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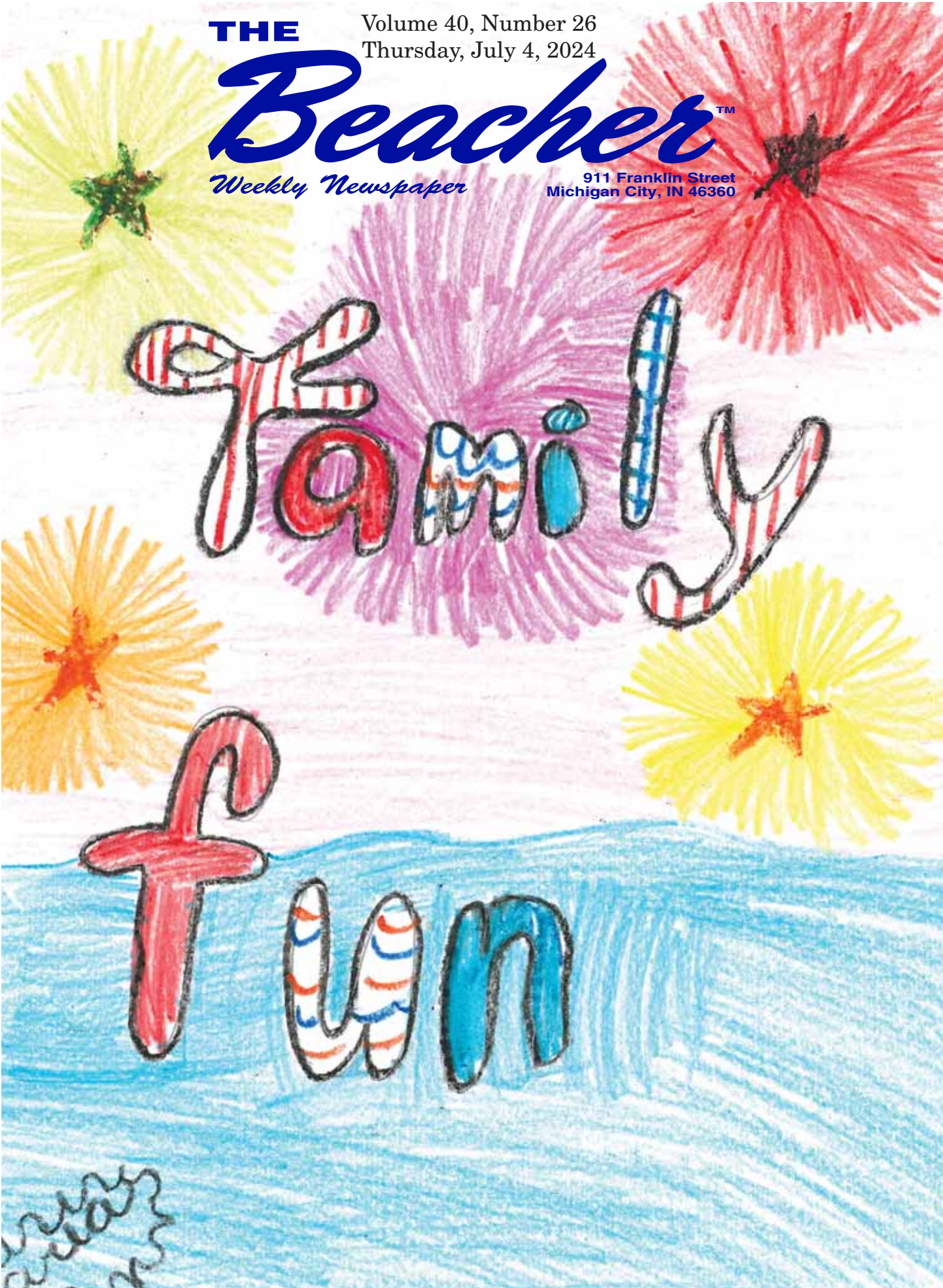
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# An Equine Adventure

by William Tallackson



Sabryna, 8, finger-paints her horse before heading out to the corral at Spring Creek Equestrian Center. All photos by Andrew Tallackson

**T**he sun shines brightly on a beautiful Saturday afternoon in June at Spring Creek Equestrian Center in Three Oaks Township.

The weather makes for a perfect day: clear blue skies with a gentle breeze that rushes through the air. Horses trot gleefully in the corral as the sounds of children's laughter and excitement create a perfect backdrop for adventure and curiosity.

Spring Creek Horses Help Foundation gave six Pokagon Band of Potawatomi youth ages 8-14 an excellent, life-changing experience that formed cherished memories.

The foundation worked with the Pokagon Band to introduce Pokagon youth to the incredible world of horses. The partnership allowed them to participate in four three-hour classes in May and June

that offered an in-depth understanding of equine education, behavior, grooming techniques and horses' significant role in Native culture. They acquired horseback riding skills that also helped develop critical-thinking abilities, such as responsibility, teamwork, confidence and animal empathy.



Sally Bogert is the Spring Creek Horses Help Foundation co-founder, treasurer and coordinator.

“Not every child has a pet, a cat or a dog, and they don’t all learn empathy for animals. We want them to understand why we don’t kick the horses,” Sally Bogert, Spring Creek Horses Help Foundation co-founder, treasurer and coordinator, said. “We’re very much partners with our horses. We love our horses. We care for them and want these children to learn this.”

*The Beacher* attended the last class in mid-June. Six youth were supposed to participate that day, but one was unable to attend.

On this day, the kids arrive at the stables, 16771 Pardee Road, excited and with optimistic smiles. Bogert and her volunteers gather the children for an immersive classroom experience. The session focuses on learning about the common Arabian horse breed found at the stables. Afterward is an in-depth exploration of characteristics such as lifespan, structure, features and eating habits.

“I loved learning about horses,” Lillianna, 14, said. “There are so many cool things about the horses: their personalities and structures. I love the way horses move, and I think they’re just really fun to work with.”

Studying and understanding horses ignites a sense of excitement and curiosity in the children, prompting them to eagerly look forward to interacting with these magnificent animals. First, they need to clean the stalls. Though it may seem daunting, the children learn valuable life skills. Their hard work and dedication are rewarded with a 15-minute snack break before learning about the significance of horses in Native cultures.

Cecil Wilson Jr., a Pokagon Band historian and research specialist, imparts an in-depth knowledge about horses to the children, stressing how horses are honored in their culture.

Wilson captivates about horses revolutionizing hunting practices. He shares stories about horses

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symbolizing personal growth and embodying spirits within the cultural context of many Native tribes. He addresses the significance of horses in the Potawatomi tribe.

“Cecil has been my camp counselor a few times, and getting to see him again is great,” Aden Wolf, 14, said. “He taught me some new things about horses in my culture. I’m really into eagle feathers, and his discussion about feathers made me more interested.”



Cecil Wilson Jr., a Pokagon Band historian and research specialist, speaks to the Pokagon youth about horses and their significance in Native culture.

Wilson introduces the next activity, which involves finger painting on the horses. The kids’ faces light up with excitement, smiles spread from ear to ear. Wilson clarifies that this activity is purely for fun, not a cultural experience, while at the same time acknowledging the importance of finger painting in other Native societies.

“People would draw little prints on the back flank of the horse to signify how many successful horse races they’ve done,” Wilson said. “This is not part of our culture, but this is tribal culture in general. Some tribes did this, and our tribe did as well at some point. They may have painted horses, but it would have been more of a personal thing than something that our teachings would have given us.”

The youth are enthusiastic about painting their horses, which have been

groomed and prepared for decoration. The children initially hesitate, afraid they might startle and disturb the horses. When they observe the horses’ calm and trusting demeanor, a sense of reassurance brushes over them. They unleash their creativity with each touch. One girl decorates her horse with pretty flowers. Another draws shades of orange around the eyes.

“I had fun painting the horses, and it made me happy,” Sabryna, 8, said.

Now, their horses are ready to ride. The kids saddle up, and it’s off to the corral.

