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About the Cover

For this year's Independence Day edition, we challenged local artist Bill Cavalier to create the most patriotic Michigan City lakefront possible. That included packing as many flag-like beach umbrellas into the image as he could. He more than lived up to the task.



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The Man Behind the Music

by Andrew Tallackson



Actors Max DeTogne and Lili Galluzzo block a musical number for "tick, tick...BOOM!" with choreographer Emmie Reigel on the Dunes Summer Theatre stage. Music director Andrew Flasch is seated nearby at the keyboard. Photo by Andrew Tallackson.

Coming from a talented family, it was no surprise Andrew Flasch felt called to music.

It started as a child with guitar. By sixth grade, the piano won his heart. He practiced hours upon hours, and here's the irony. Formal study was not his thing. For this Valparaiso native, it was more learning by ear. Creating and experimenting. It helped, too, that he had perfect pitch. Eventually, he not only could read music, but also sight-read without prior practice.

Such talent does not go unnoticed. Flasch performed at school and in church. Community theater came calling, from Valparaiso's Chicago Street Theatre and Memorial Opera House to Crown Point Community Theatre.

In 2019, at only 22 years of age, Flasch made his debut with Dunes Summer Theatre, serving as music director for "Working," which is inspired by the 1974 Studs Terkel book Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do. During the show's dress rehearsal, the cast arrived on stage to belt out the opening number, "All the Livelong Day"...and you could feel a distinct shift in the audience. People sitting a bit straighter in their seats. Those vocal harmonies. Those *incredible* harmonies. And the pit, with Flasch at the piano? It was the start of a beautiful friendship between Flasch and the Michiana Shores theater.

Now 26 and a veteran of several Dunes productions, Flasch is the music director of the Jonathan Larson ("Rent") musical "tick, tick...BOOM!," which

runs June 29-July 16. What he savors about the Dunes is the creative freedom.

“They trust me to see my artistic vision through from the beginning to the end,” he said. “Whether it’s from the first vocal rehearsal to the show itself, I have a certain skill set. The director will bring his or her skill set, and the beauty is, we have our strengths, and we come together to create a beautiful show.”

Looking back on his youth, Flasch credits his family as his greatest influence. His mother, Dawn, was a music teacher. Her three children sang and played musical instruments. Andrew sang in the church choir, directed by his mother, with both siblings.



Andrew Flasch (center) at age 13, accompanying the Thomas Jefferson Middle School Choir in Valparaiso.

“Both my parents were 100 percent supportive in my music career and have never missed a show,” he said.

His older sister played piano, which piqued his interest. There were other reasons as well.

“I am drawn to harmony first,” Flasch says. “Harmony was always paramount for me. Add piano, you have all the harmony you can want at your disposal. Guitar, you are very limited to how the frame and strings are set up, so some sounds were inaccessible to me.”

As any pianist will tell you, once people realize you can play, they draft you into a multitude of performance possibilities.

“Piano became such a ubiquitous force for me as a musician,” he said. “In high school, I could accompany choir practice when we went to sectionals, or at church, or I could play solo, or I could write for the keyboard, or I could play musicals in the pit.”

During his sophomore year at Valparaiso High School, a girl he was dating encouraged him to audition for a production of “The Sound of Music” at Chicago Street Theatre. He scored the part of Rolfe Gruber, the telegram delivery boy.

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It was his first *and* last time on stage as a performer.

"I would never act again," he says, laughing. "Memorizing lines and being in front of people was petrifying. I was always afraid to go on stage."

The production, however, did plant the early seeds in terms of music direction. The show's rehearsal accompanist was absent a few nights, and Flasch felt comfortable to step in as a substitute.

"So then I thought, now *this* was fun," he adds.

From then on, Community Street Theatre knew it had a valuable resource. While still in high school, it commissioned him to write music that could underscore scenes in three ensuing productions: "Rabbit Hole," "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" and "Romeo and Juliet."



Andrew Flasch, photographed performing in the pit for the 2017 Memorial Opera House production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Provided photo.

Memorial Opera House then came calling. He served as the rehearsal accompanist for a production of "Annie" in 2014. Realizing how talented he was at the piano, the theater group enlisted him to play in the pit for another production a year later.

"Les Miserables."

Talk about baptism by fire.

Flasch laughs when hearing that description, but he says it was the best experience.

"I really fell in love with it from then on out," he says.

After graduating from Valparaiso High School in 2015, he attended the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, the world-reknown music conser-

vatory established in 1921. He studied composition, with a piano emphasis...for one semester.

"I realized that going down that route was not for me," he says.

He returned to Valparaiso, attended Valparaiso University, eventually earning a degree in actuarial science. And it was during his college years that more musical-directing options surfaced. One of his earliest involvements was with Marquette Catholic High School's production of "Godspell." Later, he was the music and vocal director for a production of "Little Shop of Horrors" at Crown Point Community Theater, his work earning an award for vocal direction from the Northwest Indiana Excellence in Theatre Foundation.



Andrew Flasch is photographed in 2021 performing in the "Dunes through the Decades Gala." Photo provided by Dunes Arts Foundation.

Guiding the pit and vocals became his preference.

"One of the reasons I love theater is the storytelling aspect and how music can elevate that," he says. "I was always interested in composing. I thought it was storytelling through music, so when it came time for theater, the very explicit storytelling in theatrical productions and music can elevate that. It felt like a natural progression for me. It all came together."

Other musicals on his resume include "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "The Producers," "Meet Me in St. Louis," "Pippin," "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" and "Sweeney Todd."

"Working," the 2019 production that brought him to Dunes Summer Theatre, was his first experience with a professional cast composed entirely of adults. He got the gig only a few days before rehearsals began. Apparently, the musical director dropped out at the last minute.

"They called me and said, 'Can you vocal and music direct? And, rehearsals start the day after tomorrow,'" Flasch recalls, laughing. "I didn't know the show, but I said, 'Yeah, I'll do it.'"

To say it was a hectic experience is putting it mildly. He was living in Valparaiso, studying for an

actuarial exam and taking the South Shore Line to Chicago, where he worked as an actuarial analyst — his first day job out of college. However, when heading back to Indiana, instead of getting off the train in Chesterton and driving home, he'd keep going to Michigan City, where he'd work with the Dunes cast during rehearsals, *then* head home for the night.

"I was not sleeping a lot in those days," he says with a laugh. "It was crazy, but so much fun. It was working with people who did this professionally and working with Steve (Scott), who has decades of professional, high-quality productions in Chicago. I wanted to continue doing productions with these kinds of people. They've called me back for everything ever since."

Scott, now in his second season as Dunes artistic director, describes Flasch as "unflappable." Someone he's rarely seen, if ever, lose his cool during rehearsals. He also calls him one of the best music directors he's worked with: high praise from someone like Scott who has Goodman Theatre credits attached to his resume.



Andrew Flasch (far right), in rehearsal for the 2022 Dunes production of "Next to Normal." Provided photo.

"He understands how actors work, how they have to learn things, which is very important for a music director," Scott said of Flasch. "He's also very precise and very specific about his work. He comes in so thoroughly prepared in understanding the score and how it works within the play."

After "Working," Flasch was tapped in 2020 to serve as music director for the 2008 rock musical "Next to Normal," but the arrival of COVID-19 put the regular season on hold. Since 2021, however, he's resumed his duties in productions such as "Forever Plaid," "A Grand Night for Singing," "Next to Normal," cabarets and now "tick, tick...BOOM!"

The most challenging thus far?

"Next to Normal," he says without hesitation. "There's so much emotional depth to it, and (for me) making sure the music can inform the emotional

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journey for everyone. It has to be so refined to carry that weight. It's all sung through, hardly any spoken dialogue, so you never have a break."

Dunes actor Max DeTogne was among the cast members of "Next to Normal." He'd worked with Flasch before, the first time on 2019's "Working," and he appears in "tick, tick...BOOM!"



