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Home Among the Rails

by Andrew Tallackson

One week before Ted Rita was born, his father embarked on a trek to Cass, W. Va., much to the dismay of a very pregnant wife who wanted him home.

But how could Frank Rita, a machinist and product engineer by trade, *not* make the trip? As an avid Hesston Steam Museum volunteer, he'd gotten wind of a ceremony for the new book, *The Shay Locomotive: Titan of the Timber*. Attending the event, despite his wife's protests, was imperative.

Somehow, Frank achieved the best of both worlds. He made it to the ceremony *and* back home in time for his son's birth.

To say steam-powered locomotives, and Hesston Steam Museum in particular, are part of Ted Rita's DNA is putting it mildly. This is a man who not only grew up amid the steam museum's "family," but who after graduating high school has spent virtually every weekend at the museum. Who passed on attending college because he could not fathom being away from it. A man whose



Ted Rita is photographed by *The Beacher's* Andrew Tallackson in front of the renovated H.K. Porter No. 2 at Hesston Steam Museum.

the subject are crafted with a profound respect for the history, the societal and cultural impact, of the steam-powered locomotive.

Now four years into his tenure as the steam museum's full-time general manager, Rita is exactly where he is supposed to be. He is home.

"I have pictures of myself as a little baby here," he said, relaxing at a picnic table near the track for a miniature steam train. "I would come out here and see things, and experience things, and ride the trains, and see the saw mill and steam tractors run, and it captured my imagination.

"It felt like the trains went somewhere. It felt like I was on the old narrow gauge railroads of the past. And it taught me a lot, being here as a child, because it taught me that the train ride wasn't just a ride. It was an experience. It was an educational experience. It really captured my imagination."



Ted Rita and John Edris, photographed in 1995, demonstrating a steam traction engine and threshing grain at Bailly Homestead.

In many ways, Ted's youthful fascination with the railroad "culture," if you will, mirrored that of his father's. Frank grew up in Chicago in the 1950s, riding his bike anywhere he liked within the city. His destinations were rail yards. Tugboat yards. Industry. Anywhere his love of machinery, and mechanical innovation, could flourish. As an adult and Hesston volunteer, Frank applied his skills to machinist work. In fact, he was part of the crew that first restored the Shay locomotive, its dedication in 1975.

Frank's interests at Hesston leaned toward the mechanical side. So did Ted's, but that passion dug deeper.

"Mine was more, what did this machinery do, and how did it improve the quality of life for the people of the era that it did," Ted explained. "That, to me, has been the most intriguing part of all of this, is bringing back to people how people interacted with this machinery and how it improved their lives.

"It's a great study in economics as well," he continued, "because steam power has brought people

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up out of poverty more than any other technology of humanity. It provided power for water pumps to bring water to places that never had fresh water. It provided pumping for coal mines. It provided transportation, and it provided entertainment. It was and still is the pinnacle of creating quality of life.”

Indeed, the entertainment, the fun, inherent in trains is not lost on Ted.

“It’s an adventure,” he said. “You get on a train, and you’ve gone somewhere. You might be going from New York City to Chicago, and that’s an adventure, and that puts chills up my spine, to experience that type of journey.

“It’s also an adventure, at Hesston, to board one of our steam locomotives, and go over Glacier Pass and the Michigan curve, and come back to The Depot. You’ve gone somewhere. You’ve done something.”

For so many people, from area residents to tourists who make Hesston Steam Museum a destination point, the attractions there are tradition. A rite of passage for adults who experienced it as children and now have children of their own. In addition to the 67-ton 1929 Shay logging locomotive, there is

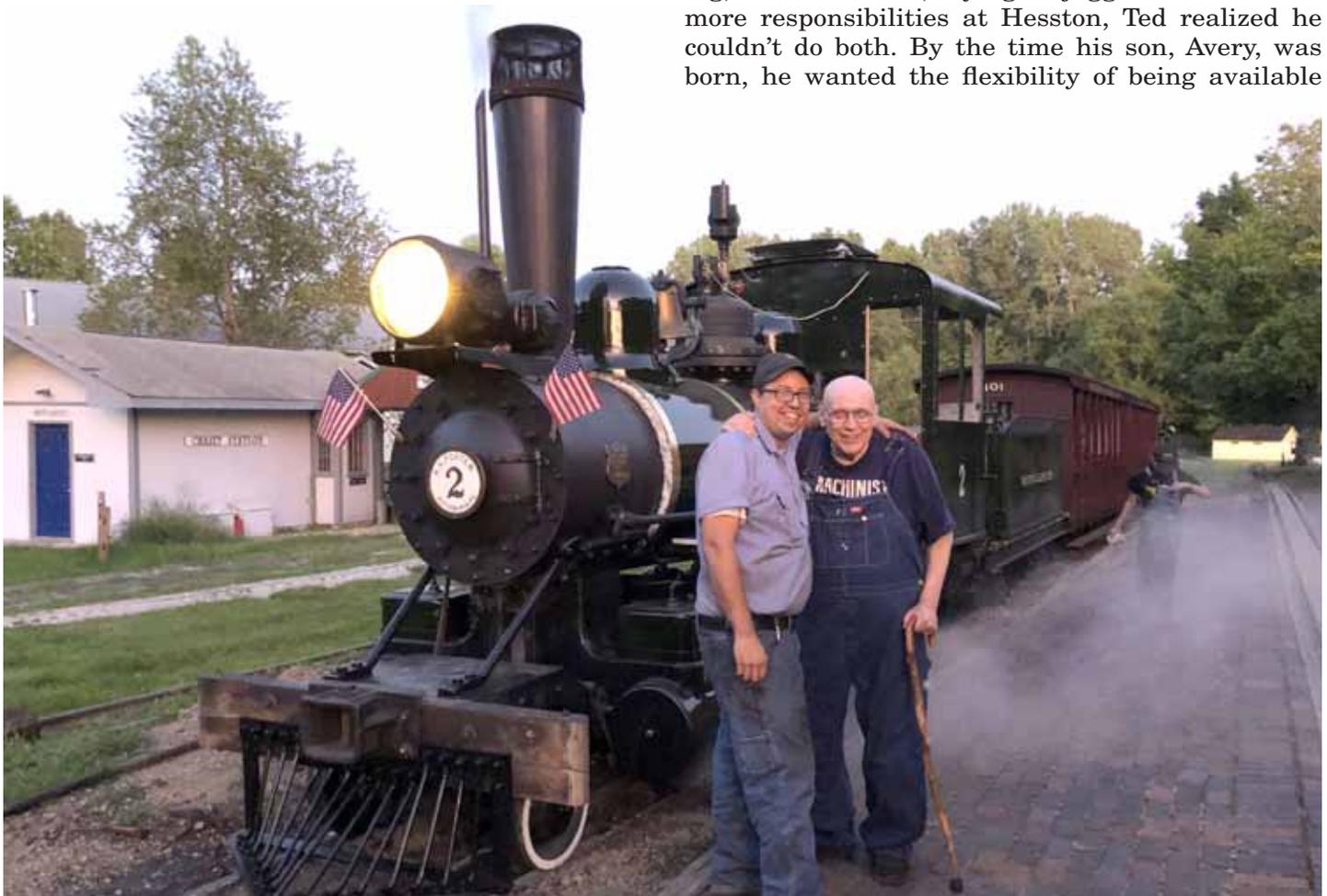
the renovated H.K. Porter No. 2, along with miniature steam trains. A replica 1900s train depot with working telegraph office. A steam-powered sawmill. The LaPorte County Courthouse’s first electric generator plant. Steam tractors. A museum and gift shop. A vintage soda fountain and restaurant.

In his youth, Ted never tired of it. Any of it. It’s the reason he decided to forgo college, instead entering the printing field, moving his way through management and later flourishing in advertising and marketing.

“I never wanted to go to college because it would take me away from here,” he said. “I could not bear to leave this place for four years. I just couldn’t do it. I was learning too much. I was having these experiences that very limited people were able to have. I just did not want to leave it.”

Along with his father, another profound influence was Long Beach’s John Edris, one of Hesston’s founders and former general manager. He took Ted under his wing, the two working together behind the scenes, in the machine shop. Edris’ knowledge was extensive, his devotion to Hesston something Ted greatly admired.

