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# Our American Music Experience

by William Halliar



This file photo by Bob Wellinski captures the performers during opening night of the 2017 Michigan City Chamber Music Festival.

**M**ichigan City is without a doubt an all-American community, populated by citizens of different cultures and backgrounds. Its much-lauded chamber music festival celebrates our natural and cultural heritage, illuminated by memories of shared family experiences.

“Our American Music Experience,” then, is a fitting theme for this year’s 17th annual Michigan City Chamber Music Festival, which runs Aug. 4-12 at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. The free series includes “formal” recitals and three children’s concerts.

What is American music, and how did it come to be? I sat down with my good friend, Nic Orbovich, the festival’s artistic director, to discuss the origins of our musical heritage, and why this year’s concert series may be remembered as the most moving and inspiring in its history.

Music is an important part of every American’s life. It is all around us, even when we are not aware

of its effects as a background to our lives. All day, we are inundated with the strains of familiar tunes, from radio broadcasts, to movie themes, to TV commercials and video games. Music is added to sporting events to heighten the excitement. TV and movies use musical scores to evoke emotional responses.

Orbovich opines of the festival’s concerts that “these concerts are a cultural experience.” The concerts are held in the First Presbyterian sanctuary, an intimate setting allowing everyone to ideally experience the music.

“We include the audience in each performance and ask for a participation of the heart,” Orbovich says. The finest musicians unite each year for the event, he continues, saying, “We take pride in the skill level of the musicians. The quality of the performances is our No. 1 priority.”

Consider that each performer typically spends between five and eight hours a day as a lifetime of commitment to practice, just to wrestle with the task of mastering the musical technique needed to play his/her instrument. Add to this the hours spent

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in rehearsal with other musicians to make performances possible. Each musician's commitment to their art is monumental. You begin to realize how precious a gift this free series is to the people of Michigan City.

The intensity of the experience is visceral, and those who attend often come away incredulous that such a fine and intense musical experience can be had right here in the heart of our small town.

The thanks for that goes to Nic and his wife, Sunny Gardner-Orbovich, who created the festival, and also to the board of directors that organizes and supports the effort.

Nic explains that classical American music can be traced back to the creative soul of Antonín Dvorák, who taught American composers to reach deep into the soul of their new nation, drawing out the melodies of its people. To record the song of the slave, the woodsman, the farmer, the sailor — the melodies of those who toil and mourn. And, not to forget, the songs of their celebrations and festivals.

Dvorák, who was a Czech composer of great note, described as “the most versatile composer of his time,” was born in 1841. He came to America in 1892 and became director of the National Conservatory of Music of America. His music was characterized by themes drawn from his native area of Moravia. His pieces employed the rhythms and melodies of his native Bohemia.

Dvorák influenced American composers to draw from their own backgrounds, to write the music of a new nation. The sounds and moods of the forests, lakes, rivers and mountains would become the accompaniment to the strains of melodic emotions brought here by people emigrating from the four corners of the globe.



Festival co-founder Nic Orbovich addresses the audience during one of the concerts.

How to translate light and darkness, storms and calm, laughter and tears into sounds and rhythms that touch the soul of a people — that is the magic of music, and that is the theme of this year's celebration of American music.

The festival will highlight the history of this journey of America's soul, from the cries of a mother's loss of her son on a far-off battlefield, to shouts of joy of a peoples heart as it celebrates freedom. It is a musical journey that spans the centuries. Five concerts will trace our musical heritage from European roots to the modern stage. The music of America will be explored from the technicality of Bach to a very modern piece featuring gospel and rap.

The concerts are free; a gift to the community, so many community members donate to make this week-long celebration of music possible each year.

This is a concert series for young and old alike. Audiences will share the simplicity of the melodies, the intricacies of rhythm and harmony and the wonders of the “American Music Experience.”



Chamber festival musicians stand to accept applause from the audience.

**The festival schedule is:  
Opening Night**

**Saturday, Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m.**

**MCCMF Musicians Heritage Concert**

- Bach: "E Major Partita" for solo violin (Rudolf Haken, viola pomposa).
- Bartok: "Serbian Dance" (Nic Orbovich and Zosia Glashauser; violins).
- Wieniawski: "Caprice No. 4" (Nic Orbovich and Zosia Glashauser, violins).
- Gamboa: "Transparencies" for flute and string trio (Martha Cuncell, flute; Nic Orbovich, violin; Rudolf Haken, viola; Jocelyn Shoulders, cello).
- Susan Kander: "Postcards from America" for oboe and piano (Jennet Ingle, oboe; Jennifer Muñiz, piano).
- Dvorák: Piano quintet (Orbovich and Glashauser, violins; Rudolf Haken, viola; Jocelyn Shoulders, cello; Robert Auler, piano).



Zofia Glashauser will perform many selections with frequent colleague Nic Orbovich.

**Monday, Aug. 6, 7 p.m.  
"Winds of Change"**

- Zelenka: "Trio Sonata No. 5 in F Major" (Nancy Ambrose King and Jennet Ingle, oboes; Eric Varner and Trevor King, bassoons; Robert Auler, harpsichord).
- Janacek: "Mladi" for wind sextet (Nancy Ambrose King, oboe; Martha Cuncell, flute; Ryan King, clarinet; Bill King, bass clarinet; Eric Varner, bassoon; Anna Mayne, French horn).
- Holst: four songs for violin and voice (Melisa Barrick Baldwin, soprano; Zosia Glashauser, violin).
- Krömmmer: Partita for eight winds (Nancy Ambrose King and Jennet Ingle, oboes; Bill King and Ryan King, clarinets; Eric Varner and Trevor King, bassoons; Anna and Kurt Civilette, French horns).



Nancy Ambrose King will be a major force during the "Winds of Change" concert.

**Tuesday, Aug. 7, 6 p.m.  
Concert for Children**

Nic Orbovich and Zofia Glashauser will play Serbian and Polish dances, honoring their Serbian and Polish origins. Soprano Melisa Barrick-Baldwin and Glashauser will perform excerpts from Gustav Holst's "Four Songs." Emily Sullivan will lead dancing. Art projects and pizza round out the experience.

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**Wednesday, Aug. 8, 7 p.m.**

## The Immigrant Song

- Prokofiev: Duo sonata (Nic Orbovich and Zofia Glashauser, violins).
- Korngold: Shakespeare Songs (Melisa Barrick-Baldwin and Jennifer Muñiz).
- Hindemith: "Hecklephone" trio (Bill King, Rudolf Haken, Robert Auler)
- Dvorák: Dumky trio (Nic Orbovich, Wes Baldwin, cello; Robert Auler).



Pianist Robert Auler has been a festival mainstay since its inception.

**Thursday, Aug. 9, 6 p.m.**

## Concert for Children

The music is Dvorak's "Dumky Trio" and Paul Hindemith's trio for hecklephone, viola and piano. The evening includes dancing, games, projects and pizza.

**Friday, Aug. 10, 7 p.m.**

## Happy Birthday Lenny: A Celebration of Leonard Bernstein's 100th Birthday With a Salute to American Music

- Barber: String quartet (Zofia Glashauser, Nic Orbovich, Rudolf Haken, Wes Baldwin).
- Jennifer Higdon: "Love Sweet" for soprano and piano trio (Melisa Barrick-Baldwin, Nic Orbovich, Wes Baldwin, Robert Auler).
- Bernstein: Clarinet sonata (Bill King, Robert Auler)
- Bernstein: Songs, "Dream With Me" (from "Peter Pan"), Melisa Barrick-Baldwin, Wes Baldwin, Jennifer Muñiz; "Glitter & Be Gay," "I Hate Music" suite, Barrick-Baldwin and Muñiz; "Somewhere," Barrick-Baldwin and Muñiz; "Maria," Matt Daniel, tenor; "Tonight," Daniel, Barrick-Baldwin and Muñiz.



Rudolf Haken aims to surprise audiences with hip-hop and gospel arrangements.

**Saturday, Aug. 11, Noon**



Presbyterian Church's sanctuary provides the intimate setting for concerts.

## Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.

The program features youthful performers from the Summer Choral Camp, Nic Orbovich's studio and music students from other teachers in the Michigan City area.

**Sunday, Aug. 12, 3 p.m.**

## "Americana"

- Copland: "Poems of Emily Dickinson" excerpts (Melisa Barrick-Baldwin and Jennifer Muñiz.)
- Rudolf Haken: hip-pop/gospel, arrangements; "Glory" by John Legend; "Let God Lead" by Jon Batiste; "Stand" by John P. Kee; "Freedom" by Beyoncé & Kendrick Lamar (MCCMF musicians and guest gospel performers, Brandon Lampkin, director).
- Dvorák: American string quartet (Zosia Glashauser, Nic Orbovich, Rudolf Haken, Wes Baldwin).

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## Celebrating a Place That Illuminates the Past

by William Halliar

Michigan City's old lighthouse is 160 years old, and it's looking better than ever.

Built in 1858 as a beacon for ships caught in the waves along our storm-tossed coast, and as a sturdy dwelling for keepers of the light, the lighthouse has for the past 45 years been home to the Old Lighthouse Museum. As so many visitors discover, it is a special place where the past is illuminated by stories shared by knowledgeable docents. Modern day keepers of the flame, if you will.

A special event July 21-22 celebrated this anniversary year, while also memorializing the 844 souls lost on the steam-ship Eastland that tragic morning of July 22, 1915.

There really is so much to tell, so much history bound up in that old building, so much daring, adventure and lore attached to that one small plot of land with its imposing and solidly built brick, stone and timber lighthouse.

With WEFM broadcasting from the event, Mayor Ron Meer attended the July 21 celebration and cut a ceremonial ribbon at 10 a.m. to dedicate the completed Phase 1 of the ongoing exterior restoration. The new "buff" colored cedar shingles shone brightly in the morning sunlight, making the light-



Jim Retseck lowers the flags to half-staff during the event.

house even more visible to those crossing the Franklin Street Bridge into Washington Park.

The old existing green shingles had six layers of oil-based paint built up from years of maintenance work. Jim Retseck, Michigan City Historical Society president, did extensive research on the history of the lighthouse, determining the new buff color was closer to the original 1858 color.

New cedar shingles, painted on both sides before application, replaced the old lighthouse siding.

At 10:30 a.m., Fred Devries received a trophy and Honorary Life Trustee Award for his many years of dedicated service to the Historical Society and Old Lighthouse Museum.

Father Lev Wawrzyniak, archimandrite of Michigan City's Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, led a service to honor the 844 men, women and children who lost their lives in the Chicago River on the morning of July 22, 1915. At 11 a.m., the exact time the Eastland was

scheduled to tie up at the Indiana Transportation Co. Dock in Michigan City 103 years ago, Rod Hoppner, a Historical Society board member, rang a ship's bell from the side porch of the lighthouse. While the bell tolled plaintively, Patricia Sutton,



Jim Retseck (right) presents longtime museum volunteer Fred Devries with the Honorary Life Trustee Award.



A guest reads a sign at the museum entrance.

with the aid of a Coast Guard contingent from Michigan City's station, placed a wreath in Trail Creek to commemorate the tragic event.

Sutton is the author of the new book Capsized: The Forgotten Story of the S.S. Eastland Disaster, which recounts the forgotten story of the S.S. Eastland, a story written specifically for young adults, but also a compelling read for older people interested in the history and drama surrounding this event.

Wawrzyniak spoke of never forgetting the past, yet also looking to the future and taking seriously our responsibilities as brothers and sisters of the community of human beings. He spoke of hard work and taking personal responsibility for our actions and lives, and for the caring of others less fortunate.

Sutton took the podium and spoke of the lives lost 103 years ago when 2,500 people boarded the old Eastland bound for an exciting day of picnicking and fellowship in Washington Park. She reminded everyone of the importance of honoring this day each year, and learning from the lessons of history.

As the skies began to darken, with clouds threatening rain, the formal services concluded and all were invited to browse the museum displays and learn the history of those who came before us.

Admission both days was free, and many visitors took advantage of the opportunity to tour the lighthouse. Docents guided visitors past displays of arrowheads, weapons, Coast Guard memorabilia, shipwrecks and so much more. A prominent display



Patricia Sutton places a wreath in Trail Creek during the Eastland memorial.

features large photos of the Eastland taken shortly after it overturned in the Chicago River, and of the ensuing rescue efforts.

Sutton was available to sign copies of her book, which were available for purchase. For those interested, signed copies of Capsized can be purchased at the museum gift shop. Museum hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. It is closed Monday.

The old lighthouse hosted several hundred people over the weekend. Adults and children alike delighted in the interesting displays. They learned of shipwrecks, the Smith Brothers factory, Abraham Lincoln's funeral train, the lives and responsibilities of lighthouse keepers and so much more. Music played on a 1906 pump organ accompa-

nied the day, setting the mood with period songs.