Max DeTogne (left) and Andrew Flasch perform at Dunes Summer Theatre's season-announcement party on April 22 at The Hummingbird Lounge in New Buffalo. Photo by Andrew Tallackson

"He is brilliant," DeTogne said of Flasch. "He is able to communicate with people on all levels, and make even the most complicated of musical lines make sense. He's patient. You couldn't want anything more from a music director."

For Flasch, somehow, amid his community theater work, he finds time to give music lessons. His wife, Alyssa, who works in marketing and arts administration, also is an actress. In March, she appeared as Annabel in the Memorial Opera House production of "Lucky Stiff." She just appeared in "Rent" at Chicago Street Theatre.

His dream is to become a musical theater composer, but right now, he likes where he's at in life.

"I have a balance," he says. "I get to stretch my analytic brain at work and my artistic brain on stage. The long-term goal is to be a composer in musical theater. It's not in the cards at the moment, but that's the goal. I have lots of ideas. My problem is, it's so many things, it's hard to focus on one. I haven't finished a full musical, but I'm working on several songs at one time. That will be forthcoming when it is forthcoming."

("tick, tick...BOOM!" runs June 29-July 16 at Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. Check Upcoming Events for more details.)



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Retired Clerk-Treasurer Named Long Beach July 4th Parade Marshal

by Edmund Lawler

Bill DeFuniak is being pressed back into public service.

There's no heavy lifting, though, with this assignment. The recently retired Long Beach clerk-treasurer has been named marshal of the annual July 4th parade.

"Parade Chairman Norm Bruemmer tells me I'm riding in an aged convertible," DeFuniak says. "And I'm told I need to say a few words at the end of the parade."

Affable and wry-witted, DeFuniak assures he's up to the task. With a laugh, the 86-year-old says although he'll be the parade marshal, he won't be wearing a badge like some Wild West sheriff. But like a frontier lawman tasked with keeping the peace, DeFuniak faced some tough assignments in his 10 years and two months as de facto mayor of Long Beach.

"Bill served as Long Beach town clerk for over 10 years and calmly guided us through some turbulent times within the community, from COVID to beach erosion. We feel he is much deserving of this recognition," says Bruemmer of the Long Beach Civic Association, which sponsors the parade and selects its marshal.

DeFuniak was retired in Long Beach from his career as a partner in an executive recruiting firm. His wife, Barbara, however, noticed he was becoming a little restless, encouraging him to put his management skills back into play by running for clerk-treasurer. He won the 2011 election to a four-year term and two more after that.

Sadly, Barbara died of complications from surgery early in his first term. And in 2014, while still in his first term, his daughter, Katherine, the mother of three, died of cancer.

In an interview last year with *The Beacher*, DeFuniak explained the demands of the 40-hour-a-week job, and the camaraderie of the town hall staff, were a welcome balm for his grief. In addition to managing controversies that arise in any public-service role, DeFuniak busied himself with the con-

version of the monthly, quarterly and annual state and federal reporting requirements from paper to digital files.

"We started the process in my first year, and every successive year we added a little bit more computerization to the reporting," he said. He considers the conversion one of his and his staff's proudest achievements during his tenure.

After graduating with a math degree from the University of San Francisco, the native Californian sold computers for IBM before switching to the programming side in the early days of the software industry. He says his computer background was of limited value when he led Long Beach's conversion from paper to digits because the technology by then was so radically different. But learning and re-learning computer skills as a senior kept him sharp and engaged.

In Long Beach, the six-member town council is the true decision-maker, DeFuniak notes. Nevertheless, some in the lakefront community were convinced he had "mys-

tical powers." He lightheartedly recounts how a resident complained that every time she drove past town hall, her cell phone fritzed out. She wanted him to do something about it. He couldn't.

He was better at getting cracked garbage cans replaced or having a crew smooth over a pothole. DeFuniak says he misses his days at the town hall famed architect John Lloyd Wright designed in the distinctive International Style in 1931.

DeFuniak stepped away from his post in early 2022. Long Beach resident Tim Perry is completing DeFuniak's third term.

"There were a lot of tough issues cropping up, and that's why I thought it was time to move on and have somebody else take over," DeFuniak explains.

He's enjoying his second retirement.

"I've been tidying up my house that seems to have



Long Beach Civic Association Accomplishments

Long Beach Civic Association, in addition to supporting community projects, has made monetary contributions to the Long Beach police and volunteer fire departments.

- 2022 — Monetary donation to purchase a Rapid Intervention Team SCBA Pack for Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department.
- 2022 — Monetary donation to help paint Long Beach Community Center.
- 2022 — Donated winter coats to Springfield Elementary School.
- 2021 — Donated \$5,000 each to The Salvation Army, United Way, Unity Foundation, and hats and coats to Knapp Elementary School.
- 2021 — Underwrote First Responders' radios for the fire department.
- 2020-2021 — Provided funds for community center courtyard and Moore Road landscape entrance.
- 2020 — Donated \$5,000 each to The Salvation Army, United and Unity Foundation for COVID-19 relief.
- 2019 — Underwrote Duneland Beach Park walkway.
- 2018 — Long Beach police monument.
- 2017 — Long Beach Summer Camp.
- 2016 — Donated money to Long Beach Historical Society.
- 2015 — Purchased two-way radios and equipment for Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department.
- 2015 — Helped fund the installation of the community center's new gym floor.
- 2014 — Purchased beach "Ice Warning" signs for the Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department
- 2013 — Purchased Emergency Response Use and Riptide information signs for the beaches.
- 2012-2013 — Purchased red and green light bulbs for holiday lighting on pillars.
- 2012 — Restored historical pillars on Lake Shore Drive.
- 2011 — Sponsored "Movie in the Park."
- 2010-2012 — Donated money to Duneland Beach for the Dunes Restoration Project.
- 2010 — Refurbished "Stop" signs in Long Beach.
- 2009 — Underwrote second ATV for the Long Beach Police Department to patrol beaches.
- 2009 — Purchased fire hydrant markers.
- 2009 — Purchased playground equipment for Duneland Beach.
- 2008 — Sponsored "Movie in the Park."
- 2008 — Donated money to Duneland Beach to upgrade park.
- 2007 — Helped refinish tennis courts, new fence, nets, poles and lights.
- 2005-2006 — New playground equipment at the town center
- 2004 — Purchased the First Responders' radios and Automated External Defibrillators.
- 2001 — Purchased ATV for the Long Beach Police Department to patrol beaches
- 2001 — Purchased furniture for the town hall chamber.
- 1996 and 2000 — Purchased lake buoys and maintained them as needed.

lots of pieces of paper that need to go away," he says. "And I've been playing a lot of euchre and bridge with friends."

Injuries he suffered on the gridiron long ago as a high school and college football lineman have caught up with him, he says. When he leaves his home these days, he uses a walker.

DeFuniak occasionally drops by town hall to visit with his cherished former colleagues, like Deanna Carlson, his deputy clerk-treasurer, Mark Swistek, chief marshal of the police department, and Bob Sulkowski, the retired chief marshal who continues in a part-time role.

If You Go

Long Beach's July 4th parade begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 4, at Old School Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail. Bikes, trikes, wagons, strollers, walkers and golf cart floats should line up at 9 a.m. with judging at 9:30 a.m. Trophies will be awarded after the parade.

Visiting the town hall that houses so many pleasant memories of his decade of public service is one of the great joys of his retirement.

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Chicago, NASCAR Officials Preparing City for First Street Race



This map conveys the general direction of the NASCAR street race July 1-2.

(Editor's note — The following information is courtesy of NASCAR and the City of Chicago.)

Chicago's lakefront is not the first place that comes to mind for a NASCAR street race.

But in these final days leading up to July 1-2, Chicago and NASCAR officials are deep into preparations for the first cup series street race in NASCAR's 75-year history.

The first event, the 55-lap NASCAR Xfinity Series (The Loop 121), is at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 1. The 100-lap NASCAR Cup Series (Grant Park 220) is at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 2. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc2bywy2> for tickets.