Edris passed away in September 2005. Before then, Ted had been his assistant. After his passing, and over time, trying to juggle a career with more responsibilities at Hesston, Ted realized he couldn’t do both. By the time his son, Avery, was born, he wanted the flexibility of being available



Ted is photographed with his father, Frank, at the H.K. Porter No. 2 dedication. This photo, Ted says, conveys the last time he spoke with his father before he passed away. Photo by museum volunteer Jason Powers.

when needed at the museum, but also available for his wife, Kristina, and son. He officially became the full-time general manager in 2016.

“What I do here would never be possible without the support of my wife, who also volunteers,” he said. “She has had to accept that this job is a lifestyle and that, sometimes, the priorities of the museum take over our lives.”

Ted, in fact, came to appreciate the volunteers who were the attraction’s lifeblood. Its driving force.

“We have a family out here,” he said. “A family of volunteers who work out here. We eat together. We celebrate together. We mourn together.”

Volunteers, Ted continued, include not only 20-30 core individuals physically present at the museum, but those who tackle everything from advertising to repairs. Whether they are on the museum grounds or working remotely from home, their con-



Ted discusses with Avery some of the particulars of operating the miniature steam train.

tributions, Ted says, are invaluable.

And over the past 15 to 20 years, Ted continues, the emphasis at Hesston has shifted. True, the train rides and demonstrations remain a highlight. But, more and more, the focus is interpreting the past for visitors, some of whom are being introduced to steam power for the first time. So rather than “preaching to the choir,” specifically history buffs and hobbyists, the mission is education.

“The culture has changed,” Ted said. “People don’t know what the equipment is. When they come out and we do, for instance, our threshing displays, we have to present them in a different light, so they understand what we’re doing and why it was important. We’re talking to the people and showing why that machine was important to those people. They get it.

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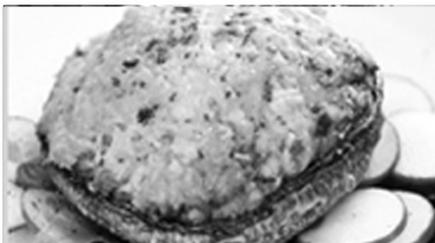
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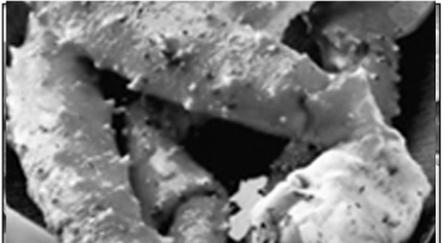
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They understand, and I believe they will have a better appreciation for what they have today.

“We bring them in and have different events that appeal to different people,” he continued. “They might come once, for the Ghost Train, they see how great it is, and even if they have fun, they learn a little bit. It’s what I call ‘peas and applesauce.’ The applesauce is the fun, and the peas are the little bit of knowledge they leave with.”

Even more rewarding? Ted’s 9-year-old son Avery is a third-generation member of the Rita family with a love for Hesston and its collection of steam-powered marvels. He’s even become adept at operating the miniature steam trains.

“I just like playing with friends here, and looking at the people having fun,” he said. “The most fun is with my dad, doing work in the machine shop. It’s just so fun there, making things work.”



Ted says being at Hesston Steam Museum as a child captured his imagination beyond anything else.

News of this catches Ted off guard. His voice subsequently becomes rife with emotion. Tears well in his eyes, and he hugs his son. Grandpa Rita, who passed away last year, would, indeed, be proud. Another family member with a passion for steam-powered locomotives.

Another example, as well, of why Hesston Steam Museum is home for Ted Rita.

“It all feels right here,” he said. “It *is* right. A lot of challenges have been met over the years, we’ve had a lot of improvements. I believe we’ve got a

North Star in sight, and we keep steaming toward that, and that’s what’s important, to keep that goal, our mission, in mind, and our guests happy.

“We want to be great partners to this community, and we want people to realize what a quality experience they can have here with their families. That’s what is important to me, to provide a quality experience for everybody.”

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“7500” Rattles the Nerves With Realistic Approach

by Andrew Tallackson



Joseph Gordon-Levitt gives the best performance of his career in “7500.”

“7500” wades into B-movie waters, but aims for ultra-realism. Like, *documentary* real. The result is one exhaustively tense thriller.

Now streaming on Amazon Prime, “7500” introduces German filmmaker Patrick Vollrath, in his feature debut, as a bold new talent. So authentic are his images, I was convinced at first that his film was based on fact. It is not. It is a work of fiction that, like Hitchcock, plays us like a grand piano from the first image to the very last. And, it features a lead performance by Christopher Nolan regular Joseph Gordon-Levitt (“Inception,” “The Dark Knight Rises”) that is his best to date.

We know from the trailer for “7500” that it’s a hijacking thriller, but the opening images tap into something more disturbing. Relying on security camera footage, we see the passengers of Flight 7500 in Berlin arrive at security checkpoints. The camera, and our eyes, sadly, go to individuals we’ve been trained since 9/11, and from the conventions of the genre, to assume are potential hijackers. And what Vollrath, as writer and director, reveals is that we are right *and* wrong.

Copiloting the flight is an American, Tobias Ellis (Gordon-Levitt), whose girlfriend, Gökce (Aylin Tezel), is one of the flight attendants. Before takeoff, Vollrath emphasizes routine pre-flight elements, casual conversation. Nothing in the words exchanged, the actions taken, that suggest anything remotely horrific is about to go down.

Once in the air, the second the seat-belt warn-

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“7500”

Running time: 93 minutes. Rated R
for violence/terror and language

ing is canceled, terrorists spring into attack mode. They make it into the cockpit, stabbing Tobias and the other pilot, but Tobias manages to subdue one of them before locking the door, shutting out the remaining terrorists.

From there, “7500” never leaves the cockpit. We see only what Tobias sees nearby and from an overhead video screen, and hearing only the muffled sounds outside the door. The constant pounding from terrorists against the door fries not only his nerves, but ours as the viewer. And when the terrorists threaten to kill passengers if Tobias does not open the door, we feel nauseatingly helpless.

Hitchcock was a master of generating suspense within confined settings — “Lifeboat” (1944) is a master class in this approach — and here, Gordon-Levitt is your all-American everyman forced to think quickly on his feet, maintaining radio conversation with officials in Paris while trying to keep his attackers at bay. The actor is feral grace under pressure, even when tragedy strikes and he has to pull it together with minutes to spare.

Amid all this, there is no soundtrack. No cheap theatrics. Just Vollrath’s camera, feverishly following the action in a cramped space, a heightened sen-



The only way the viewer sees the action outside the cockpit in "7500" is through an overhead video camera.

sation that the world is closing in on Tobias.

Is there more to "7500" than queasy tension? Well, the movie opens with a famous quote from Mahatma Gandhi: "An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind." The movie's final moments show Tobias forging an unexpected relationship with one of the hijackers. On a primal level, we want Tobias to react in a certain manner, but the film aims for a more thought-provoking, and ultimately heartbreaking close. No rah-rah finish. Our mind left to digest the humanity within the tragedy.

This is an exceptional film.

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Closed Sales	1,011	699	-30.9%
Median Sales Price	\$175,000	\$191,800	+9.9%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	96.7%	95.2%	-1.6%
Months Supply of Inventory	3.6	2.4	-33.3%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	3,166	2,122	-33.0%

Someone wiser than I has interpreted this data as the first sign that COVID-19 is beginning to hurt the housing marketplace in all Northwest Indiana, from LaPorte County to the Illinois state line and from the lake to roughly U.S. 30.

Based on my personal experience of what is happening at the Indiana/Michigan state line, I would put a different interpretation on the data. First, let me say that May sold data represents contracts created some four to five weeks prior to the closed date of May. Therefore, these closed sales were started from mid-March through mid-April. Secondly, let me tell you that Southwest Michigan from Bridgman south to the Indiana line showed a drop of 50% in closed sales for May 2020 vs. 2019. But, the number of contracts written in May were tremendous and the price increases stronger than I have seen since 2003-2005.

I see increased contracts accepted and price increases in the data above. And I can also see the inventory is getting smaller. That is more of an issue across the GNIAR MLS region than right at the state line where inventory is a bit stronger. But we need good listings.

I keep singing the same song, "Now is a great time to sell your house." Prices are up. Inventory is tight. House are selling for 95% of asking price. It is a great time to sell your house. Price it right and show it online effectively.

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\$100,000 Fitness Center on Tap for Krueger Middle School

by Kim Nowatzke



The type of fitness center in store for Krueger Middle School students this fall.

