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With her signature smile shining brightly, Joyce Westphal, Michigan City High School's principals' secretary, kicked off her interview for *The Beacher* with an observation.

"I can't possibly imagine what you can write about me," she said, "except I've been here awhile and I'm old."

So many of her colleagues, however, beg to differ. They know the story of the legendary, yet humble lady behind the desk.

Westphal is affectionately known as "G.O.A.T." (Goddess of All Things or Great of All Time), according to MCHS Counselor Linda Meyer. Social Studies Teacher Bruce Stahl refers to her as the "Queen of Michigan City High School." English Teacher Laure Poulin considers her the "backbone of the building."

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The Backbone of the Building

by Kim Nowatzke



Joyce Westphal (center) is the MCHS principals' secretary to co-principals Kyle Dean and Sarah Hendricks. Photo by Kim Nowatzke

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Westphal, 75, began with Michigan City Area Schools in August 1985 when her son, Steve, was entering the ninth grade at Rogers High School (now MCHS). A stay-at-home mom for 15 years, she stopped by the office to pick up athletic physical forms for her son when a friend who worked there told her about the job opening.

of these are after hours or on weekends. At first, she worked in the areas of attendance and discipline; she was, in fact, the first secretary to handle discipline once Rogers and Elston high schools combined to form MCHS. In 2002, she began the position of principals' secretary and has worked for 10 different people since that time.

"It's been an interesting ride – it's gone so fast," Westphal said. "I think this job has kept me young ...



One title Joyce Westphal holds is graduation coordinator. Here, she helps a graduating senior adjust his cap for the graduation ceremony rehearsal
Photo provided by Jessica O'Brien.

A woman in the office said she'd been there five years. Westphal wondered if she were hired, would she even stay there as long. Instead, she has stayed 36 years, even winning the Indiana Secretary of the Year distinction in 2005.

She was seeking a part-time job from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., but ended up with a job where she puts in more than full-time hours, 52 weeks a year. Many

you get to know the in-words, the different dances and all that is going on with the kids. It has kept me busy."

Early on, an opportunity arose to transfer to another MCAS school, but she turned down the offer.

"Here, there's a bigger staff and more people," she said. "I love to be busy, the type of work I do and the big staff. It's so fun to get to know them and work with them. I just love the people."

And, it shows.

"Joyce always has her door open for anyone to enter. When you're in her office, she stops whatever she's doing and gives you her undivided attention," said Poulin, who has known her for 24 years. "Joyce never makes anyone feel like she's too busy for them. Her smile lights up the room, and her sense of 'calm' radiates throughout her office."

Social Studies Teacher Michael Megyese, who met Joyce 13 years ago, appreciates her special smile as he stops by her office in the morning to say hello.

"She is always there to listen to your problems," he said. "She never shows when she may be having a bad day (we all have them) – she just puts it aside to be there for you."

Westphal appreciates the connections she makes through her position.

"Being a principals' secretary, teachers share happy and sad news with me," she explained. "It's all real. I've had some belly laughs and crying times with teachers."

Westphal's job responsibilities are varied and far-reaching.

"It's a busy job – that it is," she said. "It's a good job."



Each morning, Joyce Westphal manages and refers to this master schedule board to make sure all classes are covered for the day.

Photo by Kim Nowatzke

Her mornings begin with making sure all classes are covered as she coordinates substitute teachers and other MCHS teachers to fill in as needed. She takes care of any necessary paperwork and hands out assignments to the subs. To help her manage staff needs, a giant board that lists the high school teacher and what they teach each hour hangs on an office wall.

"Every day, it's a struggle to get all the classes filled," she explained. "It takes a lot of time."

Poulin says she offers an immeasurable amount to her position.

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"If you have a question about anything, call Joyce. If you need the temperature adjusted in your classroom, call Joyce. If there's water on the floor, call Joyce. If you need to know who to contact about something, ask Joyce...Her list of responsibilities goes on and on," she said. "She is the backbone of the building, and I cannot imagine MCHS without the one and only 'Joycie!'"

Meyer, who met Westphal more than 30 years ago, said a few years ago, some teachers collaborated to create a "Before You Ask Joyce" list of questions and answers, the hope being to reduce the number of staff phone calls and visits.

"It didn't work. We all immediately call or visit Joyce's office to get our answer," Meyer said. "And, every time, no matter how frazzled the average person is, Joyce looks at them with that smile and calmly answers their question."

This time of year, Westphal is especially busy as she is the graduation coordinator, which includes taking care of the distinguished graduates dinner. She admits it takes a lot of time and is one of her biggest challenges, but it's still a "good challenge."

"MCHS has one of the classiest graduate ceremonies around!," Meyer said.

Other job assignments for Westphal include keeping track of students and printing certificates for students achieving honor roll and student-of-the-month status, handling recommendations for any positions that need to be filled, all Social Security paperwork for students if needed, and enrollment verification letters; managing eight other secretaries, taking care of work orders for the building, ordering office supplies and much more.

"Her perpetual patience and calm demeanor, despite spinning seven plates at once – all day, every day," is what stands out to Meyer about Westphal.

"Joyce Westphal basically runs the building," she said. "I cannot express how lucky and blessed MCHS is to have Joyce's dedication, experience and

knowledge."

Stahl has known Westphal since the early 2000s. To describe his friend and colleague, he gave a long list of words to describe her: "wonderful, dedicated, smart, funny, loyal, caring, determined, driven, altruistic, talented, Wonder Woman, amazing, patient, listener, fun, reliable, a classic, helpful." To sum it all up, he called her "PERFECT in all areas."