Children usually are nervous at first around horses. Some fear falling off, while others are excited about the adventure of it. Regardless, safety is the No. 1 priority. The volunteers cheer as they jump onto their horses and gallop across the open corral with glee.

“They teach you that instead of sliding on the horse, you have to jump on the horse,” Serenity Wolf, 12, said. “It made me feel more confident.”

While in the corral, volunteers instill confidence and teach them skills so they can step out of their comfort zones with simple commands.

A sample:

“Put your hands up high.”

“Hands to the side.”

“Touch your toes.”

”Put your hands on your hips.”

“Touch your nose.”

Before long, they ride with their heads held high, exuding confidence.

“At first, I was scared,” Aden said. “Though after riding a couple of times,



Korvin, 13, finger-paints his horse.

I told myself, 'I can do this,' knowing I made a lot of progress."

With the corral behind them, they prepare for their final adventure: a journey riding their horses on a trail in the forest. It is the perfect end to their magical day.

"I loved the trail," Korvin, 13, said. "I gained more confidence riding my horse. I can tell others to make sure you sit down very gently when riding a horse."

With the children now on the trail, the stables grow quiet.

"I think it's amazing to watch the kids go from timid and unsure to competent and happy to be here and out with the animals and the fresh air," Krista Loomis, a Spring Creek Horses Help Foundation board member and volunteer, said.

For Bogert, her adventure is a journey that continues to unfold and impact lives. She grew up around horses in central Ohio, which shaped her experiences into teaching others about animal empathy. She left the stables to pursue a nursing career and worked for 44 years at The University of Chicago Medical Center. She married journalist Nick Bogert and retired in 2018, settling in Three Oaks.

"I knew that I wanted to get back to horses in re-



Sabryna, 8, rides her horse with the help from volunteer Shannon Kerns.

tirement. And so, I began volunteering at local therapy barns," Bogert said. "I stumbled across Spring Creek Equestrian Center and knew I wanted to help."

After meeting Spring Creek founder Alison

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Grosse, and being inspired by her passion for horses, Bogert began volunteering at the stables with homeschool classes and cleaning the stalls. During this time, she conceived a brilliant idea.

“I was volunteering for Alison and talked to her about equine activities being a rather expensive sport. Working with horses is not something low-income families have an opportunity to do, and there are a lot of low-income families and neighborhoods nearby,” Bogert said. “I was impressed with her work. I asked if we could start a foundation that offers equine education to children and adults with limited means. She agreed, and in 2019, we formed the foundation.”

The foundation previously worked alongside different organizations and schools: Boys & Girls Clubs, River of Life Christian School, Present Pillars and St. Peter’s Evangelical Church.

Bogert continues to organize events for children in the area. Her search led her to the Pokagon Band.

“We had been impressed with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi for years,” she said. “They have an excellent reputation in the area because they have funds and organize large community events. Through talking with them, they

mentioned that they had some low-income children, and I thought it would be fabulous if they could experience our program.”

Indeed, the foundation provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for these Pokagon youth.

(Visit <https://springcreekhorsehelp.org/> for more details.)

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Lillianna, 14, rides with her arms raised.



The children pose with the volunteers and other helpers.

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## Lupita Nyong'o Turns "Day One" Into an Emotionally Exhaustive Experience

by Andrew Tallackson

The first two "Quiet Place" films are B movies that behave as if they're *not* B movies. Their power exists in the silence. When an exceedingly likable family is acutely aware of the threats attuned to their presence.

"A Quiet Place: Day One" is the official prequel, revealing when creatures sensitive to sound arrived from who knows where. We caught a glimpse of that in the second film's wow of an epic opener.

"Day One" is more comfortable in its B-movie skin. It's a haunted house flick, with characters fumbling about in the dark before something leaps out at them.

But here's the thing: "Day One" is more emotional thanks to Lupita Nyong'o. This may be genre work, but her performance is every bit as potent as her Oscar-winning work in "12 Years a Slave." Her scenes with co-star Joseph Quinn ("Stranger Things") make the film stand on its own, taking it somewhere special.

The inspired twist to the first "Quiet Place" (2018) was that, by introducing a family whose teen daughter is deaf, sign language their means of communication, we met people who could maneuver through this new world and possibly survive it.

The prequel's greatest invention is that it rains down alien destruction in the final days of terminally ill Sam (Nyong'o). Living in a hospice facility, she's amid a brief New York City trip when all hell breaks loose. Writer-director Michael Sarnoski (2021's "Pig" is *the* great Nicolas Cage movie no one saw) does not reinvent the playbook — shades of "World War Z" abound — but the action is taut and relentless. He also stages the haunting image of thousands of New Yorkers, covered in ash from the rubble of destruction, silently headed out of the city.

For Sam — terrified, but aware of her own mortality — the idea of dying becomes unexpected strength. The courage to pursue last wishes.

What a beautiful performance by Nyong'o. By deferring to silence to stay alive, her eyes do all the

★ ★ ★ 1/2

### "A Quiet Place: Day One"

Running time: 100 minutes. In theaters.

Rated PG-13 for terror and violent content/bloody images.



Lupita Nyong'o stars in "A Quiet Place: Day One."

talking. We see grief, determination, regret. When Sam teams up with Eric (Quinn, superb), an English law student, a bond forms. The more Eric realizes the clock is ticking for Sam, the more he makes what time remains for her memorable.

Sarnoski does not entirely sidestep the trappings of monster movies. A subway trek is B Movie 101. And those lapses in logic, like Sam's emotional-support cat that is the most well-behaved pet in movie history. Add, too, a note that remains dry after one character takes a watery plunge.

But by the wrenching finale, complete with a stunning shot of ferries ushering survivors to safety, "Day One" is less about the apocalypse and more about one woman's desire to die on her own terms. Nyong'o's eyes, those red, tear-rimmed eyes, they break your heart. Any lesser actors, the quest to sample a delectable slice of pizza might seem ridiculous. But here, it is a beautiful act of defiance.

You arrive at "Day One" hoping to be thrilled. You leave it surprised by how it affected you.

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## Long Beach Civic Names Country Club as July 4 Parade Marshal

by William Tallackson



Being named July 4th parade marshal is one way Long Beach Country Club gets to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Long Beach Civic Association selected Long Beach Country Club as parade marshal for the Fourth of July Parade to celebrate the club's 100th anniversary and its role in the community.

Kathy Brennan, John Brennan and Kathy Kenefick will represent the club as the parade's designated marshals. Their car will be followed by 10 carts, each commemorating the club's 10 decades: Austin family (1920s); Robin Purdy (1930s); Johnny Weissmuller, Olympic gold medalist and "Tarzan" star (1940s); Dick Moran (1950s); Schreiber family (1960s); Rick and Sarah Blank (1970s); Chuck McNellis and the Collins family (1980s); McCusker family (1990s); Lyons family (2000s); and Art and Megan Miller (2010s).

"This honor recognizes the 100-year history of the Long Beach Country Club," LBCC General Manager Annette Corbett said. "I was a member as a child. I participated in Junior Golf and spent many days in line at the old high dive. I worked here one sum-

mer as a college kid. It means a lot to me that I am part of their history."

The club was crucial in developing the new Long Beach community in the early 1920s. The clubhouse, known as the "Nineteenth Hole," and the "Roman Plunge" swimming pool opened in 1922. Masquerade balls and dances were held at the clubhouse every Saturday night. The pool featured high diving boards that attracted large crowds, and visitors began using the golf courses. The club, itself, was founded in 1924; however, the original clubhouse was destroyed by a fire in 1935.

The new two-story clubhouse was completed in 1936. The club added the pool in the mid-1960s, and a main-level dining area and pro shop arrived in 1972. A new facility came in 1999 to facilitate the growing membership.

The club continues to be an integral part of Long Beach. Each year, people have access to the golf courses and tennis courts. LBCC donates to local charities, clubs and other activities.

"It is a neighborhood of family and friends. Many people have deep connections since childhood," Corbett said. "Newer members often say they have come to the Long Beach area as guests of friends and now want to live here and join the club. The club has 514 members, with a waitlist of over 22 families seeking membership."