Thanks to the vision, dedication and teamwork of staff and students, Krueger Middle School will see a new, state-of-the-art \$100,000 DON'T QUIT! fitness center this fall.

Through a video grant application, Krueger is one of only three Indiana schools to receive the award from the non-profit National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils.

An unused classroom, which happens to be the school's largest, will be the new home for about 30 pieces of fitness equipment gained through the award. Plans are for installation the first week of August after a remodel with new paint and proper flooring transform the area into a fitness room. Next, Krueger's physical education teachers and some students will receive training on how to use the different machines. The fitness center then will be ready to use after a ribbon-cutting ceremony in October.

The NFGFC is a product of chairman and fitness icon Jake Steinfeld's vision for "building a nation of the fittest kids in the world." It "seeks to encourage and reward innovation in the field of youth fitness by awarding fitness centers to schools that use new and unique methods to promote student physical activity and wellness," according to a press release

from the organization, which began awarding fitness centers in 2012.

Krueger Principal Josh Malone submitted the video application last March after receiving an email promoting it. After sharing his idea to apply with Assistant Principal John Boyd and Wellness Teacher Ryan Labis, they all decided to give the contest their best shot.

"We hadn't had a fitness room at Krueger for about seven years," Malone said. "They had one previously, but the equipment was dilapidated and out of use. It was completely removed and we haven't had one since. I know our students have been asking about having a fitness room and so have our physical education teachers. It was a perfect opportunity."

Computer science teacher Jenny Jones and Krueger's students also were critical components of the application process.

"Jenny does a lot for the school and for me. She is our expert video person who also did our virtual awards show for our students at Krueger. Without Jenny, we would not have won," Malone said. "The students helped out in the three-minute video by being interviewed, playing different sport games and talking about how much a fitness room would

mean to them. We also had a group of about 60 PE kids do a big thank you to the fitness program. It was an all-hands-on-deck approach.”

NFGFC Director Kelly Olin shared why the Michigan City school was chosen: “Krueger Middle School serves a low socioeconomic community and they lack adequate fitness resources. Yet, they still do everything they can by prioritizing physical education and offering PE classes every day. The school did a great job of laying out plans for the fitness center if they were to receive it. They plan to incorporate it into all PE courses, build new curriculum centered around the fitness center, open it up to their after-school Club Discovery program, make it available to their staff and open it up to their community on specific days of the week. Lastly, they submitted a great video where we were able to hear from some of their staff and students on why they want a new fitness center.”

Olin said Indiana had an extremely high number of applications from every corner of the state. The other two winning schools were Perry Meridian Middle School in Indianapolis and Southside Middle School in Muncie.

Olin said what NFGFC does is made possible through public/private partnerships with companies, including The Coca-Cola Co., The Anthem Foundation, Nike and Wheels Up. TuffStuff Fitness International provides the fitness equipment, which is manufactured in the United States. NFGFC does not rely on taxpayer dollars or state funding.

Malone recalled his surprise and excitement when he heard the good news about the school’s award.

“Ryan Labis called me as soon as we won and he said, ‘Josh, you won’t believe it, we won!’ We both started laughing, and I had to ask him a few times if he was messing with me,” he recalled. “We were all shocked, but so excited! This will be a great ad-



Krueger Middle School Principal Josh Malone.

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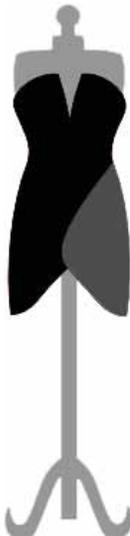
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Children will discover a hidden world of marvelous insects at the Bug Safari. Take nets and magnifying glasses to learn about the crucial roles creepy-crawlies play in our lives.

The “Eco-Adventures” series is made possible through many volunteers who wish to create an environment for children to explore natural science. Both events are free.



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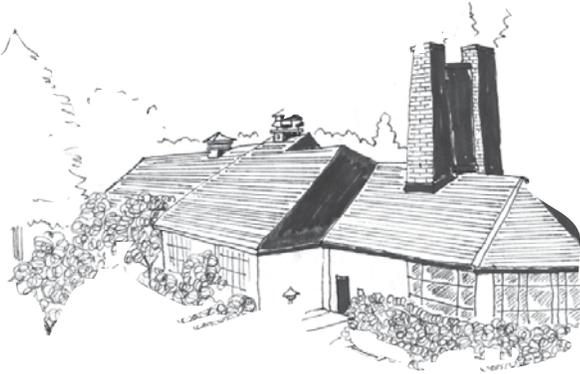
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The entry fee, which is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, proceeds will benefit the Community Center & Town of Long Beach. This is a low-key event with no prizes, but everyone who finishes will receive an award certificate featuring the drawing of the Old School above and an old t-shirt. The race will have staggered starts, with social distancing observed in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, the community center will be closed.

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With a message of “Need knows no season,” The Salvation Army of Michigan City will hold the annual “Christmas in July” to raise funds for programs and services that aid Michigan City residents.

Red kettles will be stationed at both Al’s Supermarkets in Michigan City (Franklin Street and Karwick Road) with volunteer bell ringers from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 3-4.

Among the programs and services are LaPorte County’s largest food pantry, a diaper bank, utility assistance, Pathway of Hope case management, weekend backpack feeding program, summer camp and school uniform exchange.

“A lot of families in our community have suffered due to the COVID-19 pandemic – some who were already struggling in poverty or low-income, and some who were financially comfortable but then laid off when



Adam Parkhouse supports The Salvation Army through bell ringing.

businesses started to close,” Maj. Becky Simmons said in a press release. “Over the past few months, we’ve seen a large number of families who have never utilized our services before.”

Simmons expects to see an increase in the need for services such as the food pantry and utility assistance as people slowly return to work.

Funds raised through “Christmas in July” will help support these programs and services.

The Salvation Army also needs volunteer bell ringers to help with “Christmas in July.” Shifts are available in one-hour increments. Those interested can register online at www.RegisterToRing.com, call The Salvation Army office at (219) 874-6885 or email Jessica.Obrien@usc.salvationarmy.org

