

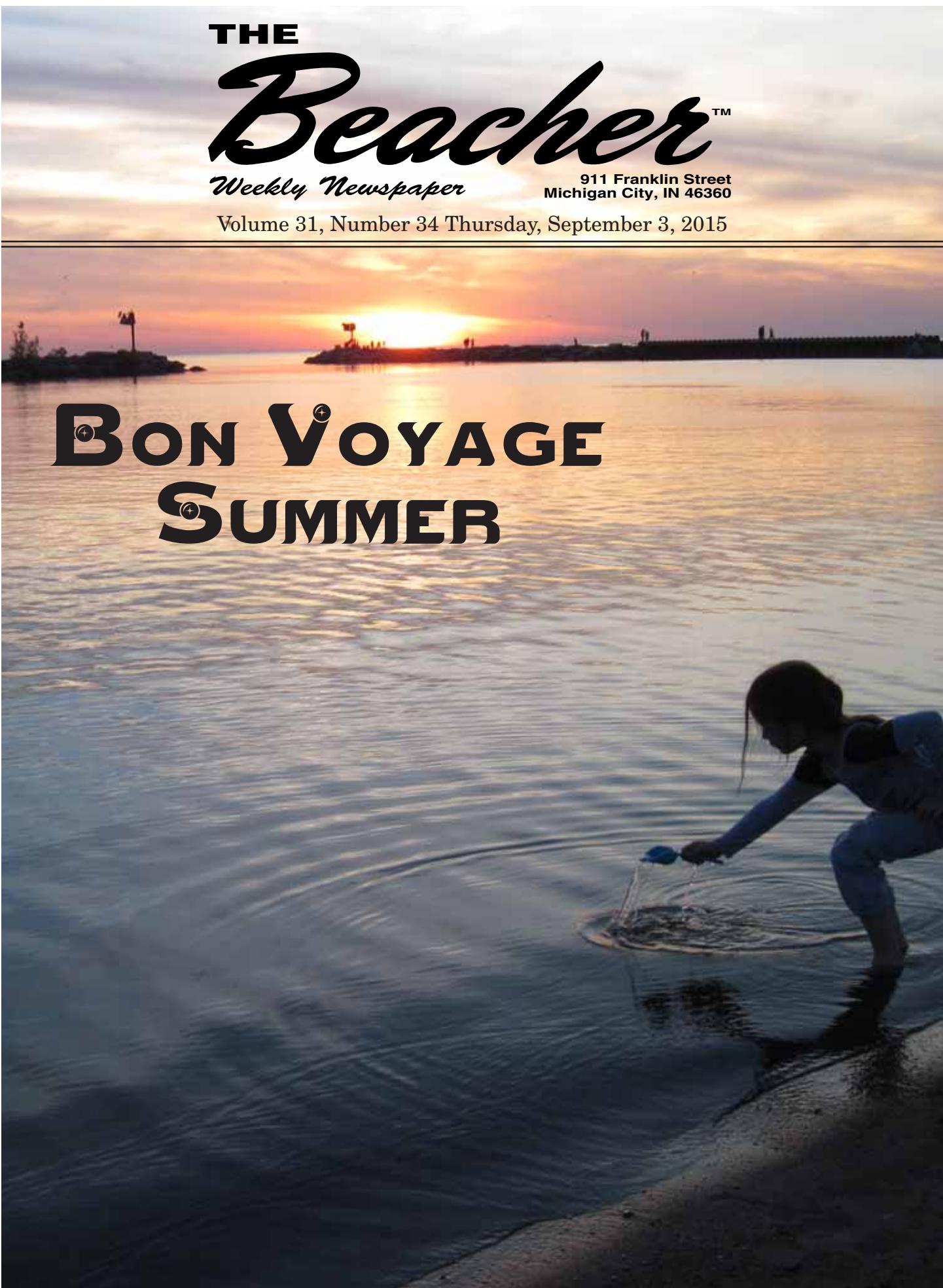
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# Eyes on the Prize

**Love of Sailing Fuels Latest Triumph for Maggi Spartz**

by Andrew Tallackson



Maggi Spartz, at the wheel of the Spirit Walker during Chicago Yacht Club's 107th Race to Mackinac. Seated near her is fellow crew member Cat Lanting. The photo was taken by Anson Mulder, the boat's navigator/tactician.

**S**omewhere out in Lake Michigan, aboard the 41-foot sailboat Spirit Walker, Joe Hartsough's cell phone began to ring.

An unremarkable feat any other day, yet highly unusual at that precise moment for the boat's 12-member crew. Cell reception amid the lake's open waters was spotty at best.

Joe answered his phone. It was his wife. She'd been tracking the boat's journey in Chicago Yacht Club's 107th Race to Mackinac through the event's website. Unable to contain her excitement, she

shouted through the phone, "You guys are in first place overall."

Joe shared the news with his crewmates. They couldn't believe it. They knew they were doing well, they could see their competitors close behind them, but they were only midway through the race. Anything could happen.

However, if anyone aboard the Spirit Walker had it in them to withstand what awaited, the stamina, experience and sheer determination to dominate the final half of the race, it was Maggi Spartz.

Sailing was in her blood.

**A**nyone familiar with Spartz, a longtime area resident and president of Unity Foundation of La Porte County, knows of her love of sailing. What they may not realize is how deep it runs into her past.

Born in Gary and one of five children (four girls, one boy), her family moved to Beverly Shores when the children were young. Her father, Ted Amberg, was made for the sea. He served in the U.S. Navy, was a lifeguard in Chicago and was good at sailing.

"It was his escape," Spartz said of her father. "He was always more relaxed and happy on a boat."



Maggi and her father, Ted, in 1981.

Ironically, Spartz was, and still is, prone to seasickness, yet she has the best memories of life with her father.

"As a little girl, he would yell in the morning, 'Anyone want to go sailing?' I knew if I wanted to be alone with my dad, I would go, knowing of course," she added, laughing, "that I'd be puking."

Spartz's four siblings, while not exactly eager for early morning ventures out on the lake, did share their father's enthusiasm for sailing, honing their skills as well in junior sailing programs. Ted, in fact, named his boat "Harem" because of his daughters. Everyone savored the joy of being on the lake: the crystal blue waters, the hum of the boat's motor, the waves crashing against the hull.

"It became part of the rhythm of life for us," Spartz said.

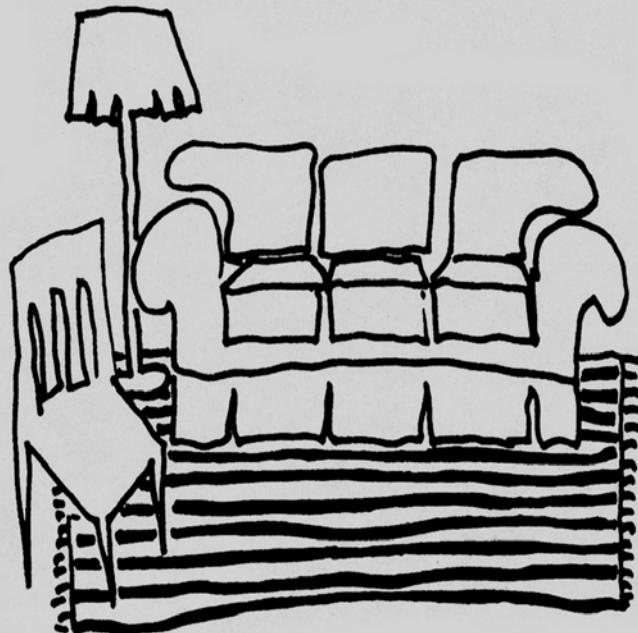
It was in 1979, when Spartz was 19, that she participated in her first Race to Mackinac. At the last moment, one of her father's crew members couldn't participate. The entire crew was male. Nonetheless, Spartz told her father, "I'll do it." He nodded, but didn't say anything. He later consulted with a friend, who offered a simple solution: family first. So, Ted welcomed his daughter onto his crew.

They were none too happy about it.

"The crew almost mutinied because I was a girl," she said.

Nonetheless, Spartz stayed focused.

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"It was very exciting," she recalled. "This is this big macho thing. It's an endurance contest, something you don't get to do very often."

"Little did I know all my experience had prepared me for this, so it was nothing new."

Her father, as ship captain, was organized, splitting the crew into two watches. Everyone had specific responsibilities. In the end, the crew did not win the race, but victory existed for Spartz on an altogether different level.

"After it was over," she recalled, "everyone said, 'Well, that wasn't so bad. We had it in our mind that things would be so different, but it wasn't.'

Spartz was welcomed back with open arms for ensuing Mackinac races.

**C**hicago Yacht Club's Race to Mackinac is the oldest annual freshwater distance race, starting in 1898 with only five boats. It spans 333 statute miles (289.4 nautical miles), beginning near Chicago's Navy Pier and ending between the Round Island lighthouse and race committee trailer on Mackinac Island.

Because it's an amateur race, no prize money is awarded. There is an overall winner and sectional winners. The overall victors claim bragging rights



The view looking up at the sails of Spirit Walker.

and receive a plaque and flag. Their names are engraved on trophies displayed at Chicago Yacht Club.

The 107th race was held in July. The crew aboard the Spirit Walker, a Sidney 41 built in Australia, embodied how times have changed. Spartz no longer was the only woman on the ship, joined by Cat Lanting of Grand Rapids, Mich. The crew varied in age from about 21 to 72. The latter age applied to the ship's owner, Vern McCain of South Haven,



The Spirit Walker crew the morning of the race.

Mich., who underwent back surgery six weeks before the race. While he physically couldn't help out, he wanted to be present as part of the journey. And because of everyone's respect for McCain, their goal was simple.

"We were there to sail and to win," Spartz said.

Leading the charge was Anson Mulder of Highland Beach, Fla., a man Spartz described as a good leader who called the shots and stayed focused.

Lake Michigan, for all its unpredictability, was unusually smooth sailing, Spartz said. The crew of Spirit Walker was competing against another 130 boats.

For Spartz, life on Lake Michigan is an exercise in being intensely aware of not only yourself, but also of your surroundings.

For example, there is no time to shower or indulge in a hot meal. Frequently moving about is discouraged because it can affect the boat's momentum. Cat naps are the best solution to exhaustion. Staying hydrated is a top priority.

Spartz, however, doesn't seem to mind. She turns off her cell phone, her family well aware she'll make no contact with them over the course of the race. Everything for her is about living in the moment.



Joe Hartsough, relaxing aboard the Spirit Walker.

Shooting stars across the night sky.  
The Northern Lights.  
Sunrises and sunsets.  
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"It makes you feel closer to nature," she said.  
The race continues through the night for the crew.

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Flashlights are discouraged because they might blind those at the helm. The sail has to be aerodynamically correct. Crew members make visual scans during the day to make mental notes of which boats are near, and where they are by comparison when day breaks.

In the past, Spartz encountered storms where waves crested at 10 to 12 feet. When the boat comes crashing down in the water, the sensation shudders right through you, she said. Such movements don't bide well with her seasickness, but she takes the proper precautions to ensure she's not overcome by the nausea.

No such concerns, though, during this race. Lake Michigan was the smoothest Spartz said she'd experienced in years.

As the race neared its end, reports having arrived that Spirit Walker was in the lead, the crew was a bit punchy. Exhaustion tinged with excitement propelled that final drive to see the race to the finish. Spartz took the wheel for two hours, the ship traveling at above nine knots. A helicopter flew overhead to snap pictures of the entire crew.

"It was just so awesome," Spartz said.

In the end, McCain took over the wheel so he could cross the finish line himself. Spirit Walker was declared the winner with a time of 43 hours, 2 minutes and 10 seconds. They won the race by 13.5 minutes ahead of their competitors.

"To win by 13.5 minutes was huge," Spartz said.

A flurry of activity ensued once at Mackinac Island: cheers, hugs from family and friends, pictures, a bit of rest, a hearty meal. The actual awards ceremony is in November, but plenty of celebrating was



The Spirit Walker crew enjoys a celebratory meal.

going on that day.

For Spartz, though, memories of her father, who passed way in 1989, flooded into being.

"I thought a lot about my dad out there on the lake," she said. Her eyes glaze over, wet with tears. "I was just so appreciative to my dad for the blessing of that gift from him, that love of sailing."

Spartz then gathers herself together.

"What a thrill it was to know you gave it your all," she said of the race. "There are only 107 teams that won that race. How cool is that to know you're one of them?"



