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## At the Forefront of Student Safety

by Kim Nowatzke



Sue Harrison has been the Michigan City Area Schools director of transportation for the past 10 years. Photo by Kim Nowatzke

After 10 years, Sue Harrison is still on a roll with passion, positivity and progress in her role as Michigan City Area Schools director of transportation.

“Who would have thought I’d be doing this?” said the former Michigan City police officer who retired after 24 years, beginning her new job with MCAS the next day on Jan. 4 – the exact same day she started with MCPD. “It’s been an adventure and learning experience ever since I started.”

The Circleville, Ohio, native and 56-year-old Michigan City resident moved here in the fifth grade, attending Coolspring Elementary School and Krueger Middle School before graduating in 1984 from Rogers High School. While there, she was active in honor society and selected as an Academic All-State for basketball.

Harrison attended Valparaiso University on a scholarship for academics, basketball and softball, then transferred to Indiana University-South Bend after two years. She started out pursuing a degree in sports medicine, but realized it wasn’t the right fit, graduating with a degree in criminal justice. She also was a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, a national criminal justice honor society.

MCPD hired her in January 1988.

“I just wanted to make a difference and help people,” she said. “I wanted to help youth, families – the whole dynamic.”

After more than two decades, she held a variety of positions, including patrol officer, juvenile detective (stationed at Dunebrook when it opened), training

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officer, commander of the division of professional standards, adult detective, Indiana law enforcement certified instructor, Indiana law enforcement firearms instructor, certified Taser instructor, hostage negotiator and detective bureau commander. She was part of the LaPorte County Child Fatality Team and Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team. At one point, she served as a liaison between MCPD and Michigan City High School. She retired at the rank of lieutenant.

Why the transition to MCAS director of transportation?

"I wanted to continue working with kids," Harrison stated simply. "I love this school system,"

Besides having attended MCAS, she's also familiar with the school system because her two daughters are 2018 and 2021 MCHS graduates. Cailyn, 22, just graduated from Indiana University-Northwest with a degree in criminal justice and Kylie, 19, is in her second year at Ohio State University in a pre-vet program.

"The district knows that we are just as important as any other entity in the school system because we do affect these kids every day," Harrison said. "They really do care and are trying to do the best – equity across the board. They are looking for new and innovative ways to do better and to help kids the best way that they can. They truly do care about the kids and the community."

Her prior MCPD experience working with the public has been a plus.

"My management background was helpful, but I had to learn the transportation side," she said. "I'm learning every day – there is so much to learn."

As director of transportation, Harrison's laundry list of responsibilities includes the

more obvious duties of establishing and overseeing all bus routes and bus stops, and conducting an annual safety evaluation of each. She establishes the unloading/loading procedures at all schools, and is responsible for all after-school and event transportation.

But, there's much more.

She's a key component in the decision to call a "snow day" – when MCAS calls off in-person instruction due to inclement weather.

"I'm the one driving the roads at 3 or 4 a.m., helping to make the decision if there's school or not," she explained.

She then consults with associate superintendent Wendel McCollum to determine the best decision for the day.

Harrison reviews videos from buses' on-board cameras to review stop-arm violations and discipline issues, which she works closely with schools to resolve. She's responsible for managing state police inspections. All buses are inspected every spring; those 12 years or older receive an additional once-over in the fall. She's responsible for all accident investigations involving MCAS buses and personally visits every scene.

"So, I'm basically on call 24/7," as this includes evenings and weekends, she explained.

Harrison manages a staff of 100 between bus drivers, bus monitors, four mechanics and four office staff. She's responsible for Commercial Driver's License requirements for drivers, including physical exam requirements every two years and mandatory continual training. She earned a CDL license herself. She manages the training of bus monitors, and random drug and alcohol testing of drivers.

Harrison is in charge of all transportation supply needs, such as fuel, tools and integrated car seats for preschoolers. She even coordinated the



Sue Harrison, photographed in 2011 during summer beach patrol at Washington Park during her years as a police officer.



recent successful online auction and sale of four buses through [www.biddergy.com](http://www.biddergy.com).

Education is an important part of Harrison's job. She's responsible for not only educating MCAS students about bus safety, but also for helping to get critical messages out to the public.

Another important component is writing grants.

After attending one of its conferences at Blue Chip Casino, she has been active with Drive Clean Indiana. As explained at [www.drivecleanindiana.org](http://www.drivecleanindiana.org), this is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that is one of the U.S. Department of Energy's more than 75 Clean Cities coalitions, and the only one in Indiana.

"The organizations support the nation's energy and economic security by building partnerships to advance affordable domestic transportation fuels, energy efficient mobility systems and other fuel-saving technologies and practices," the website explained.

Collaborating with Drive Clean Indiana, Harrison has secured three grants through Volkswagen that has provided funds to purchase 22 propane buses (six will be in action by the end of the school year) to replace existing diesel ones.



Sue Harrison is photographed with MCAS Transportation Operations Manager Dave Hack. Photo by Kim Nowatzke

"These are safer for the kids on the bus and for the environment," she explained.

She recently applied for a fourth grant through U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better program to gain more propane buses.

"It's such a pleasure working with Sue Harrison," said Dave Hack, MCAS transportation operations manager. "She is a great boss and has done so much to improve our department for the

employees and has made this such a great place to work. Also, she has been driven to change the carbon footprint of the Michigan City Area Schools Transportation Department. Sue has worked diligently with South Shore Clean Cities Inc. ([tinyurl.com/bdfakpmp](http://tinyurl.com/bdfakpmp)) to obtain numerous VW grants. These grants have allowed her to purchase 16 propane buses and in turn have 16 diesel buses taken

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off the road. I can't think of a better person to lead our department."

To help motivate her staff, Harrison picks three words for the year as the focus for her team. For the 2022-2023 school year, it's considerate, flexible and reliable. Last year, she chose adapt, breathe and encourage. Before that, annual focus words included stop, communicate and recognize, along with courteous, positive and patient, in addition to respect, kindness and teamwork.

She established an activity committee for the transportation department that she oversees. A flower sale around Mother's Day, and a mum and pumpkin sale in the fall help provide money for social events, such as a retirement celebration, but also to purchase hats, gloves and other winter gear for MCAS kids in need.



Sue Harrison speaks to eighth-grade girls about her two careers at the A.K. Smith Career Center NOW (Non-traditional Employment for Women) Conference in 2019.

Knowing this community as well as she does has been a big advantage for Harrison. Over the years, she has served on the boards of the former Michigan City Family YMCA, Boys & Girls Club of Michigan City (now Boys & Girls Clubs of LaPorte County), Youth Service Bureau and the former Michigan City Soccer Club (as vice president). She coached local soccer, softball and T-ball teams. She has been on the PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) board since its inception and served as president the past two years. She also was instrumental in starting the local annual Pride Fest event that began in 2018.

