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Friends Forever

by Kim Nowatzke



Jane Bachman (left) and Gale Weaver received the Blackhawk School Spirit award together in 2019.

Employees who fulfill 45 years of continual commitment and dedication are few and far between.

Two exceptional women who worked together for years, are best friends, once filled the same position and retired the same year...that's even rarer.

This is the story of Jane Bachman and Gale Weaver.

Bachman, 70, retired from Westville Middle/High School in February. After four years as a secretary at Westville Elementary School, she took maternity leave in March 1980. She returned in October to fill a K-12 job titled Extra Curriculum Account treasurer. Then, she switched to a high school secretary job, only to return to the ECA treasurer position in 1987. She picked up other jobs along the way, such as K-12 substitute coordinator, but officially retired as the ECA treasurer and athletic secretary.

When Bachman took her maternity leave as the elementary secretary, Weaver, now 68, took over the position. She started with Westville schools as a substitute

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teacher a year earlier. Weaver officially entered retirement last month after 45 years.

(Westville schools are part of the Metropolitan School District of New Durham Township.)

Weaver remembers the morning she received a call at 5:30 a.m. from her friend and neighbor, Richard Fagg, who was principal at the time.

"He told me, 'I need a sub really bad. Can your mom watch your kids today?'" Weaver recalled.

She also shared when Principal John Adams interviewed her for the elementary secretary job. His only question at the time: "Why do you want to be here every day?"

Now, for Weaver, being anywhere else all those years is unfathomable.

"I can't imagine what my life would have been like without it," she admits. "It's a phenomenal place to learn and to work."

Bachman echoed that sentiment.

"It was an honor to be at this school system," she said. "The students – the teachers – the people I worked with who are golden."

Weaver was born and raised in Westville. Her father, Eldred Elliott, attended Westville schools. She met her husband, Michael Weaver, at the school when she was in eighth grade and he in the 10th; they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary July 22. Their two children, Ryan Weaver and Jamie Creutzburg, graduated from Westville along with two of their four grandchildren; two still attend the middle/high school.

Bachman moved to Westville from LaPorte when she was 3. She attended all grades at Westville, as did her three children: Steven Bachman, Dena Baderstadt and Mallory Bachman. During school, she was in the same grade as Weaver's husband, Michael, and older sister, Nancy. Jane graduated in

1970; Weaver followed in 1972.

When Creutzburg spoke at a retirement event for her parents (her father is semi-retiring this year), she said, "Mom, you started your journey many many years ago first as a substitute teacher and then as the elementary school secretary. That job evolved many times over the years. Every time your position changed and something new was added, you took it on and you made it look easy."

Weaver admits that as she began writing down what her job entailed, the pages added up quickly.

"How do you write down all that you do? The responsibilities were so diversified. I loved it all or I would have never stayed as long as I did," she said.

Her duties included answering the phone, running security checks on visitors, registering new students, digitally entering attendance information,

managing book rentals, keeping up with office supplies, generating state reports and coordinating substitute teachers. There were less obvious tasks, too, such as filling the pop machine and making sure homework reached absent students through older siblings or parents. The first two years on the job, she even wore the hat of school nurse, conducting lice checks three times each week.

"You just take care of it the best you can when you're the only one there," Weaver explained. "The difference between a small and large school district is the number of people to do things."

Bachman's responsibilities as ECA treasurer were far-reaching as well. She handled funds for all the clubs and responsibilities for grades K-12, managed money boxes for ticket sales at activities,

took care of free and reduced book-rental fees at the middle/high school and coordinated these with Weaver at the elementary level. A large part of her time was spent on additional tasks as athletic secretary for the middle/high school. She helped supervise events, managed team rosters, kept track of sports physicals, coordinated sports awards and corresponding banquets, among other jobs.



Jane Bachman enjoyed a special sendoff after dedicating 45 years to the Westville school system.

After being hired by John Adams, Weaver worked for four others principals: Norm Kleist, Susan Schwartz, Larry Cook and Brian Ton.

Commenting on her 27 years with Cook and the last seven with Ton, she said, "It was a blessing to work with them, and one of the reasons that I stayed."

During her time at Westville Middle/High School, Bachman estimates she worked with at least 13 principals and about a dozen athletic directors. She has worked with Alissa Schnick, the Westville Middle/School principal, for the past eight years.

Schnick, who began her student teaching 17 years ago at Westville Middle School, said, "Jane was a huge help to me, whether it was learning about ordering something and doing my 'end of the year packet,' who to talk to about ECAs, to the history of Westville. She is well-versed in all positions and did everything with Blackhawk pride! Jane was such a pleasure to work with. She has been a wonderful co-worker and friend. I will miss her dearly, but know that she will always return to her roots to visit us."



Good friends Jane Bachman and Gale Weaver, who enjoy camping together, both retired from the Westville school system with 45 years of service.

More staff members shared with *The Beacher* how much Jane and Gale meant to them.

Kathie Long is one of them. Retiring in 2020 as a speech pathologist, also after 45 years, her work brought her to Westville schools in addition to LaPorte, South Central, Wanatah and LaCrosse.

"Both Jane and Gale were so wonderful to me," she shared. "They made me feel so welcome. They are two of the best secretaries that I ever worked with. They are really special and really good at what they did. When people stayed in their jobs as long as they did, there was a reason. They are two of my best friends now."

Debbie Niec, the Westville Middle/High School secretary, has worked side by side with Bachman for the past four years, in addition to knowing her through Westville Tri Kappa.

"Jane can tell you more about that building – where the bricks came from – than anyone else,"

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she shared. "Anybody and everybody relied on Jane for everything. She started working with pencil and eraser and switched to computers. What they couldn't find out, they went to Jane. She was so reliable."

That impact wasn't lost on their children.

"My mom was always the go-to person," Creutzburg said. "She makes everything look really easy and effortless. In most cases, my mom was the first person someone saw when they walked into the school and the last person when they left. Everyone would say, 'I bet you hate having your mom at school,' but I loved having my mom at school. She was there to wave at when I was having a bad day. Anything you needed, she was there. She always had this peaceful sense about her. She touched a lot of people's lives working there for so long."

Bachman's daughter, Mallory Bachman, gave her a special surprise message over the intercom her last day on the job.

"Back in the day, nine times out of 10, if you called the school, she (Jane) was the one that answered," she said for the whole school to hear. "Knowing this, I would make regular phone calls to the school, whether I needed something or was just bored. Rather than saying, 'Hi Mom,' like any normal child, I would sing Stevie Wonder's 'I Just Called to Say I Love You' with all the enthusiasm I could muster."

Mallory said the life lesson learned from this was, always make sure you know if someone has placed you on speaker phone.

"She's an amazing woman doing amazing things at that school," Mallory continued. "She wasn't just an employee. She was connected. She grew up in that town and went to that school. Whatever she was asked to do, she did. She was very much involved and could tell you every student's name. It wasn't just a job to her. She's so personable. She was the backbone of the school for 45 years – a part of everything because she wanted to be."

Remarkably, Bachman's workplace was in her own backyard.