Westphal writes a daily bulletin for MCHS and the A.K. Smith Career Center with dates to remember, happenings, professional-development plans and other pertinent information. Until last year, when a teacher stepped up to relieve some of Westphal's workload, she compiled a monthly Wolves Wire newsletter for students and their families for 14 years.

In addition to secretarial positions, Westphal also coached the freshman, junior varsity and varsity cheerleading squads at Rogers High School for five years.

"The principal at the time, Carmine Gentile, said I was a good organizer and would be a great cheerleading coach, although I'd never been a cheerleader before," Westphal said.

But, she's always loved to dance, teaching dance aerobics at the former Michigan City YMCA in 1980-1981. She took dance lessons from age 4 to her senior year in high school.

"I choreograph dances to the constant music I hear in my mind," she said.

One of her favorite memories is a student teaching her, Assistant Principal Gene Alber and other office aides how to do "The Electric Slide" dance moves in the hallway of Rogers High School in the

'80s. She laughed while also remembering completing a one-legged sack race with Gentile in front of the entire student body during a pep session.

Her love for and dedication to the 1,500 MCHS students is evident.

"We have great kids here. They have a lot to say," she said. "It's wonderful if you take a second to talk to them. They are just trying to get an education in a world much different than mine was in 1965."

Born and raised in Michigan City, Westphal



Joyce Westphal's signature smile has been a welcome sight at Michigan City High School for the past 36 years.

graduated from Elston High School in 1965. After a year of college, she worked for Northwest Airlines at State and Madison streets in downtown Chicago for a little over two years.

"It was a great job. I got to travel a lot," she recalled.

Westphal has been married to her husband, Craig, for 53 years. They have a daughter, Michelle Westphal, and one granddaughter, Hannah Westphal.

One fond MCHS memory involves Hannah, who graduated in 2016.

"When my granddaughter was here, her English teacher assigned 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' which I had read before," she said. "I got to sit in on a round table



Craig and Joyce have been married for 53 years.

discussion with 10th-graders. It was interesting. We had a great discussion."

An avid book reader, Westphal especially enjoys fiction, with a little romance and mystery. She follows many authors, including James Patterson, Danielle Steel and Fern Michaels.

"I'm a huge reader," she explained. "I started at a young age. I always have at least two books going. I love to shop and look at books."

A lot has changed for Westphal over the decades with MCAS. She has become busier with increasing demands on teachers, administrators and students.

"You have to be flexible in this job. I had an old typewriter when I started," she recalled. "The technology is amazing for the students and the staff. All students now have Chromebooks when they used to have textbooks. It's nice that teachers can put lessons on Schoology for the subs."

But some things never change.

"There's another reason I love to work here. There's always treats," she mentioned with a laugh.

Some of those can be found in Westphal's office. Poulin noted how she "ALWAYS has Tootsie Rolls!"

"I keep a candy basket to keep everyone happy, and I have lots of customers," she said, smiling.

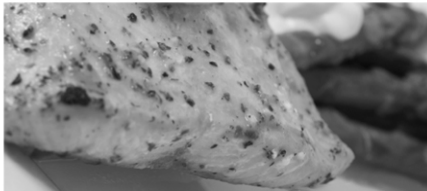
Westphal shared one of her trade secrets – sticky notes.

"I'm the sticky note queen," she said. "I don't

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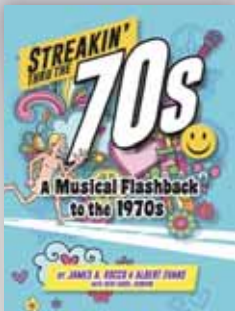
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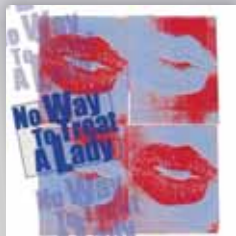
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know what I would do without them. There's something satisfying about throwing away a sticky note."

Her dedication, commitment and appreciation can be seen through her actions and words.



Hanging in her office is this framed photo celebrating Joyce Westphal as Indiana's Secretary of the Year in 2005. Photo by Linda Meyer

"I like Michigan City schools. I've always felt comfortable working for them," she said. "The people are always trying to do what's right for the schools. I've never felt afraid to be here. I'd be more afraid at a shopping mall. There's someone watching out for you here all the time – it's not like that in public."

Does Westphal plan on retiring anytime soon?

"I've worked way past my retirement years. So far, I haven't zeroed in on a date. It's a hard decision," she confessed. "When you love your job and you're happy going to work every day, it's a hard decision. I'm very happy with my job, so it's hard to 'pull the plug.' It's hard to walk away from something you really like."

Meyer has her own thoughts.

"I truly believe Joyce Westphal is irreplaceable! We would like to name the school's front hallway, 'Westphal Way' in honor of her tireless dedication to MCHS, the staff and students!," she said.

Poulin added, "She is MICHIGAN CITY HIGH SCHOOL. Legendary status, indeed. Nobody works harder."

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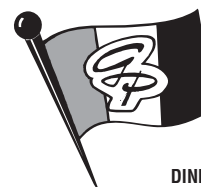
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“Jurassic World: Dominion” Entertains in Spite of Itself

by Andrew Tallackson



“Jurassic World: Dominion” blends casts from the original franchise and the reboot, but it is DeWanda Wise (far right) who rules the film.

“Jurassic World: Dominion” is a bad movie made watchable by decent action, some clever nostalgia and one career-making performance.

This is not the knock-your-socks-off finish to the franchise, which contains a genuine classic in the 1993 original, and five follow-ups playing catchup. The sequels have their moments, but hard as they try, they cannot match the sheer awe and thrills, and the technological majesty, of what Steven Spielberg achieved with “Jurassic Park.” The T-Rex-escapes sequence is some of his finest work — the vibrating cups of water, alone, are iconic imagery. Spielberg also could sneak in nasty wit, like that killer gag of the T-Rex visible in the jeep’s side mirror.

