounted tires, we remember a time when we did not use a car simply to get from point A to point B, but instead mounted these steeds of steel to celebrate our prosperity, individuality and life itself.



Cathi Rogers (left), New Buffalo Business Association executive director, and NBBA Board Member Jan Vallone.



The 1934 Graham owned by Joanie and Ted Binsz.

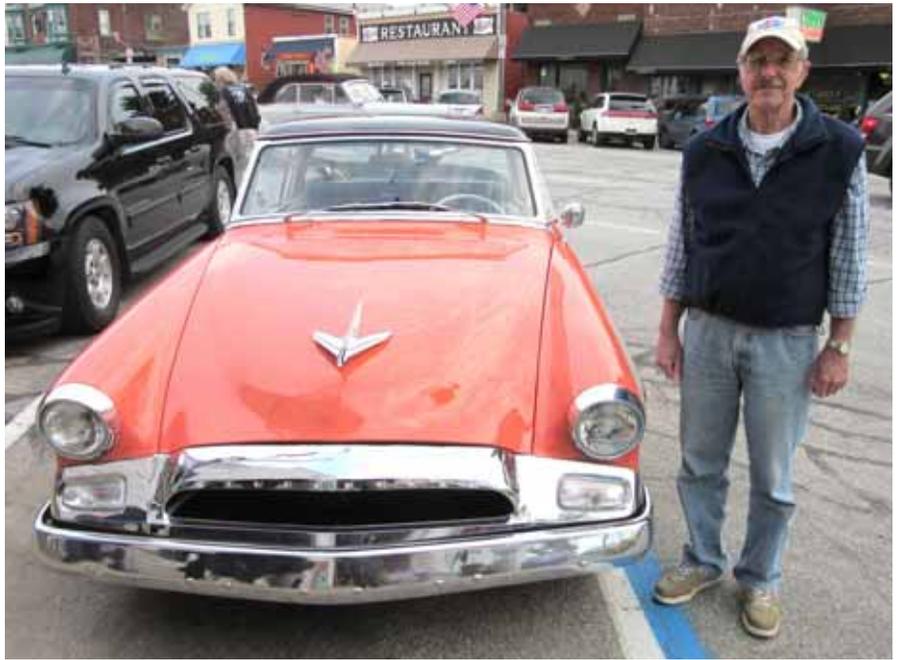
Of New Buffalo's car shows, Vallone says there are "not a lot of rules." Board members simply want the event to become a community tradition, that ev-

everyone who attends “has a lot of fun,” leaving New Buffalo with happy memories.

June’s kickoff show and the ensuing July show saw more than 80 vehicles sporting bright colors of highly polished paint, miles of gleaming chrome and plush leather upholstery.

Cars lined Whittaker Street, hoods up in a mechanical salute, displaying tenderly restored engines that occasionally roar to life, much to the delight of bystanders.

Of course, each of these mechanical chariots has its own story. Some belong to families, some to husband-and-wife teams, others to individuals. The common theme is that each owner has a story about their car, and why they have such an attachment and an affinity to spend hours each week polishing, tweaking and tuning their machines.



Dave and Sandy Mann’s 1955 Studebaker.



Many vehicles have a long history with their present owners, who took years seeking them out in dusty barns and long-forgotten storage areas. Much time has been spent scrounging original parts for repairs and matching factory paint colors and schemes, while many of the vehicles are painted in imaginative colors, with eye-catching designs and flames.

Among the more memorable machines present in July were: Dave and Sandy Mann’s 1955 Studebaker, which Dave purchased as a young man from the original owner in 1964. The distinctive color of this machine, Puma Red, still gleams in the rays of

the setting sun. Jim Witowski’s 1964 Pontiac Tempest wagon was on display as well, boasting original paint and interior.

Katy Nova proudly displayed a 1949 orange Studebaker pickup truck expertly restored by her husband, Jim. Not to be outclassed by the men, Joanie Binsz brought her 1934 Graham, with its expansive chrome grill and bug-eyed headlights. The car must have made its occupants feel regal, indeed, as it rolled down Michigan’s streets of yesteryear.

All evening, it could be observed, older generations told of their family owning such a car.

As we walk down the street and observe these rides of our past, how many memories do they bring to mind of our parents, grandparents and of the days of our youth? Indeed, the stories one generation can share with the next are priceless.



Mark Traill, a New Buffalo Business Association board member, displays his sleek silver Shelby convertible during the July show.

If You Go

New Buffalo Business Association will present the next “Classic Car Cruise-in” from 6 to 9 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Aug. 5, in downtown New Buffalo, Mich. Visit www.events@new-buffalo.org for more information.

Long Beach Country Club 9 Hole Ladies Golf League Guest Day

The Long Beach Country Club 9 Hole Golf League held its annual guest day, "Running With the Bulls," on Thursday, July 16.

A cocktail party, held the night before at the country club, featured bullsh, Spanish-style appetizers.

The golf event Thursday was a 9-hole scramble. A breakfast buffet started off the day, with golf followed by a Spanish-style lunch menu of various paellas. Colors of the day were red, black and white.



The Front 9 First Place Winners.



The Front 9 Second Place Winners.



The Front 9 Third Place Winners.

Winners were:

- Front 9 First Place Winners: Adele O'Donnell, Beth O'Donnell, Noelle Repetto, Terry Deming.
- Front 9 Second Place Winners: Susan Kelley, Carol Nich, Cindy Pontius, Judy Millerick.
- Front 9 Third Place Winners: Joan Carey, Karen Cassela, Jean Guerin, Mary Lou Toolan.



The Back 9 First Place Winners.



The Back 9 Second Place Winners.



The Back 9 Third Place Winners.

- Back 9 First Place Winners: Susan Keeley, Susan Eiben, Sally Allen, Mary Shiels.
 - Back 9 Second Place Winners: Nancy Trainor, Julie Hughes, Mary Weithers, Carolyn Middleton.
 - Back 9 Third Place Winners: Eunie Nondorf, Jeanne Sheppard, Cathy Sullivan, Ellen Cordel.
- Other guest winners were:
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Participating from Michigan City are Bill Allen (photographer), Jimmy Duke Johnston (painter), and Paul Jeselskis (ceramic artist). Mediums on display include painting, drawing, photography, jewelry, sculpture, weaving, glass and pottery.



Proceeds from the fair benefit the Art Education Fund at Chesterton Art Center.

The Golden Fingers, a Chesterton-based ukulele band, will perform each day. Volunteers from local churches will oversee the food and beverage booths. A children's activity booth will let kids create art.

Proceeds from the fair benefit the Art Education Fund at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. More than 1,000 children participate in art classes each year.

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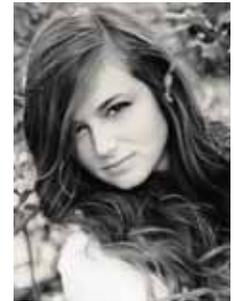
SMSO to Present Baseball Concert

Baseball and music have been indelibly intertwined since the sport's inception.

Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra will take a nostalgic journey through music and America's favorite pastime during "The Baseball Music Project" concert at 7:30 p.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 1, at Jean Klock Park in Benton Harbor, Mich.

The concert is narrated by Bill Downey and features guest artists Soprano Amanda Pilarski and Tenor Daniel Ferenczi. Highlights include "The Baseball Polka," John Philip Sousa's "The National Game," "Did You See Jackie Robinson Hit That Ball" and music from "Field of Dreams" and "The Natural."

Pilarski is a sophomore at the University of Notre Dame, where she studies English. She attended Edwardsburg High School, where she participated in choir and appeared in various plays and musicals, including "The Music Man," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."



Ferenczi is a theater student at Valparaiso University and recent graduate of Southwestern Michigan College with a degree in visual and performing arts. While attending SMC, he appeared in various vocal ensembles such as Select Voices, Concert Choir, Men's Ensemble, Show Choir and also Symphonic Band. He will appear in the ensemble for SMSO's "Oklahoma!" on Aug. 15.

At the concert, local members of the Vintage Baseball League will sport their uniforms and pump up the crowd. Audience members can wear baseball caps and/or a favorite baseball team's attire.