"My property butts up to the school property so I walked from my backyard to my job," she explained.

Although they knew each other in school, it

wasn't until their employment with Westville schools that they became close friends.

We check up on each other," Weaver said. "Our kids grew up together. We saw each other through the ups and downs. We were always there for each other. We check up on and take care of each other. Jane and I have been through thick and thin. I value her friendship."

She noted the few years between graduation and when they joined Westville schools were the only ones where they weren't at school together.

After Bachman retired first, they hadn't talked for about a month. Weaver gave her a call, saying, "This isn't going to work."

Bachman agreed.

The two enjoy dining with friends who also camp together, going on an annual five-day lake house trip.

Bachman and Weaver received the Blackhawk Pride Award in August 2019. The annual honor typically is handed out to one staff member each year, but, in the case of these special friends, an exception was made.

"There are a handful of families that have been in my life since I was born," Mallory shared in her P.A.

system speech. "We've taken vacations together – celebrated birthdays, weddings and holidays together. These are people she met here in this school when she started this job...She created lifelong friendships with them, which gave me the opportunity to create lifelong friendships with their kids."

That connection with others played a significant role in the longevity of Bachman's and Weaver's careers.



Jane Bachman worked with Alissa Schnick in her role as Westville Middle/High School principal for the past eight years. Bachman is retiring as the ECA treasurer and athletic secretary after 45 years of service.



Gale Weaver (second from right in the front row) and her husband, Michael (third from the left in the back row), surrounded by family.



Gale Weaver in her role as Westville Elementary School secretary around 1993.

Commenting on the rewards of her past position, Weaver replied, "The kids that came through – and now they are bringing their own kids. To think how you've met so many wonderful people and made lifelong friends."

With a laugh, she shared how it wasn't unusual to be greeted with, "Oh my! You are still here?!", by a visitor at the school.

Niec shared, "I didn't realize how much I would miss her. What I miss about Jane are our talks. She has a quirky sense of humor. She loves her friends to the highest. She's very young at heart and spirit. It's an honor to know her. I do love her."

Sandy Goetz, another Westville High School graduate, said her own families and those of Bachman and Weaver go back several generations.

"Jane and Gale have seen generations of families come through the doors," she said. "In retirement, they could write a book on the many funny stories that they've heard. Everyone comes and goes, but Jane and Gale were the familiar faces that were the

go-to girls for any and all information!"

The decision to close their long chapters with Westville schools wasn't one either took lightly.

Weaver noted, "It feels like I'm on summer break right now. We do have some travel plans."

She and Michael look forward to more time with their three grandsons and one granddaughter.

Bachman said she loves being outside and camping. She has taken a trip to Florida and looks forward to another to California. This summer, she has been busy attending baseball and softball games for her grandkids. She has two grandsons and three granddaughters.

"It was a special job," Bachman said. "It wasn't an easy decision to retire, but it felt like it was the right time."



Jane Bachman enjoys a moment with her family this past spring.



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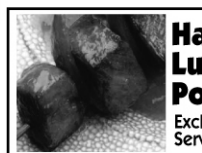


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“Thor: Love and Thunder” is Pure Silliness

by Andrew Tallackson

“Thor: Love and Thunder” proves what we suspected all along about Chris Hemsworth: He’d rather play the character as a goof, not a stoic god.

And, he has writer-director Taika Waititi as his comic soul mate.

With Thanos vanquished in “Avengers: Endgame,” concluding Phase 3 of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, the studio’s latest offerings are all about Marvel finding its footing again. “Thor: Love and Thunder,” which reunites Hemsworth and Waititi after “Ragnarok,” isn’t designed to wow you. To establish a link to an epic franchise puzzle. Its solitary goal is to make you laugh. There is something to be said about a movie that only wants you to leave the theater with a grin on your face.

“Love and Thunder” finds Thor shedding the lumpy Dad Bod he cultivated in “Endgame” to join the “Guardians of the Galaxy” crew in their latest adventures. Waititi, a deadpan genius if there ever was one, mines laughs out of having the “Guardians” cast, including Chris Pratt and David Bautista, playing it straight, while Hemsworth parades about in a theatrical state of bloated ego.

His foe this time is Gorr the God Butcher, disillusioned by his daughter’s death and out to vanquish all gods with a special sword. He’s played by Chris-



Natalie Portman, seen here with Chris Hemsworth, makes a welcome return as Jane Foster in “Thor: Love and Thunder.”



“Thor: Love and Thunder”

Running time: 119 minutes. Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action, language, some suggestive material and partial nudity.

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tian Bale (“The Fighter”), who does his trademark disappearing act where no signs of his former self remain. Gorr is like a “Mad Max” version of Nosferatu: chilling in appearance and presence.

The movie, however, is not concerned with making Gorr an all-consuming heavy. Again, Waititi wants laughs, and he goes for them wherever he can find them. Like the running gag of shrieking goats that, surprisingly, does not go stale. Or Oscar-winner Russell Crowe (“Gladiator”), enjoying himself for a change by portraying Zeus as a piggish lout. And returning Asgardian actors played by Matt Damon, Sam Neill and Luke Hemsworth, all three carrying themselves like hacks. Tessa Thompson is back as Valkyrie, as is Natalie Portman as Thor’s ex, Jane Foster, but this time with a twist that gives the action a bittersweet drive.

Since COVID-19 hit, Marvel — both on film and streaming through Disney+ — has emphasized origin tales and backstories. Ways to hopefully strike gold with a whole host of new and old characters.

“Love and Thunder,” by comparison, is a lark. Pure, unadulterated silliness.

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The Purdue University Northwest Sinai Forum has announced its 2022 lineup, which includes Gen. David H. Petraeus and Eat, Pray, Love author Elizabeth Gilbert.

Tickets went on sale Tuesday, July 12, at pnw.edu/sinai-forum. The season again includes in-person and virtual options. Most programs are held at the James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex at PNW's Westville campus, 1401 S. U.S. 421. The Oct. 2 program is at Blue Chip Casino's Stardust Event Center. Talks start at 4 p.m., with doors opening at 3 p.m.

The schedule is:

- **Elizabeth Gilbert, Sept. 18, "Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear."** In her critically acclaimed memoir Eat, Pray, Love, and her popular novels and nonfiction works, Gilbert writes with a "mix of intelligence, wit and colloquial exuberance that is close to irresistible" (*The New York Times Book Review*). Oprah Winfrey called her a "rock star author."
- **Adam Savage, Oct. 2, "Every Tool's a Hammer: Life is What You Make It."** A beloved figure in science and technology, Savage will share insights from his "Mythbusters" journey through 40+ years as a maker and creator.
- **Will Hurd, Oct. 23, "American Reboot: An Idealist's Guide to Getting Big Things Done."** Called "the future of the GOP" by *Politico*, Hurd is a former member of Congress, cybersecurity executive and CIA officer. He will discuss five seismic



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- **Gen. David H. Petraeus, USA (Ret.), Nov. 13, "Exploring the Geopolitical Landscape with General Petraeus."** Petraeus is a decorated four-star general whose military career spanned more than 37 years and culminated in six straight commands, five of which were in combat. He will address the most significant global challenges today.
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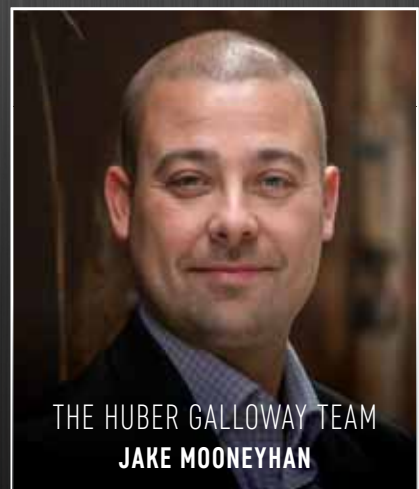
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Canterbury Summer Theatre will present the musical thriller "No Way To Treat A Lady," the fourth show of the 2022 season, on July 20-30 at Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St.