There has been talk from the start hinting a sequel might involve these genetically resurrected beasts terrorizing densely populated areas. I had visions of the planet reduced to a primal wasteland, humans no longer dominating the food chain. The military doing its best to eradicate these creatures.

The premise of “Dominion” is that, four years after a volcano destroyed Isla Nublar, the dinosaurs are scattered across the globe, sharing the planet with humans. And frankly, I don’t buy it. The sloppily edited opening, which mixes staged action with unintentionally hilarious news coverage, details how these dinosaurs roam freely. Some attack without warning. A few groups try to contain the animals in a guarded sanctuary.

Early in “Dominion,” we get a scene where a Bra-

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“Jurassic World: Dominion”

Running time: 146 minutes. Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of action, some violence and language.

chiosaurus lumbers through a construction site... and the workers just stand there, as if it’s a minor distraction. Personally, I would have soiled myself, then collapsed into a fetal position...but that’s me. Nor would I be comfortable with raptors stalking the forests, but since no one else appears to be uneasy, we are just supposed to go along for the ride. We also have Biosyn Genetics, a sinister tech company with vague aspirations of maybe sorta kinda wiping out the human race? The screenplay by Emily Carmichael and returning “Jurassic World” director Colin Trevorrow apparently isn’t concerned with making sense.

What “Dominion” is about is wall-to-wall action, and merging two generations of characters: Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum and Sam Neill from “Jurassic Park,” and Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard and, from “Fallen Kingdom,” Isabella Sermon as the clone Maisie Lockwood. Once reunited, the ragtag band is reduced to run-like-hell mode.

It’s good to see Dern, Goldblum and Neill back together. The actors, themselves, clearly enjoy each other’s company. Pratt, however, particularly with the last two sequels, seems to have had all the life



The highlight: a chase between raptors and Chris Pratt on his motorcycle. drained out of him. His appeal, as an actor, is the working-class hero. The unrefined smart-aleck who can kick butt with the best of them. But in these last two films, he's a glum mannequin programmed to run, shout and look nervous. That is about it.

Upstaging all of them is DeWanda Wise as former Air Force pilot Kayla Watts. She's like the Second Coming of Angela Bassett. Striking, athletic, with a mischievous gleam in her eyes, she is the power boost this franchise needs.

Trevorrow, as a director, did a solid job rebooting the franchise with "Jurassic World" (2015), achieving the right balance between fondness for the original and special-effects upgrades. There are plenty of visual cues to the 1993 original this time, but basically, "Dominion" has the blah look of a TV movie. Trevorrow's film is hastily edited together, and his camera has an awkward way of introducing characters: His camera appears to have been knocked out of his hand when introducing Goldblum.

Some of the effects disappoint. The raptors, in particular, are a little rickety. And when the characters find themselves trapped in an underground tunnel, some of the dinosaurs look downright cheap.

It takes a trip to Malta for "Dominion" to kick into high gear. The motorcycle chase there, with raptors viciously pursuing Pratt, is the movie's highlight: breathlessly staged and edited. The scene in which Howard crawls through sludge near a deadly dinosaur — one that looks like it borrowed Freddy Krueger's claws — is terrifying. When the "Park" and "World" casts reunite, amid two beasts in the middle of a colossal smackdown, the action is precisely what you want from this kind of movie.

I was entertained by "Dominion," if not particularly satisfied. Seeing Howard, it struck me that the studio should have let her direct the film. Having helmed three of the best episodes in "The Mandalorian," she knows how fantasy tales should be told.

Trevorrow, by comparison, is out of his league.
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The overall winner was Peyton Grizzard, 57, Valparaiso, with a time of 19:30. Taking first in the female open division for the second consecutive year was Natalie Krause, 41, Valparaiso, along with third place overall with 20:03.8.

Female age-division winners were: 14 & under — Mara Parrish, Granger, 25:11; 20-29 — Emma Keene, LaPorte, 25:31; 30-39 — Katie Dilling, Michigan City, 25:03; 40-49 — Amy Dolbeare, LaPorte, 29:44; 50-59 — Kara Potter, Chesterton, 26:56; 60-69 — Kathy Hilbrich, Chesterton, 30:36; 70 & older: Mary Kominarek, 37:52.

Male age-division winners were: 14 & under — Andrew Nilson, Mokena, Ill., 24:30; 20-29 — Nathan Marks, Indianapolis, 22:09; 30-39 — Jacob Kniola, 40:40; 40-49 — Charlie Keene, 25:30; 50-59 — Todd Bailey, Argos, 22:35; 60-69 — David Wort, 29:35; 70-79 — Roger Steffen, Rensselaer, 27:26.

Top overall male finishers were: Grizzard; Tim Gross, Demotte, second place in 19:31; Robert Earl, Carmel, fourth place, in 21:43.

The top three female finishers were: Natalie Krause, Rory Neary, Michigan City, seventh place overall in 22:40; and Paige Hart, Trail Creek, 10th overall in 24:51. The first overall female walker was Portage resident Abigail Proteau in 40:20, while the first male walker was John Hendricks, Michigan City, in 37:17.

Special awards went to the youngest participant, who was 10 from Granger, and the most senior participant, who was 77 from Michigan City.

Race director Patrick Kroehler thanks all the participants, volunteers and sponsors, as well as the Town of Trail Creek, President Jennifer Heath, council members, Treasurer Joshleen Denham, Rob from the street department, Town Marshal Steve Dick and everyone who helped to make the race safe and successful.