The lighthouse will continue to stand guard on this, our stormy shore. The people of Michigan City, to which this place is dedicated, are always invited to come and learn of their history, to share their stories and add their memories to those collected here. This lighthouse, and the artifacts within its sturdy walls, are our legacy for generations yet to come.

*All photos by Bob Wellinski*



Visit [www.OLDLighthouseMuseum.org](http://www.OLDLighthouseMuseum.org) for more info



A visitor reads information inside the museum about the Eastland tragedy.



## “Wizard of Oz” Kicks off 69th Footlight Season

Footlight Players of Michigan City opens its 69th season with “The Wizard of Oz,” which runs three weekends starting Friday, Aug. 3, at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St.

Laura Meyer is the director, with her husband, Lee, serving as music/vocal director. Emma Blanchard is assistant director, with a cast of 38 actors and actresses bringing the story to life.

Dorothy is played by Kenzie Losinski, with Kris Jackson appearing as Toto. Their adventure kicks off in Munchkin Land, where she meets Glinda the Good Witch (Emmie Reigel), the Munchkins (Addison Boyd, Grace Brooks, Kaylie Hekter, Maegan Jackson, Chloey Landis, Ryan Otto, Abigail and Madison Sobus, Justin and Elijah Vance and Katelyn West) and the Wicked Witch of the West (Dee Piotrowski).



Appearing in “The Wizard of Oz” are (clockwise, from left) Kenzie Losinski, Emmie Reigel and (kneeling) Kris Jackson.

Levi, Crystal Lundstrom-Sobus, Morgan and Madelynn Swanson, Tony, Jill and Michael Thomas.

Choreography is by Denise Barkow. Kristina Moore is the production manager, her crew including: Debbie Bartholomew, costumes; Floyd Colosky, set designer; Bobbi Lauritsen, set dresser; Yogi Williams, scenic artist; Chris West, lighting; Lauritsen, sound and stage manager. Also in the crew are Joe Blanchard, Sharon Kienitz, Bobby Komendera, Jim Milcarek, Tony Thomas and Lara West.

The show runs Aug. 3-5, 10-12 and 17-19. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15, or \$10 for children 12 and younger. The show is not recommended for lap children and/or infants.

Make reservations by calling (219) 874-4035 or visiting [www.footlightplayers.org](http://www.footlightplayers.org)

Dorothy follows the yellow brick road to the Emerald City, along the way encountering The Scarecrow (Alexander Bonner), The Tin Man (Ian Leo Pappas) and The Cowardly Lion (John Hutchinson). Once at The Emerald City, they meet the Guard (Tom LeDonne) and, eventually, the Wizard (David Mikolajczyk).

Fleshing out the cast are Candace Archer, Robbin Bostic, Brenda Brown, Molly Caplice, Kathy Chase, Emil C. Cripe, Jillian and Lisa Davison, Kassandra and Korina Jackson, Alayna Lauritsen, Krystal



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## Glowing Landscapes Shimmer with Atmosphere

by Linda Weigel

Laurie Schirmer Carpenter is a landscape painter working in oils whose art elicits a poetic, meditative quality, providing the viewer with the means of experiencing a momentary place in time and space.

Carpenter is among more than 90 artists who will exhibit her work during the 60th Annual Chesterton Art Fair on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4-5, at Chesterton's Dogwood Park.



"Along Route 20."

"I began my career with drawing, and loved it," she said. "I took class after class in drawing. Painting was also required of my BFA degree. For a while, I was so oriented towards working with the pencil because I found it hard to work with brushes."

Her husband was transferred in 1990 from Denver to Ann Arbor. The flattened landscape drew her attention to the fantastic clouds and cloud formations in the Midwestern skies. They felt close to the earth, moved quickly and changed with the seasons in color and volume.



"The River in Autumn."

Those glorious clouds, lending themselves better to paint and brushes, led her more and more into painting and away from drawing. As her confidence



Laurie Schirmer Carpenter is photographed with the piece "Twilight" at Coffee Creek Studios & Art Gallery.

She received her Bachelor of Arts in English literature from Loretto Heights College in Denver in 1967, returning to Colorado in 1988 to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Bachelor of Arts in art history at the University of Colorado. She is an active member of several regional juried art organizations, including Area Artists Association, Oak Park Art League and Duneland Plein Air Painters. After moving to the Ann Arbor, Mich., area, she and two artist friends founded Washington Street Gallery. She and her husband live in Valparaiso.



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at handling the various sized brushes grew, her oil paintings evolved as well.

"I've always admired and been inspired by the 19th century German Romanticist Caspar David Friedrich, most especially the sense of peace and distance in his work," she said.

Like Friedrich, I find her work peaceful and suggestive of undiscovered distance.

On her website, Carpenter states her intent is to *"depict the ephemeral quality of the atmosphere while maintaining the sense of the earth's solidity, resulting in a perception of the vastness, beauty and quiet in the landscape."*

*"Capturing in color and form that which cannot be captured in language is demanding and soul searching (it is called a work of art, after all) but it is also a pathway to a heightened state of consciousness and understanding of the world around us."*

I would agree. Her work is evocative of atmosphere, beauty and quiet. She is a highly skilled oil painter, and her art brings a sense of the spiritual to a specific place, emphasizing her own, unique vision for it. I find her work to be reminiscent of some of the best contemporary landscape painters available today.

(Visit [www.laurieschirmercarpenter.com](http://www.laurieschirmercarpenter.com) to contact her or for more information.)

## If You Go

The 60th Annual Chesterton Art Fair is Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4-5, at Chesterton's Dogwood Park, County Road 1100 North and 23rd Street.

The event includes more than 90 juried artists from 13 states in 15 different mediums. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5, or \$7 for the weekend. Children 12 and younger are free, as is parking.

Jennifer Martin, Chesterton Art Center children's art instructor, will lead the Children's Art Experience Booth. Youth can work on a make it take it craft. Face painting is planned as well.

To celebrate the fair's 60th anniversary, totes will be sold and a photographic retrospective on display at the hospitality tent, which also houses discounted Art After Dark Gala tickets and other raffles.

Proceeds benefit Chesterton Art Center's ongoing operations. Advance tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite at [2018chestertonartfair.eventbrite.com](http://2018chestertonartfair.eventbrite.com). Call the center at (219) 926-4711 or visit [www.chestertonart.com](http://www.chestertonart.com) for more details.



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## Long Beach Deputy Marshal Holds His Own at Global Competition

by Andrew Tallackson

Tobin Babcock was no stranger to competitive shooting when he arrived in Chateauroux, France, in June. It was the first time, however, that he would pit himself against others on a world stage.

The event, presented by International Practical Shooting Confederation, was the 2018 Shotgun World Shoot Stage. Fighting jet lag, Babcock not only held

his own, but walked away from the event having achieved an impressive feat. He placed 62 out of 736 registered, and representing 39 countries.

“This is the top of the chain,” Babcock, a deputy marshal with Long Beach Police Department, said of the event. “I had a steep learning curve, but once I got a feel for it...Everything fell into place.”

Babcock, a 1993 Marquette High School graduate and Michigan City native, has been with Long Beach police since July 2005. He also serves as its firearms trainer and range master. His law enforcement career began with LaPorte County Sheriff’s Office in 1998. During his time with the department, he was a SWAT member and participated in Operation Pull Over and the Indiana Governor’s Taskforce on Impaired Driving. He also has worked part time for Trail Creek police. Since 2014, he has owned and operated Tyr Training Solutions, which offers professional training to law enforcement, private companies and civilians.

Babcock’s interest in competitive shooting arrived five years ago, and it was only this past December that he learned of the IPSC. He admits he was surprised after learning he was among only 36 chosen to represent the United States in the France event June 3-10.

“There was a huge field of great shooters,” Babcock said. “Anyone could have been chosen.”

IPSC shooting is touted as “the fastest growing shooting sport in the world,” according to its website. The courses involve movement by the shooter, moving targets and multiple targets. Matches emphasize accuracy, power and speed, and involve standard stock firearms and custom guns.

Babcock prepared himself by traveling across the country to practice events, along with physical conditioning at E3 Fitness/Martial Arts in Rolling Prairie. The 2018 Shotgun World Shoot Stage would encompass 30 stages, or areas, over a five-day pe-



Tobin takes a selfie with his daughter, Abby, at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

riod. Each stage had a theme, from moving targets to space travel.

Finding that balance between speed and accuracy was the greatest challenge for Babcock, but as the event progressed, he found himself easing into a comfortable groove, that final score proving he could hold his own with competitors from across the globe.

Babcock, however, is not content to rest on those laurels. If he is chosen to compete again, his goal is to become even more proficient with combining speed and accuracy. That skill, he says, is something that extends beyond the arena of competitive shooting.

“There are tools you can take from it that apply to law enforcement,” he said, “to be accurate, to be in simulated stress situations, to engage multiple targets. All of that rolls into police training.”

What he savors as well about being with Long Beach police is the small-town feel of the community. He has the luxury to establish a more personal relationship with residents, to help them find solutions when problems arise.

“That small-town Americana,” he said, “it still exists in Long Beach.”



Tobin Babcock says the greatest challenge of the competition is combining speed with accuracy.

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### Fair Days Are Here Again

Berrien County Youth Fair days are here, and we plan to celebrate our 41st wedding anniversary at the fairgrounds in Berrien Springs, Mich., on opening day, Aug. 13.

Why?

Because we fell in love with the Berrien County Youth Fair, or simply “the Youth Fair,” during the summer of 1987 when we moved to Michigan full time from Chicago. Friends in the Windy City said we would be back in six months after suffering acute boredom, but we dismissed any and all notions of returning to the big city after visiting the fair that first time. We were utterly enchanted, especially by the youth and their animals, and flower arrangements, and insect collections, and baked goods — just the whole magic of it all.



Fair today, bacon tomorrow.

Natalie grew up in the Chicago suburbs, while I was raised on the South Side, so we did not have fair experiences as children. We didn't raise cows or pigs. Even if we had, Cook County doesn't have a fair. The closest I ever got to a fair experience was being driven past the fragrant Union Stockyards on the way to Comiskey Park or the amphitheater. The smell, the noise — yuck!

But then we went to the Berrien County Youth Fair and fell in love with it. If you are allowed a second childhood, we certainly signed on for one our

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## Travels With Charley

by Charles McKelvy



“You go on this, and I'll watch.”

first summer in Michigan.

While the fair does not always coincide with our wedding anniversary, we always celebrate our anniversary at the fair. Last year, we were a day off, but the stars aligned in our favor this year, so we'll celebrate in style on the first day of a fair that runs Aug. 13-18 and is billed as a “Passport to Adventure.” And because one day at the fair will not do, we're already making plans for our second visit Friday, Aug. 17, when we look forward to hearing the Blue Shoes jazz group perform on the Mall Stage.

We won't really have to take our passports to travel the world of bunnies, and goats, and llamas, and dogs and cats, and “pocket pets,” and kids on horseback, and saltwater taffy and elephant ears, and giant pretzels...and rides that make us wish we hadn't eaten those giant pretzels.

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Fair royalty from a few years back.

And to give you a clearer picture, here's a typical day at the fair with the "oldly-weds" who moved to Michigan in 1987:

First and foremost, we announce at the gate that we are seniors, thus entitled to the 65-and-over day-pass rate of only \$5 per person. Then, we park on the grass in the big lot along the Shawnee Road side of the fairgrounds and hit the horses first off. Up close and personal, but not so much as to get trampled.

Then it's time for food, and plenty of it, and I inevitably start the binging with a "veggie dinner" that consists of a huge dollop of mashed potatoes smothered in grilled onions and mushrooms. I'm salivating just thinking of it.

Then, we head for the horticulture building, where we lose track of time as we get lost in the flower arrangements, sachets, scarecrows, carved vegetables and heavenly fragrances.

Next, we're off to see the bunnies and goats. This

year, on opening day, we plan to watch the judging of llamas and alpacas at noon and the judging of cats at 3 p.m.

We'll grab some giant pretzels, then give great attention to the photography exhibits in the crafts building, because we love to see how our neighbors' kids view the world. Shots of their pets and siblings are particularly precious.

We'll stroll through all the amusement rides and have our annual debate about who has the guts to "go on that one." Neither of us will, but we'll watch the young and young-at-heart defy the laws of gravity, physics and sanity.

Then, it's home again home again with hearts glowing with love for the Berrien County Youth Fair.

If you go, and you really should, know that the Berrien County Youth Fair is best reached from Bridgman. From the Red Arrow Highway, take Lake Street, which becomes Shawnee Road out of town, straight east, 11.5 miles to Gate 3 at the Berrien County Fairgrounds, 4261 E. Shawnee Road, Berrien Springs. The website is: [www.bcyf.org](http://www.bcyf.org).

