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“Artists and their audiences are not going to go away. We’re like roaches. You can find us in the solid prehistoric amber pits, and you’re still going to find them today. You can’t get rid of us.”

Judy Jacobi

Just as artists draw you to their work, Judy Jacobi’s enthusiasm draws you in, like a magnificent sculpture. Wrapped in a petite frame, this powerful force is energetic, cheerful, passionate, extremely knowledgeable about the arts. There is a commonality among the paths she has traveled. The brushstrokes connecting them is her love of art.

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Force of Nature
by Connie Kuzydym

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Her passion is most visible by taking a drive to Purdue University Northwest in Westville. The expansive, rolling grounds are dotted with sculptures. Art adorns the walls, hallways, nooks and crannies of the campus.

From her office in Schwarz Hall, Judy, who serves as assistant vice chancellor of University Art Collection & Special Programs, and her staff acquire sculptures and other works of art. Pieces are leased, loaned or gifted. Through their efforts, they have created an immersion into the world of art.

The sculpture program began as an exterior contemporary exhibit in October 1999. At the time, the campus, then known as Purdue University-North Central, was an advertising client of Judy's. She suggested a celebration to honor then Chancellor Dale Alspaugh's 20-year tenure. A one-year contract brought 10 sculptures to the campus.

During this time, Jim Dworkin was the incoming chancellor. Thrilled Alspaugh supported continuing the sculpture program, Dworkin extended an employment offer to Judy.

Today, her responsibilities are expansive. She develops, curates, grows and maintains a diversified fine-arts collection of distinction for PNW, which include the Westville and Hammond campuses. She cultivates exposure to the faculty and students through special programs in the arts, either singly or in collaboration with

other organizations, such as Academic Super Bowl, Chicago Latino Film Festival, Black History Month and STEAM summer camp. She is engaged with numerous entities such as the Transit Triangle and Duneland Health Council, to name a few.

To date, Judy and her staff have acquired The George Sugarman Collection, which is the largest



Former PNW Chancellor Jim Dworkin was the one who brought Judy Jacobi to work at the campus.

Making Art Accessible to All

It may be impossible to summarize everything Judy Jacobi has contributed to the community, so what follows is a small sampling.

She serves on the advisory board for PNW Sinai Forum, which brings acclaimed guests to speak about a wide range of topics. Having served for 41 years, she believes she is, actively, the longest standing board member at this point.

She also has served on the board, and chaired publicity for, Sinai Temple.

Jacobi serves as board vice president for Michigan City Chamber Music Festival, which is heading into its 18th year.

"Absolutely my first love, besides Sinai Forum," Judy said. "The best experience in small group music that's played without a conductor. The communications between and among these musicians is intense. It's not all classic Baroque. It's modern, it's contemporary, it's experimental. Absolutely brilliant series."

As a charter member of Michigan City Public Art Committee, the group creates a community identity through public art. Projects include Sculptfusion, mining city archives for photos, Westcott Park art kiosk, corporate-public art partnerships, art scholarships for children and art festivals.

The Jewish Film Festival, a collaboration with Michigan City Public Library and Sinai Temple, is a free program that draws crowds from Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan. Also with the library, Jacobi is involved in the ongoing film series that shows acclaimed films for free.

She developed SculpTour, a website for self-guided tours of sculpture in LaPorte County.

est repository of his works in the United States. They have hosted 180 sculptures between the two campuses and acquired 40 pieces in their permanent collection. Annually, they host the Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series, which is in its 21st year. The Odyssey Arts features the sculpture exhibits, while the year-round Cultural series features art exhibits, film showings and presentations.

There was a time when Judy felt she needed to defend having arts on campus. That is no longer the case.

"The arts are...as multi-disciplinary as any other field," Judy said. "When we look up at a piece of art, we look at it for its aesthetics, our reaction to it: color lines, composition, abstract or realistic, a mixture of both, materials. But then all art occupies a context, a space within history, within culture, within psychology, within physics, biology, the life sciences, litera-



Judy Jacobi in this undated photo of her as a toddler at a New York beach. ture, politics.”

To understand Judy’s passion, we must rewind the reel to her childhood.

Born in New York, an area permeated by the arts, she lived in Brooklyn for seven years, then moved to Long Island. The art museums and Greenwich Village were a mere train ride away. Through her



beloved Bohemian grandmother, along with her supportive parents, a deep love of the arts was instilled in Judy, serving as the backdrop to her life.

Every chance they had, usually on the weekends, Judy and Grandmother Nemzer would hop the train headed for museums or Greenwich Village.

“She had such energy. She was 4’9” on a good day,” Judy said. “She took me to the Museum of Modern Art, Met-

ropolitan Museum. Greenwich Village was a playground. We had artists by the hundreds in Washington Square Park on the streets.”

It was through the artists, who sold small, printed reproductions, that Judy began developing her knowledge. Leafing through them, before long, she was able to identify the piece by the artist’s name.

She vividly recalls the enjoyment of being surrounded by art. It was everywhere, from the city she

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grew up in, to the art that adorned the family home and her bedroom, to the artistry within her extended family. Even the public school Judy attended had a great art program.

In her formative school years, her father's perspective influenced her greatly.

"He explained you all have the same assignment, but if you go to it from a different angle, it will attract attention," Judy said. "It will attract the attention of your teacher and make a positive impression."

On her next art assignment, Judy bucked the norm of using white-lined writing paper, copying a photo of the master and plopping it on the paper. Instead, she chose two pleasing colored papers, placing the pictures on them.

Taking her father's advice to heart, Judy applied the "creative bend" to whatever she touched.

Her artistic flair also was nurtured by belonging to 4-H Club. Yes, 4-H. In New York. The emphasis was on creative arts, whether it was at camp in Riverhead on the north part of Long Island, or through a local program introducing foreign foods both in baking and cooking, textile design such as batik, sewing and more.

She absorbed creativity wherever she could, even in the most unlikely of places. To this day, Judy continues a daily routine, which began when she was 11, reading *The New York Times*.

"I recommend it highly for everything despite where your political views may lie," Judy said. "I recommend it as daily reading for young people. The arts section is fabulous. It's an education..."

In high school, Judy took art classes. In those days, students who excelled did not take art.

"Wherever I could pick up creativity, I did, but I wasn't an artist," Judy said "I was a good student. I worked hard... I decided to take it...I wasn't talented, but wanted to do it."

In her mid-teens, she was afforded the opportunity to study life painting and drawing with the famous activist artist Benny Andrews. He was the

first black artist to have a painting placed in the permanent collection at the Museum of Modern Art.

As mentioned, Judy is not an artist; rather, she is a student of art who enjoys the works of numerous artists.

She is drawn to the early northern Renaissance art movement, specifically Flemish and Netherlandish paintings and etchings of Europe because of their "delicious, excruciating detail."

"Truly, the greats have a gift, a vision. The problems they have to solve are difficult and at times, very frustrating. Most of us have neither the gift of such creativity, and I sure don't have the patience! I'm an information 'junkie.' That's the angle from

which I come to art. I challenge people all the time who claim they are not an 'art person.' That just doesn't fly. Once you study art history with the work — in a book or in person — you'll love the experience whether you like the art, itself, or not!"

Growing up, Judy was fortunate to have supportive parents who insisted she attend college. They were a liberal family. She had the opportunity, for instance, to work for Eugene McCarthy's 1967-1968 Democratic campaign for president.

When she chose a liberal arts degree, they were fine with the choice. Entering Chatham College for undergraduate studies, she was excited to be with like-minded professors.

"I started in art history because that's what I loved, and then when it was clear that I wasn't from a family that could endow me to do anything other than repair medieval tapestries with unicorns on them, in a dark dank basement like a child who never goes to school in a developing country," Judy said, "I figured

that's not really where I need to be. I decided to go in another direction."

Instead she minored in art history and majored in anthropology/sociology, learning about communities, culture and within that art.

"Every culture, no matter how poor or how rich, has art or expressions and they're tied up with their lives," Judy said.

Upon graduating after a brief stint at the Social



"Portrait of a Collagist" (1989), an oil on canvas depicting Benny Andrews, with whom Jacobi studied life painting and drawing.