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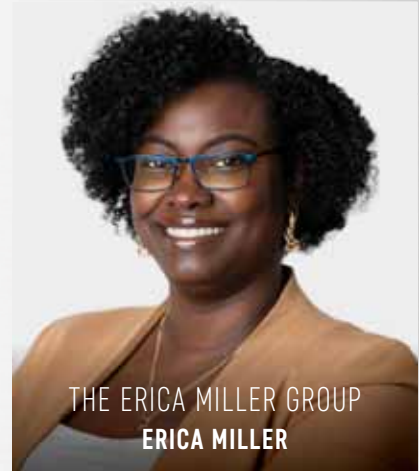
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Canterbury Summer Theatre Kicks Off 54th Season with "The Thin Place"

Canterbury Summer Theatre opens its 54th season with a supernatural thriller, "The Thin Place," on Wednesday-Saturday, June 15-18, at Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St.

Receiving its regional premiere, the play is by Lucas Hnath, who was seen on Broadway with "A Doll's House, Part 2" and most recently the Tony-nominated "Dana H."

In the story, Linda communicates professionally with the dead, who are still here, just in the "thin place." She can make those who believe hear them, offering peace, closure and meaning. Hilda, a keen listener and observer grappling with loss, takes an interest in Linda's abilities. Hilda befriends her, seeking answers from across the fragile boundary between our world and the other one.

The thriller stars Kristina Drendel, Alice Franssen, Massimo Manfredini and Kendall Shamus, all making Canterbury debuts. Canterbury Associate Artistic Director David Graham helms his 29th staging for the company. Leah Mazur returns as guest artist,

providing the set design. Mazur is professor of scenic design at University of Texas-Arlington, and has worked with Canterbury for more than a decade. Lighting design is by Julie Adams, with costumes by Amber Garitt. The stage manager is Danie Boyster.



Alice Franssen and Kristina Drendel star in "The Thin Place."

The production, which contains adult themes and language, is recommended for high school age or older.

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-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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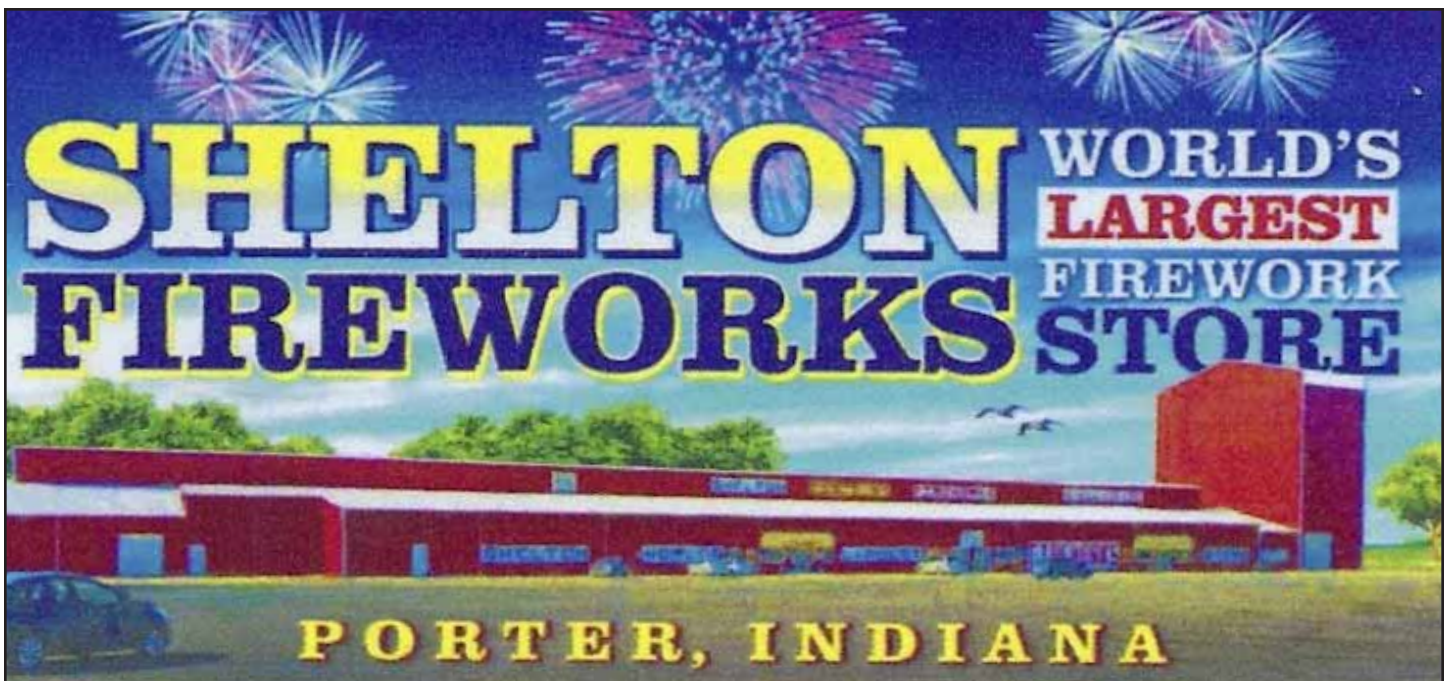


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Dunes Summer Theatre will present the comedy, “God of Carnage” on June 17-July 2 at the Michiana Shores theater, 288 Shady Oak Drive.

The play explores a meeting between parents of two 11-year-old boys after an argument leaves one boy injured. As the evening goes on, the parents’ polite sophistication devolves into rancorous childishness, with unexpectedly comic results. The production comes with a warning that topics of sexism, racial prejudice and



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homophobia are presented.

The award-winning play is based on Yasmina Reza’s original French production translated to English by Christopher Hampton. The Dunes production is set in a northern

Chicago suburb. DST Artistic Director Steve Scott called the play, according to a press release, “a delightfully comic balance of light and dark, rational and irrational.