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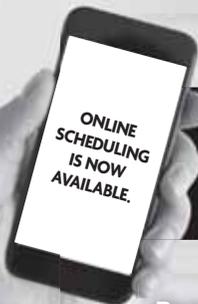
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## Citywide School Supply Drive



The Citywide Back-to-School Rally is Aug. 9 at Elston's Gill Field

Nine local organizations have announced a community-wide school-supply drive through Aug. 7.

Supplies will be distributed to area students in need of materials to start the school year. Many area businesses, including major retailers such as Walmart and Al's Supermarket on Franklin Street, have set up bins to accept donations from employees and the public. Additional sites are at Captain Ed's Candy Island & Furniture Showroom, CLH CPAs & Consultants, Dunes Optical, First Trust Credit Union, Jazzercise, Life Care Center of Michigan City, the Michigan City Area Schools' Administration Building, Members Advantage Credit Union, City Hall and St. John's United Church of Christ.

Businesses, churches and other organizations can join the drive. Supplies may be brought to the Elston cafeteria (enter on the building's west side on Spring Street near the Holdcraft Performing Arts Center) from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Suggested donations include: pencils, black pens, spiral notebooks and 3-hole notebook paper (especially college rule), markers (washable), dry erase markers, glue sticks, erasers, pencil boxes, two-pocket folders, antibacterial wipes, facial tissues, backpacks (new or gently used), Ziploc sandwich bags, rulers, highlighters, composition books, calculators and ear buds/headphones.

Distribution of the supplies is during a Citywide Back-to-School Rally from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at Elston's Gill Field. The event is a collaborative effort supported by numerous agencies. This year, the rally's organizing committee includes representatives from Indiana Black Expo, MDWise, Michigan City Area Schools, HealthLinc, Anthem, American Licorice, the YMCA Elston Branch, Sodexo and the LaPorte County NAACP.

Volunteers are needed Aug. 7-8 to assist in sorting school supplies, and Aug. 9 for the rally. Information on volunteering, sponsorships and exhibiting at the rally is at [educateMC.net/backtoschoolrally](http://educateMC.net/backtoschoolrally).

## ROTC Supports Community

Michigan City High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps has kept busy this summer supporting community events.



Gunnery Sgt. Haley Williams and Cpl. Ryan Vinson carry the flag during the Michigan City Summer Festival Parade as the heat index hovered around 100 degrees.

In June, cadets participated in the Michigan City Kiddie Parade, American Cancer Society Relay for Life and Michigan City Summer Festival Parade.

Cadets also have participated in two week-long camps. One was a leadership camp in Wisconsin, the other a Cyber Security Camp at Purdue University Northwest-Hammond. Both camps, like all JROTC activities, are done at no cost to the cadet nor the school.

The drill team is conducting its summer drill in anticipation of the upcoming season. MCHS qualified for the national MCJROTC meet last year, placing first in one of the events. The goal is to not only qualify this year, but also to win and become the national MCJROTC champion. This year's competition is in the Washington, D.C., area. Maj. Tom McGrath, the senior Marine instructor, hopes to leave a day early so cadets see many historic sites in and around the nation's capital.

"Of course, we have to qualify for the meet first," he said in a press release, "but I believe in the power of positive thinking."

The cadets' biggest upcoming service project is Michigan City Area Schools' Back-to-School Rally. Vendors donate school supplies for more than 1,000 students. Cadets help with the two-day preparation, the setup, the event itself and cleanup afterwards. The rally is Aug. 9 at the Elston football field.

### ARE VALUES IMPACTED BY THE DISCUSSIONS IN LONG BEACH?

Some buyers have told me they do not want to look in Long Beach because they have heard there are multiple lawsuits, and that the town government is trying to get rid of lakefront ownership completely.

So, to see if Long Beach values are suffering from lawsuits and discussion of how and where you can build northerly of the right of way of Lake Shore Drive, I divided the lakefront into three segments: Michigan City-Sheridan Beach; Long Beach; Duneland-Shoreland-Michiana Shores.

Here are the comparative numbers I compiled.

Variable	M-C-S	L-B	D-S-MS
Active	22	27	40
Expired	33	32	26
Under Contract	8	2	1
Units Sold			
12 mo.	48	47	40
Med. List Price	\$520k	\$495k	\$437k
Med. Sold Price	\$358k	\$350k	\$359k
\$Vol Sold			
12 mo	\$17.8 M	\$22.9M	\$17.8M
Total Units	115	113	114

I was surprised to see how similar the three areas are. The "total units" was the most striking. The median sold price similarity surprised me. Sheridan Beach typically has been lower priced than Long Beach. Michiana Shores also has been lower, but it is balanced by Duneland Beach in this data.

I expected Long Beach to have the highest total \$Volume because of the number of existing homes. This also means there have been upper-end sales (probably only 4 or 5) that have pushed the volume up. The waterfront continues to sell so far.

Frankly, I see no real differences in values, so I do not think the intense discussions have impacted Long Beach values. The only hint of impact is the very slightly lower (2.5%) median sold price in Long Beach.

Duneland Beach-Michiana Shores is heavy with inventory compared to the other two areas.

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### Summer Fun at the Moose



Each summer, Moose Family Lodge 980 opens its doors to youth from Boys & Girls Club of Michigan City to bowl in its four-lane alley. About 800 to 850 children from the club get to bowl at the Moose each summer, Moose Administrator Mike Mills said. The youth start coming the week after school lets out and continue through the first of August. This is the third year the club's youth have bowled at the Moose during summer vacation, and during spring break as well. The manually operated lanes have been in use there since 1941, Mills said. Pictured bowling are brothers Eric Kayser (left), 7, and Damien Kayser, 6. Photos by Andrew Tallackson

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## Well-Researched “Hell’s Princess” Breathes New Life Into Guinness Tale

by Kayla Weiss

LaPorte County is steeped in fascinating history, and the latest by historian/true crime author Harold Schechter, “Hell’s Princess: The Mystery of Belle Guinness, Butcher of Men,” delves into one of the county’s most notorious chapters.

It is an extremely well-researched book, providing second- and third-hand accounts of the woman whose crimes still draw people here from across the globe to learn more about her.

A Norwegian immigrant, Belle Guinness first came to America in 1881. Very little is known about her life before America. The few documents Schechter tracks down confirm:

- She hailed from a little area on Norway’s west coast called Selbu.
- She was born to a sharecropper name Paul Pederson Storset on Nov. 11, 1859.
- Her christened name was Brynhild Paulsdatter Storset.

As a child, Guinness was raised deep in her Evangelical faith. Accounts varied throughout the small town, where some commended her diligent, hard-working nature, others claiming she was “capricious and extremely malicious.” One thing is clear: From a young age, Belle was a skilled manipulator.

In the first few pages, Schechter does an excellent job bringing to light all he can regarding Belle’s early years, making it clear there may never be an answer set in stone as to who she was before America, or what the turning point may have been.

New to America, the woman previously known as Brynhild shed her former life and adopted a new, American name – Bella, later Belle — and would go on to marry a fellow immigrant named Mads Ditler Anton Sorenson, who provided her with four adopted children and a failing candy store that would come to dubious ends...and begin Belle’s life of crime.

Now, settled in the quiet countryside of LaPorte, Guinness and family bought a huge farmhouse and sprawling lands, where they set up their pig farm. But soon, the farm would prove to be more work than she anticipated.

Over the years to come, Belle would endure more than a lifetimes worth of tragedies. The mysterious deaths of husbands and young children, coupled with a struggling pig farm, would prove too much

for Belle. She began placing ads in Chicago newspapers seeking immigrants looking for work or a place to stay.

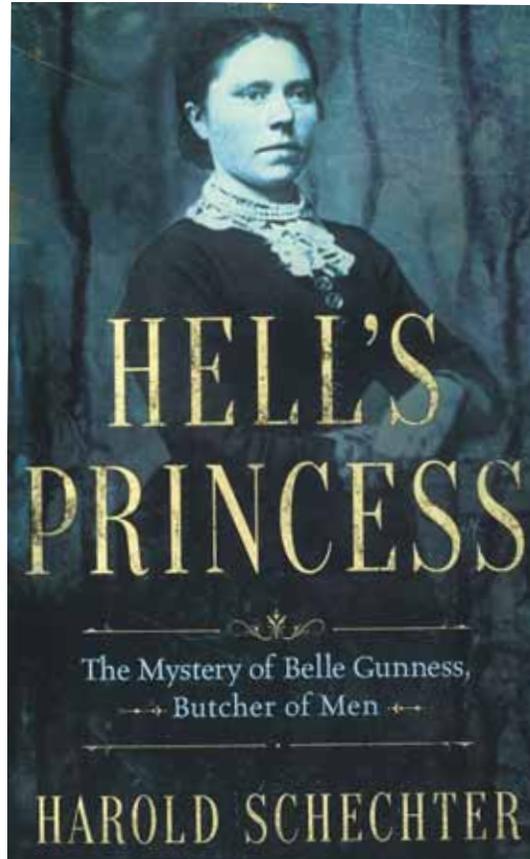
Through dedicated research, Schechter provides an in-depth look into Belle’s variable personality. When needed, she could be coy, seductive and romantic when writing to the men who responded to her ads. Lured by the promise of love, land and money, the men gladly picked up all the belongings they could carry and ventured out to the LaPorte farm, never to be seen or heard from again. Schechter’s narration of Belle’s affairs paints a detailed picture of a woman who carried her childhood ability to manipulate into adulthood. People — men, women and children — were pawns in an endless game, not companions she desperately claimed to need.

The entire town would forever be changed on April 27, 1908, when reports broke out of a fire at the McClung Road farm. By the time responders extinguished the blaze, all that remained of the exquisite farmhouse were three brick walls. Searches to find the missing residents soon commenced, revealing a much darker story than an accidental fire. By the time investigators were finished, they would discover countless bodies on the property.

Schechter gathers countless eyewitness accounts and police reports to detail the mysterious life, and death, of Belle Guinness. While somewhat dry at points, the author provides readers with intriguing and entirely factual accounts. He opts to steer clear of dramatizations and theatrics, laying every detail he discovered out for readers, even going so far as to include more than 30 pages of resources used.

Rich in detail, Schechter gives an eye-opening account to what happened after the fire on that afternoon. Theories about what really happened that fateful April day still run rampant. Were she and her children murdered by a jilted lover? Did Guinness fake her own death, setting the fire herself and putting an unidentified body in her place so she could escape? Or was it a simple twist of fate?

Schechter offers previously unheard accounts, countless articles and clues to help readers piece together their own theories.





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## Purdue University Northwest Sinai Forum Season Opens Sept. 9

Former FBI Director James Comey opens Purdue University Northwest Sinai Forum's 65th season on Sunday, Sept. 9.

The season runs through December, leading off with Comey at Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa. The remaining programs are in the James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex on the Westville Campus, 1401 S. U.S. 421. All programs start at 4 p.m., with doors opening at 3 p.m.

The lineup is:

• **James Comey — Sunday, Sept. 9, "The Ethical Leader."**



Comey led the FBI from 2013 to 2017, appointed to the position by President Barack Obama. He will provide a rare respite from partisan politics.

• **Platon — Sunday, Oct. 7, "Powerful Portraits: An Intimate Look at Humanity and Leadership."**



Platon is a photographer who has shot portraits for a range of international publications, including *Rolling Stone*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Vanity Fair*, *Esquire* and *GQ*. He developed a special relationship with *Time*, producing more than 20 covers.

• **Reshma Saujani, Sunday, Oct. 28, "Women, Technology and Leadership."**



Saujani is the founder and CEO of Girls Who Code, a national non-profit organization working to close the gender gap in technology. Started in 2012, it has grown to reach 40,000 girls.

• **Robert Costa, Sunday, Nov. 11, "Inside 2018: Understanding the Midterm Elections"**



Costa is a national political reporter for *The Washington Post*, where he covers the White House, Congress and campaigns. He also is the moderator of PBS' "Washington Week," an award-winning news discussion program, and a political analyst for NBC News and MSNBC.

• **Lou Holtz, Sunday, Dec. 2, "An Afternoon with Legendary Coach Lou Holtz: Game Plan for Success."**



Holtz speaks on overcoming seemingly impossible challenges by setting goals and working to achieve them. He is known for taking football programs and elevating them to the Top 20, specifically at the University of Notre Dame, where he led the "Fighting Irish" to a national championship in 1988.



Tickets are sold as a season series for all programs. A limited number of single program tickets will be offered only for Comey.

