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Living History

by Andrew Tallackson

an Baker was 10 when he experienced his first re-enactment. Dollinger Family Farms had transformed itself from an Illinois pumpkin farm into fields blanketed with makeshift tents of Confederate and Union soldiers.

Family friends guided him into the encampment. The infantrymen and ammunition, the horses and battle gear, those thunderous cannons — all culminating in spectacular battles recreating "The War Between the States."

stantial part of his life.

Consider the broad spectrum of historical periods he has, and continues, to weave through:

- A French-Indian War re-enactment at Fort Ouiatenon, built in 1717, in West Lafayette, Ind. The site is home to the celebrated Feast of the Hunters' Moon each fall.
- Battle of Prairie du Chien, where 150 British troops, joined by 400 Native Americans, defeated 20 American soldiers on July 17, 1814. It is the



only War of 1812 battle fought in Wisconsin.

- The Battle of the Mississinewa (Dec. 17-18, 1812), in which William Henry Harrison ordered an expedition against Miami Indian villages after attacks on Fort Wayne and Fort Harrison.
- The Siege of Fort Meigs (April 28-May 9, 1813), during which a small British troop supported by Native Americans tried to capture a recently built fort in northwestern Ohio.
- The Siege of Fort Erie (Aug. 4-Sept. 21, 1814), one of the final conflicts between British and American forces, with Americans successfully defending the fort.
- Militia musters (accountings for military unit members) in New Salem, Ill., and at Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site near Charleston, Ill.
- The 150th anniversary of the Battle of First Manassas — the first major Civil War battle — in Manassas, Va.
- The Battle of Olustee (Feb. 20, 1864), the only major Civil War battle fought in Florida.
- World War I and II re-enactments across the country, from Wisconsin and Florida to Pennsylvania and Michigan.

So who planted this seed, this love of history, of living-history events in particular?

Family.

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lan shows how to properly ready a weapon for battle.



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The son of Jack and Gayle Baker, and the brother to a younger sister, Caty, it was Jack's love of history that captured Ian's attention. His father was, and is, a collector of historical items such as patches and insignias, particularly from World War I and II. After Ian attended that Civil War re-enactment at Dollinger Family Farms, his parents bought him a drum so he could serve as a drummer boy. He also was a powder monkey, ferrying powder to guns. By the time he was 11 and 12, he was regularly attended re-enactments.



This photo, reproduced with permission by photographer Tom George Davison, features lan and members of his unit during a Civil War re-enactment.

Logic would dictate that Baker study history in college, and he did. At first. What he discovered is that he preferred what he calls the "material culture" of history, not the geopolitical elements that dominated his coursework. He ended up graduating from Northeastern Illinois University with a degree in interdisciplinary studies. He realizes, now, he should have studied archaeology and anthropology to pave the way for a career in museums.

Baker, however, is not one to dwell on regret. Instead, he dove headfirst into his fervor for historical re-enactments.

"What I love about it is the sharing of history with people," he said. "You can talk ad nauseam about any number of things, from the food you're eating, to the intricacies of the weaponry.

"Then, you have the camaraderie of the guys in your unit. You get to spend a weekend with friends I really enjoy talking with."

When re-enactments draw crowds, participants take two approaches. One is the first-person interpretation, where re-enactors respond to onlookers with phrases like, "I was born..."

Baker prefers the third-person tactic because it creates a back-and-forth dialogue. At Civil War encampments, for example, he quizzes visitors over which items existed before and during the Civil War.

A few factoids:

- Roller skates. The first recorded use was in 1743, the first patent in 1819.
- Pencil with eraser: the first patent was in 1858.
- Toilet paper: "Medicated paper for the water closet" was commercially available in 1857; perforated paper on a roll was patented in 1883 and 1890.
 Onlookers, he says, love these nuggets of histori-

cal truths.

"Big anniversary events generate a huge crowd, but sometimes, that is not what we're shooting for," he said. "Sometimes, it's a living history display, where we're just demonstrating daily life, and that's better, when you can do one-on-one interpretation with spectators," he said. "You can connect with people on a better level when you have smaller numbers, or a smaller event."

er find items to flesh out the experience? Anywhere and everywhere. Garage sales.

So where does Bak-

Flea markets. Estate sales. eBay. Facebook and other social media.

"If I see something in someone's trash on the side of the road, I have no qualms of diving in and getting it," he said with a chuckle.



One item Ian has is a large New England flag, which features a white Canton containing a pine tree. It was the predominant flag before the 13 stars/stripes incarnation appeared.



lan says safety remains of utmost importance during re-enactments.

eBay, he adds, gets more specific. And costly. Insignia buttons. Parts for weaponry. Unit-specific elements. One of the coolest eBay items he discovered, but did not purchase because of the price, was a cigarette dispenser in the shape of an elephant made for a soldier in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

"If you're looking for something really specific to desperately finish a project, odds are, you're going to pay through the nose for it," he said. "But if it's something you stumble across at an estate sale, you might pick up something expensive for really cheap."

Research is an ongoing process. Someone may discover a new uniform, or a different firsthand account, that shed new light on previous interpretations. A recently discovered watercolor work, for instance, conveyed a new detail of uniforms worn by the British during the Revolutionary War, Baker said.

How extreme are conditions at these re-enactments? That depends. When Baker participated in the 150th anniversary of the Battle of First Manassas, temperatures hovered at 115 degrees, with a heat index of 125.

"That was miserable," he said. "I drank water like it was pouring out the other end of me. We got to the site on a Thursday and started sweating the second we got out of the car, and we didn't stop until

"In the middle of the night, the coolest was in the 80s, the upper 90s. We camped in an area of woods that had just been cleared. Every one of us got ticks, and a few got Lyme Disease."

Re-enactors, however, place safety at utmost importance. Medical kits are nearby. In winter, participants "cheat" a bit, he says, wearing thermals beneath their regalia.

"We have to be normal humans again on Monday. We have to go to work," he says with a laugh. "We don't like having to go to the hospital."

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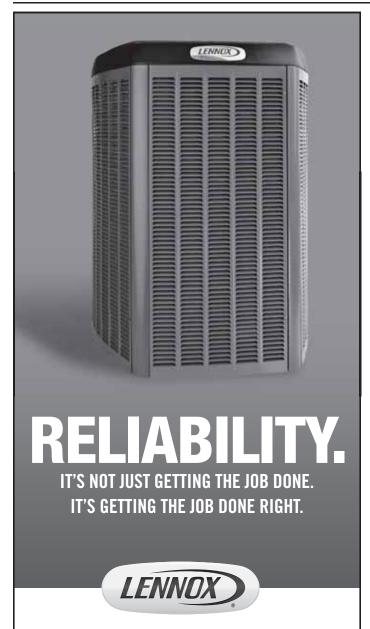
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On rare occasions, the authenticity of re-enactors draws the attention of Hollywood, which recruits such individuals for period pieces. For Baker, it was 2012's civil war/horror mashup "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter," based on Seth Grahame-Smith's novel and filming in Louisiana in 2011. The production's talent scout caught a YouTube clip of Baker's unit and recruited the entire group.



A film in which Ian and his unit appeared as a Civil War extra was 2012's "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter."

Despite the story's outrageous concept, Baker praises the film's production team, saying, "They were taking authenticity really seriously. We were kinda impressed." Baker and his unit are visible during the movie's final battle, but more so in the extras that appear in the DVD release.

Baker has what he calls a re-enactor's "retirement plan" for when he is too old for battles. He'll switch to civilian roles, which many older individuals do these days. There also is a big movement to recreate not just war, but also everyday life, like farming. That knowledge, he says, carries over into these modern times. If, say, the gas in his home goes out, he could cook over a fire in his backyard. The electricity goes out? He'll light candles or oil lamps.

One thing is for certain. Baker will never lose the itch, the zeal, to attend a re-enactment. For as long as he is able.

"We're all nerds," he says with a hearty laugh. "When we're together, we don't have to explain historical jokes, or we can drop historical references and people will crack up.

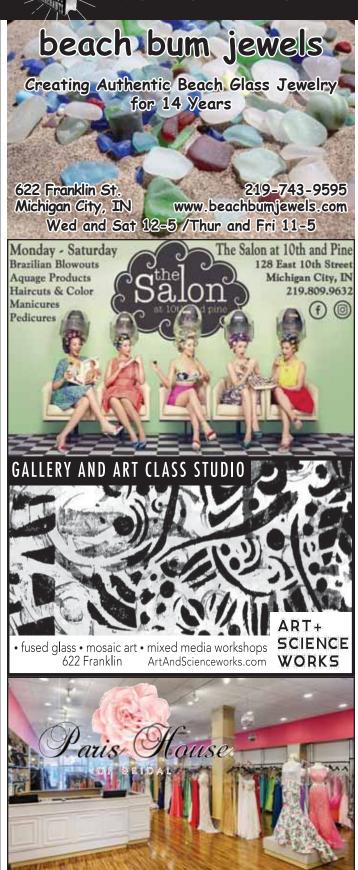
"We can do this unchastised, unapologetically."

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"Yesterday" Achieves Clever Mix of Humor and Heart

by Andrew Tallackson

"Yesterday" requires a leap of faith on the part of the viewer. Either you buy into its jukebox whimsy...or dismiss it as contrived hogwash.

Possibly the film caught me at the right moment. Or maybe it's that director Danny Boyle and writer Richard Curtis know exactly what they're doing. You are in good hands with these two. Their film sent me from the theater smiling ear to ear.

This could have been one strained fantasy, but Curtis, the reigning king of U.K. rom-coms ("Four Weddings and a Funeral," "Notting Hill," "Love Actually"), has crafted another sharp, zingerfueled script, while the kinetic, hyped-up visuals by Oscar-winner Boyle ("Slumdog Millionaire") steer the action away from gooey sentimentality.

So how does scrappy, struggling musician Jack Malik (Himesh Patel) unexpectedly find himself in a world with no Beatles tunes? That would be a solar flare that causes a global blackout for 12 seconds, resulting in him crashing into a bus with his bicycle. He awakens in a hospital, heavily bruised, sans a few front teeth, but also with the startling revelation that no one absolutely no one — has heard of the Beatles, nor their immense catalog of classic songs. An impromptu performance of "Yesterday," in fact, draws no reaction ("Well, it's

not Coldplay, it's not 'Fix You," a friend muses).

His manager and longtime pal, Ellie Appleton (Lily James), believes in him, and the new songs he seems to be cranking out at alarming efficiency. A few gigs around town draw the attention of none other than Ed Sheeran, playing himself with scenestealing heart and humor (his phone's ring tone is his own "Shape of You"), which leads to notice from Sheeran's manager, Debra, who wants to prep him for international stardom. She's played by the hilarious Kate McKinnon ("Saturday Night Live"), whose every bit of industry wisdom drips with acidtongued cynicism ("See, we pay and you write songs, and then you make a ton of money. And then we take most of it," Debra tells Jack with deadpan zeal.)

The core of "Yesterday" is how Jack wrestles with nagging guilt, of living in a world that does not know he's a fraud, and one that keeps Ellie's love for him unrequited. Anyone who fears Curtis has lost his knack for penning quotable sentiment need look no further than Ellie's breathless revelation, "I've been waiting half my life for you to wake up and love me."