Harrison admits her position isn't challenge-free. "Staffing issues since COVID have been really hard," she admitted.

Thinking outside of the box, a fun video, "Ric Federighi Drives A Bus...And You Can Too!" was recorded in November 2021 to draw in prospective employees. The public was invited "to take a spin behind the wheel of a big, yellow school bus and see

if this is the career for YOU!"

Because of the pandemic, masks are still available, and buses are still sanitized daily.

"It does make a difference. Everything deals with safety...MCAS has learned to be better at helping our people mentally because of COVID," she said.

And, there's the hurdle of "getting the public to understand that we are on their side – that we are all about our mission to get kids to and from school safely. We are here to help."

Harrison is fully aware of the impact her drivers and monitors have on students.

"These drivers and monitors care deeply about these kids," she said. "They have them on their buses and see them grow up. We set the tone for the day for these kids."

Harrison said there are more than 3,000 MCAS students who ride school buses each day. MCAS has 42 secondary (high school and middle school), and 38 elementary routes that run daily in the morning and afternoon, in addition to more than 20 midday routes. There also are a variety of after-school buses in any given day, depending on remediation classes, after-school activities and sporting events.

"The school system keeps getting better and better," she said. "This town is moving up – I see so many good things coming."

On a personal note, Harrison said she "loves anything outdoors and athletic."



Pets Woody and Jax in front of Sue Harrison's daughters, Kylie and Cailyn.

She loves to golf and is "trying to do it more because I think it's good mentally." She recently took up bowling again last year, after not playing since her 20s. She loves her rescue dogs: Woody, a basenji, and Jax, a mixed breed. And, she's an avid Ohio State Buckeyes fan.

She's a big Wolves fan, too.

"It's a great job and a great school system to work for," Harrison stressed.

The feeling is mutual for MCAS.

"Sue is such an asset to MCAS! You can tell that she truly loves Michigan City and loves what she does," Director of Communications Betsy Kohn said. "She's been a leader and an innovator, out front on projects that help keep our students safe and our bus fleet operating efficiently, with an eye to helping the environment. Her sense of humor and professionalism helps make our transportation department a fun place to work!"



# School Bus Video Cameras Clamp Down on Driver Violations

by Kim Nowatzke

Stop means stop.

It's a simple message, but still one that must be repeated, especially this time of year when children return to school. And, beginning last spring, it has more bite to it for drivers who disregard school bus stop arms.

Sue Harrison, the Michigan City Area Schools director of transportation, is doing her best to get that word out.

"If we educate the public, we can make this community way safer," she emphasized. "People need to be aware that children are everywhere all day."

Because of recent changes in state law, whenever a motorist passes a school bus with its flashing lights on and stop arm extended, they can be issued a ticket or prosecuted based on only a video recording, rather than having a police officer catch the violation as in the past.



Since March 2022, MCAS has begun using these cameras that record forward and rear views to identify drivers who disregard bus stop arms. Photo by Kim Nowatzke.

Video cameras that record forward and backward are mounted on the side of 30 of the 64 MCAS buses. By the end of the school year, this will increase to 36 of the total fleet. Cameras were on some buses in 2018, but not used in the same capacity as today until March 2022, once the law changed.

In addition to the high-quality videos, bus drivers also fill out forms for violations. These include the bus number, driver's name, time, location and description of vehicle and driver. This better aids Harrison as she studies the videos before turning the information over to authorities.

According to John Lake, LaPorte County prosecuting attorney, if the violation is considered a Class A infraction, the driver could receive a 90-day license suspension for a first offense or up to a year suspension for a second offense, in addition to a fine of up to \$10,000.

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If the motorist is charged with a Class A misdemeanor, such as in the case of reckless driving, then the driver faces a potential jail sentence of up to one year, as well as a fine up to \$5,000.

"We take these very seriously. I have fully supported these cameras from the beginning," Lake said. "Children's lives are at stake. The safety of our children should be of the utmost importance. We don't need a tragedy. People need to slow down and obey the laws."

Before MCAS started prosecuting drivers based on the videos, a one-day audit found 38 bus stop arm violations. This decreased to 25 on an audit taken April 26, 2022.

But, that is still 25 too many.

Besides the changes in law allowing tickets to be written based on video footage, Harrison has taken other steps to promote public safety.

"My big thing has been safety from the get-go," she said.

Six MCAS buses have special safety features from First Light Safety Products, and 12 will by the end of the school year. These include a stop arm that contains ultra-bright illumination with the industry standard reflectivity, and illuminated "School Bus" signs that up-

grade the visibility to the same level as lights on emergency vehicles. Both use LED technology.

"I'm super impressed with these and will be ordering them on all new buses from now on," Harrison said.

In 2019, MCAS' "Stop Arm Singers" (bus drivers and monitors) created a fun video titled "STOP When the Arm is Out!," with the message of "Stop in the name of love, before you hurt a child, think it over, think it over." Sung to the tune of "Stop! In the Name of Love," bus driver Phyllis Chambers created the lyrics. The video went viral with 1.6k shares.

In addition, "Please keep us safe!" bookmarks are distributed with issued tickets and at school events. Students in the after-school programs Safe Harbor and Boys & Girls Clubs of LaPorte County provided the artwork. The bookmarks explain how vehicles traveling both ways must stop for a school loading

or unloading in these situations: a two-lane road and multi-laned road with a paved turning lane in the middle. The exception is when there is a divided highway with an unpaved median or barrier between the lanes; in this instance, the vehicles behind the bus must stop and the traffic in the opposite direction should proceed with caution.

"Franklin Street is one of the biggest problems," Harrison explained. "Drivers going the other way just don't stop at all."