Regular season series tickets with general seating for all five programs cost \$150. Patron season series tickets, including reserved seating and an exclusive reception with speakers before each program, are \$275. Single program tickets for Comey are \$100. Admission for all programs is free for high school and college students with a valid student ID.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.pnw.edu/sinai-forum](http://www.pnw.edu/sinai-forum) or by cash or check at the Bursars' Office on campus, hours for which are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is located in Room 127 of the Robert F. Schwarz Hall.

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Previous SMSO performances for Beyer include Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony" (2017), Brahms' "Requiem" (2015) and as Prince Eric in "The Little Mermaid" (2016).

Tickets, which are \$35, are available at [www.smso.org](http://www.smso.org), by calling SMSO at (269) 982-4030 or at the office, 513 Ship St. The cost includes a light summer supper and wine.



Beyer

## Harvest Bicycle Century Tour

The 13th annual Harvest Bicycle Century Tour, sponsored by the Rolling Prairie and Mill Creek Indiana Community Lions Clubs, is Sunday, Aug. 12.

The event supports Diabetes Awareness.

Registration is from 6 to 11 a.m. The tour starts at Rolling Prairie Elementary School, 605 E. Michigan St. The routes are 15, 25, 40, 62 and 100 miles on well-maintained county roads. Rest stops with refreshments and restroom facilities are provided.

The advance registration fee is \$25 through Aug. 11 and \$35 the day of the ride. Families of three or more can pre-register at \$40 per family through Aug. 11 or \$50 the day of the ride.

T-shirts cost \$10. Raffles are planned, and winners don't have to be present.

Information and online registrations are available at [www.rollingprairielions.org](http://www.rollingprairielions.org). Call Lion Ron King at (219) 778-4568 with questions.

## Benefit Art Exhibit

Andrew Groen, a Marquette Catholic High School alumnus and award-winning artist, will hold a benefit art exhibit from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, at the Scholl Student Center on West 10th Street.

The work by Groen, a 1978 graduate, will feature photography and illustrations depicting a variety of subject matter, including landscapes, wildlife, architecture and caricatures.

The event marks Groen's first official art exhibit.

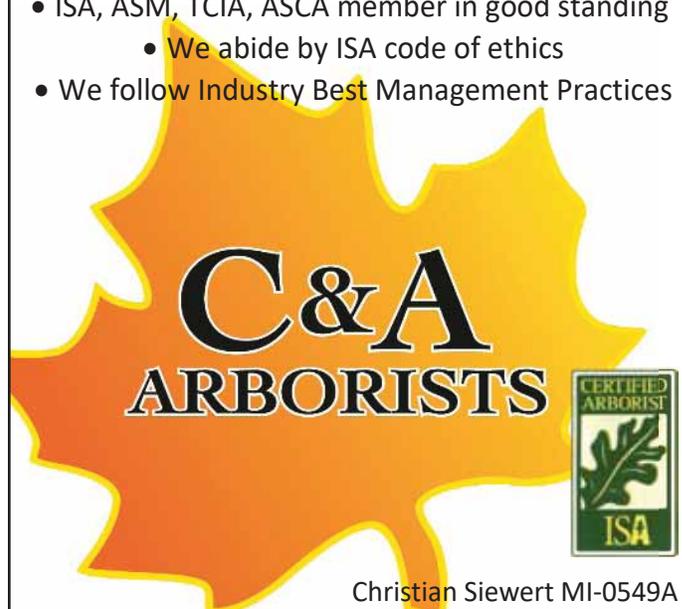
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## How to Make Outdoor Exercise Fun

by Kevin Scott of Anytime Fitness

It is that time of year.

Friends and neighbors are out of their cocoons and back outside. The smells of grills, freshly cut grass and fires are a sign that summer is in full swing. Warm weather tends to mean workouts move outside with running, walking, swimming and biking.



The Fitness Rebellion

Just about every weekend, you can find some sort of 5K run/walk, mud run, obstacle-course race or charity run somewhere in the community. But with so many options, how do you know what to pick, what to do and where to start? No fear, the fitness guy is here to help you get through this sweaty and fun running season.

Here are four quick tips to help make your first run of the summer, or your first run of your life, a fun one.

The first tip is finding a cause you support or a unique event. Every run typically raises money for a cause, with a great story behind it. Whether it is a local run for a local family, organization or cause, or a big run for large non-profits supporting prostate cancer or breast cancer, finding a cause you are passionate about ensures your dedication to the event. Find something unique, like a hill run or trail run that switches things up a bit!

My second tip is, sign up early. This gives you time to prepare. There are many great couch-to-5K plans and apps that help guide you from whatever level you are at to finishing a 5K. How you finish it is up to you and your preparation. If you want to knock off time from your last run, for instance, following a program will get you there. It is just like following the lesson plan your teacher had. Yes, it's painful, long and can drag, but if you follow it, you will pass with flying colors. Signing up early not only gives

you plenty of time to get ready, but you also put your money where your mouth is and pay for that race. Once you have a little dough in it, usually you have more motivation to get out there, prepare and finish.

The next tip is, find a workout buddy. It's always easier with someone there to push you, someone to hold you accountable, someone to wake up early and get it done! After all, the phrase "misery loves company" holds true in a few ways. The misery of a long run is so much less miserable with someone by your side. On the opposite end of the spectrum, you can always find someone to go to the bar with you. But it isn't as easy to find someone to go to the gym or on a run with. Find those who lift you and make you your best you!

The last tip is most commonly overlooked and sometimes hard to understand. Your body needs diversity, and no matter your goals, no matter your age, everyone needs to lift weights. Now, some may be lifting 2-pound weights and some may be lifting 100-pound weights. Everyone's goal is different, and everyone's body is different, but the science doesn't change. To lose weight, yes, you can do cardio and not eat. But it will be a false weight loss, meaning it is not healthy and the weight will easily return.

Body composition is what fitness professionals look for in results with clients. Body composition is, simply put, the change in the composition of your body. We look for less fat, more muscle. In newbie gym terms, "I just want to tone up a bit." What you're really saying is, you want to lose fat and gain muscle. So while you are outside running, walking or biking, don't forget to pick up the weights and build your muscles!

Summer is busy. I get it. But I always come back to the old phrase, "Those who think they have no time for exercise will sooner or later have to find time for illness."



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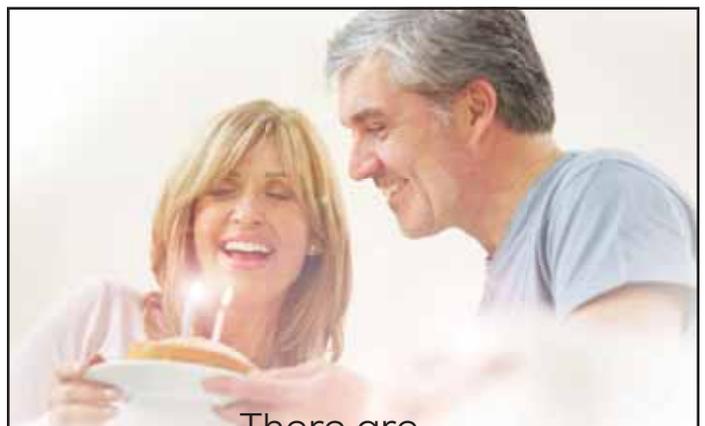
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## Theatre at the Center Unveils Series for Young Audiences

Munster's Theatre at the Center has unveiled its 2018-2019 Theatre for Young Audiences season, which is preceded by an updated spin on "The Three Little Pigs" at 10 a.m. and noon Saturday, Aug. 4.

The day includes paid raffle drawings, free coloring pages, free "wearable piggy ears" and on stage photo opportunities to pose for pictures with costumed cast members.

The one-hour touring production is produced by Chicago Kids Company. It is the summer fun ticket for TATC's 2018 Imagination Discovery Series. While lobby activities are free, show tickets are \$8 for children and \$10 for adults.

The Theatre for Young Audiences season kicks off with "Sleeping Beauty" on Oct. 4-8, and again produced by Chicago Kids Company. Attending groups can enter a coloring contest for a chance to win tickets to "The Holiday Shop." The show is recommended for pre-school through fifth grade.

"The Holiday Shop" on Dec. 5-14 is an original musical about a young child who finds a magic snow globe that can bring to life toys from around the world. Produced by Charles Misoye and Associates, attending groups can enter a "create your own Christmas card" contest. The show is recommended for pre-school through fifth grade.

The new year launches with "Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad" on Jan. 22-26. Produced by Virginia Rep on Tour, the play is a tribute to the woman who freed herself and hundreds of slaves. A new public performance has been added at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Groups that attend a performance can enter an essay contest for a chance to win a \$100, \$50 or \$25 Youth Savings Account. The show is recommended for grades 4-12.

The season concludes with "Little Red Riding Hood" on April 8-14. Produced by Charles Misoye and Associates, attending groups can enter a coloring contest for a chance to win tickets to Wolf Park.



A few of the cast members from Chicago Kids Company's production of "The Three Little Pigs."

The show is recommended for pre-school through fifth grade.

The end of the season is celebrated with "The Prince and Princess Party" from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 13. Children can dress up as their favorite prince or princess. The event includes activities and a buffet lunch for \$12 per person. Tickets for that Saturday's performances of "Little Red Riding

Hood" are available for an additional cost.

TYA school performances are weekdays at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m., with additional performances of "Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad" at 1 p.m. Jan. 25 and 26. Activity guides and contest rules for all productions are available at [www.TheatreAtTheCenter.com](http://www.TheatreAtTheCenter.com) on the Theatre for Young Audiences page. Public performances are at 10 a.m. and noon Saturdays, with additional performances of "Little Red Riding Hood" at 10 a.m. and noon Sunday, April 14.

All TYA public performances cost \$8 per student and \$10 for adults. School group prices are \$6.50 per student and \$8 per adult. Groups of 100 or more students are \$5.50 per student and \$8 per adult. One free ticket is issued for every 25 paid students.

Guests can have lunch at 12:15 p.m. in the dining venue on select dates for "Sleeping Beauty" and "The Holiday Shop." The cost is \$6 per person. Reservations are required.

All performances are at Theatre at the Center at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road. Call Charlie for reservations at (219) 836-3258. Tickets for public performances are available at the box office. Call (219) 836-3255 or visit [www.TheatreAtTheCenter.com](http://www.TheatreAtTheCenter.com) for more details.



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Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12, will host Lyric Opera of Chicago performers offering a preview of the 2018-2019 season from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5.

The event also features a book signing for local author Barbara Stodola, whose Friendship Botanic Gardens is part of the "Images of Modern America" series.

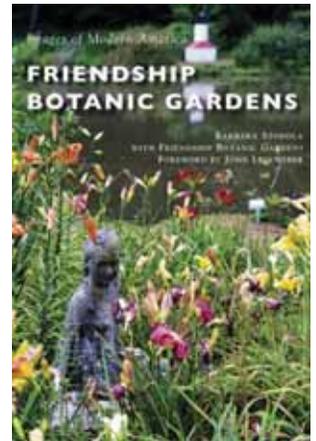
The Lyric Opera portion of the day, which starts at 4 p.m., includes performances by Lyric artists Gary Alexander, Cornelius Johnson, Kimberly Jones, Dan Richardson and Maia Surace.

Tickets are available on [friendshipgardens.org](http://friendshipgardens.org), Eventbrite and the Friendship Botanic Gardens Facebook page. Regular seating is available for \$35, while premium seating (the first four rows, limited to 40 people) costs \$45. Light appetizers are included. A cash bar with beer and wine is planned.

All proceeds contribute to the ongoing restoration and maintenance of the gardens.

Stodola's book includes black-and-white archival photos and lush color images, including the stunning cover by Phil Eichas, the gardens' staff photographer. Opening with a foreword by John Leinweber, the gardens' board president, it charts the early days of the local attraction, all the way to its modern-day volunteers and new direction.

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**116 REDWING TRL., MICHIANA SHORES**

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**125 UPLAND DR., SHERIDAN BEACH**

**\$525,000** - Five bedrooms, four baths, every element of Lake Michigan living, open concept, gourmet kitchen, bamboo flooring, windows for every view, outdoor entertaining, best views of Lake Michigan, Beachwalk Resort and the County.



**201 GEORGIA AVE., SHERIDAN BEACH**

**\$750,000** - Miles of sandy Lake Michigan beach, sunset and water views, three bedrooms, three baths, open-design balcony, screened porch, deck, hardwood, granite and stainless whirlpool tub, garage and plenty of parking.