The owner of Spirit Walker, Vern McCain of South Haven, Mich., who underwent back surgery six weeks before the race.



The Spirit Walker crew, celebrating their win.

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## About the Cover

by Andrew Tallackson

Irene Lerner never turns down the chance to view a sunset.

Ask her husband, Mike.

"No matter where we go," he says, "she wants to see a sunset. Maybe I'm cynical, but you see one, you've seen them all...but I know that's not *really* true."

That certainly wasn't the case last year when the Union Pier couple decided early one evening to stop by New Buffalo's beach. As they headed toward where the water makes it way into the harbor, the sun began to set. They began snapping photos with their small camera. Nearby, a young girl played in the sand, having a grand old time before dipping her feet into the water.

Mike snapped a picture.

Later, as Irene thumbed through the viewfinder, checking out her husband's photos, she gasped.

"I said, 'That is a 'wow' photo'."

At *The Beacher*, we were pretty impressed, too. Labor Day heralds the waning days of summer, so there is something wistful about seeing a child enjoy the simple pleasures in life. We, too, as adults, miss the lazy days of summer once the crisp



Mike and Irene Lerner

chill of fall makes its presence known.

The photo also represents the unmistakable fondness the Lerners have for the area, which has been part of their lives since they were children.

It's funny, Irene says. As an adult, her memories of Union Pier would suggest she'd spent many years vacationing here as a child. In reality, it was only two summers, in 1950 and 1951. Through a little research and help from others, however, she was able to locate where the cottages once were where she and her family stayed.

Mike's uncle had a large home at Lake Michigan beach near Coloma. His family would spend many summers there.

"The whole area was imprinted so strongly on me," he said.

Irene and Mike have been married for 51 years. They met when they were in high school band, and music has remained an important part of their lives ever since. ABBA was their favorite group. During their 50th wedding anniversary, the couple was at Ravinia with friends to see an ABBA tribute band when, unbeknownst to them, they were called on stage so everyone at the concert could sing "Happy Anniversary" to them. Their friends had planned the surprise.

It was about 10 years ago when the Lerners finally bought a place in Union Pier, dividing their time between Southwest Michigan and their home in Buffalo Grove, Ill.

"This is like taking a step back in time," Irene said of the area. "There is a peacefulness to it here. It's laidback, a feeling like you've really come home."



A photo from 1950 or 1951 that shows Irene and her father with family and friends at Silver Beach in St. Joseph, Mich. Her father is at the top. She is third from the top.



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## Kickoff Party to Introduce “The Dolly Fund”

by Andrew Tallackson

To know Dolly Marshall was to love her. She could walk into a room and light it up with her smile, her laugh, her boundless enthusiasm.

To her husband, Paul, she was his life.

“She was truly one half of me and to lose her was tragic. And that does not even mention the loss she was for so many others,” he said. “It was hard for me to accept that the most alive person I had ever known was gone from all of us.”

“So, I wanted to do something in her name that would be meaningful, something that she believed in, something that would live on carrying her name into the future.”

Paul has done just that by creating The Dolly Marshall Memorial Fund for the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, or simply, The Dolly Fund, to provide scholarships for youth through age 18 to experience art and art-education programs.

A kickoff party is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Lubeznik Center, 101 W. Second St. The event will include entertainment by jazz musician Billy Foster, drinks and hors d’oeuvres, and a talk and video presentation by Paul.

Dolly was a familiar face at the John G. Blank Center for the Arts for years. When Lelde Kalmié stepped down as executive director, right as the center moved to its new home to become Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Dolly filled in, becoming the center’s guiding force for about two years before Carolyn Saxton was hired.

In a newspaper article, she was quoted as saying she’d seen her referred to as the center’s “interim”



Dolly Marshall was the guiding force behind the Lubeznik Center for the Arts during a pivotal moment in its early history.

and “acting” director.

“I’m not acting,” she said at the time. “I’m doing it every day. This is a full-time, all-absorbing job.”

Dolly passed away on Oct. 2, 2013. Soon after, Paul raised money to help fund children’s programs at the Lubeznik Center. About a year and a half later, Paul’s sister, Leona Marshall, who handles the bookkeeping at the center, told him the money was running out.

And so, Paul began the process of partnering with the Lubeznik Center to create The Dolly Fund. The plan ultimately is to have it be an endowment — a \$50,000 goal.

As outgoing as Dolly was, Paul said, the irony was, she did not like bringing attention to herself. She would, in fact, be a little embarrassed by a fund named after her, Paul said, but in considering the big picture, she would embrace her husband’s vision.

“She thought it was terrible that when schools are financially challenged, the first thing they cut is music and art,” he said. “Studies have shown that kids who are good in the arts are better students academically.”

“Everything you see and touch in our daily life, she said, you can thank an artist. Artists are involved in everything.”

*(Anyone who would like more information about The Dolly Fund, or who would like to contribute, but can’t attend the kickoff party, can call the Lubeznik Center at 874-4900 or visit [www.lubeznikcenter.org](http://www.lubeznikcenter.org). Reservations for the Sept. 26 event are requested no later than Sept. 11.)*

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The monthly event involves local merchants hosting artists and free entertainment. Participating on Sept. 4 are:

- **Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.**

Artist/illustrator Melissa Washburn discovered her love of printmaking after participating in last year's Steamroller Printmaking Project. She was a 2012-2013 recipient of an Indiana Arts Commission Individual Artist Program grant and founded CSA Valpo, a co-op buying program for art and artists.

- **Old Lighthouse Museum, 100 Heisman Harbor Road.**

Jan Hoeppner's photography captures Lake Michigan. She is a Michigan City native and retired elementary teacher.

- **Urban Soles, 624 Franklin St.**

Betsey Nacrelli will showcase her handcrafted jewelry line, Collections by Joya, along with Nest Number 4, handmade home decor, and weaver Chris Acton, who will create upcycled bags.

- **First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St.**

Michigan City Art League will exhibit works, while Dan Moser, Ah Tu and Friends will perform. Refreshments will be provided.



- **Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.**

Peter Aglinskas, recipient of the Chicago Cultural Department's "Artists International" Award, will perform music with elements of jazz, funk and rock. On display are the exhibits "Lora Fosberg: Everything Looks Perfect From Far Away," "Andrea Peterson: Rooted" and "Color, Energy & Movement."

- **Revive Consignments, 532 Franklin St.**

Jayne and Jim Karner will present repurposed functional furniture art.

- **Paris House of Bridal, 728 Franklin St.**

The group art project Cocktails & Canvas, in which adults and children have two minutes to contribute to a group effort.

- **Walnut Ink Projects, 607 Franklin St.**

Live music, screen prints, functional goods and The Ball Jar Memory Project are planned.

- **Darling Boutique, 418 Franklin St.**

Drummer Cody Allee will be joined by a saxophonist, while an end of summer sale is planned. Also, Trent Pendley will have a book signing for "Toys in the Closet."

- **Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St.**

The September exhibit, "Anything Goes," show-

cases paintings in a variety of media, photography, sculpture and fiber art.



Alison Barczak's "Italian Afternoon," part of the Southern Shore Art Association exhibit.

- **Artspace Uptown Artist Lofts, 717 Franklin St.**

In the spotlight is Chicago native Miguel Del Real, who is influenced by graffiti and indigenous art. He has been included in group exhibits in the National Mexican Museum of Art, Red Bull Canvas Cooler, Maxwell Colette and Galerie F.



An example of Miguel del Real's graffiti art.

- **Franklin Art District Artists, 722 Franklin St.**

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# Shakespeare + Hip-Hop = Cutting Edge Q Brothers

by Andrew Tallackson

Shakespeare and hip-hop may seem like unlikely bedfellows, but The Q Brothers have transcended any and all expectations to achieve respect, and plenty of accolades, for their cutting-edge vision.

"Q Gents," their latest, offers a wild spin on Shakespeare's "Two Gentlemen of Verona" and is part of this weekend's Three Oaks Theater Festival.

Hard to believe, though, that it all came together, as one of the Chicago-born Q Brothers says, by "happy accident."

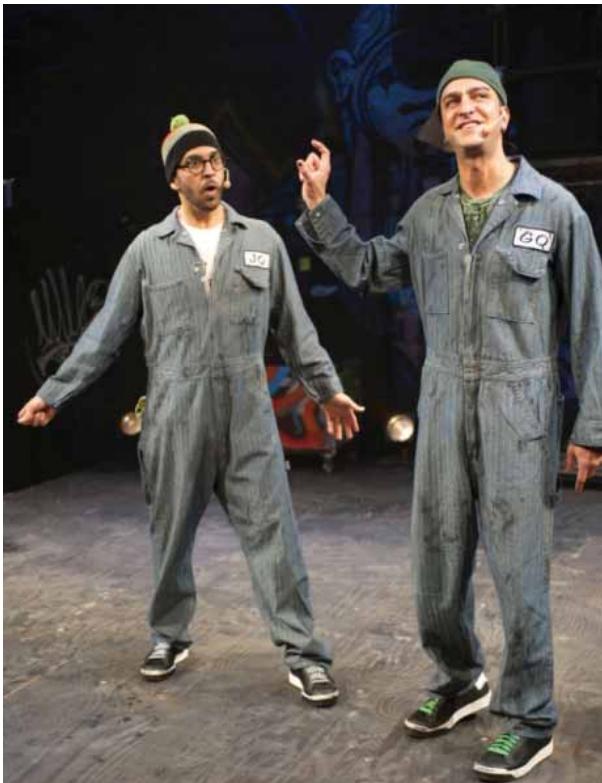
Gregory Qaiyum, who goes by his initials, GQ, was involved in the Experimental Theatre Wing at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. He was working with a few friends on his senior project, which involved fusing theater with hip-hop. But after two weeks, they only had three pages of original material. So, they started over, opting to adapt existing material. They considered works by Dickens and Kafka. Then, a friend brought up that he'd seen four guys perform Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors."

"That's when it became really apparent to us, that this makes way too much sense," Qaiyum said. "Shakespeare is a master storyteller who uses rhymes to tell his stories."

From there was born the off-Broadway production "The Bomb-itty of Errors," which won the jury prize for Best Show at the 2001 Aspen Comedy Festival.

Over the next few years, acting jobs on the big and small screens would pop up for Qaiyum ("Drumline," "Taxi," FOX's "Boston Public"), but it would be the partnership with his older brother, Jeffery, who goes by his initials, JAQ, that would form the basis for The Q Brothers, who specialize in what they call "add-RAP-tations."

Take, for instance, "Othello: The Remix." Commissioned by Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London for the 2012 Globe to Globe Festival, it was performed at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, taking MTM: UK Awards for Best Lyrics and Best New Musical, ran for five months with Chicago Shakespeare Theater, scoring a Jeff Award for Best Ensemble,



A scene from "Othello: The Remix."

and toured Germany, South Korea, London, Poland, the United Arab Emirates, Australia and New Zealand.

"Funk It Up About Nothin'," commissioned by Chicago Shakespeare Theater, scored a Jeff Award for Best Ensemble, ran at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, winning the Dress Circle Award for Best Musical), and toured London and Australia.

"A Q Brothers' Christmas Carol" had its world premiere last winter at Chicago Shakespeare Theater.

"When we started this, we never specified who we wanted to connect with," GQ said. "We never said, 'Hey, let's do this thing that would get young people into Shakespeare, or would get older people into hip-hop.'

"I think that leads into how universal this is. Our goal is just to entertain and connect with people, to pretty much create a good time."

For JAQ, who served as composer and co-star of MTV's "Scratch and Burn" with his brother, toured with The Grommits in 2004 and is the lead singer for the Chicago band Them Vs. Them, merging Shakespeare with hip-hop is a no-brainer. There is a rhythm, he said, to Shakespeare's works.

"It made sense to me," he said. "Rap was always my thing. I wanted to be a professional rapper. So when GG came to me and said, 'Hey, turn this into rap,' I thought, 'Oh, cool.' I was writing so many raps at the time. I was literally writing eight hours a day, looking at how words rhyme together. When I free styled, I had an arsenal of rhymes, so when he (GQ) handed me that, I thought, 'Here is another exercise. This will only make me better.'

Zeroing in on Shakespeare, ironically, brought everything full circle for GQ, who suffered from dyslexia as a child and found The Bard's works frustrating.

"I would come home in tears at 12 saying someone should burn this book," he said. "I felt totally excluded. It was highbrow."