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## Long Beach Civic Association Accomplishments

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

- 2023 — Donated \$1,500 in coats to Edgewood Elementary School.
- 2023 — Donated a total of \$1,000 in holiday bonus checks to Long Beach town personnel.
- 2023 — Donated \$250 to Long Beach police and volunteer fire departments.
- 2023 — Donated \$5,500 to the Long Beach Public Safety Building for lighting and flagpoles.
- 2022 — Monetary donation to purchase a Rapid Intervention Team SCBA Pack for Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department.
- 2022 — Monetary donation to help paint Long Beach Community Center.
- 2022 — Donated winter coats to Springfield Elementary School.
- 2021 — Donated \$5,000 each to The Salvation Army, United Way and Unity Foundation Hats and Coats to Knapp Elementary School.
- 2021 — Underwrote First Responders' radios for the fire department.
- 2020-2021 — Provided funds for community center courtyard and Moore Road landscape entrance.
- 2020 — Donated \$5,000 each to The Salvation Army, United and Unity Foundation for COVID-19 relief.
- 2019 — Underwrote Duneland Beach Park walkway.
- 2018 — Long Beach police monument.
- 2017 — Long Beach Summer Camp.
- 2016 — Donated money to Long Beach Historical Society.
- 2015 — Purchased two-way radios and equipment for Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department.
- 2015 — Helped fund the installation of the community center's new gym floor.
- 2014 — Purchased beach "Ice Warning" signs for the Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department
- 2013 — Purchased Emergency Response Use and Riptide information signs for the beaches.
- 2012-2013 — Purchased red and green light bulbs for holiday lighting on pillars.
- 2012 — Restored historical pillars on Lake Shore Drive.
- 2011 — Sponsored "Movie in the Park."
- 2010-2012 — Donated money to Duneland Beach for the Dunes Restoration Project.
- 2010 — Refurbished "Stop" signs in Long Beach.
- 2009 — Underwrote second ATV for the Long Beach Police Department to patrol beaches.
- 2009 — Purchased fire hydrant markers.
- 2009 — Purchased playground equipment for Duneland Beach.
- 2008 — Sponsored "Movie in the Park."
- 2008 — Donated money to Duneland Beach to upgrade park.
- 2007 — Helped refinish tennis courts, new fence, nets, poles and lights.
- 2005-2006 — New playground equipment at the town center
- 2004 — Purchased the First Responders' radios and Automated External Defibrillators.
- 2001 — Purchased ATV for the Long Beach Police Department to patrol beaches
- 2001 — Purchased furniture for the town hall chamber.
- 1996 and 2000 — Purchased lake buoys and maintained them as needed.

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## Ceremony to Showcase Restoration of Park's Old Bandstand

by Kim Nowatzke



This photo, taken by Lance Werner, reveals the restored bandstand in Washington Park.

Washington Park's iconic "Old Bandstand" has received a facelift, and the community is invited to celebrate.

A community rededication ceremony, with opening comments by Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch, is at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 6, exactly 113 years after the original dedication. Afterward is a concert by Michigan City Municipal Band. Limited bleacher seats are available, so attendees can take chairs and blankets.

"The Old Bandstand is a community icon which is still a favorite place for weddings, prom photos and special events, and it serves as a focal point for Michigan City's Annual Festival of Holiday Lights," Park Superintendent Shannon Eason said. "The objective of the project was to preserve the Washington Park Bandstand, a beloved city icon, for the enjoyment of residents and visitors today, and for future generations to come."

Construction began in February and finished mid-June. According to a project narrative from the Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department, the restoration included replacing the existing electrical system with LED lighting, repairing the concrete foundation piers, tuckpointing brick foundation walls and the brick pier at the center of the basement, replacing steel-column roof bracing, wooden roof eaves,

railings, balusters, ceiling and trim, repairing exterior stucco, repairing and sealing of the concrete floor and painting the entire structure.

Eason began seeking grant funding in 2021. With the original bid coming in over budget, the department obtained more grant funding to complete the project. Support came from:

- Lake Michigan Coastal Program Grant: \$178,000.
- Michigan City Historical Society Donation: \$5,000.
- Unity Foundation of LaPorte County (The Washington Park Restoration and Maintenance Fund started by Marquette Questers): \$53,371.
- Barker Welfare Foundation: \$50,000.
- City Council American Rescue Plan Act Funding: \$140,500.

John H. Barker donated the original bandstand in the 1890s. Destroyed by a 1911 fire, engineer H.M. Miles designed the current structure, which was dedicated July 6, 1911.

The local Marquette Chapter of the Questers donated \$150,000 for bandstand maintenance and preservation in 1972. It was the Michigan City Municipal Band home for almost 70 years, with weekly summer concerts until the new amphitheater was completed in 1978.

The Old Bandstand was added to the National Register of Historic Places on June 26, 1991.

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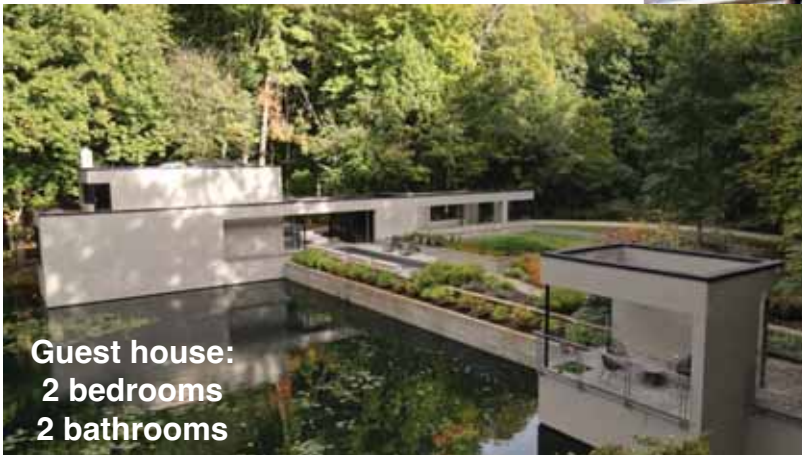
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## Tannehill Community Soup Kitchen Becomes 501(c)(3) Non-Profit

by William Tallackson

Tannehill Community Soup Kitchen at First United Methodist Church has officially transitioned to a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The soup kitchen receives funding and food donations from various sources, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Citizens Concerned for the Homeless, Cultivate Food Rescue and Sacred Heart Food Pantry. Duneland Health and the Health Foundation of LaPorte awarded more than \$25,000 in grants, which played a significant role in this transformation.

“We are grateful and appreciative of the contributions made to the soup kitchen,” the Rev. Nancy Nichols, First United Methodist minister, soup kitchen board member and volunteer, said. “I am a person of faith, and Jesus tells us to feed the hungry and care for the sick.”

The kitchen will continue to serve as a ministry outreach run by congregation members, and the church will continue to provide additional support for utility costs and maintenance. Nichols hopes this change will allow outside organizations to award grants to help the kitchen become self-sufficient.

“We would have access to grants from non-faith-based organizations,” she said. “If the soup kitchen would outgrow the capacity that the church wouldn’t

### More About Area Soup Kitchens

The Tannehill Community Soup Kitchen is open from noon-12:45 p.m. Sunday-Thursday at First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St.

Donations are accepted Sunday-Thursday. Needed are fruit and vegetable cans. Ring the doorbell for donations starting at 7:30 a.m.

People can volunteer by contacting Dominic Yanke at [yankedominic1@gmail.com](mailto:yankedominic1@gmail.com) or (219) 262-4757, or call the church at (219) 872-7200.

Soup kitchens also are available at Macedonian Missionary Baptist, 3007 Ohio St., from 9 a.m.-noon every other Friday, and at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St., from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

be able to support it financially, we would be able to continue to protect the ministry of the soup kitchen that has been part of the heart of what our church does.”

The soup kitchen is named after volunteer chef Erik Tannehill, who passed away last May. His dedication and contribution shaped the kitchen into what it is today.

“We want to honor his memory by achieving his personal goal,” she said. “He wanted the soup kitchen to become a place of community. A place where managers could come and meet, and where people could have a conversation at the table during a meal.”