**2308 LAKE SHORE DR., LONG BEACH**

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**310 E. RIPPLEWATER DR., BEVERLY SHORES, IN**

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**15778 RED ARROW HWY**  
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**6480 ROBBINS RD**  
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3 BEDROOMS/4 BATHS  
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### OPEN HOUSE SUN, 8/5, 11AM - 1PM CT



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3 BEDROOMS/1 BATH  
\$299,000



**19645 DOGWOOD DR**  
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4 BEDROOMS/2.5 BATHS  
\$299,000

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**10455 ALICE AVE**  
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**9225 MAUDLIN RD**  
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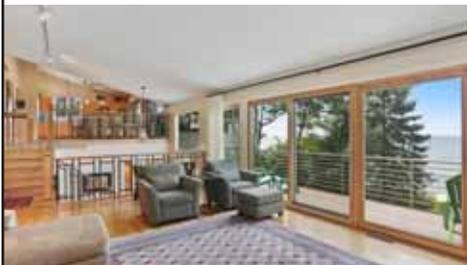
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1938 LAKE SHORE DR  
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\$998,000



4145 LAKE SHORE DR  
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3900 BROOKSIDE DR  
Michiana Shores, Indiana  
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3836 MICHIANA DR  
Michiana, Michigan  
5 BEDROOMS/3.5 BATHS  
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68 DUNE RIDGE DR  
New Buffalo, Michigan  
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NEW LISTING



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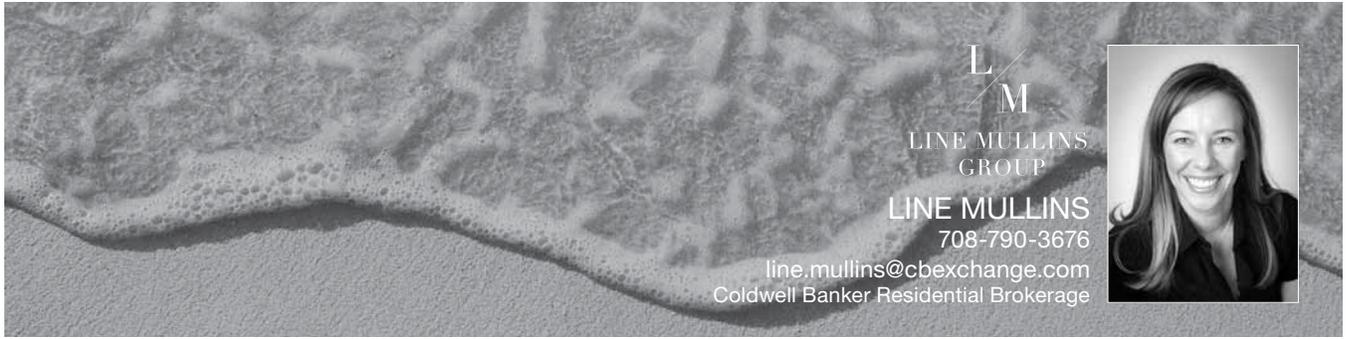
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**1813 RIDGEMOOR DRIVE**  
LONG BEACH, INDIANA  
4 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS  
\$499,000



**1605 HIDDEN HILLS TRAIL**  
LONG BEACH, INDIANA  
4 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS  
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**1855 LAKE SHORE DRIVE**  
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**3214 MIAMI TRAIL**  
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\$1,500,000



**827 E. LAKE FRONT DRIVE**  
BEVERLY SHORES, INDIANA  
4 BEDROOMS, 4.5 BATHS  
\$1,750,000



**3415 LAKE SHORE DRIVE**  
DUNELAND BEACH, INDIANA  
9 BEDROOMS, 12 BATHS  
\$3,950,000



**3322 MARQUETTE TRAIL**  
DUNELAND BEACH, INDIANA  
4 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS  
\$499,000



**330 MAPLEWOOD**  
SHORELAND HILLS, INDIANA  
3 BEDROOMS, 3.5 BATHS  
\$325,000



**207 WESTWOOD DRIVE**  
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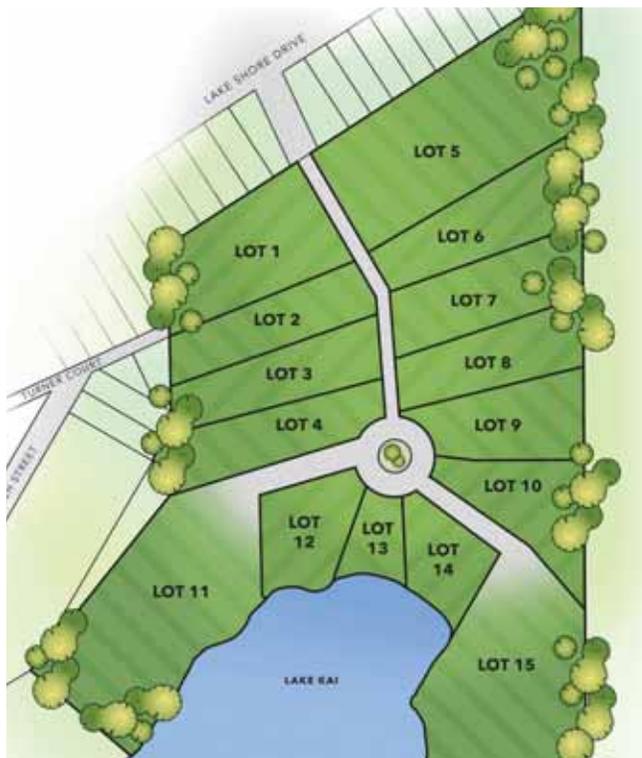
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**52105 MAIN DR,  
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- Reaching Overhead?
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- Reaching Behind Your Back?
- While you Sleep?

Dear Valued Client,

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, you surely know that shoulder pain can be such a menace...

It can ruin a good nights sleep... and when you lack sleep, you get cranky.

It can change the way you put on your shirt...or for the ladies, your bra...because it's just too painful to do it the way you used to.

It can stop you from enjoying daily simple tasks...making you frustrated...forcing you to take more pain pills than you would care to admit.

And for golfers out there...it can ruin your game...getting scores you're too embarrassed to tell...your friends are probably wondering why you even care to play!

### **Is it your rotator cuff that's the culprit?**

The rotator cuff is a group of four muscles that run from our shoulder blade into the top end of our bone in our arm. They help keep the ball end of our arm bone centered in the shoulder socket.

When healthy, the rotator cuff allows us to reach in all directions smoothly and without pain.

If you experience pain, weakness or difficulty during the tests mentioned here, it is highly likely that you are suffering from a rotator cuff tear.

1. This first test is called the Drop Arm Test. With your arm relaxed by your side, turn your arm out so your thumb faces directly to the side. Slowly raise your arm to the side, then slowly lower the arm. Test is positive if the arm suddenly drops or you experience severe pain on the way up or down.
2. The Lateral Jobe Test. In this test for the right shoulder, raise you right arm out to the side by lifting your right elbow to 90 degrees, with your hand hanging down, fingers pointed to the ground, your thumb pointing to your tummy. With your left hand, push down on the right arm just above the elbow. Test is positive if you experience pain or weakness.
3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> test is called Lift-Off Test. The hand of the affected arm is placed on the lower back. Now try lifting the hand off the back without straightening your elbow. Test is positive if you're unable to lift the hand off.

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Now you may be asking...can a rotator cuff tear heal and pain subside without medications, injections, or surgery?

In most cases, yes...but it depends on but not limited to the following factors.

- What is the grade of the tear? There are 3 grades.
- Which of the 4 muscles of the rotator cuff is torn.
- How old is the tear.

## **FREE Rotator Cuff and Shoulder Pain Check-Up Event**

**August 13, 2018**

In celebration of our newly opened location in Highland, Orthopedic and Balance Therapy Specialists will host a FREE Rotator Cuff and Shoulder Pain Check-Up Event on the following dates and locations:

- **Monday August 13** at our **LaPorte** office (1405 E. Lincolnway, Suite B) from 1-5 PM.
- **Monday August 13** at our **Valparaiso** office (3125 Calumet Ave., Suite 8) from 1-5 PM.

During the event, each attendee will receive:

1. One on one FREE consultation time with one of our Rotator Cuff and Shoulder Pain Specialist physical therapists.
2. You will discover tips on how to:
  - Know which rotator cuff muscle is affected and the grade of the tear
  - Correct the cause of your pain and speed up the healing process
  - Prevent your shoulder from getting worse

Only 12 FREE consultation spots available for each location. **To hold your spot, please call:**

- **Crown Point 219-203-3100**
- **Highland 219-301-7961**
- **Valparaiso 219-202-2500**
- **LaPorte 219-380-0809**

Sincerely,



Arlan Alburo

Orthopedic and Balance Therapy Specialists

*PS-Call NOW to hold your spot for the FREE Rotator Cuff and Shoulder Pain Check-Up Event on Monday August 13.*

*PPS-Only 12 spots available at each location for this free Rotator Cuff and Shoulder Pain Check Up Event.*



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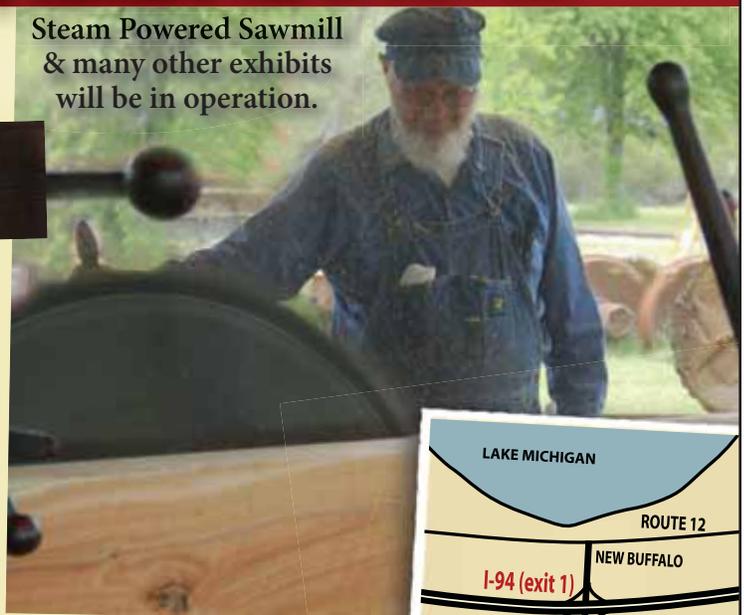
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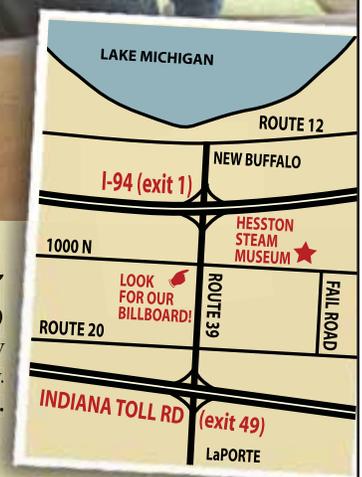
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Museum Campus opens at 11:30 Central, trains run 12:00 - 5:00 CDT Pass must be purchased on Family Day. Up to a \$75 value, no substitutions or discounts for fewer people. Pass is valid for American Family Day only.

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## Finding “Normal” at the Annual FA Woodstock

by Bob Wellinski

“It’s amazing,” Paula Hook says. “Never in a million years would I have thought we would be having our ninth anniversary for hosting FA Woodstock.”

Friedreich’s ataxia is a debilitating, life-shortening, degenerative neuro-muscular disorder, with about one in 50,000 people in the United States suffering from it. Two of Paula and Tom’s daughters, Kati and Carli, live with the disease. Because of this, the couple hatched a plan to draw other FA families together for support. It was then FA Woodstock came into being on the family’s 20-acre farm on County Road 125 South east of U.S. 421.

And with each year, the numbers keep growing. This year, 170 people, including 37 FA patients, attended. The three-day event includes fishing, swimming, horseback rides, tie dying T-shirts, crafts, food, fireworks, acupuncture, massages and, most importantly, FA’ers and families bonding. Families came from coast to coast, from Rhode Island to California, even Canada and France.



The event has been a place where those recently diagnosed with FA, Paula says, see “that there is a life with FA, and that the family is there for them and will help them with any questions they may have and be there for them.”

For first-year Woodstock’er Dillon Head, the trip from upstate New York with his family was life-changing.

“Going to FA Woodstock, even though I only have gone one year, has shown and reminded me that FA doesn’t have to take over someone’s life,” he said. “It reminds me that I’m not alone, and that every FA’er has a story, but there are similarities.”

The 22-year-old was a 17-year-old high school senior when he was diagnosed. Oct. 1 marks five years with the disease.

“For me,” he said, “being able to see everyone, talk, hug, take pictures is like therapy in a way. To just be able to interact with your fellow FA’ers is extremely helpful! I hope it’s helpful to others, too!