Safety measures and traffic impacts are top priority, the emphasis being parking restrictions, street closures and pedestrian routes through Grant Park. City officials indicate access to Buckingham Fountain, Butler Field and Lower Hutchinson Field should have minimal restrictions. Event organizers also have promised that people will have access to residences and businesses during race weekend.


Free event activities are planned on Butler Field. Preparations began June 2 with Columbus Drive

parking restrictions between Jackson and Balbo drives. Then, Ida B. Wells Drive closed east of Michigan Avenue to erect main viewing areas. Track wall installations resulted in brief road closures.

June 25 kicked off the most significant closures, specifically Columbus Drive between Jackson Drive and Roosevelt Road. That was followed by southbound DuSable Lake Shore Drive from Randolph Street to McFetridge Drive. Closures tapped for June 29 are Roosevelt Road east of Columbus Drive and northbound Michigan Avenue. June 30 will see southbound Michigan Avenue closed off between Balbo Drive and Jackson Drive.

On race weekend, northbound DuSable Lake Shore Drive will close at 4 a.m. Saturday, July 1, between McFetridge Drive and Randolph Street, the reason being additional safety precautions. Northbound DuSable Lake Shore Drive reopens Sunday, July 2.

Streets are projected to reopen beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, July 3. However, closures will remain as event workers take down the track wall, fences and other viewing structures. All traces of the event, officials say, should be gone by July 15.



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Participants don’t have to complete the 5K walk to participate. In the weather is poor, walks are held indoors at the Michigan City Family YMCA Elston Branch, 1202 Spring St.

The program is a collaboration between Franciscan Health Michigan City, the City of Michigan City, General Insurance Services, Michigan City Police Department and YMCA.

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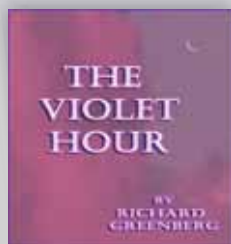
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“Mimosas and Masterpieces,” a summer-themed event where participants create original paintings, is from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, July 9, at Sinai Temple, 2800 Franklin St.

Supported by the temple’s Bud Ruby Special Projects Fund, the event opens with a buffet of brunch bites, including gluten-free options. Mimosas, non-alcoholic Italian sodas, coffee and iced tea will be featured. Painting instruction and informal tutorials begin promptly at 11:30 a.m.



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The instructor is Dori Huber, who will supply all materials, including easels, brushes and paints. A pre-stretched canvas to complete and take home is included. Participants should take a cell phone, or be prepared to share one with a partner.

The \$25 cost is non-refundable. Participants must be 21 or older. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required by July 2. Send a check to Sinai Temple, 2800 Franklin St., Michigan City, IN 46360. Contact Judy Jacobi at (219) 873-4560 for more details.

New Buffalo Township Library

- The adult summer reading program begins.
- The library is closed July 4 for the holiday.
- Chess Club begins July 6 and continues from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays.

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- Craft Time on Wednesday while supplies last.
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July 4th Activities

The Michigan City Patriotic Parade is at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 1, along Franklin Street from 10th Street to Ames Field.

Long Beach's July 4th parade begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 4, at Old School Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail. Bikes, trikes, wagons, strollers, walkers and golf-cart floats should line up at 9 a.m., with judging at 9:30 a.m. Trophies will be awarded after the parade.

In LaPorte, the annual parade runs from 10 a.m. to anywhere been noon and 1 p.m. The two-mile route heads east to west along Lincolnway.

The Michigan City Fireworks Spectacular starts at dusk Tuesday, July 4, along the lakefront in Washington Park. Parking regulations apply.

Kiwanis Club of LaPorte is sponsoring a July 4th window-decorating contest in conjunction with the city's annual 4th of July Parade.

Businesses not along the Lincolnway parade route also are encouraged to enter, even currently unoccupied storefronts. All entries and judging are at www.Kiwanis4thofJulyParade.org. Cash prizes are for first, second and third place (\$250, \$100 and \$50, respectively). Entries can be submitted through June 29, with voting open through July 4. A QR code in the 2023 parade booklet will link to the contest, creating opportunities for more votes. Winners receive media attention and interviews.

Visit <http://Kiwanis4thofJulyParade.org> for the entry and full contest rules. Call Drummond Osborn at (219) 716-0013 or email [windowcontest@Kiwanis4thofJulyParade.org](mailto>windowcontest@Kiwanis4thofJulyParade.org) for more details.

Sullair Honorees Meeting

The Sullair Disconnected Compressor Honorees will host its annual meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Galveston Steakhouse, 10 Commerce Square.

The group consists of former Sullair Corp. employees who have resigned, retired or were fired. The \$10 cost paid at the door includes appetizers. Donations and guests are welcome.

Send an RSVP by email to SDCH.Reunion@gmail.com to assist with the planning process. Regular communications is sent throughout the year, so even those who can't attend the meeting are asked to send an email to the requested address.

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LCSO Names Eighth Chair

An anonymous donor has named a musician chair in honor of Richard Watson, the LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra principal tuba.

With music degrees from the University of Michigan and Northwestern University, Watson will celebrate his 31st year with LCSO during the 2023-2024 season. He also has been an adjunct professor of tuba/euphonium for 30 years at Valparaiso University's Department of Music.



Watson

Watson joins seven other LCSO musicians now sitting in named chairs through the 50th anniversary "Music Forever" campaign.

Visit tinyurl.com/4kj96ydz for information on naming chairs. Contact the LCSO office at (219) 362-9020 or executive@lcsos.net for more details.

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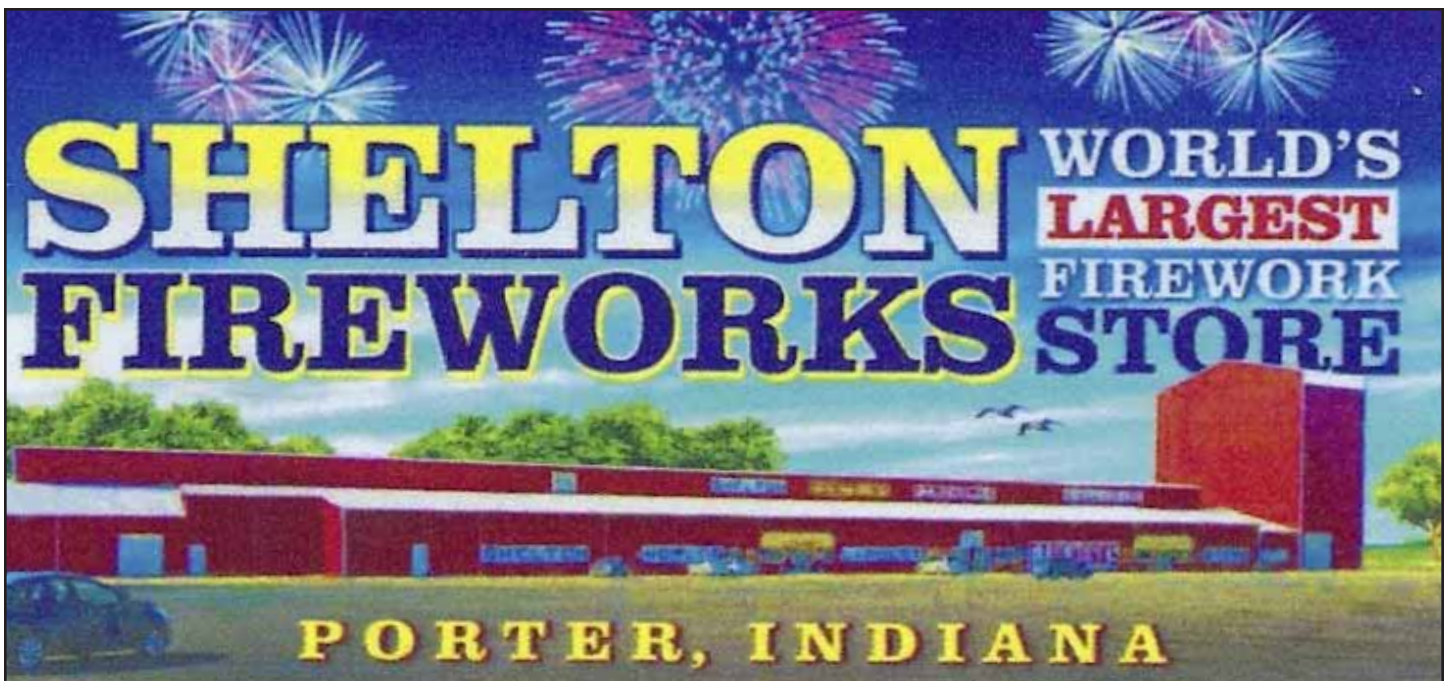
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LBCC Women's Golf Leagues 9-Hole League