Lawn seating is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger (\$5 higher the day of the concert). The reserved seating area costs \$25. A reserved table in advance costs \$300 and includes 10 tickets and two VIP parking passes. The beach pass is \$50. No alcohol is allowed. Water, soda and food will be sold. Free parking and shuttle service will be available at the Whirlpool St. Joseph Technology Center parking lot, 303 Upton Drive St. Joseph, Mich., which will be open from 5 to 10 p.m. EDT. The shuttle bus will run for 45 minutes after the end of the concert.

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Grand Prix Weekend

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Presented by Super Boat International, the event at Washington Park beach features offshore powerboat racing, with speeds nearing 150 miles per hour.

The EVP Beach Volleyball Great Lakes Beach Championships are Saturday, as is the classic car show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., presented by the Four A's Car Club Inc. Sunday, Aug. 2, is Race Day. There will be two races: the first at 11 a.m. and the second at 1 p.m. The silent auction to benefit La Porte County Family YMCA Michigan City Branch is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Visit MichiganCitySuperboat.com for a complete schedule of events, including the boat parade and block party.

The Taste of Michigan City Block Party begins Friday, July 31. The two-day event features local restaurants, live entertainment and a local brew and wine garden in the city's Uptown Arts District. Hours are 4 to 11 p.m. Friday and noon to 11 p.m. Saturday.

Michigan City Harbor Fest, sponsored by Michigan City Live Productions and featuring craft beer tasting, runs from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 31, in Washington Park.

Featuring up to 30 craft breweries, live entertainment is planned, including "Tonal Attitude" and WLS Radio Disc Jockey John "Records" Landecker. Buy tickets at www.mcharborfest.com. Proceeds benefit Reins of Life Therapeutic Horseback Riding for Children.

Dig the Dunes and Michigan City Mainstreet Association will unite to present a Bike Rally and Scavenger Hunt at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1.

Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. Bikers will register as teams or be assigned a team, and receive a set of clues that will send them out into Michigan City and the surrounding areas to find landmarks and hidden treasures.

Once reaching a location, they will snap a photo in front of it. After discovering a set amount of clues, they then race back to the finish line, where they can recharge with food from The Taste of Michigan City.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in both the five-mile family race and the 30-mile adult race. Teams consist of two to five people.

The cost is \$30 per person and includes a T-shirt and \$10 in tickets for the Taste. The \$70 family scavenger cost includes up to four T-shirts and \$25 in tickets for the Taste.

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Taltree to Open New Trails

Taltree Arboretum & Gardens is opening its East Property to the public Tuesday, Aug. 4.

The East Property, just more than 90 acres, encompasses the new Pheasant and Woodcock trails, which are named for the woodcock and pheasant preserves they surround.

Taltree will mark the opening with a Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. Guests will have access to the property starting at 4 p.m. The ribbon cutting will feature light refreshments and short remarks from Taltree's Interim Executive Director, Stephanie Blackstock. The East Property will be open for walking, and tours will be available as resources allow.

From 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, admission is 50 percent off all day to celebrate the East Property's opening. Also, a special children's map will debut featuring the East Property.

Also at Taltree, the arboretum has received a Subaru SIA Foundation grant to buy an Automated External Defibrillator.

The AED is the third Taltree has brought on-site and is specifically for use at Taltree's summer camps. Other AEDs are at the Depot Visitor Center and administrative offices.

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Stroller, Baby and You

Aimed at toddlers and preschoolers, programs include music, dance, storytelling and a hike (weather permitting).

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays, Aug. 3, 17 and 31 at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West. Call at least one week in advance to register.

Parent & Child Discovery Days

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

- Aug. 5 — Sensory Sensations.
- Aug. 19 — Water Everywhere.

Summer Day Camp – Tuesday Treasures

Camp, aimed at youth 6-13, is from 9 a.m. to noon at Luhr County Park. The cost is \$8 per person/per program. Each session includes arts and crafts, games and snacks. Pre-registration and payment are required one week before each program. The schedule is:

- Aug. 4 — Habitat Hunters.
- Aug. 11 — Science Seekers.

Senior Lifestyles

Join the free 55+ Club, a social club designed for adults 55 and older to learn and explore various types of nature. Free coffee is served to participants.

The group meets from 9 to 10 a.m. at Luhr County Park Nature Center. Call at least one week in advance to register. The schedule is:

- Aug. 5 — “Benefits of Eating Clean.”

Pet Fest in the Park

The free annual event, co-sponsored by La Porte County Small Animal Shelter, is held rain or shine from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Luhr County Park.

Vendors will have stations along the trail. Also planned are demonstrations, a costume contest, obedience tips, adopt a new pet and animal photography. Pets can take a dip in the pool, run an agility course, play fetch and receive a treat. All animals must be on a leash, with “oops” bags provided.



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Visitors encounter a replica 1900s-era depot, choosing from different trains that range from miniature to full-sized. Each train heads along a different route through a beautiful wooded landscape, the longest being 2 1/2 miles. The museum also is a showcase for a working steam-powered sawmill with a 60-inch blade, La Porte's first electric generator and a blacksmith shop where iron is turned into handcrafted works of art.

Hand-scooped ice cream treats and sodas made from traditional recipes are for sale in the restored vintage soda fountain and ice cream parlor, Doc's Soda Fountain. All food is created on site by Spire Farm-to-Fork Restaurant, La Porte. Breakfast also is served at Doc's from 9 to 11 a.m.

The museum, located at 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, officially opens at 11:30 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m. Train fares are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12.

Visit www.hesston.org or call (219) 778-2783 (weekends) for more information

Three Oaks Theater Festival

The Three Oaks Theater Festival continues with "Patsy Cline – She's Got You" at 5 and 9 p.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 1, at The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich.

Presented by Artists Lounge Live, the play celebrates the country music legend with a performance by Broadway powerhouse Jenny Lee Stern ("Rocky," "Jersey Boys") and hits such as "Walkin' After Midnight," "I Fall to Pieces" and "Crazy."

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DamNation, presented at the Vickers Theatre in Three Oaks, on July 30, at 7:00 pm. *More Than Honey*, presented at Fernwood, on August 1, reception from 6:30-7:30 pm and movie at 7:30 pm.



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Fernwood Botanical Garden

The following programs are available at Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich.:

- **Green Screens: An Environmental Film Festival, presented in conjunction with Chikaming Open Lands, on Thursday, July 30, and Saturday, Aug. 1.**

"DamNation," presented at Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich., at 7 p.m. EDT Thursday, July 30. Majestic cinematography and unexpected discoveries move through rivers and landscapes altered by dams, but also through a metamorphosis in values.

"More Than Honey," presented at Fernwood, is Saturday, Aug. 1, with a reception from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. EDT and the movie at 7:30 p.m. EDT. Bee colonies are being decimated globally by a phenomenon scientists call Colony Collapse Disorder.

The cost is \$10 per movie (Fernwood and COL members cost \$8), or \$15 (Fernwood and COL members cost \$12) for both movies and the reception. Seating is limited.

- **Summer Night Hike from 9 to 11 p.m. EDT Friday, July 31.**

Learn about nocturnal animals with naturalist Wendy Jones, who helps explore the nature trails at night. Take a flashlight. Meet in the Fernwood parking lot. Register by July 29. The cost is \$15 (members cost \$12), while children 10 and younger are free.

- **Artist Reception: Midwest Tile Maker Show from 1 to 3 p.m. EDT Sunday, Aug. 2.**

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- **Meijer Japanese Garden Bus Trip from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 7.**

The Richard and Helen DeVos Japanese Garden at Frederik Meijer Garden and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids, Mich., opened in June. The trip includes a tram tour to view the newest piece, the "Iron Tree," by Chinese artist Ai Weiwei, as well as "Splendors of Shiga: Treasures from Japan." Guests buy lunch at Taste of the Gardens Café. Register by July 31. The cost is \$75 (members cost \$60)

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- **Mount Baldy Guided Hike from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Fridays through Sept. 4, and 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 2.**

While Mount Baldy remains closed to unrestricted public access, visitors can join a ranger for a special guided hike along a trail on the dune's western edge found to be free of holes. The program begins at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center. Reservations are required by calling (219) 395-1882.

- **Campground Program from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, at Dunewood Campground.**

Learn about the diversity of park resources found on the Dunes Scavenger Hunt. The campground is at Broadway and U.S. 12 in Beverly Shores.

- **Two Rare Moon Hikes from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, at Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

A ranger leads visitors on the 2.5-mile hikes under the rare "Blue Moon."

