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On the Run

by Kim Nowatzke

Over the past 14 years, Michigan City native Carolyn Newman has just kept running, besting her goal to complete a full marathon (26.2 miles) in every state by her 50th birthday.

“It’s been a great way to see the different states, community and people. It’s been wonderful,” the 46-year-old Michigan City native and resident said. “This was a goal I set on my own and was able to accomplish on my own. That’s exciting.”

Newman recently finished her last two marathons: one in Juneau, Alaska, at the end of July and another in Erie, Pa., on Sept. 10.

Not considering herself an athlete – she didn’t play sports in high school – Newman picked up running in 2009 as a weight-management tool with her sister, Katie Eaton, the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce president. That was when the two ran their first race together: a 5K in Washington Park.

“It has been fun watching my sister on this running journey,” Eaton said. “Since she’s older, I have always looked up to her, but when she declared this goal of running a



Carolyn Newman celebrates completing her five-marathons-in-five-weeks accomplishment, in front of the famed Philadelphia Rocky statue, before heading home from the East Coast

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marathon in every state, I was in awe. And I still am! I love telling people about her story and accomplishments. She has inspired so many others.”

After watching the Chicago Marathon on TV in October 2009, Newman thought, “If I can run eight miles on a treadmill, I can do this.” The marathon’s next date was 10/10/10, which intrigued her. So, the 2010 Chicago Marathon, with more than 45,000 runners and more than one million spectators, became her first full marathon.

Then, an opportunity surfaced with the OE Runners Team in Valparaiso, a supporter of the non-profit Opportunity Enterprises, which bolsters the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Through her subsequent three-year involvement, Newman ran and trained with the running group, in addition to building friendships and the love of the marathon distance through three Chicago Marathons.

“After those first three marathons,” she said, “I ventured to Indy for the first time in 2012, running my first back to back with only three weeks apart.”

Nearing her 40th birthday in 2017, she toyed with the idea of running a marathon in every state over the next 10 years, before she turned 50.

She began the novice training program of Long Beach’s Hal Higdon, the nationally-recognized running guru and writer. A year ago, she transitioned into a new program so she could decrease her daily runs to three a week and add two days of cycling.

She has her share of minor aches and pains; however, remarkably, she hasn’t suffered any injuries. But, she admits, “it’s hard to pound the pavement after so many years. The cycling has been very nice.”

She runs as many as 15-20 miles per week in the beginning, increasing to 40 miles each week about three weeks before a race.

“Once trained, I like to cluster my marathons together,” said Newman, who has completed eight this year.

She runs the majority of her marathons in the spring and fall, when they are most common. In between events, she mostly walks and hikes.

Last fall, Newman completed five marathons in five weeks (one each week) out east. At the end of September, she set out for a race in Keene, N.H., accompanied by her friend, Trail Creek’s Deanna French, who’s been a big supporter. After a visit to New York, Newman ran the next race in Falmouth, Mass., followed by a third in Hartford, Conn. She joined a Michigan City racing friend, Trish Taylor,



In Erie, Pa., Carolyn Newman’s “fan club” of family and friends is visible as she completes her goal (early) of running 50 marathons in 50 states before turning 50.



Carolyn Newman proudly wears five state marathon medals signifying the end of her trip to the East Coast in fall 2022.

to run the next race in Bar Harbor, Maine. For her fifth and final marathon in Atlantic City, N.J., she was met by fellow runners Deanna Grimes, Tammy Early and Jamie Miller with her daughter, Mary Miller.

“That trip was the best,” Newman said. “It was so good to see my people. It was a five-week celebration.”

A small bump in the road arrived when her car was towed in Philadelphia. It took \$240 to get her wheels back, but as a testament to her positivity, the overall experience wasn’t tarnished.

She enjoys joining friends who share the same goal of running a marathon in each state.

Newman and the Millers, who live in LaPorte County, have traveled to Denver, Colo., Savannah, Ga., and Milwaukee, among other places. They will finish up their 50-marathons goal next year. Together with Grimes and Early, both from Northwest Indiana, she completed marathon in Eugene, Ore., in addition to the one in New Jersey.

She and Taylor enjoyed running races together in Montana, Utah and Idaho. Together, they visited Grand Teton National Park in between races, with Newman continuing on her own to see Yellowstone National Park.

“I try to hit the national parks while I’m out,” she noted.

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She belongs to a local “Stinky Tuesday” Facebook group that enjoys hanging out together, occasionally running races with each other.

“I’ve been with this group several years,” she said, “and they are all motivating me and holding me accountable.”

Indeed, she’s met a lot of people along the way.

“There’s a lot of people in this country,” she said, “that have this goal.”

Newman said there’s a special club for such runners, but she’s not a member. She tries to post a live video on social media as she crosses each finish line. Readers can find out more information about her journey at [#carolynruntheusa](#).

For Newman, special memories come to mind. One was along Route 66 in Tulsa, Okla.

“The whole entire town was out,” she said. “There were neighbors having yard parties with snacks, drinks and sprinklers for the runners. It was so much fun.”

There was a two-week trip to the Dakotas, with marathons covered in North Dakota and Nebraska. During that trip, she visited Custer State Park in South Dakota, the Badlands, Mount Rushmore and Teddy Roosevelt National Park.

This was her first experience sleeping in her car. She always books a

hotel for the day before and after a marathon, but sometimes she uses her car for travel *and* overnight accommodations. She’s even purchased an air mattress designed specifically for this purpose.

The COVID-19 pandemic made things challenging, but Newman didn’t let it discourage her.

“It put a damper on it and then it sped me up after that to get it done,” she said.

Another was The Lost Dutchman Marathon in Apache Junction, Ariz., near the rumored site of the legendary Lost Dutchman mine.

“They bussed runners to the top of the mountain, where there were little firepits and mats,” she said. “We got to see the sun rise over the mountain before we started. That was really cool.”

Closer to home was the Portland (Mich.) Relay for Life Half Marathon, where there was bacon, watermelon and pickle juice (good for cramping, Newman says) at the 24-mile mark.

“There was a huge party at the end with bands and families celebrating,” she said.

This race also is where she achieved her personal record (PR) of approximately 1 hour and 59 minutes for half of the full marathon (13.1 miles).

“I started slow and got faster on the second half,” she said.

Newman says her average time to run a full marathon is 5 hours and 44 minutes. She has run two under 4.5 hours, including her best PR of 4 hours and 26 minutes at the Holland Haven Marathon in September 2017. So, coincidentally, Michigan holds her PRs for half and full marathons.

She prefers the smaller races of a few thousand or even a few hundred. In a small marathon of fewer than 100 runners in Key West, Fla., she placed third out of the women racers. It was her southern-most

marathon. She was “thrilled to get on the podium.” Her prizes were a dried-out coconut from Hurricane Irma and a six pack.

Having seen so much of the country, Newman is a fan of the West Coast. She loved Hawaii and felt Oregon was similar to it.

“I love to be in the sunshine — anywhere there is water, I love,” she said.