That moment may keep non-romantics away, but Boyle does not lay it on thick. He trusts that Patel and James can delicately achieve the heart of the moment, then proceed elsewhere. When one character suggests a world without Beatles music is an empty one, Boyle clearly is out to remind us why these songs stand the test of time. Patel has a great voice, doing these songs justice, and Boyle's camera



Jack Malik (Himesh Patel) draws the interest of Ed Sheeran in "Yesterday."

"Yesterday"

Running time: 116 minutes. Rated PG-13 for suggestive content and language

is all over the place, juicing us up in ways few movies with Beatles music have done.

(Sheeran also contributes a few memorable new pieces.)

The closing scenes are unexpectedly moving, not in a syrupy, artificial way, but in how "Yesterday" explores the difficult choices that await Jack if he is to achieve happiness. That revelation includes a lump-in-the-throat encounter that is like cathartic catnip for any Beatles fan.

By the end of "Yesterday," you are inclined to agree that, indeed, the world is a better place because of the Beatles. And as any Muggle will discover through the film's killer punch line, J.K. Rowling as well.

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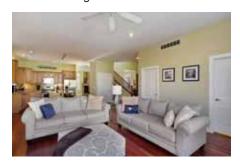
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"Other Desert Cities" Is Impressive, Superbly Acted

by Linda Weigel

It is a distinct pleasure to experience Jon Robin Baitz's "Other Desert Cities." Within minutes of the Dunes Summer Theatre performance, I was captivated, transported to Christmas time in Palm

Springs. The writing is crisp, sharp, snappish and sprinkled with humor here and there, just enough to lower the increasing high energy emanating from the stage.

The play's title refers to a roadside sign somewhere in California indicating the highway is heading toward "other desert cities." On this dramatic route, all roads lead to high entertainment.

The set, designed by Jeffrey Baumgartner, is on target, representing the upper class sensibilities and cache of the Wyeth family, and reflective of the average 1950s mid-century modernstyled elements. It even includes a faux Mark Rothko – nice touch!

Within the set, a professional ensemble transports the audience to a home rife with strong personalities, secrecy, estrangement, frustration and underlying love — the glue that somehow keeps them

from completely falling apart.

The events center on Christmas Eve, opening when parents Polly (Lucinda Johnston) and Lyman Wyeth (Fred Wellisch) enter their Palm Springs home after playing tennis. Daughter Brooke Wyeth (Maria Stephens) has returned from New York, where she worked as a magazine writer. Younger brother Tripp Wyeth (Jake Jones) works in television and reminisces with his sister about their parents and deceased brother. Aunt Silda (Jann Iaco), a recovering alcoholic, is a liberal counterbalance to

her sister Polly, and a self-serving advisor to Brooke and her new memoir. Lyman was an actor, later a Republican ambassador during the Reagan years, and Polly is a high-edged perfectionist in the mold

> of Nancy Reagan, a true supporter of her husband's ambitions. Sisters Polly and Silda were once comedy writers, but are now estranged due to opposing political views.

Brooke has anxiously announced her intentions to publish her memoir, recalling the tragic events leading to her late elder brother Henry's suicide, the result of his involvement with a radical group and anti-war bombing during the Vietnam War, bringing temporary disgrace and societal shunning to Polly and Lyman. The psychological and emotional struggle between Brooke and her parents to unlock the why of it all, combined with her need to be independent of their loving expectations, is believable and sharp. The mix of unresolved grief, depression, hidden motives and bitter divisions in Ameri-



Brooke Wyeth (Maria Stephens) looks at the crowd during her book signing as brother Tripp Wyeth (Jake Jones) watches in "Other Desert Cities." Photo by Andy Neal

can politics are central motivations. Will Brooke relent and not publish, or will she go ahead, threatening expulsion from, and eventual disintegration, of the family unit?

A powerful, sharply observed drama, "Other Desert Cities" is superbly acted: a must-see. Each actor is a standout. The timing is faultless. Director Susan Padveen has created an amazing experience: impressive and memorable.

(See Activities on Page 84 for show times and dates.)



Kevin and Camille Higdon Named Long Beach Parade Marshals

by Kim Nowatzke

In the place they feel right at home, longtime Long Beach residents Kevin and Camille Higdon are honored to be named this year's Long Beach Fourth of July parade marshals.

"I've been going to the parade since I was a kid riding my bike in it," Kevin reminisced.

"And it was always so cute seeing our two boys as Boy Scouts in the parade carrying the flag," Camille added.

Kevin moved to Long Beach when he

was 5. Camille, born and raised in Trail Creek, relocated to DeKalb, Ill., with her family after her freshman year of high school. The Higdons met while working in Chicago as auditors for KPMG, which provides audit, tax and advisory services.

"There was kind of an old unwritten rule that you couldn't date co-workers, so we were dating on the sly," Camille said with a smile.

Once they realized they were from the same area, the two started carpooling on trips back home. It provided the opportunity to better know each other, and they married in 1985.

Moving back home made perfect sense to the Higdons, and they decided to settle down in Long Beach two years later, purchasing their home, a "major fixer-upper at the time," Kevin said.

"We like being on the lake, and we thought this would be a great community to raise our kids in," he said.

Moving was not an option, Camille said, with Kevin adding, "When we bought our house, we thought of it as our forever house."

The house was just 1.5 miles away from Kevin's parents, Hal and Rose Higdon.

Hal, now 88, is somewhat of a local legend, as he's been the longest lasting writer of *Runner's World Magazine* since its second issue in 1966, and is the author of more than three dozen books. In the 1964 Boston Marathon, he placed fifth overall with a time of 2:21:55 and was the first American finisher. He competed eight times in the Olympic Trials; his best finish was fifth place at the 1960 trials in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Kevin followed in his father's footsteps, qualifying in the 1984 Olympic Trials and essentially earning the distinction of one of the top 100 marathoners in



Camille and Kevin Higdon, shown here next to a family photo in their home, are parade marshals for Long Beach's 2019 Fourth of July Parade.

the country. For marathon combined times, Hal and Kevin hold a father-son world record, with Kevin's time of 2:18:50 added, while Hal, Kevin and Kevin's son, Kyle, hold a father-son-grand-son world record with Kyle's additional time of 2:43.

So, it seemed only natural the Higdon family would organize a "5K" — at 2.8 miles, it's a bit shy of the official distance of 3.1 miles, Kevin said — 22 years ago on the fourth of July.

"We came up with the idea for a fun run," Kevin said. "We haven't heavily promoted it. If it gets too big, it gets too organized.

Camille echoed that sentiment. "We call it a 'no frills' race."

The race is so low key, it doesn't actually have an official name, the Higdons explained. At first, it was loosely named "The Old T-Shirt Race" because the couple saw it as a great way to get rid of heaps of old (mostly race) T-shirts they'd accumulated over the years.

"We have a million T-shirts, even after all these years," Camille said.

And, there was the name Old School Run, since the race originally began as a means to help the new Long Beach Community Center get started in the former Long Beach Elementary School.

Each year, the Higdons, along with the community leaders, choose a new project to support with proceeds of the event.

"We try to make it for what it would be best used for," Kevin explained.

Last year, all monies went to improve the trails at Moon Valley, a 200-acre preserve area between Lake Shore Drive and U.S. 12, extending from Karwick Road to the east edge of the Beachwalk housing development.

"We liked that idea because it was a related benefit for the town," Kevin said.

This year, they plan to purchase chairs for the community center with the proceeds. The race averages 130-140 people. The participation cost began at \$5 and has increased to \$10, which is much cheaper than fees for other similar races.

The entire Higdon family gets involved with the event. Hal gives out some of the running books he's

written to the top three finishers. With Rose's help, Camille handles registrations, photographs, certificates and more. Kevin is the lead biker, marking the course and staying ahead of the participants throughout the race.

Kevin and Camille recruited their own children, Kyle, Wesley and Holly, as "race coordinators" as they were growing up. Holly and her cousin, Angela Sandall, always sing The National Anthem before the race. And, it's not uncommon to hear a repeat performance later in the day at the awards ceremony held in the community center after the parade.

"It takes a lot of us to put the race together," Camille said.

There are plenty of walkers in the event, too, and there's even a Little Fun Run for children who wish to run. Since the event began more than two decades ago, the Higdons get to see kids who first participated in the Fun Run now running in the 5K.

"I love the fourth of July," Camille said. "It's one of my favorite holidays."

And with their love of Long Beach, this year's parade marshals are here to stay.

"We know a lot of people here," Camille said. "You see the same people at the beach or at the grocery store."

Once, her sister was visiting from out of state. After witnessing Camille greeting, or being greeted by, so many people as they went about their day, she asked if there was anyone her sister didn't know.

Today, Kevin is the chief financial officer for St. Joseph Health Systems in Mishawaka. Camille takes care of accounting for Tylisz Appliance and St. Stanislaus Catholic School and Parish, and tutors Michigan City High School students in math through the Safe Harbor After-School Program. For at least the past 15 years, Kevin has served as Boy Scout treasurer for the local pack, where both Kyle and Wesley earned their Eagle Scout status. Their daughter, Holly, earned the Gold Award in Girls Scouts.

Since being selected as marshals for this year's parade, their annual tradition will take on a special significance as they sit in the lead car that day – just a short time after they've wrapped up the 5k.

"We are humbled," Kevin said, with Camille joking, "We've been practicing our parade wave."

"It's a special community," she continued, now with utmost seriousness. "It's the best kept secret."

Long Beach Civic Association

Long Beach Civic Association carries with it a rich tradition of giving back to the community.

- 2018 Long Beach Police Monument.
- 2017 Long Beach Police Monument and Long Beach Summer Camp.
- 2016 Donated more than \$2,000 to Long Beach Historical Society.
- 2015 Helped finance the new floor in the Community Center gym, and donated to the Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department to buy firefighting equipment and two-way radios.
- 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. Purchased fire hydrant markers. Purchased playground equipment for Duneland Beach.
- 2008 Sponsored "Movie in the Park." 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.

The Civic Association also has made 34 years of monetary contributions to the Long Beach police and volunteer fire departments.





MCHS Campaign Under Way to Buy New Marching Band Uniforms

by Kim Nowatzke

Twenty five years, 300 months or 9,125 days. However you add it up, it's a long time for marching

band uniforms.

That's also the consensus of Frank Gast, Michigan City High School director of bands, and his marching band members. And why they've kicked off a fundraising campaign to buy new uniforms this school year.

Gast said the current ones were purchased when Rogers and Elston high schools consolidated to form Michigan City High School in 1995. Over the years, they have been altered and hemmed many times.

"Twenty five years is a long time to be wearing the same uniforms," Gast said. "With a 10-year shelf life, give or take, they are 15 years overdue. We're really excited about this current uniform campaign. The updated uniforms will be hopefully visually pleasing and give us a bit of a boost at competitions."

Anna-Lisse Lenard, a MCHS senior and flutes section leader in the band, agreed.

"The program is growing,"

she said, "and the addition of new uniforms will re-

Anna-Lisse Lenard, a MCHS Marching Band member and

flutes section leader, models the current uniforms the band

has used for the past 25 years.

ally make us look the part."