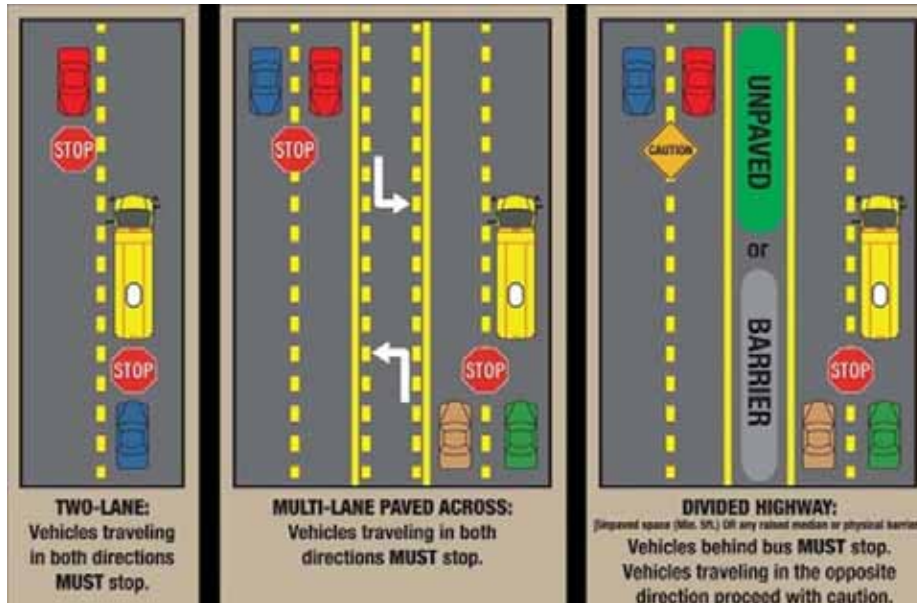
Michigan City Police Department Capt. Jeff Loniewski, who is the traffic division commander, agreed, adding U.S. 20 and Indiana 212 also are big problem areas.

Lake agrees.

"It's dangerous," he said. "There's really no excuse for ignoring the school bus stop arm. There is not. Be alert of those times when buses are out."

Loniewski said 90 percent of the tickets written were based on the video footage. The person's name

on the vehicle's registration receives the ticket. If that person isn't the driver at the time, they need to explain that to the police department. Loniewski recalled how a bus camera recorded an unfortunate accident during the last school year when a driver wasn't focused on driving and rear-ended a MCAS bus on U.S. 12.



This graphic reveals when drivers need to stop when approaching school buses.

"People are in a rush to get places and don't pay attention," he said. "I hope the word is getting out that we are writing tickets and drivers could face stiff penalties."

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"The goal is to get people to be aware of the school bus," Harrison said. "I would rather people be informed than to get a ticket. That's not the intent. We just want the kids to be safe."

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The performers include Kimberly Jones, Maia Surace, Cornelius Johnson, Gary Alexander, Paul Dykstra and Aaron Wardell. The program will include arias from "Carmen," "Merry Widow" and "Don Carlo." Featured is a tribute to Stephen Sondheim with selections from "West Side Story," "Company," "Into the Woods" and "A Little Night Music."

Arrive using the main U.S. 12 entrance. Chairs will be provided, but guests can take lawn chairs. General admission is \$45, with premium tickets at \$50 for seating in the first six rows. Tickets are available at [tinyurl.com/4j5b5djm](https://tinyurl.com/4j5b5djm), but will be sold at the door the day of the event. Light appetizers are included with each ticket. A cash/credit card bar with wine and beer will be on site.

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The performers include (clockwise from top right) Cornelius Johnson, Maia Surace and Aaron Wardell.



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The event will include beverages and hors d’oeuvres, a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum and an opportunity to purchase, for a small donation, books of historic interest recently de-acquisitioned from the museum library.

Residents can become Historical Society members to attend the event. Membership allows free entry to the museum and use of the Historical So-



Tom Suhs’ recreation of a Civil War-era iron clad. Photo by Jan Hoepfner.

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Ron Keller has received the Lion of the Year Award from the Michigan City Lions Club, which presented the honor at its Aug. 3 meeting.

Keller has been a club member since May 2011 and was sponsored by Lion Karen Lee Scott. He has served as club president, board member, community service projects chairman, Reading to Students, MCAS Student Needs, Book Collection/Distribution and currently serves as Tail Twister and Official



Lion DeNita Ton presents the Clifford D. Arnold Memorial Award for Public Service to Don Glossinger.

Club Greeter. He attends all meetings, fund-raisers and community projects.

Lion DeNita Ton presented the Clifford D. Arnold Memorial Award for Public Service to Don Glossinger, Michigan City Public Library's director since 2001.

Arnold served as club president in 1992-1993, La-Porte County sheriff, Indiana state representative, a Michigan City Area Schools board member and in many other areas. He died in 1996.

Glossinger began his career with the library in 1990 as head of the circulation department. He received his bachelor's degree and Masters of Library Science degrees from Indiana University. He also worked for Congresswoman Katie Hall, and was a community and workforce advocate. He has been involved in many community groups, including the Lions Club, serving as president from 2014-2015. He and his wife of 40 years, Caryn, are active members of Sinai Temple. They are parents to a son, Micah, and his wife, Irene.



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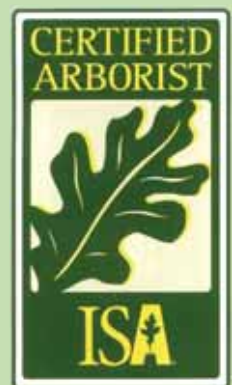
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## NB Library Community Forum

An 1894 election, and the bitter political battle surrounding it, are the subject of the next New Buffalo Community Forum program at 6:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Aug. 30, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

The speaker is Rhiannon Cizon, Berrien County Historical Association executive director. The election that removed the Berrien County Seat from Berrien Springs in 1894 was one of the most vicious in the county's history. But the political battle actually began nearly 15 years earlier, in 1879, when efforts to change the county seat began taking shape.


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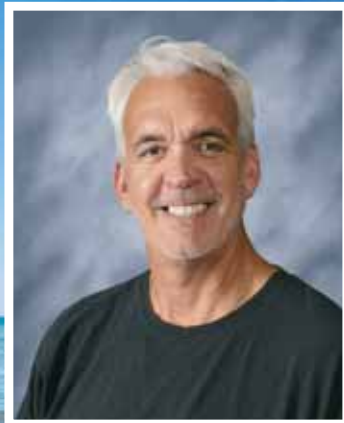
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The next program, “Plein Air Painters & DIY Collage,” is from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 27, at Lydick Bog Nature Preserve, 25898 U.S. 20. Watch the painters as they draw inspiration from their surroundings. Participants will engage in a mixed media and collage activity led by Art Barn School of Art. The link is [tinyurl.com/5n94venw](https://tinyurl.com/5n94venw)

Visit [www.heinzetrust.org/nature-in-the-arts/](http://www.heinzetrust.org/nature-in-the-arts/) for more details.

## Chesterton Art Center

Chesterton Art Center has unveiled its fall lineup of programs for youth and adults.

After-school art classes for ages 5-16 are offered September-May, exploring an arts-related topic through 2-D media. In addition, CAC will offer Teen Ceramics for ages 12-18, focusing on wheel throwing and decorative techniques. Preschool Pop-Ins for children ages 3-5 are the second Tuesday of each month, focusing on developing fine motor skills through creative arts learning experiences.