"It wasn't until my time at NYU in experimental theater and I was cast in a Shakespeare play when all that changed. I had an amazing teacher who had me do exercises. I would spend two hours



The Q Brothers at Shakespeare's Globe Theater, a reconstruction of the original performance space.

on one line of verse. We would experiment with... long vowel sounds or hard vowel sounds. Something snapped and I finally heard it all as music, which I believe the way it was intended to be."

With "Q Gents," The Q Brothers again fuse their clever rhymes with a wry spoof of the source material. In it, Valentine and Proteus are popular seniors on the Verona College Prep football team.

Proteus falls in love with free-spirit Julia and quits football to study art. Valentine can't believe what his brother has done...until he spots new cheerleader Sylvia.

The brothers play all 20 characters, never leaving the stage as part of show's non-stop action. They'll be joined by Jackson Doran, a company member and The Q Brothers education director, as DJ.

As The Q Brothers,

GQ and JAQ are churning out new shows about every 18 months. Their goal is no less than to produce Shakespeare's entire cannon of works.

Whether they achieve that goal, and obtain the funding for it, GQ says, remains to be seen. One thing's for sure. As long as an audience hungry for their work exists, The Q Brothers will continue doing what they do.



Jeffery (left) and Gregory Qaiyum, who go by GQ and JAQ, respectively.

"I really believe that if Shakespeare were alive to see what we are doing, he would be super stoked," QG said. "He was elevating language through poetry at a time when people really needed that to be done. I don't think he would be mad that we are taking it and updating it for people. That's what he was doing. He was an irreverent genius."

(Visit [www.three-oaksfestival.com](http://www.three-oaksfestival.com) for reservations or more information.)

## New PNC Exhibit



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Olesker's work has been featured in the Lakefront Art Festival, Michigan City; Outsiders Outside, Judith Racht Gallery in Harbert, Mich.; Exhibiting Artist Galleria Uno in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; and Exhibiting Artist Galleria Dante in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

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## Hoosier Star Winners to Return for Anniversary Event

by Kayla Weiss

This month marks the 10th anniversary of La Porte County Symphony Orchestra's Hoosier Star fundraiser.

Every year, contestants try out in adult or youth divisions. Initial auditions are in March, moving through various rounds before contestants are chosen for the final competition in September. A panel of judges offers input after each performance, but audience votes decide the winners.

However, for the diamond-anniversary competition, everyone decided to try something different. Instead of holding open auditions, winners from the past nine years were invited back to compete for the title of "Star of Stars." Not only will they perform their original solos, but they also will be paired together to perform duets.

The night will start off with three duets, then the six adult competitors will perform their original solos before the show breaks for intermission, when the audience votes for the Star of Stars. After intermission, some of the youth division first-place winners and finalists will perform a group number. The adults also will perform a group number before the final reunion performance, where anyone who has competed can unite to perform.

This year's event is at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St. Tickets are on sale now. Table seating for 10 costs \$500. Balcony seats are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Visit [www.HoosierStar.com](http://www.HoosierStar.com) or [www.lcsd.net](http://www.lcsd.net) for tickets, or they are available at: La Porte Civic; La Porte Savings Bank, 710 Indiana Ave., La Porte; Roxy Music, 1012 Lincolnway, La Porte; and Visit Michigan City La Porte Convention & Visitors Bureau in Marquette Mall.

The contestants are:

### **Brandon Williams** **Hoosier Star 2007 Adult Winner**

On stage, Williams has performed in "Beauty and the Beast," "Footloose," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Scrooge," "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" and "Rent," the latter in which he shared the stage with fellow Hoosier Star winner Jeremiah Souza. He also has been active in various fundraisers, including with fellow Hoosier Star winner Nanda Danitschek. He auditioned for "American Idol" and received a callback. He won second place in the Michiana Rising Star competition and first place in Valparaiso's Memorial Opera House Region Star vocal competition.



Winning Hoosier Star, he said, gave him a major confidence boost.

"I am so excited to be performing in Hoosier Star again," he said. "I think it will be a ton of fun to perform with everyone else. And any chance I get to perform with the LCSO orchestra, I jump at it."

His winning song was "Feeling Good."

### **Brian Phillips** **Hoosier Star 2008 Adult Winner**

Phillips is a graduate of Carmel High School, where he sang with the Carmel Ambassadors in more than 40 performances each year. After graduating, he attended Indiana State University, where he was a member of the Sycamore Singers. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in criminol-



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ogy, he moved to La Porte and began working as a police officer with the La Porte Police Department.

With few performing opportunities available, he only sang at church occasionally. It wasn't until he saw auditions for the first Hoosier Star in 2006 that he decided to start performing again. That year, he was chosen as an adult finalist and performed in the inaugural event.

Hoosier Star also gave Phillips an introduction to Roscoe Hoffman, who would become important in helping him achieve a lifelong goal of writing a song to honor the sacrifices of fallen law-enforcement officers. In 2008, the two completed the song "Why Do Heroes Have to Die?," which spearheaded the recording of a CD to raise money for Indiana COPS and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. The song and CD have raised several thousand dollars. In 2011, Phillips received the President's National Medal of Patriotism by the American Police Hall of Fame.

Phillips returned to Hoosier Star in 2008 and was the Adult Division winner that year. He is in his 19th year with the La Porte Police Department. He lives outside La Porte with his wife Julie, and four children.

"Hoosier Star is very fun, and a chance to sing with a live orchestra," he said. "I enjoy it so much that I don't think of it as a competition, rather a chance to see and perform with some very talented people."

#### Nanda Danitschek

#### Hoosier Star 2010 Adult Winner



Danitschek, the Hoosier Star 2010 first-place adult winner and 2006 runner-up adult winner, hails from La Porte and is a veteran of La Porte Little Theatre, where she has played roles such as Eliza Doolittle in "My Fair Lady" and Guinevere in "Camelot."

"I auditioned for Hoosier Star almost every year because I love singing with a full symphony," Danitschek said. "The best part of Hoosier Star is singing with a full symphony, and Hoosier Star presents an opportunity to be backed by such a won-

derful symphony... and there is no more powerful backing than that. This year is going to be amazing, and I am honored to perform with them anytime."

Danitschek is a vocal coach and member of La Porte Service League and Arts in the Park. She also coordinates 4th of July events for Hoosier Star winners each year and served as co-chairwoman for last year's Hoosier Star. She is pursuing a career in industrial organizational psychology.

Danitschek would like to dedicate her solo at the competition to the memory of Ray Walters. She also will perform a duet with Souza, "As Long As You're Mine" from "Wicked."

#### Betsy Archer Hoosier Star 2011 Adult Winner

Betsy Archer won Hoosier Star in 2011 and was featured in the symphony's concert "Pop Stars: Best of the Best" in 2012. Last year, she returned to perform for 4,000 new opera fans, singing "La Traviata" excerpts in the symphony's children's concert "A Day at the Opera." Since winning Hoosier Star, she portrayed the famous 19th century soprano Jenny Lind in the 2013 Louisville, Ky., premiere of "When Jenny Lind Came to Town." She even got to sing on a live Louisville TV program to promote the show.



Past shows include "Fiddler on the Roof," "The Music Man," "The Gondoliers," "The Mikado" and The Marriage of Figaro." She has a classical music background and has performed as a recurring soprano soloist in Handel's "Messiah" with the Zeeland Chorus and Illiana Oratorio. She received her Bachelor of Music from the University of California, Irvine, and studied summers at AIMS in Graz, Bay View Conservatory, Brevard Music Center and Aspen Music School.

Her winning song was "Time To Say Goodbye."

"My family and I had recently moved to Indiana, and I saw the information about the competition on an audition website," Archer said. "I thought it sounded like fun and gave it a try, and I'm so glad I did."

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**Jeremiah Souza**  
**Hoosier Star 2013 Adult Winner**



Souza has loved music for as long as he can remember, and has always dreamt of performing on Broadway in New York.

As a young child, he sang for the residents at local retirement homes. While in high school, he won numerous music awards and scholarships for his trumpet playing. He also composed piano duets and arrangements for his school orchestra, all without any formal training.

After years of auditioning, Souza finally was selected as a finalist for Hoosier Star in 2013 and went on to become that year's adult winner. He also marked his stage debut that year when he played the role of Angel in the Dunes Summer Theatre's production of "Rent." In 2014, he was cast as Simon Zealots in "Jesus Christ Superstar," also at the Dunes, and served as stage manager for Hoosier Star 2014.

He landed his first non-musical role this year, playing Gene in Footlight Players' "Consider the Oyster."

"The main reason that I was able to audition was because of the encouragement from family and friends," Souza said. "I had auditioned for the show for six years prior to getting in, and was encouraged by my partner, Kevin, not to give up, and I'm so glad that I didn't."

"I love this competition. I love being able to sing with such a wonderful orchestra. It's always been a dream of mine to do so, and being able to fulfill that dream with the LCSO is truly an honor."

Souza's winning Hoosier Star song was "This is the Moment" from Jekyll and Hyde.



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**Taylor Carter**  
**Hoosier Star 2014 Adult Winner**

Taylor Carter said being last year's Hoosier Star 2014 adult winner was one of her most valued experiences.

She currently is on the national tour of "The Wiz" in the ensemble and Dorothy's understudy. Her credits include: Christine in "The Phantom of the Opera," Fantine in "Les Misérables," Sarah in "Ragtime," Lily in "The Secret Garden" and Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra. She has been awarded gold medalist for classical voice by the NAACPACTSO.



Carter also enjoys ballet, tap, jazz, modern and hip-hop dance. She appeared on Steve Harvey's TV show, and served as a Disney Dreamers Academy Champion Ambassador. She recently sang for President Obama's education advisor and Gary Mayor Karen Freeman Wilson. She even performed with and for her favorite entertainer, Michael Jackson, during one of his return home appearances.

"I hope to inspire others to live a lucid life, to be aware of their dreams and to turn them into reality," she said.

Carter's winning Hoosier Star song was "I Dreamed a Dream."



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Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington, regarded as one of the most prolific American composers of the 20th century, led his band from 1923 until his death at 75 on May 24, 1974. At that point, his son, Mercer,

Ellington, took over leadership of the band. Mercer was an accomplished trumpet player and composer who wrote many songs for his father's orchestra, including the standard "Things Ain't What They Used to Be." As director, he toured and recorded the orchestra for the next 22 years until his own death in 1996, when the baton was passed on to Mercer's son, Paul Mercer Ellington. Pianist and composer Tommy James now acts as conductor.

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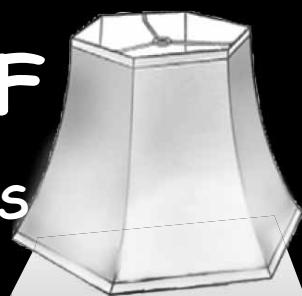
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2013	4	\$3.6 M	\$0.836 M
2014	3	\$4.7 M	\$1.525 M
2015	5	\$5.5 M	\$0.950

I started with the Harbor Country overall market data from April through July year over year comparisons. The difference between 2014 and 2015 blew me away. Down 13.2% in number of sales and a 26% drop in total \$Volume. Indiana Lakefront was a different story. Same number of sales and 1.2 M increased \$Volume.

My theory was that the high end market had dropped the most in Michigan, so I looked at both markets for residential solds of at least \$800,000. In Michigan down 50% in number of sales and down 45% \$Volume. Again, Indiana Lakefront was up in number of sales and \$Volume. Down only in median Sold Price.

Very interesting and troubling for Michigan. Either the market is beginning to tank, or we are reverting back to the summer being a weak sales season and the Fall being strong. We will find out soon.

The two markets are side by side along Lake Michigan. The property taxes are now parallel. No idea why Indiana did better than Michigan. Stay tuned.

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This week's Fitness Rebellion is brought to you from the lovely, crowded, construction-clad Interstate 65. The topic suits the surroundings and is one that gets brought up a lot to me: The struggle of eating healthy on the road.

Staying on track when you are on the road can be a hard task. My advice is just to follow the Boy Scout motto: Be prepared.

When it comes to eating healthy, especially on the road, you don't have to go far to find temptations. Literally dozens of options exist at every rest stop and oasis. Billboards advertise a 15-foot tall, delicious-looking meal. In today's world, you almost get looked at like you're from outer space if you order a salad and water at dinner with friends as opposed to the triple bacon cheeseburger and a large pop.

So how do you stay healthy and on track in a world where Big Macs and value baskets are cheaper than a salad? Be prepared!