Written by Douglas Cohen and based on the novel by Academy Award-winning writer William Goldman ("Marathon Man," "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"), the musical-comedy centers on a publicity-crazed actor-turned-killer and the endearing detective who pursues him.

The show premiered off-Broadway in a sold-out extended run at the Hudson Guild Theatre in 1987, directed by Tony winner Jack Hofsiss and starring Stephen Bogardus, Liz Callaway, Peter Slutsker and June Gable. It later was revived and nominated for two Outer Critics Circle Awards (Best Revival and Best Featured Actress) and a Drama Desk Award.

The production is staged by Canterbury veteran Lari Leber, who helmed previous productions of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" and "Vani-ties The Musical." She received her graduate degree in theater from Louisiana Tech University and has worked extensively in the Shreveport theater community. Yuanhung Lin is the music director. Scenic design is by David White, with lighting by Julie Adams. Amber Garitt provides costume design, while Danie Boyster is the stage manager.



Massimo Manfredini (from left), Kate Drury, Mitchell Bauer and Mai Hartwich star in "No Way To Treat A Lady."

The cast includes Mitchell Bauer, Kate Drury, Mai Hartwich and Massimo Manfredini.

Seating is by general admission, and patrons will be safely social-distanced. Season ticketholders may reserve specific seating, if the box office is notified in advance. The monitoring of, and adherence to, CDC and state guidelines regarding COVID remains. Performances are at 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and 6:30 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets, as well as season discount cards, can be reserved by calling (219) 874-4269 or by email at info@canterburytheatre.org. Reduced ticket prices are available for seniors, groups and students.

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Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Special tickets are required for the Dunes Summer Theatre Gala on opening night, Friday, July 15.

DST Artistic Director Steve Scott said in a press release the revue includes some 30 songs from musicals such as “Oklahoma!,” “Carousel,” “The Sound of Music,” “South Pacific” and “The King & I.”

Director Lauren Katz is a freelance director, dramaturg and teaching artist who has worked with numerous Chicago theater companies, including Goodman Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre Co. and Victory Gardens. This is her DST directing debut.

Music director Andrew Flasch is a DST veteran who has been involved in numerous productions, most recently “Next to Normal.” He is a Chicago-based music director, vocal director, keyboardist, composer, arranger and music educator.

The vocalists are:

- Garrett Gagnon is a freelance actor in film/television and theater. Originally from Vermont, he received his theater training at Pine Manor College and Boston College in Massachusetts.
- Danielle Kerr is a Chicago-based actor and longtime Rodgers & Hammerstein enthusiast. She received a bachelor’s degree in theater and English



The cast of “A Grand Night for Singing.” Photo collage provided by Dunes Summer Theatre.

from Northwestern University.

- Sierra Jimenez is a Southern California native who is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in musical theater at Oklahoma City University.
- Maya Pierce is a Chicago-based actor and a recent graduate of Northwestern University, where she studied musical theater and computer science.
- Max DeTogne is a Chicago-based actor most recently seen as Dan in “Next to Normal.”

Tickets, which run \$20-\$25, are available at www.dunesARTS.org. They also may be purchased at the door. Discounts are available for students, seniors and groups of five or more.

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Located near Westville at 3855 S. County Road 1100 West, Bluhm consists of 96 acres with eight miles of multiple-use trails. It has a healthy wildflower population in woodland and restored prairie locations.

HCH President Pat Fisher will start with a brief talk on how to read clouds. From there, the group will take a 1.9-mile walk along the park's trails. The hike is expected to take around two hours, and it's rated "easy" in terms of difficulty. Members and guests should wear long pants (preferably tucked in), a sun hat, sturdy shoes or boots, and take insect repellent and water.

Membership is preferred; however, the public is welcome. An all-terrain rollator — a wheeled walker with oversized tires for unpaved surfaces — is available on a first-come, first-served basis by emailing harborcountryhikers@gmail.com. The group follows federal and state COVID guidelines, and face masks are optional. Visit www.harborcountryhikers.com or the Facebook page, Harbor Country Hikers, for more details.

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Harbor Country Film Group



A scene from Hirokazu Koreeda's "After Life"

Harbor Country Film Group will hold its third meeting at 6:30 p.m. EDT Thursday, July 14, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Group leader Eve Moran will present "After Life," a film by Japanese director Hirokazu Koreeda. The film raises the questions: What single memory from our own lives is most meaningful? What single memory do we want to keep and hold when everything else is erased from our minds?" The film takes place in Koreeda's special version of limbo, where a group of people contemplates their respective lives and assesses the memories they treasure.

Moran will introduce the film and lead a discussion afterward. The meeting, which is free, will last about two hours. Free popcorn will be served. The group is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

NB Library Community Forum

"The St. Valentine's Day Massacre and the Birth of Forensics" marks the next New Buffalo Library Community Forum at 6:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, July 19, at the library, 33 N. Thompson St.

The brutal massacre of seven North Side gang members in a Lincoln Park garage on Feb. 14, 1929, led to the country's first crime library. Started at Northwestern University with the help of concerned citizens, it was set up within a year of the killings. And, there's a Berrien County connection. A few months after the murder, a county patrolman attempted to pull over a car and was killed by its driver, Fred "Killer" Burke. The car was found abandoned outside St. Joseph, Mich. In its trunk were weapons used in the massacre, weapons currently kept by the county sheriff's office.

The program speaker is former Chicago and Illinois state forensics officer William Sherlock. The presentation, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free. In accordance with CDC guidelines, masks are optional.

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Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival

Professional, touring and community companies will return for Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival's 2022 season, with The Community Company kicking off festivities with "Shakespeare After Hours" on Friday July 15.

"ShakeScenes" is July 16, while the Touring Company returns to parks and theaters across Michiana on July 16-Aug. 22, with a new staging of "All's Well That Ends Well." The Professional Company will present "Romeo and Juliet" on Aug. 16-28 in the Patricia George Decio Theatre at the university's DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

"Shakespeare After Hours" is at South Bend's Howard Park. The idea behind it is the playwright's scandalous side. Two performances are at 7 and 9 p.m. EDT. Tickets, which cost \$20, are available at www.shakespeare.nd.edu. The recommended audience is 18 and older.