For adults, returning classes include ceramics, stained glass, oil painting and digital photography. New classes and workshops in a variety of media include pastel, watercolor and gouache, mixed-media collage, drawing and writing.

Visit [www.chestertonart.org/classes](http://www.chestertonart.org/classes) for details.



*Chesterton Art Center is located at 115 S. Fourth St. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Call the center at (219) 926-4711 or visit [www.chestertonart.org](http://www.chestertonart.org) for more details.*

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## Art Made Visible

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Chesterton Art Gallery held its 63rd Annual Chesterton Art Fair on Aug. 6-7 at Dogwood Park. The range of work by 82 participants was consistently good. Fiber arts, jewelry, sculpture, glass, photography, painting, wood and more invited visitors to take a closer look.

Executive Director Hannah Hammond-Hagman was on hand, saying, "This year's art fair is all about the artists, and nothing happens without them. This year, we have an amazing range of talent."

I would agree.

Several "regulars" were on hand, including: Samuel Yao, basketmaker from Ann Arbor, Mich.; William Steffen, wood worker from Spencerville, Ind.; Bryan Lee, glass artist from Hot Shop Valpo Glass Art Studio, Valparaiso; and Bonnie Zimmer, fiber artist and jewelry maker from Rensselaer, Ind.



Hannah Hammond-Hagman, Chesterton Art Center executive director.

## The Inquisitive Artist

Linda Weigel



One characteristic I appreciate when it comes to art fairs is the patience and stamina of artists. Every artist is a self-employed, small-business entrepreneur, working hard to create something uniquely beautiful and/or functional based on his/her individual temperament and vision.



The range of baskets and sizes by Samuel Yao.

Yao's baskets are elegantly textural, earthy and handmade, with great care and technical expertise. He is a regular to the area, appearing not only at Chesterton, but also at Lubeznik Center for the Arts' summer fair.

Bryan and Dave Lee of Hot Shop create glass art ranging from small to large, translucent to opaque and always a singular statement. It's kind of like entering a wonderful candy store where you just can't decide which one you want. They all look too tempting. Interestingly, I was glad to hear they also



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*"The object of Art is to give life a shape."*

# Shakespeare

Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St., debuted Corey Hagelberg's "The Design is Fine...The Design is not Fine," an exhibit of woodcuts on paper by a masterful printmaker, on Aug. 4.

When asked about his response to the quote by Shakespeare, he stated: "I do think this is an apt way to describe one of the purposes of art. Visual arts are influenced by who we are as people, but then influence culture at the same time. Art as a

social practice is embedded in our world in the design of our cities, governments and everyday items. I do hope that the art on the wall in the show does help us think about our region in context, the good and the bad. That gets to the title of the show itself: The design is fine...The design is not fine. In a way, my work is an examination of what humans have created collectively, and in that regard I would put a strong emphasis on the assessment that the 'design is not fine'."

Hagelberg's woodcuts are intense, bold and beautiful, available in a range of sizes and subjects. An added bonus in this exhibit is the occasional inclusion of the wood-printing plate. What a treat to see one and study how it's carved.

Subject-wise, his work plumbs the depth of environmental concerns, such as the natural world and man-made consequences of tampering with it. His prints give life to the

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The detail of “Easterly’s Pile,” a woodcut print by Hagelberg.



"Easterly's Pile," a woodcut folded book by Corey Hagelberg at Chesterton Art Center

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shape of his visual/narrative.

Each work is individually pulled from a wooden plate made from birch plywood, pear wood or even recycled old pine shelves. He does not use a printing press, but rather carefully inks the plate, centers and places a piece of mulberry paper on top before burnishing the entire thing with a wooden spoon. Some of the plates are huge, resulting in large prints. How he transfers the image so meticulously with only a spoon is a mark of a technically experienced printmaker.

I do have a deep appreciation for the technical challenges of printing such large works on paper. Woodcuts are a subtractive method of making a plate. One slip of the chisel can spell disaster. Inks, too, can be temperamental depending on the viscosity of the ink and humidity at the time of printing. Paper choice as well has its own considerations. Hagelberg's prints demonstrate an impressive control over all variables.

The exhibit closes Sept. 28. Don't miss the opportunity to check out an incredible talent.



The Ellen Firme Gallery, 92 U.S. 12, Beverly Shores, presents sculptures and pastel drawings by Kevin Firme.



A sculpture and drawing by Kevin Firme.

If you've missed seeing Kevin's art before or even if you have, you need to visit and experience for yourself his striking collection. His elegant metal sculptures twist and turn into organic line, complementing the drawn plant forms.

Firme is working on the largest sculpture of his career.

He's been at it for a year now, and it looks to be a major work of art, not only for the artist, but for the art community as well.

The Beverly Shores Depot Museum and Art Gallery, 525 S. Broadway, is only a few blocks from the Ellen Firme Gallery and this month features "The Poetry of Flowers," a photographic exhibit by Susan Reyman of Chicago.

After a long business career, Reyman delved into her passion for photography, and these current results are just luscious. Every single photograph is inviting, poetic, presenting baroque in light and tone. I really enjoyed each piece and am so glad I could experience her work. Interestingly, all profits from her work are donated to Smile Train, Oppor-



"Mums the Word," an archival inkjet print on metallic paper by Susan Reyman.

tunity International and St. Jude's Hospital. Her show ends Sept. 4.

SFC Gallery, 607 Franklin St., is hosting watercolors by David Langley. The artist statement points out that once Langley moved to Long Beach, he began focusing on the beach and sailing scenes around Lake Michigan. This exhibit highlights that interest, and for visitors provides a wonderful opportunity to experience a very gifted painter.

Langley died Aug. 15, 2008. His talent was large, and his work reflects a time and place that, fortunately, continues to this day.



"Marina" by the late David Langley.

### More Information

- Chesterton Art Center: (219) 926-4711, [www.chestertonart.org](http://www.chestertonart.org)
- Hot Shop Valpo Glass Art Studio: [www.hotshopvalpo.com](http://www.hotshopvalpo.com)
- Corey Hagelberg: [www.coreyhagelberg.com](http://www.coreyhagelberg.com)
- Ellen Firme Art Gallery, located within Glenn L. Firme & Associates: (219) 874-4003.
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## “13: The Musical” Marks a Return to Innocence

by Andrew Tallackson



Evan (Eli Golden, center) discovers Indiana isn't as boring as he feared in “13: The Musical.”