She also would repeat her five-week trip out east “in a heartbeat.”

“You can see a lot of things in cities in 26.2 miles,” she says. “You cover a lot of ground. It’s a lot of space.”

She is mom to kids Kobe Roberson and Makiah Roberson, and a grandmother to three grandsons and one granddaughter.

This year, she celebrated 10 years as a PRN (as needed) physical therapist assistant, a career that provides the travel flexibility to marathons. She works at three locations, filling in for vacation coverage and other times her skills are in demand.

“I’m happy that I can travel now,” Newman said. “I may not have that opportunity later.”



Carolyn Newman (left) reaches the finish line with fellow runner and friend, Trish Taylor, Michigan City, at the Idaho Falls Marathon in 2021.

And what have her travels taught her?

“I never expected to be seeing all 50 states...you start appreciating life more as you get older. Everything is beautiful in its own way...I’ve learned to appreciate the beauty of what our country has to offer and all the diverse people you meet and see... I try to see the beauty in all the people and things.”

Along the way, Newman has quite the collection of race T-shirts that now hang in her closet in the order of how she acquired them.

“Maybe I will make a quilt out of them some day,” she said.

With her goal of running 50 marathons in 50 states crossed off of her bucket list, Newman says, “I’m excited to have them done...I’m kind of happy that it’s going to be over. My body is beginning to feel like it’s time to take a break.”

She’s not quite ready, though, to shelve her running shoes yet. There’s the possibility of a new goal of completing a marathon on every continent, or focusing on unusual races.

“Maybe I will concentrate on increasing speed or running half marathons,” she continued. “...I’m still going to keep running and traveling. I will have a goal because I work better with a set schedule.”

She wants to continue enjoying the health benefits of her passion, too. Along with attaining her goal of running 50 races in 50 states, she’s also achieved her initial purpose of running to lose and maintain her weight. From 2009 to 2010, she lost 80 pounds.

“I encourage all to find a healthy lifestyle,” she says, “and get out and see what the world has to offer!”

Eaton was among the Newman fan club present at the last race in Pennsylvania.

“As a family, we were excited to join her along with several other family members and friends. At the same time, we were able to watch my oldest child, Reneé, run their first marathon. I’m sure that inspirational goal came from their Aunt Neé! I love so much about my sister, and she has many great accomplishments – this was a fun one to celebrate!”

For Newman, it was not only her 50th marathon in 50 states. It also was the 58th marathon she completed.

“A nice-sized fan club joined me for my 50th race, and I could not be more proud and joyous to have them all,” she emphasized. “It is such a sense of accomplishment to finish my goal and to finish earlier than anticipated. The thing I take most from this goal is simply the places I’ve been, the people I have met and the beauty right at our back doors!”



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Branagh Makes Agatha Christie His Own in “A Haunting in Venice”

by Andrew Tallackson

Kenneth Branagh takes flak for his Agatha Christie updates, and honestly, I don't get it. The beef is that the films (“Murder on the Orient Express,” “Death on the Nile”) are slick exercises in pointlessness. These stories have been done before and done better, Branagh simply checking off a bucket-list item by playing Hercule Poirot.

Thing is, Branagh isn't aping his predecessors, greats like Peter Ustinov and Albert Finney. His famed detective is wounded, nursing the battle scars of war. His wrongly rejected remake of “Death on the Nile,” for my money, was gorgeous, with Gal Gadot at her va-voom zenith.

“A Haunting in Venice” is based on Christie's 1969 “Hallowe'en Party,” which has its share of TV adaptations abroad, but this is the first big screen take. Younger audiences may be bored silly by the emphasis on character and plot. Adults will savor it.

The story finds Poirot retired and living in Venice in 1947, but coaxed into intrigue by mystery writer-longtime friend Ariadne Oliver. She's played by Tina Fey in the movie's biggest surprise. With this film and her hilarious narcissism on Hulu's “Only Murders in the Building,” Fey clearly relishes infusing murder-mysteries with snark. She makes a great companion for Poirot, whose latest assignment contains all the Agatha Christie essentials. A murder. A secluded setting. Everyone's a suspect.

So, when a séance turns deadly, Poirot distances himself from the idea of the supernatural to uncover the real killer.

Branagh again packs his film with A-listers, including Oscar-winner Michelle Yeoh as medium Joyce Reynolds, his dynamite “Belfast” stars Jamie

Dornan and Jude Hill as a physician and his son, respectively, “Yellowstone” anti-hero Kelly Reilly, cast against type as a fragile mother mourning her dead daughter, and wonderful French actress Camille Cottin as the rigid maid.

Branagh can't resist jump-scares, but he's better



Kenneth Branagh (from right), Michelle Yeoh and Tina Fey star in “A Haunting in Venice.”



“A Haunting in Venice”

Running time: 103 minutes. Rated PG-13 for some strong violence, disturbing images and thematic elements.

at spiking tension through his cast, especially Yeoh, who alternates between believable fear and iffy credibility. There's also the lavish visuals orchestrated by Branagh's “Belfast” cinematographer, Harris Zambarloukos. The sky rages with storm clouds, lightning flashes, a rising tide pounds the palazzo walls. Everything you'd want from a Gothic thriller.

The style, in a sense, is a character of its own, dread and paranoia forcing Poirot to question his grip on reality.

Younger audiences likely would prefer a violent outcome. Instead, the tone is rather somber. Not everyone is a killer, but each harbors secrets that chip away at their notions of right and wrong. By resolving his film through loss, grief and regret, Branagh has distanced himself from previous Agatha Christie adaptations and made this material his own.

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First United Methodist Church Plans Fundraiser to Assist Family

by Kim Nowatzke

This weekend, everyone from music lovers to car enthusiasts has the chance to make a difference in the life of a local family.

The Cruisers and Crooners Car Show and Live Music Event is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St. The fundraiser for Dan and Candace Archer will help with medical expenses for their infant son, in addition to recovery from a July 30 house fire.

“It’s been a crazy roller-coaster beginning throughout my pregnancy,” Candace admits.

Successfully conceiving after a 10-year battle with infertility, Candace and Dan learned halfway through the pregnancy their unborn son had a heart defect and omphalocele (his liver was growing outside of his body). He was diagnosed with 22q11.2 deletion syndrome, otherwise known as DiGeorge Syndrome. It was on Candace’s 41st birthday.

After Jesse Vincent Archer was born Jan. 3, 2023, at Riley Hospital for Children, he faced his first surgery one week later to repair the omphalocele. His first heart surgery took place March 8. It initially appeared successful, but complications, including a stroke later that day, led to oxygen deprivation, seizures and brain damage.

“I’ve always had a hard time taking it one day at a time,” Candace says. “He (Jesse) has taught me to take one second at a time. You really don’t have a choice.”

Jesse remained at Riley for more than four months, finally coming home May 12. Candace, who is the performing arts director, teaching band, choir and theater at Metropolitan School District of New Durham Township (Westville), took an extended leave and stayed at a nearby Ronald McDonald House. Dan, who is a mechanic for TLG Peterbilt – Great Lakes, was there as well for much of the time, missing about two months of work.