"ShakeScenes" continues the festival at 2 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 16, in Washington Hall on campus. The free event features dozens of elementary school students performing scenes from and inspired by Shakespeare.

The Touring Company returns to Michiana parks and theaters for the first time since 2018, with NDSF veteran Scotty Arnold directing "All's Well That Ends Well." The performances are free. The schedule is (all times Eastern):

- Saturday, July 16: Main Quad, Notre Dame, 5:30 p.m. (preview).
- Sunday, July 17: Gabis Arboretum, Valparaiso, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, July 21: Goshen Theater, 7 p.m.
- Friday, July 22: Central Park, Mishawaka, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, July 23: Elkhart Public Library, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, July 28: Fernwood Botanical Gardens, Niles, Mich., 7 p.m.
- Friday, July 29: Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, Mich., 7 p.m.
- Saturday, July 30: Potawatomi Park, South Bend, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 5: Wellfield Botanic Gardens, Elkhart, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 6: Dewey Cannon Park, Three Oaks Mich, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 22: Main Quad, Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m.

The Professional Company's staging of "Romeo and Juliet" is directed by Chicago-based theater artist Chris Anthony. Fourteen performances are scheduled for Aug. 16-18. Tickets, which cost \$10-\$75, are available at www.shakespeare.nd.edu

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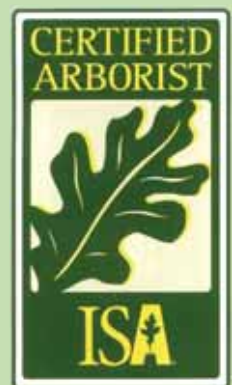
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The School of American Music, Neighbor by Neighbor and Drew's Gift of Music have created a partnership called Nurturing Our Young Musical Neighbors, providing free music lessons and instruments to local eligible families.

Neighbor by Neighbor is a non-profit based in Union Pier, Mich., that provides assistance for individuals and families with short-term emergencies. It helps pay overdue bills, car repairs and hotel stays, and provides an emergency food pantry.

Under the new partnership, Neighbor by Neighbor clients between ages 6-16 will receive free lessons from SAM in Three Oaks. Neighbor by Neighbor will arrange for transportation if needed.

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A Michiana Arts Foundation grant helped start the program. SAM also will reach out to other donors to support it.



Donna Mitchell (right), School of American Music executive director, presents a French horn to Linnea Berg, Neighbor by Neighbor past director.

Citywide School Supply Drive

Several local organizations are involved in a community-wide school supply drive that runs through July 25 and benefits area students needing materials to start the school year.

Many area businesses have set up collection bins to accept donations from employees and the general public, including: Al's Supermarket (Franklin Street and Karwick locations); Captain Ed's Candy Island & Furniture Showroom; First Trust Credit Union; Michigan City Area Schools Administration Building; Members Advantage Credit Union; Michigan City's City Hall; Healthy Communities of LaPorte County; Meridian Title Co.; The LaPorte County Herald-Dispatch; Michigan City Chamber of Commerce; and First United Methodist Church.

Businesses, churches and other organizations are invited to join the collection drive. Supplies collected may be brought to the MCAS Administration Building, 408 S. Carroll Ave., from 9 a.m.-noon Monday, July 25.

Suggested donations include: pencils, black pens, spiral notebooks, 3-hole notebook paper, markers (washable), dry erase markers and erasers, glue sticks, erasers, pencil boxes, two-pocket folders, disinfectant wipes, facial tissues, backpacks, gallon and quart-size Ziploc bags, highlighters, composition books, hand sanitizer, scissors, crayons, Post-It notes and index cards.

The drive is a precursor to the annual Citywide Back-to-School Rally from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at Elston's Gill Field. The event is a collaborative effort supported by numerous community agencies. This year, the organizing committee includes representatives from Indiana Black Expo, MCAS, Franciscan Health, HealthLinc, Anthem, American Licorice, the YMCA Elston Branch, So-dexo and LaPorte County NAACP.



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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:

- **Angels Among Us at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 14.** Ange Benz, who leads the discussion, can be contacted at (219) 874-3754.
- **Duneland Stamp Club at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 14.** The club meets the second Thursday of each month. New members are invited.
- **Summer Reading Weekly Events: Family Movie & Craft at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 14.** The screening is "Luca," which is Rated PG.
- **"Under the Sea Party" at 2 p.m. Friday, July 15.** The Summer Reading program includes crafts and treats. Costumes are welcome.
- **Needle Arts Club from 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays in July.** Membership to the group, formerly known as the Knit Club, 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.

- **Makerspace: open lab hours from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays in July.** 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.
- **Tinkercad 3-D Modeling at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13.** Youth ages 9-17 get an introduction to 3-D design, art and printing. No prior experience is necessary. Participants get a free 3-D print of their creations (printing time is limited to five hours per participant). Registration is required. Call Dave at (219) 873-3045 for details.
- **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.
- **Virtual Story Time with Take-Home Craft.** A new storytime video is posted at 10 a.m. Wednesdays on the library website and YouTube channel at www.mclib.org/parents/story-time/. Visit Youth Services to get the craft! The program is aimed at children through age 5. Contact the Youth Services department at (219) 873-3045 for more details.



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Old School Run Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Story and photos by Kevin and Camille Higdon

The 25th annual Long Beach Old School Run, sponsored by *The Beacher* and Town of Long Beach, commenced on an enjoyable and comfortable 4th of July morning.

It was welcomed with sunshine, but not too humid temperatures, so participants could run or walk with a better effort than in hotter years.

Camille and Kevin Higdon organize the low-key, no-frills event of fewer than three miles, with family and friends helping out. The day started early, but with no rain in the forecast, marking the course occurred the afternoon before.



ed \$1,000 to Town Clerk Tim Perry for proper use.

The Beacher has been another loyal supporter by providing advertising space in the newspaper and certificates for all finishers, who also could pick their favorite “Old T-shirt” as a memento. There were still some left after the race to ensure next year’s event has a good pile for runners and walkers.

Camille Higdon and her helpers had things organized by making sure registration went smoothly. As in prior years, all sec-

tions of the United States were represented, from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans and many areas in between.

Runners finally lined up on the starting line. The race began at a much more leisurely pace than in previous years, as it appeared the frontrunners were more interested in socializing while, at the same time, sizing up who was in the best shape. A group of six runners broke away from the pack and stayed together much of the first half mile. At the S curve hill through the second hole at the golf course, they were still together, with eventual female winner Jane McNamara hanging tough with the guys.