A few years back, LaPorte Little Theatre Club did “13: The Musical,” and my first thought was, this play is so stinkin’ cute, why hasn’t Hollywood pounced on it? The Broadway musical debuted in 2007, right in the heart of the “High School Musical” craze. The time would have been ripe for it.

Fifteen years later, we finally have a movie version, and ironically, this Netflix release feels like the dated, eighth-grade equivalent of “High School Musical.” Harmless, never rocking the boat. And yet, it is that innocence, that boundless enthusiasm that makes it just as winning on film as it was on stage.

The story finds Jewish New York teen Evan (Eli Golden) on the cusp of his Bar Mitzvah, of symbolically becoming a man at age 13, when his parents’ divorce lands him in Walkerton, Ind. That’s right, folks, that small town hugging the southern tip of LaPorte County. Of course, this vision of Walkerton, complete with architecturally striking suspension bridges, looks nothing like LaPorte County since the movie was shot in Ontario, Canada...but I digress.

Evan’s mother, Jessica (“Will & Grace” star Debra Messing), has chosen Indiana because it’s where she grew up, where her mother, Ruth (Rhea Pearlman), still lives. And save for the obligatory Indiana cheap shot — one of the first things Evan sees upon



### “13: The Musical”

*Running time: 91 minutes. Netflix. Rated PG for some thematic elements and rude humor.*

his arrival is a cow, grazing by itself — Evan discovers the Hoosier state isn’t too far removed from New York. Less urbane, yes, but the teenage struggles are just the same.

And that’s really what “13” is about: that delicate transition out of childhood. When teens begin poking holes in the bubble that is their immediate family. Thoughts of sex are not on the horizon just yet. Popularity is the eternal struggle, the juggling act involving friends who make sense — in Evan’s case, it’s adorably nerdy Patrice (Gabriella Uhl) — with jocks and cheerleaders. Middle school in “13” never resembles a real place, more an idealized utopia where all races are represented, and any struggles or conflicts are easily resolved. However, the cast, for once, is age appropriate. These kids actually look like eighth-graders.

Robert Horn, Jason Robert Brown and Dan Elish, the creative team behind the Broadway musical, were all on board with the movie. Their songs are

“bubble gum” to the core. Bright, cheery, not exactly humable, but having the right energy. The standout, which arrives late in the film, is “Tell Her,” a power ballad that stresses honesty and forgiveness over lies and resentment.

Is the song corny? Sure, but that’s the movie’s charm. Every once in a while, you need a world like the one in “13,” where it’s not mired down in trash. I use the word “innocence” again because it best applies to the movie. How sweet it is to delve into a story where a boy is more preoccupied with the perfect first kiss than in getting a girl into the back seat of his vehicle.

The big Bar Mitzvah scene earns a laugh — with no temples in Walkerton, the local Catholic church has to make due — with the last two songs just as bubbly as ever.

It’d be easy to dismiss “13: The Musical” as hokey.



Evan’s divorced parents, played by Debra Messing and Peter Hermann, put aside their differences to attend his Bar Mitzvah in Walkerton, Ind.

In some respects, it is. But its gentle heart works on you. These teens have their whole lives to figure out how the real world works. Let them savor the fantasy of it for now.

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## “Day Shift” Starts Out Great, Then Gives Up Its Clever Ideas

by Andrew Tallackson



Jamie Foxx and Snoop Dogg star as vampire hunters in “Day Shift.”

“Day Shift” is Netflix’s equivalent of junk food: easily digestible, without being good for you.

It sounds fun: Jamie Foxx, in full alpha male mode as a divorced father hunting vampires to pay the bills. And for a while, it is. But there is something off about a horror-comedy where the vampires are the least interesting part of the story.

The setup is dynamite. Bud Jablonski (Foxx) masquerades as a pool cleaner, but in secret hunts vampires by day, when they’re hiding inside. He is part of a network of hunters that extracts the fangs of dead vampires to yield a tidy black-market profit. In the opening scene, Bud sneaks into a vampire nest where he encounters a harmless-looking elderly woman in a shabby muumuu. In seconds, she bares fangs, primed for the kill. J.J. Perry, a former stuntman/martial arts expert who makes his directing debut here, stages the attack as a comic misfire, with Foxx’s only reaction after the woman bites the dust being “crazy old b---.”

Turns out, Bud needs \$5,000 to cover his daughter’s tuition and much-needed braces. When Bud questions why his daughter needs the dental work, that her teeth are fine, the response from his ex-wife (Meagan Good) is priceless: “Honey, they’re jacked up.”

The first half of “Day Shift” is the best, where we learn bloodsuckers fall into five different categories revolving around age, background or nationality.

★ ★ 1/2

### “Day Shift”

Running time: 113 minutes. Netflix. Rated R  
for strong violence and gore, and language.

Toss in none other than Snoop Dogg as the most respected member of the vampire-hunting “union,” and “Day Shift” has created its own offbeat niche.

In fact, things really get interesting when we meet a Latina Realtor named Audrey (Karla Susana Olivares Souza) who, turns out, is the area’s top vamp. “Day Shift” appears to have introduced its most delicious element. The most aggressive force in real estate is a bloodsucking vampire?

Souza is game for fun. She and Foxx make for good adversaries, but it is here that “Day Shift” basically gives up. The film has created a unique world spiced up with wild social satire, but it doesn’t know where to go from there. The vampires become little more than video game targets. Worse, we get Dave Franco — brother of James — in another whiny variation on the uptight nebbish he likes to play. The movie thinks he’s funny. He is not.

The story also does little with Heather’s big real-estate plans. That could have been comic gold: a commentary on race and housing. But instead, “Day Shift” turns into an endless string of vampire combat scenes. Not surprisingly, with Perry’s mar-



Dave Franco (left) is woefully unfunny as Jamie Foxx's comic sidekick.

tial arts background, the movie treats every fight sequence like it's the latest "Matrix" sequel. The laughs, the fun, evaporate.

"Day Shift" is never dull. It's too fast-paced and relentless, and Foxx makes it effortlessly watchable. But it all could have been more. Much more.

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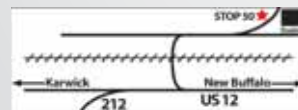
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## Two LaPorte County Students Receive First Franciscan Health Scholarship



Celebrating the first Franciscan Health Michigan City Medical Staff Memorial Scholarships are (from left) Denise Bensz, manager of medical staff services, David Fumo, scholarship committee member, scholarship recipients Zayda Messer and Emma Heffron, Mark Jacobi, scholarship committee member, and Jamil Ahmed, medical staff president.

Two recent high school graduates are the first recipients of the Franciscan Health Michigan City Medical Staff Memorial Scholarship for students interested in health-care careers.