Cast members include: Daniel Shtivelberg (Alain); Christie Coran (Annette); Mandy Walsh (Veronique); and Glenn Thompson (Michel). The director is Susan Padveen, associate professor and interim chair of Columbia College Chicago’s theater department. An area resident for more than 25 years, she has been involved in numerous theater projects, including directing “Other Desert Cities” at DST two years ago.

Shows are at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets cost \$25, or \$20 for students/seniors, with 10 percent discount on groups of five or more. Make reservations by calling the box office at (219) 879-7509 or through www.dunesARTS.org. Tickets also may be purchased at the door before a performance.

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Chamber Festival Children’s Concert

Michigan City Chamber Music Festival kicks off the first in its series of free children’s concerts, “Girl Power!,” at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at Angela House, 412 W. 10th St.

Aimed at all children, the program features Lyrical Opera soprano Kimberly Jones, pianist Alyssa Arrigo and MCCMF Education Director Sunny Gardner-Orbovich. The music will emphasize contributions to music by important female musicians throughout history. Children can march and sing along. Light refreshments will be served.

Upcoming programs in the children’s series are Aug. 16, 18 and 20. The performances are supported by the South Shore Associations and Michigan City Enrichment Corp.

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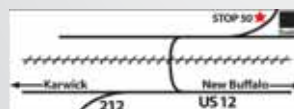
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- Second Place – Lisa Fewless, Ovid, Mich., "Gnome Home."
- Third Place – Darrell O'Connor, Dewy Beach, Del., "The Sand Is Singing."

MASTER SCULPTOR AWARDS

- Sculptor's Choice — Christy Atkinson, Franklin, Texas, "I Can't Believe I Ate The Whole Thing."
- People's Choice — Atkinson.
- First Place — Atkinson.
- Second Place – Bruce Peck, Sarasota, Fla., "Irrelephantly Titled."
- Third Place – Laurie Arntz-Tournoux, Navarre, Ohio, "I Think I Can."

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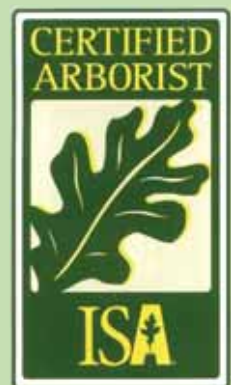
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The following programs are scheduled:

- **Family Movie & Craft: "Finding Nemo" at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 16.** Refreshments are served. Youth 17 and younger who arrive by 10:15 a.m. have a chance to win the DVD. The movie is Rated G.
- **Summer Movies in Washington Park, "Encanto," dusk at North Pointe Pavilion.** The movie is Rated PG, with a running time of 1 hour, 42 minutes. The showing, hosted by the library and Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department, is free; however, parking fees apply.
- **On Display in June: Work by local artist Edwin Levitin on the library gallery walls.** Levitin's career involved design and color in the textile field. At 77, he put his thoughts relating to everyday surroundings onto canvas. Now 94, he continues to create and has shown his work at the Purdue University Northwest Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events exhibit, Box Factory for the Arts, Southern Shore Art Association and Ches-

terton Art Center.

- **Needle Arts Club from 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays in June (except June 20).** 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 June.** 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.
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LCA Exhibit Highlights Monique Meloche Gallery Artists

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Begun more than 20 years ago, moniquemeloche focuses on discovering and fostering up-and-coming artists, then bringing them to the attention of collectors, curators, institutions and global audiences.

"Not only is moniquemeloche one of the best galleries in the Midwest, but some of the artists in the show are world renowned and can be seen in some of the most important museums and galleries in the world," Lora Fosberg, LCA's director of exhibitions, said in a press release.

Participating artists include Sanford Biggers, Layo Bright, Dan Gunn, Sheree Hovsepian, Rashid Johnson, Kajahl, Ben Murray, Ebony G. Patterson, Karen Reimer, Jake Troyli and Nate Young.

Jamaican artist Patterson, for example, will show "the of 72 project," a mixed-media work with digital imagery, bandanas and hand embellishments. It expounds on the 2010 "Tivoli Incursion" in Jamaica,

an armed conflict between a drug cartel and Jamaica's military and police. The project was completed with a grant from *The Small Axe Project* and the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Arts.

Johnson's "Green Belt" captures the artist's father in his newly awarded green belt in taekwondo. For the artist, the image is a man in transition and self-exploration.

Biggers uses sculpture and video to address gun violence and surveillance.

Free, public events in conjunction with the exhibit include:

- The opening reception from 5-8 p.m. Friday, July 1.
- The Curator Gallery Talk led by Fosberg at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 9.
- Family Day from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. It includes a free



A mixed-media work by Ebony G. Patterson.

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For the 38th year, a group of La Porte County citizens spent the past nine months engaging in leadership skill-building, gaining information about LaPorte County and networking with local leaders.

Also, the board each year chooses a past graduate to receive the Robert J. Hiler Jr. Outstanding Alumni Award. It recognizes someone who has demonstrated ongoing commitment to his/her profession and the community. This year, it went to siblings Dawn Zigler and Joy Zigler.

Dawn Zigler, a graduate of the 20th class, is a LaPorte County native, and a LaPorte High School graduate with a bachelor's degree from Purdue University North Central. She has been with Meridian Title Corp. for 20 years and is a senior account man-

ager. She belongs to LaPorte County Association of Realtors, and has been involved in many of its community events, including Deserving Children's Shopping Tour and Auction. She also is a past LP-CAR Affiliate of the Year. She was a 13-year member of the LaPorte Jaycees, was president for three and served as a JCI senator (the highest honor for a Jaycee). She also served as LaPorte County Fair entertainment superintendent for 13 years.