The creation and honing of the new design has

been in the works for a year. This, along with updated materials, will represent a more current trend in uniform production and design, Gast said. They also will contain internal snaps to adjust on the fly.

"I think they are going to look sharp," he said. "We would like to unveil them at our first football game."

At a replacement cost of \$500 per uniform, outfitting the entire band will cost \$70,000. Gast hopes to make the first purchase, which will cost \$40,000, to outfit the current 70-80 band members in time for the fall marching band season. The remaining additional sizes of a total of 140-150 uniforms to have on hand would be bought in the near future.

"Marching band is a team activity that fosters work ethic, discipline and hard work. It's a combination of art meets athletics. Students take pride in their efforts, and everyone gets the chance to participate," Gast said.

"The marching band is a vi-

brant part of the Michigan City community, proud-





ly representing our school at football games, local competitions and parades. We can all agree that the marching band inspires school spirit, enhances community image and augments student learning."

The marching band is a vibrant part of the Michigan City community...

Frank Gast

So far, \$22,000 has been raised for the uniforms through the donations campaign: the Snap! Raise campaign (donation requests through emails) and discount card sales. Local businesses, organizations and individuals can help out through eighth, quarter, half and whole note donation distinctions. Paladin Inc., Harbour Trust Investment Management Co. and First Source Bank already have stepped up to show their support. The names of all donors will be listed on the MCHS Marching Band trailer and on a plaque in the school music wing.

"We are very thankful for the opportunity to be able to expand the marching arts," Gast said. "These uniforms will help us develop a new culture and pride in the program as we continue to expand and press on. We want to thank the community for their continued support of our kids."

How to Help

For additional information or to make a donation to the MCHS Marching Band new uniform campaign, contact MCHS Band Director Frank Gast at (219) 873-2044, Ext. 4550, or fgast01@mcas.k12.in.us



The design of the new uniforms the MCHS Marching Band hopes to unveil at the beginning of the fall marching band/football season.



Behold the Best Little Baseball Museum

As a kid growing up in Three Oaks, Mich., Garry Lange loved to play catch with his big brother, Larry.

As an adult in Three Oaks, Garry is expressing his love of baseball by opening the Best Little Baseball Museum on the second floor of Three Oaks Township Public Library.

So in love with America's game is Garry, he wore one of his baseball ties to the museum's grand opening in April. He never stopped smiling as people flocked to enjoy a collection he calls "so big, you can't see it all in one visit, and so little, you can't get lost."

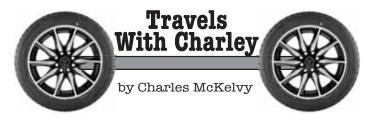
Garry, who now lives in Sawyer, played pickup baseball as a kid in Three Oaks. When he delivered newspapers in town, he mounted a bat and glove on his handlebars so he could play baseball as soon as he finished his route.

"And I coached a lot," he said. "I just loved the game."

Garry told the sell-out crowd the museum is free and open whenever the library is open. Located at 3 N. Elm St. across from Vickers Theatre, the library operates on Eastern time and is open:

- Monday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

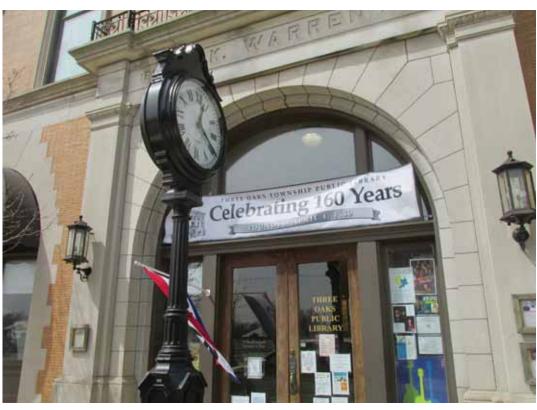
The library is closed Sunday and any day River Valley School District can-



cels school due to inclement weather.

"There are lots of stories to tell here," Garry said on opening day. He pointed to an amazing assortment of gloves associated with greats like Joe "Yankee Clipper" DiMaggio, saying he collected them at garage sales when "you could get them for two bucks."

The gloves and bats, he explained, were not actually used by the given players, but endorsed by them



The home of the Best Little Baseball Museum.





Garry Lange savors opening day.

so kids like Garry and Charley McKelvy could buy them and pretend to field like Nellie Fox or hit like Mickey Mantle.

"Back in the day before big salaries," he said, "the players needed the extra income from those endorsements, because many of them had to work winter jobs to survive."

Hey, I did that as a kid growing up in Chicago. Like Garry, my fondest childhood memories were playing catch with my dad and brother out on our less-traveled street.

And to help tell the rich and colorful stories of baseball on opening day, Lange invited Rick "Water Boy" Ast of the House of David Echoes to speak on the colorful history of baseball on the day the library was celebrating its 160th birthday.

A Vietnam veteran and seasoned player on the Echoes, Ast said baseball began long before the Civil War.

"Up until the 1820s, it was a kid's game," Ast said. "But then there was a fitness craze in the northeast, and the upper class said, 'Let's dust off this kid's game for adults."

Those gentlemen, Ast said, wrote the first rules in 1845 and codified them in 1858.

The House of David Echoes, and teams they will face through October, play by those rules.

"Camaraderie is more important than winning. There are no gloves or protective clothing, and no spitting or cussing, and the batter is called the striker, and the pitcher's job is to make sure he or she strikes the ball into play.

So no called balls or strikes, and the position Ast plays is called "the behind." Ast happily admits to being a behind for the Echoes, saying modern baseball would call his position the catcher.

"The striker is out if he or she bounces a ball to the behind," he said, "and I have made some great double plays that way without having to run anywhere."

Members of the River Valley High School baseball team attended to Ast's every word, appearing ready to take his message of good sportsmanship to heart this season. They also were heartened to see the display devoted to local baseball heroes, including the River Valley teams that won the state championship in 1995 and 1997, as well as baseball cards for two of their predecessors who played in Major League Baseball: Jeff Peterek, who played for the Milwaukee Brewers, and Matt Mantei, who earned a World Series ring playing for the Florida Marlins.



The sign for Opening Day.

And that's just the first inning, folks.

Like Garry says: "The Biggest Little Baseball Museum is so big you can't see it all in one visit, and so little, you can't get lost."

Best of all, the library makes it easily accessible. For those of you who are no longer running stairs, there is an elevator.

(Visit www.threeoakspubliclibrary@yahoo.com before you visit.)





A Vote for Spontaneity

I'm one of those gals who enjoys not only a sense of the day's activities, but also a full grasp of the timing and locations involved.

My propensity to over-organize is a holdover from parenting four children involved in nine different sports and a myriad of other activities. Before I switched to the calendar on my cell phone, I maintained an oversized color-coded monthly desk calendar. I credit that vibrant calendar to having never misplaced a kid, forgotten a carpool nor neglected my turn as treat mom. Going with the flow is a trait I admire in others, but spontaneity makes me edgy-uncomfortable in the same way as too much caffeine or walking into a crowded room of strangers.

Earlier this month, my husband and I boarded a flight for an Italian vacation inked 18 months ago. Changing planes in Munich, we had a tight connection to Milan. A serpentine line thanks to passport control had me yanking up my shirtsleeve every 30 seconds to check my watch. I debated edging to the front of the queue. With 20 minutes to spare, we hustled to the gate, only to discover there'd been a change. We dashed to a train linking us to a different terminal. Sucking in air and stifling curses, my husband and I were the last folks seated on the aircraft.

Awake for nearly 24 hours, we caught a break in Milan with an early check-in at our hotel in the shopping district. We nabbed a few hours of sleep, then meandered through the gallerias to the historic city center. Being Sunday, I wanted to make an appearance at the *Duomo*: the Cathedral at the heart of Milan. We entered the nave to find Mass in full swing, but in Italian. What luck! Exiting a different door than the one we entered, we faced swarms of people pouring into the piazza.

Scaffolding and a makeshift stage dwarfed the face of the adjacent museum. Banners for a Live Italia Radio concert hung about the square. On the street corners, entrepreneurs hawked gelato and salty snacks. People were stacked on the *Duomo* steps, grouped on balconies of nearby buildings and thickening the access to outdoor cafes. Everywhere, the scent of fresh-baked pizza lured us to dine, but each café we entered had huge wait times. Our final stop, a trattoria overlooking the concert stage, had a table free just as we walked in. Ushered to a linenclothed table for two in a corner with a clear shot of the stage, my husband smirked. No reservations needed, his look seemed to say.

About halfway into a decadent cheesy eggplant dip and nice pour of Chianti classico, cheers rolled through the crowd. Two massive teletrons flashed the likeness of a singer I follow.

"Hey, I think that's Sting," I said to my husband.
"You're just jet lagged," he said. I reached for my purse.

That Girl, This Life

Julie Ryan McGue

In contrast to the manner in which the day had begun, racing for flights and battling jet lag, the evening was unfolding with ease and pleasure. The two of us had serendipitously exited the *Duomo* into this piazza where a concert was staged; we found a café with an open table and an unobstructed view of the stage. How could we be so fortunate when most of these folks had probably had this event on their calendars for months? I launched the search engine on my phone.

"Yep, that's him. See?" I held out my phone. Sting was definitely scheduled to play in Milan tonight.

"Well, how about that?" my husband gleamed.

"Just goes to show that being spontaneous can work out better than planning ahead."

I ignored his barb at my fanaticism with scheduling. How could I argue when he was right? I smiled, raised my glass for a toast to Sting and to Milan, and joined the crowd in chanting the lyrics to "Every Breath You Take."

Yep, I'm a believer. Spontaneity gets my vote. At least while I'm in Italy.

(Julie McGue is a Duneland Beach resident.)





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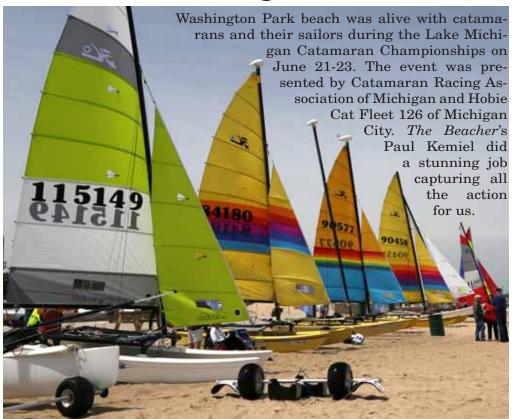
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All performances are free and at 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays.

Performing July 10 is series regular Kent Jager, who is the music director at Queen of Angels Parish in Chicago. He will perform a new piece for organ by Chicago composer Tom Stevens. The four-movement suite incorporates traditional compositional techniques, such as imitation and a fugue, with Stevens' jazz influenced harmonies. It debuted in October



Jager

2018 at Queen of Angels Church.

The Michigan City concert will include three additional organ works: "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" by J.S. Bach; "Sonata II" by Felix Mendelsohn; and "Prelude, Fugue and Variation" by Cesar Franck.

Also of note, the 1891 Roosevelt Opus 506 tracker organ is in need of a new home. Call Ann Dobie at (219) 608-5358 for details.