The kitchen continues to have a positive impact by serving and providing our community one meal at a time.

“In May, we served 494 individuals,” Dominic Yanke, soup kitchen board member and volunteer, said. “It means a lot to me, and I enjoy making a difference to people in our community.”

### Shoe Donation Project

A shoe donation project is under way through St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave.

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## About the Cover

by Andrew Tallackson

Good thing Janet Baines happened to be in the office after we'd closed for the day last July.

Aiming to wrap up a few things, Janet, our inside sales/customer-service representative, stopped to answer the office phone. Exhilarated afterward, she texted me immediately, writing only, "Call me." The coolest thing just happened."

Turns out, then 8-year-old Aria Dunigan, enjoying a summer visit with grandparents Kevin and Sue Dunigan in Michiana Shores, was so inspired by our Independence Day edition cover, she created a *Beacher* cover of her own. Would we be interested in using it?

Now, let me make something clear. We at *The Beacher* take immense pride in what we do, but we do not overinflate our significance. By that, I mean, we are not a hard news newspaper. A Pulitzer Prize is not in our future. We are a good news publication that hopefully puts a smile on people's faces.

This was the first time, though, to my knowledge, that a child was so moved by what we'd done, she created something of her own.

Flattered, we agreed to save the drawing for the cover of the 2024 July 4th edition.

Talented local artist Bill Cavalier designed the cover that caught Aria's eye. We asked him to envision Washington Park, by our iconic lighthouse, blanketed by patriotic displays.

That edition was in the home of Aria's grandparents. Kevin, a Chicago native who now lives in San Clemente, Calif., is the third generation in his family to live in our beach area. His grandfather had a home by Stop 15. His parents had a home in Michiana Shores by Stop 37. When he retired six years ago, he built a home on the same property as his parents. Because his parents' home was back in the woods, they nicknamed it "The Three Bears." Kevin decided to call his new place "Goldilocks" because, as he says with a smile, "We think it's just right."

Kevin and Sue spend three to four months of the year at the Michiana Shores home. Aria lives with

her family, which includes two brothers, about 15 minutes away from her grandparents in San Clemente. They spend up to 10 days every summer with



In the top photo, Aria is pictured with her brothers and grandparents. The bottom photo is a family portrait taken in San Clemente, Calif.



the family in Michiana Shores.

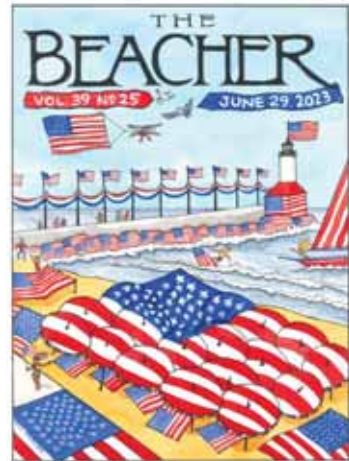
"When I was at the lake...they have a lot of magazines. I saw *The Beacher* and the drawing on the cover," she said. "I thought that it was cool there was a drawing on the cover, and I wanted to have my own artwork on the cover. I like to draw. I draw



stuff that goes with the theme of the time of year. Stuff that I like.”

Combined with a holiday-themed pillow at the house with the words “family” and “fun” on it, the inspiration took over from there.

“After I saw the pillow, I went straight into the kitchen, took a piece of paper and my crayons that I brought and I started drawing,” she said. “It took me 30, 35 minutes to draw the whole thing.”



The Bill Cavalier *Beacher* cover that inspired Aria.

Kevin says he was amazed by how quickly the drawing came together.

“You can see, it turned out quite nicely, though I said, ‘Well, Aria, do you think,’ and I was kind of kidding her, ‘they’d ever put this in the paper?’ And she said ‘yes.’”

So there you have it. The story of how Aria’s drawing came to be on this year’s cover. To make sure details of the

drawing were fresh in her mind, we interviewed her last year, speaking to her and Kevin by Zoom. Kevin, the proud grandfather, announced that Aria had just won the third-grade spelling bee. In addition to drawing, she enjoys Spanish class and P.E. at school. She plays the violin and flag football.

When staying with her grandparents in Michiana Shores, Aria loves watching the July 4th fireworks. That is part of the reason why Kevin loves returning to the area each year. Three of his five brothers, by the way, live in the Long Beach area.

“It’s a great way to stay in touch,” he said. “It’s a great opportunity for us, and all the children, and all the grandchildren, to hang out together. It’s a nice family thing.”



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I marvel that it's that time of year again. Time to pull out the bins of patriotic décor and ready the house for Fourth of July. It's a task I've always looked forward to, even during the COVID-19 pandemic when it felt superfluous because everything, including fireworks, was canceled.

As I secure the yards of red, white and blue bunting to the railing at the front of my house, I wave at a passing neighbor. He smiles and nods, but doesn't stop. His energetic puppy tugs on its leash, barks frenetically at him, keen on getting to the beach for a game of fetch or cooling swim. The pair streams past me, and the thread of a forgotten memory pops in, begging me to poke at it like one does with a snag on a sweater.

When my family first came to live in Duneland Beach, I was barely 30 and spectacularly pregnant with my third child. With two little girls under the age of 3, I was desperate to potty-train Colleen, the oldest, before the new baby arrived. Small bribes like a trip to Oinks, a new troll doll or watching an extra episode of "Chip 'n Dale" on Disney channel proved mildly effective.

Over dinner one night, my husband's dark eyes danced from Colleen to me, then back at her.

"If you go a whole week wearing your big girl panties," Steve said, "we'll get that puppy you've

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been wanting."

I'm not sure whose mouth fell open the widest.

Colleen's lips pursed into a round "o" of astonishment. It was as if she suddenly realized that the wish she had made upon a faraway star really could come true. In contrast, my mouth tightened into an incredulous line. During that time in our marriage, Steve was often away on business for Jaymar. So, the idea of managing three kids under three, potty-training a stubborn toddler and housebreaking a puppy — alone — stunned me into silence.

On some level, I grasped my husband's logic. The puppy was a vehicle to make both of us happy. I would have one child out of diapers, and she'd get the dog she'd been badgering us about. I sighed, letting the moment pass. Part of me believed Colleen's reluctance to get out of diapers would stick despite the tempting bonus. But Steve seemed determined to tantalize — OK, bribe — our recalcitrant daughter into becoming more self-sufficient.

At mealtime, he picked up the habit of reading aloud from the ads in the local newspaper. "Listen to this," he'd boom, his eyes boring into Colleen's. "Adorable black lab puppies for sale. Available now."

Frowning, I'd wave him off. "She hasn't made it a full day without an accident."

But one evening, Colleen climbed out of her booster seat and went to stand by her father, scanning the paper as if she could read the words printed there.

"Does it say, Daddy, that they have Lassie dogs?" She peered up at him, her face calm and confident. "That's what I want."

Steve chuckled as he flicked me a startled glance that meant, how does she know about Lassie? That was our era, wasn't it?

He pulled Colleen onto his lap, where she sat quietly, mesmerized by his finger scanning the newsprint.

"Well, will you look at that," he beamed, hugging her in close. "Here's a whole litter of collies available from a farm in LaPorte."

As he read the ad aloud, her eyes glazed as if listening to a bedtime story. Then, she jumped down and ran to the bathroom in the back hall. When she returned, the brown eyes she'd inherited from her father gleamed with success. Steve assured her if she kept up the effort for six more days, he'd call the farmer about the puppies.

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and an 8-week-old sable and white male collie.

“What should we name him?” I cooed as I held the soft bundle of cinnamon-colored fur.

Steve and Colleen shared a smile. “She and I talked about that in the car after picking him out. He was born on the Fourth of July. We’re thinking Yankee, as in Yankee Doodle Dandy.”

Besides the affection Yankee craved and returned, the dog had a fiercely protective nature. He barked at the UPS truck, the garbage men and the animals that cavorted across our property in the dark. Second in line to those threats, Yank hated the girls pedaling around on their tricycles in the driveway. Much like my neighbor whose dog dragged him to the beach, Yankee wouldn’t quit barking until he got what he wanted: the girls standing on their own two feet.