- **Sunset Stroll at Central Avenue Beach from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1.**

A ranger will shed light on threats faced by the dunes. Meet at the Central Beach Parking Lot, 151 Central Ave. just west of Michigan City.

- **Insects of the Dunes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at Paul H. Douglas Center.**

Chicago Field Museum expert Jim Louderman discusses insects found in Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, as well as a few from other places in the world.

- **Pinhook Bog Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 12.**

Take a self-guided tour of the bog and talk to rangers stationed

along the trail. Arrive by 2 p.m. to allow about one hour to walk the trail and tour the bog. The parking lot is located at 700 N. Wozniak Road in Michigan City.

- **Fort Building Contest from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at Paul H. Douglas Center.**

Form a family or small group team and test your architecture skills in the Nature Play Zone. Prizes for different themed forts will be awarded.

- **Bike Ride with a Ranger from 9 to 11 a.m. Sundays through Sept. 6.**

Join a ranger for a bike ride starting at the campground and travel along the Calumet Bike Trail. Meet at the Dunewood Campground.

- **"Kid's Rule" from 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

Join a ranger in the Visitor Center's activity room for stories and activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

- **Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 6.**

Tour the Chellberg Farmhouse and Bailly Homestead to learn about the lives of early Duneland farm families. The parking lot is on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter.

- **Miller Woods Hike from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 23.**

Take an afternoon ranger-led stroll through Miller Woods. The hike's length can vary from a 1/2 mile to three miles if hiking to Lake Michigan. Call (219) 395-1821 for details of the week's hike.

- **Central Beach Sunset Hike at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Sept. 2.**

Enjoy a sunset stroll with a ranger and learn about the threats faced by the dunes. Meet at the Central Beach parking lot.

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is on Lake Street north of U.S. 12 in the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.



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Dance Team Attends National Event

Works in Motion Dance Co.'s competition team, Synergy, attended Intrigue Dance Challenge National Convention and Competition on July 5-11 in Orlando, Fla.

Team members Lauren Barnhart, Emily Johnston, Madeline Mills, Miranda Mahaffey, Abigail Pilecki, Nandi Richardson, Abigail Roberts and Lauren West were joined by faculty Ashley Fridh and Lindsay Gogel. Synergy entered seven numbers to the National Finals, receiving six High Gold awards and one Gold award. In addition, Barnhart and Roberts received the Intrigue Recognition Award during convention classes. Later in the week, Synergy dancers Pilecki, Mahaffey and Roberts participated in WIMDC's first Improv Competition. Barnhart, Johnston, Mills and Roberts all submitted student choreography for Imagination Competition.

Team members Barnhart, La Porte, Johnston, Michigan City, Amellia Klute, La Porte, Mahaffey, Michigan City, Mills, New Carlisle, Emily Neil, La Porte, Pilecki, La Porte, Richardson, La Porte, Roberts, La Porte, and West, La Porte, as well as faculty members Rachel Beilfuss, Fridh, Gogel and Hadasah Parks, took master classes at the competition/conventions in ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, contemporary, musical theater, modern, fusion, and hip-hop.

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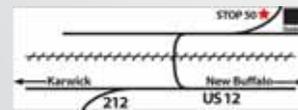
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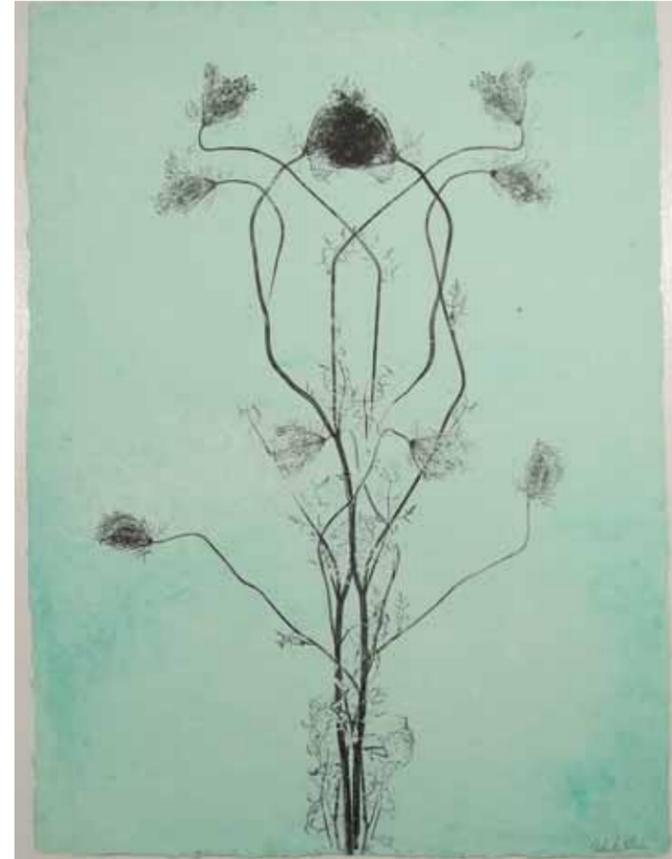
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Anyone who saw her mind-bending artistry four years ago will be glad to know Lora Fosberg is back, this time in a solo show at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

The exhibit is in the Hyndman Gallery through Sept. 26, corresponding with Andrea Peterson's equally compelling show upstairs.



Andrea Peterson's woodcut "Beech No. 4," done on kozo and pigmented cotton fiber.

Both artists studied at Chicago's School of the Art Institute and taught at Ox-Bow School of Art in Douglas, Mich. Both are local, Fosberg residing in Michigan City and Peterson in rural La Porte County. Both have great concern for trees. From that point, their paths diverge, Peterson conveying a quieter message and Fosberg whispering vehemently.

The sheer ambition of Fosberg's projects is impressive: meticulous drawings 5 and 6 feet in length, carefully delineated, intense and strong enough to fill the large gallery with thought-provoking images.

True to the exhibit's title, "Everything Looks Perfect from Far Away," Fosberg's pastel townscapes, rendered in innocuous beige and off-pinks, betray their perils only upon close inspection: a caved-in roof from an unseen tornado, a quiet street corner toppling into a sinkhole, evidence that the obverse aphorism also would be valid: "Nothing looks perfect close up."

EVERYTHING LOOKS PERFECT FROM FAR AWAY + ROOTED

by Barbara Stodola



Lora Fosberg's diptych "everything" and "nothing" (2015) each half 60"x 60", offers the artist's version of the doughnut and the hole.

Fosberg's townscapes, viewed as if from a helicopter, have no people nor trees. Buildings two- and three-stories high are packed together. Sturdy, but temporary, they are susceptible to the changes of fortune implied in such titles as "hello goodbye."

The largest piece of all, a mixed-media drawing 12 feet long, gives us Fosberg's own vision of doomsday: the entire town going up in smoke, an event not totally unwelcome. It is titled "even goodbyes can be beautiful."

Fosberg is a talented craftsman, wordsmith, deep thinker, humorist and lover of miniatures. One of her mixed-media creations is a slice-of-walnut shelf crammed with 40 or 50 tiny straight-backed chairs – all sorts of chairs, ladder-back, spindle-back,

Chippendale – referencing the silly game of musical chairs and soberly titled "last one standing."

She speaks disparagingly of "the stuff" we all accumulate in our everyday lives, and seems particularly intrigued by the containers used to store that stuff – suitcases, steamer trunks, hat boxes, dresser drawers, canisters, baskets, piles and piles of stuff, in one case being transported by a determined "pile driver" pedaling his woefully inadequate bicycle.

Also, she is attracted to trees. Their enormity and beauty, their ecological significance and vulnerability, the ease and caprice involved in chopping them down – all these features find expression in her imagery. In some drawings, cartoonish woodcutters haul away felled trees as though performing a dance;

in others, the trees talk back – "ouch!" "snap!"

But there is a flipside to Fosberg's engagement with trees: She needs their products, particularly paper, to make her art. In this respect, she is allied with Peterson, who operates in the upper echelons of paper artisans as advisory board chairwoman of



Lora Fosberg's "alternating alternatives" (2014), 24"x 48", shows woodcutters dancing toward a sawmill.

The Friends of Dard Hunter, an international hand paper making organization.