The Soirée

Downtown District Merchants of Michigan City will host its inaugural event, "The Soirée," at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 13, at Friendship Botanical Gardens' new Celebration Pavilion, 2055 E. U.S. 12.

Models will showcase fashion, retro and avantgarde creations and wearable art by local merchants. Hors d'oeuvres by Fiddlehead, along with wine and beer selections, will be served.

Participating merchants include: The Salon at 10th and Pine; Natural Magick at Salon Cilla; The Nest; Paris House of Bridal; Hoity-Toity; The Closet by Franklin Vintage; Chef Bizzaro Millinery; Beach Bum Jewels; Art & Science Works; Patina Vintage Goods; Lakefront Salon & Spa; Timothy Jeffry Salon; Darling; and Always Boutique.

The runway show starts at 8 p.m. The after party is from 9 to 11 p.m., with dancing and music planned.

Tickets, which are \$35, are available at Hoity-Toity, The Salon at 10th and Pine, and Patina, or online at Eventbrite. A percentage of the profits support Stepping Stone Shelter for Women.







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- 1. Don't "top" your trees. Topping is the removal of large branches to reduce the height of the tree. This causes decay that leads to large branch failures in the future.
- 2. Don't "spike" your trees. Spiking causes wounds that lead to infection and tree decline. Anyone who spikes trees is causing long-term damage to the trees.
- 3. Avoid damage to the roots. Large trucks cause soil compaction and digging up roots cause frayed wounds that can't heal and create access points for pathogens (fungi) that start root rot and weaken the trees structural stability. Lawn mowers can also cause damage to the root flares.
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Shirley Heinze Land Trust Acquires Wetlands Along Little Calumet River

Shirley Heinze Land Trust has acquired 34 acres of wetlands and floodplain along the Little Calumet River in Chesterton.

The property consists of three disjunct parcels situated immediately south of Interstate 94 on either side of Indiana 49.

The acquisition will help connect the trust's 66-acre Keith Richard Walner Nature Preserve, located west of Indiana 49, to a number of its other protected areas to the east, including the 87-acre Wykes-Plampin Nature Preserve, the 165-acre Dale B. Engquist Nature Preserve and the 42-acre J. Timothy Ritchie Nature Preserve, located along Sand



A view of Walner Preserve east to the Calumet Avenue Bridge.

Creek, which flows into the Little Calumet River.

"The property will become an important part of the management of the wetlands and the river, including control of invasive species and reintroduction of native plants," Sarah Barnes, Shirley Heinze Land Trust programs manager, said in a press release.

Dan Plath, Indiana Dunes National Park chief of resource management and Northwest Indiana Paddling Association founder, as well as an advisory council member for Shirley Heinze, says the acquisition constitutes "almost a mile of the Little Calumet River at this location. Because of the rich wetland complex found here, it is a spectacular place for paddling, fishing and birding."

The property may be viewed by paddlers on the

river. The Keith Richard Walner and Wykes-Plampin nature preserves open to the public for hiking and offer access to the river for paddling and fishing. Visit www.heinzetrust. org/nature-preserves.html more information.

The property was purchased from the Diocese of Gary, with funding from the Laura Hare Charitable Trust.

A portion of the acquisition runs along the private grounds of the Catholic Community of St. Patrick in Chesterton.

The property is the most recent acquisition within the Little Calumet Conservation Corridor, which was approved in 2014 as an Indiana Bicentennial Nature Trust Conservation Area. More than 2,350 acres have been protected along the East Branch of the Little Calumet River by several conservation organizations, agencies and municipalities.







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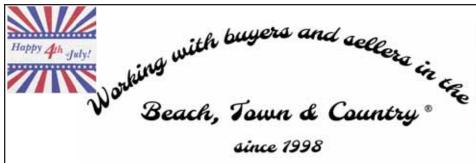


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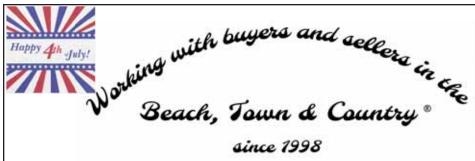
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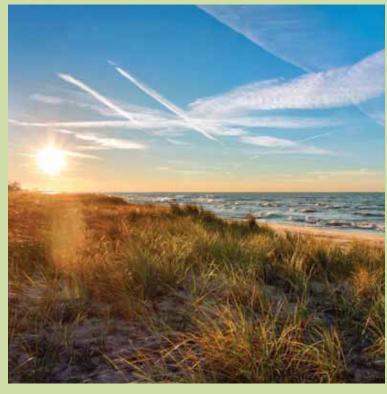
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3002 LAKE SHORE DRIVE • LONG BEACH, IN

Sprawling modern beach house with vernacular touches on the beach. 3 stories of oversized rooms that flow beautifully. Well placed windows maximize all the gorgeous views and sunlight follows throughout the day. Dramatic 2 story entrance leads to the great room with peaked beamed ceiling, fireplace, a wall of windows, huge dining area, a screened in porch, den & circling around into the kitchen. Well appointed kitchen with massive island, double oven, 2 dishwashers & storage galore. 2 bedrooms, 1 ensuite, on main level, the second level is the ensuite master w/walk-in closet and private balcony and another huge ensuite bedroom. Ground level family room with stone fireplace, screened in porch which leads to the gorgeous garden, which has been featured in The Garden Bible and Great Backyards Magazine. And that's not all, fabulous swimming pool surrounded by terra cotta tile.

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2518 ORIOLE TRAIL • LONG BEACH, IN

Absolutely Fabulous home updated with good taste and flair. Stucco exterior with welcoming stone & brick front terrace, leaded glass double doors and Italian marble entrance. The living room has a beautiful marble fireplace providing focus and open to the formal dining room. The kitchen is delightfully capricious with a teal colored corian countertop and mirrored double door refrigerator with eat in area leading to the outdoor patio for dining al fresco. Open concept to family room, all with beautiful wood flooring. The second level has 5 bedrooms, updated full bath with double sink and cerused oak cabinet and porcelain floors. The ensuite master bedroom has glass doors which lead to a courtyard terrace, with views of the wooded, expansive backyard. A great family home, year round or weekends, across from the community center and playground, views of the golf course, and walk to the beach. Move right in and enjoy.

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2303 HAZELTINE DRIVE • LONG BEACH, IN

ONLY 3 HOMES FROM THE BEACH! Fantastic Classic Cottage in Long Beach. You will be pleasantly surprised when you enter this charming home nestled high among the trees with a large living room with classic brick fireplace and large dining area. Floor to ceiling windows with tons of natural light and hardwood floors. Updated kitchen with Silestone counters and maple cabinets. 2 generous sized bedrooms, the master is ensuite and has sliding doors leading outside to the lush garden. Pretty and private tranquil brick patio surrounded by mature trees and enhanced by the lovely landscaping. Lower level is attached garage and laundry room. Low maintenance, single level lake living! Great for year round or your summer and weekend escape. Move right in and enjoy this summer at your lake house!

Offered at \$429,000



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2968 LAKE SHORE DRIVE

Long Beach, Indiana 5 BEDROOMS/4.5 BATHS \$2,475,000



2039 LAKE SHORE DRIVE

Long Beach, Indiana 5 BEDROOMS/3.5 BATHS \$995,000



233 BEACHWALK LANE

Michigan City, Indiana 4 BEDROOMS/4.5 BATHS \$729,000



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1655 N SHEBEL ROAD

Michigan City, Indiana 4 BEDROOMS/3.5 BATHS \$1,389,000



4160 HILLSIDE TRAIL

Michiana Village, MI 3 BEDROOMS/4 BATHS \$799,000



2012 SOMERSET ROAD

Long Beach, Indiana 3 BEDROOMS/2.5 BATHS \$675,000





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4049 CREEK DRIVE Michiana Village, Michigan 3 BEDROOMS/2 BATHS \$598,000



4137 COMANCHE TRAIL
Michiana Village, Michigan
3 BEDROOMS/2 BATHS
\$424,000



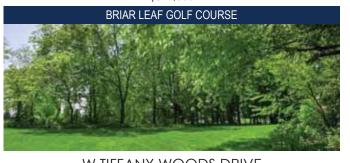
108 GEORGIA AVENUE Sheridan Beach, Indiana 3 BEDROOMS/3 BATHS \$585,000



1610 NICHOLS COURT Long Beach, Indiana 3 BEDROOMS/2 BATHS \$399,000



316 DREAMWOLD WAY Michiana Shores, Indiana 2 BEDROOMS/1 BATH \$327,500



W TIFFANY WOODS DRIVE LaPorte, Indiana VACANT LOT #19/FRONT OF HOLE 5 \$44,900



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3500 CALUMET TRAIL

MICHIGAN CITY, IN • 4 BED / 2.1 BATH • \$775,000

Welcome to 3500 Calumet Trail in HIGHLY DESIRABLE Duneland Beach! This newly remodeled 4 Bed 2.5 Bath with high quality finishes, checks all of the boxes. Features include desirable open floor plan perfect for large gatherings, spacious Chef's Kitchen, beautiful hardwood flooring, fireplace, upper level Laundry Room, and newly finished basement Rec Room. Those who love to entertain will love the layout and flow of this home. The newly added screened porch is the perfect place for your morning coffee.

To see more of this listing, please visit 3500CalumetTrail.info





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910ROESKETRAIL.INFO MICHIGAN CITY, IN • 4 BED / 5 BATH • \$599,000







211SHADYOAKDRIVE.INFO MICHIGAN CITY, IN • 2 BED / 2 BATH • \$272,000







310CHILDERSLANE.INFO MICHIGAN CITY, IN • 3 BED / 3 BATH • \$499,500







219CHICKADEETRAIL.INFO MICHIGAN CITY, IN • 3 BED / 2.1 BATH • \$450,000





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OPEN HOUSE • 314 Maplewood Drive

July 4, 5, 6, 7 • 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.









4 bedrooms, two bath, 2,008 square feet, open concept home. All updated. New kitchen, bathrooms, furnace/central air, water heater. Deeded rights to private beach (Stop 31). Wood-burning fireplace. New roof and flooring. 16' vaulted ceiling. 300 square foot deck. Maintenance-free landscaping. All native plants.

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2740 FLORAL TRAIL

Long Beach, IN • 4 bed / 3.5 bath • \$469,000

Designer dream home, this spacious 3175 sq ft ranch is in pristine, move in condition. Quality craftsmanship in all the details, 4 bed, 3 1/2 bath. Teak wood floors, 2 fireplaces, custom built screen in porch with vaulted ceilings. Finished basement with an attached two car garage. Extra buildable lot is included in the price, Lots 19 and 20 in Block 9. Walking distance to Lake Michigan, LB Country Club, LB town center. The perfect home for all lifestyles.

Open House!