The other thing Yankee feared, something that reduced him to a pathetic whining heap of shivers and drool, were fireworks. Since the holiday, synonymous with big booms and streaks of sparkling color aligned with his birthday, it meant July Fourth was a hellish nightmare for all of us.

We tried everything to settle Yank. Sequestering him in the laundry room or in the nearly sound-proof basement didn’t work. When the vet prescribed medication, we caged him with his favorite toys, blanket and dog pillow. Ultimately, what cured Yankee of his fear of fireworks was old age. When his hearing went, he couldn’t discern the thing he feared the most.

As I stow the empty bins of Independence Day decorations back in the storage area, I marvel at the things my kids and me have feared over the years. Them, afraid of spiders and snakes, creaks in the hallway outside their rooms, and tryouts for plays and sports teams. Later, they were anxious about black diamond ski runs, applying to colleges and finding just the right internships and jobs.

And then, I chuckle at my own expense. I still get rattled when a smoke detector goes off and needs a battery. More recently, I have become wary of escalators. This is due to a mishap riding an airport escalator involving two oversized pink suitcases (a story for another day). I hope that those traumas will lessen with time like Yankee’s fear of fireworks.

I take a tumbler of iced tea outside and admire my efforts with the patriotic buntings. When my neighbor passes by with his exhausted, but satisfied lab pup, I think about old Yank again. I muse about how maturity cures us of the things that made us shiver and shake and cry out with alarm when we were younger. I debate about the trade-off between being fearless and addled by anxieties. Just like the sun that is about to treat us with another magnificent Lake Michigan sunset, I reason that aging is a trajectory with which we have no control. So, for now, I’m content with my trepidation concerning escalators because it means I’m still kinda “with it.”



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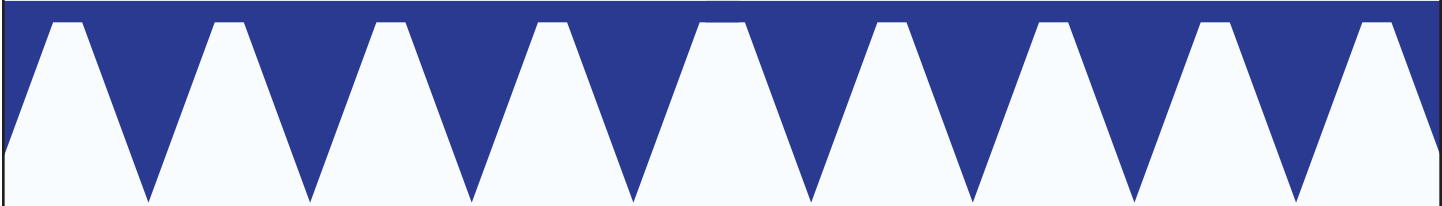
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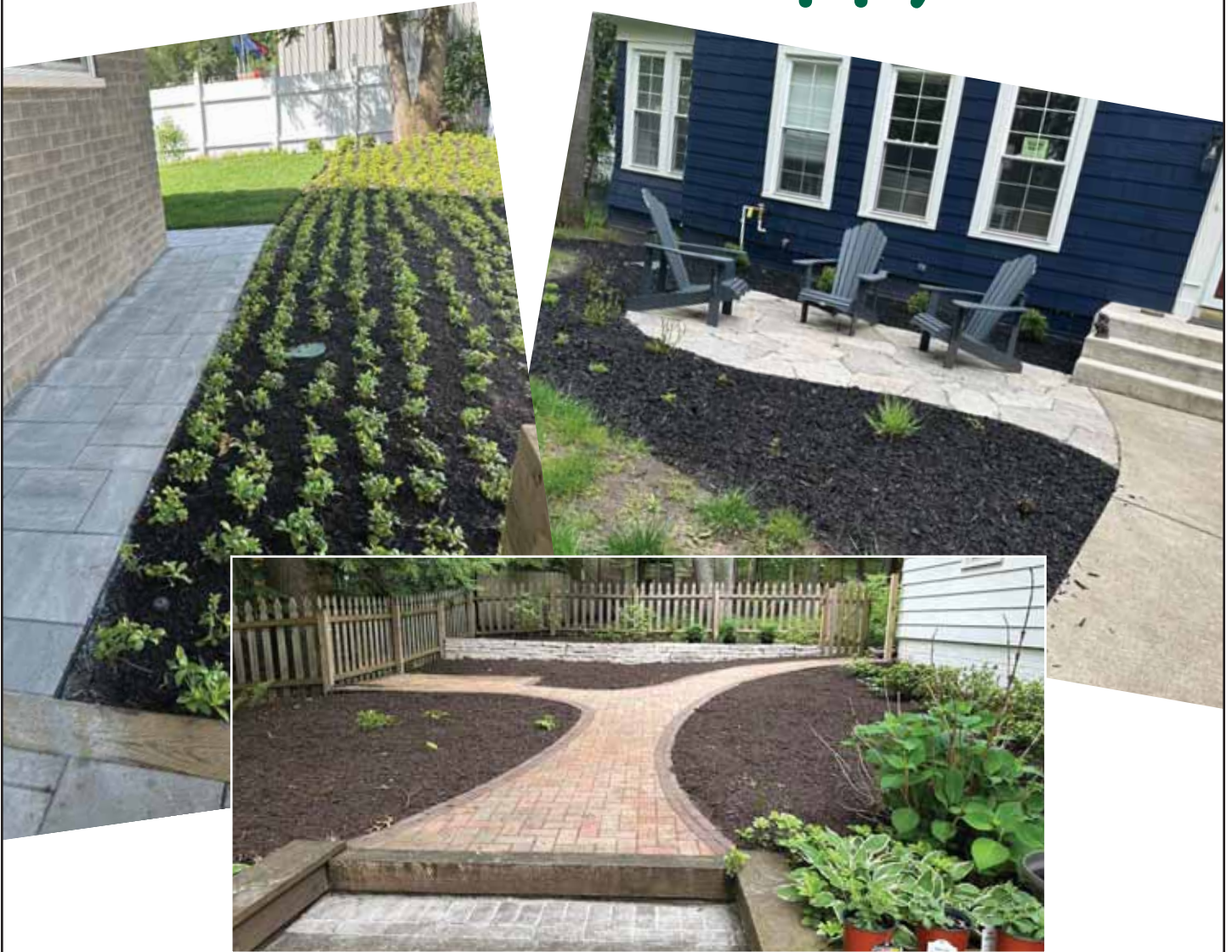


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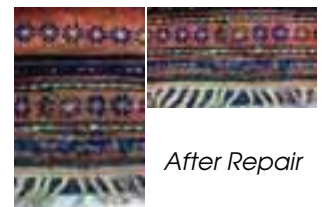
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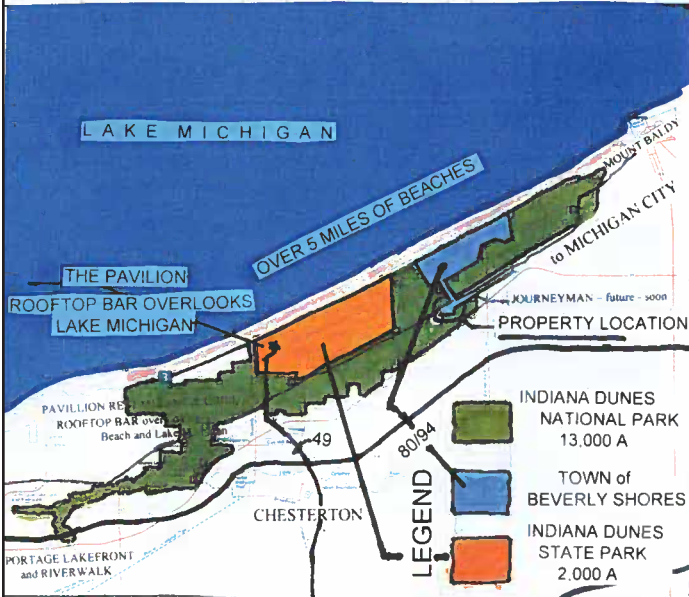