Heading out on this road trip to Nashville, packing my bag of clothes was equally as important as packing my bag of healthy snacks. Some of my go-to snacks for a road trip are Tuna Packets, hard boiled eggs, Quest Bars (protein bars), bottles of water and bananas. These are just a few things that always leave the house with me if I am planning a long drive.

Once on the road, stopping for bathroom breaks and gas stops often result in grabbing a quick snack. Now, if you come prepared, you can breeze right through and fill up your water and get on the road. However, if for whatever reason you aren't able to pack a healthy snack bag, there are options at the gas stations. This will take some self-discipline to walk by the rows and rows of sweets, but hey, you're focused and determined, right? So at the gas sta-

## Eating Healthy on the Road



Be prepared with healthy snacks when on the road. tion, you can find almost everything I mentioned above. Protein bars, hard-boiled eggs, bananas, water, even some salads are available at most rest stops.

So, if you have trouble staying on track because you frequently travel, are on the road a lot or just constantly on the go, make sure you try to get ahead of the game by planning your meals and snacks for your trip. Check online for insulated meal bags that will keep your food fresh. Set out time after you pack to prepare a meal bag.

And the hardest one of them all, try your best to resist temptation on the road. Healthy eating on the go can be done, but follow the Boy Scout motto and always be prepared!


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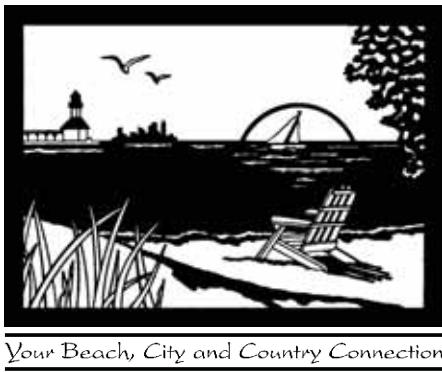
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**\$410,000**

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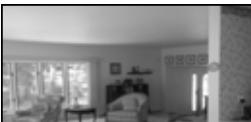


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Screened porch in back off rec room. Listing agent is relative of property owner. **\$385,000**

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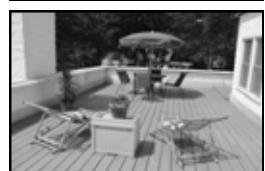


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**\$195,000**

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**20 Marine Drive #7 • Marina Park**

**\$175,000**

Enjoy sunsets, views of Trail Creek and Lake Michigan from this condo. Two bedrooms plus loft space featuring bathroom & 2nd bedroom with sitting area that could potentially be 3rd bedroom. New stove & laminate floor in kitchen. 55ft boat slip, private laundry room with storage & covered parking.



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The kitchen has custom maple cabinets, stainless steel appliances & breakfast bar. Master suite with vaulted ceiling in the bedroom & bath. Enjoy nature while relaxing on the screen porch or back deck.

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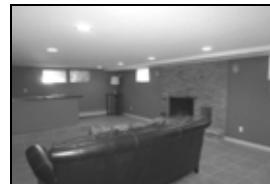
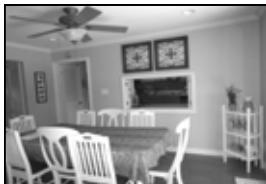
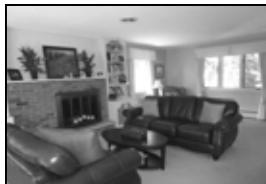


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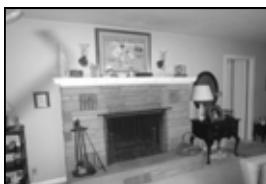


### *3321 Duneland Drive Duneland Beach*

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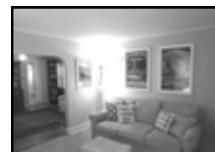
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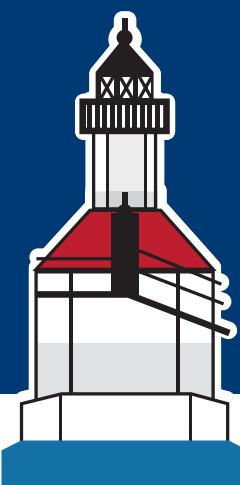
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## Private Beach Communities, It's Time to Weigh In On Court Ruling.

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It started out as an easily resolvable resident issue between a group calling itself the Long Beach Alliance and the Lakeside Homeowner's Association. The primary question at the center, "Who owns, supports and protects the beach?"

The town of Long Beach has always had designated beaches at each bus stop for community use. At issue was whether a portion of the beaches in front of private property (the homeowners' backyard) was an extension of the designated community beach. What no one was disputing was whether or not these private community beaches were designed and established for private beach community residents... but that may be changing. A recent decision by Judge Stalbrink puts into motion what may permanently change the entire private beach community model.



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# The Ruling.

## Public Beaches, Not Private Community Beaches

- Judge Stalbrink claims that anything below the ordinary high water mark should be open to public (non-residents). Stalbrink further ruled that non-residents have unrestricted use to picnic, sunbath, play games or occupy this area along all shores of Lake Michigan in Indiana. The misguided decision incited a secondary petition asking Judge Stalbrink to amend his ruling to redefine the ordinary high water mark to be the vegetation line rather than the generally accepted definition set by the Army Corp of Engineers of 581.5 feet above sea level virtually granting universal public ownership of large portions of the beach to the entire public.

# The Impact.

## The Private Beach Community Model Threatened

- **Infrastructure:** This decision now challenges those communities that were planned around the lake and are designed as resident focused beach communities. There are designs in motion at the state level that intend to create a 'destination' for non-residents to our beaches. This will be done by a) building concessions stands and commercial buildings on the beach, b) enhancing bus activity from Michigan City and elsewhere to the lake, and c) increasing signage to direct the general public to our Indiana private beaches.
- **Control:** The communities of Long Beach, Shoreland Hills and Duneland Beach cannot enforce a resident only policy.
- **Integrity:** These beach communities are at near capacity for their residents, to somehow now say they can support large numbers of non-residents invites a myriad of problems that will increase traffic, reduce public safety and [put pressure on scarce resources].

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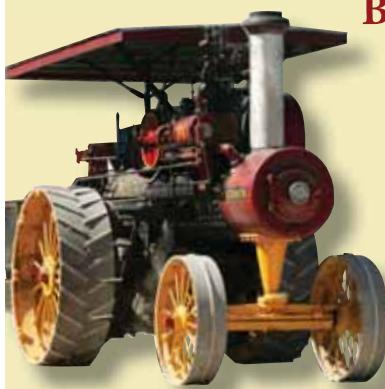
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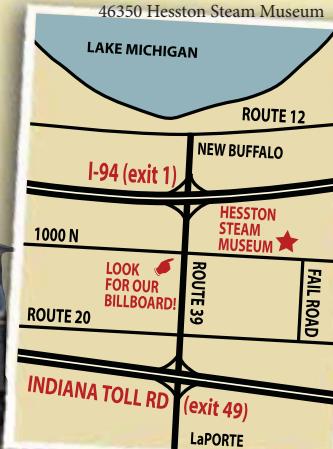
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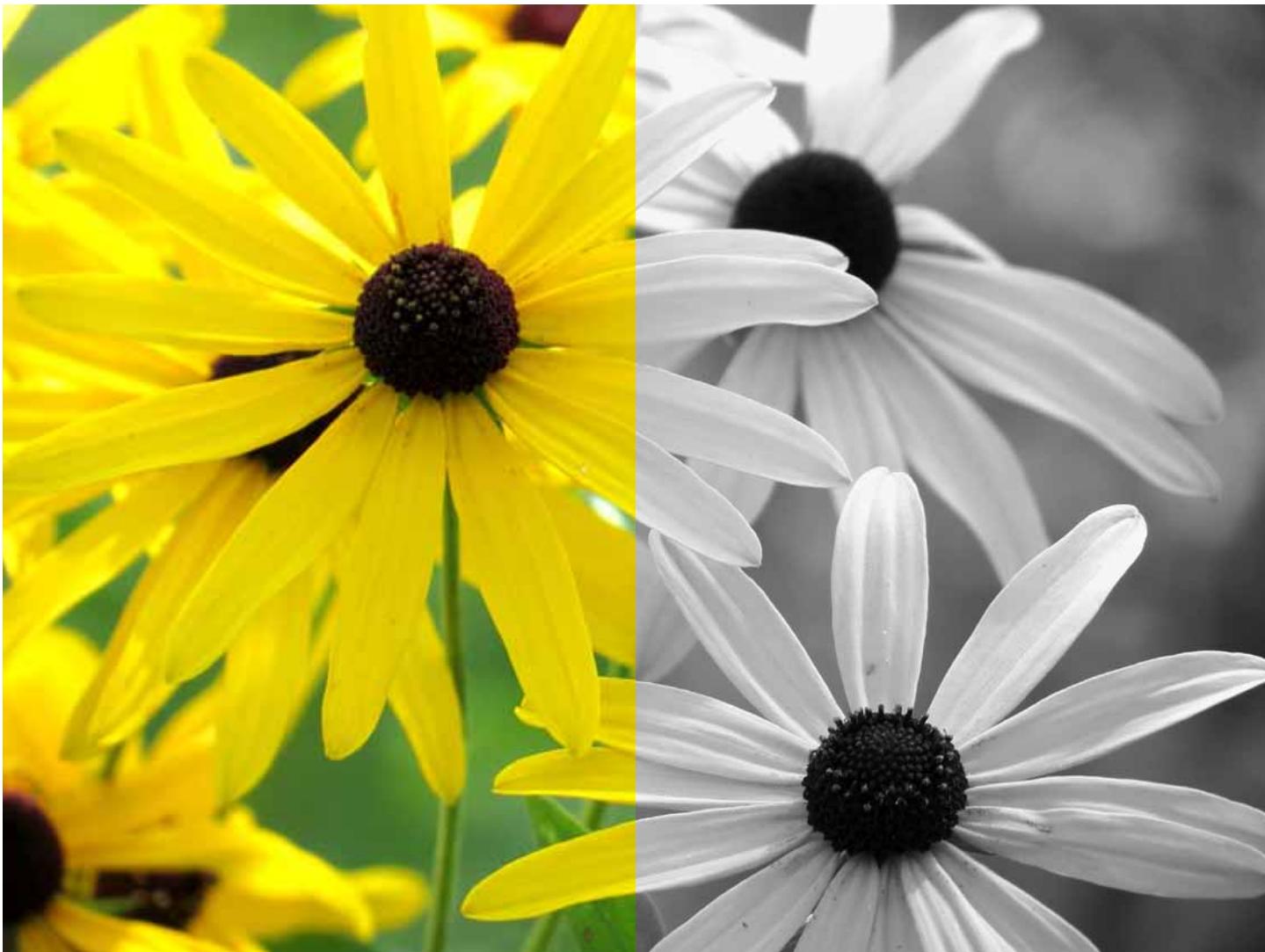


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## Zeola Gaye: An Invitation to Walk Through a Life's Journey

by Sharlene Bymun

*Editor's note — The Beacher continues its partnership with iRock Jazz to provide Art+Times, a bi-weekly column that highlights how art and culture intersect today.*

Twenty seven years after his death, Zeola (Zee) Gaye sheds lights on the troublesome life of her older brother, the iconic R&B artist, in "My Brother, Marvin, A Memoir."

Gaye took time out of her busy schedule to speak with Art+Times about her family, and the journey she took to write the book.

**A+T: Was your sir name originally Gay, and did Marvin later add an "e" to it, or was it always, Gaye?**

**Zeola Gaye:** No, Marvin added the "e." All of our birth certificates read Gay. Later, Marvin added the "e" for stage presence. He felt it looked better. Once he changed his, we changed ours. Neither my parents nor my sister changed theirs, just Frankie and me. We were no longer Gays.

**A+T: What was it like growing up in your household?**

**ZG:** Wow, I get that question all the time. Really, um, normal. We had a really kind of strange lifestyle because of the religion we were in, Pentecostal. We were raised very strict. My father, Marvin Gay Sr., was the disciplinarian who ran a strict ship. My

mom, Alberta Gay, who was very, very loving, soft and sweet, filled the gap. She was the glue that held everything together. My brothers, Marvin and Frankie, were normal brothers. I was the youngest,

and my sister was the one who took care of the house when my parents were away. For me, growing

up with my brothers and sister in my family was very normal.

They treated me like the baby. My father made it very clear that they were to give me anything that I wanted. Once I realized that, I definitely took advantage of that. As I grew older, I was basically, the "live toy" of the house. Marvin was six years older, Frankie was four years older and my sister was eight years older than me. So, I was truly the "baby."