Peterson's show is titled "Rooted" and focuses on our mighty beech and oak trees. "Due to the sandy soil in our region," she says, "the trees must reach out across the dune to be able to tower 300 feet into the air. Their tenacity is of profound beauty and wonder."

All her drawings are done with natural dyes and pigments, on the handmade paper Peterson produces. Her subjects range narrowly, from truncated roots of beech trees to oak leaves and wildflowers.

The major portion of Peterson's exhibit is given over to exquisite drawings of Queen Anne's Lace, each done on a different-colored paper. Each flower grows singly, on a tall stem, and the series captures

Peterson's sense of wonder at the loveliness of growth, even as the plant withers into the seed-producing period of its cycle.

"Rooted" also can be seen as expressing Peterson's lifestyle, the home-studio shared with husband Jon Hook in the country where they attempt to live in harmony with the surrounding environment. Their sustainable methods include a wood-burning furnace and kiln for Hook's pottery, fired with trees felled in storms.

The beauty of the Fosberg and Peterson exhibits arouses deeper reflection and appreciation of the region we inhabit. This is another of Curator CarolAnn Brown's inspired pairings, the presentation of these two environmentally-attuned artists together.



Lora Fosberg's "even goodbyes can be beautiful" (2013), 42"x144", features a town destroyed by fire.



What's Cooking

by Jim LaRocco

Summer and early fall take me back to when I was a youngster picking berries and vegetables, and watching/helping my mother can them.

I was raised in a family of eight, with five growing boys. My mother always tried to stretch the food dollar, and canning was the way to do it. I just started canning in the last year or two. No veggies, just spaghetti sauce. Not an easy job, but the results are well worth it.

During World War II, people grew what were called victory gardens. Many today have gardens either as a hobby or to help keep food costs down. There are plenty of people today who don't like buying foreign produce, so they grow their own.

I remember my dad's mother, Grandma LaRocco, and the large garden behind her house on Pine Street, between Barker Avenue and Homer Street. It was the old Italian neighborhood, and many of the families came over from Italy together.

Grandma LaRocco used to grow her own tomatoes, and she would dry them in the sun to make her own tomato paste. She also grew fresh herbs.

Grandfather LaRocco grew grapes in the backyard and made his own homemade wine. Most immigrants did that regardless of nationality. They wanted to make sure they had enough food, so they grew plenty of their own.

There are many family orchards and roadside fruit stands in Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan. They are the next best thing to growing your own, a lot less work and worth the price.

We go to a farmers market in New Buffalo to get organic strawberries and produce almost every weekend. I freeze many flats of strawberries over the course of the summer for those times during the winter when the family wants sorbet, gelato, ice cream or shortcake.

Sue and I like to go to the local orchards as much as possible. Most have tasty sweet corn, peaches, apples, berries and tomatoes.

Orchards provided many kids with their first jobs. Sue used to work at Arndt's Orchard on Wozniak Road in the summer. She lived nearby and rode her bike to work.

When it gets a little too hot during late summer and early fall, our appetites are not very big. We will have a dinner that consists of fresh tomatoes and sweet corn, followed by strawberry shortcake or apple or peach crisp, depending upon the time of year. There is always room for dessert no matter how hot it is!

When our grandson, Cody, was a little tyke, he called corn on the cob "bone corn" and always ate at least a half dozen ears himself. He would top that

off with his favorite fruit: strawberries. Somewhere in the family archives there are pictures of him with his cheeks stuffed to overflowing with fresh strawberries.

My mother's uncle, Floyd Hutchinson, had a blueberry farm in Sawyer, Mich. We would go there several times each year to pick and eat our fill. I ate so many blueberries as a youngster, I can't eat even one today.

My mom made muffins, pies, cobbler or blueberry pancakes with our haul. I don't know how those places can make any money when kids pick. I think we ate more than we picked. Lucky for us, the owner was a relative.

Our neighborhood was full of strawberry bushes, raspberry bushes, apple, apricot, peach and cherry trees. Most of the neighbors didn't care if we helped ourselves on our walks through the neighborhood or to school.

Sue and her brother, Paul, would go with their mother, Janet, to pick beans and berries. It was a family affair that included her grandmother and great-grandmother sitting around the table "snapping green beans." It took hours, and Sue and Paul quickly tired of it, but soldiered on. Today, she prefers her beans already prepared.

She related another story.

"We would go and pick blueberries. Paul and I probably spent most of the time eating the blueberries and throwing them at each other, until we got caught by our mother."

When Janet would pickle beets, Sue recalls she would use her trusty permanently stained purple Veg-O-Matic to process them.

Every family has their favorite recipes for desserts made with fresh fruits from the local orchard. Recipes for crisps, pies, compotes, muffins, cobblers and more. Back in my mother's day, the Betty Crocker Cookbook was the kitchen bible for many stay-at-home moms.

A favorite around our house in the fall are apple and peach crisps. Of course, it has to be topped with either cinnamon whipped cream and/or homemade vanilla bean ice cream.

Today, I am going to share my apple crisp recipe. It has few ingredients and is simple to make.

Place 6 to 8 large Granny Smith apples cored and sliced into a large mixing bowl. Add 3/4 cup of brown sugar, 3/4



The apple crisp, ready to go in the oven.

tablespoon of cinnamon and 1/4 teaspoon of nutmeg. Mix until coated.

For the topping, you will need 1 1/2 to 2 cups of oatmeal (depending on how thick you like your topping), 1/2 stick melted butter and 1/3 cup of flour and a dash or two of cinnamon.

Mix until oatmeal is lightly coated. You also can add some walnuts into the topping if you like. Place a few pats of butter on top for a more buttery taste.



Out of the oven.

Place in an 8x8 glass baking dish and cook at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes until apples are tender.

To make your dessert extra special, make your own vanilla

bean ice cream. Place 2 cups of heavy cream and 2 cups of whole milk in a large sauce pan. Slice 6 inches of vanilla bean and scrape out the inside and add to the cream mixture. Cook on medium heat.

While you are waiting for the cream mixture to heat up, take 2 large eggs and 1 egg white and place in a mixing bowl. Add 1/2 cup of sugar and 1 tablespoon of vanilla extract. Mix on medium with a hand mixer until smooth.

When the cream mixture almost comes to a boil, take 1/2 cup of liquid and temper the egg mixture. Take out the vanilla bean skin and add the remainder to the eggs and sugar mix.

Return mixture back in saucepan and heat on medium until the mixture coats the back of a spoon. Remove from heat and cool.

If you are in a hurry to cool the mixture, you can

fill one side of your sink with ice and cold water and place the bowl there until cool. It is best to let the mixture cool in the refrigerator overnight. If your family is like mine, they want it right away, and that is the reason I started to use the ice bath.

When the mixture is chilled, you can place it in your ice cream maker per manufacturer's instructions or put it in a glass bowl in the freezer until it hardens. This recipe will fit into a 1 1/2 quart ice cream making freezer bowl.

My family likes flavored whipped cream, so I usually add a splash of vanilla, 1/2 tablespoon of sugar and cinnamon to taste to a carton of cream. Whip to desired thickness.

Serve the apple crisp warm, with a scoop of vanilla bean ice cream, and if you like, top it off with some cinnamon whipped cream.

For the remainder of the year, I think it would be fun for readers to share some of their favorite dessert recipes. I am looking for relatively simple cookie, cake, pudding, pie and candy recipes



Ready to eat.

only, no main courses. Maybe you have a funny cooking story you can share. You can email your recipe or funny cooking story to me at jim@jimlarocco.com. I will include as many as I can in a future What's Cooking column.

Until next time, enjoy.

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Cancer Survivor Helps Create Business So Others Can “Tell Their Stories”

by Kayla Weiss

Last fall, Amy Gawronski was sitting at home, recovering from surgery. A five-year breast cancer survivor, and a teacher by trade, she was suddenly at a loss for what to do next.

Looking around the house, at everything she had accumulated over the years, she realized she'd surrounded herself with what she loved, things that inspired her and said more about her than she could.

That's when she was struck by an idea.

“I wanted to tell stories in a unique and fun way,” Gawronski said. “Debbie (Shinn) is so creative, so I called her up and pitched the idea to her. After that, we kind of ran away with it.”

Starting in their kitchens, B.A.G. opened Oct. 28, 2014, and the two haven't stopped moving since, looking for unique items and fabrics to use in their bags and accessories in small quantities to ensure each product is one of a kind. Everything from the outer design, to the inner fabrics, to the handmade double heart metal logo — nothing is mass-produced, something in which Gawronski and Shinn, as her business partner, take extreme pride.