Registration started at 6 a.m. at the Old School Community Center, and the customary laying out of



the “Old T-shirts” for finishers was complete. The town contributed use of the building and provided water, which helped ensure everyone was properly hydrated. The race entry is a \$10 donation, with a \$5 donation for students. All proceeds benefit the community center. With just under 90 participants, race organizers present-



Ultimately, a group of three started breaking away. Two of the three were former winners, including Arizona’s Duncan Riley, son of former *Beacher* Rico Riley and grandson of Mike and Marty Riley, who live right across from the Old School; 16-year-old rising Culver Academy junior Will Ruszkowski

of Long Beach, son of John and Stephanie Ruszkowski, and Chicago's David Meuellin, the elder statesman of the trio. Ultimately, Ruszkowski and Meuellin broke away from Riley, although they still looked like they were running within themselves and out for a more leisurely run. Finally, at the end of the Long Beach Cove loop, just before hitting the same S-Curve hill at the golf course, Ruszkowski started pulling away. In the last half mile heading back to the Old Long Beach School, he put on the afterburners, finishing in 17:35. Meuellin also finished strong with a good time of 17:56, with Riley ending up third in 18:19.



Meanwhile, in the women's race, the young McNamara, of Chicago and Long Beach, kept in close contact with the front male leaders. She seemed to move effortlessly, keeping any runners trying to sneak up to her at bay. As she headed towards the finish line, she had company with another young male runner she ended up edging at the finish line. Her sprint yielded a great time of 19:01 to win the Women's Division and finish fifth overall. Her time was more than 1:45 better than her race last year, and she finished far ahead of the remaining females.

Behind her, a close race was developing for sec-



ond place. Carolyn Trafton, a middle-schooler visiting from Douglasville, Ga., began to pull away from legendary Nora Haggerty Westphal, of Western Springs and the daughter of Long Beach summer residents Mike and Sheila Haggerty. As they came towards the finish line, Trafton used her young, speedy legs to finish second in 20:42, with Haggerty-Westphal turning in a strong time of 20:48.

Overall, 88 runners and walkers completed the course, with all of them finishing in less than an hour, including one walker who is the young age of 85. During the latter stages of the race, one extremely young 3-year-old girl, Izzy

Meuellin, daughter of second-place finisher David Meuellin, lined up to do the Little Kids Run around the front courtyard. She took off quickly, but held her speed throughout the circle route. As she came back around, she flew towards the finish line and danced over it with a strong run. We'll be watching for her in future years to join her dad, and maybe her soon-to-be-born sibling, to join all the runners.



A key to the event's success was that everyone managed a good morning workout so they could finish and enjoy the parade and community activities afterward. The most important aspect was the camaraderie participants shared, catching up on everything that's happened since the last time.

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Parent & Child Discovery Days

The program includes arts and crafts, games and snacks. All activities are related to the topic. Programs are appropriate for children 3-8, with an adult required to participate. Times are 6-7:15 p.m. at Luhr County Park's Morgan Shelter, 178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte. The cost is \$5 per child/per program. Pre-registration and payment are required at least one week in advance or until full, whichever comes first. The schedule is:

- July 20: Play Pod Exploration.
- July 27: What's That Smell?
- Aug. 3: Scavenger Hunt Fun.

Healthy Lifestyles

The free social club meets from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Luhr County Park Nature Center. Programs focus on health trends, gardening, medical information and balancing active lifestyles. Call at least one week in advance to sign up (the maximum allowed is 30). The schedule is:

- July 13 – "Atrial Fibrillation (A Fib) Heart Health," Jacob Swider, Northwest Health invasive cardiology director.
- Aug. 3 – "Ear & Hearing Care," audiologist Jessica Nichols.
- Sept. 14 – Pairing Your Plants for Multi-Season Display, Sacha-Gee Burns, Solid Waste District of LaPorte County.
- Oct. 5: Medicare 2021 Overview, SHIP Supervisor Megan Rogers.
- Nov. 2: Managing Stress with Moria Cogwell, The Crossing wellness specialist.

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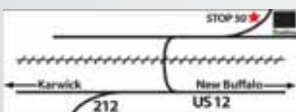
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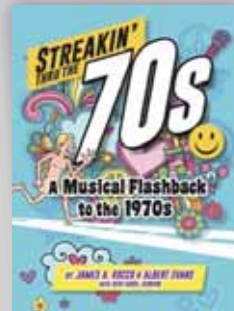
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**LaPorte County Public Library**

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- 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.).

The following programs are planned:

- **Girls Who Code Club (Grades 5-8) from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, July 14, in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.** Explore coding and technology, and build leadership skills.
- **Maker Cart Pop Up from 4-5 p.m. Thursday, July 14, and Tuesday, July 19, at the Coolspring Branch.** Explore Dash Robots, Ozobot, Sphero and other options, with help available from an expert. Youth also can stop by anytime to check out the Maker Cart.
- **Stories & More from 10-10:30 a.m. Friday, July 15.** The socially distanced storytime includes rhymes, music and activities.
- **Teen D&D from 5-7 p.m. Monday, July 18, at the main library Meeting Room A.** The program involves a cooperative tabletop role-playing game for teens 13-18. Registration is required.
- **Interactive Movie at the Library from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, in the Coolspring Branch Meeting Room.** The screening is "Moana."

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, including programming through the Exchange building.

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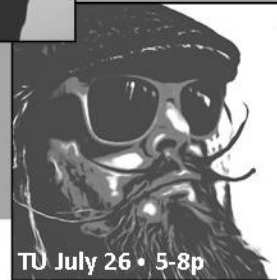
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Indiana Dunes National Park

- **Chellberg Farm Open House from 1-3 p.m. Thursdays in July.** Rangers and volunteers will share the area's history as visitors tour the farmhouse and garden and visit the animals. Passes are required. The parking lot is off Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter.
- **Sunset Paddle at Marquette Lagoons from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays, July 14-21.** Join a ranger for paddling in the lagoon. The program is limited to 20 participants. Make reservations by calling (219) 395-1882. The lagoon is located in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.
- **Mount Baldy Sunset Hike from 5-6:30 p.m. Fridays and 9-11 a.m. Sundays in July.** Experience sunset views of Lake Michigan and Chicago from during the ranger-led tour. Passes are required. Meet at the parking lot off U.S. 12.
- **Pinhook Bog Open House from 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays in July.** Meet at the bog parking lot for a ranger-led hike to experience carnivorous insect-eating plants and rare orchids. Passes are required. The bog parking lot is at 700 N. Wozniak Road in Michigan City.
- **Beachcomber Hike with a Ranger from 8-9 a.m. Saturdays in July at Central Avenue Beach.** Join a ranger for a morning stroll along the beach and learn about the origins of the Great

Lakes and Indiana Dunes. Meet at the Central Avenue Beach parking lot. Passes are required.

- **Bailly/Chellberg History Hike from 2-4 p.m. Sundays in July.** Explore the grounds of both historic homes, and learn about early settlers and farmers who came to the region in the 1800s. After the hike, help the ranger feed the Chellberg Farm animals from 4:30-5 p.m. Park at the Bailly/Chellberg parking lot off Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter. Passes are required.
- **"Is it a 'Birdie' or an 'Eagle'?" from 7-9 a.m. Sundays, July 17-24, at Dunewood Campground off Golf Wood Road, Beverly Shores.** Join a ranger to walk through a relatively unexplored area of the park. Birders of all levels are welcome. Take binoculars or borrow a pair from the park. Passes are required.
- **Folk Music at the Farm with Save the Tunes from 5-6 p.m. Sundays, July 17-24, at Chellberg Farm.** Local musicians from Save the Tunes will perform from the farmhouse porch. Take a blanket or folding chair. Passes are required.
- **Sunset Around the Fire at the Pavilion from 8-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, at Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, 100 Riverwalk Road.** Catch a Lake Michigan sunset from the pavilion, and roast marshmallows from the fireplace.
- **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 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 for details.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following program will be offered:

- **The 25th annual Sand Sculpture Contest from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday July 16.** The theme is "Food." The registration table opens by 9 a.m., but groups may begin as early as 7 a.m. Judging starts after noon, with awards at 1 p.m. Vote for the "People's Choice Award."