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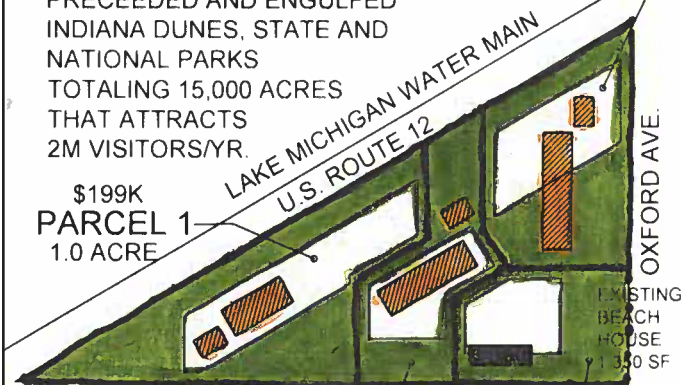
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Andrea Peterson, *Below the Surface*, Pigmented cotton rag and woodcut print, 2'x8'



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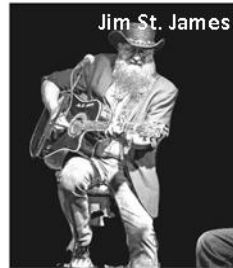
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### Beverly Shores Depot



The pieces in Joel Sheesley's collection represent work that spanned more than two years.

“Learning the Land: Stewarding Beauty,” paintings by Joel Sheesley, runs July 5-Aug. 11 at The Beverly Shores Depot Museum & Art Gallery, 525 S. Broadway.

An opening reception is from 5-7 p.m. Friday, July 12, with a lecture by Sheesley from 4-5 p.m. at the administration building.

Over two years and in all four seasons, Sheesley visited Shirley Heinze Land Trust nature preserves and Beverly Shores properties to create a collection of 15 paintings.

In partnership with The Depot Museum & Gallery, Sheesley is the first Shirley Heinze Land Trust artist-in-residence. An emeritus professor of art at Wheaton College, he has been a recipient of an Illinois Artist's Fellowship, exhibited work in Chicago galleries and had a solo exhibit at Chicago Cultural Center. Proceeds from sales of his paintings support The Depot and SHLT.

In a related event, an artist lecture and guided hike is from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at Meadowbrook Nature Preserve, 109 W. County Road 700 North, Valparaiso. Sheesley and Shirley Heinze Stewardship Director Eric Bird will jointly lead the tour.

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VolleyKidz is an introductory class for children 8-10 yrs. The lesson plan introduces the pass, set and spike using a very light volleyball.

Age: 8-10 years Location: LBCC Grass

Instructor: EVP Academy Min/Max: 8/24

Day	Date	Time	R/NR
M	6/3-6/24	4-530p	\$99
M	7/8-7/29	4-530p	\$99
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### Jr. VolleyKidz USA (11-14yrs)

Improve your volleyball skills with 90 minutes of drills in setting, passing, overhand serving and spiking. The lesson plan directs the use of individual training, pairing drills and game situation development to help each student reach a new level.

Age: 11-14 years Location: LBCC Grass

Instructor: EVP Academy Min/Max: 8/24

Day	Date	Time	R/NR
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Day	Date	Time	R/NR
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Age: 8-10 years Location: LBCC Grass

Day	Date	Time	R/NR
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Age: 11-14 years Location: LBCC Grass

Day	Date	Time	R/NR
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(4-Weeks) INSTR: EVP Academies PROS STAFF: 312-287-5988

Day	Date	Time	R/NR
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MO	7/8-7/29	1-230p	\$99



#### Jr. Basketballin 201(11-14 yrs)

*Pass and cut, screen and roll & move without the ball!*

This program will advance your children into "game situation" drills. Advanced skills include drills of dribbling, passing, finishing, shooting, and defense. Pairing games will be played to show the importance of counter-moves! Lesson plan also incorporates reverse pivoting, closeouts and jump-stops.

MIN/MAX: 8/28 PER CLASS

(4-Weeks) INSTR: EVP Academies STAFF - 312-287-5988

Day	Date	Time	R/NR
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#### Jr. Basketballin 201(11-14 yrs)

*Pass and cut, screen and roll & move without the ball!*

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*The following programs are scheduled:*

- **Independence Day.** The library is closed Thursday, July 4, for the holiday.
- **Needle Arts Club to Warm Up America Joining Night from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays in July (except July 4).** Membership is open to anyone interested in needle arts such as crochet, needlepoint, cross-stitch, crewel, tatting and other hand stitching. All skill levels and ages are welcome. Also, the group has organized a local chapter of the Warm Up America Foundation. Volunteers are knitting and crocheting handmade squares (7x9 inch) that will be joined together to make full-size afghans.
- **Among Us in Real Life from 3-5 p.m. Friday, July 5.** Youth ages 10-17 will work with crewmates to complete tasks.
- **Any Book Book Club (adults only) from 5-6 p.m. Monday, July 8.** Participants can discuss any books they are reading. Meetings are the second Monday of the month. Light refreshments will be served.
- **Genealogy Help with Pat Harris from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays in July.** Harris can offer tips and advice on how to research a family tree or find genealogical record.
- **Creative Tech Activities (ages 6-17) from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays in July.** Create with LEGO WeDo, Micro:bits, paper circuits, Ozobots and 3-D pens. Children 12 and younger must have a parent or guardian attend with them.
- **Board Game Night for Adults from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 9.** A variety of board and card games will be available.
- **Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesdays.** Children birth to age 5 and adults will enjoy stories, songs and crafts. Check out previous story time videos through the library's YouTube channel, Facebook page and website.
- **Adult Dungeons & Dragons from 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10.** The in-person D&D campaign is for adults 18 and older and all experience levels.
- **Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt in July.** Find the pictures hiding in Youth Services and receive a prize. The theme is "Inside Out."
- **Summer Reading Program: "Adventure Begins" through July 27.** The free, all-ages program has participants record reading hours to be included in a raffle. Eligibility involves every 10 hours read, reading to someone else or listening to someone read.
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### Joel Sheesley at The Depot Learning the Land: Stewarding Beauty

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**A FLIGHT**

**Low Net**

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 Second: Julie Doyle.  
 Third: Joan Carey.  
 Low Putts: Cindy Levy.  
 Birdies: Julie Doyle, #5, Vicki Hill, #8.  
 Sunken Approaches: Julie Doyle #6.

**B FLIGHT**

**Low Net**

First: Sarah Blank.  
 Second: Catherine Kelly.  
 Third: Eileen Miller, Mary Weithers.  
 Low Putts: Sarah Blank.

**C FLIGHT**

**Low Net**

First: Tracy Loftsgaarden.  
 Second: Teresa Curi.  
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 Low Putts: Teresa Curi.

**D FLIGHT**

**Low Net**

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**A Flight**

Low Gross: Mary Beres.  
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**B Flight**

Low Gross: Ann Batagianis, Mary Lou Marshall.  
 Low Net: Carol Tylicz.  
 Event: Jane Spang, Carol Tylicz, Linda Wabshall.

**C Flight**

Low Gross: Pat Collado, Alice Wozniak.  
 Low Net: Pat Collado.  
 Event: Sheila Brackin, Carol Hullings, Sandra Provan, Bev Szybala, Alice Wozniak.

**D Flight**

Low Gross: Charlotte Wozniak.  
 Low Net: Linda Komp.  
 Event: Linda Komp.



**Event:** 50/50 — June Klaus.  
**Event/Unflighted:** Kathy Luetkemeyer.



**South Course,**  
**Par-Tee Women's League,**  
**June 19, 2024**  
**Event: Subtract Putts From Net**

**Flight A**

Low Gross: Tina St. Germain.  
 Low Net: Tina St. Germain.  
 Low Putts: Lu Ann Uremovich, Linda Hirsch.  
 Event: Pat Czizek.