**A+T: Were you a musical family, or was it just Marvin?**

**ZG:** No, we all had talent. Marvin was outstanding. His talent was very special. We should have known that when we all went to church. The three of us sang in the choir, but Marvin was always a solo

act. Frankie, Jeanne and I never sang solos, but Marvin always did. At a very young age in school plays, he was always the one who had the lead role in whatever musical they performed. He always had the lead. He was just very, very special. He could play any

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I believe we all got our initial talents from our parents. My father could play the piano and sing, and my mother played the guitar and sang. Marvin was just more polished than the rest of us at that time.

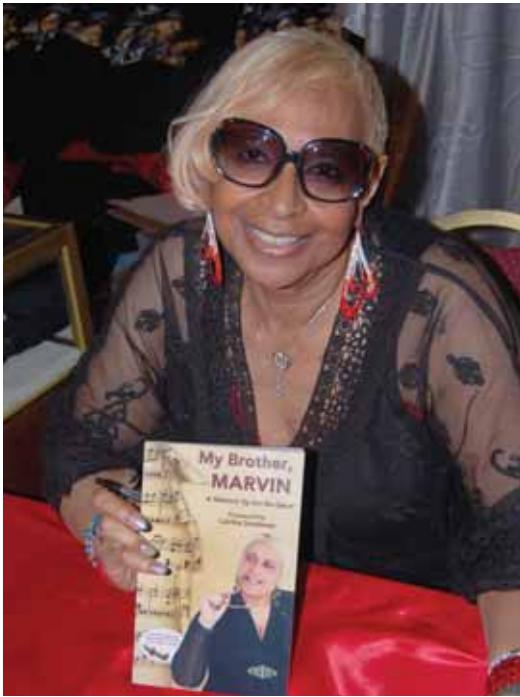
**A+T: Marvin's music came through his view of the world. Did you notice that there was an inherent connection with his music and view of the world, or did that come later on?**

ZG: It really came later on in his career. I would have to say that him singing gospel music in his earlier years before he became famous probably had a lot to do with his awareness of the world and conditions in the world, which made him very soft-hearted and a humanitarian. He had a love of children. He wasn't afraid to show his feelings, feelings of sympathy and empathy for the things happening in the world and the people. I believe that started early in his life.

The messages that came out in his music later in life, I believe that he was touched at an early age by God and was able to bring forth what he saw and what he felt through his music.

I personally was not aware of it until "What's Going On." I was a teenager then. When he brought the album home, while I was sitting down listening to it and reading the lyrics as it was playing, that's really when Marvin became Marvin Gaye to me. When I first realized it, I said to myself, 'Oh, my God, this is amazing!' 'Wow.' This came from my brother.' The content of the lyrics was mind-boggling to me. I was in my teen years, and those lyrics and words hit me.

**A+T: When a person rises to fame in families, things change not just in the immediate family. People tend to start treating them differently. What changed when Marvin rose to fame? When he grew, how did that impact the family dynamics, your core family and the extended family?**



Zeola Gaye attends a book signing.

**ZG:** In the beginning, my family was extremely happy and proud of Marvin's success and almost in disbelief that this could be happening to one of our family members, that he and his music were so well received by the public.

Of course, things change when one comes into power. That is what usually happens. Money breeds power. Of course, the dynamics of the family changed when money and power came to the forefront.

We were always proud of and loved Marvin. On the other hand, Marvin's relationship with our father changed because my father was not able to handle the power in the family being shifted from him to Marvin. Some jealousy set in, but as far as the siblings and our mother, there was never any jealousy.

We were nothing but thrilled and elated. I loved it. What more could we ask for, that God blessed our family to give us Marvin with such talent and insight on life and the world. Marvin was always Marvin to me. When he became Marvin Gaye and he was touring and performing, then he was Marvin Gaye. Otherwise, he was just my brother, Marvin.

**A+T: Regarding your dad's and Marvin's relationship, could you have foreseen your dad killing him?**

ZG: No, I don't think anyone could say that they could have foreseen that. That was a tragedy that happened over the course of years that had built up. I talk about that extensively in my book. I tell why it happened, and I go into great detail of events leading up to that day, and in great details about that day and down until the hours. What happened that week of, I believe if we could have seen that coming, we could have tried to do something about it to prevent it. But if anybody saw it, it was probably Marvin. I don't want to bring out everything about it. I want people to read about it. Hopefully, they will get more insight on what lead up to Marvin's death and

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maybe come away with some closure.

I can say, I speak very freely about addictions. My father had an addiction to alcohol and also had a brain tumor. Marvin also had an addiction to drugs. I was also addicted to drugs and am 12 years clean today. If we can all realize what addiction can do to a family, then by reading what happened to my family can help someone else and their family then I've done something God wanted me to do and Marvin. By no means am I glorifying my brother's death or what happened. Writing about it was a form of closure for me. It wasn't easy to do, but it had to be done and had to be said.

**A+T: Where were you when you heard the news of Marvin's death?**

**ZG:** I was at my home, and I was only five minutes away from the Big Home. I got there within three minutes of receiving the phone call saying that a shooting had occurred. I really don't like talking about the incident, but I can't get around it because I get questions like this all of the time.

**A+T: What are your thoughts on the controversy around "Blurred Lines"? What were your thoughts when you first heard the album and Robin Thicke's first pre-emptive action to sue Marvin's estate? I know it was later settled.**

**ZG:** Initially, when I first heard the song, I really loved it. I said, this song is really jamming. Then, later it hit me of why I loved the song so much. I was reading things and the public was writing on facebook about how they hoped the family is benefitting from the song. They were saying that it was really "Got to Give it Up." Then, I started paying closer attention to it. I definitely started to realize that, yes, that was the same song, slowed down a little and it was the whole feel of it. I was totally upset to find out that Robin had sued the kids about the music.

My whole thing is, if you love Marvin that much, which he told me he did personally, how Marvin inspired him to become an artist, and Marvin was his favorite artist, then go through the right channels. I thought it was an honor for someone to emulate Marvin. There are so many artists out there that he could have chosen to, but he picked Marvin. I was upset when he sued the kids; however, I was happy that they settled.

**A+T: Why did you choose to write the book?**

**ZG:** I basically wanted to set the record straight. It took many years. However, the things I would read over the years, interviews, documentaries and articles about what they "thought" happened and why it happened, the relationship between my father and mother, between my father and Marvin, it took its toll on me. I said enough is enough, and I need to straighten out the record. My feelings are, if you were not in my household, you cannot tell the story. I felt the need to tell the story, to write the book to show my family as a family. To tell the story of what can happen to a family when there is addictions within it. People need to know that we were a loving family. Our family was a normal family with the exception of, we had Marvin. I felt a really strong need to write the book and be totally honest about everything, whether it was good or bad. It was a good form of therapy for me.

**A+T: Do you think your book set the record straight, and since you've written the book, what has been people's perceptions?**

**ZG:** I think my book has opened a lot of eyes and hearts. I've received a lot of positive comments and critiques. People are thanking me for being open, candid and having a sense of integrity. They appreciated my transparency and honesty. People are so happy that I wrote it. They had so many questions. I did not hold anything back. If I couldn't be totally honest, there wasn't any need for me to write the book. There are a lot of people out there who love the truth, and a lot of people out there that can't handle the truth. I gave it the way I saw it, it was through the eyes of my life.

*"My Brother, Marvin, A Memoir" is available at [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) and [www.ZeolaGaye.com](http://www.ZeolaGaye.com). Zeola and her family are planning a return of the stage play, "My Brother Marvin," as well as a screenplay of their story.)*



Marvin Gaye with his parents.

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## New Art Exhibit at Tourism Bureau



Local artist Susan Hughes will present her first solo show through Oct. 1 at Visit Michigan City La Porte Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Hughes has lived in the Michigan City/La Porte area her entire life and been active in art. A Michigan City elementary school teacher for 25 years, she is a self-taught artist and Michigan City Art League member who enjoys taking as many workshops as possible.

"Before I retired, I taught gifted and talented students and I loved it," she said. "That time with these students gave me a chance to show them the connection between science and art."

Her painting enthusiasm began five years ago when she took a watercolor class in Florida. Since then, she has discovered graphite pencils and colored pencils. Her inspiration comes from nature. Other art experiences have included pottery, quilting, needlework, drawing and sewing.

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## Indiana Dunes State Park

*The following programs are offered:*

### **Thursday, Sept. 3**

- **9 a.m. — Beach Yoga.**

Bleu Lotus Yoga will offer the program every Thursday this summer. Registration is required and includes a \$10 fee. Classes are canceled in case of inclement weather. Visit [www.bleulotusyoga.com](http://www.bleulotusyoga.com) to register.

- **3 p.m. — The Sands in Our Dunes.**

Meet at the Nature Center to explore the composition of sand and how the dunes are formed.

### **Friday, Sept. 4**

- **9 a.m. — Beach Yoga.**

Bleu Lotus Yoga will offer the program every Friday this summer. Registration is required and includes a \$10 fee. Classes are canceled in case of inclement weather. Visit [www.bleulotusyoga.com](http://www.bleulotusyoga.com) to register.

- **10 a.m. — Dunes History Hike.**

Meet at the campground shelter for the one-hour hike that explores some of the high dunes.

- **3 p.m. — Behind the Scenes of the Dunes Nature Center.**

Meet at the Nature Center Auditorium for a look at the state park nature centers and museums, including hidden displays and a behind-the-scenes tour.

- **6:30 p.m. — Sunset Beach Yoga.**

Bleu Lotus Yoga will offer a chance to stretch on the dunes beach. Registration is required and includes a \$10 fee. Classes are canceled in case of inclement weather. Visit [www.bleulotusyoga.com](http://www.bleulotusyoga.com) to register.

- **7:30 p.m. — Night Hike.**

Meet at the campground gate to join a naturalist for the evening hike. The focus is survival instincts of the area's animals.

### **Saturday, Sept. 5**

- **9:30 a.m. — Indiana's Greatest Hike.**

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- **3 p.m. — Skunk Funk.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at skunks.

- **7:30 p.m. — Bat Chat.**

Meet at the Nature Center outdoor program area for a look at bats using iPad apps to detect and identify them.

### **Sunday, Sept. 6**

- **8:30 a.m. — Informal church service at the campground shelter.**

- **9 a.m. — Beach Yoga.**

Bleu Lotus Yoga will offer the program every Friday this summer. Registration is required and includes a \$10 fee. Classes are canceled in case of inclement weather. Visit [www.bleulotusyoga.com](http://www.bleulotusyoga.com) to register.

- **10 a.m. — Another Dam Hike.**

Meet a naturalist at the campground gate for a 45-minute stroll to view a beaver dam. Prepare for off-trail and muddy creek walking.

- **3 p.m. — Reptile Review.**

Turtles, snakes and lizards are the focus of the 45-minute discovery program at the Nature Center outside program area.

- **6:30 p.m. — Sunset Spectacular.**

Meet at the campground gate, then take the easier route up to Mount Tom to view the setting sun.

### **Monday, Sept. 7**

- **10 a.m. — Feed the Birds.**

Join a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding. Get close views of chickadees, cardinals and woodpeckers.

- **3 p.m. — September Flora Walk.**

Meet at the Nature Center for the 45-minute trek to identify early fall flowers going into bloom.

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*The following programs are available:*

- **Learn to Kayak from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursdays through Sept. 3, as well as Saturday, Sept. 5.**

Kayak and safety equipment will be provided. Meet at the Kemil Beach parking lot, 27 N. East State Park Road.

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

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 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, 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.

- **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 tour the bog. The parking lot is at 700 N. Wozniak Road in Michigan City.

- **Sunset Hike from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk.**

Take a stroll with a ranger and watch the sunset over Lake Michigan. The riverwalk is located off Indiana 249 north of Interstate 94.

- **Fort Building Contest from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, 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/Chellberg Farm Open House from 1-4 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 6.**

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.

- **Nature Tots from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Paul H. Douglas Center.**

Take 2- to 5-year-olds to join a ranger who reads nature books and teaches about nature.

*The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is on Lake Street in Gary. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.*



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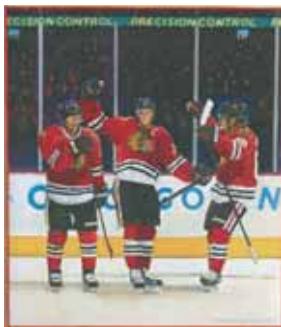
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Alicia Ebaugh, La Porte County Solid Waste District education coordinator/public outreach, will speak at Lunch With the League from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Mama Rosa's Restaurant, 402 W. U.S. 20, Michigan City.