Carli Hook said despite the disease's debilitating nature, "You can remain positive and find strength in others while also having off days. There's a feeling of being 'normal' for a few days by being around people that 'get it'.

"The memories made here impact the rest of your life. The FA'ers, their families and everyone involved in the event are forever changed in a good way!"

The Hooks and FA'ers all expressed gratitude to the volunteers who contribute to the event's success. Family, friends and neighbors provide the labor for setting up, food prep, arts and crafts, assistance with horseback riding, fireworks display and other tasks.

FA Woodstock also plays a vital research role. It serves as a location where a large group of FA patients



and their family gather so information can be gathered. FA specialist Dr. David Lynch, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Friedrich Ataxia program director, with assistance from Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance medical staff, takes blood, skin biopsies, cheek swab samples to have ready for researchers to find a treatment and cure for the disease.



## Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

*The following programs are available:*

- **Community Hike and Sunset Paddle from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, in Marquette Park.**

A ranger leads the hike through Miller Woods, with the paddle on Marquette Lagoon. The program is limited to 20 participants. Make reservations at (219) 395-1824. Marquette Park is located at 1 N. Grand Blvd., about two miles north of U.S. 12 in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.

- **Mount Baldy Summit Hike from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Fridays and 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sundays.**

The Mount Baldy parking lot and beach are open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. The dune, however, is still closed for general public use, so the ranger-led hike offers a chance to experience the dune as much as is possible. No reservations are required. The parking lot is located off U.S. 12.

- **West Beach Symphony Concert from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3.**

IDNL again unites with Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Kirk Muspratt, for the free concert in the southwest parking lot.

Starting at 5:30 p.m., food vendors will serve dinner items, or participants can take a picnic dinner. Activities are planned.

Limited seating is available near the stage, so visitors are encouraged to take folding chairs. Fee collection at West Beach ceases at 4 p.m.

The concert moves to the Chesterton High School Auditorium if the weather is poor. Information concerning inclement weather will be posted at the entrance to West Beach, and on the park's website ([www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu)) and Facebook page.

- **Beginning Birding from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays through Sept. 1 at the Great Marsh Trail.**

A ranger leads the hike. Meet at the parking lot on Broadway north of the Beverly Shores train station.

- **Pinhook Bog Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 8.**

Talk a self-guided tour of the bog and talk to rangers along the trail for a better understanding of the site filled with carnivorous plants and orchids. Arrive by 2 p.m. to allow about one hour to walk the trail and tour the bog. The bog parking lot is at 700 N. Wozniak Road in Michigan City.

- **Playdate in the Nature Play Zone from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at The Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Explore Miller Woods, build a fort, climb a tree, create nature art and feed the resident fish, turtles, snakes, toads and frogs. Dress for the weather.

- **Volunteer at Miller Woods from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.**

Join staff and fellow volunteers to help restore the Miller Woods oak savanna. Wear comfortable clothes; work gloves and equipment will be provided. Dress

for the weather, and be prepared to walk off trail.

- **Beach Fun Saturdays from 1 p.m. to about 30 minutes past sunset every Saturday through Sept. 1 at West Beach.**

Try a kayak or paddleboard starting at 1 p.m. All equipment is provided for free. A one-hour sunset hike on the Dune Succession Trail starts at 7 p.m. from the Ranger Contact Station in the north end of the parking lot. A beach campfire, complete with marshmallow toasting, starts shortly before sunset. Meet at the West Beach parking lot, 376 N. County Line Road, Portage. A \$6 per car parking fee is charged until 7 p.m. Take a picnic dinner and warmer clothing for the evening sunset and beach campfire.

- **A Poetry Slam from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, Sunday, Aug. 12, and Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Each program kicks off with a historical piece inspired by the Indiana Dunes. All ages are welcome. No experience is required.

- **Bailly/Chellberg History Hike from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5.**

Explore the grounds of both historic homes, and learn about early settlers and farmers who came to the region in the 1800s. Park at the Bailly/Chellberg parking lot off Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter.

- **Miller Woods Hike from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at Paul H. Douglas Center.**

The ranger-led stroll explores a rare black oak savanna, and offers views of Lake Michigan and Chicago.

- **Feed the Farm Animals at Chellberg Farm from 4 to 5 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 28.**

The farm's current residents include cows, pigs and chickens. The animals are at the farm through a partnership with Dunes Learning Center, Friends of Indiana Dunes, 4-H Club of Porter County and the FFA of Westville. Chellberg Farm is off Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 20 and 12 in Porter.

- **Parents and toddlers can participate in the Nature Tots program 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the Paul H. Douglas Center.**

Children 2-4 will learn about nature through a ranger-led story time, crafts and outdoor play.

- **Sunset Around the Fire at the Pavilion from 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, 100 Riverwalk Road.**

Catch a Lake Michigan sunset from the pavilion, and roast marshmallows from the fireplace.

*The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is at 100 N. Lake St. in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.*

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## Indiana Dunes State Park

*The following programs are offered:*

- **Marsh Madness, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 2.**

Meet at the Nature Center to discover what animals call the marsh habitats home.

- **Drama in the Dunes, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2.**

Learn how nature can inspire acting through different exercises. No experience is needed. Attendees also can participate Aug. 9. Visit [www.dramainthedunes.com](http://www.dramainthedunes.com) for details.

- **Lion Hunt, 3 to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2.**

Join a naturalist at the Nature Center for a short discovery walk.

- **Park Plays, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2.**

Park Plays features local theater groups presenting shows and excerpts from classic Shakespeare, to contemporary musicals, to improv. Take a blanket or beach chair to the west side of the pavilion.

- **Sunset Yoga, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2.**

The class for all levels is taught by Duneland YMCA instructors. The cost per class is \$10, which is paid to the instructor. A \$40 five-class pass is available. Classes cancel in case of inclement weather. Take a yoga mat or towel. The program is located near the beach pavilion.

- **Goldfinch Banding Demonstrations, 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 3.**

The Indiana Audubon Society-sponsored demonstration meets at the Nature Center.

- **From the Dunes With Love, 3 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3.**

Meet at the nature center to make postcards.

- **Feed the Birds, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4.**

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

- **Turtle Time, 3 to 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4.**

Meet outside the nature center to learn more about turtles.

- **Owl Prowl, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4.**

Meet a naturalist at the Nature Center for an easy walk to find owls.

- **Beach Yoga, 9 to 10 a.m. Sunday and Tuesday, Aug. 5 and 7.**

The class for all levels is taught by Duneland YMCA instructors. The cost per class is \$10, which is paid to the instructor. A \$40 five-class pass is available. Classes cancel in case of inclement weather. Take a yoga mat or towel.



*Indiana Dunes State Park is at 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Call (219) 926-1390 for more information.*

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### The Singing Co. Adds Adult Chorus

Building on the inaugural season of The Singing Co. of LaPorte County Children's Chorus, the group will add an adult chorus to its programming.



Nelson

With music direction of Matthew Nelson and accompaniment by Susan Rosselli, the chorus will rehearse and perform diverse genres of choral music. It is open to any LaPorte County resident in high school or older.

The Singing Co. of LaPorte County, a newly organized non-profit, offers opportunities for children in second through eighth grade, and now adults, to rehearse and perform in a choral setting. During its inaugural season, the children's chorus was invited last December to perform at the Healthcare Foundation Holiday at the POPS concert, and performed at opening night of this year's Arts in the Park.

The adult chorus will start meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 102 G St., LaPorte. Visit [www.singingco.com](http://www.singingco.com) to register. Email [thesingingco@gmail.com](mailto:thesingingco@gmail.com), call (219) 363-7050 or like [facebook.com/singingcooflaportecounty](https://www.facebook.com/singingcooflaportecounty) for more details.

### Vanden Bussche Joins SAM Faculty

Veteran piano teacher/performer Denise Vanden Bussche has joined the faculty of The School of American Music in Three Oaks, Mich.



Vanden Bussche

She will teach beginning, intermediate and advanced lessons for children and adults at the school's studios in Three Oaks Township Public Library, 3 N. Elm St.

Vanden Bussche has taught piano and flute for more than 20 years, and began studying piano at 3. She attended Wayne State University, where she majored in music education and studied with Detroit Symphony Orchestra members.

As a performer, Vanden Bussche plays keyboard and is a backup vocalist for a '70s/'80s rock cover band, Sweet T's. She is a member of the Port Huron Music Teachers Association, Port Huron Musicale and the Michigan and National Music Teachers Association. She was named Port Huron Music Teacher of the Year in 2017. She lives in New Buffalo.

Those interested in studying piano should contact Donna Mitchell at SAM at [schoolofamericanmusic@gmail.com](mailto:schoolofamericanmusic@gmail.com) or (269) 409-1191.

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### MTT Guest Appearance With Band



Metamorphis Traveling Theatre (formerly Acting Theatre of Michigan City) makes its 39th guest appearance with Michigan City Municipal Band at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, at Washington Park's Guy Foreman Amphitheater. Appearing are Helen Williams, Rosanne Miller, Dana Chartier, Samantha Smith, Doug Moon and James Anthony.

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## Michigan City Public Library

The following programs are available at Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.:

• **Free Gentle Flow Yoga at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4.**

Certified yoga instructor Lauralee Sikorski emphasizes deep breathing and releasing stress. Take a mat and wear comfortable attire, and come on an empty stomach.

• **Taste of MC: STEAM Activity Corner from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Seventh and Franklin streets.**

Youth Services will co-host the free area for children and families. Call (219) 873-3045 and ask for Dave for more information.

• **“Paddington 2” at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7.**

The movie is Rated PG. Children 18 and younger who arrive within the first 30 minutes have a chance to win a copy of the movie.

• **Volunteer Tutors Needed**

The Learning Center needs tutors for children and adults in: reading, math, high school equivalency (GED) and English as a Second Language. All supplies and training are provided; the requirement is two hours a week. Contact Jessica Hoffmaster at (219) 873-3043 or stop by the Learning Center for more information.



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

## Auditions for “Joseph”

LaPorte Little Theatre Club, 218 A St., will host auditions for the Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice rock opera “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” starting Thursday, Aug. 2.

Men, women and children are needed, as well as volunteers interested in helping with the show.

Auditions are from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Aug. 2-3, and noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at the theater.

Nick Bello is the director and Andrew Tallackson the music director. Matt Nelson will conduct the children’s chorus, which will include youth in grades second through eighth. Tim Gartland is producing the show.

Because the production is all music, no prepared monologues are required. However, a vocal audition is part of the process. If possible, the directors would like men/boys to sing the first eight measures or so of “Close Every Door,” and for women/girls to sing the first eight measures or so of “Jacob & Sons.” Piano accompaniment will be available.

Performances are Oct. 12-14 and 19-21. Tickets become available one month prior to opening night at [www.laportelittletheatreclub.com](http://www.laportelittletheatreclub.com). Email [lp1tc@yahoo.com](mailto:lp1tc@yahoo.com) with questions.

## Babapaloosa

Five bands take center stage during the fourth Babapaloosa, which is Sunday, Aug. 5, at Sunset Hill Farm and Park, 775 N. Meridian Road, Valparaiso.

Tickets are \$15. Children 12 and younger are free with an adult. Visit [bbpnet.com/x30a](http://bbpnet.com/x30a) for reservations.

The event, sponsored by the Chesterton-Porter Rotary Club, starts at 12:30 p.m. with 444 with Dan Vogedes, followed by local country singer Jerica Paliga at 1:45 p.m. Joining the groups are Pet Envy out of Nashville with returning locals Shelbi Albert and Jake "the Diggety" Lashenik at 3 p.m. Nic Byrd brings a Latin flavor to the stage with *Los Pecados de Maria* at 4:45 p.m. Finishing up the night, and returning as the headliner for the fourth year, is the Corey Dennison Band at 6 p.m.



The Corey Dennison Band.

Parking is free, with tractor-trailer transport rides provided by Northwest Indiana Historic Power Association. Food and drink vendors include Valpo Velvet Ice Cream, Sweet and Savory Delights, Kona Ice, Leroy's Hot Stuff, So Good Island Grill and Dave's Concessions. No outside drinks are allowed. Vendors donate back 20 percent at the end of the day. Activities and games are provided by Chesterton Montessori, and supervised bounce houses will be on site.

The club shares profits with See Change, a foundation in Nepal that helps educate and nurture children of extreme poverty and conflict. The event also allows the club to support local needs, such as the four \$1,500 annual Chesterton High School graduating senior scholarships, Duneland Diamond, Westchester Bird Sanctuary, Frontline Foundation, Neighbor Link, Porter County Boys and Girls Club, Rebuilding Together and the YMCA.

## Bright Angel Retreat Open House

Bright Angel Retreat, 10005 Community Hall Road, Union Pier, Mich., will celebrate its debut with an open house from 1 to 5 p.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 4.