Sunday, July 7th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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2726 FLORAL TRAIL

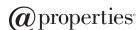
LONG BEACH, IN • 4 BED / 4 BATH • \$439,000

SPACIOUS & READY TO ENTERTAIN 4 bedroom, 3.75 bathroom hillside ranch overlooking the heart of Long Beach. Gorgeous kitchen completely updated with granite countertops. Open concept living with brand new large floor-to-ceiling windows and wood burning fireplace. French sliding glass doors lead out to a large deck overlooking Floral Trail, perfect for those summer cookouts. Master bedroom includes a massive walk-in closet & en suite bathroom with whirlpool tub. Lower level has a large 4th bedroom with an en suite bathroom, great for your guests visiting for a weekend. 148x260 lot that is surrounded by trees providing seclusion and privacy. 2 car built-in garage is heated with a storage loft. Newly paved driveway and parking pad provides plenty of extra parking. New Boiler System recently installed in '17. Quick walk to Lake Michigan beaches at Stop 26, 27, 28, Long Beach Country Club, Town Center and more!

To see more of this listing, please visit 2726Floral.info



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3900 BROOKSIDE DRIVE

MICHIANA SHORES, IN • 4 BED / 3.5 BATH • \$499,000

Sophisticated and inviting, filled with charm and character, this 4 bedroom/3.5 bath, Michiana log home will sweep you away with the sense of zen living. Beautiful patios and soaring pine trees frame this special property. Chef's kitchen offers plenty of working space, granite counters, expanded island, custom cabinets and an eat in breakfast area. Rustic beams & hardwood floors complement the floor to ceiling fieldstone fireplace. Vaulted ceilings are enhanced by cedar & skylights. Arched custom doors provide the backdrop for picturesque beauty and outdoor entertainment. Short walk to MICHIGAN DEED BEACHES and indoor hot tub to enjoy year round. Low IN taxes make this a perfect investment opportunity. Consistent rental history for 10 summer weeks, fall ND Football weekends and getaways/holidays. Creek is located on north end of property, making home in flood plain.

To see more of this listing, please visit 3900BrooksideDrive.info



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11 JAMESTOWN DRIVE

MICHIGAN CITY, IN • 3 BED / 2.1 BATH • \$389,000

Looks like a brand new home in beautiful Kimball Woods! This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, offers a main floor master suite with a jetted tub. A large finished bonus room on the second level could be used as an additional bedroom if needed. A large kitchen with granite counter tops and maple cabinets offers plenty of room for easy food prep and entertaining, with a breakfast nook, as well as a breakfast bar. Beautiful Stainless appliances and top of the line washer and dryer in the main floor laundry room. Vaulted ceiling in the living room, gas fireplace a wall of windows, and a expansive deck, capture the views of the backyard and the wooded non build-able area, at the rear, of this bright and airy home. Attractive, well maintained common areas and a very nice community pool add to the comfort of living here. Come and see if this home will be the perfect next step for you!

To see more of this listing, please visit 11JamestownDrive.info



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101 BEACHWALK LANE

MICHIGAN CITY, IN • 8 BED / 6.5 BATH • \$945,000

Investor Dream Property and the Perfect Second Home, just steps to beach access in highly desirable Beachwalk. This 8 bedroom, 6.5 bath home offers space for everyone to stay comfortably for a week, a month or a weekend. The main house boasts of nearly 4400 sq ft with 6 bedrooms and 5.5 baths with an additional 1520 sq ft in the coach house, with 2 more bedrooms and 1 bath. A consistent rental history is in place for the 2019 summer season. A perfect time to step into this investment with immediate income. Several repeat renters and are selling turn key/fully furnished! Freshly painted exterior in 2018, this exceptional design offers views and open concept living on the main level, circled by a Victorian wrap-around porch. Balconies overlooking Beachwalk Lane and views of Lake Michigan. Incredible amenities await you and your guests with beaches, community pool, playgrounds and seasonal community snack shop. Activities for every age group to create memories that will last a lifetime!

To see more of this listing, please visit 101BeachwalkLane.info



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3040 LAKE SHORE DRIVE

LONG BEACH, IN • 5 BED / 4 BATH • \$1,295,000

BEST VALUE ON THE BEACH! Breathtaking lake views from most rooms, will invite you to enjoy the true meaning of beach living in this beach front escape. Three levels of living space, 5 spacious bedrooms, 3.5 baths, provide 4,000 sq.ft. of true year round enjoyment for family and friends. No matter how you lounge or play, this home will offer you the amenities that you are looking for to create your very personal relaxing retreat. Roof, siding, soffits, gutters, downspouts, all 2014. Anderson thermo pane windows. Just steps to jumping on your wave runner, anchoring off shore or winding down at the end of a summer day to a family bonfire, this can be your place to call home. Don't miss your chance to ride bikes at sunrise or take walks along the shore at sunset. All of this and more can be yours as you discover what lake living is really about. Haven't you waited long enough?

To see more of this listing, please visit 3040LakeShoreDr.info



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3319 CALUMET TRAIL

MICHIGAN CITY, IN • 4 BED / 3 BATH • \$408,000

DESIRABLE DUNELAND BEACH! This absolutely wonderful, ready to go beach home, will meet every expectation. Main floor master bedroom suite complete with spa bath and adjoining library with FP, chef's delight kitchen with beautiful work space,including exquisite cabinetry,and appliances. The wall of windows family room, complete with fireplace, is just off the kitchen, a special room for relaxing, brings nature in, during all seasons. Additional 2 bedrooms and second bathroom comprise the main floor. Rear deck for outdoor living space and perfect for summer entertaining. Expansive storage in lower level and additional bedrooms and laundry. Plenty of room for family and friends but filled with charm and character with such a cozy feeling. Enjoyable walk to the beautiful private beaches of Duneland Beach. This home is not to be missed on your search for the perfect beach area home.

To see more of this listing, please visit 3319Calumet.info



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47 HARBOR ISLE DRIVE, 47 NEW BUFFALO, MI • \$589,000

- 3 bedrooms / 3 bathrooms
- 2,100 SF of living space
- 46 ft. boat slip
- · 2 fireplaces
- Association pool
- Owner offers \$15,000 decoration allowance







14458 WOLF LANE

NEW BUFFALO, MI • \$479,000

- · One floor living
- 3 bedrooms / 2.5 baths
- Great room and living room with gas fireplace
- · Screened porch and gazebo
- · Golf cart and ATV included
- · Low taxes, beach rights





3501 CALUMET TRAIL

MICHIGAN CITY, IN • \$455,000

- · Duneland Beach's beautiful beach
- 4 bedrooms / 2 baths
- Family room with skylights
- Screened porch opens to wrap-around deck
- · Lot goes from Calumet through LaSalle
- 4 car garage



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2826 Lake Shore Drive

5 bed / 8 bath • 2826LakeShoreDr.info • \$3,290,000

Impossible to reproduce - this magical oasis was expertly crafted, offering character and drama one rarely finds - and designed for the family that loves to entertain at the beach! 80 feet of beach frontage and 110 feet at the street. This multi-level masterpiece has an elevator, 5 bdrms/8 baths, 3 fireplaces: in master bedroom, double sided option in main floor living room, and another in the family room in the pub! Exceptional open floor plan, floor to ceiling windows, chef's kitchen, whole house surround sound, lower level pub complete with 2 wall mounted TV's, kegerator, wine fridge, ice maker and poker table, 8 seat movie theater, large guest quarters above garage with full bath, beach level bunk room with full bath & kitchenette, pergola covered beach side deck with built in grilling station. Lower level of garage on beach side has excellent storage for watercraft. There is absolutely nothing more you could want in a beach house!

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122 Beachwalk Lane

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3 bed / 3 bath • 122Beachwalk.info \$479,000



23 Blackberry Trail

Excellent choice for those looking for country life with city amenities! This fabulous home is situated on a 1.78 acre private lot in The Woodlands. Wooded views abound from this great home with easy walking access to the pool, tennis & basketball courts. Large open kitchen and dining areas, and whole house surround sound. Wonderful screened porch. Detached 2.5 car garage, which could have a guest house built above.

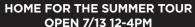
3 bed / 3 bath • 23Blackberry.info \$394,000

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308 Beachwalk Lane

4 bed / 4 bath • 308Beachwalk.info \$529,000



1009 **E 800 North**

1 bed / 1 bath • 1009East800.info \$699,000



107 Carolina Avenue

3 bed / 2 bath • 107Carolina.info \$380,000



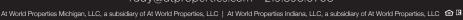
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2 bed / 2 bath • 3818Hiawatha.info \$369,000

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Charming 4 br, 4 ba new const w/deeded priv beach rights to Timberlane Shores. \$749,000 TERI MAKI 269.469.8300



235 N WHITTAKER ST 47, NEW BUFFALO

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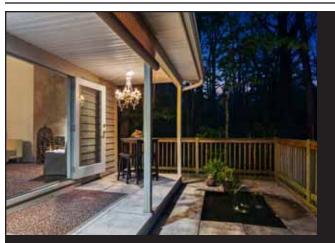
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DO LAKE ELEVATIONS AFFECT PROPERTY **VALUES?**

Most people would tell you the high lake levels and loss of beach affect property values negatively for all properties within a half mile of the beach. My gut tells me that is true.

But every time I go looking for numbers to support my theory that the rapid and incredible loss of beach this past year - which started in 2014 - has caused property values to fall, I come up pretty lame.

I considered the area between the Michigan state line and Sheridan Beach from June 2014 to June 2019. Here are the numbers.

Year June/ June	Units Sold	Med Sale Price	High Sale Price	% Sold to Last Ask price
14-15	31	\$625k	\$1.700M	92%
15-16	37	\$381k	\$1.713M	94%
16-17	45	\$510k	\$1.650M	92%
17-18	33	\$550k	\$3.600M	94%
18-19	44	\$742k	\$2.900M	94%

Something drove the number of sales down in 2017-2018. That was a weak year, except for the lakefront house at Stop 20 that sold for \$3.6 million. By the way, the \$2.9 million sale in 2018-2019 was at Stop 33 across the street from the lake. Highest lakefront for that year was \$2.6 million at Stop 21.

This last year ending June 24, 2019, was again strong in number of sales and median sale price, netting 94% of last asking price. That happened in the face of overnight beach erosion worse than anything I can remember—even from 1985-1986.

I must be looking in the wrong places. BUT I trust the numbers more that I trust my gut.

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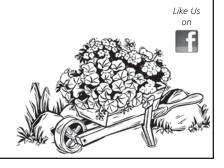


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And don't miss our old fashioned Neighborhood Party Plenty of Refreshments and Entertainment Saturday, July 13, 2019, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Georgia (Stop 3, between Colfax and the lake)

Next Meeting Date: September 7th

All SBHA meetings are held from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at "the Circle" at Beachwalk (Stop 7)

For more information visit: www.sheridanbeachhomeowners.com



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If You're Confused About What to Do and Looking for Answers... Here's What You'll Learn at This NEW Workshop:

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- The most successful treatments for lower back pain that don't involve any medications, injections or surgery
- The 7 urgent coping strategies every back pain sufferer must never forget when back pain strikes!!
- The single biggest mistake that most back pain and sciatica sufferers make that actually stops them from healing

You Should Only Attend This Workshop If:

- 1.) You or a loved one suffer from back pain.
- 2.) You are 40+ and have suffered from lower back pain for longer than you feel you should have.
- 3.) You are currently seeing a doctor or thinking about it.

How Do I Register For The FREE Lower Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop?