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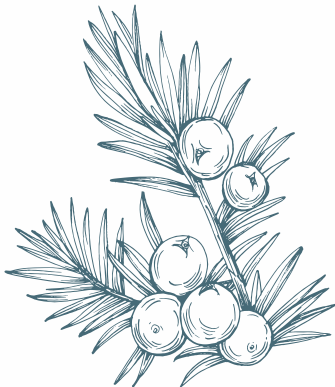
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He has a Master of Music in organ performance from the University of Minnesota and a Doctor of Music in piano performance from Indiana University. He retired in 2020 as interim associate provost at Chicago State University, where he joined the music faculty in 1984.

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New Teacher Luncheon

The Lakefront Career Network will host its Annual New Teacher Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, at Pottawattomie Country Club.

LCN is Michigan City Chamber of Commerce's young professionals committee. The event treats new teachers and administrators from Michigan City public and parochial schools to lunch, where they are welcomed by local businesses and organizations. Purdue University Northwest is the Exclusive Presenting Sponsor. A representative will welcome the educators and introduce Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins, Michigan City Area Schools superintendent, who will address the new teachers.

LCN seeks additional sponsors to help provide lunch for all educators. Each new teacher receives resource bags with various items donated by businesses. Donations will be accepted in the weeks leading up to the event. Resource bag items can include branded items, discounts, coupons, gift certificates and resource materials.

The luncheon is open to the public. Contact Janelle at (219) 874-6221 or jelwood@mcachamber.com for more details. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p8pjsja>.

Michiana Shores Celebration

Michiana Shores will kick off its 75th anniversary with a Family Fun Fest at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16, in Leeds and Kincaid parks.

The event includes coffee and bagels from Biggby Coffee (Michigan City), a golf cart and pet parade, children's activities (face painting, games), pickleball and horseshoe tournaments for adults. Horseback rides are available through Red Arrow Stables. The event is free, but RSVPs are requested.

Contact Jeanne Paxton at jeannepaxton007@gmail.com for more details. Call (513) 476-8716 or visit www.townofmichianashores.org for additional information.

Garden Hotline

LaPorte County Master Gardeners are available through a free garden hotline to answer questions from 9 a.m.-noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through Sept. 30.

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

The Show Must Go On!



The threat of rain was real, but LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra pulled off its July 4th program at LaPorte's Fox Park to the delight of a sizable audience. Pictured is Music Director Carolyn Watson conducting the musicians. Bob Wellinski photo provided by LCSO.

SMSO Summer Beach Series

Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra continues its Summer Beach Series with "My Favorite Things: Celebrating the Music of Julie Andrews."

The performance is at 6:30 p.m. EDT, with gates opening at 5:30 p.m. EDT, on Saturday, July 16, at Silver Beach County Park's Shadowland Pavilion, 101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich.

Diane Penning and Paul Langford are the guest artists, with former Music Director Robin Fountain conducting.

A cash bar and food trucks are planned. The rain location is St. Joseph High School Auditorium.

Lawn seating costs \$20, or \$10 for children 12 and younger. Families can take blankets or chairs. Reserved seating costs \$30. Day-of concert tickets cost an additional \$5. Contact the SMSO office at (269) 982-4030 or visit www.smso.org for tickets or more details.

Documentary Premiere

A free screening of the documentary "Tipping the Pain Scale" is from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, at Three20 Recovery, 320 S. Calumet Road, Chesterton.

A dinner option for \$10 requires reservations by July 15 at 320recovery.com. The movie has won numerous film-festival awards.

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

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



In the Area

July 13-16 — Canterbury Summer Theatre, “The World Goes ‘Round,” Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Times: 2 p.m. Wed.-Thur., 7:30 p.m. Fri., 6:30 p.m. Sat. Tickets: (219) 874-4269, info@canterburytheatre.org. Info: www.canterburytheatre.org

July 14 — Summer Reading Weekly Events: Family Movie & Craft, 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Screening: “Luca.” Info: (219) 873-3049.

July 14 — Angels Among Us, 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

July 14 — Michigan City Municipal Band, 7:30 p.m., Washington Park’s Guy F. Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheater.

July 14 — Arts in the Park, LaPorte’s Fox Park. PT & The Cruisers/7 p.m.; preconcert: LaPorte Little Theatre Club & LaPorte High School cheerleaders/6 p.m. *July 13*: LaPorte City Band/7 p.m. Info: contact@artsintheparklaporte.com

July 14, 19 — Maker Cart Pop Up, 4-5 p.m., Coolspring Library Branch, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

July 15 — “Under the Sea Party,” 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

July 15-31 — “A Grand Night for Singing,” Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. Fri.-Sat./7 p.m., Sun./2 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$25. Reservations: www.dunesARTS.org. Also: Dunes Summer Theatre Gala (fundraiser), 6-9 p.m. July 15. Tickets: \$125. Reservations: www.dunesarts.org, dunestheatre@gmail.com

July 16 — Harbor Country Hikers, 9 a.m. CDT, Bluhm County Park, 3855 S. County Road 1100 West, Westville. Info: www.harborcountryhikers.com

July 16 — Michiana Shores 75th anniversary Family Fun Fest, 10 a.m., Leeds & Kincaid parks. Info: jeanepaxton007@gmail.com, (513) 476-8716, www.townofmichianashores.org

July 18 — Teen D&D, 5-7 p.m., Meeting Room A @ LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

July 20 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Mark Sudeith, 12:15 p.m., Christ Church, 531 Washing-

ton St. Info: (219) 608-5358.

July 20 — Interactive Movie at the Library, 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, Coolspring Library Branch, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Screening: “Moana.” Info: www.laportelibrary.org

July 20-30 — Canterbury Summer Theatre, “No Way To Treat A Lady,” Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Times: 2 p.m. Wed.-Thur., 7:30 p.m. Fri., 6:30 p.m. Sat. Tickets: (219) 874-4269, info@canterburytheatre.org. Info: www.canterburytheatre.org

Through Oct. 21 — “moniquemeloche presents...,” Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: 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 July — Needle Arts Club, 5:30-7 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Tuesdays in July — Makerspace: open lab hours, 3:30-5 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

Saturdays in LaPorte — LaPorte Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Lincolnway parking lot next to Mucho Mas. Info: laportefarmermarket@gmail.com

In the Region

July 14 — Harbor Country Film Group, 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Free.

July 14 — The Common Concert Series, 7-9 p.m. EDT, Buchanan, Mich. Entertainment: Romeo’s Ghost. Info: The Common-Buchanan, MI (Facebook).