June 15, 2023

Event: Regular Golf

A Flight

- First — Peg King.
- Second — Julie Doyle.
- Third — Nancy Trainor, Linda Wilson.
- Low Putts — Julie Doyle.
- Birdies — Julie Doyle (#10), Peg King (#18).
- Sunken Approach — J. Doyle (#10), L. Wilson (#5).

B Flight

- First — Marci Meyer.
- Second — Gloria McMahon.
- Third — Pat Bailey, Amanda Ferlmann.
- Low Putts — Gloria McMahon.
- Sunken Approach — Ann Treimer (#12).

C Flight

- First — Sally McCarthy.
- Second — Marti Doherty.
- Third — Tina Sonderby.
- Low Putts — Sally Allen, Carol Sullivan.
- S. Approach — S. McCarthy (#1), Diane Rubey (#12)

D Flight

- First — Joanie Doyle.
- Second — Jackie Purcell.
- Third — Regina Bradley.
- Low Putts — Regina Bradley.
- S. Approach — Rosann Conroy (#5), J. Doyle (#4).



18-Hole League

June 20, 2023

A Flight

- First — Carol Excell.
- Second — Peg King.
- Third — Kathy Peters.

B Flight

- First — Kathy Kenefick.
- Second — Pat Bailey, Nancy Thill.

C Flight

- First — Tina Sonderby.
- Second — Diane Rubey.
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Sunken Approach

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North Course, "Early Birdies,"
 June 19, 2023
 Event: Least Hits to Green
 (gross minus putts)

A Flight

Low Gross: Phyllis Roach, Jane Shuger.
 Low Net: Sandy Baldwin, Jane Shuger.
 Low Putts: Linda Hirsch, Phyllis Roach.
 Event: Jane Shuger .

B Flight

Low Gross: Jane Spang.
 Low Net: Jane Spang.
 Low Putts: Jane Spang.
 Event: Daphne Craft.

C Flight

Low Gross: Carol Hullings, Bev Szybala.
 Low Net: Carol Hullings, Bev Szybala.
 Low Putts: Kathy Nelson, Alice Wozniak.
 Event: Sheila Brackin.

D Flight

Low Gross: Nancy Wilhelm.
 Low Net: Nancy Wilhelm.
 Low Putts: Shirley McCarty.
 Event: Kathy Grott.
 Unflighted Event: Jan Smith.
 Chip-Ins: Bev Szybala, Hole #1; Jan Smith, Hole #4.

South Course, "Par-Tee
 Women's Golf League,"
 Fewest Strokes to Green
 June 14, 2023

A Flight

Low Gross: Linda Hirsch.
 Low Net: Linda Hirsch.
 Low Putts: Linda Hirsch, LuAnn Uremovich.
 Event: Linda Hirsch.

B Flight

Low Gross: Phyllis Roach.
 Low Net: Phyllis Roach, Jane Spang.
 Low Putts: Jane Spang.
 Event: Phyllis Roach.

C Flight

Low Gross: Pat Collado, Daphne Craft.
 Low Net: Pat Collado.
 Low Putts: Mary Lou Marshall, Alice Wozniak.
 Event: Pat Collado, Mary Knaup.

D Flight

Low Gross: Sheila Brackin.
 Low Net: Sheila Brackin.
 Low Putts: Bev Szybala.
 Event: Sandra Provan.

Correction

In an article about Sue Spitler in the June 22 *Beacher*, her publisher should have been listed as Susan Schwartz.

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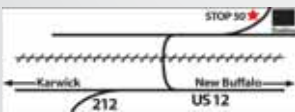
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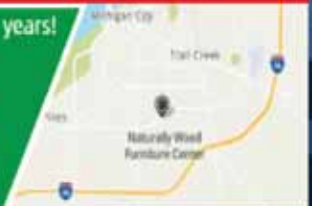
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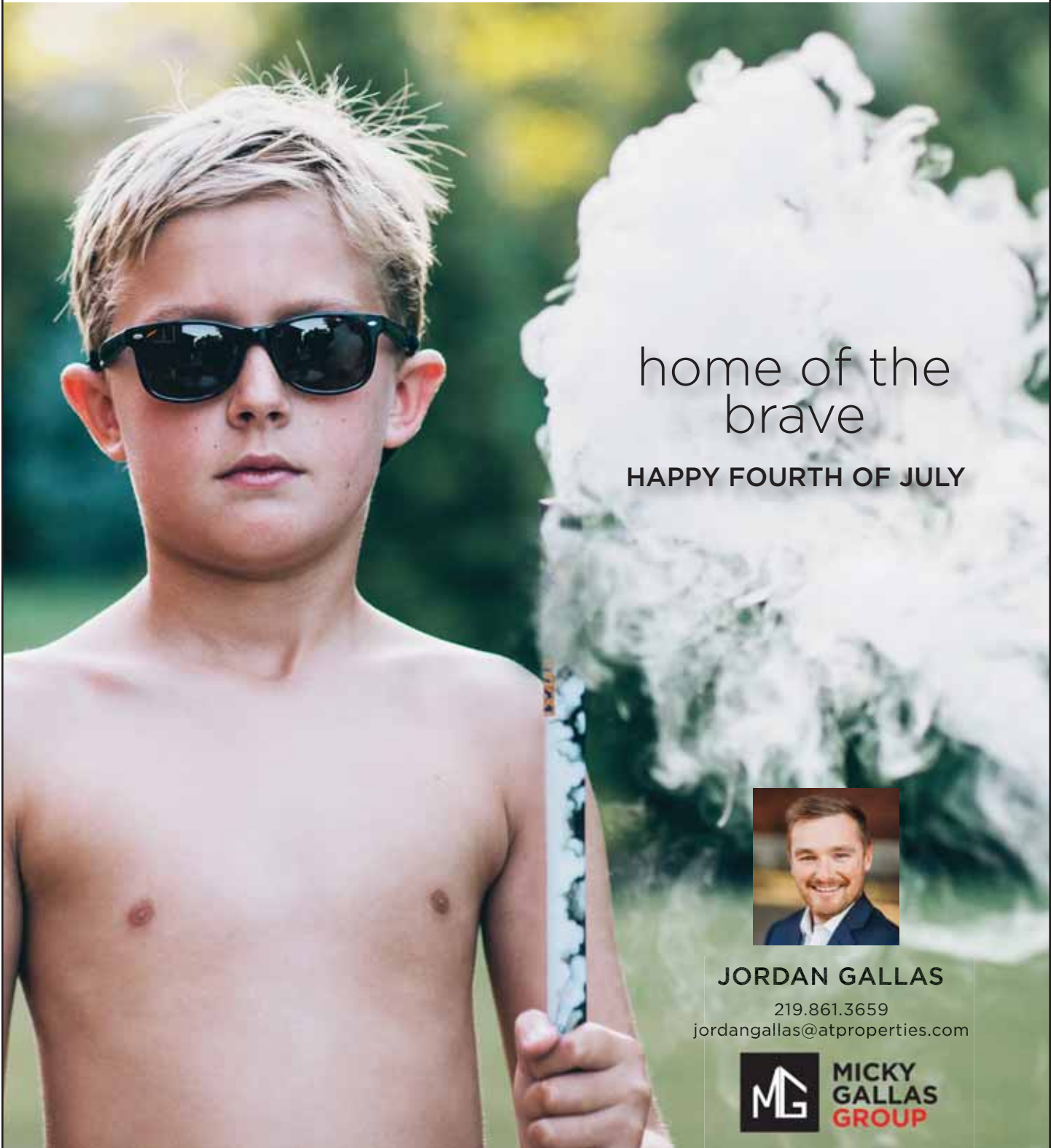
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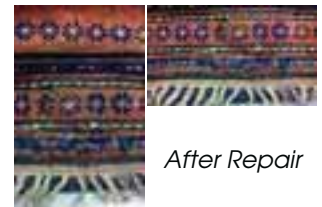
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Don't Think While Watching "Extraction 2" — Just Roll With It

by Andrew Tallackson



The 21-minute single take of the prison escape in "Extraction 2" kicks off with a violent inmate riot.