Ebaugh will hold a Q&A session on recycling opportunities the district makes available to La Porte County residents.

Reservations are not required for the monthly League of Women Voters of La Porte County program. Attendees may buy lunch from the menu.

Lunch With the League meets the second Tuesday of the month. Call Sue Webster at (219) 874-6809 or visit [www.lwvlaporte.org](http://www.lwvlaporte.org) for more information.

## Fall Birds at Warren Dunes

Naturalist Wendy Jones will lead the program "Fall Birds at Warren Dunes" from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. EDT Saturday, Sept. 5.

Presented through Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, the program will highlight everything from migrating warblers to young-of-the-year birds. Dress for trail conditions, and meet at Warren Dunes State Park Floral Lane entrance. The park entry fee applies.

The cost is \$15, or \$12 for members. Register by Sept. 3. Call (269) 695-6491 or visit [www.fernwood-botanical.org](http://www.fernwood-botanical.org) to register or for more information.

## Show & Shine

The 14th annual Labor Dayz Show & Shine car show and swap meet is Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 5-6, in Washington Park.

Held in conjunction with Summer Festival and Great Lakers Auto Club Inc., the cruise down to the park starts at 4 p.m. Saturday. Judging, trophies and dash plaques are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Cars will be displayed in the grass west of the main guard shack at Lot One.

Call (219) 874-4077 or (219) 874-6886, or visit [greatlakersautoclub.org](http://greatlakersautoclub.org), for more information.

## Travel Baseball Open Tryouts

The Michigan City Wolves 12U Travel Baseball team will hold open tryouts for the 2016 season from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 7 and 19.

Any player interested who does not turn 13 before May 1 is encouraged to attend both sessions. Signups are at 4:45 p.m. at the Patriot Park gazebo. Take all equipment.

Contact Jerry Heath at (219) 210-9756 or [jerry.heath21@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.heath21@gmail.com) for more information.

## Westchester Public Library

*The following programs are available:*

- **Teen Library Council from 4 to 5 p.m.**  
**Thursday, Sept. 3, at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited. Members recommend programs, books and more for Teen Services. Community service hours also are available.

- **Chesterton Chess Club from 7 to 9 p.m.**  
**Thursday, Sept. 3, at Thomas Library.**

All ages and skill levels are welcome. Meet at the tables by the reference desk on the first floor. Chess boards and game pieces are provided.

- **Knitting Together from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, in Westchester Township History Museum located in the Brown Mansion, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Those who crochet or do needlework also are welcome.

- **Bifocal Bookies at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

The focus is "Death at Chinatown" by Frances McNamara, who will join the discussion.

- **Mad About Mysteries at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, and Saturday, Sept. 12, at Westchester Township History Museum.**

Pat Klewer will discuss some of the most popular Nordic writers in the mystery and thriller genres.

- **Graphic Novel Book Club from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The focus is Jim Shooter's "Secret Wars." Register in person and pick up a book at the Thomas Reference Department, or call (219) 926-7696.

### • Labor Day closings.

Both library branches, the Library Service Center and Westchester Township History Museum will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, for Labor Day. The Westchester Township Trustee office also will be closed Sept. 7. Normal hours resume Tuesday, Sept. 8.

(Meet the library's new director, Leea Yelich, from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room. Light refreshments will be served.)



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## Historical Society

La Porte County Historical Society's first fall meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 15, at First Baptist Church, Indiana and Jefferson avenues, La Porte.

A carry-in dinner is planned. Social time is at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Take a covered dish (salad, vegetable, dessert). Chicken and table service will be provided.

Reservations are required by calling (219) 324-6767, by email at [info@laportecountyhistory.org](mailto:info@laportecountyhistory.org) or by stopping at the museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte. The reservation deadline is 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Allen Williams will present the program "Common Points of Historical Information about Dr. King Solomon Jones and William Russell Allen."

Jones opened a medical practice in Michigan City in 1925 and was a general practitioner until 1975, serving on the medical staff of St. Anthony and Walters hospitals. He was commended by Gov. Otis Bowen for outstanding service to humanity and was an ordained minister. Allen came to Michigan City in 1926. He had a teaching degree from Western State Normal School, and served in a number of political positions. In 1994, he was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Evan Bayh. Both men were involved in numerous civic activities.

Parking is available at the church.

## Labor Day Steam Show

Hesston Steam Museum's four-day Labor Day Steam Show attracts as many as 12,000 visitors from nearby Chicago, northern Indiana and Southwest Michigan.

That tradition continues this year when the show is held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Monday, Sept. 4-7, on the museum grounds, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, La Porte.

The show includes:

- Steam train rides on three different railroads.
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- An operating steam-powered saw mill and 92-ton steam crane.
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Visitors can sample traditional festival treats or popcorn from a steam-powered popcorn machine. A Labor Day flea market offers everything from antiques and railroad memorabilia to arts and crafts. Food is available at Doc's Soda Fountain, the museum's air conditioned soda fountain and restaurant, and Uncle B's Smokehouse.

Admission is \$5 for adults. Children 12 and younger are free. Train fares cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12. Friday, Sept. 4, is "Senior Day" with half-price rides for seniors.

Visit [www.hesston.org](http://www.hesston.org) for more information.

## Rebirth of a Heritage Garden

The Lithuanian University Women's Association Chicago/Indiana Chapter has begun work to design and revitalize a Lithuanian plat at International Friendship Gardens.



Pictured helping out with the garden are Rima Sell, Danute Bartulis, Lillian Jasas and Rima Binder.

In October 1940, the Lithuanian president planted the first spruce tree as a symbol of freedom. A monument memorializes that date. In the 1960s, a Lithuanian organization, Ramove, planted two spruce trees and erected two monuments to commemorate two additional presidents.



One of the monuments with new plantings.

The plat, however, has been neglected for many years. LUMA's goal is to have a revitalized garden by 2016 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Lithuania's independence. LUMA Chapter President Rima Binder is guiding the work. Chapter members and Beverly Shores Lithuanian Association members recently worked on the garden.

Binder seeks volunteers of Lithuanian decent and others to help with the project. Donations, which are tax deductible, may be made to International Friendship Gardens/Lithuanian Garden. Binder can be contacted at [rimabinder@comcast.net](mailto:rimabinder@comcast.net)

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## July R.O.S.E. Winner

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"I have been here 15 years, and we get compliments like this quite often," Manager Kris Bozia said. "You know, it is about the consistency of the product and the service."



The staff of Albano's Villa in Michigan City poses with its framed R.O.S.E. certificate.

This is what the nominator wrote about the service received: *"This restaurant is a timeless treasure thanks to this local family business. From teenager days to senior citizen, the taste is still a must-have. Returning visits by friends and relatives have this pizza at the top of their list. They have outlasted the others for good reason. Any or all of the toppings will be a delicious addition, and that includes anchovies! Locals, former residents and visitors find chomping down on this pizza a memorable experience."*

The staff received a framed certificate, a rose corsage and \$100 bill. They will be invited to the annual R.O.S.E. luncheon next spring and be nominated for Indiana's Hoosier Hospitality Award.

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## PNC Welcome Back Night

Purdue University-North Central will celebrate its annual Welcome Back Night, which is open to the public, on Friday, Sept. 4.

The events begin at 5 p.m. with registration for the PNC Car and Bike Show. The entry fee is \$10. The show starts at 6 p.m., with spectators admitted for free. All proceeds benefit the Warriors First Foundation and PNC Student Government Association Student Scholarship.

Questions about the show should be directed to student government treasurer Matt Migliorini at (812) 564-1805. Visit [www.facebook.com/PNC-2015CarAndBikeShow](http://www.facebook.com/PNC-2015CarAndBikeShow) for more information.

Free games and activities are at 6 p.m. in the PNC plaza. DJM Beats will provide musical entertainment. Food and movie snacks will be sold. Burgers and hot dogs will be available until the start of Movie in the Plaza, hosted by the PNC Office of Student Activities. The movie, "Monsters University," begins at dusk. Spectators may take lawn chairs and blankets. Mosquito and bug spray are recommended. No coolers or outside food will be allowed. Snacks will be available for purchase.

(PNC is an alcohol- and tobacco-free campus.)

People with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Student Activities Director Amanda Schacht at (219) 785-5479.



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## Run to the Center of the World

Registration is under way for the fourth annual Run to the Center of the World 5K Race & Walk organized and hosted by Friends of New Troy.

Held Saturday, Sept. 19, the race begins at 9 a.m. EDT at New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road, with check-in at 8 a.m. EDT.

Medals will be presented to first place in each age category, and First Place Overall will have the runner's name and time engraved in a brick permanently mounted in the center's garden. Prizes will be awarded for Largest Team, Longest Distance Traveled and Best Costume.

A free breakfast will be provided, and the first 100 people to check in receive a sag bag stuffed with gifts. Every participant will receive a Certificate of Completion indicating their time. Those who register before Sept. 3 receive a free commemorative T-shirt on race day. Anyone registering after this date may have to wait for his/her shirt.

Early registration costs \$20, then it's \$25 after Sept. 3. Various sponsorship levels are available for area businesses and individuals.

Proceeds benefit New Troy Community Center, an all-volunteer facility that receives no tax support. It provides area residents with a lending library with WiFi, computers, story hour and summer reading program. It also houses a playground, nature trail, outdoor classroom, demonstration rain garden, local history presentations and computer classes.

Registration forms may be downloaded and paid for at [www.friendsofnewtroy.org/5K](http://www.friendsofnewtroy.org/5K), or picked up at the New Troy Community Center and Center of the World Woodshop. Contact Terry Hanover at (269) 426-4199 or Lorraine Hanover at (269) 469-5687 for more information.



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### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the 'Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in 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.

## "Think Creative!" Fall Forum

The Center for Creative Solutions Inc. will present its fall forum, "Think Creative! Innovative Ideas for Personal Growth and Professional Development," on Thursday, Sept. 10, at Northern Indiana Education Foundation, 402 Franklin Square, Michigan City.



Dr. Michael Fang

in the health-care/technology field for more than 34 years.

The second lens, "Understanding Needs," will be presented by Margaret Bonen, a psychiatric and dementia care nurse who serves on the board of directors of the Center for Creative Solutions, along with Adams and Keri Marrs Barrón. A creativity consultant, Marrs Barrón will share the third lens of innovation, "Harnessing Trends." She works with the Center for Creative Solutions on special projects.

The final lens, "Leveraging Resources," is by Richard Pate, an industry expert/leader in AMI technologies, utility operations and workforce management for the utility industry.

Based on the 4lenses, Karen Jedrysek, along with Adams, will discuss "Leaders as Mentors." She is director of organizational development and colleague relations at IU Health La Porte Hospital. The afternoon session will focus on "Building a Creative Climate" and "What Do Employees Really Want?," led by Cindy Hedge, founder and CEO of the Center for Creative Solutions, and Marrs Barrón.

The Forum starts at 8:30 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast and continues until 2 p.m., with an extended learning opportunity until 3 p.m. Registration fees are \$25 for one person and \$40 for two people from one organization. Included are presentations, activities, materials, a light breakfast, lunch and end-of-the-day reception refreshments. Registrations may be made by contacting the Center at (219) 861-0955 or [creativity52@comcast.net](mailto:creativity52@comcast.net). The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 4, with payment due Sept. 10.

Dr. Michael Fang, the medical director of informatics at IU Health La Porte Hospital, will discuss "Starting With Why" and "The Power of Positive Thinking."

In addition, four speakers will present "The 4lenses of Innovation," based on the newly-released book by Rowan Gibson. The first lens, "Challenging Orthodoxies," will be presented by Earl Adams, who has worked

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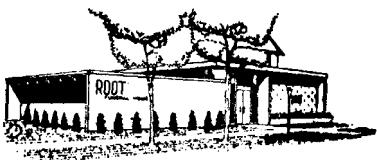
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### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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### Barker Mansion Fall Events

Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., will debut a number of new events this fall, along with bringing back some popular favorites.

A final "Nuts and Bolts Tour" is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16. The popular event offers a look behind the scenes, letting participants view areas normally off limits. The cost is \$10, and registration is required by calling (219) 873-1520.

Kids' Nature Play in the Garden continues Sept. 17 and Oct. 15, but has moved to an afternoon time slot to accommodate children attending school during the day. The program now starts at 3:30 p.m. and costs \$2 per child.