Security Administration, she switched to the women's health field, specifically family planning. Opportunity then came knocking, which set the trajectory to where she is today.

Recruited by a Chatham alumnus, she entered graduate school at the University of Pittsburg in public health. The master degree conferred to her was a portion of the education and growth she experienced those two years. She learned valuable skills, such as project management, budgeting, project organization, learning to write well and speak on her feet, which she has utilized throughout her life.

It wasn't until Judy was accepted into the program that she decided to view the course content.

"I went to the public health school library, I thought I was going to faint," Judy said. "It was biology, bio statistics, health-care policies, epidemi-



The biggest sculpture to appear at PNW: a 72-foot-high piece called "Star Pointer." Jacobi says the work now is in Texas.

ology, demography, computer modeling...What does that have to do with art?"

What she learned was, the program's course content may have had nothing to do with the arts, but those within did. Her classmates hailed from Africa, Malaysia, Australia, Haiti and America. They shared their cultural and artistic interests through weekly Friday night foreign food potlucks, and slide shows of where people had traveled and lived

The best part of the experience was, Judy met her future husband. It has been 42 years since Judy and Mark Jacobi — a beloved pediatrician — came to Michigan City. Mark grew up in LaPorte. Moving here, for Judy, was moving to a different part of the country.

Since their arrival, Judy has embraced the community and become an integral part of Michigan City and the surrounding area.

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“I love my community. I love the fact that it’s small, that you can make a difference, that you know people, they know you, that you can afford to live here reasonably,” Judy said, “that we have one of the most beautiful artistic expressions in the world, a lake that half of the world would give its right arm for. A place where artists have come.”

That love for the area can be seen in what Judy has accomplished professionally, as well as in the many volunteer hours and pro bono work graciously given to numerous organizations.

Judy continued in the health-care field when she arrived in Michigan City, but switched from women and teens to creating an information and referrals program for older adults.

It was while she was working for Swanson Mental Health Center that Judy sought out Sharee Morse to do graphic design for an annual report. Together, they created a national, first-place, award-winning piece for moderate sized mental health centers. They subsequently won two additional awards.

Around this time Judy and Morse met Tovi Kiss, a computer graphic designer, which in the early 1990s was an up-and-coming field. Career-wise, the three women were in transition. They began meeting weekly and planning, telling themselves they could do “it,” which was co-founding and opening Morse Jacobi & Kiss, a print communication agency and the first full-service advertising agency in La-



Judy and Mark Jacobi.

Porte County.

“We did well because we were at the leading edge of computer graphics,” Judy said. “We were small and nimble...we appealed to a niche, health care: doctors, nursing homes, tons of nonprofits. We made our name known in pro bono work.”

As part of their work, they began to represent artists who needed marketing assistance. Judy had done private funding sculpture work throughout the city, placing public sculpture in different places.

“I found out there was no downside. People loved making their community look better,” Judy said. “I’ve been in social services — once a social worker, always a social worker — for 41 years. I’m telling you, everybody finds something to disagree on. But something that everyone agrees on is, I want my community to look prettier. I want it to look better. Guess what you can do it with — art.”

Ten years after the agency formed, Morse and Judy were ready to move in a different direction.

This brings us full circle to how Judy began her tenure at PNW.

“Everything I did would accrue to help me toward everything I would do at some point,” Judy said.

Without realizing it, many of us have probably been touched by something Judy helped bring to the community. Looking through the lens of life, and viewing things differently while using that “creative bend” has given her an edge in which to paint a rich and colorful life journey.





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“Men in Black” is Fun, But Needs More Laughs

by Andrew Tallackson

“Men in Black: International” boasts the fun of the original trilogy, just not the loopy laughs.

That, it seems, is what distinguishes this spiffy new reboot from its predecessors. Revisiting the earlier films, I was struck by how they never over-inflate their significance. Yes, they’re designed to make money, but not via the more-is-more approach. They are content to be light, silly, eccentric.

They also had Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. Tessa Thompson and Chris Hemsworth clearly enjoy working together. This is their third picture together, after “Thor: Ragnarok” and “Avengers: Endgame,” and they have great chemistry. But you can only do so much with a script that, after a while, is more concerned with creaky plot mechanics than allowing these two to comically feed off each other.

Give director F. Gary Gray (“The Fate of the Furious,” the Oscar-nominated “Straight Outta Compton”) credit, though, for giving it his best shot. He applies his typical high energy, having fun with all the crazy aliens and nifty gadgetry.

He also wisely cast Tessa Thompson in a role that finally places her center stage, capitalizing on her relaxed, easy charms. She plays Molly, who as a child witnessed an encounter between her parents and the mysterious men in black, then spent the rest of her life trying to track down these elusive figures.

When she finally does, she pleads with Agent O (Emma Thompson, in wry comic form), head of MIB’s U.S. branch, to make her an agent. O begrudgingly agrees, changing her name to Agent M and sending her to London, where she teams up with Agent H (Hemsworth) to chase shapeshifting aliens known as The Hive that are searching for a powerful, destructive weapon.

The aliens, played by twins Laurent and Larry Bourgeois, are a marvelous special effect: a lumi-

nescent swirl of stars and planets. They’re fun, as is a deliriously high-speed chase, within and above the crowded streets of Marrakesh, aboard a hovercraft that resembles a clunky Harley-Davidson.

Agents H and O also have to contend with a mole within MIB, but anyone who has ever seen a movie before can quickly piece together who that individual is.

That obvious conclusion is indicative of what’s wrong with “Men in Black: International.” The element of surprise is gone. Even in moments during the earlier sequels, when you could feel the story locking into autopilot, you had Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. Comic gold, those two, Smith the street-smart wise-ass, Jones his rigid, by-the-book partner. Director Barry Sonnenfeld also treated New York as its own character, where morgue attendants are frisky and a half-devoured subway train barely registers with the transit crowd.

“International,” penned by the otherwise capable Art Marcum and Matt Holloway (the first “Iron Man”), zips along nicely, but it is more pre-occupied with plot, with twisty alien names and devices, than in crafting anything funny for Thompson and Hemsworth to say to each other. Save for a clever “morning after” gag involving Hemsworth and an amo-

rous alien, most of the laughs are supplied by Kumail Nanjiani as the voice of Pawny, a pint-sized alien working with Agents H and M. Nanjiani, like his vastly underrated, Oscar-nominated “The Big Sick,” is deadpan genius.

I’m curious to know if Nanjiani improvised much of his dialogue. He is a reminder that a “Men in Black” movie is at its best when rolling up its sleeves and going straight for the funny bone.

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Chris Hemsworth and Tessa Thompson star in “Men in Black: International.”

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Kelly's program is at Blue Chip Casino's Stardust Event Center. The remaining programs are at PNW's James B. Dworkin Student Services at the Westville campus, 1401 S. U.S. 421. All programs start at 4 p.m., with doors opening at 3 p.m.

The schedule is:

**Gen. John F. Kelly, USMC
(retired)**

Sunday, Sept. 8

**"Geopolitics: Risk, Reward
and Balance"**

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Liz Murray

Sunday, Oct. 6

"From Homeless to Harvard"

Raised in the Bronx by two loving, but drug-addicted parents, Murray grew up in poverty, often without enough food, chronically absent from school and most of all, struggling to connect her education to a viable future. By 15, her mom had died and she was homeless. Determined to take charge of her life, she finished high school in just two years and earned a full scholarship to Harvard University, all while camping out in New York City parks and subway stations. An advocate for underserved youth, she is the co-founder and executive director of The Arthur Project, a mentoring program that works intensively with at-risk youth.

Alan Dershowitz

Sunday, Oct. 27

"Perspectives on Justice & Civil Liberties"

Professor Dershowitz is a Brooklyn native who has been called "the nation's most peripatetic civil liberties lawyer" and one of its "most distinguished defenders of individual rights." A prominent scholar on U.S. constitutional and criminal law, he also has been called the "winningest" criminal lawyer in modern history, arguing hundreds of appeals in courts throughout the nation.

Dershowitz joined the Harvard Law School faculty at 25 – the youngest in the school's history – and became an emeritus professor after 50 years of teaching.