"Extraction" (2020) was Chuck Norris pulp with a Marvel star, but it had two things going for it: a wild, 12-minute foot chase done in one take, and an explosive climax set on a bridge. By escapism standards amid a global pandemic, that was enough to catapult it into Netflix history as the streaming giant's most watched original movie.

A sequel was inevitable, even though it seemed Chris Hemsworth's mercenary had punched his last ticket. "Extraction 2" picks up where the last film left off, and it's just a dumb, glorified B movie. A bigger and better one, though, and for all the right reasons.

Returning director Sam Hargrave and writer Joe Russo amp up the stakes so the sense of adventure is grander, the action extravagantly staged. It's based on *Ciudad*, a graphic novel Russo cowrote with four others, including his brother, Anthony, the siblings known for big-budget Marvel pictures. They know how to create propulsive entertainment.

The sequel begins with Hemsworth's Tyler Rake rescued and recuperating from what looked like certain death. And like every B movie where the "retired" or "injured" hero is summoned for another mission, Tyler can't say no. His ex-wife's sister, and her kids, are now in a Georgian prison, forced



"Extraction 2"

Running time: 122 minutes. Netflix. Rated R
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there by her drug lord husband so he can watch over them. Tyler may be worse for wear, but he gets the obligatory training montage where he whips himself into shape through exercise only an actor known for playing a Norse god could pull off.

But then, we get the good stuff. Hargrave stages the prison break of Ketevan (Tinatin Dalakishvili) and her two children in an insane 21-minute single take — no editing. Not just the physical exit from the prison, mind you, but the massive inmate riot within it. *Then* the ensuing car chase, with Rake and crew firing away at thugs. *Then* the spectacular train escape where Tyler is pursued by thugs in helicopters. All told from the perspective of one camera. Ridiculously silly, yes, but from a filmmaking standpoint, the most insanely entertaining chase you will likely see this summer. Hargrave keeps pushing the pursuit, elevating it to extremes while still trying to capture it all with zero editing.

(No doubt a little CGI trickery comes to his aid.)

There's another dynamite moment when the bad guys come after Tyler and company while holed up in a skyscraper. Again, large-scale action with goons firing from helicopters, followed by fistfights on glass ledges — everything but the last remaining kitchen sink on the planet tossed into the chaos.

"Extraction 2" ultimately is more about the chase than plot. Character is irrelevant as well. For instance, we're just supposed to accept that Tyler is a badass because he's too busy fighting to notice his right arm is on fire. Or that Tyler's female partner, Nik (Golshifteh Farahani), can kick ass with the best of them, yet still maintain a killer haircut.

There's also one of Ketevan's grouchy kids, Sandro (Andro Japaridze), who may be the most annoying character of *any* film because of how he frequently puts everyone in jeopardy.

I suppose you're just supposed to gloss over stuff



Golshifteh Farahani (left) is still fun as Tyler's mercenary partner, Nik.

like that because the main thrust of the story is, a mother and her children require safe passage, away from people who want them dead.

All "Extraction 2" wants to be is a non-stop chase, and that's what it delivers. And then some.

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“Polite Society” is a Blast From Start to Finish

by Andrew Tallackson



Ria Khan (Priya Kansara, left) dreams of being a Hollywood stuntwoman, supported at every turn by her older sister, Lena (Ritu Arya).

“Polite Society” has a sneaky way of revealing its true intentions: attacking everything stuffy and predictable about British decorum.

On the surface, this comedy, now streaming on Peacock, is pure silliness about a sister trying to thwart her older sister’s wedding, complete with “Matrix”-style martial arts and wacko conspiracy theories. But the movie, the irresistible feature-film debut of Nida Manzoor, is a blast because it consistently thumbs its nose at British Oscar bait where women define themselves by the men in their lives.

Indeed, the sisters in “Polite Society” have more on their minds. British-Pakistani teen Ria Khan (the whip smart Priya Kansara) is hellbent on becoming a Hollywood stuntwoman, her hero being Eunice Huthart, real-life stunt double for the likes of Angelina Jolie and Uma Thurman. The potential is there, but Ria is more the klutzy hopeful. Her older sister, Lena (Ritu Arya), lasted one semester in art school, then dropped out.

Most movies depict sisters as catty visions of sibling rivalry. Not here. In “Polite Society,” Ria and Lena are each other’s biggest fans. There for each other at every turn. That is, until Lena meets Salim (Akshay Khanna), a handsome, if geeky scien-

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“Polite Society”

Running time: 104 minutes. Peacock. Rated PG-13 for strong language, violence, sexual material and some partial nudity.

tist. His mother, Raheela (Nimra Bucha, the Disney+ series “Ms. Marvel”), queen bee of local social circles, fixed the two up. Salim and Lena not only click, but get engaged one month after meeting. Ria, convinced Raheela is up to no good, hatches a plot to stop the nuptials.

Everything appears locked in place for social-status satire. The surprise, though, is that the target is less British-Pakistani culture and more British expectations for women. Ria’s all-girls prep school, for instance, appears a notch or two away from “The Handmaid’s Tale,” especially the repressive uniforms. Ria’s best friends, Clara (Saraphina Beh) and Alba (Ella Cruccoleri), are fiercely devoted to her. These three, in fact, become their own “Mission: Impossible” crew, swiping Salim’s laptop while he’s at the local gym, hoping to find anything to discredit him.

However, it is Ria and her family that are the

movie's greatest creation. British tales centered around Pakistani families always feature rigid parents trapped in tradition. But Ria's mother, Fatima (Shobu Kapoor), and father, Rafe (Jeff Mirza), have a loose rhythm to them. More relaxed, affording a degree of give and take with their children. It's not that they want their daughters to marry. More, they want them to get their acts together.

By the big finish of "Polite Society," when the movie introduces a creepy conspiracy plot, Lena's lavish Bollywood wedding and a surprise ally for Ria, a line of dialogue pops up that reveals the movie's feminist heart. That Lena took a stab at art school, that she now flounders as a full-time slacker, means she's flipping conventional norm the bird. And by doing so, Lena symbolizes hope that Ria can march to her own beat. Carve out her own future.

"Polite Society" sees these two sisters through to the end, where their happiness is not defined



Ria Khan (Priya Kansara, right) is convinced Raheela (Nimra Bucha) is up to no good.

by men. The movie leaves you with a silly grin on your face, but also incredible affection for Ria and Lena, and where their journey heads. We get the sense this isn't the end for these two, but the start of something greater.

I loved this movie.



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The annual “St. Stanislaus 5K” (3.1 mile) run was held June 3 at Trail Creek’s Nelson Park, with race proceeds funding repairs to the local church. Awards were given in eight age divisions for women, men and children, the top three overall female and male runners and top female and male walkers.
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Legacy Center Gallery

The Legacy Center Gallery will host watercolorist Kristina Knowski as its next installation July 1-Sept. 30 at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church, 1719 E. Barker Ave.