**Flight B**

Low Gross: Mary Lou Marshall.  
 Low Net: Mary Lou Marshall.  
 Low Putts: Jill Mellen, Linda Wabshall.  
 Event: Daphne Craft.

**Flight C**

Low Gross: Sandy Baldwin.  
 Low Net: Sandy Baldwin.  
 Low Putts: Carol Tylicz.  
 Event: Sandy Baldwin.

**Flight D**

Low Gross: Sandra Provan.  
 Low Net: Sandra Provan.  
 Low Putts: Pam Jaracz.  
 Event: Carolyn Cooney.



**Pars:** Barb Rumbuc, Tina St. Germain, Lu Ann Uremovich, Sharon Weber, Mary Lou Marshall, Jill Mellen, Wendy Shaver, Linda Wabshall, Carolyn Clooney, Cindy Wolkowitz  
**Chip-Ins:** M. Marshall, #11, Cindy Wolkowitz, #18.



## Long Beach Summer Camp Applications available June 1, 2024!

**Dates:** June 17 – August 2  
**Days:** Monday – Friday  
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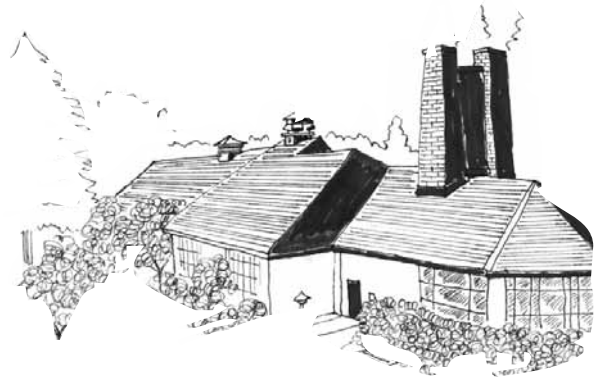
### Weekly Themes

Week 1: Out of the Box  
Week 2: Fairy Tales  
Week 3: Zoom!  
(No Camp July 4 & 5)  
Week 4: Dino Mania  
Week 5: Decades Week  
Week 6: Rainforest  
Week 7: Summer Olympics

Registration forms are available at the Long Beach Town Hall, Long Beach Community Center, and online at [longbeachin.org](http://longbeachin.org).

Any questions email [longbeachsummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:longbeachsummercamp@gmail.com).

# Old School Run



## Start the Fourth of July with a bang!

Run (or walk) 5 Kilometers (about 3 miles), beginning at 7:00 A.M. at the Old School. The 27th annual event, a fun run, will follow a scenic course through Long Beach and Long Beach Cove.

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

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

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### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail.)

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

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



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### July 4 Events

Long Beach Civic Association has revealed plans for July 4 festivities.

Events run from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. They includes the parade, an A-10 Jet Flyover, live music, food, a beer tent, kids activities and Long Beach merchandise for sale.

Allowed in the parade, which starts at 10 a.m., are bikes, trikes, strollers, wagons, walkers, candy throwing and golf cart floats. Not allowed are political floats, cars, commercial entries and dogs.

Live music is by Unsupervised. Food sold and purchased using cash or credit card only includes Social Que BBQ Catering and Vita Del Lago. Tickets are required for ice cream, beer and seltzer (ID required for both).

Fireworks begin at dusk, with July 5 being the rain date.

All proceeds benefit the community and Long Beach Civic Association.

Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department announced a special events parking fee for Thursday, July 4.

The cost for cars and motorcycles without a Washington Park parking sticker is \$40. All other vehicles, including motor homes, trucks with trailers or buses without a Washington Park parking sticker are charged \$80.

Fireworks kick off at dusk at Washington Park beach.

The last day to obtain a Washington Park parking sticker is by 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 3. Take a current vehicle registration card (the temporary paper copy will not be accepted). If living outside of civil city limits, but owning property within them, take a current vehicle registration card and utility bill or tax bill with the address of the property on it. The name on the vehicle registration must match the name on the tax or utility bill.

Regular parking fees resume Friday, July 5. Call (219) 873-1506 or visit [www.emichigancity.com](http://www.emichigancity.com) for more details.

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Time	Event
9:00 a.m.	Mass at QAS
9:45 a.m.	Eucharistic Procession on the QAS parish grounds
10:15 a.m.	Holy Hour with Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Sacrament of Confession
11:00 a.m.	Speaker - Rev. David Kime "True Freedom"
12:00 p.m.	Lunch at QAS
1:30 p.m.	Travel by bus to Franciscan Hospital
2:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Procession at the Franciscan Hospital
2:30 p.m.	Adoration and prayers for the sick, medical staff, etc.
3:35 p.m.	Benediction
4:00 p.m.	Departure of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage team to St. John, Indiana



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**A Letter of Thanks**

June 1 was the 12th Annual St. Stanislaus/Trail Creek 5K Run/Walk, which was held in cooperation with The Town of Trail Creek at The Moose Lodge.

Robert Earl, Carmel, Ind., won the race with a time of 21:46. The female winner was Katie Dilling, LaPorte, who placed sixth overall with a time of 27:00.

We want to thank The Town of Trail Creek, President Jennifer Heath, council members and town clerk Crystal Frever for their support and cooperation. Town Marshal Stephen Dick and LaPorte County Sheriff's Office for traffic-control assistance, as well as the Trail Creek Street Department and Moose Lodge.

The fundraiser was for the Parish Capitol Campaign for needed church repairs. Special thanks to our sponsors: St. Andrews Products; Robert Tyлизz Appliance; Members Advantage Credit Union; Kim and Mike Marks; Ott/Haverstock Funeral Chapel; General Insurance Services/GIS; The Moose Lodge; Carlson's Drive-In; RL Roofing; Noah's Ark Pediatrics; By the Board Games & Entertainment; Tonn & Blank Construction; Datagraphic; St. Joseph Young Men Society; Stinky Tuesdays Run Club; and MTI Service Center.

We also want to thank the many volunteers, including photographers Paul Kemiell and Jill Wozniak. We could not have held this event without all of their help. Thanks also to *The Beacher*.

**Kristen Wozniak**  
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**A Note of Thanks**

Thanks for the birthday celebration. I was elated to celebrate my 90th birthday with my family and dear friends at Cummings Lodge in LaPorte on April 16.

About 100 folks showed up to enjoy a great day with a fabulous lunch served by The Country Caterers and wonderful live music provided by the Osos. I received many gifts, flowers, plants, cards and hugs that I will remember for the rest of my life.

It was a very special day for me, and I have too many wonderful people to list and thank for taking the time to travel from out of state to be at my birthday party.

But I would like to give a special shoutout to The Mullet Man Mike Summers and his lovely wife for stopping by.

Thank you again to everyone who attended and made me feel so loved!

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### Bug Safari Event



A free bug safari event, designed as an educational program about insects, is from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, July 7, at Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Local presenters will lead hands-on activities, and visitors can meet live insects. LaPorte County Conservation Trust is the event sponsor. Visit [www.FriendshipBotanicGardens.org](http://www.FriendshipBotanicGardens.org) for more details.

### Annual French Market

The annual French Market, complete with artisans, antiques, collectables, baked goods and refreshments, is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 6, Saturday, July 6, Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich.

Hosted for more than 15 years, the market is in the tradition of European churches when the churchyard served as a source for community fellowship and commerce. Proceeds support church ministries.

Contact [office@mediatorharbert.com](mailto:office@mediatorharbert.com) or (269) 469-1441 for more details.

### Plein Air Painting in the Garden

Watercolor artist Dave Knoebber will host "Take a Walk on the Watercolor Side: Plein Air Painting in the Garden" on Saturday, July 13, at Art Loft Studio & Gallery, 10232 Wilson Road, New Buffalo, Mich.

The cost is \$50. The schedule is (all times Eastern):

- 10 a.m. — watercolor demonstration by artist.
- Noon — catered lunch.
- 3 p.m. — wine and cheese critique.

Call/text (630) 441-8976 or email [knoebber@earthlink.net](mailto:knoebber@earthlink.net) to register.