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Gloria Steinem

Sunday, Dec. 1

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Steinem remains one of the most visible symbols of the women's movement. A writer, lecturer, political activist and feminist organizer, she travels in the U.S. and other countries as an organizer and lecturer, and is a frequent media spokeswoman on issues of equality. She produces and hosts "WOMAN with Gloria Steinem," a TV series that explores human rights and violence against women around the world.



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Michigan City Moves Presents “Sand, Part Three: Community”

Michigan City Moves will present its third performance of a four-part series — the weekend of the summer solstice — at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, Portage.

The group is a new performance collective that promotes and shares experimental music, dance and film in Northwest Indiana.

For the free Portage performance, the audience is invited to stand and walk from one area to another to watch performers interact with the landscape and structures there. It includes:

- Kristina Isabelle Dance artists: Sarah Gonsiorowski, Kristina Isabelle, Angela Luem and Cara Sabin (who performed in Part One and Two of the series).
- Dancers from South Shore Dance Alliance.



- Sound design by Elise Kermani.
- Body puppet by Pilgrim Heidi Kambitsch.
- Stilts, drummers, masks and interactive summer solstice activities.

“Sand: A Migrating performance in 4 Parts,” is inspired by J. Ronald Engel’s Sacred Sands: The Struggle for Community in the Indiana Dunes. The series explores the constant tension between nature and human activity in Northwest Indiana. It began with a preview at Links

Hall in Chicago in March, moved to Indiana Dunes National Park in Portage in April and to Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City in May. The series culminates with a performance at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at Tryon Farm.

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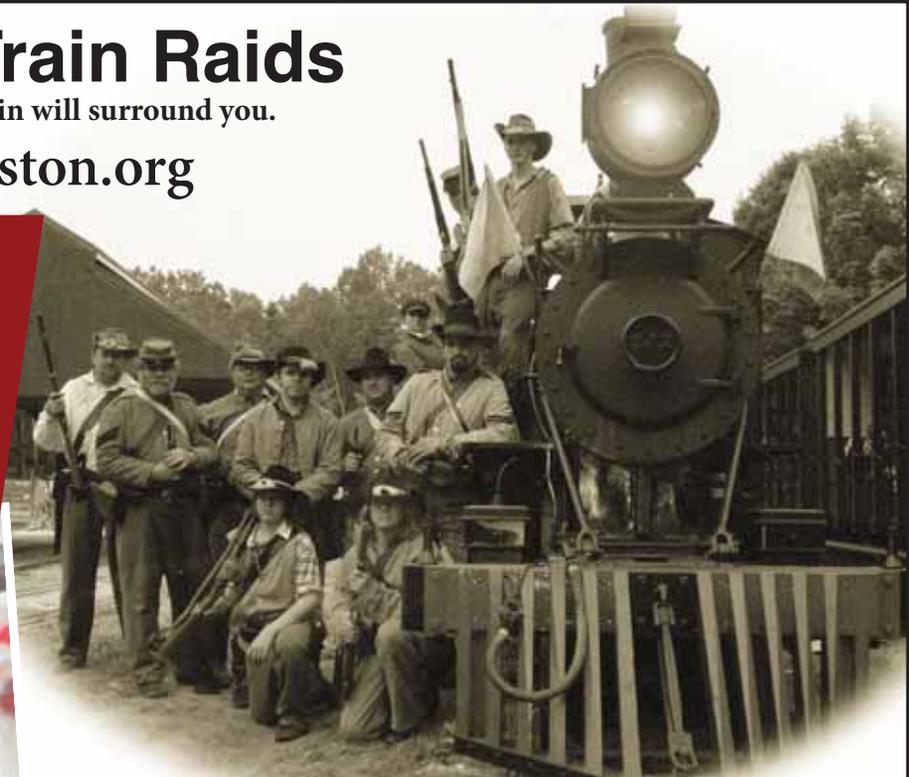
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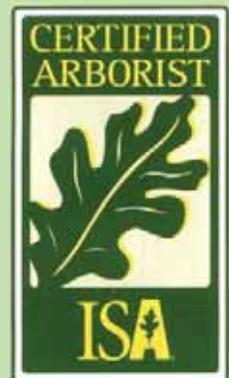
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Have you, for instance, gazed out a window on the starboard side of an eastbound rush-hour train, just past 67th Street, and seen a certain cemetery? A really, *really* old cemetery?

Our good friends at Midwest Rail Rangers would be quick to tell you that is Oakwood Cemetery, the burial place of Chicago's first black mayor, Harold Washington, and the final resting place of some 6,000 Confederate soldiers. The latter were prisoners who died at the Union's infamous Camp Douglas in Chicago during the Civil War and were buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

Interesting, eh? Well, welcome aboard to a whole new South Shore experience with Robert and Kandace Tabern and their fellow Rail Rangers, including Bob Neil, who will gladly tell you of his time with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus as the clown



Midwest Rail Rangers in action on South Shore Train 503: Bob Neil (from left), Bob and Kandace Tabern.

"Kiwi," and what it was like to ride the now defunct circus train.

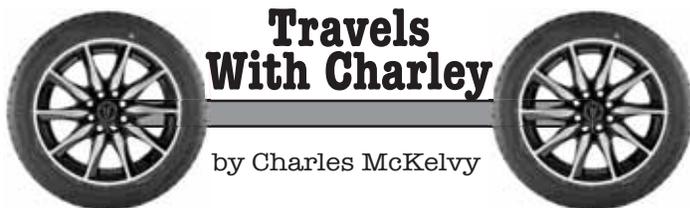
"You'd walk through those cars," Neil said during a recent run on the South Shore, "and you'd smell cooking from all around the world. It was a magical experience."

But so is riding the South Shore with Midwest Rail Rangers.

We did just that on a recent Saturday, boarding Train 503 at Carroll Avenue and riding to the South Bend airport and back. We had the aforementioned Taberns and Neil as our guides, utterly entertained and edified along the way.

And, yes, we qualify as truly jaded South Shore passengers of the "been-on-it-seen-it-all" variety.

So what a wonder to learn that New Carlisle, which is served by the South Shore with its Hudson Lake flag stop, was named for a famous 19th century circus gymnast named Richard Risley Carlisle. Known professionally as Professor Risley, Carlisle is recognized, and I quote, "for establishing the Risley act, which involves the performer lying on his or her back on a chair and juggling children with the feet."



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The act has come to refer to juggling anything with the feet while lying on one's back."

That quote, by the way, is from the Taberns' book, Outside the Rails: A Rail Route Guide from Chicago to South Bend Airport. They will happily sell you a copy for \$20 when you ride the South Shore with them, or you can order one from www.RailRangers.org.



Robert Tabern proudly displays their mascot, Killer the Sandhill Crane.

In fact, you should check that website before taking a Saturday or Sunday ride with Midwest Rail Rangers because there are some peak dates, such as Lollapalooza Chicago, when they take the weekend off.

But these rail rangers are to be found two or three weekends every month on South Shore trains between Chicago and South Bend. Robert Tabern is particular to winter tours, noting the passing urban and rural landscape is particularly pretty with a mantle of snow.

And don't hesitate at bringing your kids. The Taberns offer a free Junior Rail Rangers booklet for young people that includes a host of on-board activities, including identifying famous Hoosiers such as Abraham Lincoln, popcorn expert Orville Redenbacher, singer Michael Jackson, actor James Dean and talk-show host David Letterman.

The Taberns also cater to birders, making note during our trip that the stretch between Michigan City and South Bend intersects a major flyway for



Midwest Rail Ranger Bob Neil will keep you smiling the whole way.

Sandhill Cranes. They had us all looking for the majestic bird in passing fields, but we failed to spot any. Maybe next trip.

And, yes, we will certainly be back for more adventures with Midwest Rail Rangers because we did not get to hear about all the significant sites between Michigan City and Chicago.

It's all there in their book, but it's so, so much better to relax and listen to them interpret the passing scenery on a railroad that should, in my humble opinion, be declared a working national treasure.



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Long Beach Summer Tennis Camp

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Ages: 6-11

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Non-Resident: \$60.00

The 15 openings for Tennis Camp will be filled on first-come, first-serves basis. Tennis balls are provided for all lessons.

All registrations forms are available at the Long Beach Town Hall, Long Beach Community Center, and online at longbeachin.org beginning June 1, 2019. Any questions please call 219-873-3773 or email longbeachsummercamp@gmail.com.