Call my office now at (219) 301-7961 in Highland, (219) 213-9009 in Crown Point, (219) 380-0809 in LaPorte or (219) 386-4488 in Valparaiso and secure your spot for my Lower Back pain and Sciatica Workshop...

- **HIGHLAND** office Monday **Monday, July 8, from 5-6 PM** located at 2144 45th St. Highland IN (in the Porte De Leau Plaza).
- CROWN POINT office Wednesday, July 10, from 5-6 PM located at 11055 Broadway Suite E (just south of Tech Credit Union).
- LaPORTE office Wednesday, July 10, from 5-6 PM located at 1405 E. Lincolnway Suite B (across Indiana 2 from Walmart).
- VALPARAISO office Thursday, July 11, from 5-6 PM located at 3125 Calumet Ave. Suite 9 (next to the YMCA).

When you register, we will mail you The Lower Back Pain and Sciatica Worksheet that you will bring with you to the event.

We only have 20 seats available for the event due to the interactive nature of this workshop. So if you would like to attend, be sure to register now...Call (219) 301-7961 in Highland, (219) 213-9009 in Crown Point, (219) 380-0809 in LaPorte or (219) 386-4488 in Valparaiso.

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Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert

Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra will present patriotic favorites, including Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" with a fireworks display, on Wednesday, July 3, at Silver Beach County Park's Shadowland Pavilion, St. Joseph. Mich.

The evening includes food from Lark's BBQ, Louie's Red Hots Chicago Style Hot Dogs and The Icehouse New Orleans-style shaved ice. Beer. wine and soda will be sold. Take blankets and lawn chair, or sit at picnic tables. No food or drinks can be brought to the concert.

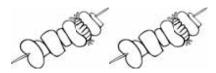
Gates open at 5 p.m. EDT. The Van Dyke Revue, a fourpiece band from Niles, Mich., starts at 6 p.m. EDT, its playlist including classic rock, folk, blues and country. Members include John Van Dyke (vocals, piano, guitar, violin),



Dave Van Dyke (guitar, vocals, Mississippi saxophone), Wayne Kuritz (bass, vocals) and Bo Martin (percussion, mandolin, vocals).

The SMSO portion of the concert starts at 8:30 p.m. EDT. Selections include "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Liberty Fanfare," "God Bless America," "America the Beautiful," "Variations on a Shaker Melody," "Victory at Sea" and "Liberty Bell March." The grand finale is Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" timed to fireworks overhead.

Tickets are \$30 for reserved seating, \$20 for lawn seating and \$10 for children 12 and younger (lawn seating only). Tickets are \$5 the day of the show. Information is available at SMSO.org or by calling the office at (269) 982-4030.



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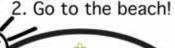
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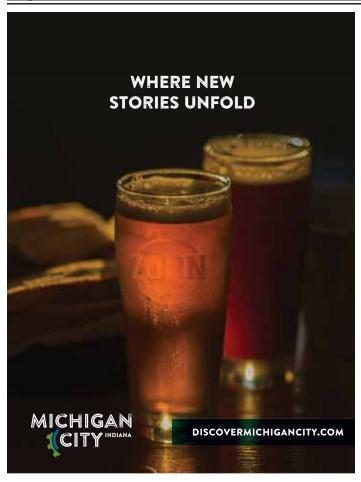
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Michigan City Public Library

The following programs are available at Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.:

• Makerspace: open lab hours from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursdays.

Youth ages 6-18 can create with LEGO WeDo, Micro Bits, paper circuits and Ozobots. Children 12 and younger must have a parent or guardian attend with them.

• Free Gentle Flow Yoga at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 6.

Certified yoga instructor Lauralee Sikorski emphasizes deep breathing and releasing stress. Take a mat and wear comfortable clothing.

• Beginning Spanish Class at 10:20 a.m. Saturdays through July 27.

The class concludes its summer sessions in July.

• Weaving Mindfulness into Everyday Life at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 9.

Doctor Margie Williams will introduce relaxing and healing-mindfulness techniques that can be done anywhere. No prior experience is needed.

• Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesdays, July 10 and 17.

Children birth to age 5 and adults will enjoy stories, songs and crafts. Arrive a few minutes early to receive a name tag.

• Holiday hours.

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The library will be closed Thursday, July 4, for Independence Day.

• Learning Center Volunteers Needed.

The Learning Center needs volunteer tutors for children and adults. Students need assistance in: reading, math, high school equivalency and English as a Second Language. All supplies and training are provided. All that's required are two hours a week. Contact Jessica Hoffmaster at (219) 873-3043 or stop by the center for more information.

Contact Robin Kohn at (219) 873-3049 for more information on library programming.

LaPorte County Public Library

The following programs are at the main branch of LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave.:

• Stories & More from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Fridays.

Children ages 3-5 with their caregivers experience stories, songs, crafts and activities that include using iPads to build early literacy skills.

• Tinker Tuesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Teens and adults can use the Cricut Maker, the complete Adobe Creative Cloud, including Photoshop, Illustrator, Spark and Lightroom, and the 3-D

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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

• The Messier The Better for 9- to 30-montholds at 10 a.m. Tuesdays through July 23 at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

Miss Ronnie will lead children in singing songs and an art experience. Dress to get messy.

• Chesterton Cubing Club from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 7, at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Anyone interested in Rubik's Cube is welcome.

• Knitting Together from 1-5 p.m. Sundays, July 7 and 21, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Area knitters, and those who crochet or do needlework, are invited.

• Tinker, Create, Invent and Have Fun! from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 8, at Hageman Library.

Classes revolve around science, design, engineering and art through project-based work. Space is limited to 12 children, and registration is required by visiting the library or calling (219) 926-9080.

• Popular Books at 2 p.m. Monday, July 8, at the Thomas Branch Bertha Wood Meeting Room.

The focus is Helen MacDonald's "H is for Hawk."

• Pour Art Party for Teens from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, at Hageman Library.

Teens in grades 6-12 will select paint colors, mix and let the paint drip and flow over a record album. Wear clothes that can get messy. Registration is required by calling (219) 926-9080.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

The following programs are through Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich.:

• Fernwood Photography Club from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, July 7.

Open to all ages and skill levels, meetings start with a sharing and discussion of recent images shot by club members, followed by a monthly topical program. Contact Bob Denny at bobdenny.fernwood@gmail.com for details.

• Fernwood's Bluebirds from 2 to 3:30 p.m. EDT Sunday, July 7.

After learning about the bird's natural history and how to attract them to a garden nest, walk part of the bluebird trail to check current nest activity.

The cost is \$12 (members cost \$10), while children 10 and younger are free.

Call (269) 695-6491 or visit www.fernwoodbotanical.org for more information and to confirm the status of classes.

MCHS Honored



Michigan City High School was recognized Wednesday, June 26, at the Indiana Statehouse for more than 70 percent completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid by the Class of 2019. The honor was announced by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and INvestEd. Completion of the FAFSA is a key first step in applying for college and other post-graduation programs, enabling students to qualify for scholarships and grants. Accepting the award on behalf of the MCHS Guidance Department are (from left) Aaron Garrett, MCAS college and career readiness coordinator, MCHS Early College Counselor Rhonda LaMarr and MCAS Associate Superintendent Wendel McCollum.

Long Beach Holiday Events

Several events are planned in Long Beach in celebration of the July 4th holiday.

Driving forces behind the festivities include Long Beach Civic Association, Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department and Long Beach Parks and Recreation Board. The schedule is:

- Long Beach Fire Department Ice Cream Delight Night Social from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, at the fire station, 2400 Oriole Trail. Donations are welcome.
- Movie Night: "Ralph Breaks the Internet" starts after the July 3 ice cream social (between 8:30 to 8:45 p.m.) at Long Beach Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail.
- Old School Run/5k: 7 a.m. Thursday, July 4, at Long Beach Community Center). The entry fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.
- July 4th Parade: 10 a.m. Thursday, July 4, with the flyover at 10:10 a.m.
- Post Parade Celebration: Long Beach Community Center.
- Fireworks: dusk (around 9 p.m.) Thursday, July 4, at the Long Beach Country Club Golf Course.

Independent Cat Society Semi-Annual Used Book Sale

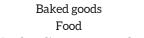
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Indiana Dunes National Park

The following programs are planned:

• Beachside with a Ranger from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 9 at the West Beach parking lot.

Learn about the park's preservation story, including challenges the region faced and the largest threats today. The parking lot is located at 376 N. County Line Road.

• Drop-in Volunteering at West Beach from 2 to 3 p.m. Fridays through Sept. 6.

Join staff and fellow volunteers in helping care for the site. Wear comfortable clothes; work gloves and equipment will be provided. West Beach parking lot is 376 N. County Line Road, Portage.

• Mount Baldy Summit Hike from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 30.

The Mount Baldy parking lot and beach are open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily after being closed for the last several years. The dune, however, is still closed for general public use, so the ranger-led hike offers the chance to experience the dune as much as is possible. No reservations are required. The parking lot is located off U.S. 12.

Also offered is Mount Baldy Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 8. Explore the issues and science surrounding the dune.

• Pinhook Bog Open House from noon to 3



p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 7.

Talk a self-guided tour of the bog and talk to rangers along the trail for a better understanding of the site filled with carnivorous plants and orchids. Arrive by 2 p.m. to allow about one hour to walk the trail and tour the bog. The bog parking lot is at 700 N. Wozniak Road in Michigan City.

• Beach Fun Saturdays from 1 to 8:30 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 10 at West Beach.

Try a kayak or paddleboard starting at 1 p.m. All equipment is provided for free. A one-hour sunset hike on the Dune Succession Trail starts at 7 p.m. from the Ranger Contact Station in the north end of the parking lot. A beach campfire, complete with marshmallow toasting, starts shortly before sunset. Meet at the West Beach parking lot. A \$6 per car parking fee is charged until 7 p.m. Take a picnic dinner and warmer clothing for the evening sunset and beach campfire.

• Playdate in the Nature Play Zone from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 6, at The Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.

Explore Miller Woods, build a fort, climb a tree, create nature art and feed the resident fish, turtles, snakes, toads and frogs. Dress for the weather.

• Rollerblading with a Ranger from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 3.

Meet at Robinson Lake parking lot, S. Liverpool Road, Hobart, to explore the Oak Savannah Trail with a ranger on roller blades.

• Bailly/Chellberg History Hike from 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 1.

Explore the grounds of both historic homes, and learn about early settlers and farmers who came to the region in the 1800s. Park at the Bailly/Chellberg parking lot.

• Miller Woods Hike from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 24 at Paul H. Douglas Center.

The ranger-led stroll explores a rare black oak savanna, with views of Lake Michigan and Chicago.

• Feed the Farm Animals at Chellberg Farm from 4:30 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

The farm includes cows, pigs, goats, chickens and turkeys.

• Sunset Around the Fire at the Pavilion from 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, at Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, 100 Riverwalk Road.

Catch a Lake Michigan sunset from the pavilion, and roast marshmallows from the fireplace.

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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 for more information.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

• Critter Dinner at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 4.

Meet at the Nature Center as reptiles and amphibians eat live meals.

• Dune the Beautiful Hike at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 4.