Now 8 months old, Jesse has undergone four surgeries and a surgical procedure. He will face his next heart surgery — technically his first open-heart one — as a 1-year-old.

“I totally believe that Riley and prayers are what have saved his life,” Candace emphasized.

In addition to these challenges, the Archers’ Cool-spring Township home caught fire July 30. The ga-

rage, six vehicles and a section of the living area were destroyed. The entire home will need to be gutted and rebuilt.

First UMC had planned the Cruisers and Crooners fundraiser for the family even before the fire. The church held a successful car show honoring the late Erik Tannehill in 2021, and was planning a sim-



Dan and Candace Archer are photographed with their son, Jesse Vincent. Provided photo

ilar one when Jessie was born. With initial thoughts being a musical event, planning committee member Felicia Thomas suggested combining that proposal with a car show: two passions of the Archers.

“Our church family has been amazing,” said Candace, who said she and Dan were “speechless and so grateful” when they learned about the benefit. “They have done so much to support us – help financially, prayers...”

All makes and models of cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome at the Cruisers and Crooners event for a \$10 entry fee per vehicle, with prizes awarded in multiple categories. Registration is only the morning of the benefit. The church has secured additional street parking along with the parking lot at nearby HealthLinc.

Dan, himself, is a car and motorcycle enthusiast. He lost a 1993 Firebird Formula, 1998 Harley Davidson Sportster left to him by his father, and a 2018 Harley Davidson Road King in the fire.

Trish Johnsen, FUMC associate pastor of family ministries, and her husband, Chris, head up the Cruisers and Crooners planning committee, with help from senior pastor Nancy Nichols.

“We are really happy to be able to do something for the Archer family,” Trish said. “They are a wonderful part of our church family and our community.”

Active in the local car community, the Johnsens have passed out more than 1,000 flyers to other enthusiasts.

The event also will feature a variety of music, including: folk artist Dan Moser; Trilogy, a mixed trio; and Back Porch Swing, a women’s trio. A mixed vocal ensemble consisting of FUMC choir members and friends of the Archers, as well as the Archers themselves, will perform with accompanist Bev Griffith.

“We chose songs that were popular during the years when many classic cars rolled off the assembly line, as well as tunes with positive messages for the Archer family, such as ‘Nothing’s Gonna Stop Us Now,’” said Sue Cassler, another committee member who has known Candace through Monday Musicale since 2016.

Great Lakes Sound Chorus, a group Candace belongs to, will perform. It specializes in barbershop-style modern a capella arrangements. In addition, Dan and Candace will perform as soloists and as a duet. The plan is to have Jesse in attendance.

Guests can purchase hot dogs, sloppy joes from Stadium Inn, chips, pop and water, as well as baked goods made by church members. A silent auction is planned.

There is no charge for spectators to attend. All festivities are outdoors. There is no rain date; in case of inclement weather, all but the car show move inside the church.

Cassler hopes the benefit provides some relief for the family.

“Jesse’s arrival was a dream come true for Candace and Dan,” she said. “Despite the many challenges they have faced since Jan. 3, they remain strong. Their resilience is admirable. It has been gratifying to witness the outpouring of love from friends and family members who have stepped up to offer assistance and support.

“The need for help is ongoing as Jesse faces an additional surgery and their home requires major repairs,” she added. “It is hoped that this car show and live music event will help to lighten their load, relieving some of their financial burden.”

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Last year, Loverboy released the single “Release,” and toured with Styx and REO Speedwagon. Other hits include “Lovin’ Every Minute of It,” “Heaven in Your Eyes” and “This Could Be the Night.”

Doors open at 6 p.m. Opening for the group is The Cars tribute band Carpool. A food truck and concessions will be available, and a 21-and-older cash bar.

Balcony admission is \$45, general admission chair seating \$60 and premium floor general admission \$75. Make reservations at tinyurl.com/bdz28atn

Monday Musicale

Monday Musicale kicks off its 112th season, the theme being “Music Unites the World,” at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, at First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St.

The club aims to add new members: active and associate (non-performing). The September program celebrates U.S. music, with program chair Bev Griffith planning a “musical tour of America,” according to a press release. That includes selections like “Sentimental Journey,” “New York State of Mind,” “My Kind of Town (Chicago Is),” “City of New Orleans,” “America the Beautiful,” “Route 66,” “Blue Moon” and “California Dreamin’.”

Vocalists include: Deborah Beien, Howard Brenneman, Frank Casorio, Sue Cassler, Dan Moser (also guitar/banjo), Joe Stewart and Felicia Thomas; and pianist Griffith, who is the accompanist. Also, women from the First UMC choir will sing “Precious Lord, Take My Hand,” and a mixed ensemble of “Crooners” will share songs from the Cruisers and Crooners Car Show & Live Music event.

Carol Garrett’s host committee will serve light refreshments afterward in the gathering room.

There is no admission charge; however, donations to the youth scholarship fund are welcome. Contact Sue Cassler at (219) 362-1421 for details.

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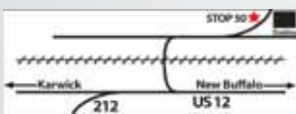
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PechaKucha, meaning "chit chat" in Japanese, shows 20 images each for 20 seconds.

The 28th volume of PechaKucha 20x20 St. Joseph/Benton Harbor is from 8:30-10:30 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept. 22, at Ghostlight Theatre, 101 Hinkley St., Benton Harbor, Mich.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. EDT, with snacks and a cash bar planned.

The format for PechaKucha, meaning "chit chat" in Japanese, shows 20 images each for 20 seconds. In other words, presenters get 400 seconds to tell their story. Presenters include: VicShonda Newbern; JoAnn Dunning; Mamie Yarbrough; Corey Neeley; Nicole Dherde; Jeanette Thompson; Carl Kutsmode; Joy Bradley; Julee Laurent; and Doug Peterson.

Tickets, which cost \$5, are available at www.krasl.org/events/pechakucha and at the door. A limited amount of chairs will be provided, so guests are encouraged to take their own seats when available. If the event moves inside due to the weather, seating is limited to the first 120 ticket purchasers. Additional purchasers receive a link to experience the evening virtually.

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LaPorte County Parks will host the 30th annual Pioneer Days from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 23-24, at Creek Ridge County Park, 7943 W. County Road 400 North.

Visitors to the 96-acre park encounter a taste of pioneer history and lifestyles. Historically clad vendors will lead visitors through hands-on activities. Offerings include: horse-drawn wagon rides, kettle corn, ham and beans, apple butter brewing, wood working, quilting, ceramics, candle dipping and tin punch design.

Admission at the gate is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children or seniors. Cash or checks are accepted at the gate. Call (219) 325-8315, visit LaPorte County Parks on Facebook or www.laportecountyparks.org for more details.