Chair Affair Benefit

Neighbor by Neighbor's second Chair Affair benefit, complete with chairs, footstools, benches and stools sold by live and silent auctions, is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday, June 26, at Froehlich's new restaurant, 19 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich.

A number of chairs are works in progress, with themes such as Under the Sea, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Notre Dame, the solar system and a doll's tea party. Handmade specialty chairs will be included from Hearthwoods and the Fredman Design Group. Pink Lemon Studio also is involved. Some chairs are for adults and others for children; some are for outdoor use and others strictly indoors.



A doll's tea party is among the auction options for Chair Affair.

The event features appetizers, cake and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar is planned. Tickets are \$25, or \$20 each for two or more. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Do so by contacting Neighbor by Neighbor at (269) 231-0648, Harbert Community Church at (269) 426-4321 or Linnea Berg at (248) 990-4685.

Neighbor by Neighbor, now in its second year, links residents of Chikaming, New Buffalo and Three Oaks townships with resources and services, most of which are in the St. Joseph/Benton Harbor area. Stephanie Rutherford works full time as the resource and referral specialist, with regular hours at New Buffalo Township Library, Three Oaks Emergency Food Pantry and Harbert Community Church. She also is available by appointment.

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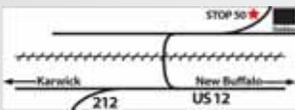
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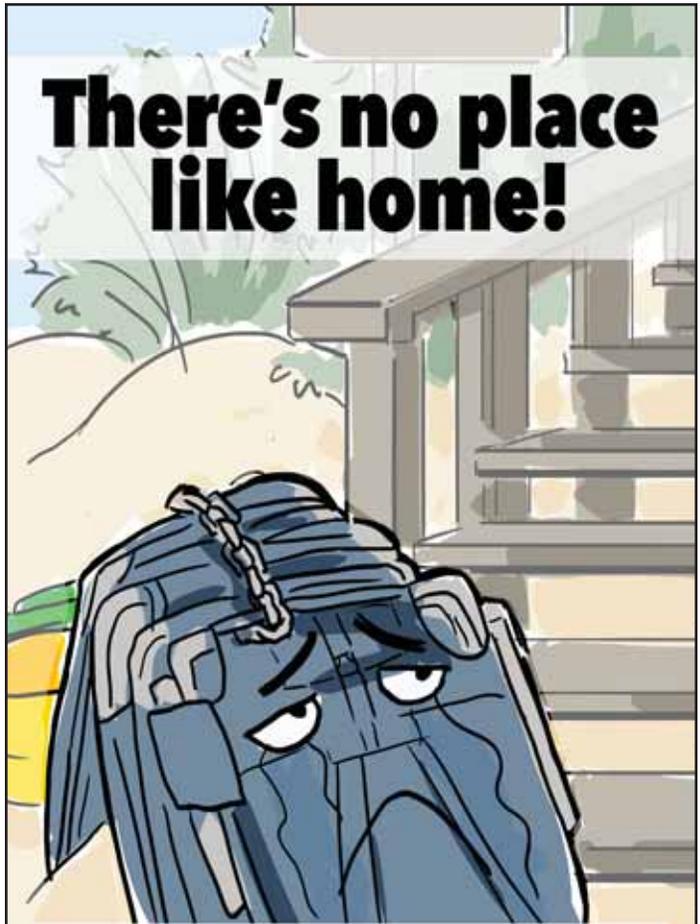
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- **The Amazing Comedy Magic of Steven Kellogg at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 20.**

The show helps kick off the Summer Reading Program.

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Susan Swarner is the reviewer.

- **Angels Among Us at 3 p.m. Friday, June 21.** Ange Benz leads the program. Call (219) 874-3754 for details.

- **SlamCamp Showcase & Celebration at 6 p.m. Friday, June 21.**

The public is invited to the performance — the culmination of a week-long camp for middle-schoolers. Refreshments will be served.

- **Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 26.**

Children birth to age 5 and adults will enjoy stories, songs and crafts. Arrive a few minutes early to receive a name tag.

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Two sessions of the Dunes State Park Explorer Camp are offered, each tailored to different age groups. The camps explore the dunes, the area's plants and animals, and our connection to the land.

Registration is required. Space is limited for each session, which costs \$30 per camper. The fee includes snacks, a T-shirt, lunch on Friday, crafts and park entrance fees.

Times are 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

The session for campers ages 6-8 is July 15-19.

The session for campers ages 9-11 is July 22-26.

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In the green room, moments before Kashmir seized the stage and blew the roof off The Acorn with its pulsating, hard-rockin' "Led Zeppelin Experience," a member of the band's entourage quietly handed everyone something small, but significant.

A throat lozenge.

It's often the little things that make for a great show. For the wild-child Chicago-based Zeppelin tribute band, a clear set of pipes is a must when recreating the high-pitched howl of Robert Plant and his mates.

The sellout crowd on a Saturday night in April savored every second of the two-hour carnival of lasers, stage fog, luminous columns of color, non-flammable pyrotechnics and, of course, the familiar strains of the Zeppelin playlist.

Stoked by the band's spirited performance, the multi-generational audience clapped, stomped and whistled its approval during a sustained standing ovation when the music finally stopped. The four band members looked almost sheepish as they glanced at each other, waves of applause washing over them.

"We are not worthy," shouted band leader Frank Livingston — a.k.a. lead guitarist Jimmy Page — as he leaned into the mic one last time. Throughout the show, Livingston, guitar in hand, worked his way through the crowd, even enlisting some patrons to assist him with a few hot licks of their own on his guitar.



The members of Kashmir, ready to hit the stage.

Before the show, Livingston said The Acorn, 107 Generation Drive, Three Oaks, Mich., is one of Kashmir's favorite venues. "It's small and intimate," he said. "Great sound." He and his crew had played here before and vowed to return. The staff, he said, always nails the details, starting with the acoustics and lighting masterfully orchestrated that night by Evan Margol, The Acorn's resident sound engineer.

Before stepping off stage, Livingston granted Margol a special shout-out for balancing the sound

Backstage at The Acorn

by Edmund Lawler



Kashmir's performance includes a stunning laser show.

in the former factory-turned theater: a 20,000-square-foot vault of concrete, timber and corrugated metal.

"The acoustics here are very vibrant," Sandra Thompson, The Acorn's executive director, said. "Some rooms just deaden the sound, but this room is just the opposite, which a lot of bands don't understand. There's no need to boost the volume."

Truth be told, the theater's roof remained firmly intact that night; no sound barriers were broken, and no one left with bleeding ears thanks to Margol's command of the building's acoustical quirks and his virtuosic



The Acorn Executive Director Sandra Thompson delivers one of her "curtain speeches."

control of the sound board.

An Acorn show, which can feature genres such as bluegrass, blues, folk, indie rock, comedy, classical or opera, typically has its start when an outside producer pitches a performer to the theater, Thompson explained. If the act is deemed the right fit by The Acorn's Talent Approval Committee, a contract is signed. Artists like singer-songwriter Crystal Bowersox (a former "American Idol" contestant), Wilco's Jeff Tweedy and the Bo-Deans have made the cut.

A show's contract includes a "stage plot" indicating where the band's instruments

and equipment will be stationed, and established microphone requirements. Theater staff offer to set up the in-house drum set, and work with the outside producer to determine what time a band will unload its equipment. The set is constructed, and Margol conducts a pre-show sound check with the band. For the Kashmir show, it was all done in a relatively brisk three hours.

It's all much simpler, of course, when a solo artist like folk-rocker Michael McDermott graces the stage as he did the following weekend to another full house. Under the business model adopted by The Acorn since becoming a nonprofit organization in 2015, the producer rents the theater and pays the performer.



Working closely with the outside producer is Doreen Stelton, The Acorn's programming and marketing coordinator.

"Doreen does a great job and has a good rapport with producers," Thompson said. "Producers feel they have strong support here."

Stelton's job, in coordination with the producer, is to fill the theater's 260 seats. She promotes a show to The

Acorn's 9,000-plus list of emails, through social media channels and on its website. Upcoming shows are plugged during Thompson's "curtain speeches" that precede every performance.