Hike what *USA Today* voted as as Indiana's most beautiful trail, with a naturalist also offering history about the Prairie Club.

• Turtle Time at 10 a.m. Friday, July 5.

Meet outside the nature center to learn more about turtles.

• Creek Peek at 3 p.m. Friday, July 5, and 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 10.

Join a naturalist for a short, possibly wet walk searching for critters that call the habitat home.

• Geology Hike at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 6.

Learn the story behind the dunes' changing landscape during the moderate hike.

• Ant Lion Safari at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 6.

Join a naturalist at the Nature Center for the short discovery walk.

• Owl Prowl at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 6.

Join a naturalist to walk from the campground gate to try and call nearby owls.

• Morning Bird Walk at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, July 7.

Take binoculars or borrow a pair for an easy walk searching for birds.

• Feed the Birds at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 7.

Meet a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding. Get close views of chickadees, cardinals and woodpeckers.

• Bubble Trash at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 7.

Pick up litter, then discover how to make bubbles using items often discarded as trash.

• Scat & Tracks at 3 p.m. Monday, July 8.

Learn skills about the mysteries animals leave behind.

• Awesome Amphibians at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 9.

Meet at the Nature Center to explore the differences and similarities between Dunes amphibians during a short hike to the marsh.

• Animal Origami at 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 10.

Learn about dunes animals, then fold them during craft time. Take a beach towel.

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

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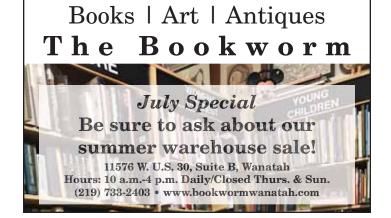
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Nature's Tiny Tots

Designed for parents and grandparents, explore nature with toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy music, dancing, storytelling and, weather permitting, hiking.

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. July 15 and 29, and Aug. 12 and 26 at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte, Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

Tuesday Treasures

The program aimed at 6- to 13-year-olds meets from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at Luhr County Park.

All programs include arts and crafts. Parents are not required to participate or stay. The cost is \$8 per person per program. Pre-registration and payment are required one week before each program. The schedule is:

- July 16 Insect Extravaganza. Take a "handson" approach to the world of bugs.
- July 23 Animal Communication. Learn about sounds of nature.
- July 30 Ducks Unlimited. Learn about ducks.

Parent & Child Discovery Days

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

The schedule is:

- July 17 Butterfly Fun.
- July 24 Ambitious Amphibians.
- July 31 Was that a Hummingbird?
- Aug. 7 Powerful Plants.

Paint and Create Canvas

The painting program for 10 and older is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at Luhr County Park Nature Center.

Hemlock Heather leads participants as they paint an 8x10 animal canvas. All supplies are provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Seating is limited. The program allows a minimum of five people and a maximum of 20. The cost is \$15 per person. Pre-registration and payment are required on or before July 11.





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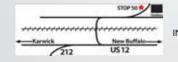
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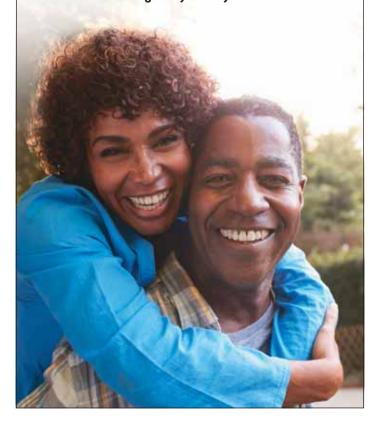
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The School of American Music is offering a new children's program called Fun 'n Fairy Tales at its Three Oaks Arts & Education Center, 14 Maple St.

The program runs for six sessions from 10 to 10:45 a.m. EDT Tuesdays and Thursdays. Targeted at children ages 4-6, it teaches literacy, acting and movement. The instructor is Carrie Ehlert, a 12-year veteran of early childhood education at Three Oaks Elementary School and Blessed Beginnings Pre-School. She also is the theater director at River Valley Middle/High School, recently direct-



Ehlert

ing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." She produced "Three Oaks against the World" for the village sesquicentennial, and co-directed "Pinocchio" for Harbor Country Radio Theater.

The registration deadline is July 8. The \$50 cost is due by the first session. There is a six-student minimum required. Call (269) 469-1191 to register.

Visit schoolofamericanmusic.com for details.

TCU Exhibit at History Museum

"A Credit to the Community: The TCU Story," which highlights the impact of what first was known as South Bend Teachers Federation Credit Union, runs through Oct. 27 at The History Museum.

During the Great Depression, local teachers pooled their savings to lend to others in need. With that intention, they established the credit union, which opened Oct. 13, 1931. In time, it became known as Teachers Credit Union.

The exhibit chronicles decades through pictures and artifacts that include a 1930s ledger, World War II war bonds poster and an Underwood calculator.

Tickets to the museum, 808 W. Washington St., South Bend, are \$10 for adults, \$8.50 for seniors, \$6 for youth (6-17) and free for members. The cost includes admission to all galleries and the Oliver Mansion. For an additional cost, guests can visit the adjoining Studebaker National Museum.

Museum hours are (all times Eastern) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Visit historymuseumSB.org or call (574) 235-9664 for details.

Fish Lake Festival

The Fish Lake Festival is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 6, at Fish Lake Conservation Club, 7873 Indiana 4, Walkerton.

The family event includes craft vendors, a bake sale, food, children's games and crafts, a water flow demonstration by Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department and a money dig.



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Hesston Steam Museum

Families have four opportunities to ride three live-steam railroads during Independence Day festivities at Hesston Steam Museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North.

The museum is open Thursday through Sunday, July 4-7. One of the trains for visitors to experience is the 67-ton 1929 Shay logging locomotive.



The museum also is a showcase for a working, 109-year-old steam-powered sawmill with a 60-inch blade, LaPorte's first electric generator and a black-smith shop.

Hand-scooped ice cream treats and sodas made from traditional recipes are for sale in the restored vintage soda fountain and ice cream parlor, Doc's Soda Fountain. Breakfast also is served at Doc's from 9 to 11 a.m. July 4-5.

The museum officially opens at 11:30 a.m. and runs through 5 p.m. Fares are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12. Visit www.hesston.org or call (219) 778-2783 on the weekends for more information







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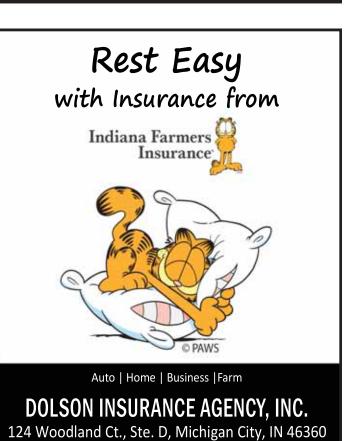
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American Red Cross

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

• First Church of God, 2020 E. Lincolnway, La-Porte, noon-6 p.m. Monday, July 8.

Donors must be in good general health and feeling well, at least 17 (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org for more details.

Opposites Combined

"Opposites Combined," the latest Southern Shore Art Association exhibit, runs July 5-28, with an opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m. July 5, at the gallery, 724 Franklin St.

The exhibit emphasizes combinations of light and dark, image and shadow, complementary colors, large and small, near and far, over and under, and outside and inside.

Refreshments will be served during the opening reception. The gallery is open from noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Visit www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com or the SSAA Facebook page for more details.

Polish-American Cultural Society

Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, Portage Chapter, meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, in the lower level meeting room at Portage Public Library, 2665 Irving St.

The guest speaker is Grace Bazylewski of Lansing, Ill.,, who has more than 40-years experience in *wycinanki*, a Polish paper-cutting craft that dates back to the mid-1800s. Materials will be provided, but participants can take scissors.

Reservations for the free program are required by calling Theresa Child at (219) 464-1369.

LaPorte July 4th Parade

The 73rd annual LaPorte Jaycees July 4th Parade is at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 4, along Lincolnway in downtown LaPorte.

The parade last about two to three hours.

Fireworks in Washington Park

The Michigan City July 4 fireworks display is at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 4, in Washington Park.

Career Camps

LaPorte County middle-schoolers tried out several career and technical programs during A.K. Smith Career Center summer camps.



Krueger Middle School student Aaverie Wingard works on the perfect cupcake swirl during the career camp.

Areas of focus included culinary, automotive, manufacturing, welding, construction, and electronics and energy. Students participated in hands-on activities and created projects, in some cases compiling portfolios documenting their projects for the week. Also included were tours of local businesses and manufacturing facilities.

The free camps were funded through a grant in partnership with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development Skill Up 3 initiative.

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Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival

Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival is gearing up for its 19th consecutive season, kicking off with Shakespeare After Hours on Friday, July 19.

Shakespeare After Hours takes audiences through some of Shakespeare's best — and naughtiest — scenes for 18 and older. Tickets are \$15, with performances at 7 and 9:30 p.m. EDT at South Bend's LangLab. More family friendly is ShakeScenes at 2 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 20, in Washington Hall at The University of Notre Dame. Tickets are \$10.

Returning for a third season is Shakespeare in Fremont Park, which combines stories by South Bend residents with the words of Shakespeare.

Performances are 7 p.m. EDT Thursday and Friday, July 25-26, at Fremont Park and Saturday, July 27, at Potawatomi Park, both in South Bend. All shows are free. Visit shakespeare.nd.edu for more details and festival updates.



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Women in Leadership

Women in Leadership of LaPorte County will host Kimberlie Warren, organizational effectiveness consultant and Beacon Health System Caritas Coach, who will present "Resilience: A Building Block for Positive Well-Being."

The meeting is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, at Best Western Plus Hotel & Conference Center, 444 Pine Lake Ave., LaPorte.

Warren conducts and facilitates trainings, and assists associates with professional, personal and skill development. With a background in allied health and leadership, she applies her knowledge to various professional and volunteer activities. She is a certified facilitator for Heart-Math and Listening Pays, as well as a certified Caritas Coach and cancer



research patient advocate for Susan G. Komen and the American Association for Cancer Research.

She received her doctorate in health services administration, with a concentration in health and human behavior, from Walden University. She completed graduate and undergraduate work at Indiana University-South Bend, and her associate degree at Houston Community College.

The July meeting is sponsored by *LaPorte Living*, a new publication. Meetings are open to guests. Reservations can be made on the WILL Facebook page or at www.women-in-leadership.com

Dinner With the League

Cheryl Drauer, LaPorte County Meals on Wheels executive director, will speak at Dinner With the League at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, at Patrick's Grille, 4125 Franklin St.

The program is sponsored by The League of Women Voters of LaPorte County.

Meals on Wheels works with volunteers to deliver affordable meals and personal-contact wellness checks Monday through Friday.

The general public is invited, and reservations are not required. A donation is requested from non-members. Attendees should arrive at 5:30 p.m. to buy dinner from the menu.

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

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July 4 — INDEPENDENCE DAY.

July 4 — LaPorte Jaycees July 4th Parade, 10 a.m., downtown LaPorte.

July 4 — Dune the Beautiful Hike, 3 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

July 4 — July 4 fireworks display, 8:30 p.m., Washington Park.