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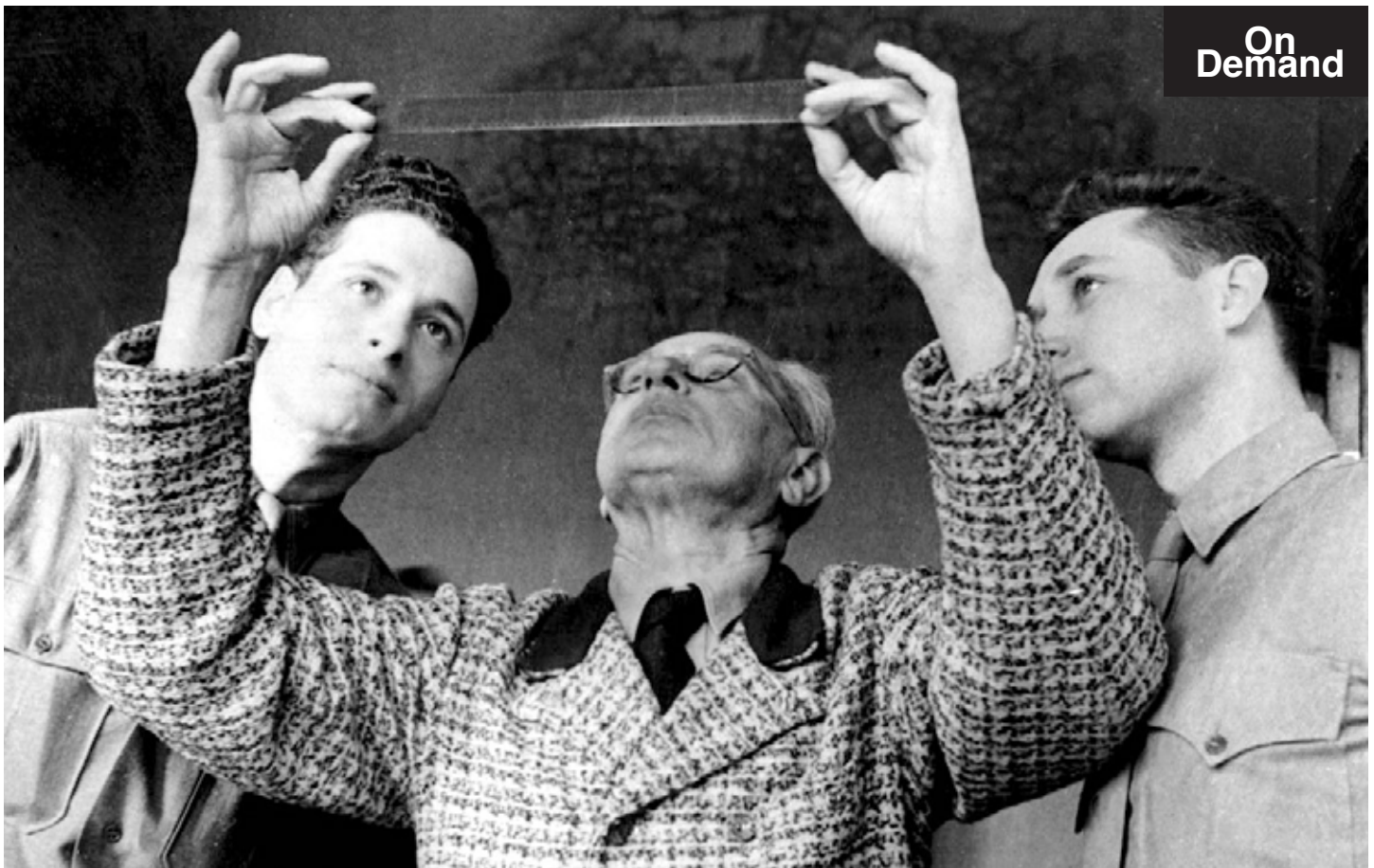
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“Filmmakers for the Prosecution” Sheds New Light on Nuremberg Footage

by Andrew Tallackson



Budd Schulberg (left) and Stuart Schulberg (right) are seen with Hitler’s photographer, Heinrich Hoffmann, in “Filmmakers for the Prosecution.”

Here is proof, a reminder, that history is a sea of buried treasure. Stories crying out to be told.

“Filmmakers for the Prosecution” tackles a subject amply covered by historians and Hollywood: the post World War II Nuremberg trials seeking justice against Nazi war criminals. The emphasis here, however, is the lesser-known race against time by Jewish brothers Budd and Stuart Schulberg to locate footage taken by the Nazis themselves to use against them at the tribunals.

The result is a largely unsentimental, no-nonsense documentary. Not even an hour in length, the French production debuted in 2022 and now can be streamed through View on Demand. With next to no marketing, this is the kind of film where word of mouth can save it.

Since the Schulbergs are no longer alive, director Jean-Christophe Klotz relies extensively on archival footage, and a handful of contemporary interviews, to place the imagery in proper context.

The brothers, both Hollywood legacies, were hired by none other than Office of Strategic Services film chief John Ford to hunt down footage, for use during the trials, of Nazis and Nazi atrocities. The argument was, any existing newsreel footage would be deemed unusable: attacked as edited or doctored.

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“Filmmakers for the Prosecution”

Running time: 59 minutes. View on Demand. Not Rated, but containing disturbing archival images of Nazi atrocities.

What the trials needed was raw footage.

Turns out, the Nazis liked to film just about everything. Horrific vanity, posterity? A bit of both, we learn. The challenge for the Schulbergs, though, was finding where much of it was hidden.

That search, no doubt, would make for one compelling Hollywood film. Two underground bunkers, for instance, were discovered ablaze, the damning evidence conveniently destroyed before the tribunals commenced.

Some facts revealed in “Filmmakers for the Prosecution” are staggering. The Schulbergs, for instance, arrested none other than the Nazis’ chief propaganda director, Leni Riefenstahl, forcing her to identify Nazi war criminals in footage. And in a remarkable stroke of good fortune, it is the Russians, the Schulbergs’ contact a huge John Ford fan (by then known for “How Green Was My Valley,” “The Grapes of Wrath,” “Young Mr. Lincoln”), who subsequently grants them access to a wealth of

Nazi footage.

Simply from the perspective as filmmakers, what's striking about the Schulbergs is how much work they placed into making sure the lighting was just right during the trials so, when the room went dark and their footage began, they could capture the faces of the Nazis watching their handiwork.

That is the most telling moment in "Filmmakers for the Prosecution." Klotz does not apply a soundtrack, nor any other sound, for that fact. Instead, we watch the faces of these men. Confronted by images of the dead, at their hands, bodies emaciated beyond recognition, families led hand in hand to the gas chambers. A few wipe away tears. Others, many of them, sit with no remorse on their faces.

Mixed in with that footage is an interview with the son of one of the Nazis on trial. That imagery captured by the Schulbergs, of his stone-faced father, bereft of any emotion, is why, he says, he could not forgive him.