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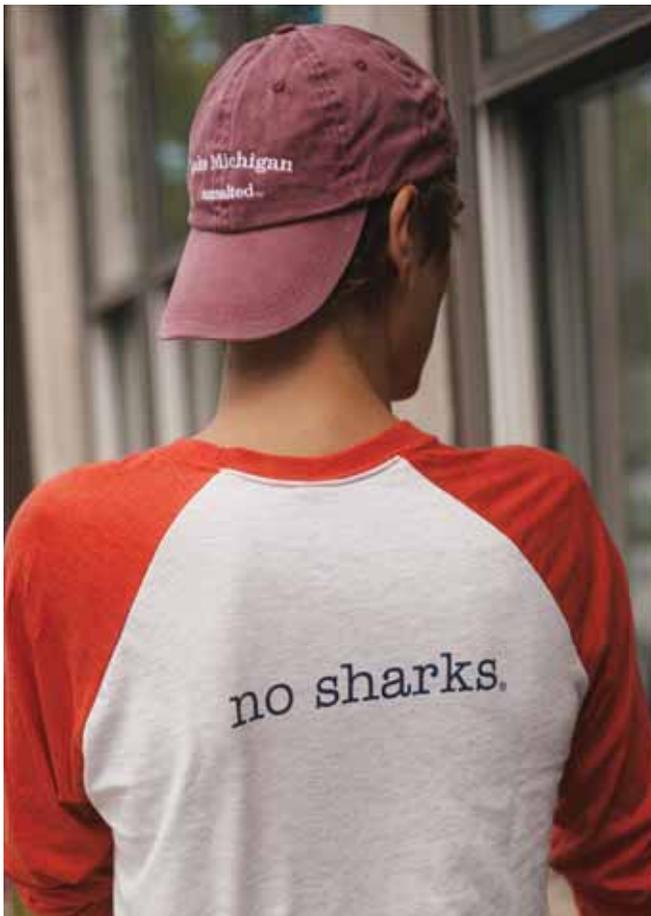
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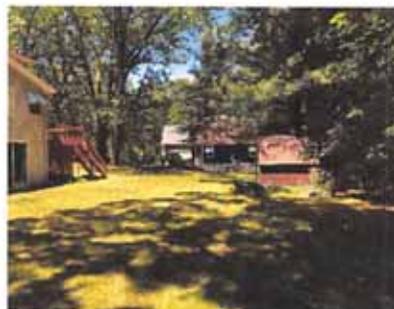
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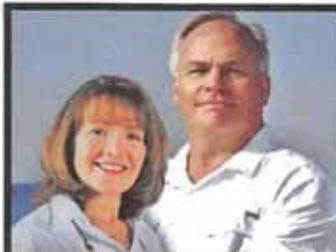
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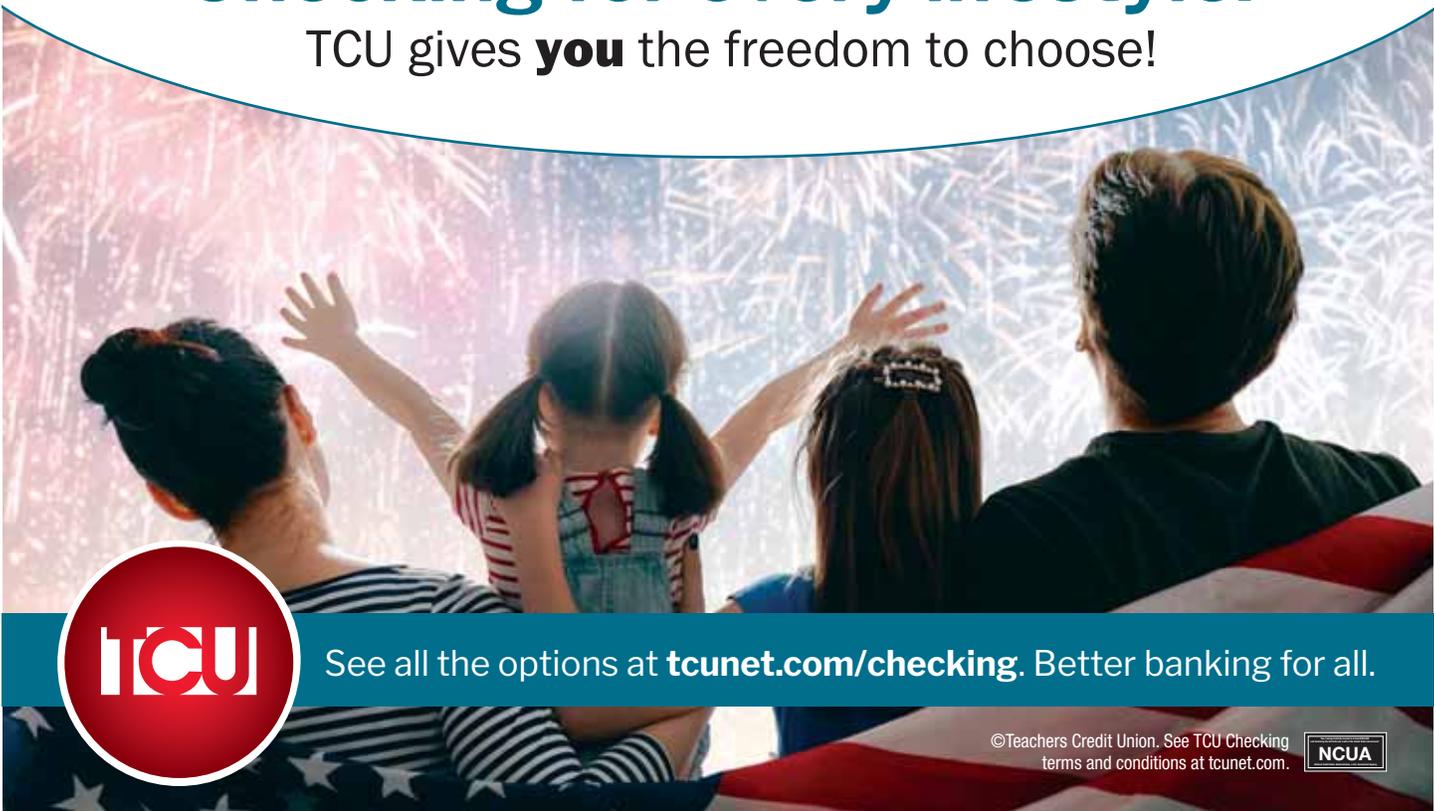
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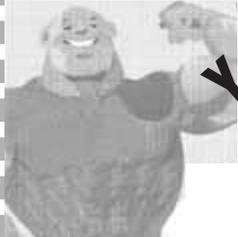
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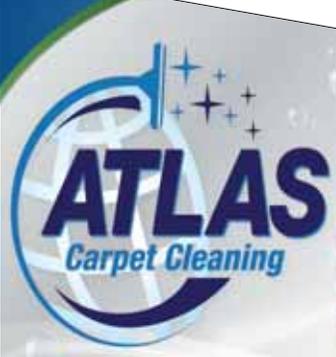


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Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series

Delayed because of COVID-19, the 19th season of the Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series officially kicks off Wednesday, July 8, at Christ Church, 531 Washington St.

All concerts are free and begin at 12:15 p.m., with seating at noon. Local organists, as well as those from the greater Chicago area and even Poland, will perform on the 1891 Roosevelt pipe organ. Those attending are asked to wear face masks and practice social distancing. Safety precautions, along with protocol established by Christ Church for Sunday worship, are in place.



Gerhard

The July 8 recital is by Matt Gerhard. He is the director of music at Kokomo Zion United Methodist Church and a choral assistant at Northwestern MS/HS. He earned a bachelor's degree in church music from Olivet Nazarene University (2008) and a master's degree in choral conducting from California Baptist University (2010). He has had coaching in theater organ and silent film accompaniment.

As a recitalist, he has performed regularly for the Central Indiana Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society, the Fine Arts Series at Christ Lutheran Church in Kokomo, Calvary Baptist Church's Gospel Hour in Kokomo, Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill., and Timbercrest Senior Living Center in North Manchester. He also serves as president of the Central Indiana Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and as registrar of the Indianapolis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He is secretary of the Kokomo Symphonic Board and is a member of the Indiana Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.

Donations are accepted. The church is air-conditioned. Call Ann or George Dobie at (219) 608-5358 for more information

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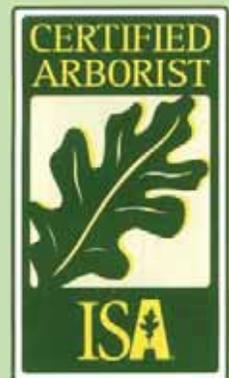
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Lubeznik Center Reopens With “Well-Behaved Women” Exhibit

Lubeznik Center for the Arts officially reopens to the public Friday, July 3, with the exhibit “Well-Behaved Women: Celebrating 100 Years of Women’s Suffrage” after temporarily closing March 14 in response to COVID-19.

To protect public safety and prevent crowds, LCA is launching the exhibit with an open house from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. July 3 instead of an unrestricted First Friday event. Admission is free, but timed tickets are required and available on a first-come, first-served basis at www.wellbehavedwomen.eventbrite.com

The exhibit highlights 24 women artists and artists who identify as women — living and historic — to mark the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave women and men equal voting rights.

The artists address areas where women lack access or rights, express the emotions felt as a result of inequity and challenge the conventional “male gaze,” where women are presented as objects rather than subjects. Some draw from the spiritual power of their female ancestry. The displays range from the engravings of Ma-

ria Sybilla Merian, the first woman to study insects scientifically, to four famous women of the Abstract Expressionist movement who reached groundbreaking status in a genre steeped in brute masculinity

The Michigan City Commission for Women, NIPSCO and the NiSource Charitable Foundation are the exhibit sponsors.

LCA has implemented new safety measures, including capacity restrictions, advance online ticket purchases, mask and social-distancing regulations and increased sanitizing and cleaning protocols. Staff, volunteers and all visitors will be required to wear face coverings during the initial reopening phase, with complimentary disposable masks and gloves provided upon request.

Going forward, LCA, located at 101 W. Second St., will be open to the public Wednesdays through Mondays. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends and closed Tuesdays. The Gallery Shop also is reopening during visitor hours. Admission is free year-round. Call (219) 874-4900 or visit www.lubeznikcenter.org for more information.



“Adia” (2018), from Whitney Bradshaw’s series “Outcry.”

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Three Oaks Museum to Reopen

The Region of Three Oaks Museum, 5 Featherbone Ave., will reopen Friday, July 3.