A highly anticipated new event is Oct. 10, which marks the 40th anniversary of the mansion's placement on the National Register of Historic Places. The Barker Birthday Bash will be an old-fashioned, family friendly event starting at 1 p.m. in the garden. The cost is \$2 per person.

Those visiting the mansion on Sweetest Day, Oct. 17, will receive a buy-one-get-one-free admission when they give their date a kiss upon check-in for the 1 p.m. tour.

Another new event, "A Victorian Hallow's Eve," is at 1 p.m. Oct. 31. The non-scary, family friendly event features Halloween traditions and games from the past. The cost is \$2 per person; those arriving in costume are admitted free.

Visit [www.BarkerMansion.com](http://www.BarkerMansion.com) for additional information.

### Jewelry Classes

Mara Wible will teach jewelry classes in September at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Students should register at least one day prior to reserve a seat. For beginners, Wible will offer two basic Thursday classes: Beginning Stringing at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 and Beginning Wire Loop Bracelet at 7 p.m. Sept. 24. Both classes cost \$30, with members receiving a \$5 discount. No experience is necessary.

Other classes include:

- Super Duo Bracelet on Sept. 8. Students create a bracelet using a specific type of bead. The cost is \$30.
- Metal Stamping on Sept. 15. The cost is \$40. Because of the class' detailed nature, only eight spots will be offered: four at 5:15 p.m. and four at 7 p.m.
- Leather/Metal Bracelet on Sept. 22. Participants learn how to make a trendy leather bracelet. The cost is \$30.
- Fringe Earring or Necklace on Sept. 29. A chain maille technique will be used. Each Tuesday class is at 5:15 and 7 p.m. The cost is \$30. Visit [www.chestertonart.com](http://www.chestertonart.com) to see examples.

Call the center at (219) 926-4711 to register. Specify the desired time slot.

## Cocktails4aCure

On a warm summer evening, Carol Westbrook, Nancy Smith and Micky Gallas helped greet guests to the second Cocktails4aCure at Long Beach Country Club.



Nancy Smith (from left), Meg Caplice, Carol Westbrook, Micky Gallas, Rima Binder and Corbin Wagner

The event benefits women in La Porte County who need financial assistance with health-care costs due to breast or ovarian cancer, including transportation to doctor's appointments, mammograms and yearly examinations. Funds are donated to the Unity Foundation.



Marie Price (front row, left), is joined by her husband, Jim (left), along with Jim Dahner, Cherie LeFevre, Nancy Thill and Elouise Thomas.

Those present came from Chicago, Riverside, Michigan City, Long Beach, even England. Servers with appetizers provided by Annette Corbett, Long Beach Country Club manager, greeted the guests, who then enjoyed a fashion show sponsored by Darling Boutique, Michigan City, POSH, New Buffalo, LBPro Shop, Long Beach, and B.A.G., New Buffalo, as well as entertainment by Will Massey, a Lu Lumiere teacher, on guitar.

Gifts were donated by Duneland Beach Inn, Dory Salon, Elle Salon, Darling, LBCCPro Shop, Mary and Anthony Binder, Sheri Bohac, Micky Gallas, and Urban Soles and Briar Leaf Golf Course.

The steering committee has begun plans for the Third Annual Cocktails4aCure in July 2016.

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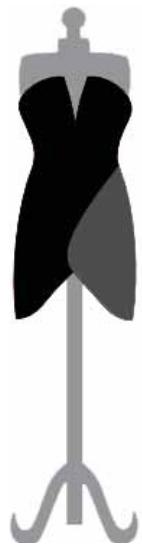
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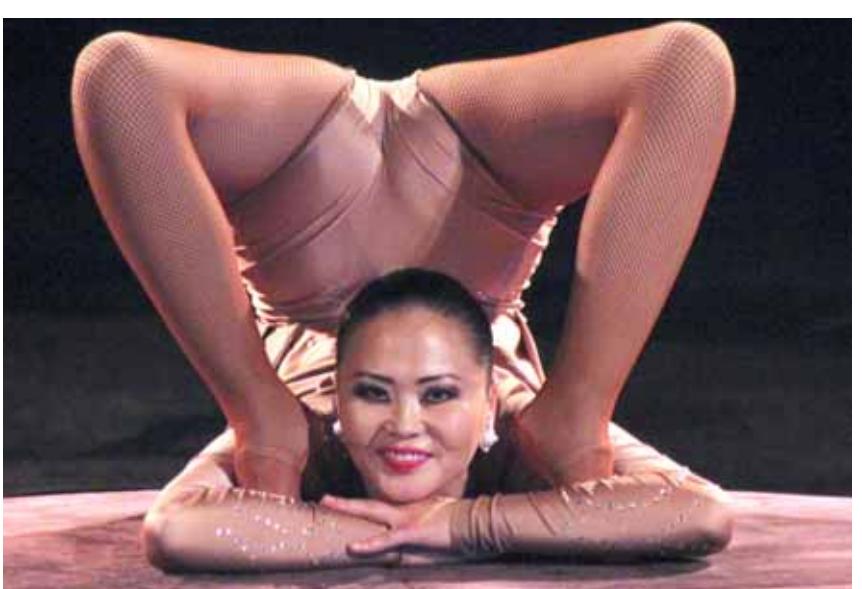
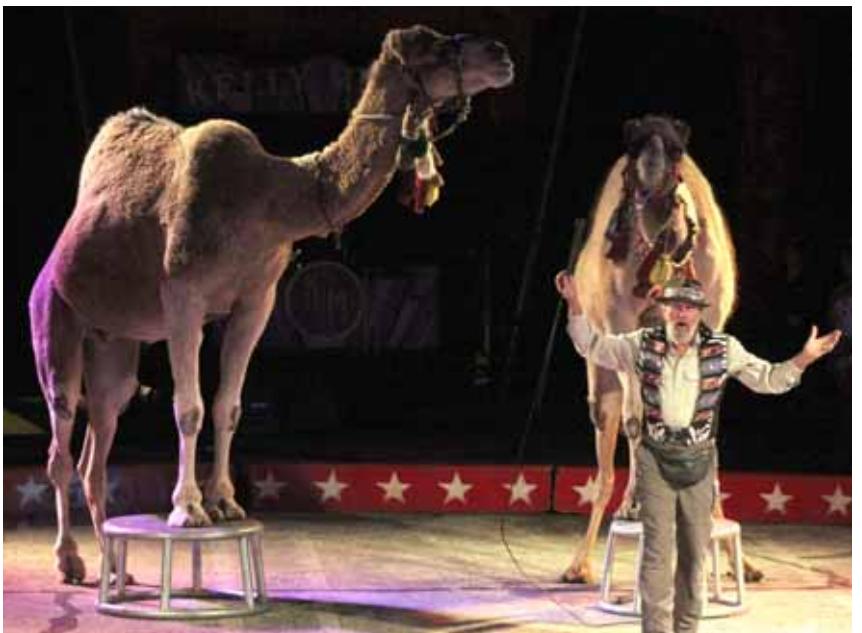
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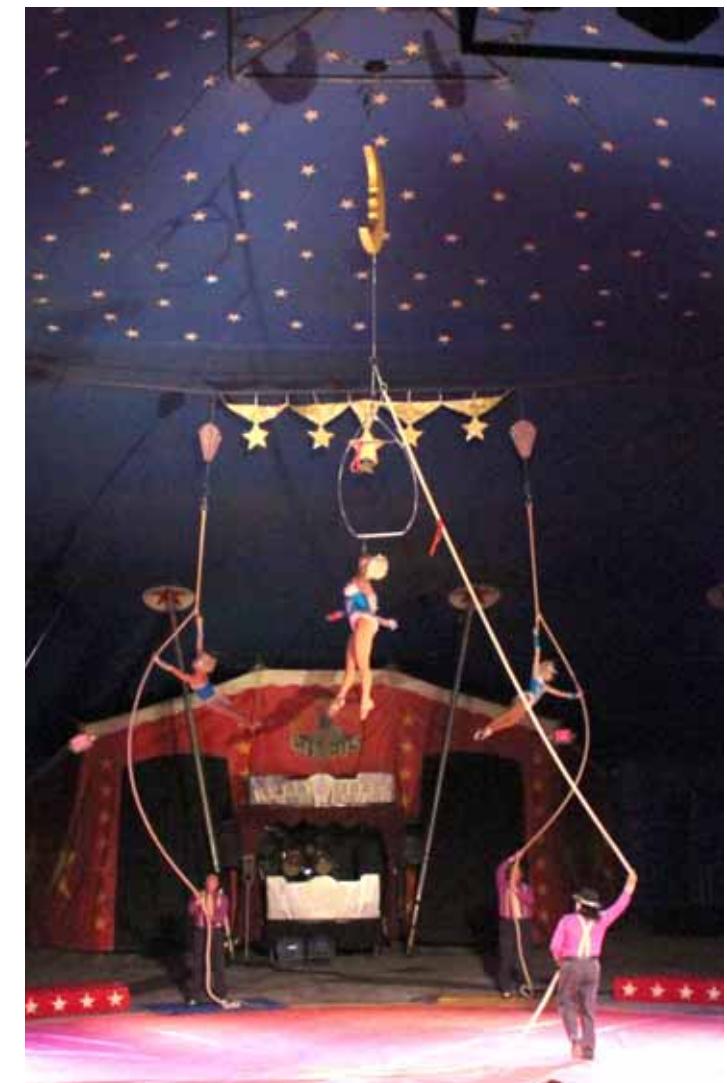
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## PNC Offers Charging Stations

Purdue University-North Central now offers electric vehicle charging stations.

There are two duplex unit charging stations located in front of Schwarz Hall north of Central Drive. The stations will be capable of charging up to four vehicles simultaneously and be available every day at any time without cost.



PNC began the process of acquiring charging stations in July 2012 with federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, CMAQ Improvement Program and NIPSCO grant applications. The stations became a reality with combined assistance from South Shore Clean Cities, Indiana Department of Administration, INDOT, NIPSCO and the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

Through the grants, NIPSCO provided the charging stations and INDOT made federal funds available to assist with 80 percent of the installation costs.

## Lubeznik Center Fall Classes

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., has three new offerings as part of its fall lineup of classes.

“Block Printing,” a three-hour workshop on Thursday, Sept. 17, will have students view works by other printmaking artists, then discuss what makes a good print before learning the tools and techniques for linoleum cut printmaking. The workshop also will cover the basics of composition, planning a print, transferring the design to a block and how to cut safely.

“International Art Cinema” will reveal how Godard changed the language of film with his French New Wave classic “Breathless.” Students also will view post-Stalin Communist Czechoslovakia through the lens of feminist film director Vera Chytilova. Each class will include a brief background of the film, a screening and discussion.

“Gelli Printing,” taught by local artist Laurel Izard, will show how to use Gelli plates (a versatile gel printing plate) to create original mono plate images using various techniques to layer colors and patterns. Students also will experiment with stencils, stamps and found objects to create interesting effects.

Additional offerings include writing, visual arts and art for youth. Visit [lubeznikcenter.org](http://lubeznikcenter.org) to see a full listing of classes, teacher bios and to register.

## Memorial Hospital Reunion

A reunion of former Memorial Hospital employees and physicians is Saturday, Oct. 24, at Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa.

Funds from the sale of Memorial Hospital to the Sisters of St. Francis created a private foundation named The Duneland Health Council. Since its formation in 1997, the council has made more than \$6.2 million in grants to medically related charitable organizations.

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The sponsor is La Porte County Symphony Orchestra. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m., with breakfast and the presentation at 7:30 a.m. Registration is encouraged at [business.lpchamber.com/events](http://business.lpchamber.com/events) or by calling (219) 362-3178. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

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

- **Free Gentle Flow Yoga at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5.**

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.

### • Labor Day.

The library will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, for Labor Day. Regular hours resume Tuesday, Sept. 8.

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

## Third Annual "I Am The Greatest"

The third-annual "I Am The Greatest" Beach Bash is from 6 to 9 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept. 4, at ARS Gallery-Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., Benton Harbor, Mich.

The event, presented by ARS and Third Coast Surf Shop, is part of the "I Am The Greatest" project, which supports area youth through arts and cultural education, and celebrates the life and impact of Muhammad Ali on the local community. The legendary boxer has maintained a home in Southwest Michigan for more than 30 years, and has supported countless local organizations and causes. Ali serves as inspiration for a public art installation created by John Sauvé, "I Am The Greatest," orange steel sculptures found throughout the Twin Cities area.