Ticket sales are coordinated by Anne Cilla, who directs the box office before each show and during the early portion of most performances. Vendini is the online ticketing and marketing agent.

In addition to night-of-show operations, The Acorn is responsible for all front-of-house activities managed by Margaret Thompson, Sandra's daughter. She briefs a five-member team of volunteers on what to expect. Volunteers must know the locations of restrooms and emergency exits. They check in patrons, man the merch table for retail sales like CDs or shirts, and escort those with reserved seats to their spots.



Backstage at The Acorn

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Volunteers helping out the night of Kashmir's concert are (from left) Drew Lodder, Steve Hadley and Sandi Weindling.

Volunteer Steve Wadley, Benton Harbor, Mich., says it's a good gig. Folks are friendly, and there's the occasional bonus: He got to escort legendary 89-year-old comedian Ed Asner to the stage.

Patrons are admitted one hour prior to showtime. Many head to the theater's full bar, The New Leaf Lounge, staffed by a pair of bartenders. The bar is considered a separate, but complementary operation of the nonprofit theater. It is owned by David Fink, who co-founded The Acorn in 2003 with the late Kim Clark.

Provisioning the green room is the responsibility of the producer, who feeds and lodges the talent. On the night of the Kashmir show, the band feasted on Patellie's pizza that they chased with bottled water. Pretty tame for heavy metal, but Frank Livingston insists on an extra-dry green room.

By 8 p.m. that night, the lights came up and the show was on as the audience ascended the "Stairway to Heaven" in concert with their raucous hosts.



Sandra Thompson is photographed with her daughter, Margaret, who is responsible for all front-of-house activities.

Sandra Thompson believes The Acorn's nonprofit business model contributes to the success of shows like Kashmir or the performance by Michael McDermott, which Frank Sintich, an Acorn board member, produced.

"Our rental rates are incredibly reasonable," she said. "We want to encourage producers to bring shows here where there's wonderful artist-patron rapport."

And the theater is doing so to ever-growing ticket sales, attendance and number of shows since the 2015 reorganization, Thompson added.

The Acorn's 501(c)(3) status has enabled the theater to expand its eclectic offerings, Stelton said, adding, "It's allowed us to land more grants and other funding so we can continue to offer all kinds of shows."

The Acorn has secured grants from organizations such as the Pokagon Fund or Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs in conjunction with the National Endowment for the Arts. A \$25,000 grant from New Buffalo Explored, a Harbor Country tourism organization, helped finance The Acorn's recently launched branding campaign that includes an attractive new logo, refreshed website and more consistent brand messaging, Stelton said.



Band members often enlist the audience to help during a performance.

The theater hosts more than 100 shows a year, including its increasingly popular, twice-monthly open-mic nights where budding performers can get a taste of performing with professional sound on a big stage, but in a small town. The house on open-mic nights is often full.

"There is a special energy here," Stelton says. "You feel it the first time you walk in the door."

Ben Marron was feelin' it at the Kashmir show. He and his fiancée, Heather Nash, traveled from White Lake in suburban Detroit to meet friends from their former hometown of Peoria, Ill., for a weekend in New Buffalo.

When he discovered online there was going to be a Led Zeppelin show in Three Oaks, he grabbed six seats for him and his friends. He said the Kashmir concert blew him away. His praise was simple, but succinct.

"Great show. Cool place."

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You get frustrated...disappointed, sometimes even angry at yourself for not being able to do the things you love to do...like shopping, leisure walking or just simply keeping up with your kids or grandkids.

Is it due to plantar fasciitis?

Plantar fasciitis (say "PLAN-ter fash-ee-EYE-tus") is the most common cause of heel pain.

The plantar fascia is the flat band of tissue (ligament) that connects your heel bone to your toes. It supports the arch of your foot.

If you strain your plantar fascia, it gets weak, swollen and irritated (inflamed). Then, your heel or the bottom of your foot hurts when you stand or walk.

Repeated strain can cause tiny tears in the ligament. These can lead to pain and swelling. This is more likely to happen if:

- Your feet roll inward too much when you walk.
- You have high arches or flat feet.
- You walk, stand or run for long periods of time, especially on hard surfaces.
- You are overweight.
- You wear shoes that don't fit well or are worn out.

Now you may be asking...can plantar fasciitis heal and pain subside without medications, injections or surgery?

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

- Length of time you've been suffering.
- Things you're doing that are making the condition worse without you knowing it.
- Degree of swelling and tightness of the plantar fascia.

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FREE Heel and Foot Pain Workshop

To help our NW Indiana neighbors deal with heel and foot pain, Orthopedic and Balance Therapy Specialists will host the FREE Heel and Foot Pain Workshop on the following dates and locations:

- **Monday, June 24, Highland office at 6 P.M.:** 2144 45th St. (in the Porte DeLeau Plaza)
- **Wednesday, June 26, LaPorte office at 5 P.M.:** 1405 E. Lincolnway, Suite B (next to All Star Auto, same building as Hair Fitness)
- **Wednesday, June 26, Crown Point office at 5 P.M.:** 11055 Broadway, Suite B (south of 109th on Broadway)
- **Thursday, June 27, Valparaiso office at 6 P.M.:** 3125 Calumet Ave., Suite 8 (next to the Valpo YMCA)

Here's what you will learn at the workshop:

- The Top 2 most common causes of heel and foot pain
- Single biggest No. 1 mistake heel and foot pain sufferers make resulting in a condition that necessitates surgery
- How you can heal naturally without medications, injections or surgery
- Do-it-yourself techniques that will make you feeling better immediately after the workshop

This event is limited to 20 attendees only due to the interactive nature of this workshop. **To hold your spot, please call:**

- **(219) 301-7961 in HIGHLAND**
- **(219) 203-3100 in CROWN POINT**
- **(219) 202-2500 in VALPO**
- **(219) 380-0809 in LaPORTE**

See you at the workshop.

Sincerely,



Dr. Arlan Alburo, PT, DPT, MTC

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PS-Call NOW to hold your spot for the FREE Heel and Foot Pain Workshop on:

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- ***Wednesday, June 26, LaPorte (219-380-0809)***
- ***Wednesday, June 26, in Crown Point (219-203-3100)***
- ***Thursday, June 27, in Valpo (219-202-2500)***

Indiana Dunes National Park

The following programs are planned:

- **Beachside with a Ranger from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 9 at West Beach.**

Learn about the park's preservation story, including challenges the region faced and the largest threats today. The parking lot is located at 376 N. County Line Road.

- **Mount Baldy Summit Hike from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 30, with a Summer Solstice sunset hike from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 21.**

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

- **Junior Wildland Firefighter Program from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 22, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

Meet the IDNL's fire crew and learn about their jobs and equipment. Children then receive a Junior Wildland Firefighter activity book and patch.

- **Pinhook Bog Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 7.**

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.

- **Midsummer Celebration at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at Chellberg Farm.**

The program includes music, dance, customs and crafts. Children can play traditional farm games and see the many animals. Traditional Swedish foods go on sale at noon. Bench seating is available, or take a blanket or folding chairs. Take a flower to place on the maypole before 1 p.m. At 1:15 p.m., a musical procession culminates in the raising of the maypole. Live performances are planned.



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- **Stargazing from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at the Kemil Beach parking area.**

Members from Chicago Astronomical Society, Michiana Astronomical Society and Calumet Astronomical Society will attend with telescopes. This month, the Hercules globular cluster is the showpiece. Jupiter and Saturn are visible, along with the Leo and Virgo galaxies, the Lyra Ring Nebula and the Milky Way in the east.

Dress for the weather. Take binoculars. The Kemil Beach parking lot is located at 27 N. East State Park Road, Chesterton.

- **Bailly/Chellberg History Hike from 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 1.**

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.

- **Feed the Farm Animals at Chellberg Farm from 4:30 to 5 p.m. Sundays.**

The farm includes cows, pigs, goats, chickens and turkeys.

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Two "Dunes Buggies" will pick up South Shore passengers and Dunewood Campground visitors, providing free shuttle service to some park beaches.

Working with Dunes Learning Center and the South Shore, the service is between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day weekend.