Safety rules for volunteers and visitors are planned in accordance with the latest COVID-19 executive order. The museum will have hand sanitizer, masks and gloves on hand.

Several new exhibits will debut in the 2020 season that were scheduled to begin May 1:

- The Warren Calculating Engine. According to the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, Fred Warren invented and assembled “one of the first, if not the first, calculating machines built in the United States” in 1875. Warren died before he could perfect the Calculating Engine, which has not been displayed in the Three Oaks area in almost 70 years. Warren also took the earliest photos of Three Oaks and published the town’s first newspaper, which will be included in the exhibit.
- The Marx-o-Chime Colony produced oddball, hybrid musical instruments from 1927 to 1972 at its workshops in New Troy. The instruments have exotic names: the Hawaiian Tiple, the Ukelin, the Pik-Nik. Several instruments are on display, and museum visitors can hear how one sounded when played.
- A German Mauser machine gun added to the Red Arrow Division exhibit. The soldiers of the Red Arrow — many of them from Michigan — had to face deadly Mauser fire, but still succeeded in earning their nickname by piercing heavily fortified German lines.
- A new display on toys before the advent of electronics and the Internet.
- “Three Oaks: Then & Now” photo montages contrast current Three Oaks streetscapes with those of the 19th and early 20th century.

Send Us Your “Socially Distanced” Independence Day Photos

It is a *Beacher* tradition, after Independence Day has come and gone, to publish photos taken during Long Beach’s July 4th festivities. With most of these events, and events throughout the area, canceled, we’ve issued a challenge to our readers.

Send us a photo of how you celebrated July 4th while observing social-distancing guidelines. We will only consider entries that include the names of those pictured, what’s happening in the photo and the city or town in which the photo was taken.

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Krasl Art Center Reopens With New Sculpture Exhibit Outdoors



Three of the four new Charlie Brouwer sculptures at Krasl Art Center.

Krasl Art Center has reopened its galleries and shop, with reduced hours and safety guidelines.

To contain the spread of COVID-19, KAC has adopted a Preparedness & Response Plan. Adjusted office, gallery and shop hours are (all times Eastern): 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Monday and opening at 9 a.m. Saturdays. It is closed July 4 for Independence Day.

Along with a regimented cleaning schedule, staff and those who enter KAC must observe the following guidelines:

- Use of face covering indoors is strictly required. Accommodations are available for those who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons.
- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering the building, after using items touched by others and when exiting the building. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If unable to wash hands, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- A distance of no less than 6 feet must be maintained between people — indoors and outdoors — who do not live in the same household.
- Guests will be required to sign in providing a name, number in group and contact information.
- No person-to-person contact, such as shaking hands.

- When sneezing or coughing, use the crook of an elbow or sneeze into a tissue, then dispose of the tissue.
- Food and beverage consumption by guests is currently prohibited inside KAC buildings.
- Do not touch your face, nose and mouth, especially with unwashed hands.

Visit <https://krasl.org/visit/hours-admission/> for updated information.

In the spotlight is work by Charlie Brouwer, whose sculptures have been installed at the corner of Pearl Street and along Lake Boulevard as part of a new outdoor exhibit “Human Interest: Four Figurative Sculptures,” which continues through fall 2021. Brouwer and his wife, Glenda, live in Floyd County, Va. Residing on 30 acres of land, they offer a mile-long sculpture trail to any who wish to make an appointment.

Indoor exhibits have been extended to Aug. 31. They include: “Dex R. Jones: Storied Portraits” in the main gallery and Barbara Cooper’s solo exhibit in the artlab.

Both exhibits are available virtually at <https://krasl.org/art/exhibitions/>. KAC is located at 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Call (269) 983-0271 or visit www.krasl.org for more details.

NB Library Community Forum

The Friends of the New Buffalo Library continues its Community Forums on Zoom with the story of Harriet Quimby at 7 p.m. EDT Tuesday, July 7.

Born in western Michigan, Quimby was the first woman in America to win a pilot's license (1911), and the first woman to fly the English Channel. She traveled the world as a feature writer for *Leslie's Illustrated Magazine*, wrote screenplays for five films (all directed by D.W. Griffith, including one starring a young Mary Pickford), drove her own car and lived in a posh Manhattan hotel.

Robert Myers, Historical Society of Michigan director of education, is the presenter. Forumgoers may remember his live presentations on the gangsters of Berrien County, the early days of aviation in the area and Berrien County railroads.

Next up is "The Revolutionary War along the Lake: The Battle of Petit Fort" on Tuesday, July 21.

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I Lost My FOMO During the Pandemic

There's much chatter out there about the beneficial changes in our lives due to COVID-19. After a bit of reflection, I came upon a stunning realization. I lost my FOMO during the viral outbreak.

Maybe you did, too?

Just in case you're wondering, I checked. FOMO is in the Merriam-Webster dictionary. It means Fear of Missing Out: fear of not being included in something — such as an interesting or enjoyable activity — that others are experiencing.

Here's a quote that gives life to that definition:

"If anyone in history should have died from FOMO, it would be Emily Dickinson, an agoraphobe who virtually never left her house..."

O. The Oprah Magazine.

So how do you contract FOMO? If you're like me, you picked up FOMO when signing up for your favorite flavor of social media. When I joined Facebook about 10 years ago, I did so because friends more or less shamed me into it. To get up and running, I turned to an expert — my middle-school-aged daughter — who reluctantly set up my personal page.

As a FB newbie, my initial efforts were tentative and infrequent. In those early years, I did more "liking" than commenting. The folks I friended were posting photos of their travels, pet exploits, garden endeavors, dinners out or new grandchildren. I mim-

That Girl, This Life

Julie Ryan McGue

icked their efforts. Yet, sometimes when I signed on FB, a little tickle of jealousy flared as I caught a glimpse of social gatherings I'd missed out on. Inside my head, FOMO rooted and flourished. Checking social media took on an unanticipated negative role. Instead of keeping up with old friends, FB became more about the fun others were having.

When the coronavirus swept through the country and we were ordered to "shelter in place," my FOMO faded. No one was missing out on fun. No one was out. There was no fun. We were all in survival mode. Gone were the GNOs (Girls Night Outs) and book club gatherings, and there were no more posts featuring tasty restaurant entrees and tempting craft cocktails. Any glitzy travel photos that popped up on social media were either ads or old memories. In fact, the only FB posts that teased out my languishing FOMO were the ones from gloaters sharing their purchases of TP and Lysol wipes.

These last few months, the fear of staying healthy extinguished my fears of missing out. Now, I question whether my FOMO will return at all. I have little desire to dine inside a fancy restaurant, to hop aboard a plane or cruise ship, or to shop at the local outlet mall. My husband and I are grateful to be healthy and those I hold dear are still safe (I have my 87-year-old mother and 24-year-old daughter living with me — the same "smartie pants" who launched my FB page years ago).

While I cannot predict whether my FOMO is gone for good, I can attest to this: Concern over what the future holds has usurped the top spot in my list of worries. I kind of miss my FOMO — it was easier to deal with than these new angsts. The more I think about this, I'm cheering for my FOMO's swift return. When my FOMO makes a comeback, that will mean that life has returned to what it used to be.

(Julie McGue is a Duneland Beach resident.)



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- Hoosiers 65 and older, and those with known high-risk medical conditions, should adhere to social-distancing guidelines and remain cautious at work and in their communities.
- Continue remote work as needed.
- Face coverings are optional.
- Social gatherings of up to 250 people may take place following the CDC social distancing guidelines. This limit applies to wedding receptions, parties and other events where people are in close physical contact for extended periods of time.
- Nursing homes remain closed to visitors; nursing homes guidance will continue to be evaluated.

WHAT OPENS

- State government building-access restrictions will be lifted.
- Professional office building employees may resume work at full capacity.
- Retail stores and malls open at full capacity, with social-distancing guidelines in place.
- Dining-room service may open at 75 percent capacity.
- Bar seating in restaurants may open at 50 percent capacity.
- Bars and nightclubs may open at 50 percent capacity adhering to social-distancing guidelines.
- Cultural, entertainment and tourism businesses may open at 50 percent capacity. This includes museums, zoos, bowling alleys, aquariums and like facilities.
- Recreational sports leagues and tournaments

may resume.

- The CDC will provide guidance about day camps and overnight camps.
- Large venues may open with adherence to social-gatherings guidelines.
- Amusement parks, water parks and like facilities may open at 50 percent capacity; reservations will be required to limit the number of customers at any one time.