Knowski, who primarily depicts avifauna, is an avid birder known for her portfolio of extinct bird species. She sketches and researches species in the field. In working with extinct species, she visits bird collections of the Field Museum and Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum to study from skins. She also uses observation, anatomical references and specimens to examine these species.



Knowski

All works are watercolor on paper. A planned composition is drawn first, followed carefully by several layers of transparent paint. The extant, or existing, bird paintings are usually more illustrational, creating an optimum version of the species similar to a field guide. These are made as a formal study of the bird, keeping the background minimal.

The extinct species, on the other hand, have a more uninhibited approach. Backgrounds are intentionally loose and ambiguous, contrasting representation with abstraction.

Since graduating valedictorian in 2012 from the American Academy of Art in Chicago, Knowski has participated in numerous shows in Chicago and surrounding states. Her most notable solo show was at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in "Dreams of Martha" in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the passenger pigeon's extinction.

The public can view the artwork during regular Legacy Center hours from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays. Visitors should enter through the Esther Street doors. Call the parish office at (219) 872-9196 for more details.

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Registration forms are available at the Long Beach Town Hall, Long Beach Community Center, and online at longbeachin.org.

Any questions email longbeachsummercamp@gmail.com.

Old School Run



Start the Fourth of July with a bang!

Run (or walk) 5 Kilometers (about 3 miles), beginning at 7:00 A.M. at the Old School. The 26th annual event, a fun run, will follow a scenic course through Long Beach and Long Beach Cove.

No advance entry needed or accepted: Just show up with your entry fee and dressed in your running gear ready to go!

The entry fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Proceeds will benefit the Community Center & Town of Long Beach. This is a low-key event with no prizes, but everyone who finishes will receive an award certificate featuring the drawing of the Old School above and an Old School T-shirt.

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Indiana Dunes National Park

- **Bird Walk and Talk from 9-11 a.m. Thursdays in June at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.** Join a ranger for a morning stroll while observing plant and bird life. Meet at the Visitor Center and carpool to a chosen location.
- **Sunset Paddle at Marquette Lagoons from 5-6 and 7-8 p.m. Thursdays in June.** Join a ranger for paddling in the lagoon. Rangers will lead two groups of 10 paddlers into the lagoon. Make reservations by calling (219) 395-1882. The lagoon is located in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.
- **Beach Fun Friday from 1-8:30 p.m. Fridays in June at West Beach, 376 N. County Line Road, Gary.** Join staff for activities such as kayaking, paddleboarding and swimming.
- **Mount Baldy Summit Hike from 5-6:30 p.m. Fridays in June.** 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..
- **Drop-In Volunteer Program (Trash Trekkers) from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily in June at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center and Paul H. Douglas 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.
- **Chellberg Farm Open House from 2:30-4:30 p.m. daily in June.** 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.



Learn methods to incorporate water-quality education with youth during a free educator workshop,

hosted by IDNP in partnership with Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant and Indiana University Northwest, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at the Paul H. Douglas Center.

The workshop is open to all fifth- to 12th-grade educators teaching in a Great Lakes state. Student teachers and non-formal educators are invited. Professional development hours and curriculum resources will be available.

Visit tinyurl.com/58nhdyhh or contact Janice Milanovich at janicem@illinois.edu before the July 13 registration deadline.

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 programs will be offered:

- **Turtle Time at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 29.** Meet at the nature center to learn about turtles.
- **Who Goes Where? at 10 a.m. Friday, June 30.** Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium to learn how physical/behavioral adaptations help animals survive diverse Indiana Dunes habitats.
- **Nature Scavenger Hunt from 1-3 p.m. Friday, June 30.** Stop by the Nature Center's front desk to pick up directions. Hunts change weekly with different themes and styles. Friends of Indiana Dunes provides the prize.
- **Full Moon Hike from 9-10:30 p.m. Sunday, July 2.** Meet at the Nature Center for a short presentation about the moon, followed by a hike to Lake Michigan and back.

Indiana Dunes State Park is at 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Call (219) 926-1390 to register for programs.

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Harbor Country Hikers



A Sarett Nature Center naturalist gives a trailside talk during a 2019 hike.

Harbor Country Hikers will learn about “species of conservation concern” from 10 a.m.-noon EDT Saturday, July 1, at Sarett Nature Center, 2300 N. Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Sarett naturalists will lead the hike, explaining why biodiversity is important to wildlife. They also will discuss the variety of plants and animals the nature center helps protect.

Hikers should wear long pants, preferably tucked in, and sturdy shoes or boots. Take water and use insect repellent.

Membership is preferred; however, the hike is open to the public. An all-terrain rollator, a wheeled walker with oversized tires for unpaved surfaces, is available for those with difficulty walking.

Visit www.harborcountryhikers.com or Harbor Country Hikers on Facebook for more details.

Twilight Cemetery Tour

South Bend’s The History Museum will offer a twilight tour of Sacred Heart Hungarian Cemetery at 6:30 p.m. EDT Thursday, June 29.

Led by Travis Childs, the museum’s archivist and St. Joseph County historian, participants can view historic gravesites and learn about people who once lived in the Michiana community.

The cost is \$2, or free for members. Participants should be prepared to walk on uneven terrain. No food or pets are allowed. The tour is canceled if the weather is poor.

Participants should meet at the cemetery’s Pine Road entrance. Traveling west on Western Avenue (Indiana 2), Pine Road is just west of the U.S. 20 bypass. Attendees should turn north (right) onto Pine Road to access the cemetery. Pine Road is not accessible from Western Avenue if traveling from the west.

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LaPorte County Public Library

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New users can download the meeScan app through options such as Apple and Google Play. Then, place holds on items using a customer account. Once at the library, check in using the app and clicking Pick-up from the bottom of the screen (or calling the library location). An appointment no longer is needed. Add the parking space on the app if picking up from the main location. Enter information in the instructions box if picking up holds placed on more than one account, or if needing additional assistance. A staff member brings held items to the vehicle. Customers using the app receive updates as their requests are processed. Returns can be placed in book drops and be checked in within 24 to 72 hours. At this time, there is no limit to the number of items customers can reserve and pick up during curbside.

- 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.).



Patrons are no longer charged daily overdue fines. Customers only will be charged for items they damage, lose or never return.



The following programs are planned:

- **Coolspring Storytime from 1:30-2 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at the Coolspring Branch.** Each session, which includes stories and songs, is part of a themed six-week program, with a four-week break between sessions.
- **Snack and Read Book Club (ages 8-12) from 4-5 p.m. Thursday, June 29, in the main library multipurpose room.** Participants will discuss a book and make a themed snack. The focus is Dusti Bowling's "24 Hours in Nowhere."
- **Stories & More from 10-10:30 a.m. Friday, June 30, at the main library.** Children ages 3-5 with their caregivers experience stories, songs, crafts and activities.
- **Family Storytime and Yoga in the Garden from 6-7 p.m. Monday, July 3, at the main library.** Meet in the Reading Wi-Fi Garden.
- **The library is closed July 4 for the holiday.**
- **Cooking Kids from 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, in the main library Multipurpose Room.** Hear a story and create a recipe.

LaPorte County Public Library is located at 904 Indiana Ave. The Coolspring Branch is located at 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Visit www.lapor-telibrary.org for more details, including program-ming through the Exchange building.