The specifics are:

- **West End Shuttle** — the buses will run Miller Beach routes throughout the day to encourage Chicago and South Bend visitors to use public transportation to get to the park. They will stop at the Miller South Shore station following the train schedule.

Once passengers disembark, they can catch the shuttle or walk down Lake Street for shopping, restaurants and other services. In addition to the Douglas Center, the Dune Buggies will drop off passengers at Lake Street Beach and Marquette Park Beach.

- **East End Shuttle** — One Dune Buggy will pick up visitors at the Dunewood campground registration office and shuttle to the Kemil Beach parking area. It also will make a stop at the U.S. Geological Survey parking lot to pick up overflow beach parking.

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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:

• **Wild Edibles Walk from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, June 20.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a walk exploring dune delicacies.

• **Spider Show N' Tell at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 20, and Wednesday, June 26.**

Meet at the nature center to learn about arachnids that call the Dunes home.

• **Sun Fun at 3 p.m. Friday, June 21.**

Learn solar facts, then make a craft.

• **Dunes Creek Hike from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 22.**

Meet a naturalist at the campground shelter next to campsite 113 for a program on the creek that flows through the dunes.

• **Snakes Alive! at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 22.**

Meet at the Nature Center to view snakes and learn more about them.

• **Bats at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 22.**

Dispel myths about the mammal, and try to see them heading out to catch dinners.

• **Feed the Birds at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 23.**

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

• **Turtle Time at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 23.**

Meet outside the nature center to learn more about turtles.

• **Geology Hike at 10 a.m. Monday, June 24.**

Learn the story behind the dunes' changing landscape during the moderate hike.

• **Bubble Trash at 3 p.m. Monday, June 24.**

Pick up litter, then discover how to make bubbles using items often discarded as trash.

• **To the Blowout and Back at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 25.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a trek *USA Today* voted as Indiana's greatest hike.

• **Glacial Goodies at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 25.**

Enjoy ice cream with toppings, while supplies last, and while learning about glacial drift in the Indiana Dunes landscape.

• **High Dunes Hike at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 26.**

Meet a naturalist at the nature center for a hike to the summit of the state's highest sand dune. Wear hiking shoes.

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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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LaPorte County Parks



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

Tuesday Treasures

The program aimed at 6- to 13-year-olds meets from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte.

All programs include arts and crafts. Parents are not required to participate or stay. The cost is \$8 per person per program. Pre-registration and payment are required one week before each program. The schedule is:

- June 25 — Hook Line and Sinker. Participants try to catch the “big one” while learning about fishing.
- July 16 — Insect Extravaganza. Take a “hands-on” approach to the world of bugs.
- July 23 — Animal Communication. Learn about sounds of nature.

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:

- June 26 — Play Trail Adventure.
- July 17 — Butterfly Fun.
- July 24 — Ambitious Amphibians.
- July 31 — Was That a Hummingbird?

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. July 1, 15 and 29, and Aug. 12 and 26 at Luhr County Park. Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

Book Making Class

The program, aimed at 13 and older, is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 6, at Luhr County Park.

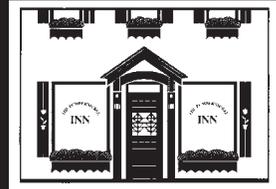
Hemlock Heather is the instructor, with all supplies provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$20 per person. Pre-registration and payment are due on or before June 27.



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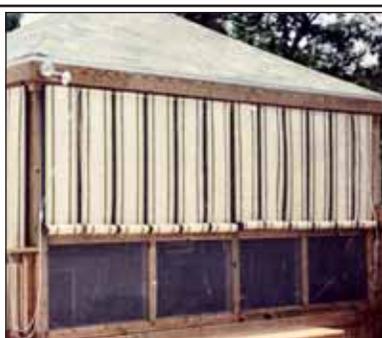
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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

- **Bookmarks at the Museum at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Susan Swarner will review Naomi Alderman's "The Power."

- **Bandstand Concert & Movie Series on Friday, June 21, at Thomas Centennial Park Gazebo, Chesterton.**

Song Sisters performs at 7 p.m., followed by "Back to the Future" at 8 p.m. If it rains, the program moves to The Baugher Center.

- **WPL Movies in June, "Isn't It Romantic," at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The film is Rated PG-13. Free popcorn is served.

- **Exhibit opening, "A Woman's Work is Never Done: Local Women 1860-1920" at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 23, at Westchester Township History Museum.**

Learn about the efforts of women inside and outside the home that helped build the community, and listen to women-themed music.

- **The Messier The Better for 9- to 30-month-olds at 10 a.m. Tuesdays through July 23 at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

Miss Ronnie will lead children in singing songs and an art experience. Dress to get messy.

- **The Science of Space and Bubbles from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, at The Baugher Center.**

Children 6 and older, and their caregivers, will explore the moon, take an in-depth look at Mars and unlock the secrets behind bubbles. A free ticket is required and is available in the Thomas Children's Department or at Hageman Library.

- **The Lakeshore Legends: Creative Writing Workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, June 25-27, at the Thomas Branch computer classroom, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Explore the region and write folktales that celebrate Duneland with local author/writing instructor Heather Augustyn. Registration is required by calling Marta at (219) 926-7696.

- **"Game of Thrones" Trivia Night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, at Westchester Township History Museum.**

Groups of 1-4 people vie for a prize. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and remain open until the event is full. Refreshments will be served.

- **"Stranger Things Party for Teens" from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, at Thomas Branch.**

The program includes "Stranger Things" trivia, making DIYs and eating at a waffle bar. Costumes are encouraged, but optional.

LCA Receives \$10,000 Grant

The National Endowment for the Arts is awarding Lubeznik Center for the Arts a \$10,000 grant to support “The Chicago Imagists: Before and After.”

The exhibit features some of Chicago’s most famous artists, those who inspired them and those they influenced. Spanning three LCA galleries, it is free to the public through Oct. 19.



Community engagement events are planned during the exhibit’s run, including an opening reception July 5, a curator-led tour July 13 and a Family Day on Sept. 21. LCA also will engage area school children with the art through its Student Learning Tour program.

The exhibit is timed to take advantage of renewed interest in the Chicago Imagists worldwide. It opens on the heels of a major show at The Art Institute of Chicago and exhibits in London and Milan.

The center is located at 101 W. Second St. Visit www.lubeznikcenter.org or call (219) 874-4900 for more details.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

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

• **Kokedama: A Centuries-Old Garden Art from 2 to 3:30 p.m. EDT Sunday, June 23.**

Meet in the Education Center to learn about the technique and history of the centuries-old Japanese art, then create a tabletop garden Kokedama. Or, hang Kokedama in a window using string or wire. Instruction on taking cuttings to start new plants, as well as care and maintenance, are provided. All materials and plants are included.

The cost is \$35, or \$28 for members.

• **Conscious Vinyasa Yoga from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday, June 26.**

Class opens in the garden with a *qigong* warmup and *pranayama*. Take Yoga props. The cost is \$10, or \$8 for members.



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NB Library Community Forum

Walking the 500-mile Camino de Santiago is the subject of the next community forum co-sponsored by Friends of New Buffalo Library and Harbor Country Hikers at 6 p.m. EDT Monday, June 24, in the library Pokagon room, 33 N. Thompson St.

Guest speaker Mary Rooney has traveled the Camino five times. In 2017, 301,036 people completed routes leading to the shrine of St. James the Apostle in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain.

Rooney will share history of the pilgrimage, characteristics of a pilgrim, surprising challenges and gifts of the Camino.

Also through the forum, Abra Berens, Granor Farm chef and author of *Ruffage*, will discuss the process of making her cookbook at 6 p.m. EDT Tuesday, June 25, in the Pokagon Room.

The book draws from her skills in cooking directly from a farm garden, and includes 30 different vegetables with recipes, preparation techniques and storing tips.

Upcoming programs include: “An Epic Two-and-a-Half-Year Road Trip to All 59 National Parks” on Tuesday, July 9; and “Building Bridges Across the Racial Divide” on Tuesday, July 23.

The series is underwritten in part by The Pokagon Fund. Call the library at (269) 469-2933, follow the Facebook link at newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org or email new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com for details.

Night Bike Ride

LaPorte Park and Recreation Department’s Night Bike Ride is at 9 p.m. Friday, June 21, at Kiwanis-Teledyne Park on Pine Lake Avenue.