Joy Zigler, a graduate of the 28th class, is a lifelong LaPorte County native who attended LaPorte High School and graduated from PNC with an associate's degree and bachelor's degree. She has been involved in a wide range of activities, organizations and groups. She was a longtime LaPorte Jaycees member who served in many capacities, including president. One of her favorite events was the LaPorte 4th of July celebration, which included the parade, fireworks and beer barns. When the LaPorte Jaycees faced the inability to continue organizing these events, Joy and Dawn took responsibility for running it in 2021, along with the LaPorte Kiwanis Club.

The lunch program concluded with the formal recognition of the 38th class for completing the program, which included monthly sessions on a variety of community leadership topics, a county bus tour and team projects. The class is: Jalen Boney; Lindsay Bulington; Amanda Chavez; Jessica Fiehler; Liliana Franco Lopez; Terry Greetham; Kristy Hahn; David Heinold; Ken Heuer; Harrison Holtkamp; Lisa Human; Nathan Hynek; Nicole Krol; Christina Kukler; Carly Levandoski; Jessica Mace; Katrina Miltenberger; Jacob Mooneyhan; Jodie Oakes; Amy Richardson; Sarah Sikora; Sarah Stef; Lauren Varga; Michael Walker; and Emily Wykoff.





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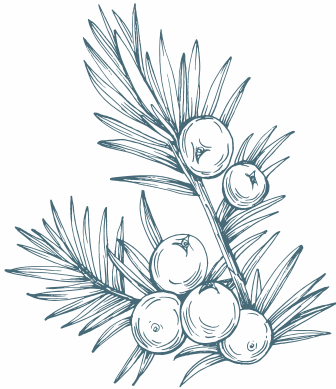
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- **Sunset Paddle at Marquette Lagoons from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays in June.** Join a ranger for paddling in the lagoon. The program is limited to 20 participants. Make reservations by calling (219) 395-1882. The lagoon is located in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.
- **Mount Baldy Summit Hike from 5-6:30 p.m. Fridays through June 24, 9-11 a.m. Sundays through June 26, and 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 21.** Meet at the parking lot off U.S. 12 for a ranger-led hike to the top of the dune. Passes are required. The parking lot and beach are open from 6 a.m.-11 p.m. The dune, however, is still closed.
- **Beachcomber Hike with a Ranger from 8-9 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 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.
- **Biking & Birding from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at West Beach.** Take bikes, with

the park providing binoculars, during the trek that offers basic birding techniques. Passes are required. The parking lot is at 376 N. County Line Road, Gary.

- **Pinhook Bog Open House from 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, June 18.** 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.
- **Bailly/Chellberg History Hike from 2-4 p.m. Sundays in June.** 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.
- **Ranger's Choice Hike from 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays through June at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.** Join a ranger for the "best hike of the week," one based on what trail is most beautiful or most interesting that day. Meet at the visitor center, then follow the ranger to the trailhead. Passes are required.
- **Sunset Around the Fire at the Pavilion from 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays through June 29 at Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, 100 Riverwalk Road.** Catch a Lake Michigan sunset from the pavilion, and roast marshmallows from the fireplace.

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is at 100 N. Lake St. in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Call (219) 395-1882 or visit www.nps.gov/indu for details.

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Harbor Country Hikers



Harbor Country Hikers prepares to hit the trails during a 2021 visit to the New Buffalo Area Schools Nature Study Trails.

Harbor Country Hikers President Pat Fisher will share some of his experiences connecting students and adults with nature during a hike at 10 a.m. EDT Saturday, June 18.

The hike is on the New Buffalo Area Schools Nature Study Trails, a more than four-mile trail system Fisher championed and stewards. It is contained in 60 acres and traverses a variety of habitats, including ancient beaches, a planted prairie, marshes, vernal pools and wide ravines. The trails connect the system with Chikaming Open Lands' Turtle Creek Preserve and the City of New Buffalo's Turtle Pond Nature Preserve.

Rated easy to moderately physically difficult, the hike covers about two miles of the trails and lasts about two hours. Participants should wear long pants (preferably tucked in), a sun hat, sturdy shoes or boots and insect repellent. Take plenty of water.

Membership is encouraged; however, the community is welcome. HCH observes federal and state COVID guidelines, and face masks are optional. An all-terrain rollator — a wheeled walker with oversized tires for unpaved areas — is available on a first-come, first-served basis by emailing harborcountryhikers@gmail.com. The first part of the June 18 hike will be ideal for the rollator.

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Necktie 5k Walk & Run

A Father's Day tradition returns to Beverly Shores with the Necktie 5K Walk & Run at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 18.

Participants are encouraged to wear neckties during the run in recognition of fathers. Prizes are awarded to participants with the most-creative neckties, as well as the first father-son and father-daughter teams to finish together.

Pre-registered participants may receive a commemorative race number and official race shirt. Registration is limited to 500 runners-walkers. T-shirts are not guaranteed after June 6. Groups of four or more receive a \$5 discount per entry when registering together through the website.

The race fee is \$25. Visit <https://runsignup.com/necktierun> to register or for more details.

NB Library Community Forum

The history of nature writing is the focus of the next New Buffalo Library Community Forum at 5:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, June 21, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

The speaker is Wendy Jones, director of environmental education at Bubolz Preserve, Appleton, Wis. Her talk will be presented live through Zoom on the library's screen.

The program is free. In accordance with current CDC guidelines, face masks are optional.

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Beach Garden Club

Beach Garden Club will celebrate its 90th birthday in 2023, which is why members have been busy planning, weeding and caring for the Long Beach Park in anticipation of the milestone.

Landscape architect Stu Franzen was invited to develop plans for upgrades, with the proposed changes discussed at a future club meeting.