WHAT REMAINS CLOSED

- Large events, such as conventions, sports events, fairs, festivals and parades.



JULY 4 AND BEYOND

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- Nursing home guidance still evaluated.
- K-12 school operations to be determined.

WHAT OPENS

- Retail stores and malls may operate at full capacity.
- Restaurants, bars and nightclubs may operate at full capacity.
- Personal services may open at full capacity.
- Restrictions are lifted at gyms and fitness facilities.
- Conventions, sports events, fairs, festivals, the state fair and like events may resume.
- Restrictions are lifted at amusement parks, water parks and like facilities. Social distancing guidelines should be maintained.
- The CDC will provide guidance about day camps and overnight camps.





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	STAGE 1: March 24 - May 4	STAGE 2: May 4 - 23	STAGE 3: May 24 - June 13	STAGE 4: June 14 - July 3	STAGE 5: July 4 and Beyond
Social Gatherings	10 People or Fewer	25 People or Fewer	100 People or Fewer	250 People or Fewer	250+ People Permitted
Facial Coverings	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Optional	Optional
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Office Settings		Remote Work Encouraged	Remote Work Encouraged		
Retail					
Restaurants		 May 11th			
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Gyms					
Personal Services		 May 11th*			
Entertainment and Tourism					
Religious Services		Services May Convene Following Guidelines Starting May 8th	Services May Convene Following Guidelines	Services May Convene Following Guidelines	

Note: This roadmap is subject to change based on CDC guidance and other new information. Local governments may impose more restrictive guidelines. Stage 2 will begin on May 11 for Lake and Marion counties and May 18 for Cass County.

*Visit backontrack.in.gov for more information and guidelines for reopening Indiana and industry specific guidance for face coverings, etc.



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2020 Innovators Awards

The 2020 Innovators Awards through The Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest includes not only individual and team honorees, but also two new awards.

They are: the Richard C. Sussman Prize for Team Innovation and John H. Davies Lifetime Achievement Award.

Originally launched in 2005, the Society celebrates innovators from across the seven-county Northwest Indiana region. Individuals and teams are nominated by an online application. Regional leaders, who form a selection committee, choose inductees based on board-established criteria.

Applications, accepted through Friday, Aug. 21, are open to all innovators, regardless of discipline, industry or background:

- **Individual Honorees:** Anyone who lives or works in Northwest Indiana is eligible.
- **Team Honorees:** Teams from an individual company, governmental unit, non-profit agency or group of organizations from a specific project are eligible.
- **Society of Innovators Fellows:** Up to five innovators are selected each year as Fellows from previously inducted individual and team lead honorees. They must live or work in Northwest Indiana, and demonstrate significant achievement in innovation and community contribution.
- **Richard C. Sussman Prize for Team Innovation:** One team may be selected annually from among team inductees. The focus is innovation in the private, public, non-profit and government sectors. The award honors the late Richard C. Sussman, former Society chairman and head of Research and Development at ArcelorMittal.
- **John H. Davies Lifetime Achievement Award:** The winner may be chosen based on a selection committee recommendation and at the board's discretion. The Society's highest honor, it was renamed to honor Davies, who received the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019.

Chesterton Art Center

Chesterton Art Center will reopen with regular hours starting Monday, July 6.

The hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Guests are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. For those without a mask, one will be provided.

This month, the center will feature work by Ginny Takacs, a painter from Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood, along with work by members in the member gallery.

Chesterton Art Center is located at 115 S. Fourth St. Visit www.chestertonart.com for more details.



Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail.)

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

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

Michigan City Public Library

The library is open, but with restrictions in place. Until further notice, new hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The public is asked to wear masks and abide by social-distancing recommendations. Meeting-room spaces will remain closed for now.

All due dates of materials checked out before the library closed due to COVID-19 must be returned by June 14 so no charges are assessed.

There is no public seating, and programming is canceled as of now.

Access is limited to the computer lab: One session (up to one hour) per person per day is allowed. Due to social-distancing guidelines, only one person at a station at a time. Children are not allowed in the computer lab with parents/guardians.

One computer is reserved for genealogy research, with time limited to one hour per person per day.

Four charging tables allow a limit of 30 minutes per use (no seating is available at these stations).

WiFi is available throughout the building and exterior/parking lot.

The summer reading program, "Imagine Your Story," runs through July 25. Everyone who reads at least 10 hours receives a book and entry into a raffle. Every additional 10 hours earns another raffle entry. A reading log can be downloaded from the library website or picked up at Youth Services.

Michigan City Public Library is located at 100 E. Fourth St. Visit www.mclib.org for more details.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

• **J.D. Marshall Shipwreck History Hike at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 6.**

The one-mile flat accessible hike describes one of Lake Michigan's shipwreck stories.

• **Ant Lion Safari at 2 p.m. Monday, July 6.**

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



Weekend Naturalist Roving Table Locations

Look for interpretive naturalists who will share stories and props while discussing the park's natural and cultural resources.

Saturdays, July 4 and 11

- 11 a.m. to noon – beach parking lot naturalist table.
- 2 to 3 p.m. – Mount Tom naturalist table.

Sundays, July 5, 12 and 19

- 11 a.m. to noon – Trail 9/10 intersection naturalist table.
- 2 to 3 p.m. – Nature Center naturalist table.

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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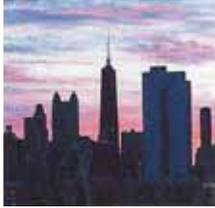
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LaPorte County Public Library

LaPorte County Public Library has resumed its curbside pickup service.

Hours for locations in *The Beacher's* readership area include:

- Coolspring Branch: Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Main Library: Tuesday/Thursday (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Saturday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Place holds on materials using an online account or by calling (219) 362-6156, Option 1. Then, select a pickup location. Notifications will come by email, text or phone. There is no limit on the number of requested items at this time.

Two parking spots will be labeled at each location. When arriving, a staff member will greet people outside. If no one arrives, call (219) 362-6156, Option 3, or the direct number for the branch location. A staff member will bring the reserved items to vehicles in a brown paper bag.

Returns can be placed in book drops and checked in within 24 to 72 hours. All library materials are quarantined between customers for 24 to 72 hours, per CDC and IMLS best practices. Materials are cleaned when needed. Library patrons can disinfect materials after arriving home.

Check laportelibrary.org and follow social media for updates.

LaPorte County Public Library is located at 904 Indiana Ave. The Coolspring Branch is located at 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Visit www.laportelibrary.org for more details.

Michigan City Farmer's Market

The Michigan City Farmer's Market is open from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through October at Eighth and Washington streets.

Following advice from Gov. Eric Holcomb and health officials, the following restrictions are in place:

- No open food. All items must be pre-packaged and fully labeled.
- No sampling food items.
- Home-based vendors can sell items.
- Social-distancing guidelines must be followed.
- No cooking or food preparation on site.

Everyone, including vendors, is encouraged to wear proper masks. Portable handwashing stations will be available.

Market organizers want to create a craft market on the north side of Eighth Street later this summer or in spring 2021. Surveys are planned to determine what customers would like to see in such a market.

Contact Special Events Coordinator Johnny Stimley for more details, or if interested in becoming a vendor, at (219) 229-1567 or jstimley@emichigancity.com

LBCC Women's Golf Leagues



9-Hole League

June 18, 2020

*Congratulations to Kathy Chlystun:
Hole in One at Hole 10*

Flight A

First Place: Eunie Nondorf
Second Place: Peg King
Low Putts: Peg King, Eunie Nondorf

Flight B

First Place: Kathy Chlystun
Second Place: Mary O'Neil
Low Putts: Kathy Chlystun, Kathy Kenefick

Flight C

First Place: Rima Binder
Second Place: Gloria McMahon, Mary Weithers
Low Putts: Sally Allen, Gloria McMahon

Sunken Approach

Sally Allen Hole 6
 Gloria McMahon Hole 8

Birdies

Rima Binder Hole 5

18-Hole League

June 23, 2020

Event: Blind Draw Partners

First Place: Jean Guerin and Kathie Mole
Second Place: June Salmon and Barb Hall
 Mary Weithers and Linda Behringer
 Kathy Daly and Nancy Reinert
Third Place: Donna Hennard and Rima Binder

LaPorte Farmer's Market

The LaPorte Farmer's Market is open Saturdays starting at 8 a.m. through October in the Lincolnway parking lot next to Mucho Mas.