Zayda Messer, a LaPorte High School graduate attending Indiana University-Bloomington, and Emma Heffron, a La Lumiere graduate attending St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, were selected. Messer, who hopes to be an OB-GYN, said the award will make a big difference helping her pay for school. Heffron, who will pursue nursing, said in a press release, "It gives me the chance to go to school

so I can eventually give back to the community in ways that they have given to me."

In the last year, the Franciscan medical staff donated to establish the scholarship fund and memorialize physicians who have left an impact on the community, including Dr. Maurice Ndukwu.

Gastroenterologist David Fumo, a scholarship committee member, said in a press release, "We're excited about our first two recipients, and hopefully they'll keep in touch with us and let us know how they're doing."

The Franciscan Health Foundation works with medical staff to administer the scholarship, which will be awarded annually to LaPorte County high school seniors who apply through their school. Contact Debbie Tatum at the foundation at (219) 661-3401 to donate to the scholarship fund.

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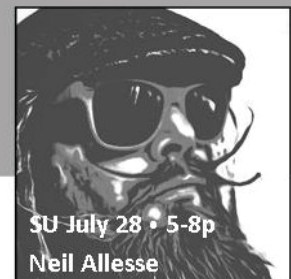
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The library has begun changing overhead lighting to LED fixtures. They will feature automatic ambient lighting, centralized controls for turning on and off and conservation in unoccupied public areas. A section above the front entrance will have specialized color lighting for seasonal themes. The expected completion date is Sept. 16. The library will remain open during all phases of the project, but reserves the right to close if necessary. Areas under the work zone will be closed. The goal is to minimize closure time to its collections and services. The meeting rooms will be closed while work is done in them.

*The following programs are scheduled:*

- **MCPL Podcast: Discussions with Miss Dana at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26.** Miss Dana discusses upcoming books and interviews a librarian. Listen on Buzzsprout or visit the library website.
- **Friday at the Movies: "Death on the Nile" from 2-4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26.** The movie is Rated PG-13.

- **Makerspace: open lab hours from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays in August.** Youth ages 6-17 can create with LEGO WeDo, Micro Bits, paper circuits and Ozobots. Children 12 and younger must have a parent or guardian attend with them.
- **Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesdays.** Children birth to age 5 and adults will enjoy stories, songs and crafts. Check out previous story time videos through the library's YouTube channel, Facebook page and website.
- **Needle Arts Club to Warm Up America from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays in August.** Membership to the group is open to anyone interested in needle arts such as crochet, needlepoint, cross-stitch, crewel, tatting and other hand stitching. All skill levels and ages are welcome. Also, the group has organized a local chapter of the Warm Up America Foundation. Volunteers are knitting and crocheting handmade squares (7x9 inch) that will be joined together to make full-size afghans.



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## Indiana Dunes State Park

*The following programs will be offered:*

- **Who Goes Where? from 10-11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26.** Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium to learn how physical/behavioral adaptations help animals survive diverse Indiana Dunes habitats.
- **Critter Dinner from 10-11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29.** Meet at the Nature Center as reptiles and amphibians eat live meals.
- **“Feed the Birds B-I-N-G-O” from 9:30-10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30.** Join a naturalist at the Nature Center to help fill bird feeders and play the game.

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- **Folk Music at the Farm with Save the Tunes from 5-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at Chellberg Farm.** Local musicians from Save the Tunes will perform from the farmhouse porch. Take a blanket or folding chair. Passes are required.
- **Drop-In Volunteer Program (Trash Trekkers) from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.** Trash Trekkers is a no-hassle volunteer option that helps keep trails and beaches clean. Temporary passes are available. Visit [tinyurl.com/2p83798v](https://tinyurl.com/2p83798v) for more details.

*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 or visit [www.nps.gov/indu](https://www.nps.gov/indu) for details.*



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### A FLIGHT

Low Net — Janet Andreotti.  
Low Putts — Cindy Levy.  
Birdies — Carol Excell (No. 13)  
Sunken Approaches — N/A.

### B FLIGHT

Low Net — Nancy Trainor.  
Low Putts — Jean Guerin, Nancy Trainor.  
Birdies — Mary O'Neil (No. 5).  
Sunken Approaches — N/A.

### C FLIGHT

Low Net — Gloria McMahon.  
Low Putts — Sally Allen, Ann Daley.  
Birdies — N/A.  
Sunken Approaches — Sally Allen (No. 2), Erin McMahon (No. 11).

### D FLIGHT

Low Net — Rosann Conroy.  
Low Putts — Rosann Conroy.  
Birdies/Sunken Approaches — Not available.

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**Aug. 15, 2022**  
**Monday League "Early Birdies"**  
**Event: Ringer Tournament + 50/50**

### A Flight

Low Gross: Jane Shuger.  
Low Net: Mary Lou Marshall.  
Low Putts: Phyllis Roach, Jane Shuger.  
Event: 1st, Jane Shuger; 2nd, Mary Lou Marshall.

### B Flight

Low Gross: Ev Cassin.  
Low Net: Ev Cassin, Paula Hutchinson.  
Low Putts: Sandra Provan, Linda Wabshall.  
Event: 1st, Paula Hutchinson; 2nd, Daphne Craft.

### C Flight

Low Gross: Kathy Grott.  
Low Net: Kathy Grott.  
Low Putts: Laurie Wink.  
Event: 1st, Mary Schlunz; 2nd, Alice Wozniak.

Chip-Ins: Linda Wabshall (Hole No. 6).  
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### **In the Area**

**Aug. 25** — Virtual Author Talk with Liz Wiseman (Adults 19+), 11 a.m.-noon, through LaPorte County Public Library. Link: <https://libraryc.org/laportelibrary/18039>

**Aug. 25** — Arts in the Park, LaPorte's Fox Park. Whistle Pigs (funk/rock)/7 p.m.; preconcert: Go Aerial Fitness/6 p.m. **Aug. 24:** LaPorte City Band/7 p.m. Info: [contact@artsintheparklaporte.com](mailto:contact@artsintheparklaporte.com)

**Aug. 26** — MCPL Podcast: Discussions with Miss Dana, 9 a.m., through Michigan City Public Library. Link: Buzzsprout, [www.mclib.org](http://www.mclib.org)

**Aug. 26** — Friday at the Movies: "Death on the Nile," 2-4:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Aug. 28** — Opera in the Gardens, 4-6 p.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Tickets: \$45, premium tickets/\$50. Reservations: [tinyurl.com/4j5b5djm](http://tinyurl.com/4j5b5djm)

**Aug. 30** — Readers Corner — Book Club, 6-7 p.m., Coolspring Library Branch, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**Through Sept. 30** — Michigan City Art League, Queen of All Saints Catholic Church's Legacy Center, 1719 E. Barker Ave. Legacy Center hours: 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Thur., 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Info: [kd3627@hotmail.com](mailto:kd3627@hotmail.com)

**Through Oct. 21** — "moniquemeloche presents..." Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: [www.LubeznikCenter.org/Events](http://www.LubeznikCenter.org/Events)

**First and Third Mondays** — Singing Sands Toastmasters Club, 6:30-8 p.m., Senior Health/Wellness Center (old hospital ER, Barker/Buffalo).