Since the 2022 theme is "Change," South Shore Line President/General Manager Mike Noland spoke at the spring luncheon. He was introduced by his wife and club member Carrie Noland. He then presented "Double Tracking the South Shore Line," as well as a discussion of its \$950 million companion project known as the West Lake Corridor line extension. The main component is to add a second track to the single-track route between Gary and Michigan City, and separate the street level tracks from car traffic along 10th and 11th streets in Michigan City. This will allow for the addition of 14 weekday trains for more frequent service, reducing delays while improving travel times. A new station, parking garage, office/retail space and 200 luxury apartments are replacing the original 11th Street station.



Mike and Carrie Noland

Club members had the opportunity to ask questions after the program.

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A Flight

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Low Net: Mary Knaup.
Low Putts: Sandy Baldwin, Jane Shuger.

B Flight

Low Gross: Ev Cassin, Carol Tylisz.
Low Net: Ev Cassin, Daphne Craft.
Low Putts: Carol Tylisz.

C Flight

Low Gross: Bev Szybala.
Low Net: Bev Szybala.
Low Putts: Bev Szybala.



Chip-Ins: Carol Tylisz (hole 8), Bev Szybala (hole 4).
Closest to the Pin: (non-flighted) Ev Cassin.

June 6, 2022

**Event: Subtract Worst 2 Holes
From Gross Score**

A Flight

Low Gross: Barb Rumbuc.
Low Net: Sandy Baldwin, Barb Rumbuc.
Low Putts: Mary Knaup.
Event: LuAnn Uremovich.

B Flight

Low Gross: Daphne Craft.
Low Net: Paula Hutchinson.
Low Putts: Linda Wabshall.
Event: Ev Cassin, Daphne Craft, Paula Hutchinson.

C Flight

Low Gross: Kathy Nelson, Alice Wozniak.
Low Net: Kathy Nelson.
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Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series

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The program is by Derek Nickels, director of music at Church of the Holy Comforter (Episcopal), Kenilworth, Ill. He holds Doctor of Musical Arts and Master of Music degrees in organ performance from Arizona State University, and a Bachelor of Music from Southern Methodist University. He has been a featured recitalist at several national conventions of the Organ Historical Society, as well as appearances with Ars Musica Chicago, Early Music Chicago and the Phoenix Bach and Madrigal Society.



Nickels

He has performed recitals at St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue and the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City, the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, St. Paul's Cathedral in San Diego, the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco, Washington National Cathedral and National City Christian Church in Washington, D.C., and Holy Name Cathedral, Fourth Presbyterian Church and Loyola University's Madonna della Strada Chapel in Chicago.

Nickels taught at Arizona State University, and has served as organist-director of music at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Phoenix, organist at University of Chicago's Rockefeller Memorial Chapel and associate organist at St. James Episcopal Cathedral in Chicago. He is past president of the Chicago-Midwest Chapter of the Organ Historical Society.

The church is air-conditioned. Call (219) 608-5358 for more details about the concert series.

Correction

The article in our June 9 edition about the inclusive playground should have identified the LaPorte County Parks superintendent as Jeremy Sobecki.

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9-Hole League

June 2, 2022

There was no 9 Hole League Play due to the Chicago Women's District Golf Association Invitational.

The LBCC Women's Team welcomed 96 golfers on June 2. The event was one of five matches in the CWDGA season. Long Beach is among the 14 clubs in the CWDGA's South Section, with clubs participating from southern Chicago and Northwest Indiana. Playing for LBCC were Carol Excell, Sue Luegers, Cindy Levy and Melanie Davis (the sub for Mariah Dell).

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- Conservation Club House, 1 Mill Pond Road, Union Mills, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, June 19.
- LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, June 23.

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



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June 16 — Family Movie & Craft: “Finding Nemo,” 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 16 — Michigan City Municipal Band, 7:30 p.m., Washington Park’s Guy F. Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheater.

June 16 — Arts in the Park, LaPorte’s Fox Park, Truesdell Avenue. The Lauren Dukes Band (jazz, R&B)/7 p.m.; preconcert: Works in Motion Dance Studio/6 p.m. *June 15*: LaPorte City Band/7 p.m. Info: contact@artsintheparklaporte.com

June 17 — Camp Half-Blood Necklace Making, noon-2 p.m., Meeting Room B at LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

June 17 — Summer Movies in Washington Park, “Encanto,” dusk, North Pointe Pavilion. Free; parking fees apply.

June 17-19 — “The Sound of Music,” Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15, \$10/children 12 & younger. Reservations: www.footlightplayers.org, (219) 874-4035.

June 17-July 2 — “God of Carnage,” Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. Times: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat./2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$25, \$20 (students/seniors). Reservations: (219) 879-7509, www.dunesARTS.org, @ door.

June 18 — Michigan City Chamber Music Festival free children’s concert, “Girl Power!”, 3 p.m., Angela House, 412 W. 10th St. Info: www.mccmf.org, Facebook @ MC Chamber Fest, YouTube @ Michigan City Chamber Music Festival, (219) 561-1939.

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

Mondays in June (except June 20) — Needle Arts Club, 5:30-7 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

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

Thursdays through Aug. 11 — Michigan City Municipal Band, 7:30 p.m., Washington Park’s Guy F. Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheater.

Fridays and Sundays through June — Mount Baldy Summit Hike, 5-6:30 p.m. Fridays/9-11 a.m. Sundays. Also 7:30-8:30 p.m. June 21. Meet @ parking lot off U.S. 12, Michigan City. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Saturdays — Turn Up Dance Fitness with Stacy G., 8:30-9:30 a.m., Long Beach Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail. Cost: \$5 paid at class.