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The following programs are scheduled:

- **Movie & a Craft: "Onward" at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 29.** The movie is Rated PG. Children 17 and younger who arrive by 10:15 a.m. have a chance to win a copy of the movie. Light refreshments will be served.
- **Giant Twister at 3 p.m. Friday, June 30.** All ages are invited.
- **The library is closed July 4 for the holiday.**
- **Teen Trivia Night (ages 12-17) from 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5.** Test Wizarding World knowledge with the Harry Potter-themed event. Participants can work independently or with a team to win prizes. Light refreshments will be served. No registration is required.
- **Needle Arts Club to Warm Up America Joining Night from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays in June.** Membership is open to anyone interested in needle arts such as crochet, needlepoint, cross-stitch, crewel, tatting and other hand stitching. All skill levels and ages are welcome. Also, the group has organized a local chapter of the Warm Up America Foundation. Volunteers are knitting and crocheting handmade squares (7x9 inch) that will be joined together to make full-size afghans.
- **Creative Tech Activities from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays in June/July (no July 4 program).** Children ages 6-17 can create with LEGO WeDo, Micro:bits, paper circuits, Ozobots and 3-D. Children 12 and younger must have a parent or guardian attend.
- **Weekly Crafts for Kids & Teens weekly.** Each week offers a different project. Take-home craft kits are available, or create some in the Maker-space. Supplies are limited.
- **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.
- **Among Us Scavenger Hunt in June/Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt in July.** Visit Youth Services, find all the characters hiding there and win a prize.
- **Summer Reading Program: All Together Now! through July 22.** For every 10 hours a person reads, reads to someone else or listens to someone read, they have a chance to win a raffle item. Record reading hours and select the desired raffle prize for a chance to win.

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



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Krasl Art Center Summer Artist

Theda Sandiford's "Triggered, Truth & Transformation" runs July 1-Sept. 17 in The Lab at Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich.

With racial trauma as a starting point, Sandiford juxtaposes fiber and found materials using free-form weaving, coiling, knotting and jewelry-making techniques. The materials are collected from the community, becoming a "social fabric" of contemporary issues and personal narratives, according to a press release.

Sandiford is an award-winning mixed-media artist based in Jersey City, N.J., who has shown extensively nationwide and received numerous awards, including the Excellence in Fibers VI from Fiber Art Now and the 2020 Jersey City Arts Visual Artist Award.

An Open Lab Artist Talk with Sandiford is at 11 a.m. EDT Saturday, July 29, followed by a gallery tour. Visit tinyurl.com/yckh57jx for more details.

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While parked, call the library phone number posted on the numbered space sign, tell staff your library card number and he/she will check out the items and take them to a table at the parking space and walk away. Patrons then can step out of their vehicle to retrieve them. Curbside hours are Monday-Friday (1 to 6 p.m. at Thomas and Hageman) and Saturday (11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Thomas and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Hageman).

Hageman Library (219-926-9080) is located at 100 Francis St., Porter. Thomas Library (219-926-7696) is located at 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Westchester Township History Museum (219-983-9715) is located at 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton. The Baugher Center is located at 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Insights in History

Archivist Travis Childs chronicles the Battle of Gettysburg (July 1-3, 1863) during Insights in History at 1:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday, July 5, at South Bend's The History Museum, 808 W. Washington St.

Known as the turning point of the Civil War, the three-day battle claimed more than 50,000 lives.

Admission is \$3. Reservations are required by July 3. Visit www.historymuseumSB.org or call (574) 235-9664 for more details.

Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series

No July 5 concert is scheduled in the summer Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series.

The programs resume July 12 with Kent Jager. The ensuing schedule is: Mark Sudeith, July 19; George Karst, July 26; Jager and baritone Stuart Thompson, Aug. 2; and Carey Scheck, Aug. 9.

Concerts are from 12:15-1 p.m. at Christ Church, 531 Washington St. Call Ann or George Dobie at (219) 608-5358 for more details.

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The event runs from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-noon Friday. It is open to children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade (entering first through sixth grade). A hot lunch will be served each day except Friday. An ice cream social is at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, so campers and parents can meet the counselors.

The camp is conducted by college-age counselors affiliated with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana Kentucky. Activities include songs, games, outdoor activities (including a popular "water day"), crafts and Bible stories. A parents' program is Thursday evening, July 13, when children perform songs and share artwork with families.

The cost to attend all five days is \$5 per child. Register by June 30 at <http://stlukeunitedlutheran.org>. Call (219) 879-9415 or (219) 898-3188 for more details.

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In the Area

June 28-July 1 — Canterbury Summer Theatre, “Dames at Sea,” Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Shows: 2 p.m. Wed., 7 p.m. Thur.-Sat. Tickets: \$20/regular admission, \$18/seniors, half-price discounts/students & military personnel. Reservations: (219) 874-4269, info@canterburytheatre.org

June 29 — Movie & a Craft: “Onward,” 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 29 — Coolspring Storytime, 1:30-2 p.m., Coolspring Library, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

June 29 — Snack and Read Book Club (ages 8-12), 4-5 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

June 29 — Arts in the Park, LaPorte’s Fox Park. Preconcert: 6-6:45 p.m., main band: 7-8:30 p.m. *June 29* — The Mike Dangeroux Orchestra. *Wednesdays:* LaPorte City Band, 7 p.m.

June 29-July 16 — “tick, tick...BOOM!,” Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. Times: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Admission: \$30; students/seniors, \$27; groups of four or more, \$25. Reservations: tinyurl.com/yckm52x8

June 30 — Giant Twister, 3 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

July 1 — Michigan City Patriotic Parade, 11 a.m., Franklin Street, 10th Street to Ames Field.

July 3 — Family Storytime and Yoga in the Garden, 6-7 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

July 4 — **Happy Independence Day!**

July 4 — Old School Run, 7 a.m., Old School Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail, Long Beach. Entry fee: \$10/adults, \$5/students.

July 4 — Long Beach July 4th parade, 10 a.m., Old School Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail.

July 4 — LaPorte July 4th Parade, 10 a.m.-about 1 p.m., Lincolnway.

July 4 — Michigan City Fireworks Spectacular, dusk, Washington Park.

July 5 — Teen Trivia Night (ages 12-17), 5-6 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

July 5 — Cooking Kids, 4-5 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.lapor-

telibrary.org

Through June 29 — Indiana Historical Society traveling exhibit, “Indiana Through the Mapmaker’s Eye!,” LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Also: Old Lighthouse Museum’s 50th season pop-up exhibit through July 7. Info: (219) 324-6767

Through June 30 — Artwork by the Rev. David Kime, the Rev. Roque Meraz, Dr. John Wilhelm, The Legacy Center Gallery at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church, 1719 E. Barker Ave. Also: July 1-Sept. 30: Kristina Knowski. Center hours: 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Thur., 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Info: (219) 872-9196.

Through July 1 — “Intertwine: Stitches of the Soul,” The Beverly Shores Depot Museum & Art Gallery, 525 S. Broadway.

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

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

Mondays in LaPorte — Weekly line dance lessons, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1130, 181 W. McClung Road. Cost: \$5. Beginner lessons, 2-3 p.m. Improver lessons, 3-4 p.m. Info: (219) 363-8301.

Tuesdays — Bingo, St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, 109 Ann St. Doors open: 3:30 p.m. Bingo: 6 p.m. \$45 entrance fee (includes all cards). Info: (219) 336-3099.

Tuesdays in June — Creative Tech Activities, 3:30-5 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Thursdays in June — Needle Arts Club to Warm Up America Joining Night, 5:30-7 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

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

Saturdays in June — Pinhook Bog Open House, 3-5 p.m., 700 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City. Info: www.nps.gov/indu, (219) 395-1882.

Saturdays through Oct. 28 — Michigan City Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-noon, Eighth & Washington streets. Info: www.emichigancity.com

Sundays through Sept. 24 — Farmed & Forged Market (LaPorte Farmers Market), 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Monroe & Lincolnway.