July 5 — First Friday in the Chapel, organist Benjamin Stone, noon, LaPorte Hospital Chapel, 1007 Lincolnway. Free. Info: (219) 325-7633.

July 5 — First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m., Uptown Arts District (downtown Michigan City).

July 5 — Opening reception, "Opposites Combined," 5-8 p.m., Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. Info: www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com

July 5 — Reception, David Baker's "The World Between," 5-8 p.m., The Rising Phoenix Gallery, 2803 Franklin St. Info: (480) 206-0964.

July 5 — Reception, "The Chicago Imagists: Before and After," 5-8 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: (219) 874-4900.

July 5 — First Friday at Old Lighthouse Museum, 5-8 p.m., Washington Park.

July 5 — Friday Movie Night, "Ralph Breaks the Internet," 8:30 p.m., lawn @ LaPorte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St.

July 5 — Mount Baldy Summit Hike, 5-6:30 p.m., parking lot off U.S. 12, Michigan City. Info: (219) 395-1882.

July 5 — Bruce in the USA, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generation Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$35. Reservations: acornlive.org

July 5-11 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Now showing: "Late Night." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 7 p.m. Tue.-Thur. Also: "The Biggest Little Farm." Rated PG. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com, (269) 756-3522.

July 5-14 — "Other Desert Cities," Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. Times: 7 p.m./Fri.& Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$20, \$18/seniors & students. Reservations: www.dunesartsfoundation.org, (219) 879-7509.

July 6 — Fish Lake Festival, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Fish Lake Conservation Club, 7873 Indiana 4, Walkerton

July 6 — Music in the Park, Andrew Fisher Quartet (90-minute concert), 6:30 p.m. EDT, Dewey

Cannon Park, Three Oaks, Mich. Free, donations accepted. Info: www.harborarts.com

July 7 — Pioneer Land Log Cabin Committee ham & bean dinner, 5-7 p.m., LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2, LaPorte.

July 7 — Reception for 18 Artists, 1-4 p.m. EDT, Elsie Earl Studios Art Gallery, 200 W. Buffalo St. Info: www.elsieearlstudios.com

July 8 — Morning Bird Walk, 8:30 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

July 8 — Popular Books, Helen MacDonald's "H is for Hawk," 2 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

July 9 — Weaving Mindfulness into Everyday Life, 6 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

July 10 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Kent Jager, 12:15 p.m., Christ Church (former First Congregationalist Church), 531 Washington St. Free, donations accepted. Info: (219) 608-5358.

July 10 — Pour Art Party for Teens, 4-5 p.m., Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter. Registration: (219) 926-9080.

July 10-11 — Arts in the Park, 7 p.m., Dennis Smith Amphitheater @ Fox Park, LaPorte. Schedule: July 10/LaPorte City Band; July 11/PT & the Cruisers. Pre-concert: Go Aerial Fitness.

Thursdays through Aug. 8 — Michigan City Municipal Band, 7:30 p.m., Washington Park Guy Foreman Amphitheater.

Through Oct. 5 — Art exhibit, former LaPorte resident Roland Lee Hockett, LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2504 Indiana Ave.

Saturdays through October — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.noon, Eighth & Washington streets.

Saturdays through Oct. 26 — LaPorte Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Lincolnway parking lot next to Mucho Mas.

Sundays through Sept. 8 — Mount Baldy Open House, 1-4 p.m., parking lot off U.S. 12. Info: (219) 395-1882.

In the Region

July 6 — Unwrapped Concert Series, Dede and The Dream with guest Morgan Ingle, 7 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10/advance, \$12/door. Reservations: boxfactoryforthearts.org, (269) 983-3688.

July 7 — Fernwood's Bluebirds, 2-3:30 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Cost: \$12 (members \$10), children 10 & younger/free. Info: (269) 695-6491, www.fernwoodbotanical.org

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On July 4, 1802, the U.S. Military Academy opened at West Point, N.Y.

On July 4, 1863, Union troops, under the command of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, ended a 14-month siege by defeating Confederate forces at Vicksburg.

On July 4, 1939, in a farewell speech to fans in Yankee Stadium, terminally ill baseball star Lou Gehrig referred to himself as "the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

On July 4, 1980, North Michigan Avenue was jammed with people attending the first Taste of Chicago.

On July 4, 1997, NASA's Pathfinder spacecraft landed on Mars.

On July 5, 1865, in London, William Booth founded The Salvation Army.

On July 5, 1894, a major fire destroyed several of the buildings left from Chicago's 1893 "Columbian Exposition."

On July 5, 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced the Philippines had been liberated from Japanese occupation.

On July 5, 1946, the bikini bathing suit made its debut at a fashion show in Paris.

On July 6, 1699, Scottish pirate William Kidd was arrested in Boston. He was later tried and hanged in England.

On July 6, 1777, during the Revolutionary War, American forces abandoned Fort Ticonderoga to superior forces led by British General John Burgoyne.

On July 6, 1854, the newly created Republican Party held its first state convention at Ripon, Wis.

On July 6, 1885, Louis Pasteur first successfully inoculated a human being against rabies.

On July 6, 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence captured the port of Agaba from the Turks.

On July 6, 1919, the first Atlantic crossing by an airship was completed when a British dirigible landed at New York's Roosevelt Field.

On July 6, 1933, the first all-star major league baseball game was played in Chicago's Comiskey Park. Herman "Babe" Ruth hit a home run, helping the American League to beat the National League by a score of 4-2.

On July 6, 1973, for the first time since the Bolshe-

vik revolution, the American flag was raised over a new United States consulate in Leningrad.

On July 7, 1754, "King's College," which in 1784 changed its name to "Columbia University," opened in New York.

On July 7, 1865, four of John Wilkes Booth's accomplices in the assassination of President Lincoln were hanged. They were Mary E. Surratt, David K. Herold, George A. Atzerodt, and Lewis Payne.

On July 7, 1898, Hawaii was annexed as a territory of the United States.

On July 7, 1981, President Reagan nominated Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

On July 7, 1999, President Bill Clinton toured the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, making him the first president since Franklin Roosevelt to visit an Indian reservation.

On July 8, 1835, Philadelphia's Liberty Bell cracked as it was being rung for the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall.

On July 8, 1889, *The Wall Street Journal* published its first edition.

On July 8, 1889, the last "bare-knuckles" championship boxing match was held. John L. Sullivan retained his heavyweight title by knocking out Jake Kilrain in the 75th round.

On July 8, 1907, Florenz Ziegfeld staged his first "Follies" show on the roof of the New York Theater.

On July 9, 1776, in New York, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops.

On July 9, 1893, at Chicago's Provident Hospital, Daniel Hale Williams, a black surgeon, performed the first successful suture of a human heart and pericardium.

On July 9, 1947, the British royal family announced the engagement of Princess Elizabeth to Lt. Philip Mountbatten.

On July 9, 1995, the Grateful Dead played its last concert at Chicago's Solider Field.

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On July 10, 1938, Howard Hughes, accompanied by a crew of four, completed a flight around the world.

On July 10, 1958, Ezra Pound, after 13 years in an American mental hospital, returned to Italy and told reporters, "All America is an insane asylum."

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Murder in Bel-Air by Cara Black (hardcover, \$27.95 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook. 291 pages.)

It has been 20 years now since readers met the most chic private detective in Paris: Aimée Leduc. She's smart, fashionable — *tre' chic!* — and a lasting, endearing character on the literary scene.

Each of Aimée's adventures takes place in a different section, or arrondissement, of the City of Light. This, her 19th novel, takes place in the 12th arrondissement, the neighborhood known as Bercy;

it is home to many monuments, the biggest park in Paris and the Paris Zoo — plenty of places for mystery and intrigue. And this is where readers have come to love this approach: Cara Black has an amazing gift of putting you in that section of the city. The descriptions of buildings, medieval churches, cobblestone alleyways, courtyards and ivy-covered walls has you walking those streets and sitting at outdoor cafes.

There is history in each section that contributes to the story. I swear, I can smell the freshly baked baguettes or the gardenias in window boxes where old women sit and watch. All the ethnicities, the variety of restaurants and cafes, lend themselves to each Aimée Leduc story.

Aimee has a computer security business she runs with René Friant, a dwarf and computer savant. But somehow, she always manages to get involved in some nefarious scheme that puts to use the teachings of her father and grandfather, both of whom were on the Paris police force.

In this story, Aimée now has a year-old daughter, Chloé; the father, a story for another time. Aimee's mother, Sydney Leduc, is an American and on Interpol's most wanted list. Say what?! Apparently, Sydney is a CIA operative gone rouge. Maybe, maybe not. She moves like a shadow in and out of Aimée's life. "Her mother was a foreign presence with an American accent and all her secrets." Anyway, she takes Chloé to a play group while Aimee is the keynote speaker at a tech conference, where she hopes to network and gain new customers.

A call from the play group says Sydney left abruptly and Chloé was left alone with a note to call Aimée. Angry does not begin to describe her state of mind as she hands over the speech to her competitor and goes to collect her daughter.

Arriving at the play group, a commotion catches her attention as police and an ambulance arrive. A young homeless woman, Genelle Tournon, if that's her real name, has been killed. A glimpse at the gurney as a foot is exposed shows a very pedicured foot with pretty red lacquer. Homeless? I think not. But it isn't Sydney. It is, however, someone she was visiting at the nearby convent. Overhearing a man talk to a sister about Genelle, Aimée senses something more is going on here. He pretends to be from some government agency, but Aimée senses something is off.

One thing leads to another, and Aimée receives

a message from her mother with instructions for finding a package at the convent. Who but another woman could find the hiding place for a package hidden by a woman? Of course, Aimée finds it, hidden in the laundry room of the convent: "A proverb, a code, a stack of cash, and a key." Next stop, a cemetery crypt, another package and more clues.

A call to her godfather, Mobier, a retired police detective, convinces Aimée he knows more than he will say, except for — stay out of it. "Stay out of it? Not Aimée. She was wired differently." So, next question — what is her mother up to now?

The well thought-out plot takes Aimée into the world of international intrigue and straight to the politics of the Ivory Coast in Africa. What does a dead woman in Paris have to

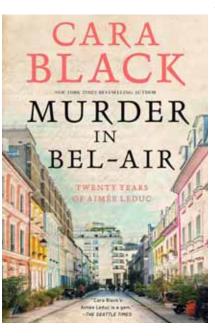
do with it? Plenty. All in the name of misplaced loyalty and the desire to do good. The Ivory Coast, once a French province, is now an independent country. But like many African countries, subject to revolution and military takeovers.

Aimée will be tailed, threatened and almost killed for the contents of the package she is hiding until she can fulfill the promise she gave to her mother. And where oh where is Sydney Leduc? How can Aimée help her when she can't find her?

It's fascinating to watch all the players come forward: French, African, the CIA, even a shadowy foreign intelligence group. Black gives readers a continually evolving story that keeps you guessing and glued to the page until the final reveal. It's like trying to find your way through a maze — you don't know where you're going and who's following you.

Black has received many nominations for the Anthony and Macavity Awards, and her books have been translated into German, Norwegian, Japanese, French, Spanish, Italian and Hebrew. No surprise, she visits Paris frequently.

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