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

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In the Region

June 16 — The Common Concert Series, 7-9 p.m. EDT, Buchanan, Mich. Entertainment: Work in Progress. Info: The Common - Buchanan, MI on Facebook.

June 17 — Robbie Fulks, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: general/\$30, reserved/\$55. Reservations: www.acornlive.org

June 18 — Beachcomber Hike with a Ranger, 8-9 a.m., Central Avenue Beach. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

June 18 — Harbor Country Hikers, 10 a.m. EDT, New Buffalo Area Schools Nature Study Trails. Info: www.harborcountryhikers.com, Harbor Country Hikers on Facebook.

June 18 — Pinhook Bog Open House, 9 a.m.-noon, 700 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

June 18 — Biking & Birding, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,

West Beach, 376 N. County Line Road, Gary. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

June 18 — Cathy Richardson, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: general/\$35, reserved/\$60. Reservations: www.acornlive.org

June 21 — Harbor Country Singers ("Solstice Jamboree"), 6:30 p.m. EDT, School of American Music's Spring Creek Stage, 14 Maple St., Three Oaks, Mich. Free. Info: www.schoolofamericanmusic.com, (269) 409-1191.

June 21 — New Buffalo Library Community Forum (the history of nature writing), 5:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Free.

June 22 — Water Street Wranglers – Midwest Made, 7 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: general/\$15, reserved/\$40. Reservations: www.acornlive.org

Through July 3 — Michiana Annual Arts Competition, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: <https://boxfactoryforthearts.org>, <https://facebook.com/boxfactoryarts>

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.

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Tuesdays through June — Ranger's Choice Hike, 2-4 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Wednesdays in June — Sunset Around the Fire at the Pavilion, 8-9 p.m., Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, 100 Riverwalk Road. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

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Thursdays in June — Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra 2022 Summer Pop Up Concert Series, 4 p.m. EDT, Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, 500 Market St., St. Joseph, Mich. June 16: Bennett Duo. Info: www.smso.org

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Harbor Country Singers



Attendees at a July 2021 Harbor Country Singers outdoor sing-along.

Harbor Country Singers will present its first summer outdoor sing-along this year, "Solstice Jamboree," at 6:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, June 21.

The free event is held on School of American Music's Spring Creek Stage, 14 Maple St., Three Oaks, Mich., behind the Arts & Education Center. In case of rain, it moves to the Shelter House at Carver Memorial Park, U.S. 12 and Elm Street.

Music in the provided songbook includes "California Dreamin'," "I'm a Believer," "Unchained Melody" and "When the Saints go Marching In." Guitarist Garth Taylor will provide accompaniment, while HCS members Donna Mitchell, Diane Ruzevich and Pat Putnam will lead the singing. Musicians can take instruments to play along. The audience also can take lawn chairs or blankets.

Contact SAM at schoolofamericanmusic@gmail.com, (269) 409-1191 or www.schoolofamericanmusic.com for more details.

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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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

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Fast forward to 2023 and meet Mackenzie Black (called Mack). She's been living in a shelter since her father went on a killing spree and killed her mother and sister. Mack's life was spared because she had a special hiding place her father didn't know about. Now, she harbors deep-seated guilt for not saving her sister.

The shelter manager reminds Mack she has no job, no family and no future. However, she has the solution! A letter she receives in the mail tells of an opportunity to be in a "Survivor"-type contest to win \$50,000. This is the answer to the manager's problem more than Mack's, I think. She glosses over Mack's question of why her?, and bullies her into signing up. Mack isn't worried about being the best at hiding and, like the others she will meet, dwells on the cash that will be in her pocket. Mack is soon on a bus with 13 other "contestants" on their way to the former Amazement Park.

White shows a master of character development as a short intro to the other contestants skillfully slides into more information about them as the story progresses. That information will show us reasons for what they do to survive. Oops, did I say survive? My bad.

The band of 14 must hide out in the park during daylight hours; when found (found by who?), they are eliminated. Nights are spent back in a pavilion where food and water are provided.

At first, Mack is determined to keep to herself, to avoid getting to know the others because there's a chance they might have read the papers about her



Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter



father's deadly rampage. It's inevitable that soon, alliances form. Even Mack is drawn to several others. Like...Ava, a woman Mack recognizes as being a survivor like herself; she is ex-Army and ready for whatever comes her way. Then there's LeGrand, a quiet young man from Idaho who ran away from his family, a religious sect lead by his father — the Prophet. He needs the money to save his sister's life because the father won't take her to a real doctor. Of all the reasons the contestants want the prize money, LeGrand's is the most altruistic.

There's also Jaden, the Adonis of the group and a CrossFit instructor, Christian and Isabella, who want to meet the organizers of this event and turn it into a reality TV show, Ian, a writer without a pen (he lost it on the bus), Sydney, the prankster, another named Ava whose beauty matches Jaden's... the list goes on. These young people are wounded in some way, looking for a second chance at happiness and fulfillment. But the question remains — why were these particular men and women chosen? Because it's undeniable what is really going on in this "contest" is something more hideous and deadly than anyone thought possible. Each day, two people must be eliminated. Logan and Isabella do not return at the end of the first day. Assuming they were found and therefore out of the game and on their way home, the others are glad — elimination gives the rest a better chance of winning. Funny, though, that they aren't given a chance to say goodbye to the rest of the group. But no one questions. Is it easier to accept the unknown than demand an explanation?

The well-described setting of a long-closed amusement park is complete with chilling descriptions of rotted roller coasters and buildings overgrown with vines. Paths are a seeming labyrinth of dead and decaying plants and trees that hides the sky above. There's even a new entrance with guard houses and electric fences like a prison.

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White is known for her award-winning, bestselling series of young adult books. This is her first foray into adult novels. She's made a smooth transition.

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