The four-bedroom house will serve artists through workshops and opportunities for creating work. Email Susan Padveen at [brightangelretreat@gmail.com](mailto:brightangelretreat@gmail.com) for details.

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### Ship & Shore Festival Canceled

New Buffalo Business Association has canceled the 34th Annual New Buffalo Ship & Shore Festival. A family-friendly Classic Car Show and live music in Lions Park are still planned for Aug. 10.

The event began as a small arts-and-crafts fair 32 years ago along Lake Michigan and created by a volunteer committee. After 10 years, it passed on to the New Buffalo Lions Club and finally the NBBA, which has run it for more than 13 years. It started small, then grew into an annual three-day event, featuring big-name bands and an immense crowd in downtown New Buffalo, with a boat parade and fireworks on the shore.

In 2017, the festival producer decided to scale back the event to a car show at the beach on Friday night and a two-day music fest over the weekend, with an expanded vendor selection located on an additional block. The NBBA, however, has struggled with a possible new setup and location for this year, along with securing funding to ensure a successful festival of that size.

“We’ve worked hard to stay ahead of these challenges and find a collaborative solution for all involved,” event producer Cathi Rogers said in a press release. “However, with just over a month left before the event, we had to make the difficult, but necessary decision to cancel.”

Future events are still scheduled for fall and early spring 2019. The organization also is working to build a new mission, structure and an event committee with its municipalities.

### KAC Docent Meeting

Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich., seeks volunteer docents, with an informational meeting set for noon EDT Wednesday, Aug. 8.

A docent is a trained museum guide who leads tours of children and adults. Guides must be comfortable speaking in front of groups, interested in working with youth and willing to dedicate time for tours, research and training.

The KAC has a variety of tours that require docents, including gallery tours, outdoor sculpture walking tours and special events.

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### Curator's Report

Susie Richter, LaPorte County Historical Society Museum curator, has released her June report.

Visitors came from 16 counties, 18 states and Canada. The "Summer of Love" display opened the first week of June and continues through August. A painting party with instructor Dori Huber was held June 9. A First United Methodist seniors group toured June 14. An after hours ribbon-cutting ceremony was held June 19 for the re-opening of the W.A. Jones Collection of Ancient Weapons. A public ceremony was June 23, with the Jones family attending. The "Summer of Love" variety show was held June 23. The Griffith United Methodist Women toured the museum June 30.



Part of the "Summer of Love" display.

Donations included:

- A framed photo of a sailboat race from St. Joseph, Mich., to Michigan City, Norma Morley.
- 1950s sporting goods sign, David Smith.
- A wooden cradle with crank, Nancy Sanders.
- Lantern restaurant lamp, teeter-totter, Hilbish Drugs tape dispenser, 1938 fair book, Luther League hymn book, dance card, Julie Hilbish.
- Two needle points by O.M. Haverstock, 1947 LaPorte High School reunion coffee mug, floral table cloth, framed Haverstock Funeral Home ad, Lewis Juday.
- 1960s performance outfit belonging to Ginna Zimmerman, Laura Krentz.
- 1960s memorabilia, Susi Larson.
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### Great Lakes Grand Prix

This summer, the Great Lakes Grand Prix will celebrate an important milestone.

The official title is the 10th Annual Award-Winning Big Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Michigan City Great Lakes Grand Prix presented by Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa.

Grand Prix week is Aug. 2-5. A ribbon cutting and VIP event showcasing race boats is Thursday evening at North Point Pavilion's Sunset Grille in Washington Park. A VIP event with race boats and teams is Friday night in Washington Park. VIP credentials are required to attend.

A catered VIP brunch is race day on the Washington Park boardwalk, followed by the racer's trophy event at Blue Chip Casino on Sunday night. Both require VIP credentials.

Many events, and entrance to the race, are free. Free admission includes:

- Friday and Saturday nights — live entertainment on the boardwalk from 8 to 11 p.m. The food and beer garden start at 11 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- The Taste of Michigan City, sponsored by Michigan City Mainstreet Association, from 5 to 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, on Franklin Street between Seventh and Fourth streets. A free shuttle loop runs from Washington Park and the Taste of Michigan City at Seventh and Franklin streets. A continuous free shuttle service runs from Washington Park and Blue Chip Casino on Saturday and Sunday.
- A vintage car show by Four A's Car Club from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in Washington Park.
- The EVP Tournament Series Beach Volleyball on Saturday.
- The Boat Parade & Block Party starts at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Uptown Arts District. The parade heads north on Franklin Street from Ninth Street to Fourth Street.
- A charity silent auction on Sunday, with all proceeds aiding Michigan City Emergency Management volunteers.
- The race itself, starting at 11 a.m. Sunday.

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**“Water Works”**

Anything and everything related to water is the focus of “Water Works,” the new Southern Shore Art Association exhibit that runs through Aug. 26.

An opening reception is during First Friday Art Walk from 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 3 at the SSAA gallery, 724 Franklin St.



A piece by April Lutton included in “Water Works.”

Subjects in the exhibit range from a lake or waterfall to the ocean or a swimming pool.

Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Visit [www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com](http://www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com) or the SSAA Facebook page for more details.

**New Teacher Luncheon**

The Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Lakefront Career Network, will present its New Teacher Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, at Pottawattomie Country Club, 1900 Springland Ave.

New teachers and administrators from Michigan City Area Schools and local parochial schools have lunch together while representatives from area businesses and organizations welcome them to the community.

Lakefront Career Network, a Chamber division, is seeking event sponsors, as well as items for resource bags to give attending teachers, such as school supplies and coupons from local businesses.

The event is open to the public. The cost is \$25. Visit [MichiganCityChamber.com](http://MichiganCityChamber.com) for the registration link and sponsorship information, or call (219) 874-6221.

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## Fernwood Botanical Garden

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

• **Shakespeare at Fernwood from 6:30 to 8 p.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 3.**

The Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival touring company will present a free performance of "The Merchant of Venice." Take lawn chairs. Food by Chef Tim Carrigan will be available for purchase.

• **Fernwood Photography Club from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, Aug. 5.**

The club is open to all ages and experience levels. Meetings start with discussion of recent images by club members, followed by a topical program. The program is free with paid Fernwood admission. Contact Bob Denny at [bobdenny.fernwood@gmail.com](mailto:bobdenny.fernwood@gmail.com) for details.



Call (269) 695-6491 or visit [www.fernwoodbotanical.org](http://www.fernwoodbotanical.org) for more information and to confirm the status of classes.

## Final Summer Pop Up Tour

Barker Mansion's final summer pop-up tour is at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Barker House, the current home of Save the Dunes, 444 Barker Road.

The group will explore the main house and out-buildings, which include a dance hall and carriage house. The Barker connection will be highlighted, including which family members lived in the home and when.

The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per senior or youth. The price includes a voucher for a free mansion tour, valued at \$8. Proceeds will be split between Barker Mansion and Save the Dunes.

Registration is required through Eventbrite or by calling the mansion at (219) 873-1520, Ext. 5.

## Museum Invites Artists to Gallery

South Bend's The History Museum will host "Drawing in the Gallery" from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 4.

The event is inspired by the museum's exhibit, "Tiffany: Luminous Masterworks." Those who like to draw can sketch images from Art Nouveau works. Area artist Berkeley Ocegüera will give a 30-minute demonstration/short lesson on one aspect of drawing. She also will provide her expertise during the 90 minutes they draw in the gallery.

Tickets are \$30, or \$25 for members. Reservations are required at [historymuseumSB.org](http://historymuseumSB.org) or by calling (574) 235-9664, Ext. 233. Attendees are responsible for supplying materials; wet mediums of any type are not permitted.

The museum is located at 808 W. Washington St.

### Hesston Steam Museum

Hesston Steam Museum has prepared a special family value pack to mark "American Family Day."

On Sunday, Aug. 5, only, any family — up to five members — can buy a special three-ride ticket for \$25, and all family members ride on that ticket.

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

Also on display is the newly restored and fully operational 1893 popcorn wagon. Designed by Charles Cretors, it is the oldest steam-operated popcorn wagon known to exist.

Hand-scooped ice cream treats and sodas made from traditional recipes are for sale in the restored vintage soda fountain and ice cream parlor, Doc's Soda Fountain. Breakfast also is served at Doc's from 9 to 11 a.m.

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

Visit [www.hesston.org](http://www.hesston.org) or call (219) 778-2783 (weekends) for more information.

### LaPorte County Public Library

The following program is at the main branch of LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave.:

• **Back to School Sewing Repair Workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4.**

Learn basic hand-sewing and machine-sewing techniques for clothing repair and alterations, such as zippers, buttons, holes and hems. Take clothes that need repair to practice on, with guidance from experienced volunteers.

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## La Porte County Parks



All registrations/questions go through the Red Mill County Park Administrative Office, 0185 S. Holmesville Road, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 or visit [www.laportecountyparks.org](http://www.laportecountyparks.org) for more details.

### Reptile and Amphibian Open House

Get up close and personal with turtles, salamanders and a snake during the free event from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at Red Mill County Park.

Guests can make a take-home craft. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is required.

### Joyful Movement, “Shake, Rattle and Move”

The 45-minute, low-impact mindfulness program starts at 7:45 a.m. and meets at Luhr County Park Nature Center, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La-Porte. Dates are:

- Aug. 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29.

The free program is self-paced and ideal for all ages. Participants can sit or stand. The emphasis is stretching, meditation, heart pumping and balance.

Call one week in advance of each date.

### Nature’s Tiny Tots

Designed for parents and grandparents, explore nature with toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy music, dancing, storytelling and, weather permitting, hiking.

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. Aug. 6 and 20 at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

### Parent & Child Discovery Days

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

The schedule is:

- Aug. 8 — Hello Down There.

### Under the Shady Tree — Story Time

Preschool and elementary age students, their siblings and parents are invited to the free program at Luhr County Park.

No pre-registration is required. Take a blanket, prepare for an activity and self-guided playtime. The program meets at Morgan Shelter if it rains.

Starting at 9:30 a.m., the schedule is:

- Aug. 8 — Earl the Squirrel.

### Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series

The 17th season of the Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series continues Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Christ Church (the former First Congregationalist Church), 531 Washington St.

All performances are free and at 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays.

Performing Aug. 8 is Kent Jager, who is the director of music at Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Parish in Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood. He completed his graduate studies in church music at Northwestern University, and has an undergraduate degree in organ from Central College in Pella, Iowa.



Jager

At Queen of Angels, he is principal organist for all liturgies and oversees a graded choral program that includes two children's choirs and an adult choir.

During the Michigan City program, Jager will continue his investigation of the six trio sonatas for organ by J.S. Bach.

Also of note, the 1891 Roosevelt Opus 506 tracker organ is in need of a new home. Call Ann Dobie at (219) 608-5358 for details.

### Westchester Public Library

*The following programs are available:*

• **Teen Magnetic Morning from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, Aug. 2, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Teens can create themed magnets from supplied materials.

• **Teen Library Council from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Teens in grades 6-12 can recommend library programs, books and other programs for Teen Services. Community service hours are available.

• **Bandstand Concert & Movie Series on Friday, Aug. 3, at Porter's Hawthorne Millennium Park.**

Mariachi Juvenil Santa María, East Chicago, performs at 7 p.m., followed by "Coco" at 8 p.m.

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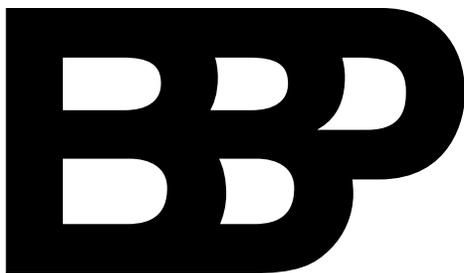
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- Palko Services, 4991 W. U.S. 20, Michigan City, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3.
- St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road, Michigan City, noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Donors must be in good general health and feeling well, at least 17 (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Call (800) 733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for more details.

## HannaFest 2018

Organizers of the annual HannaFest seek vendors to sell arts, crafts and food in the town park Saturday, Aug. 11.

Approximately 12x12, booths cost \$15, while electricity booths and food vendors cost \$25.

The 29th annual event, sponsored by the Hanna Lions Club, includes a car show, parade, music, family activities, food (barbecue chicken is a highlight), street dances and a town-wide garage sale.

Hanna is located on U.S. 30 between Valparaiso and Plymouth in southern LaPorte County. Contact Heather Stevens at (219) 851-8401 or [heatherjstevens2012@gmail.com](mailto:heatherjstevens2012@gmail.com) for details or reservations.

## Worthy Women Fundraiser

Tom and Sheryl Edwards will host "Willow Run Rocks," a fundraiser for Worthy Women Recovery Home, from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at their home, 1656 N. County Road 500 West, LaPorte.