Tickets are \$30, or \$35 at the door, and can be purchased on the ARS website ([arsartsandculture.org](http://arsartsandculture.org)), at ARS Arts & Culture Center or at Third Coast Surf Shop, 212 State St., St. Joseph.

## South Bend Civic Acting Classes

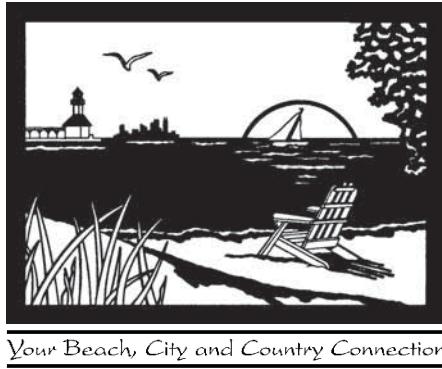
South Bend Civic Theatre's fall classes for kindergarten through 12-graders begin Sept. 9, with offerings ranging from musical theater and improvisation to acting, costume design and construction.

SBCT also offers classes for adults 18 and older that help them discover, develop and evolve their theatrical knowledge and skills. Courses include stage combat, costume design and construction, musical theater and improv and comedy.

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Brown Mansion, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

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

**Wednesdays** — Al-Anon meetings, 6-7 p.m., Franciscan Alliance-St. Anthony Health. Info: (708) 927-5287.

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

**Through May 2016** — “An Outsider Looks In,” mixed-media paintings and sculptures by Thomas Olesker, PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building student lounge, Room 062. Info: (219) 785-5593.

#### **Farther Afield:**

**Sept. 3-6** — Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival, “William Shakespeare’s Long Lost First Play (abridged),” DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Times (Eastern): 8 p.m. Thur., 3 & 8 p.m. Fri., no 9/5 show, 3 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$10-\$30. Reservations: [shakespeare.nd.edu/tickets/](http://shakespeare.nd.edu/tickets/), (574) 631-2800.

**Sept. 4** — “I Am The Greatest” Beach Bash, 6-9 p.m. EDT, ARS Gallery-Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., Benton Harbor, Mich. Info: [arsartsandculture.org](http://arsartsandculture.org)

**Sept. 4** — Duke Ellington Orchestra Gala, The Ballroom @ The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph, Mich. Cocktails/6 p.m. EDT, dinner/7 p.m. EDT. Tickets: \$250. Reservations: (269) 982-4030, [www.smsso.org](http://www.smsso.org)

**Sept. 5** — “Fall Birds at Warren Dunes,” 8:30-11:30 a.m. EDT. Meet @ Warren Dunes State Park Floral Lane entrance. Cost: \$15 (\$12 members). Registration: [www.fernwoodbotanical.org](http://www.fernwoodbotanical.org), (269) 695-6491.

## Indiana Archaeology Month

Indiana will host events this month for all ages recognizing the 20th anniversary of a statewide celebration of archaeology.

Archaeology Month is an opportunity to celebrate and learn about Indiana archaeology. Hoosier history buffs can meet archaeologists and learn about the state's past. Events are held every September by universities, museums, organizations and individuals throughout Indiana.

The DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology coordinates Archaeology Month. Celebrating archaeology statewide started in 1996 with Indiana Archaeology Week. In 2002, the celebration was expanded to Indiana Archaeology Month.

A schedule of events and additional information are available at [dnr.IN.gov/historic](http://dnr.IN.gov/historic), or by contacting Amy Johnson at [ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov) or (317) 232-6982. Commemorative posters and shirts are available. Shirts are \$10 and can be purchased from the DNR Customer Service Center at (317) 232-4200 or toll-free at (877) 463-6367.

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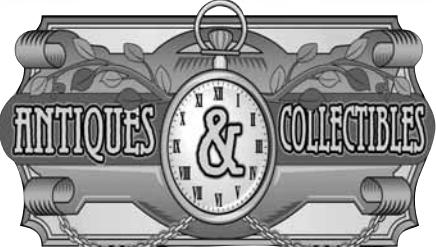
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**On September 3, 1951,** the TV soap opera, "Search for Tomorrow," made its first appearance on CBS. It was to run continuously for 35 years, the last five on NBC.

**On September 3, 1976,** *Viking II*, an unmanned United States spacecraft, landed on Mars, taking the first close-up photographs of the planet's surface.

**On September 4, 1781,** the city of Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers. Its original name was: "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora La Regina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula."

**On September 4, 1833,** Barney Flaherty, a 10-year old New York boy, became the first newsboy in the United States when he was hired by the publisher of the *New York Sun*.

**On September 4, 1885,** the Exchange Buffet, an early form of cafeteria, opened at 7 New St., New York City.

**On September 4, 1888,** George Eastman patented the first roll-film camera, and registered the name as Kodak.

**On September 4, 1894,** about 12,000 New York tailors went on strike to protest the city's sweatshops.

**On September 4, 1957,** the Ford Motor Co. introduced its ill-fated Edsel, a car so unpopular it was taken off the market fewer than two years later. The word "Edsel" is still associated with extremely costly failures.

**On September 4, 1972,** in the Munich Olympiads, Mark Spitz won a record seventh gold medal in the 400-meter relay.

**On September 4, 2002,** Texas cocktail waitress Kelly Clarkson was voted the first "American Idol" at the conclusion of the first season of the Fox TV series.

**On September 5, 1847,** Jesse James, future American outlaw and desperado, was born in Clay County, Mo.

**On September 5, 1957,** *On the Road*, by beat writer Jack Kerouac, was published.

**On September 5, 1958,** the novel *Doctor Zhivago* by Russian author Boris Pasternak was published in the United States.

**On September 6, 1837,** women students at Oberlin Collegiate Institute (now Oberlin College) were granted equal status with men, making it the first

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**On September 7, 1945,** World War II ended as President Harry Truman received the surrender papers signed by the Japanese.

**On September 7, 1979,** ESPN made its cable TV debut.

**On September 8, 1157,** the future King Richard the Lionhearted was born in London.

**On September 8, 1858,** Abraham Lincoln, in a speech in Clinton, IL, said: "You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time."

**On September 8, 1860,** 287 died when the *Lady Elgin*, a Lake Michigan excursion steamer, was rammed by the schooner *Augusta*, sinking off Waukegan.

**On September 8, 1892,** an early version of "The Pledge of Allegiance" appeared in *The Youth's Companion* magazine.

**On September 8, 1921,** in Atlantic City, NJ, Margaret Gorman, of Washington, D.C., was crowned the first "Miss America."

**On September 8, 1930,** the comic strip "Blondie" first appeared.

**On September 8, 1930,** Scotch cellophane tape made its debut as a sample of the tape, invented by Richard Drew of 3M, was shipped to a Chicago firm that specialized in wrapping bakery goods in cellophane.

**On September 8, 1939,** at the preview of *Gone With The Wind*, producer David O. Selznick counted the people using the restroom during the movie. With this information, he won the decision to add an intermission.

**On September 8, 1966,** the TV series "Star Trek" premiered on NBC.

**On September 8, 1971,** the "John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts" opened in Washington.

**On September 9, 1830,** Charles Durant made aviation history by flying in a balloon across the Hudson River from New York to Perth Amboy, NJ.

**On September 9, 1956,** Elvis Presley, making his first appearance on national television, was featured on the "Ed Sullivan Show."

**On September 9, 1965,** Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Sandy Koufax pitched a perfect game against the Chicago Cubs, winning 1-0.

**On September 9, 1997,** actor Burgess Meredith died in Malibu, CA; he was 89.

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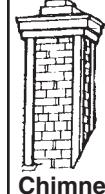
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## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

**The Death's Head Chess Club**  
by John Donoghue (hardcover \$26; available online and at bookstores; also available as an eBook)

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, which is why we are seeing a lot of books — fiction and non-fiction — about that period in history.

This week's recommendation is a novel that travels back and forth in time between 1944 in the Auschwitz Concentration Camp and an international chess competition in the Netherlands in 1962. So what's the connection? Let me explain...

It's 1962 in the Netherlands, where an international chess competition is about to begin. In the first game, players are picked by draw, and that game will feature Emil Clément, French Jew and survivor of Auschwitz.

Clément wrote a book after the war about his experiences at Auschwitz and declared there was no good German: *"It seems that everyone wants me to spend the rest of my life looking for a good German. Why? So he can apologize? There is no apology. You want a good German? Let me tell you, I saw none. Not one."*

Guess what? His first competitor is a German. Not just any German, but a former SS officer who worked in the Propaganda Ministry during the war and is now the reigning German chess champion.

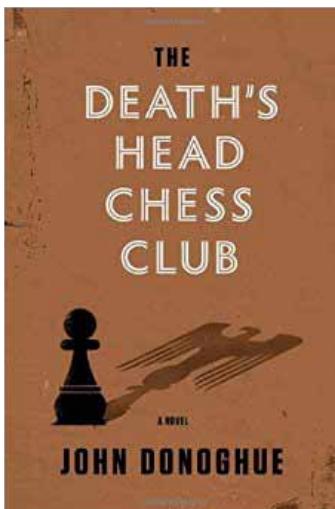
After a heated discussion about this matchup, the officials decide they must follow the rules of the competition. The two men meet and play, and Clément easily wins.

Later, Clément is approached by a Catholic Bishop. His name is Paul Meissner. Clément recognizes him from Auschwitz as an SS officer. Really? How did he come to be here and as a priest? Meissner has a reason for wanting to talk to Clément and, in fact, tricks him into meeting his chess competitor, Wilhelm Schweninger.

What follows is a series of meetings that almost don't take place. Clément has no desire to meet with these two former Nazis. They took away his family, his belongings, his dignity and almost his life. But, perhaps, the three have unfinished business, both individually and as a group, and the priest is determined to see it through.

The story then goes back and forth in time as each man learns more about the others.

It is the end of 1943 when Meissner, an Oberstürmführer (lieutenant colonel) in the SS, is sent to Auschwitz to oversee the part of the camp that manufactures arms for the German army. Meiss-



ner was decorated in the Eastern front action against the Russians and has a crippled leg to show for it. His is an administrative post only. He has nothing to do with the daily mass murders of the prisoners — at least that's how he lives with himself — if he doesn't actually send anyone to their death, then it's none of his concern. He's also been tasked with upping the morale of camp personnel. Really?

Not long after, Emil Clément, a Jewish watchmaker from Paris, finds himself and his family entering Auschwitz. His mother and two sons are sent one way, his wife another, and he has no idea what will become of them. Because of the need for slave labor at the armaments plant, he has hope that his wife will be put to work instead of to death.

Meissner soon discovers a few of the prisoners play chess, and that one of them, called "the watchmaker," Clément of course, is particularly skilled in the game. Game? Oh, no, to Clément, chess is much more than a game. There's a "divine nature" to it. *"It is a connection with the intangible Wisdom of Creation; sublime; the possibilities limitless. It is the game created by the Ophanim (angels) to please God."*

Messnier decides a game of chess between this Jew and a Nazi will help morale by showing up the superiority of the Germans. To this end, he makes a pact with Clément: Play the game, and if he wins, he can save the life of another prisoner. But one game proves not to be enough, and as the stakes rise, Clément and Meissner start up an uneasy relationship that neither one understands.

The end of the war, as well as the end of the Amsterdam meetings in 1962, will prove to be exciting in a physical, as well as psychological, way.

This certainly is a different look at World War II and the concentration camps, but the author's handling of the storyline and his strong characters make it all possible.

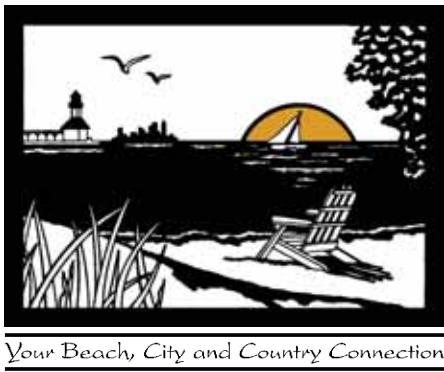
This is a fascinating look at not just Auschwitz and the brutality there, but also two men: one a Nazi and one a Jew. These are complex individuals whose philosophies, while vastly different, have one thing in common: They wanted to live. Both find they are in a situation where they must come to terms with their mortality, not only to survive, but also to find a purpose in the remaining days of their lives, however long that may be.

Donoghue lives in Liverpool, England. This is his first novel.

Till next time, happy reading!



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