“B.A.G. represents men and women of all ages who have overcome adversity, illness and all of life's challenges — and who have survived!,” Gawronski said. “I know what it is like to have been there and to have overcome it all. I want to help other people to tell their stories through our products. No two people ever choose the same one. The outside design is your personality, whereas the inside reflects your life where it is right now.

“We encourage people to tell their stories and where they are now,” Gawronski continued. “A lot of people like to take pictures of their bags when they're out and about, whether at dinner, with their friends, at a museum, and send them to us.”

B.A.G. now has been located at 17565 E. U.S. 12 in New Buffalo for a few months. Having done a few shows, Gawronski and Shin discovered just how well they could sell their products, so they found a place to house all of their materials and do their



B.A.G. creators Amy Gawronski (left) and Debbie Shinn.

sewing on site. Now, they have enough space, products and time to have 30 new handbags ready for distribution every Friday.

Gawronski has all eyes on the future. In addition to expanding a business she loves and appreciates, she wants to give back to a foundation that gave so much. The Karen Wellington Foundation was established by friends and family in memory of Karen, a young mom diagnosed with breast cancer at 30 who passed away 10 years later. The foundation has a fun-only mission for those living with breast cancer.

“When I was going through my treatments, someone wrote a letter to the foundation nominating me. I ended up being one of the recipients when the foundation was just getting started. They sent me and my family to a nice home in Michigan for a family getaway. It was wonderful,” she said.

“I got to spend time with my kids, which was something I hadn't been able to do with all of the treatments and appointments that were eating up my time. I just want to be able to give back to this company, which gives so much to breast cancer patients and their families. They truly do amazing things for these families, and I want to help them.”



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Watercolor Workshop

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Burkett is best known for her transparent watercolor painting technique. She has been featured in *American Artist* and *International Artist* magazines. Students with basic painting skills are welcome.

The class will deal with many painting topics, including: the concepts of negative space; adjacent color interaction; value adjustment; compositional dynamics; layering; and brush techniques. Burkett will alternate between short demonstrations, followed by extended time for individual guidance.

The cost is \$130, with members receiving a \$10 discount. Once a student has registered and paid, he/she will receive a template and materials list. The class is limited to 16 and will fill up quickly. Call (219) 926-4711 to register.

Beginning Genealogy

Patsy Miller, Berrien County Genealogical Society president, will discuss the basics of genealogy, and how to begin researching ancestors, at 6:30 p.m. EDT Monday, Aug. 3, in the New Buffalo Public Library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St.

In "Beginning Genealogy," Miller will discuss where to start, how to record the information, what to record and where to find it. The class, sponsored by the Friends of New Buffalo Library, is intended for beginners, but also will provide helpful hints for those who have already started.

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Citywide School Supply Drive

A dozen local organizations have announced a community-wide school supply drive, which runs through Aug. 10.

Supplies collected will be distributed to area students needing materials to start the school year. Many businesses, including major retailers such as Walmart and Al's Supermarkets, have set up collection bins to accept donations from their employees and the public. Additional collection sites are at First Trust Credit Union, Horizon Bank, La Porte Savings Bank, Members Advantage Credit Union, the Michigan City Area Schools Administration Building, Beyond the Beach Salon, Captain Ed's Candy Island, Foster Printing, Ivy Tech Community College, Jazzercise, Life Care Center of Michigan City, Michigan City City Hall, Northwest Athletic Club, St. John's United Church of Christ and The News-Dispatch.

Businesses, churches and other organizations are invited to join the drive. Supplies collected by community organizations and individuals may be brought to the former Elston Middle School's cafeteria from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Suggested donations include: pencils, black pens, crayons (24 count), spiral notebooks and 3-hole notebook paper, markers (washable), dry erase markers, glue sticks, erasers, pencil boxes, 2-pocket folders, antibacterial wipes, facial tissues, backpacks (new or gently used), "Ziploc" sandwich bags, rulers, highlighters, composition books, calculators and three-ring binders/organizers.

Distribution of the supplies will be during a Citywide Back-to-School Rally from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Elston's Gill Field. The event is a collaborative effort supported by numerous community agencies. This year, the organizing committee includes representatives from Indiana Black Expo, La Porte County NAACP, MDWise, Covering Kids and Families La Porte County, the City of Michigan City, Deliverance and Victory Outreach Ministries, Michigan City Area Schools, HealthLinc, the United Way of La Porte County, La Porte County YMCA, Sodexo and Purdue University-North Central.

Volunteers are needed Aug. 12 to sort school supplies and Aug. 13 for the rally. Contact Rachel Weaver at (219) 785-5414 or raweaver@pnc.edu for details. Information on sponsorships and exhibiting at the rally may be found at <http://educateMC.net/backtoschoolrally>

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• **Teen Scene: Creating a Zine from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Teens in grades 6-12 can create their own Zine. Registration is required in person or by phone at (219) 926-7696.

• **Bedtime Math Pajama Party for Kids at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton, and Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

Part of the Children's Summer Reading Program, registration is required in person or by calling Thomas Library's Children's Department at (219) 926-7696 or Hageman Library at (219) 926-9080. Visit www.bedtimemath.org for more information on Bedtime Math.

• **Summer Concert Series/Family Film Series on Friday, July 31, at the Thomas Centennial Park Bandstand in downtown Chesterton.**

The County Minstrels performs at 7 p.m., followed by a showing of "The Boxtrolls" at about 8 p.m. If it rains, both events move to the Library Service Center.

• **Beaded Bracelet Class for Teens from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, in the Bertha Wood Meeting Room at Thomas Library.**

Teens in grades 6-12 can attend the class led by local artist and author Candice Sexton. Registration is necessary in person or by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **Knitting Together from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at Westchester Township History Museum, housed in the Brown Mansion, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Those who crochet or do needlework also are welcome.

• **Teen Maker Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m. Aug. 3 at Thomas Library.**

The focus for teens in grades 6-12 is tubular bracelets.

• **Popular Books discussion group at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, in the Bertha Wood meeting room on the second floor of Thomas Library.**

Jo Baker's "Longbourn" will be reviewed.

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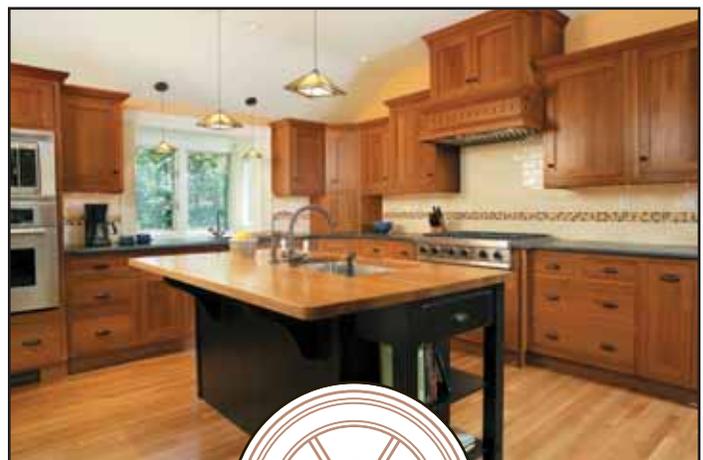
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“Arts in the Parks” Grants

Visitors to Indiana’s state parks and forests next year might notice more art projects and offerings thanks to a new partnership with the Indiana Arts Commission.

The “Arts in the Parks” grant program is one of many ways the state is celebrating its bicentennial in 2016. Endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission, it also celebrates the centennial of Indiana State Parks and the 50th anniversary of the Arts Commission, both in 2016.

Artists and non-profit organizations can apply for grant funding for projects, including artist residencies, performing-arts events, exhibitions, educational residencies and hands-on arts activities.

The IAC announced the launch of Arts in the Parks during a ceremony at Brown County State Park Nature Center. Funding was approved during the most recent session of the Indiana General Assembly. The deadline for organizations to apply for funding is Sept. 9. The deadline for artists is Sept. 14. Guidelines and additional information are available at IN.gov/arts/2866.htm

Concealed Carry Class

Michigan City Rifle Club, 4801 W. U.S. 20, will host a 4.5-hour Utah Non-Resident Concealed Carry Class on Saturday, Aug. 8.