July 16 — Sand Sculpture Contest, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

July 16 — Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Summer Beach Series, “My Favorite Things: Celebrating the Music of Julie Andrews,” 6:30 p.m. EDT, Silver Beach County Park’s Shadowland Pavilion, 101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets/info: (269) 982-4030, www.smso.org

July 19 — “Insights for Kids,” 11 a.m. EDT, South Bend’s The History Museum, 808 W. Washington St. Admission: \$2, free/children 5 & younger & museum members. Info: (574) 235-9664, www.historymuseumSB.org

July 19 — Free screening, “Tipping the Pain Scale,” 5-8 p.m., Three20 Recovery, 320 S. Calumet, Chesterton. Dinner option: \$10. Reservations: 320recovery.com

July 19 — New Buffalo Library Community Forum, “The St. Valentine’s Day Massacre and the Birth of Forensics,” 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Through July 28 — “Transition,” Chesterton

Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Info: (219) 926-4711, www.chestertonart.org

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, (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, (574) 235-9714.

Thursdays in July — Chellberg Farm Open House, 1-3 p.m., Mineral Springs Road parking lot between U.S. 12/20, Porter. Info: www.nps.gov/indu, (219) 395-1882.

Thursdays (July 14-21) — Sunset Paddle at Marquette Lagoons, 6-8 p.m., Gary’s Miller Beach neighborhood. Limit 20 participants. Reservations: (219) 395-1882.

Fridays/Sundays in July — Mount Baldy Sunset Hike: 5-6:30 p.m. Fridays/9-11 a.m. Sundays, parking lot off U.S. 12. Info: www.nps.gov/indu, (219) 395-1882.

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

Saturdays in July — Beachcomber Hike with a Ranger, 8-9 a.m., Central Avenue Beach. Info: 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 July — 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, (219) 395-1882.

Sundays (July 17-24) — “Is it a ‘Birdie’ or an ‘Eagle?’,” 7-9 a.m., Dunewood Campground off Golf Wood Road, Beverly Shores. Info: www.nps.gov/indu, (219) 395-1882.

Sundays (July 17-24) — Folk Music at the Farm with Save the Tunes, 5-6 p.m., Chellberg Farm, Bailly/Chellberg parking lot off Mineral Springs Road, U.S. 12/20, Porter. Info: www.nps.gov/indu, (219) 395-1882.

Vickers Theatre — *Now Showing:* The Phantom of the Open.” Rated PG-13. Times: 6 p.m. July 14, 3 p.m. July 15-16, 9 p.m. July 16, 3 p.m. July 17, 6 p.m. July 18. Also: “Official Competition.” Rated R. Times: 6 & 9 p.m. July 15, 6 p.m. July 16-17, 3 p.m. July 18. Also: Paintings by Annie Hickman through late August. All times Eastern. Theater address: 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Info: www.vickerstheatre.com, (269) 756-3522.

History Museum Summer Programs

The History Museum will launch Kidsfirst, a new series of summer programs for youth pre-K through third grade.

Held from 11 a.m.-noon EDT Tuesdays and Thursdays, the programs offer a new topic each time. They are free with museum admission. Designed for youth 3-10, the schedule is:

- “Story Time Tuesdays.” Children explore a different object, then listen as a costumed interpreter reads a related story.
- “Science Thursdays.” Children examine fossils, rocks and other geological items.

Experiences can range from climbing aboard a Conestoga wagon to “Lathrop Taylor’s Trading Post,” where children pretend they are fur traders purchasing supplies.

The museum is located at 808 W. Washington St., South Bend. Call (574) 235-9664 or visit <http://www.historymuseumSB.org> for more details.

NPS Environmental Assessment

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is seeking permission for traditional gathering of plants and plant parts at Indiana Dunes National Park.

That’s why the National Park Service has released the “Plant Gathering for Traditional Purposes” Environmental Assessment to evaluate the potential impacts of entering into an agreement. The park and Pokagon Band collaboratively prepared the EA, which is available for a 30-day public comment period.

The EA is available on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website through July 28 at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/INDUPlantGatherEA>. Comments can be submitted online or by mail and postmarked by July 28 to: Paul Labovitz, Superintendent; Indiana Dunes National Park, 1100 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter, IN 46304.

EDCMC Gala Dinner

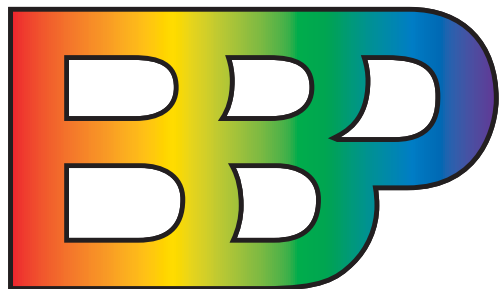
Michigan City Economic Development Corp. will host its Silver Anniversary and Business Awards Gala Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at Blue Chip Casino’s Stardust Event Center.

Tickets cost \$75 and are available at www.edcmc.com. Ric Federighi of radio station WIMS is the emcee, with music by Michigan City Chamber Music Festival. Attire is business/semi-formal/black tie.

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On July 14, 1789, Paris' Bastille Prison, a hated symbol of the oppression of the French people, was successfully stormed by French revolutionaries.

On July 14, 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the U.S. government.

On July 14, 1857, a British brigantine, the *Ma-deira Pet*, became the first ship to arrive in Chicago from an overseas port.

On July 14, 1874, 812 buildings were destroyed when fire swept 47 acres of a slum area on Chicago's near south side.

On July 14, 1877, Chicago's Humboldt Park was officially dedicated.

On July 15, 1606, Dutch painter Rembrandt van Rijn was born in Leiden, the Netherlands.

On July 15, 1912, led by Oklahoma athlete Jim Thorpe, the United States was the unofficial winner of the Stockholm Olympic Games.

On July 15, 1933, 24 Italian seaplanes, led by Air Minister Italo Balbo, landed near Chicago's Navy Pier for the "Century of Progress Exposition."

On July 15, 1971, President Richard Nixon announced he would visit China to seek a "normalization of relations."

On July 15, 1996, MSNBC made its debut on cable and Internet.

On July 16, 1769, at San Diego, Father Junipero Serra established the first Spanish mission in California.

On July 16, 1862, David Farragut became the Navy's first rear admiral.

On July 16, 1867, D.R. Averill, of Newburg, Ohio, was granted a patent for ready-mixed paint.

On July 16, 1935, the nation's first automatic parking meters were installed in Oklahoma City.

On July 16, 1945, the first atomic bomb was exploded in the desert near Alamogordo, N.M.

On July 16, 1951, J.D. Salinger's novel *The Catcher in the Rye* was published.

On July 17, 1603, Sir Walter Raleigh was arrested as a suspect in a plot to dethrone England's King James I.

On July 17, 1841, the first issue of *Punch*, an English humor magazine, was published in London.

On July 17, 1906, the Northwest Indiana town of Gary was incorporated.