The tragic irony is that, amid post World War II efforts to help Germany rebuild itself, the U.S. Department of War buried Stuart Schulberg's resulting film, "Nuremberg: Its Lesson for Today." Such footage, they felt, would detract from overall peace efforts. It wasn't until 2009, when Stuart's daughter, Sandra, restored the film that it finally was released.

The film probably should have explored the Schulbergs in greater detail. We see footage of Bud speaking in 2004, and it is clear he remains haunted by what he and his brother obtained. But we do not learn much more about them, their lives beyond the work with OSS. Doing so would have sculpted a more complete portrait.

Having said that, "Filmmakers for the Prosecution" succeeds as a look at film's ability to level jus-



Stuart's daughter, Sandra, was responsible for restoring her father's film, "Nuremberg: Its Lesson for Today."

tice and a warning that history has begun to repeat itself. Only when we shed light on the past are we armed with the tools to create a better present.

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It was another triumphant night for LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra during its annual Hoosier Star fundraiser Sept. 9 at LaPorte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St. Amid the wealth of talent, LaPorte High School freshman Molly Cooper won the youth division and Kelly (Bourget) Staton the adult division. All photos by Bob Wellinski



“Labor” of Love

The popular four-day Oktoberfest returned to Washington Park on Labor Day weekend, offering everything people love about it: music, entertainment, local and regional food, art, craft and merchandise vendors.

All photos by James Conlin





Saturday's City



A South Shore train "takes five" in Chicago on a Saturday afternoon.

Westbound to Chicago on the South Shore Line, during the double-track project?

Hmmm.

I've been following its progress online and seeing notices about having to take a bus from Carroll Avenue in Michigan City to Gary, then boarding a train there for Millennium Station in Chicago. Then reversing the process on the return voyage.

Hmmm.

I reckoned I'd wait to take the South Shore to Chicago until next spring, when the double-track vision is realized. It'll be easy-peasy then, right?

Perhaps, but then two serendipitous coincidences came my way.

First, a friend happily reported she and her husband go into Chicago all the time on the South Shore. From Carroll Avenue, first by bus, then by train. She said the South Shore has it down to perfection: the bus-to-train connection is easy at the Gary Metro Center. The bus ride is fun, and so is the train ride. What's not to like, right?

Right.

Then, a friend and neighbor said, and I quote: "Look what I found when I was cleaning out my files."

A check for a billion dollars, made payable to me?

That would be nice.

What she found actually was more precious: the Prairie Club Bulletin from November 1975 with a short article titled "Saturday's City" by Charles McKelvy.

Life With Charley

Charles McKelvy



Charles McKelvy?!?

He's one of my three favorite authors, along with Charles McKelvy and Charles McKelvy. (All right, I borrowed that line from one of my real, three favorite authors, Charles Bukowski, but you get my drift.)

And the drift of my short piece for the Prairie Club in 1975 was simply this:

Saturday's city is the flotsam bobbing gently in the wake of Friday's sailing for suburbia. A scrap-papered landscape free for the moment of the work-a-day chaotic chorus, humming its own low-keyed tune.

Saturday's city is a cornucopia of the unexpected. Shops, statues, parks, nuances of architecture, angles of reflection, birds, trees — beauty beaten down by Monday-through-Friday's sullen masses rise to the surface, luring the Saturday stroller with their subtleties and charms.

Saturday's city is a momentary ceasing of the ceaseless lunge for tomorrow's outstretched hand. A day, full in its twenty-four hours, to measure out the minutes — casually, carefully. A day to dine leisure-

ly, walk languidly and breathe deeply.

Saturday's city is the negation of all that is positively repulsive about big cities. A sense of softness settles the city, serving it up as a fresh reminder that life is livable yet.

If I could dine leisurely, walk languidly and breathe deeply in Saturday's city of 1975, when I was all of 25, why couldn't I do the same in 2023, when I am all of 73? In 1975, I rode the Rock Island Line from Chicago's Beverly neighborhood to enjoy the birds and trees of Saturday's city. In 2023, it would have to be the South Shore from Michigan City, by bus and by train. So be it!

And so it will be, one fine Saturday when the planets align, and I dine downtown after a delightful journey there by bus and by train, compliments of the South Shore.

Meanwhile, I would like to hearken back to some other recent Saturdays in the city, both by South Shore and by Amtrak.

I met a friend from East Lansing, Mich., on Amtrak's Blue Water train, in New Buffalo, Mich., and we trained into Chicago on a rainy Saturday. We arrived on time at Chicago Union Station, or CUS, on Canal Street between Adams and Jackson. Being the intrepid types we are, we decided to hoof it, between the raindrops, to Greektown on Halsted Street for a leisurely luncheon at one of the fine restaurants there. And dine in style we did.

Then, we went on with our tour of Saturday's city, even taking time out to explore one of Chicago Public Library's neighborhood branches. That was after a sightseeing trip south on Halsted Street on a Chicago Transit Authority bus. The windows were clean; we saw how a whole new neighborhood of mid-rise apartment buildings had popped up in




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what once was a blighted area.

Who knew?

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The following programs are scheduled:

- **Stomp Rockets (kids and teens) at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21.** Make a paper rocket and watch it soar from a launch pad made with PVC pipe and two-liter plastic bottle. Take an empty two-liter plastic bottle for launch; however, supplies will be available.
- **Afternoon Movie: "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris" at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22.** The movie is Rated PG.
- **Writing Out Loud, Jonas Friddle at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.** Friddle is a singer, songwriter and old-time banjo player whose songs have received The John Lennon Songwriting Award, first place in the Great American Song Contest and an Album of the Year nomination in the Independent Music Awards. His partner, Anna, will perform and serve as interviewer.
- **Among Us in Real Life at 4**



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p.m. Monday, Sept. 25. Youth ages 10-17 will work with crewmates to complete tasks.

- **Diamond Art (adults) at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26.** Participants make a diamond painting bookmark. No experience is necessary, with all supplies provided. Limited space is available, so register at <https://bit.ly/3HVw18p>. Call Brenda at (219) 873-3044 for more details.
 - **Needle Arts Club to Warm Up America Joining Night from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays in September.** 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.
 - **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.
 - **Paw Patrol Scavenger Hunt in September.** Visit Youth Services, find all hidden Paw Patrol characters and win a prize. Children can return each week when the characters move around.
- Michigan City Public Library is located at 100 E. Fourth St. Visit www.mclib.org for more details.*

History Museum Annual Gala

The History Museum's annual gala, "200 Years of Trailblazing," is from 5:30-8 p.m. EDT Thursday, Sept. 28, in the museum's Oliver Gardens, 808 W. Washington St., South Bend.

The gala commemorates two centuries of progress, beginning with the founding of Alexis Coquillard's trading post in 1823. The five trailblazing areas celebrated are: culture, humanity, innovation, leadership and transportation.

Tickets are \$300 per person, and reservations are required. Sponsorship packages are available. Tickets may be purchased by calling (574) 235-9664 or at www.historymuseumSB.org

Potawatomi Audubon Society

Potawatomi Audubon Society will host a nature walk at 10 a.m. EDT Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Chikaming Township Park and Preserve, Warren Woods Road, Three Oaks, Mich. Meet in the parking lot.