The course is tailored to introduce relevant Utah laws that pertain to the concealed carry permit, the practical aspects of concealed carry, firearm safety, home safety, firearm basics, ammunition and maintenance. The \$140 tuition fee includes light refreshments, application for Utah Non-Resident Concealed Carry Permit, fingerprinting services and passport photo. Class size is limited, and preregistration with deposit is required. After successfully completing the class, the student can make application to the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification for issuance of their Utah Concealed Carry Permit. In tandem with an Indiana CCW, the Utah Non-Resident Permit is recognized by 36 states.

Email swenson600@comcast.net or call (630) 670-6455 for more information.

Barbecue Dinner at Moose Lodge

Moose Family Center 980, 1108 Franklin St., Michigan City, will have a barbecue rib dinner from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1.

The menu includes barbecue ribs, spaghetti, Cole slaw and dessert. The cost is \$10 per person.

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Michigan City Public Library

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- **Knitting Club for All Ages at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 29.**

Take size 9 straight knitting needles, worsted yarn and tape measure (optional). Contact Joanne Hale at joeyAB1971@yahoo.com or (219) 814-4398 for more information.

- **Summer Reading Program Finale: "The Art of Inflation" at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 30.**

The interactive one-man comedy balloon show features Magical Balloon-dude Dale, whose balloon transformations unfold amid choreographed routines set to music.

- **Friday Afternoon at the Movies: "The Hundred Foot Journey" at 2 p.m. Friday, July 31.**

The movie is rated PG.

- **Free Gentle Flow Yoga at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1.**

Certified yoga instructor Lauralee Sikorski emphasizes deep breathing and releasing stress. Wear comfortable attire, and come on an empty stomach. Take a mat because extras are limited.

- **Prime Time Health with Dr. Margie Williams at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3.**

Williams will focus on "moving waste from your waist," and living without pain and inflammation during the free workshop.

Contact Robin Kohn at (219) 873-3049 for more information on library programming.

Museum Rest Play/Picnic Area

New Buffalo Railroad Museum, 530 S. Whittaker St., has reached its fundraising goal to install a Rest Play and Picnic Area on the museum grounds.

Visitors will be able to enjoy refreshments, train spot and watch wildlife at Pelican Pond. For convenience, an outdoor refuse can will be installed.

Cyclists enjoying nearby bike trails will be encouraged to take a break at the new bicycle rack, browse through the displays and use the museum's public facilities.

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Representing more than 275,000 professional and 20,000 student members in more than 160 countries, SHRM serves the needs of HR professionals and advances the interests of the profession.

Through monthly meetings, activities and presentations, the PNC SHRM chapter has provided skills and professional-development opportunities for members. Recent activities included a professional resume-writing skills workshop, business etiquette and networking session, and the do's and don'ts of academic presentations. The chapter advisor is Anne Christo-Baker, PNC associate professor of Organizational Behavior and Leadership.

Chapter members also participate in Northwest Indiana and national SHRM programs. Membership in the chapter grew from six to 18 during the award year and continues to grow.

Chapters have the opportunity to earn an award based on the number of activities they complete during the merit award cycle, which ran from April 1, 2014, to March 31, 2015.

Art & Music in the Vineyard

Round Barn Winery, 10983 Hills Road, Baroda Mich., will present Art & Music in the Vineyard on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 1-2.

Hours are noon to 6 p.m. EDT Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. EDT Sunday.

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- 1 p.m. — Top Secret Band.
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Trail Designated at Ambler Flatwoods

Shirley Heinze Land Trust has designated a hiking trail at Ambler Flatwoods Nature Preserve in honor of Louise Landau, a native of Germany who immigrated to the United States in 1926 and became a successful Chicago businesswoman and philanthropist.



Landau died at 95 in 2003. Her foundation has made a gift to the trust's capital campaign. Sara Leonard, a Beverly Shores resident and Trust volunteer, knew Landau personally.

"Louise was financially successful in her own right," she said. "She was proud of that fact, and she generously donated her time and fortune to serving the needs of others, particularly seniors, for over 30 years."

Ambler Flatwoods is a 353-acre dedicated state nature preserve located in Springfield Township. It is largely forested, and in spring, pools and streams are present. Rare and endangered plant species can be found, and the preserve provides habitat for a variety of animals and birds.

The 1.29-mile Louise H. Landau Trail crosses through the highest-quality portion of the unique flatwoods ecosystem at Ambler. Amenities include parking areas, numerous boardwalks and interpretive signs. The trail can be accessed from the main parking lot, which is on the west side of Meer Road, a half mile north of Tryon Road.

The Trust's capital campaign goal is to raise \$3.5 million to protect important habitats and ecosystems across Northwest Indiana. Funds raised will:

- Protect an additional 500 acres of environmentally significant land in the region.
- Support efforts to restore and maintain 1,600 acres the organization already manages.
- Promote conservation awareness through educational programs and increased access to natural areas.

Visit www.heinzetrust.org/campaign for additional information.

Service League

Service League of Michigan City met Tuesday, July 14, welcoming two new members: Karen Carr and Phyllis Neville.

Members made plans for the annual bake sale, which is Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Michigan City Farmers Market.

The League is a volunteer, non-profit organization that loans medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs and toilet aids for a three-month period to people who live within Michigan City Area Schools boundaries.

Call 872-1144 for more information, or stop by the office, 301 E. Garfield St., between 9 a.m. and noon and 1 and 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The office is closed holidays.

Port-a-Pit Chicken Palooza

The IKAN Club through Parents and Friends Inc. will host Port-A-Pit Chicken-Palooza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the PAF main office, 2354 U.S. 35, La Porte.

Advance tickets are available at the PAF office. Proceeds support continued community outreach efforts by IKAN Club, members of which are part of the residential program, a non-profit entity that provides custom-tailored support to individuals with intellectual disabilities. The group's name comes from the Greek alphabet: Iota-Kappa-Alpha-Nu.

Contact Matt Cunningham or Jeff Rupe at (219) 324-0656 for more information.

City by the Lake Triathlon

The Seventh Annual City by the Lake Triathlon is Saturday, Aug. 8.

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All Chamber members and their employees are invited to attend the event, which includes a buffet lunch. Members can sponsor an educator for \$25 per person, and attend the luncheon for \$25 per person. Event sponsorships are available for \$30.

Chamber members also are invited to provide coupons or promotional items to give the new teachers in a welcome packet. Call the Chamber at (219) 362-3178 if interested in contributing.

Roosevelt Organ Concert Series

The 14th season of the Roosevelt organ concert series continues at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, at Christ Church (the former First Congregational Church), 531 Washington St.

In the series, organists of the wider Chicago area will play the historic 1891 Roosevelt organ. On Aug. 5, the featured artist is Mark Sudeith.

Other organists this season are (in order) Carey Scheck and Ann Dobie.

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Art and Nature Classes

Local Color Gallery, 16187 Red Arrow Highway, Union Pier, Mich., will hold art and nature classes from 10 a.m. to noon EDT Aug. 3-7 and 10-14.

Students ages 5-13 will be accepted. Students explore nature on a 50-acre farm and create nature-themed art projects. They will explore birds, trees, plants, bugs, animals and the environment.

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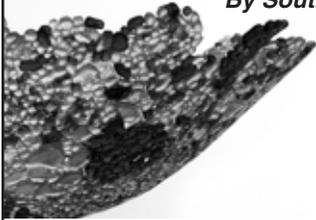
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A change to the program makes some historic religious properties eligible for assistance. Previously, historic buildings owned by religious organizations or used for religious purposes were not eligible. Now, a historic religious property already must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, either individually or as contributing resources within listed historic districts.

Religious institutions interested in applying are encouraged to contact the DHPA grant staff to confirm their eligibility.

The federal support come from the National Park Service, which distributes the funds through state agencies. In Indiana, the funds are allotted through the DHPA, which uses about half of its annual funds for a competitive matching-grant program to assist certain types of local historic preservation projects, including rehabilitation of historic buildings.

The DHPA's annual competitive grant program requires a dollar-for-dollar local match to grant funds. Applicants must have their matching funds available when they apply for a grant. Planning projects are eligible for grants up to \$35,000. The maximum grant award for rehabilitation projects is \$50,000. Rehabilitation activities must meet federal preservation standards. Typical grant projects include roof and gutter repair or replacement, masonry rehabilitation, window repair and other exterior measures to keep a building weather tight. General remodeling, additions, landscaping, signage and purchase of furniture or equipment are not eligible.