The event is not a race, but a leisurely 13-mile starlit bike ride. All participants must wear a helmet and have a headlight and taillight on their bike. Riders 10 and younger must be accompanied and ride with an adult, either pulled behind or tandem, and require their own registration.

The \$20 cost includes a T-shirt and snacks. Complete the registration form at the park office, 250 Pine Lake Ave., or register at BikeSignUp.com

Polish-American Cultural Society

Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City Chapter, meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, at the former St. Mary School, 321 W. 10th St.

The facilitator is the Rev. Walter Rakoczy. Membership is free and open to anyone wanting to learn about the Polish language, culture and traditions.

Call Theresa Child at (219) 464-1369 for details, or visit “Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana” (click “Join Group”) on facebook.

Footloose 5K

This year's Footloose 5K, hosted by the Burns Harbor Park Department as an annual fundraiser, is Saturday, June 22, at Lakeland Park in Burns Harbor.



The schedule is:

- 3:30 p.m. – race day signup and packet pickup, along with a DJ and family-friendly activities.
- 5 p.m. – food and refreshments from area vendors and the Burns Harbor Fire Department.
- 5:15 p.m. – 1K Kids Fun Run (ages 3-11).
- 6 p.m. – Footloose 5K run/walk (8 and older) starts throughout Lakeland Park and around Harbor Lake.

Duneside Classic Rewind opens at 6 p.m., followed by 444 Rock Band at 8 p.m. Race medals and awards, bounce houses, a family party tent and fireworks round out the event.

Park admission is free. The cost to participate in the 5K is \$20. The Kids Fun Run is free.

Lakeland Park is located at 1200 Lakeland Park Drive in Burns Harbor. The event is held rain or shine.

Call (219) 787-8126, like www.facebook.com/footloose5K or visit sites.google.com/view/footloose-5K for more details.

Historic Train Station

The Michigan City Chamber of Commerce is seeking an interested party to move and preserve the historic train depot at 100 Washington St.

The site has attracted interest to develop condominiums. The project's lead developer has offered to donate the building to any interested party; however, that party would pay to move the facility to a new location.

The train depot, built in 1915, is a prairie-style brick structure that has housed restaurants for many years. The location and train tracks are significant because Abraham Lincoln's funeral train stopped here on May 1, 1865.

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Third Place: Jayne Krol

“C” Flight

First Place: Tina Sonderby
Second Place: Gloria McMahon
Third Place: Kathy Chlystun

Birdies

Sue Luegers Hole 1
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9-Hole League

June 6, 2019
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“B” Flight

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“C” Flight

Event: Rima Binder, Gloria McMahon
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Event: Carol Lyons, Alison Kolb
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Jean Guerin Hole 16
Tina Sonderby Hole 7

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Church Rummage Sale

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 7396 W. Johnson Road, will host its rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 21-22.

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- **Tinker Tuesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays.**

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The following programs are at the Coolspring branch, 6925 W. County Road 400 North:

- **Water Bugs from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 20.**

Learn about aquatic insects in the program presented by Purdue University's Department of Entomology.

- **Indiana State Museum: Pioneering Innovations from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 25.**

Learn how innovations made pioneer life easier, and how Indiana is paving the way of the future.



Visit www.laportelibrary.org for more details.

Sullair Disconnected Bastille Day

The 29th Annual Sullair Disconnected Bastille Day Celebration is at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at Galveston Steakhouse, 10 Commerce Square.

The event is open to all former employees, regardless if they resigned, retired or were fired. It includes appetizers, a 50/50 drawing, Super Bowl pool, door awards and a cash bar.

Galveston has reserved the outside patio area, and light entertainment is planned

A \$10 cover charge is payable at the door. Spouses and guests are welcome. For planning purposes, July 10 is the attendance deadline. Email SDCH.Reunion@gmail.com

Lakeside Garden Walk

Lakeside Garden Walk will feature eight gardens representative of Harbor Country from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT Saturday, June 22.

Participants experience a range of settings, from lakefront and urban to rustic and contemporary, all within short driving distances of each other (one to six miles).

Tickets are \$45. Visit www.thelakesideassociation.com for reservations. Call (773) 343-1680 for details. All proceeds benefit a scholarship fund for River Valley School District high-school seniors.



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Power of the Purse 2019

Women United will host Power of the Purse 2019, a benefit to raise awareness of poverty in the area, from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 27, at Pottawat-
tomie Country Club, 1900 Springland Ave.

The goal is to raise funds through new and gen-
tly used purse sales. Guest speaker Jackie Dermody
will inform guests about We Connect, which aids
employer training and development through com-
munity resources, services and support.

Food, a cash bar, local “celebrity” male models, a
live and silent auction, raffles and many new and
gently used purses are planned.

Tickets are \$50 per person. Visit secure.qgiv.com,
then search for the event, for reservations.

Catamaran Championships

Lake Michigan Catamaran Championships, pre-
sented by Catamaran Racing Association of Michi-
gan and Hobie Cat Fleet 126, is from 9 a.m. Friday,
June 21, to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 23, at Washington
Park beach.

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Local painter Mark VanderVinne will host Critique Night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Artists can take a piece at any stage, from conception to the final version, with all ability levels and styles invited.

Guests may simply listen; however, participation is encouraged. While being a safe environment, it is a critique involving advice and insight into the effectiveness of the work or artistic concept.

Call (219) 926-4711 or visit www.chestertonart.com for more details.

Summer History Camp

Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., will host its annual summer history camp Monday through Friday, July 23-26.

Youngsters 8 and older will dig into Michigan City's past through immersive learning experiences, both at the mansion and off site. Each day includes a snack and craft. The \$50 cost includes a Barker Mansion T-shirt.

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Activities to Explore

In the Area:

June 20 — The Amazing Comedy Magic of Steven Kellogg, 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 20 — Water Bugs, 3-4 p.m., Coolspring Library, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

June 20-29 — Canterbury Summer Theatre, "The Queen Bees," Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Performances: 2 p.m. Wed.-Thur., 7:30 p.m. Fri., 6:30 p.m. Sat. Tickets: \$16/Wed.-Thur., \$17/Sat.-Sun. Reservations: tiny.cc/CST2019, (219) 874-4269, info@canterburytheatre.org

June 21 — Bookmarks: Naomi Alderman's "The Power," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 21 — Sun Fun, 3 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

June 21 — SlamCamp Showcase & Celebration, 6 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 21 — Night Bike Ride, 9 p.m., Kiwanis-Teledyne Park, Pine Lake Avenue. Cost: \$20. Registration: BikeSignUp.com, park office, 250 Pine Lake Ave.

June 21-22 — Rummage sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 7396 W. Johnson Road.

June 21-27 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "POMS." Rated PG. Times: 6:15 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 7 p.m. Tue.-Thur. *Also:* "Ask Dr. Ruth." Not Rated. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sun. *Also:* "Hesburgh." Not Rated. Time: 3 p.m. Sat. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com, (269) 756-3522.

June 22 — South Shore Mini Maker Faire, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Charles R. Westcott Park, Michigan Boulevard.

June 22 — "Denny McLain Visits Three Oaks, Talks Baseball," 12:30 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generation Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$10. Info/reservations: acornlive.org

June 22 — Midsummer Celebration, 1 p.m., Chellberg Farm, Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12/20, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

June 22 — WPL Movies in June, "Isn't It Romantic," 3 p.m., The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

June 22 — Music in the Park, Blue Water Ramblers, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Dewey Cannon Park, Three Oaks, Mich. Free, donations accepted. Info: www.harborarts.com

June 22-23 — Civil War Days @ Hesston Steam Museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, LaPorte. Info: www.hesston.org, (219) 778-2783.

June 23 — Exhibit opening, "A Woman's Work is Never Done: Local Women 1860-1920," 2 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W.