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- **Read Around the County.** The program is from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph, Mich.
- **Stampin's a Hoot with Peggy (ages 7+).** The card-making workshop is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21. Call the library to register.
- **Read Around the County.** The program is from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at Riverfront Park, Front Street, Niles, Mich.
- **NBTL Book Club from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26.** The focus is Jess Walter's The Cold Millions.
- **Historical program: the Spanish Civil War.** The talk is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26.
- **Wreath Making Workshop from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30.** Take materials. Call the library to register.

Weekly programs:

- Craft Time on Wednesdays while supplies last.
- Chess Club from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays.
- Read to a Dog Sessions for all ages from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and 4-4:45 p.m. Wednesday.
- Lego Club all day Fridays.
- Saturday Morning Cartoons from 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays.
- Story time at 6 p.m. Sept. 11, 18 and 25.

All times are Eastern. New Buffalo Township Library is located at 33 N. Thompson St. Call (269) 469-2933 for more details.

Apple Cider Century Documentary

To mark its 50th anniversary, a showing of the documentary "Apple Cider Century: Small Town, Big Ride" is at 7 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept. 22, at Three Oaks Heritage Hall, 8 E. Linden St.

The film charts how the ACC began and quickly grew into the nation's biggest one-day century ride. Bryan Volstorf, the "Father of the Apple Cider Century," sat for lengthy interviews with the museum, providing hundreds of photos and videos of past rides. Nick Bogert, The Region of Three Oaks Museum vice president, has shaped the material into his sixth film for the museum.

Admission is \$5 for museum members. If space permits, non-members can attend after purchasing a membership (\$15) at the door.

The film will be shown at 2 and 4 p.m. EDT the day of the ride at Heritage Hall. ACC riders with wristbands wanting to know more about the event's history will be asked for a \$10 donation to TROTOM. The museum will sell DVD copies at a later date.

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- **Paul H. Douglas Center Open House and Nature Play Date from 1-3 p.m. Saturdays in September.** Participate in a free nature-themed craft in the art room, watch the staff feed the animals or build a fort in the Nature Play Zone.
- **Furs to Farm Flashback from 1-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 23-24 and Sept. 30-Oct. 1, at Bailly Homestead/Chellberg Farmhouse, 618 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter.** At Bailly Homestead, the chapel and fur traders' cabin will be open for viewing. The main house will be closed due to ongoing restoration. At Chellberg Farm, tour the farmhouse and visit the animals. Rangers and volunteers will share area history.
- **Miller Woods Hike from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 24 at Paul H. Douglas Center.** The ranger-led stroll explores a rare black oak savanna, and offers views of Lake Michigan and Chicago.
- **Feeding at the Farm from 4:30-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, at Bailly Homestead/Chellberg**

Farm, 618 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter. Join a volunteer or ranger to help feed cows and chickens. The program is sponsored by Friends of Indiana Dunes.

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:

- **Marram Grass Planting from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.** Meet on the west side of the main beach pavilion (in front of the restrooms). The restoration site is a short hike up the dunes, where visitors learn how to transplant marram grass. Long pants, water and garden gloves are recommended.
- **Turtles at Two at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.** Meet at the Nature Center to view dunes-native turtles and learn about their adaptations.
- **Singing Sands Stargaze from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.** The annual Calumet Astronomical Society event involves local experts and naturalists who will have several telescopes available, answer questions and give periodic constellation talks using laser pointers. Take a blanket or beach chair to the main beach east of the pavilion. The program is weather-dependent. Visit the park's Facebook page for updates and cancellations.
- **Photo Scavenger Hunt from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24.** Take a camera or phone to the Nature Center for the game that includes a list and prizes provided by Friends of Indiana Dunes. *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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The Michigan City Chamber of Commerce will host its annual "Inspiring Women" luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at Purdue University Northwest in Westville.

Presented by PNC Bank, the event recognizes accomplished, successful women for contributions to their community, economy and career fields.

This year's guest is Heather Ennis, president and CEO of Northwest Indiana Forum, a private nonprofit focused on creating economic development opportunities for the seven-county region.



Ennis

Ennis has worked to build a coalition of regional partners focused on transforming the Northwest Indiana economic landscape, and key performance indicators of population growth, increase in capital investment and per capita income growth. She serves on several state and regional boards and committees, and was named in the inaugural list of *Indiana Business Journal's* Top 250 most influential business leaders in Indiana.

Local high-school students attend the event as guests of the chamber and its sponsors. The lunch also is open to the public. The cost is \$35 for Chamber members and \$50 for non-members. Sponsorship and marketing opportunities are available. Registration is required by calling (219) 874-6221 or visiting www.MichiganCityChamber.com

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Update on Sept. 14 Beacher Story

The Sept. 14 edition of *The Beacher*, which featured a story on Dan Meyer's "Bulls," went to press early Friday, Sept. 8.

We learned by email shortly before 7 p.m. that night the film was denied its Screen Actors Guild interim agreement, much to the surprise and disappointment of everyone involved in "Bulls." That means the local movie was forced to halt production until the end of the Writers Guild of America and SAG strikes.

By the time we received the email, the Sept. 14 edition had already been printed. According to the email, in all likelihood, "Bulls" now will shoot in Michigan City in spring 2024.

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The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by **James McBride** (hardcover, \$28 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook and an audiobook. 381 pages.)

When I was a kid, grocery stores were small, mom-and-pop operations right in our neighborhood. Mom would send me out for a can of soup or a pound of lunch meat. If I was lucky, there was enough change to get some penny candy — loved those candy cigarettes!

McBride, who won the National Book Award for *Good Lord Bird*, and knocked it out of the ballpark with *Deacon King Kong*, now takes us to 1936 and a small town, Pottstown, Pa., where the grocery store up on Chicken Hill sells more than groceries. It offers gossip, friendship and a chance to laugh and forget about your troubles. And if you don't have enough money, you can pay next time.

Chicken Hill is home to most of the black families and 17 Jewish families of Pottstown. It's a Jewish couple, Moshe and Chona Ludlow, who own the grocery store. Most of the book is set in 1936, but the story opens with a body discovered at the bottom of a well in 1972 at the top of Chicken Hill.

The skeleton and several objects lead Pennsylvania State Police to believe the deceased is a Jew who... fell into the well? Was dumped into the well? So, they go to the only Jew left on Chicken Hill, Malachi, who can give them no information. Maybe he doesn't want to...

Anyway, the whole thing is swept away, literally, when Hurricane Agnes makes her mark on Pottstown. Case closed.

Back to 1936, and things are a day-to-day struggle on the Hill. Jewish families look longingly down the Hill to the white part of town, while African Americans know they will never be allowed to live there.