The event is run by Angela Rose, LaPorte Economic Advancement Partnership downtown director, and Lindsay Jongkind, LEAP marketing and membership director.

Vendors are organized in a straight line on both sides of the area. Customers are asked to stand behind the marked line (3-foot distance) and maintain at least 6 feet between each person in line.

Market managers will be posted at the entrance and limit attendance to 50 people at a time.

All produce and goods will be prepackaged and handed out in bags. Seniors and at-risk individuals are encouraged to shop from 9 to 10 a.m.

More information is available at www.laportepartnership.com or on the Farmer's Market Facebook Page. On Thursdays before the market, a weekly list of vendors and produce is posted on the Facebook page. Call Rose and Jongkind at (219) 324-8584 for more information.

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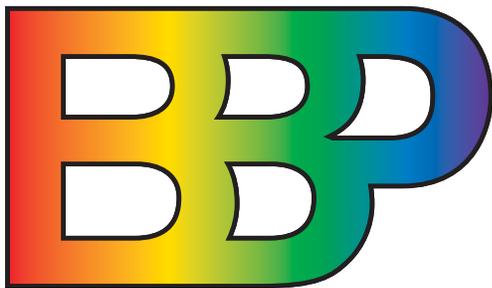
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The American Red Cross LaPorte County Chapter will sponsor the following bloodmobile:

- St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road, noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, July 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 red-crossblood.org for more details. Visit rcblood.org/ together for more details.

Michigan City Video Fest

Organizers of the sixth annual Michigan City Video Fest are accepting submissions.

The event is planned for October, with the format and dates announced later.

As in past years, priority goes to regional video-makers and subject matter, the top concern being to present the highest quality material available. All genres will be considered, including, but not limited to: animation, documentaries, music videos, commercials and trailers. The preference is videos shorter than five minutes. Invitations may be extended for longer form videos.

The submission form and updates can be found at MCVideoFest.com and [Facebook.com/MCVideoFest](https://www.facebook.com/MCVideoFest)

Beacher Holiday Hours

The Beacher will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. We will resume regular office hours Monday, July 6.

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SAM Student Joins Faculty

Ace Folsom, an advanced guitar student at The School of American Music, Three Oaks, Mich., has joined the faculty as a beginning guitar instructor.



Folsom

Folsom has studied guitar with Garth Taylor, focusing on finger-picking techniques and learning musical genres. Before enrolling at SAM, she studied the Suzuki method for classical guitar. She also has performed at various SAM events.

A resident of Harbert, Mich., Folsom is a second-year student at Lake Michigan College, where she is working on an associate's degree.

Virtual 4th of July Parade

LaPorte July 4th festivities may be postponed, but the LaPorte Jaycees will host a Virtual 4th of July Parade live-streamed through Facebook on Saturday, July 4.

Community members and businesses are invited to submit a 30- to 60-second video highlighting favorite July 4th traditions and why the community is LaPorte Proud. The Jaycees would like to compile videos and photos from past parades, and receive at least 100 submissions to celebrate similar to the size of the parade.

More information may be found at www.laportejaycees.org/virtual4th or by emailing contactus@laportejaycees.org

Chicken Dolphin Band

Chicken Dolphin Band will perform at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 4, at Goblin & The Grocer, 1 W. Dunes Highway, Beverly Shores.

Food will be available.

A Notice to Our Readers

The Beacher has begun
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On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying, “These United Colonies are, and of right, ought to be, Free and Independent States.”

On July 2, 1881, at a Washington railroad station, President James Garfield was shot by Charles Guiteau, a disappointed office seeker. The president died on the following Sept. 19.

On July 2, 1904, Chicago’s “Riverview Park” opened to the public.

On July 2, 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight at the equator, disappeared somewhere over the Pacific Ocean.

On July 2, 1947, an object crashed near Roswell, N.M., giving rise to speculation it might have been an alien spacecraft.

On July 3, 1819, in New York, the Bank of Savings (the first savings bank in America) opened its doors to the public. The bank had 80 customers on the first day, receiving total deposits of \$2,807.

On July 3, 1863, during the Civil War, the Battle of Gettysburg ended in a Confederate defeat. The Union Army, led by Gen. George Meade, inflicted heavy losses on Gen. George Pickett’s Southern troops.

On July 3, 1930, Congress created the Veterans Administration (now the Department of Veterans Affairs).

On July 3, 1971, pop singer Jim Morrison, of “The Doors,” died in Paris at 27.

On July 3, 1981, Chris Evert Lloyd won her third successive women’s singles tennis championship at Wimbledon.

On July 3, 1986, President Ronald Reagan presided over a gala ceremony in New York harbor during which the torch was relighted atop the renovated Statue of Liberty.

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.

On July 4, 1900, jazz trumpeter Louis Armstrong was born in New Orleans.

On July 4, 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt opened the first cable connection between San Francisco and Manila.

On July 4, 1939, in a farewell speech to fans in Yankee Stadium, terminally ill baseball star Lou Gehrig referred to himself as “the luckiest man on the face of the earth.”

On July 4, 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the "Freedom of Information Act."

On July 4, 1980, North Michigan Avenue was jammed with people attending the first Taste of Chicago.

On July 5, 1865, in London, William Booth founded The Salvation Army.

On July 5, 1894, a major fire destroyed several of the buildings left from Chicago's 1893 "Columbian Exposition."

On July 5, 1946, the bikini bathing suit made its debut at a fashion show in Paris.

On July 5, 1997, for the first time, a mechanism produced on Earth roamed the surface of Mars when a robot rover began creeping away from its mothership, the U.S. launched Pathfinder, which had landed on the planet the previous day.

On July 6, 1854, the newly created Republican Party held its first state convention at Ripon, Wis.

On July 6, 1885, Louis Pasteur first successfully inoculated a human being against rabies.

On July 6, 1919, the first Atlantic crossing by an airship was completed when a British dirigible landed at New York's Roosevelt Field.

On July 6, 1928, the preview of the first all-talking motion picture, "Lights of New York," took place at New York's Strand Theatre.

On July 6, 1933, the first all-star major league baseball game was played in Chicago's Comiskey Park. Herman "Babe" Ruth hit a home run, helping the American League to beat the National League by a score of 4-2.

On July 7, 1754, "King's College," which in 1784 changed its name to Columbia University, opened in New York.

On July 7, 1865, four of John Wilkes Booth's accomplices in the assassination of President Lincoln were hanged. They were Mary E. Surratt, David K. Herold, George A. Atzerodt, and Lewis Payne.

On July 7, 1898, Hawaii was annexed as a territory of the United States.

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

On July 8, 1889, *The Wall Street Journal* published its first edition.

On July 8, 1889, the last "bare-knuckles" championship boxing match was held. John L. Sullivan retained his heavyweight title by knocking out Jake Kilrain in the 75th round.

On July 8, 1907, Florenz Ziegfeld staged his first "Follies" show on the roof of the New York Theater.

On July 8, 1978, 1,000 works of art were destroyed when a fire swept through Rio de Janeiro's Museum of Modern Art.

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National Park Food Options

Indiana Dunes National Park this summer features a wider variety of food and beverages, with vendors regularly operating at West Beach and Portage Lakefront and others popping up at various locations.

At West Beach, Kona's Succession Concession operates out of the bath house from noon to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends. In addition to Kona Ice products, the menu features hot dogs, pretzels, nachos, peanut butter-and-jelly sandwiches, soft drinks and beach merchandise.

At Portage Lakefront, the Dig the Dunes Trail Stop in the pavilion is open from 3 p.m. to sunset weekdays and 11 a.m. to sunset weekends. The menu includes pizza, hummus, pretzels, trail mix, tamales, ice cream, cookies, soft drinks and a rotating selection of local beers and wine.

Additional food and drink vendors will operate regularly, but may pop up depending on weather and visitation: Porter Beach's North Lot, Kemil Beach, West Beach Parking Lot, Chellberg Farm and the Dunewood Campground.

To help visitors avoid full parking lots and beaches where social distancing is difficult, call the Beach Parking Info Line at (219) 395-1003 to get recorded information on available parking. The service is updated regularly through Labor Day weekend.



Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

***Pretty as a Picture* by Elizabeth Little** (hardcover, \$27 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook. 336 pages.)