In the Region

June 29 — Turtle Time, 10 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

June 30 — Who Goes Where?, 10 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

June 30 — Nature Scavenger Hunt, 1-3 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25

East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

June 30 — Michigan Rattlers, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$20 + \$4 convenience fee, \$45 + \$4 convenience fee (reserved). Reservations: www.acornlive.org

July 1 — Harbor Country Hikers, 10 a.m.-noon EDT, Sarett Nature Center, 2300 N. Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich. Info: www.harborcountryhikers.com

July 1 — An Evening with Griffin House, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$30 + \$5 convenience fee, \$55 + \$5 convenience fee (reserved). Reservations: www.acornlive.org

July 1-Sept. 17 — Theda Sandiford's "Triggered, Truth & Transformation," Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: tinyurl.com/yckh57jx

July 2 — Full Moon Hike, 9-10:30 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

July 2 — Midwest Made: Sankofa, 7 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$15 + \$3.50 convenience fee, \$40 + \$3.50 convenience fee (reserved). Reservations: www.acornlive.org

July 5 — Insights in History, 1:30 p.m. EDT, South Bend's The History Museum, 808 W. Washington Sr. Admission: \$3. Reservations: (574) 235-9664, www.historymuseumSB.org

July 5 — Tab Benoit with Anthony Rosano and The Conqueroos, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$55 + \$7.50 convenience fee. Reservations: www.acornlive.org

Through June 29 — Photography exhibit, "Water Dancing," Valparaiso's Art Barn School of Art, 695 N. County Road 400 East. Info: (219) 462-9009, info@artbarnschool.org

Through June — Acrylic painter Connie Kasal/photographer Carol Estes, The Courtyard Gallery, 813 E. Buffalo St., New Buffalo, Mich. Hours (Eastern): 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, closed Tuesday. Info: galleries@courtyardfineart.com, (800) 291-9287.

Through July 6 — Works by Kuhn Hong, The Village Gallery at Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso.

Through July 15 — "Trailblazers: Legacies of Excellence," South Bend's The History Museum, 808 W. Washington St. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-5 p.m. Sun. Admission: \$11/adults, \$9.50/seniors, \$7/youth 6-17, free/members. Info: www.historymuseumSB.org, (574) 235-9664.

Through July 16 — "America the Beautiful: The Photographs of Clyde Butcher," "Ansel Adams: Selected Photographs from the Portfolios," Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Fri., 1-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Admission: \$10/adults, \$6/8-12, \$8/13-18,

\$8/college students with ID. Info: (574) 293-6660.

Through July 31 — "Budgie's Garden" Art Show, Front Street Crossing, 227 S. Front St., Dowagiac, Mich. Featured artist: Lisa Quinlan-Heibutzki (past collaborator with *Beacher* columnist Charley McKelvy).

Through Sept. 4 — "The Art of Elizabeth Catlett from the Collection of Samella Lewis," Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: www.krasl.org, info@krasl.org, (269) 983-0271.

Through October — "Ever Yours: Postcards From the Golden Age," Porter County Museum, 20 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso. Free admission. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Sun. Info: www.pocomuse.org

Through May 12, 2024 — "Indiana Lore," South Bend's The History Museum, 808 W. Washington St. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-5 p.m. Sun. Admission: \$11/adults, \$9.50/seniors, \$7/youth 6-17, free/members. Info: www.historymuseumSB.org, (574) 235-9664.

Mondays — Pickleball, 5:30 p.m. EST, New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road. Free, donations welcome. Info: (269) 426-3909, friendsofnewtroy@yahoo.com

Thursdays in June — Bird Walk and Talk, 9-11 a.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: www.nps.gov/indu, (219) 395-1882.

Thursdays in June — Sunset Paddle at Marquette Lagoons, 5-6 p.m. & 7-8 p.m., Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Reservations: (219) 395-1882.

Fridays in June — Beach Fun Friday, 1-8:30 p.m., West Beach, 376 N. County Line Road, Gary. Info: www.nps.gov/indu, (219) 395-1882.

Fridays in June — Mount Baldy Summit Hike, 5-6:30 p.m., parking lot off U.S. 12, Michigan City. Info: www.nps.gov/indu, (219) 395-1882.

Daily in June — Chellberg Farm Open House, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12/20, Porter. Info: www.nps.gov/indu, (219) 395-1882.

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LOCATION: LB Park MIN/MAX: 8/24 PER CLASS 4 Day-camp

Ages 8-10

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6/26	6/29	1p-2:30p	8-10yrs	84
7/10	7/13	1p-2:30p	8-10yrs	84
7/24	7/27	1p-2:30p	8-10yrs	84



Ages 11-14

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LOCATION:	LB Park	MIN/MAX:	8/24 PER CLASS	WEEKS:	4
PROGRAM #	DAY	DATE	TIME	AGE	COST
JUNE	Wednesdays	6/7-6/28	4:30-6pm	8-10yrs	\$99
JULY	Wednesdays	7/5-7/26	4:30-6pm	8-10yrs	\$99
AUG.	Wednesdays	8/2-8/23	4:30-6pm	8-10yrs	\$99

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LOCATION:	LB Park	MIN/MAX:	8/24 PER CLASS	WEEKS:	4
PROGRAM #	DAY	DATE	TIME	AGE	COST
JUNE	Wednesdays	6/7-6/28	6-730pm	11-14yrs	\$84
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Fiona Davis is one of the best historical-fiction writers. In her previous six books, she gives us the best of New York City in its famous buildings, traditions and celebrities, and the amazing stories that connect them.

Past novels took us to New York Public Library, Barbizon Hotel, Grand Central Station, Chelsea Hotel, the Gilded Age mansion of Henry Clay Frick and the Dakota — infamous former home of Beatle John Lennon.

This week, Davis takes us to Radio City Music Hall in 1956 and a whirlwind tour of what it takes to be a Rockette — told through the fictional story of Marion Brooks...

Marion lives in Bronxville with her father, Simon, an upper-level manager for the NYC gas and electric company, and her sister, Judy, his secretary.

Only Marion is like their late mother, reveling in the arts: her mother an actress, Marion a dancer. She's been working as a dance instructor until one day, an unfortunate incident sends her packing with her ballet slippers and last check in hand.

She hears the Rockettes are holding auditions soon and decides this might be her big chance to fulfill her dream of dancing on stage. After all, she's just the right height and weight, exceptionally good-looking and her *grand jetés* are to die for!

To her surprise, she's hired. Marion's not about to lose this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, defying her father by becoming a Rockette. Their conversation does not go well and, yeah, Simon kicks his daughter out of the house.

Another Rockette, Bunny, takes her to The Rehearsal Club, a Manhattan all-girls boarding house, to become her roommate. It's a place where she gets to settle in and make friends with other dancers and singers...

"She'd landed in a warm sisterhood where her ambition and drive were celebrated, not questioned." Translated, she's happy — but a tad guilty about leaving her father and sister.

Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter



Next problem — Marion has been dating Nathaniel since high school. An understanding of sorts about marriage exists. Hey, it's the 1950s, and fathers only approve of three jobs for their daughters: teacher, wife/mother or nurse (not doctor). Marion falls into the routine of rehearsals and performances, keeping Nathaniel at bay, for now.

Marion holds fast to her dreams, and we enter the real life of a Rockette — a lot of rehearsals and performances. The camaraderie that makes Marion feel she is part of a great big family helps to lessen the pain of her father's rejection.

Radio City Music Hall is the foundation for this intriguing story. Davis gives a bit of real NYC history with the addition of a madman who has set off bombs at famous buildings, including Radio City Music Hall, for the past 16 years. Who is this man? The answer will hit closer to home than Marion could imagine.

The juxtaposition of one young woman's dream with that of a madman provides the energy, horror and wonder of the story. You're there — walking on stage as the workmen set up scenery, the musicians are practicing. Everything must be perfect. The

dressing room is awash with nervous talk, final fixing of makeup and hair, the rustle of costumes being put on and the rush out the door to line up for their entrance. It's exciting, but there is always the undercurrent of when and where the bomber strikes next.

Through a double date with Bunny and her beau, Marion meets Peter Griggs, a psychiatrist at a local hospital for the insane. He's interested in the newly found science of criminal profiling. After the Christmas bombing, Marion and Peter are determined to find the bomber, even if the police are suspicious of this new science and won't listen to them. Nothing else has worked the past 16 years — what do the police have to lose? The stunning climax puts Marion in a desperate position to finally get at the truth.

The final word: This is a backstage life of the world-famous Rockettes, an inside look at an iconic New York building and a heck of a good mystery. What more can you ask for?!

Till next time, happy reading!





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