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

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June 24 — New Buffalo Library Community Forum, Walking the Camino de Santiago, 6 p.m. EDT, library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

June 24 — Poetry Night, 7 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Signup: 6:30 p.m. EDT. Cost: performers/free, audience/\$5. Info: (269) 983-3688, boxfactoryforthearts.org

June 25 — Indiana State Museum: Pioneering Innovations, 10-11 a.m., Coolspring Library, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

June 25 — Glacial Goodies, 3 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

June 25 — New Buffalo Library Community Forum, chef/author Abra Berens, 6 p.m. EDT, library Pokagon room, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

June 26 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, 12:15 p.m., Christ Church (former First Congregationalist Church), 531 Washington St. Free, donations accepted. Info: (219) 608-5358.

June 26-27 — Arts in the Park, 7 p.m., Dennis Smith Amphitheater @ Fox Park, LaPorte. Schedule: Wed./LaPorte City Band, Thur./Me & the Boys. Pre-concert: Ebonie Hoops.

Thursdays through Aug. 8 — Michigan City Municipal Band, 7:30 p.m., Washington Park Guy Foreman Amphitheater.

Through Oct. 5 — Art exhibit, former LaPorte resident Roland Lee Hockett, LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2504 Indiana Ave.

Saturdays through October — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-noon, Eighth & Washington streets.

Saturdays through Oct. 26 — LaPorte Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Lincolnway parking lot next to Mucho Mas.

In the Region

June 20, 22, 23 — Readers Theater, “Life In Your Lane,” The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Times (Eastern): 7 p.m. Thur./Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$12/advance, \$15/door. Reservations: boxfactoryforthearts.org, (269) 983-3688.

June 22 — Lakeside Garden Walk, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT. Tickets: \$45. Reservations: www.thelakesideassociation.com

June 22 — Michigan City Moves performance, 6 p.m., Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, Portage. Free. Info: michigancitymoves@gmail.com, (219) 210-3619.

June 23 — Kokedama: A Centuries-Old Garden Art, 2-3:30 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Cost: \$35, \$28/members. Info: (269) 695-6491.

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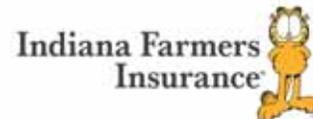
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- Masonic Lodge, 820 Jefferson Ave., LaPorte, 1-6:30 p.m. Friday, June 21.
- Conservation Club House, 1 Mill Pond Road, Union Mills, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 23.
- LaPorte Hospital, 1007 W. Lincolnway, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, June 24.
- Michigan City Fire Training Center, 2510 E. Michigan Blvd., 12:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26.

Those who donate by June 30 have a chance to win a trip to meet NKOTB at the Mixtape Tour on July 14 in Florida. Visit rcblood.org/NKOTB for details. 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 for more details.

United Way Golf Outing

The 15th annual United Way Golf Outing is Monday, Aug. 12, at Pottawattomie Country Club, 1900 Springland Ave.

Registration and lunch are at 11 a.m., followed by the shotgun tee time at noon. A prime rib dinner and awards are at 5 p.m. The rain date is Aug. 19.

A golf foursome "team game bundle" costs \$900, while an individual game bundle is \$225.

Call (219) 210-3534 for details.

Noon Time Talk Series

The Noon Time Talk Series continues with "Jazz Expressions" at 12:20 p.m. EDT Thursday, June 20, at Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart.

Director/Curator Brian Byrn will discuss the exhibit, held in conjunction with the Elkhart Jazz Festival, that features work by eight artists.

Admission is \$5. Members are free. Call (574) 293-6660 for details.



Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Borrowed Time by Tracy Clark (hardcover, \$26 retail in bookstores and online; 373 pages)

Summertime...and the reading is easy! This is a great lakeside or poolside read that takes place in that city across the lake — Chicago, of course.

“Folded notes, disappearing delivery boys, spacey messengers, there wasn’t this much intrigue in a le Carré novel.”

So says our narrator, Cass Rains, former Chicago P.D. and now private investigator. However, Cass hasn’t scratched the surface of things to come in this thoroughly entertaining murder/mystery that takes you from the posh suburbs northwest of Chicago to the gritty streets of the South Side.

Cass is finding inventive ways to serve summons to people who really don’t want to appear in court. Not the kind of investigating she had in mind but...hey! It’s a living.

Finishing up her last difficult delivery, she is approached by Jung Byson, the somewhat wacky delivery boy for Deek’s Diner, Cass’ favorite place despite the owner’s sour demeanor. Jung wants to hire Cass to look into the death of his friend, Tim Ayers. It seems Tim, son of a very wealthy family, got drunk, OD’d on drugs, jumped off his yacht and drowned in the cold waters of Lake Michigan. At least that’s the findings of Chicago police. Jung swears that’s impossible, his friend wouldn’t kill himself — it had to be murder.

Jung is one of many colorful characters. Is he a high IQ nerd hiding his intelligence? Or, is he an eccentric guy who has smoked too much wacky weed?! It’s really hard to tell, even for Cass, who usually has a good read on people. Jung is like a boomerang — you throw it away, but it keeps coming back. *“Jung was getting under my skin, and I didn’t want him there...I could feel Jung reeling me into his nonsense, and I was fighting it hard...”*

After much gnashing of teeth, Cass tells Jung she will look into Ayers’ death, but if what she finds points to a certain suicide, he must back off.

Well, it doesn’t take long for Cass to find out that after their father died, Tim’s brother, Stephen, kicked him out with nothing but the yacht their father gave Tim. Also, Stephen makes it a point to tell

anyone who will listen that Tim had depression, he was OCD and dying of cancer. No wonder he chose suicide. Now, Cass is interested.

The obvious place to start is with the detective who handled the case. Marta Peña’s findings seem, to Cass, too dismissive of obvious clues. Did the Ayerses’ money and influence have something to do with that? They even sent their lawyer to identify the body, not his own brother.

One thing leads to another, and it’s so well done, I

never would have made it as a detective. A lead to a cross-dressers bar owned by C.D. Ganz proves helpful as well as entertaining. He gives her a card for a man named Spada, who owns an insurance company. He has an ex-con named Darby working for him, which begs the question, why does he need a muscle man? Cass begins looking into Spada’s past, but he’s clean as a whistle. No way. There’s something about that man...maybe it has to do with the fact Spada was a good friend of Tim’s late father.

Then, Cass meets Stephen’s lawyer, whose arrogance is only surpassed by the thousand dollar suits he wears with the assurance all will fear his words. Ha. Cass is not amused.

Things start coming together after a few untoward events perhaps show Cass that she is in over her

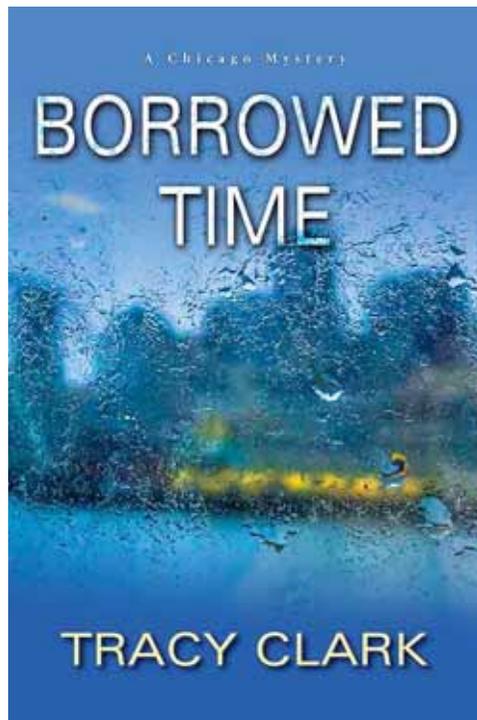
head. The police are not happy with her sticking her nose into the Ayers case, warning her to back off. Then, her car catches fire and a package is delivered to her office — wait until you find out what’s inside! I felt bile rising as I read.

There’s also a harrowing scene on Lake Michigan and...well, lots more that make this story a thrilling read, with descriptions that put you in the action seat. This story’s as hot as asphalt in mid-July.

A strong recommendation for those who like action coupled with a complex, dark and dirty mystery. Two enthusiastic thumbs up.

Clark works as an editor in Chicago. As proof she is a Windy City native, she states, unequivocally, she never puts ketchup on her hot dog, and her pizza must be deep, not flat. Her great descriptions of Chicago neighborhoods prove she spends a lot of time roaming the city. Her work has been published in mystery magazines and anthologies. This is her second novel, Broken Places being her first.

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