There are three project categories: Architectural & Historical; Archaeological; and Acquisition & Development (rehabilitation). Applicants should download the appropriate application packet and read all instructions carefully. The deadline by which all proposals must be received is 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2. That is not a postmark deadline. Contact Steve Kennedy at skennedy@dnr.IN.gov or (317) 232-6981, or Malia Vanaman at mvanaman@dnr.IN.gov or (317) 232-1648, for more information.

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Low Net: Rima Binder
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Event: Dottie Healy
Low Gross: Susan Keeley
Low Net: Mary O'Neil
Low Putts: Dottie Healy

Sunken Approach

Melanie Davis Hole 15

Birdies

Dottie Healy Hole 10

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July 21, 2015

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July 29-30 — Arts in the Park, 7 p.m., La Porte's Fox Park. July 29: La Porte City Band/July 30: Dr Groovy & the Soul Surgeons.

July 29-Aug. 1 — "Bette Davis: On the Edge," Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., Michigan City. Times: 2 p.m. Wed./Thur., 8 p.m. Fri., 6:30 p.m. Sat. Tickets: \$15/Wed. & Thur., \$16/Fri. & Sat. Reservations: (219) 874-4269, info@festivalplayers-guild.org

July 30 — Summer Reading Program Grand Finale: "The Art of Inflation" (balloon program), 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

July 31 — Friday Afternoon at the Movies: "The Hundred Foot Journey," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

July 31 — Michigan City Harbor Fest, 4-8 p.m., Washington Park. Tickets: www.mcharborfest.com

July 31 — Movie in the Park, "Big Hero 6," 8 p.m., park at Long Beach Community Center.

July 31 — Summer Concert Series/Family Film Series, 7 p.m., Thomas Centennial Park Bandstand, downtown Chesterton.

July 31 — Two Rare Moon Hikes, 8-9:30 p.m., Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education, Lake Street north of U.S. 12 in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Info: (219) 395-1882.

July 31-Aug. 2 — Taste of Michigan City, between Seventh & Fourth streets, Michigan City. Info: (219) 561-6991.

July 31-Aug. 2 — Young People's Theatre Co., "Little Shop of Horrors," Elston Performing Arts Center, 317 Detroit St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fri. & Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/students K-12, @ door or www.yptcinc.com

July 31-Aug. 5 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "Love & Mercy." Rated PG-13. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* "Testament of Youth." Rated PG-13. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Mon., and 2:45 p.m. Sat.-Sun. *Also:* "Labyrinth" (1986). Time: noon Aug. 5. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

Aug. 1 — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Eighth and Washington streets, through Oct. 31. Annual fundraiser bake sale by P.E.O Sisterhood of Michigan City, Chapter BR. Info: www.michigancityfarmersmarket.com

Aug. 1 — Free Gentle Flow Yoga, 12:15 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Aug. 1 — Barbecue rib dinner, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Moose Family Center 980, 1108 Franklin St. Cost: \$10. Info: (219) 561-4047, (219) 861-2798.

Aug. 1 — Music in the Park, Young Shakespeare Company of Notre Dame ("Love's Labour Lost"), 6:30 p.m. EDT, Dewey Cannon Park, Three Oaks, Mich. Free; donations accepted.

Aug. 1 — The Three Oaks Theater Festival, "Patsy Cline — She's Got You," 5 & 9 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$25. Info: www.threeoaksfestival.com

Aug. 1-2 — 57th Annual Chesterton Art Fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Porter's Hawthorne Park. Admission: \$5. Free parking. Info: www.chestertonart.com

Aug. 2 — Seventh annual Great Lakes Grand Prix, Washington Park. Info: MichiganCitySuperboat.com

Aug. 2 — 21st annual Leprechaun Hunt, noon-6 p.m., Sharing Meadows, County Road 300 East, Rolling Prairie. Reservations: (219) 778-2585, email share@sharefoundation.org

Aug. 2 — Fort Building Contest, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education, Lake Street north of U.S. 12 in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Info: (219) 395-1882.

Aug. 3 — "Beginning Genealogy," 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Public Library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

Aug. 5 — Roosevelt organ concert series, Mark Sudeith, 12:15 p.m., Christ Church (the former First Congregational Church), 531 Washington St. Free. Info: (269) 469-0051.

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

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Saturdays through Sept. 12 — Pinhook Bog Open House, noon-3 p.m., 700 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City. Info: (219) 395-1882.

Farther Afield:

July 30 — Snake program, 3 p.m. EDT, Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich. Admission: \$3/adults. Info: (269) 927-4832.

July 31 — Summer Night Hike, 9-11 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Cost: \$15 (members \$12)/children 10 & younger free. Registration: (269) 695-6491.

July 31-Aug. 8 — South Bend Civic Theatre, "Fiddler on the Roof," St. Patrick's County Park. Time: 7:30 p.m. EDT. Gate opens @ 6 p.m. EDT. Adult tickets/\$17 (includes \$2 parking fee), children 18 & younger/\$5. Reservations: (574) 234-1112, sbct.org

Aug. 1 — Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra. "The Baseball Music Project" concert, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Jean Klock Park, Benton Harbor, Mich. Tickets: www.smsso.org, (269) 982-4030.

Aug. 1 — Eric Lugosch, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10/general admission, \$8/students and seniors, free/children 12 and younger. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688, info@boxfactoryforthearts.org, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

Aug. 2 — Artist Reception: Midwest Tile Maker Show, 1-3 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Info: (269) 695-6491.

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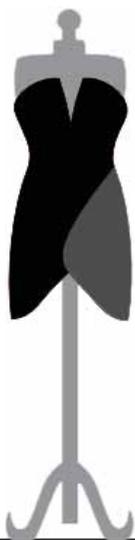


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this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



On July 30, 1862, the Cincinnati Gazette first used the expression "copperhead" (not customarily considered a term of endearment) to designate a Northerner who was sympathetic to the cause of the Confederacy.

On July 30, 1890, baseball legend Casey Stengel was born in Kansas City, MO.

On July 30, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt signed a bill creating the WAVES, a women's auxiliary of the Navy.

On July 30, 1971, Apollo 15 astronauts David Scott and James Irwin landed on the Moon.

On July 31, 1792, the cornerstone of the United States Mint, the first building erected by the federal government for public use, was laid in Philadelphia.

On July 31, 1877, Thomas Edison took out a patent leading to the development of the phonograph.

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

On August 1, 1779, Francis Scott Key, author of *The Star Spangled Banner*, was born in New York City.

On August 1, 1790, the first United States census (taken to determine state representation in Congress) was completed. It showed a population of almost 4 million people in 13 states.

On August 1, 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut.

On August 1, 1993, St. Louis awoke to find itself besieged by the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, both at record levels after months of heavy rains in much of the drainage basins of both rivers.

On August 2, 1858, an ordinance was passed by the Chicago City Council providing for the city's first paid fire department.

On August 2, 1858, New York and Boston received the nation's first street letterboxes for mail collection.

On August 2, 1876, in the village of Deadwood, located in the Dakota Territory, "Wild Bill" Hickok was fatally shot from behind while playing poker in a saloon. His poker hand consisted of two aces and two eights, a combination that become known as the "dead man's hand."

On August 2, 1909, the first Lincoln penny was issued by the United States Mint.

On August 2, 1921, after two hours of deliberation,

the jury in the ‘Black Sox’ trial of eight White Sox players returned a verdict of not guilty in the plot to fix the 1919 World Series. However, Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis banned for life the players involved.

On August 2, 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart, along with navigator Fred Noonan, took off from New Guinea on a round-the-world flight that had begun in the United States. They disappeared three days later, and have not been heard from since.

On August 2, 1983, Congress voted to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. by designating the third Monday in January as a national holiday.

On August 3, 1926, singer Tony Bennett was born in New York.

On August 3, 1958, the *Nautilus*, a nuclear powered submarine, became the first vessel to round the North Pole under water.

On August 3, 1984, at the Los Angeles Summer Olympics, Mary Lou Retton scored a perfect 10 on the vault in her final routine.

On August 3, 1996, Mary Thompson, said to be at least 120 years old, died, of a heart attack, at her Orlando, Fla., home.