All proceeds benefit WWRH. Dave Zane's The Bigger Picture band will perform. The event also includes food, beer, soda and water. The dress is casual, and those attending can take lawn chairs or blankets.

The cost is \$50. Reservations are required. Email Sheryl at [sedwards7@msn.com](mailto:sedwards7@msn.com) for details or reservations.

## Free Music Festival

St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Cool-spring Ave., will host a free music festival, "Brats, Brews & Blues," from 1 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4.

The event includes performances by The Spaniels, Uncle Vito & The Legbreakers, Cripple Creek and others.

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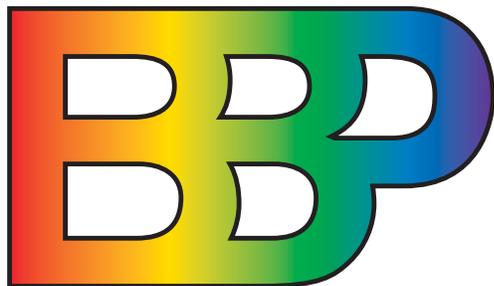


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## Activities to Explore

### In the Area:

**Aug. 1-2** — Arts in the Park, LaPorte's Fox Park.  
Aug. 1: LaPorte City Band/Aug. 2: Black Masala (bunk rock from Washington). Pre-show music/6:15 p.m., concerts/7 p.m. Info: [www.artsintheparklaporte.com](http://www.artsintheparklaporte.com)

**Aug. 2-4** — "A Texas Romance," Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Times: 2 p.m. Thur., 7:30 p.m. Fri., 6:30 p.m. Sat. Tickets: \$16-\$17. Info: (219) 874-4269, [info@canterburytheatre.org](mailto:info@canterburytheatre.org)

**Aug. 3** — Goldfinch Banding Demonstrations, 10-11 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**Aug. 3** — First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m., Uptown Arts District (downtown Michigan City).

**Aug. 3** — Opening reception, "Water Works," 5-8 p.m., Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. Info: [www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com](http://www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com)

**Aug. 3** — "Natural Appreciation: Flora and Woods," 5-8 p.m., The Rising Phoenix Gallery, 2803 Franklin St.

**Aug. 3-4** — Taste of Michigan City, Uptown Arts District (downtown Michigan City).

**Aug. 3-5** — "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. Times: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat./2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$18/general admission, \$15/seniors & students. Reservations: (219) 879-7509, [dunesartsfoundation.org](http://dunesartsfoundation.org)

**Aug. 3-8** — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "American Animals." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 7 p.m. Wed. *Also Showing:* "On Chesil Beach." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: [vickerstheatre.com](http://vickerstheatre.com)

**Aug. 3-5, 10-12 and 17-19** — "The Wizard of Oz," Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: Fri.-Sat./7:30 p.m., Sunday/2 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$10/children 12 & younger. Reservations: (219) 874-4035, [www.footlightplayers.org](http://www.footlightplayers.org)

**Aug. 4** — Four A's Car Club vintage car show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Washington Park.

**Aug. 4** — Taste of MC: STEAM Activity Corner, noon-4 p.m., Seventh and Franklin streets. Info: (219) 873-3045.

**Aug. 4** — Back to School Sewing Repair Workshop, 1-3 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**Aug. 4** — Free music festival, "Brats, Brews & Blues," 1-7 p.m., St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave.

**Aug. 4** — Artist reception, color pencil artist Rob Prellwitz/photographer Jennifer Palm, 4-7 p.m. EDT, Elsie Earl Studios Art Gallery, 200 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo, Mich. Info: [www.elsieearlstudios.com](http://www.elsieearlstudios.com)

**Aug. 4** — Great Lakes Grand Prix Boat Parade

& Block Party, 6 p.m., Uptown Arts District (downtown Michigan City).

**Aug. 4** — Michigan City Chamber Music Festival, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. Free.

**Aug. 4** — Pop Up Tour, 7-9 p.m., Barker House, 444 Barker Road. Cost: \$10/adult, \$5/senior or youth. Registration: Eventbrite, (219) 873-1520, Ext. 5.

**Aug. 5** — 10th Annual Great Lakes Grand Prix, 11 a.m., Washington Park beach. Free.

**Aug. 5** — “American Family Day,” Hesston Steam Museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North. Special three-ride family ticket: \$25. Hours: 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Info: [www.hesston.org](http://www.hesston.org)

**Aug. 5** — Reptile and Amphibian Open House, 2-4 p.m., Red Mill County Park, 0185 S. Holmesville Road, LaPorte. Free. Info: (219) 325-8315.

**Aug. 5** — Lyric Opera in the Gardens, 3-6 p.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12.

**Aug. 6** — Michigan City Chamber Music Festival, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. Free.

**Aug. 6-7** — Drum & Bugle Corps – Quarter Finals, Ames Field. Prelims: 4 p.m. Aug. 6. Tickets: MC Interiors 1102 Franklin St., [www.dci.org](http://www.dci.org). Finals: 6 p.m. Aug. 7. Tickets: (317) 275-1212, website.

**Aug. 7** — “Paddington 2,” 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Aug. 8** — Michigan City Chamber Music Festival, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. Free.

**Through Oct. 13** — “Warhol: Icon & Influence,” Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: [www.lubeznikcenter.org](http://www.lubeznikcenter.org)

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**Aug. 3** — Shakespeare at Fernwood, 6:30-8 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Free. Info: (269) 695-6491.

**Aug. 3** — West Beach Symphony Concert, 7:30-9 p.m., West Beach southwest parking lot. Free. Info: (219) 395-1882.

**Aug. 4** — Unwrapped at the Box Concert Series, Past Time, 7-9 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688, [info@boxfactory-forthearts.org](mailto:info@boxfactory-forthearts.org), [www.boxfactoryforthearts.org](http://www.boxfactoryforthearts.org)

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## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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

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

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

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

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

**On August 3, 1492**, three ships, the Nina, Pinta, and the Santa Maria, under the command of Christopher Columbus, set sail from Palos, Spain on a voyage that would end with the discovery of the New World.

**On August 3, 1923**, Vice President Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as president, succeeding Warren Harding who died the previous day.

**On August 3, 1949**, the National Basketball Association was formed.

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

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

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

**On August 4, 1830**, surveyor James Thompson laid out plans for the new city of Chicago.

**On August 4, 1892**, Lizzie Borden was arrested in Fall River, Mass., for the hatchet murders of her parents. She was later acquitted.

**On August 4, 1987**, the "Fairness Doctrine," requiring radio and television stations to present balanced coverage on controversial issues, was rescinded by

the Federal Communications Commission.

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

**On August 5, 1957**, “American Bandstand,” hosted by Dick Clark, made its network debut on ABC.

**On August 5, 2000**, actor Sir Alec Guinness died in Midhurst, England; he was 86.

**On August 6, 1926**, New York’s Gertrude Ederle became the first American woman to swim the English Channel. She accomplished the feat in 14-1/2 hours.

**On August 6, 1985**, major league baseball players began a two-day strike.

**On August 6, 1998**, legendary sportscaster and announcer and Hall of Fame member Jack Brickhouse died in Chicago. He was 82.

**On August 7, 1782**, George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize exceptional merit in the actions of enlisted men and non-commissioned officers.

**On August 7, 1794**, the western Pennsylvania “Whiskey Rebellion,” a protest against the tax on whiskey, resulted in President George Washington calling out the army.

**On August 7, 1959**, the Explorer-6 satellite transmitted man’s first view of Earth from space.

**On August 7, 1974**, French stuntman Philippe Petit waked a tightrope strung between the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City.

**On August 7, 1993**, Queen Elizabeth opened the doors to Buckingham Palace, allowing the public, for a fee, to tour her home. The money raised was to help repair fire damage at Windsor Castle.

**On August 8, 1786**, the silver dollar and the decimal system of money was adopted by congress. The act reads: “...that the money unit of the United States of America be one dollar...that the several pieces increase in decimal ratio...that the smallest coin be a copper, of which 100 shall pay for one dollar.”

**On August 8, 1876**, Thomas Edison received a patent for his mimeograph.

**On August 8, 1923**, Benny Goodman, at 14, received his first professional job as a musician. He was hired as a clarinet player with a band on a Chicago excursion boat.

**On August 8, 1945**, President Harry Truman signed the United Nations charter.

**On August 8, 1963**, near London, bandits robbed a train of seven million dollars; the biggest train robbery in history.

**On August 8, 1974**, President Richard Nixon announced that, effective the next day, he was resigning as president of the United States.

**On August 8, 1992**, the U.S. basketball “Dream Team” clinched the gold at the Barcelona Summer Olympics, defeating Croatia 117-85.

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## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

**The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After** by Clemantine Wamariya and Elizabeth Weil (hardcover, \$26 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

*"The war had no logic, no direction, no discernible objective, no face. It was everything, everywhere, all at once, and it stood for nothing at all."*

This may be one of the best non-fiction books of 2018. Here's why...

Clemantine Wamariya's story begins when she is 6. It is 1994, and she lives in Rwanda. Time and place sound familiar? Her father owns his own business. Clemantine and her sister, Claire, and brother, Pudi, have a nice house, nice clothes. They go to school.

One day, the lives of Clemantine's family and their neighbors are shattered beyond repair, and nothing will be the same again. We know about the genocide, we saw the images on TV. We felt bad for the people of Rwanda, but we could never understand how the war affected them on an individual basis. Now we can, now we have one story — Clemantine's story. It's one that will haunt you, as it does me.

Clemantine chose to start her story not at the beginning of her journey, but closer to the present...

It is 2006, and Clemantine and her sister, Claire, are in Chicago in a limo on their way to "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Clemantine and 49 other high-school students have won an essay contest based on Elie Wiesel's award-winning *Night*, about the Holocaust. They and Elie Wiesel are guests on the show.

A special surprise for Clemantine and Claire that day is the arrival of the family they haven't seen in 12 years, the family they thought was dead. Oprah found them and flew them in for the show. How do you react? What do you say to each other?

Of course, they hug, they cry...*"But they didn't know me and I didn't know them, and the gap between us was a billion miles wide."*

So how did Clemantine and Claire wind up with Oprah in the U.S.? Clemantine goes back to how their long journey, separated from their family, began in those dark days of 1994 in Rwanda when she was still a child...

*"Our curtains, which my mother had always thrown open at five each morning, suddenly remained closed...My father stopped working after dark."*

Shooting began in the distance. Soon, soldiers, some mere boys, came through the town, homes

were bombed, people began disappearing...soon her mother ordered her two daughters to leave. Claire was a teen and put in charge of her 6-year-old sister. They were sent to their grandmother's house, south toward the Burundi border.

It wasn't long before that place became dangerous, too, and the walk south began again. Clemantine speaks of seeing dead bodies floating in the river. She thought they were sleeping; remember, she was only 6. The rule became hide by day, walk by night.

There's a map at the beginning of the book that shows Clemantine's and Claire's journey, and their stops along the way. Over a period of six years, the pair traveled through seven African countries, all the way south to South Africa and back again north to Zambia. They were always hungry, always fearful, finding both the best and worst in humanity.

*"I felt the pain of being nobody's child... when you don't have a mother and you don't have a father. People assume you're adrift, in play. They assume that you are vulnerable. They assume your needs are lesser, that your will is broken, that your body can be bent to theirs."*

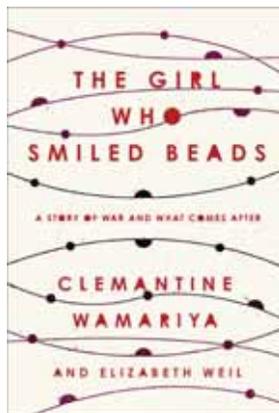
Finally, at one aid station, after all those long years of wandering, Claire learned there was a way for them to enter America as refugees. Because Clemantine was now 12, she was eventually taken in by a family in Kenilworth, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. She was given her own room, sent to school and treated like a daughter. Yes, she had everything, but still felt conflicted. In Kenilworth, she now had the childhood she missed out on in Rwanda. At the same time, the experiences and memories of the past six years made her feel like an old woman.

No doubt Clemantine and Claire were two of the lucky ones. Yes, they survived the horrors of a senseless war, but what comes next? Can you really expect someone to go on with no repercussions?

The simplicity and honesty of Clemantine's story bears out the old adage about not judging someone until you've walked a mile in their shoes; in this case, hundreds and hundreds of miles. The important thing Clemantine learned from Claire is that everyone's story, no matter how dark, matters just as much as anyone else's, because we all have a right to exist. I agree completely.

Clemantine, who went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in comparative literature from Yale University, now lives in San Francisco.

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