**Mondays in Michigan City** — Bingo, Moose Family Lodge 980, 2107 Welnetz Road. Doors open/8:30 a.m., early birds/9:30 a.m., regular Bingo/10 a.m.

**Tuesdays in August** — Makerspace: open lab hours, 3:30-5 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Thursdays in August** — Needle Arts Club to Warm Up America, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Saturdays in Michigan City** — Michigan City Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-noon, Eighth & Washington streets. Info: [farmersmarketmichigancity@gmail.com](mailto:farmersmarketmichigancity@gmail.com)

**Saturdays in LaPorte** — LaPorte Farmers

Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Lincolnway parking lot next to Mucho Mas. Info: [laportefarmermarket@gmail.com](mailto:laportefarmermarket@gmail.com)

**Sundays in Michigan City** — The Dockside Artisan Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Millennium Plaza. Free parking.

### **In the Region**

**Aug. 26** — Who Goes Where?, 10-11 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**Aug. 26** — Singer-songwriter Crystal Bowersox, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$40/general, \$65/VIP. Reservations: [www.acornlive.org](http://www.acornlive.org)

**Aug. 27** — Shirley Heinze Land Trust "Nature in the Arts" series ("Plein Air Painters & DIY Collage"), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. EDT, Lydick Bog Nature Preserve, 25898 U.S. 20. Link: [tinyurl.com/5n94venw](http://tinyurl.com/5n94venw)

**Aug. 27** — The Common Concert Series, 7-9 p.m. EDT, Buchanan, Mich. Entertainment: Aug. 27 Midnight North. Info: The Common-Buchanan, MI (Facebook).

**Aug. 27** — The Milk Carton Kids with Vikesh Kapoor, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$45/general, \$70/VIP. Reservations: [www.acornlive.org](http://www.acornlive.org)

**Aug. 27-28** — "Remembering Summer in Watercolors" exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. EDT, Art Loft Studio, 10232 Wilson Road, New Buffalo, Mich.

**Aug. 28** — Folk Music at the Farm with Save the Tunes, 5-6 p.m., Chellberg Farm, Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12/20, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882, [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu)

**Aug. 28** — Simmer Sessions (host: Andrew Fisher), 6:30 p.m. EDT, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10. Info: <https://boxfactoryforthearts.org>, <https://facebook.com/boxfactoryarts>.

**Aug. 29** — Critter Dinner, 10-11 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**Aug. 30** — "Feed the Birds B-I-N-G-O," 9:30-10 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**Aug. 30** — New Buffalo Community Forum program (1894 election), 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Free.

**Aug. 31** — Neighbor by Neighbor Benefit featuring PureSoul Presents, 7 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$25. Reservations: [www.acornlive.org](http://www.acornlive.org)

**Through Oct. 1** — "Journey Through Indiana: The Photographs of Kay Westhues and John Bower," Elkhart's Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Fri./1-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Admission: \$10/adults, \$6/ages 8-12, \$8/ages 13-18, \$8/college students with ID. Info: (574) 293-6660.

**Through Oct. 2** — "WIRED: The Rise (and Fall) of Electric Cars," The Studebaker National Museum,

201 Chapin St., South Bend. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-5 p.m. Sun. Admission: \$10/adults, \$8.50/seniors 60+, \$6/youth ages 6-18. Info: [www.studebakermuseum.org](http://www.studebakermuseum.org), (574) 235-9714.

**Through Oct. 30** — “The Avanti: America’s Most Advanced Automobile,” The Studebaker National Museum, The Studebaker National Museum, 201 Chapin St., South Bend. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-5 p.m. Sun. Admission: \$10/adults, \$8.50/seniors 60+, \$6/youth ages 6-18. Info: [www.studebakermuseum.org](http://www.studebakermuseum.org), (574) 235-9714.

**Saturdays in August** — Pinhook Bog Open House, 9 a.m.-noon, parking lot @ 700 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City. Info: [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu), (219) 395-1882.

**Saturdays in August** — Biking & Birding, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., West Beach, 376 N. County Line Road, Gary. Info: [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu), (219) 395-1882.

**Saturdays in Chesterton** — European Market, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Broadway & Third Street. Info: (219) 926-5513.

**Sundays in August** — “Is it a ‘Birdie’ or an ‘Eagle’?”, 7-9 a.m., Dunewood Campground off Golf Wood Road, Beverly Shores. Info: [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu), (219) 395-1882.

**Sundays in August** — Mount Baldy Sunset Hike, 9-11 a.m., parking lot off U.S. 12. Info: [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu), (219) 395-1882.

**Sundays in August** — Bailly/Chellberg History Hike, 2-4 p.m., Bailly/Chellberg parking lot off Mineral Springs Road, U.S. 12/20, Porter. Info: [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu), (219) 395-1882.

**Vickers Theatre** — *Now Showing*: “Marcel the Shell With Shoes On.” Rated PG. Times: 6 p.m. Aug. 25. *Also*: Paintings by Annie Hickman through late August. Theater address: 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Info: [www.vickerstheatre.com](http://www.vickerstheatre.com), (269) 756-3522.



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(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.

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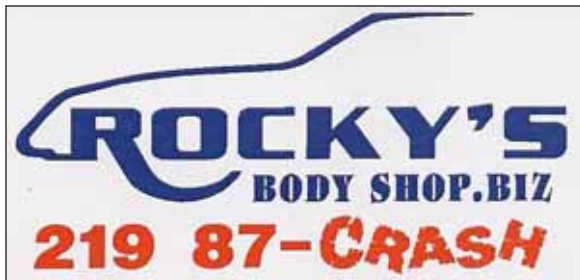
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**On August 28, 1976**, scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology reported they had created an artificial gene, the basic unit of heredity.

**On August 28, 1996**, the troubled 15-year marriage of Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana ended officially with the issuance of a divorce decree.

**On August 29, 1817**, *The Philanthropist*, the first abolitionist newspaper in the United States, was published in Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

**On August 29, 1896**, chop suey was invented and first served at a restaurant in New York City. It has since become a mainstay of Chinese restaurants.