*"I'm worried Nell's not telling you everything."
"Why would she? She's my agent."*

Such is the life of working in Hollywood. Our narrator is a film and TV editor, Marissa Dahl. She's been around the bright lights for almost 15 years now, and even managed to get an award for her work. Still, it is a huge surprise the secret of who wants her for his next project turns out to be a famous director: two-time Best Director Oscar Tony Rees. A very famous and very volatile director.

Wait a minute. Is this the same egocentric Tony Rees who Marissa pulled into the fountain at the Venice Film Festival? It was an accident, of course, but then, Hollywood is known for having long memories, so is this job offer legit? Turns out, she actually will be the second film editor on this project since he fired the first one. No matter to Marissa, just working with Rees will look good on her resume.

The story starts out a little slow; however, it doesn't take long before Marissa is perhaps going to be a force to be reckoned with and a sympathetic character you want to get to know.

So-o-o exactly what is this project? No script is given to Marissa, but a 16-page NDA (non-disclosure agreement) is slid across the table for her signature. Curiouser and curiouser! What's the big secret?

Marissa's agent, Nell, tells her, who cares what the film is about. It's working with Tony Rees, for heaven's sake! *"And anyway, it's too late to turn back now... These people really don't like it when you say no."* Guess who has a new job?!

Deal struck, Marissa heads to Kickout Island off the coast of Delaware. She is accompanied by Isaiah, a tall, dark and handsome man of few words. No information forthcoming from him. Turns out, he owns a security firm. They need security on this little island? What has Marissa gotten herself into?

Marissa at last gets the lowdown on the film she will edit. Seems 20 some years ago, on this very island, a 19-year-old girl, Caitlyn Kelly, was found on the beach — killed by a person or persons unknown and arranged very nicely on a beach chair. (*"A hundred people probably walked by her that day and didn't realize she was dead."*)

No one was arrested, but the islanders seemed to believe that captain of a private ferry boat, Billy Lyle, was the murderer. Strange thing, Billy is still piloting his boat around the island, although I don't think he's on anyone's Christmas card list.

Now comes a few more interesting people: Anjali — all business with sharp features that would probably cut if you touched her; she turns out to be the producer (*"We're thrilled you're here, et cetera, et cetera."*). Then there's Valentina, a line producer (*"...a bare-faced almost-blondie in a cropped white T-shirt and baggy jeans."*)

The leading male actor is Gavin Davies — *"former teen idol, current adult misery... It's been ages since he's done anything that isn't obscure, demented, or disgusting."*

Liza is the lead female — young and beautiful, what more do you want? — and Eileen is a 70-something former Broadway star with a Tony under her belt.

Then there are Grace Portillo and Suzy Koh, not in the cast, but very precocious teenagers who have a true crime podcast — "Dead Ringer." Their conversations with Marissa and the others are interspersed between chapters and provide some interesting tidbits.

It's an interesting group, but I was intrigued with Marissa's job as film editor, which to me is a job that is just a name rolling in the credits at the end of a movie. But as Marissa knows, she is the one who brings a movie to life. She has a habit, sometimes funny, sometimes reflective, of joining movie scenes or lines with what's happening at that moment in her life. She soon uses that to her advantage because things start to happen...

Lights explode, Marissa is attacked and there's a real murder — wait! what? — suddenly the movie takes second stage to the real-life drama unfolding around them. Copycat murder? Or has the real murderer come back for a repeat performance?

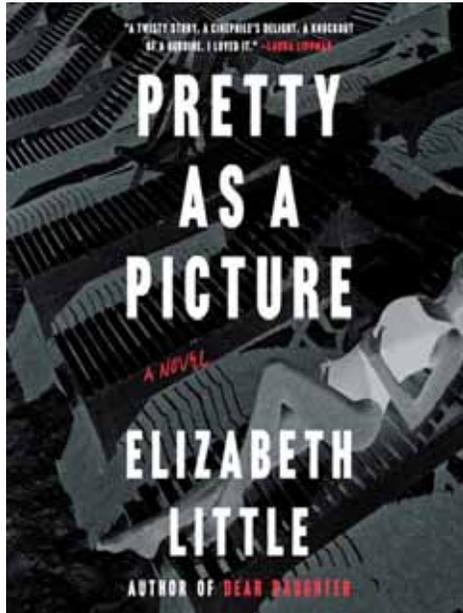
Who can Marissa trust, or even believe? You'll be surprised at who comes to her aid.

Marissa sums it all up very neatly: *"...at least I can say I've learned my lesson: I'm never taking a job again without reading the script."*

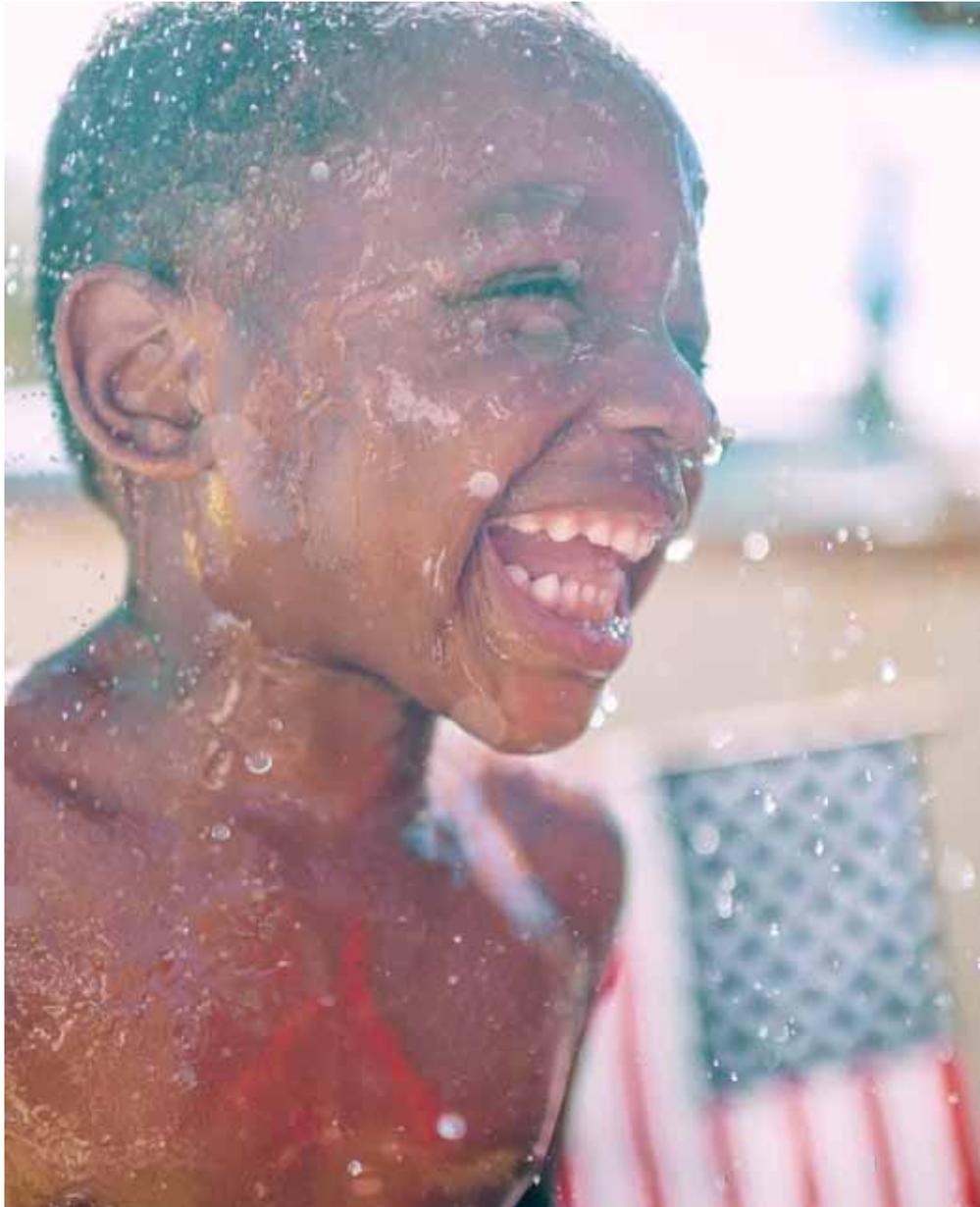
Film editing — it's not just a career, it's an adventure!

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Till next time, happy reading!



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