On July 17, 1917, amid World War I, the British royal family changed its surname to Windsor from

Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

On July 17, 1945, the victorious World War II allied leaders, President Harry Truman, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin, opened the Potsdam Conference to determine future of Germany.

On July 17, 1955, Disneyland officially opened in Anaheim, Calif.

On July 18, 64 A.D., the Great Fire of Rome, which virtually destroyed the city, began. Emperor Nero, contrary to popular legend, apparently did not “fiddle as Rome burned.”

On July 18, 1817, novelist Jane Austen, 41, died in Winchester, England.

On July 18, 1914, the forerunner of the Army Air Corps was created as a branch of the Army Signal Corp.

On July 18, 1921, the “Black Sox” trial, in which eight White Sox players were accused of throwing the 1919 World Series, opened in Chicago. Even though acquitted, all were barred from baseball for life.

On July 18, 1927, Ty Cobb hit safely for the 4,000th time in his career.

On July 19, 1553, Lady Jane Grey, after a reign of only nine days, was deposed as queen of England. Mary, daughter of King Henry VIII, was proclaimed the rightful sovereign.

On July 19, 1941, during World War II, Winston Churchill, Britain’s Prime Minister, launched his “V for Victory” campaign in Europe.

On July 19, 1969, Apollo 11 went into orbit around the moon with astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin and Michael Collins on board.

On July 19, 1969, England’s John Fairfax came ashore at Fort Lauderdale, becoming the first person in history to row across the Atlantic Ocean alone.

On July 19, 1984, the Democratic National Convention, meeting in San Francisco, nominated Geraldine Ferraro for vice president.

On July 19, 1985, Christa McAuliffe was chosen as the first schoolteacher to ride aboard the space shuttle. (She, along with six others, was killed the following January when the Challenger exploded in flight).

On July 20, 1859, 1,500 baseball fans paid 50 cents each to see the Brooklyn Dodgers play the New York Giants, the first time fans were charged admission to see a game.

On July 20, 1938, actress Natalie Wood was born.

On July 20, 1942, the first detachment of the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps, later known as WACs, began training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

On July 20, 1944, the Democratic convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated President Franklin Roosevelt for an unprecedented fourth term.

On July 20, 1944, German officers failed in an attempt to assassinate Adolf Hitler.

On July 20, 1985, off the coast of Key West, Fla., a diving sortie, led by Mel Fisher, discovered \$400 million in sunken treasure.

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Familiar tunes such as "Both Sides Now," "Down
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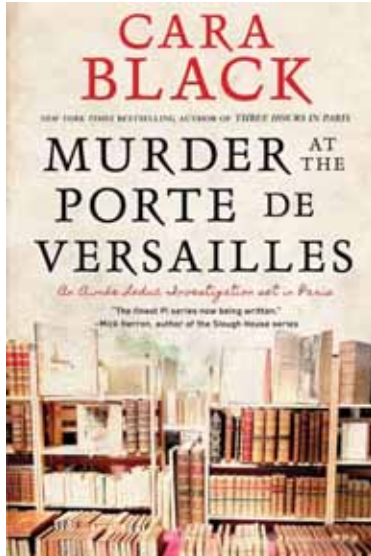
Songbooks are provided, but attendees should
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Visit www.schoolofamericanmusic.com, call (269)
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for details. Donations to HCS or SAM are wel-
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Murder at the Porte de Versailles by Cara Black (hardcover, \$27.95 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook and an audio book. 347 pages.)

Welcome to the City of Lights — a place that is not all beauty and elegance. Join Aimée Leduc as she navigates the criminal underworld, from cyber security to international terrorism. It's a trip worth your time...

Cara Black's staying power with this ongoing series is her ability to make Aimée a real person, from her love of vintage designer clothing to her job at her detective agency, to her love of her toddler daughter, Chloé. With each story, you return to an old friend, and it's time to catch up again. Each book covers a different arrondissement of Paris, affording a glimpse of their differences and making each story unique. And, each book is a standalone. Black subtly weaves in Aimée's background to the current story, making it flow as smooth as the Seine.



Aimée is the head of Leduc Detective, mostly doing cyber security, but occasionally getting herself and her partner involved in other criminal investigations. Her partner is René, a 4-foot dwarf and computer genius. He also is godfather to Aimée's 3-year-old daughter, Chloé. Her father and grandfather were policemen, and her grandfather started the agency after retiring from the force.

Aimée's extended family includes Morbier, a policeman and her godfather, and Melac, former policeman and Chloé's biological father. There's also the gay couple, Michou and Boris, who live nearby. It's a well-rounded support team.

They are gathered this night in November of 2001 to celebrate Chloé's third birthday when Boris remembers he left Chloé's present on his desk in the police department's lab. He hurries off to get it — big mistake...

Not long after, there is a phone call from Boris, only the man on the other end isn't Boris and won't identify himself. There are sirens and yelling in the background — *"The robot is activated. Stand clear."* Aimée knows that is the signal a bomb is present.

A police radio in the background confirms a possible bomb at the police central laboratory. There is the sound of an explosion, and the phone goes dead. Where is Boris?

A quick ride to the bomb site finds onlookers

Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter



crowding the streets, police and firemen racing around looking for survivors, putting out the fire and keeping the nosy at bay.

It's two months after 9/11. The whole world, Paris included, is on high alert, and the counterterrorism division takes every explosion, fire or murder as a possible terrorist attack.

Boris is found in the building's rubble, badly hurt. The lab says there is powder under his fingernails that indicates he could have made the bombs — there are two explosions — that just damaged his office building. He is whisked away to the hospital, where he is put into an induced coma and later moved to a safe house until he regains consciousness and can tell his side of the story.

Aimée and friends know he is not guilty, and she sets off to prove it. Back at home to report to Morbier and the others, she discovers a newspaper clipping in her pocket with *"We have struck again"* written on it. Someone must have slipped it in her pocket in all the chaos. This might be a tie-in to a bombing in 1986 of the Interpol building, back then an Iranian-funded terrorist group taking responsibility. Aimée's father worked the case before he died. She is sure there is a connection. But will the police allow her to help? There's a big break when Hugo, a teenager living across the street from the police lab, inadvertently films the evening of the bombing. There is a man running from the building before the explosions. When Aimée shows the counterterrorism team, they grudgingly allow her to help. Turns out, they aren't doing her any favors...

In a parallel storyline, Melac wants Aimée and Chloé to join him and live in the country, far from Paris. She is such a city girl...can she give up all that? Yet, the bigger question is — can she give up a chance to rekindle her relationship with Melac? This problem must be on hold until Boris is exonerated — and that's looking less likely every day...

This is a solid plot with more twists and turns than white water rafting, and those moments you think you have the mystery solved, but you really don't. Lots of red herrings in the mix.

If you've never read Cara Black before, you're in for a real treat. She has an intimate love and knowledge of Paris, its people and its streets. There is a palpable feel of Aimée's love affair with the city. Armchair traveling was never so realistic. This is the 20th edition in the Aimée Leduc series, proving her stories just keep getting better and better.

I would rate this PG-17, but only because of adult themes.

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