**On August 29, 1944**, in Paris, 15,000 American troops marched down the Champs Elysees, helping the French celebrate their liberation from Germany.

**On August 29, 1965**, Gemini 5, piloted by astronauts L. Gordon Cooper and Charles Conrad, returned to earth after eight days in orbit.

**On August 29, 1966**, at San Francisco's Candlestick Park, the Beatles gave their last concert.

**On August 30, 1780**, Gen. Benedict Arnold betrayed the United States when he promised to surrender the fort at West Point, N.Y., to the British. He fled to England where he died in poverty.

**On August 30, 1929**, Col. E.H. Green took delivery of a newly designed combination gas and electric automobile built by the General Electric Co. of Schenectady, N.Y. It was a 60-horsepower vehicle with no clutch or gear shift. Two pedals, one on each side of the central brake pedal, were used for acceleration.

**On August 30, 1963**, a direct "hot line" was established between the White House in Washington and the Kremlin in Moscow.

**On August 30, 1967**, the Senate confirmed Thurgood Marshall as the first black justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

**On August 31, 1887**, Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his Kinetoscope, a device that produced moving pictures.

**On August 31, 1888**, Mary Ann Nicholls was found murdered in London's East End in what is regarded as the first killing by Jack the Ripper.

**On August 31, 1941**, the radio program "The Great Gildersleeve" debuted on NBC.

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Master Gardeners will answer questions on house plants, landscaping, flowers, fruit trees, vegetables, trees, shrubs, lawns, insects and garden pests. Answers include research-based materials produced by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service or other regional land-grant universities.

The phone number is (219) 324-9407. Michigan City-area residents can call (219) 874-5611, Ext. 2010. Ask to speak with a Master Gardener. Questions also can be emailed to [lpmastergardener@gmail.com](mailto:lpmastergardener@gmail.com)



**Bark to the Future by Spencer Quinn** (hard-cover, \$26.99 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook and an audiobook. 308 pages.)

Chet the Jet. “*Call me Chet - pure and simple.*” He’s the partner of Bernie Little. Together, they are the Little Detective Agency. However, you’ve never read about a gumshoe like Chet. He’s four-legged, all black except for one pure white ear. Yup. Chet’s a dog. Or as Bernie puts it, he’s “*a member of the nation within the nation.*” And, weighing more than 100 pounds, a formidable opponent.

Chet and Bernie go together like salt and pepper, bread and butter...you get the picture. As Chet says, “*What would I do without Bernie? I didn’t even want to go there.*”

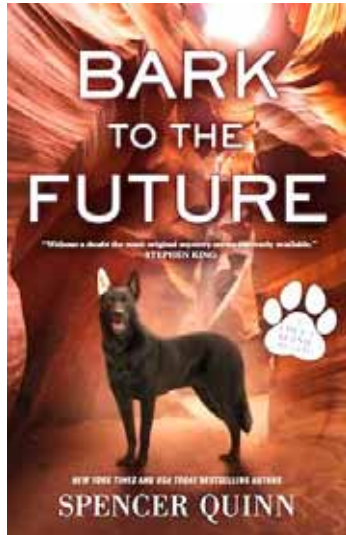
Yes, Chet’s the narrator of these fast-moving, always fascinating and sometimes funny stories, with “dog humor” in every book because of Chet’s take on whatever is happening at the moment. His learning curve on figuring out human speech sometimes is a marvel to behold. Like when someone says, “*There’s more than one way to skin a cat,*” Chet is thoroughly confused. What cat? There’s no smell of one nearby, and how and why would you? You get the picture.

Just to prove Chet and Bernie’s staying power, this is Book 13 in the series. Readers have taken the pair into their hearts and their libraries, me included. Finding out there’s a new Chet and Bernie book is great entertainment, like fireworks on the 4th of July.

In this story, Bernie is forced to remember his high school days...well, maybe. Do we really remember what happened during those confusing teen years...or did we sail through oblivious to what was really going on? The good and the bad? Is it easier to see the past through rose-colored glasses? Bernie will find out shortly how much he really doesn’t know about his classmates...

After high school, Bernie went to West Point, then the military with three tours of duty overseas, then back to the police department. Finally, realizing he wanted to be his own boss, he opened the detective agency. He met Chet while he was trying out for K-9 school. He flunked out because of a cat and some blood...and well, Chet doesn’t really want to remember that day, except that it brought him and Bernie together.

Chet and Bernie now live in the desert region of southern California. One day, Bernie is trying out



## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter



his new Porsche with Chet when a slowdown on the highway off-ramp reveals a barefoot man wearing nothing but cargo shorts; he’s mostly bald with a sad ponytail hanging down his back and staring at Bernie.

To Bernie’s surprise, the man is Rocket Saluka. They went to the same high school and were on the same baseball team. Rocket doesn’t look so good, but recognizes Bernie right away, and not with fond remembrance...

Now the story picks up as Rocket shows Bernie “*his most valuable possession*” — a switchblade knife with a “*green-eyed human skull decoration.*” He won’t give Bernie any information about his life or how he ended up walking the highway, disappearing as mysteriously as he appeared.

Worried about Rocket, Bernie gets another road bum to point him in the direction of a church where Padre Doug Plumtree has a tent camp in the back for the homeless. Rocket’s tent is empty, but Chet finds the switchblade knife buried in the dirt bottom. Now, Bernie’s really worried about what’s going on, following more clues to a slot canyon where he and Chet are almost buried by a huge falling boulder. If Chet could talk, he would have told Bernie of the scarred man he saw push the rock down.

Things take a stranger turn when Padre Doug makes a call to Bernie that ends with a groan and the phone going dead. Later, the padre is found drowned in the canyon lake. Accident? Suicide? Murder? The story starts to come together with Bernie’s investigation, taking him back to his old school and the chemistry teacher, now retired, who admits he had the knife and showed it to his advanced class, consisting of six students. Then, he says, the knife disappeared from his locked cabinet. Time to look up old classmates...Each one has an interesting, if not helpful or even truthful, story that has to do with this knife. Can Bernie sort out this mess?

So what’s with this knife? Bernie can’t stop now, each suspect adding a piece of a puzzle that doesn’t want to be solved. Bernie and Chet must stay one step ahead of whomever wants them dead, the unforgiving desert playing a big part of the action.

And what’s happened to Rocket? Dead or alive?

Suffice it to say, this knife has played a part in a string of incidents and murders that Chet knows Bernie can solve. After all, as Chet says, “*Bernie, always the smartest human in the room.*”

The final word: Somewhere between a cozy mystery and a hard-nose thriller — sleuthing, not swearing!

Till next time, happy reading!

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