On August 3, 2004, the Statue of Liberty pedestal in New York reopened to the public for the first time since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

On August 4, 1735, freedom of the press won a victory in the American colonies when a jury acquitted John Zenger, of the ‘New York Weekly Journal,’ on libel charges brought by the Royal Governor of New York.

On August 4, 1987, the ‘Fairness Doctrine,’ requiring radio and television stations to present balanced coverage on controversial issues, was rescinded by the Federal Communications Commission.

On August 5, 1833, Chicago, with a population of 200, was incorporated as a village.

On August 5, 1835, a fire hazard ordinance was passed which outlawed the stacking of feed hay in downtown Chicago.

On August 5, 1914, the first electric traffic lights were installed in Cleveland, Ohio.

On August 5, 1930, Neil Armstrong, the first person to walk on the moon, was born in Wapakoneta, Ohio.

On August 5, 1957, ‘American Bandstand,’ hosted by Dick Clark, made its network television debut on ABC.

On August 5, 1962, at the age of 36, Hollywood’s ‘sex goddess’ Marilyn Monroe was found dead in the bedroom of her Los Angeles home.

On August 5, 2002, the coral-encrusted gun turret of the Civil War iron-clad *USS Monitor* was raised from the floor of the Atlantic Ocean.

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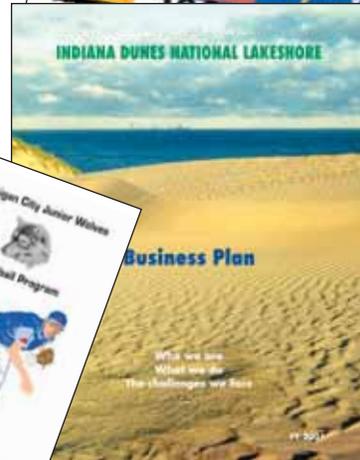
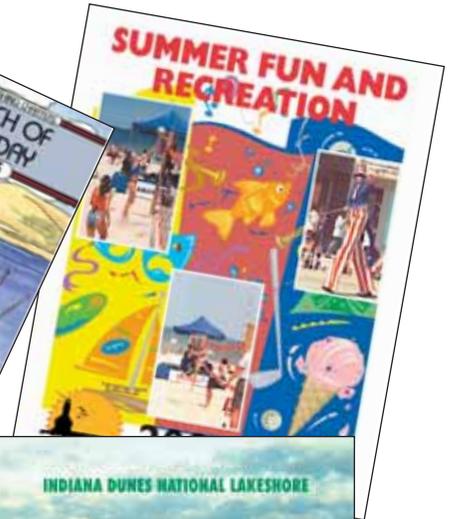
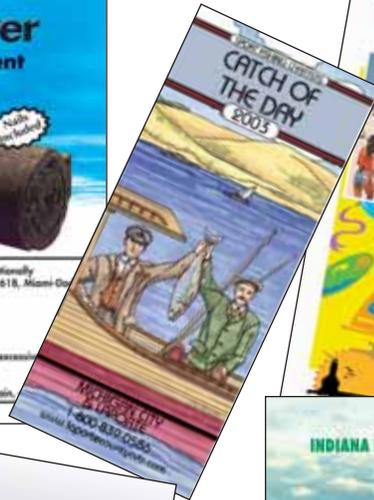
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YMCA Triathlon

La Porte County Family YMCA continues its tradition of hosting the Midwest's oldest Triathlon with its 36th annual event Saturday, Aug. 1.

The triathlon involves a quarter-mile lake swim, 12.4-mile bike and 3.4-mile run. Featuring chip timing, it offers male and female divisions for participants 12 and older, as well as team categories.

The race starts at 8 a.m., with packet pickup from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. in Soldiers Memorial Park. Visit tinyurl.com/p64738c to register.



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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee (hardcover & paperback in various editions) and **Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee** (hardcover; retail \$27.99)

The literary world is buzzing with the arrival of Harper Lee's Go Set a Watchman. While many critics say it isn't as good as To Kill a Mockingbird, a very happy HarperCollins announced 1.1 million copies of Watchman were sold the first week in the U.S. and Canada, not to mention a whopping 3.3 million copies in print.

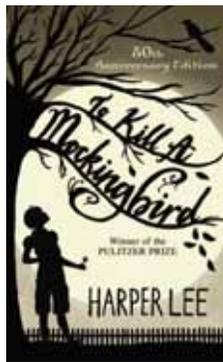
To me, that bears talking about it.

Harper Lee was born in 1926 in Monroeville, Ala. She submitted a manuscript for Go Set a Watchman in 1957 to publisher J.B. Lippincott, who rejected it and told her to rewrite it. She did, renaming it To Kill a Mockingbird. The publisher approved and the book was released in 1960. The following year, it won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. We all know it was a big hit, followed by an Academy Award-winning blockbuster movie starring Gregory Peck.

So, why is there such a big hoopla about Watchman if it's about the same family and setting? Supposedly, the original manuscript was found in Lee's safety deposit box by accident. Apparently, she couldn't just throw away her original work.

That being said, I figured it was best to discuss both books, mostly because I never read Mockingbird back in the '60s. Reviewers and book readers are really divided on Watchman. Seems to be a 50-50 love-hate situation. Having just read both books — I read Mockingbird first — I thought it might give me a better perspective on what the controversy is all about.

To Kill a Mockingbird takes place in the early 1930s. We meet the Finch family: father Atticus, a respected lawyer, son Jem and daughter Jean Louise, always called Scout. Atticus' wife died shortly after Scout's birth, so the housekeeping and raising of the children fell to a black woman named Calpurnia. They live in Maycomb, Ala., a small coastal community, far removed from the hustle and politics of Montgomery. Narration is provided by Scout, a good choice.



Soon, Atticus' sister, Alexandra, comes to live with the family. She shows us the real southern lady: she lets Calpurnia know she is in charge and demands that Scout, now 9, stop being such a tomboy and start wearing more dresses. Brunch time teas with the local ladies of "good" families became the norm, and we get a picture of the southern gentility and how it works.

A good deal of this book focuses on Jem and Scout and their childhood. They don't know a lot of grown-

up stuff, but they learn from friends and putting together what they think they know. Atticus is a distant father, kind to his children, but unable to provide what his wife would have. He's sunk in his books and newspapers and being a lawyer who believes in justice and a fair trial for everyone, no matter color or politics.

The last third of the book revolves around the trial of a black man accused of raping a white woman. True to his beliefs, Atticus agrees to represent the black man. But, true to feelings at the time, the man is found guilty. What happens gives Jem and Scout a lesson in human behavior as they almost lose their lives to a man seeking revenge on their father. Most readers consider Atticus' behavior, because he defended a black man in court, as integrationist, but I didn't read that at all. He made it clear to the jury he was talking about justice for all "in the court." Let's move on to Watchman.

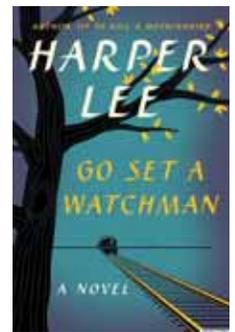
Go Set a Watchman gets its title from a verse in the Bible: Isaiah 21:6 — "For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth."

The watchman, of course, being your conscience. A good title for the basis of this story set in the 1950s. Scout has gone to college, then to live and work in New York City. She comes back to Maycomb to visit her family. Her brother is dead from the same heart disease that took their mother years ago. Calpurnia is retired and Aunt Alexandra is living with Atticus. This time, the story is told in third person. With the tone of this story, Lee made the right choice not to have Scout narrate. As she wanders the streets of her hometown, she reminisces about her childhood, remembering incidents that shaped her and taught her valuable life lessons.

She happens to go into the courthouse and sits in the balcony gallery during a meeting led by her father. What is said in that meeting shocks her, shaking the very foundation of her whole life with Atticus. What she sees and hears changes everything she has admired and loved about her father—all these years, had he been a racist and white supremacist? My verdict? Atticus, given his age, was a product of his time and place. That doesn't mean he didn't have a moral compass or ethics or a sense of right and wrong. It means he grew up in a South that really wasn't all that far away from the Civil War and Reconstruction.

But, in the end, it's what you, the reader, feels about Go Set a Watchman. Find out for yourself—you won't be sorry.

Till next time, happy reading!





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