Immigrants from Eastern Europe, Moshe and Chona feel lucky to open a grocery store that she runs with the help of Addie Timblin, a local African American married to Nate. He helps Moshe open the first dance hall in the area, bringing in Jewish entertainment that proves popular and a money maker. Chona encourages him to desegregate the hall and bring in musicians black residents want to hear. Smart woman. He soon opens another dance hall in a nearby town. Throughout, Addie and Nate are solid helpers, friends to Chona and Moshe.

There are characters galore here. One to put a smile on your face is a black woman they call "Paper" — for good reason: "*Paper was a banging drum. And rolling out rumors and news chatter was her*

Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter



gospel song, always melodious and joyful."

Another one is Doc Roberts, a white man who marches as a Ku Klux Klan member in the yearly Memorial Day parade in town. Blacks on the Hill know not to go to Doc for medical help. He's had his eye on Chona's stunning beauty since they were teens, but what liberties will he take when opportunity presents itself? Won't do much for his reputation if white people find out — and that brings us to the heart and climax of this story...

There's a young boy nicknamed Dodo who lost his hearing when the stove in his kitchen exploded. Now, his mother is dead and the state wants to take him away. Why? They have deemed him "*feeble-minded*" and will send him to a state-run institution long on abuse and short on food and caring. Why? Because he is the only one who saw what happened in the grocery store when Chona and Doc were alone. Finally caught by the state people, Dodo is sent away. This will start a chain of events that will impact many lives, and maybe explain the who and why some unknown man ended up at the bottom of a well.

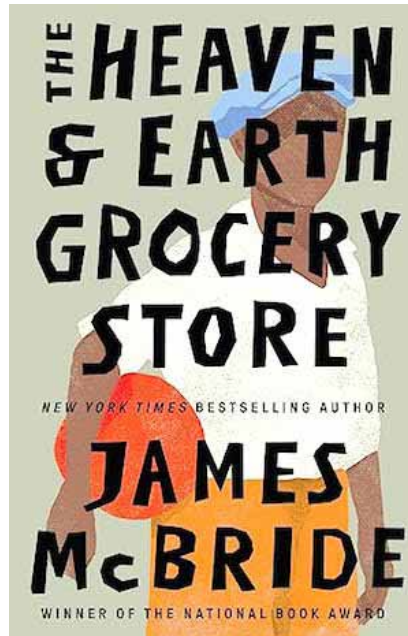
McBride is an empathetic writer. There is an understanding that begins to flow from book to reader: knowledge of what these two disparate groups of people have to endure, yet can laugh, sing and dance. His prose gives a vivid picture of this sad part of Pottstown called Chicken Hill — a place with no running water or sewage system. He highlights the social and political absurdities of the time while simultaneously showing the incredible care this group has for each other.

The final word: You could call this a social commentary on the time or the inequalities of race and religion in 1930s America, but this is no soap-box oratory. No melodrama here, but there is a story, humanely and sometimes humorously told, by an author whose amazing writing skills are spot-on and capture the tone and nuances of the local dialects — Jewish and African American — making conversations a treat to read.

I call it a fascinating look at time, place and people wrapped around situations they should not be able to fix, but who struggle to fix them anyway.

Compassionate, but no schmaltz, yeah that's the word best describing McBride.

Till next time, happy reading!



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2. Pat Collado	151

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Shelley Dunleavy	2-7
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Low Putts: Linda Hirsch.

B Flight

Low Gross: Sheila Brackin.
Low Net: Sheila Brackin.
Low Putts: Sheila Brackin.

C Flight

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

D Flight

Low Gross: Nancy Wilhelm.
Low Net: Jan Smith.
Low Putts: Nancy Wilhelm.

Chip-Ins: Mary Beres, #1.
Birdies: Mary Beres, #7; Phyllis Roach, #2; Barb Rumbuc, #6; Nancy Wilhelm, #2.
Event: Barb Rumbuc.



American Red Cross

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

- South Central Junior-Senior High School, 9808 S. County Road 600 West, Union Mills, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 402 E. Coolspring Ave., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.

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In the Area

Sept. 21 — Friendship Botanic Gardens annual golf outing, 11:30 a.m., Briar Leaf Golf Club, 3233 Indiana 39, LaPorte. Cost: \$125/golfer, \$500/foursome. Registration: tinyurl.com/ynvrpc7h

Sept. 21 — Stomp Rockets (kids & teens), 4 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Sept. 22 — Michigan City Area Schools Transportation Department mum & pumpkin sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., MCAS Service Building, 1100 S. Woodland Ave.

Sept. 22 — Afternoon Movie: “Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris,” 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Sept. 22 — Loverboy, 7 p.m., LaPorte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St. Balcony admission/\$45, general admission chair seating/\$60, premium floor general admission/\$75. Reservations: tinyurl.com/bdz28atn

Sept. 23 — Cruisers and Crooners Car Show and Live Music Event, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St. Info: (210) 872-7200, trish.johnsen@inumc.org

Sept. 23 — Andrew Carnegie’s Gospel of Wealth, 10-11 a.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Sept. 23 — Writing Out Loud, Jonas Friddle, 7:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Sept. 23-24 — Pioneer Days, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Creek Ridge County Park, 7943 W. County Road 400 North. Gate admission: \$2/adults, \$1/children or seniors. Info: (219) 325-8315, LaPorte County Parks on Facebook, www.laportecountyparks.org

Sept. 25 — Among Us in Real Life, 4 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Sept. 25 — Family Pajama Storytime, 6-6:30 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Sept. 25 — Monday Musicale, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St. Info: (219) 362-1421.

Sept. 26 — Creative Tech Activities (ages 6-17), 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Sept. 26 — Diamond Art (adults), 5 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Registration: <https://bit.ly/3HVw18p>

Sept. 26 — Readers Corner-Book Club, 6-7 p.m., Coolspring Library Branch, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Sept. 26 — Hoosier Author Book Tasting, 6-7 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Sept. 27 — Storytime at Red Mill Park, 0185 S. Holmesville Road, LaPorte, 10-11 a.m. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Sept. 27 — Virtual Author Talk with Amor Towles, 7-8 p.m., through LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Through Sept. 30 — Artwork by Kristina Knowski, The Legacy Center Gallery at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church, 1719 E. Barker Ave. 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 Sept. 30 — “Early Builders of Beverly Shores,” “Dancing for Our Tribe: Potawatomi Traditions in the New Millennium — Photographs by Sharon Hoogstraten,” The Beverly Shores Depot Museum & Art Gallery, 525 S. Broadway. Info: www.bsdepot.org

Through Oct. 21 — “Vivian Maier: In Color,” “Under the Same Sun,” “to render the infinite,” Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: www.LubeznikCenter.org, (219) 874-4900.

Through Nov. 5 — “Glass: An Exhibition,” The Ellen Firme Gallery, 92 W. U.S. 12, Beverly Shores. Regular gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays/Saturdays.

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.

Thursdays in September — Yoga in the Gardens with April Fallon, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Info: <https://friendshipbotanicgardens.org>

Thursdays in September — 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.

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

Sept. 21 — Stampin's a Hoot with Peggy (ages 7+), 6 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Registration: (269) 469-2933.

Sept. 22 — CJ Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band: A CLUBACORN Show, 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

Sept. 22 — Documentary screening, "Apple Cider Century: Small Town, Big Ride," 7 p.m. EDT, Three Oaks Heritage Hall, 8 E. Linden St. Admission: \$5/museum members. If space permits: non-members paying \$15 membership fee at door.

Sept. 22 — PechaKucha 20x20 St. Joseph/Benton Harbor, 8:30-10:30 p.m. EDT, Ghostlight Theatre, 101 Hinkley St., Benton Harbor, Mich. Cost: \$5. Tickets: @ door, www.krasl.org/events/pechakucha

Sept. 23 — Marram Grass Planting, 9-11 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Sept. 23 — Turtles at Two, 2 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Sept. 23 — Lake Effect Jazz Big Band, 7 p.m. EDT, Box Factory For the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$12/advance at TicketStripe.com/lakeeffectjazz2023, \$15/door, free/children 12 & younger.

Sept. 23 — Lilly Hiatt with Nathan Graham, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$25 + \$4.50 convenience fee, \$50 + \$4.50 convenience fee (reserved). Reservations: www.acornlive.org

Sept. 23 — Singing Sands Stargaze, 8-11 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Weather-dependent. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Sept. 23-24, Sept. 30-Oct. 1 — Furs to Farm Flashback, 1-3 p.m., Bailly Homestead/Chellberg Farmhouse, 618 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Sept. 24 — Photo Scavenger Hunt, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Weather-dependent. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Sept. 24 — Feeding at the Farm, 4:30-5 p.m., Bailly Homestead/Chellberg Farm, 618 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Sept. 26 — NBTL Book Club, Jess Walter's The Cold Millions, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

Sept. 26 — Historical program, the Spanish Civil War, 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

Sept. 27 — Potawatomi Audubon Society nature walk, 10 a.m. EDT, Chikaming Township Park and Preserve, Warren Woods Road, Three Oaks, Mich.

Through Sept. 28 — Plein air artist David Baker, The Village Gallery @ Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso.

Through Sept. 30 — Suzy Vance's "Collaborating with the Natural World," Teen Arts Group ("As I See It"), Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Info: (219) 926-4711, www.chestertonart.org

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

Fridays through Sept. 29 — Chellberg Farm Open House, 1-3 p.m., 618 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Saturdays in September — Paul H. Douglas Center Open House and Nature Play Date, 1-3 p.m., 100 N. Lake St., Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Sundays through Sept. 24 — Miller Woods Hike, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Paul H. Douglas Center, 100 N. Lake St., Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Vickers Theatre — *Now Showing*: "Fremont." Not Rated. Times: 7 p.m. Sept. 22, 4 p.m. Sept. 23, 7 p.m. Sept. 24. *Also*: "Blazing Saddles." Rated R. Time: 7 p.m. Sept. 21. All times Eastern. Theater address: 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Info: www.vickerstheatre.com, (269) 756-3522.

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IN HISTORY

On September 21, 1784, *The Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser*, the first daily newspaper published in the United States, made its appearance in Philadelphia.

On September 21, 1897, the editor of *The New York Sun*, in response to a letter by 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon, wrote one of the all-time favorite editorials, titled "Is There a Santa Claus?" "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist..."

On September 21, 1915, the massive, mysterious stone structures at Stonehenge on England's Salisbury Plain were sold at auction for 6,600 pounds. The buyer was C.H.E. Chubb, of Salisbury Plain.

On September 21, 1937, *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien was published.

On September 21, 1981, the Senate confirmed Sandra Day O'Connor as the first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

On September 22, 1776, American patriot Nathan Hale, convicted by the British as a spy, was put to death by hanging. His last words, "My only regret is that I have just one life to give for my country," have become a lasting part of American legend.

On September 22, 1862, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

On September 22, 1927, in the famous "long count" fight at Soldier Field in Chicago, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavyweight boxing title against former champion Jack Dempsey.

On September 22, 1964, the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" (which would survive for 3,242 performances) opened on Broadway.

On September 23, 1642, Harvard College (now Harvard University) held its first commencement.

On September 23, 1806, the Lewis and Clark expedition returned to St. Louis after exploring the Pacific Northwest.

On September 23, 1845, the New York Knickerbockers, America's first baseball club, was chartered.

On September 23, 1846, German astronomer Johann Gotfried Galle discovered the planet Neptune.

On September 23, 1912, the first Mack Sennett "Keystone Comedy" motion picture was released.

On September 24, 1869, financial panic (which would become known as "Black Friday") gripped the nation when the price of gold dropped, the aftermath of an attempt by Jay Gould and Jim Fisk to corner the world gold market.

On September 24, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt signed a bill establishing Wyoming's "Devils Tower" as the first national monument.

On September 24, 1929, in the first "blind" (all-instrument) flight, Lt. James Doolittle piloted a Consolidated NY2 biplane over New York's Mitchell Field.

On September 24, 1934, at New York's Yankee Stadium, Babe Ruth (the Sultan of Swat) made his final appearance as a player with the New York Yankees.

On September 25, 1690, the first American newspaper, *Publick Occurrences*, was published in Boston. The Royal Governor was not happy with the first edition; so a second one never appeared.

On September 25, 1789, the first U.S. Congress, meeting in New York, adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. Ten became known as the "Bill of Rights."

On September 25, 1904, a New York City police officer ordered a female automobile passenger on Fifth Avenue to stop smoking a cigarette; a male companion was arrested and later fined \$2 for "abusing" the officer.

On September 25, 1912, Ford Motor Co. established an eight-hour working day and five-day week.

On September 26, 1772, the New Jersey state legislature passed a bill that prohibited the practice of medicine without a license. Exempted from the new law were those who pulled teeth, drew blood or gave free medical advice.

On September 26, 1774, legendary folk hero Johnny "Appleseed" Chapman was born in the Massachusetts town of Leonminster.

On September 26, 1892, in Plainfield, N.J., John Philip Sousa and his band presented their first public concert.

On September 26, 1957, the long-running musical, "West Side Story," opened on Broadway.

On September 27, 1852, Englishman George Stephenson operated the first steam locomotive to haul a passenger train.

On September 27, 1854, 300 died when the steamship Arctic sank in the Atlantic Ocean. This was the first major disaster involving an Atlantic Ocean liner.

On September 27, 1938, the English luxury liner Queen Elizabeth was launched at Glasgow.

On September 27, 1942, Glenn Miller and his orchestra performed together for the last time, in Passaic, N.J., prior to Miller's entry into the Army. He died in December 1944 when his plane vanished over the English Channel.

On September 27, 1954, "The Tonight Show," with Steve Allen as host, made its debut on NBC.

On September 27, 1964, a Warren Commission report concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the November 1963 assassination of President John Kennedy.

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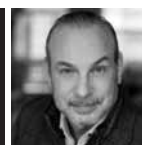
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