### LP Historical Society Museum

Learn about Trail Creek in the sixth "Towns of LaPorte County Pop-Up" exhibit through July 31 at LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave.

Highlights include influential residents, local businesses and the Battle of Trail Creek.

Also, July 13 is Trail Creek Free Admission Day. Call (219) 324-6767 for more details.



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### Indiana Dunes National Park

- **Project 1966: Hike Every Trail in the Park from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, July 6, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.** Join a ranger to hike the park's trails this summer, with each week featuring a new trail. It's 19 hikes covering 66 miles to honor the year the park was established.

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

### Insights in History

It was 100 years ago that University of Notre Dame students led hundreds of citizens into downtown South Bend to confront the Ku Klux Klan.

Deputy Executive Director Kristie Erickson chronicles the three-day show of resistance that began May 17, 1924, during "Insights in History" at 1:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday, July 10, in the St. Joe County Public Library auditorium, 304 S. Main St., South Bend.

Reservations are required by July 8. Space is limited. Call The History Museum at (574) 235-9664, Ext. 6256, or visit [www.historymuseumSB.org](http://www.historymuseumSB.org) for more details.




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### LaPorte County Public Library

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

*The following programs are planned:*

- **Independence Day.** All library branches are closed Thursday, July 4, for the holiday.
- **Stories & More from 10-10:30 a.m. Friday, July 5, at the main library.** Children ages 3-5 with their caregivers experience stories, songs, crafts and activities.
- **Talewise "Adventure of the Lost Treasure" from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 6, at the main library Reading Wi-Fi Garden.** Volunteers will help conduct experiments, and participants can change variables, make predictions and compare results.
- **Yoga and Storytime in the Reading Wi-Fi Garden from 5-5:30 p.m. Monday, July 8.** Hear a story and engage in all-levels yoga for families.
- **Page Turners Book Club from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, in the main library Meeting Room B.** The focus is Jake Tapper's The Hellfire Club.
- **Summer Author Series Viewing Party: Kate DiCamillo from 12:45-1:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 9.** Register for the Zoom session online.
- **"Painting" With Fabric: Fiber Arts Space Scene from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, at the Coolspring Library Branch.** All materials are provided.

*LaPorte County Public Library is located at 904 Indiana Ave. The Coolspring Branch is located at 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Visit [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org) for more details, including programming through the Exchange building.*

### New Buffalo Township Library

- **Independence Day.** The library is closed Thursday, July 4, for the holiday.
- **Ukulele classes for 12 and older.** Times are 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, July 9 and 16, with July 30 being a jam session. Call or email to reserve a spot.

**Weekly programs:**

- Story Time in the Park at 10 a.m. Mondays at New Buffalo Township Park.
- Read to a Dog Sessions for all ages from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and 4-4:45 p.m. Wednesday.
- Craft Time from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays while supplies last.
- Chess Club from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays.
- Lego Club from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturdays.
- Spanish Story Time at 10 a.m. Fridays.

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

## The Legacy Center

Work by local artist Bill Cavalier is on display through September, with a reception from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, July 7, at The Legacy Gallery.

As a young boy, Cavalier was fascinated by the cartoons of comic books and newspaper comic strips, so cartooning was his first entry into the art world. At 18, the work of Andrew Wyeth greatly impacted him.

“Looking at his paintings, particularly his watercolors, changed my life,” he said in a press release. “I knew that this was what I wanted to do. Fifty years later, and I’m still ‘practicing’.”

Bill grew up in Gary’s Miller Beach neighborhood. His love for the Lake Michigan dunes and beaches is a predominant subject in his watercolors. He studied at The Chicago Academy of Fine Art, and has taught watercolor painting, drawing and cartooning at Michigan City Art League, Lubznik Center for the Arts and The Learning Center for Arcelor-Mittal (now Cleveland Cliffs) Steel Mill.

The Legacy Center Gallery is located at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church, 1719 E. Barker Ave. Hours are 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

Visit [www.lucia@qas.org](http://www.lucia@qas.org) for more details.



Cavalier

## Michigan City Art League

Michigan City Art League will exhibit “en plein aire” painting on the Old Lighthouse Museum grounds in Washington Park during First Friday from 5-8 p.m. July 5.

Artwork from members will be displayed and sold, including art that features the lighthouse and the newer pier marker, also referred to as the newer lighthouse.

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## Barker Mansion

The following programs are through Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.:

- **“History Hour: Jens Jensen” at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 7.** Bob Grese will provide an overview of the Jens Jensen gardens, and their relevance to today’s efforts in sustainability. A University of Michigan-Ann Arbor professor emeritus, he is an honorary Garden Club of America member and past president of the Ann Arbor Chapter of the Wild Ones.
- **“Gilded Age Tea Party” at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 13.** Tea experts will guide visitors through tea etiquette. The program will feature teas and treats.

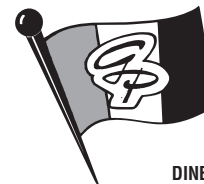
Visit <https://barkermansion.org> for ticket prices and more details.

## Sullair Honorees Annual Meeting

The Sullair Disconnected Compressor Honorees will host the annual meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at Galveston Steakhouse, 10 Commerce Square.

The group includes former Sullair Corp. employees who have retired, resigned or were fired. The cost is \$15 at the door and includes appetizers. Donations and guests are welcome.

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### Chesterton Art Center

“Beneath the Surface,” a new exhibit by husband-and-wife LaPorte artists Jon Hook and Andrea Peterson, runs July 5-Sept. 1 at Chesterton Art Center.

A reception with Hook and Peterson is from 4-7 p.m. Friday, July 19, with an artist talk at 5:30 p.m. In a related program, artist demonstrations in ceramics and paper are from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, as part of the Chesterton Third Friday series.

Hook and Peterson represent Hook Pottery Paper, which they created at their home. With a body of work in ceramics, paper arts, prints and artist books, the couple emphasizes origin myths, life cycle stories, sustainable lessons and deep wonders. “Beneath the Surface,” according to a press release, explores the human relationship to the environment.

Peterson is an internationally exhibiting artist and educator. Her work explores paper fibers and processes, and includes paper works, prints, artist books and environmental installation pieces. She teaches in the Fiber and Material Studies Department at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Hook creates ceramic sculptural works and functional pottery pieces using stoneware clays and glazes made directly from the clay on their property. He wood-fires his pieces using local plants and materials, including hay, thistle and cattails.

*Chesterton Art Center is located at 115 S. Fourth St. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Call the center at (219) 926-4711 or visit [www.chestertonart.org](http://www.chestertonart.org) for more details.*

### Franciscan Health Staff Lauded

Franciscan Health Michigan City staff members have been honored with the hospital’s annual awards.

Emergency department nurse LeAnn Collins received the St. Camillus Award, emergency medicine physician Dr. Christina Foreman received the St. Luke Award and environmental services associate Frank Serrano received the St. Joseph Award.

The St. Luke Award goes to a physician and the St. Camillus Award a registered nurse. The nursing staff nominate and vote on the winner of the St. Luke award, named for the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. The St. Camillus Award is named for the saint who, despite having an incurable leg wound, cared for the sick. The medical staff chooses the winner. The St. Joseph Award goes to a non-nursing or medical staff member who embodies the saint’s values of a just, honest, self-sacrificing person.

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**July 3-13** — Canterbury Summer Theatre, “Starting Here, Starting Now,” Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Times: 2 p.m. Wed., 7 p.m. Thur.-Sat. (no July 4 performance). Tickets: \$20/regular admission, \$18/seniors, half-price/students & military personnel. Reservations: info@canterburytheatre.org, (219) 874-4269.

### **July 4 — INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**July 4** — Long Beach July 4th Events, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. *Parade*: 10 a.m. *Fireworks*: dusk.

**July 4** — 2024 Kiwanis 4th of July Parade, 10 a.m., Lincolnway, LaPorte.

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

**July 5** — Among Us in Real Life, 3-5 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**July 5** — Michigan City Art League “*en plein aire*” painting, 5-8 p.m., Old Lighthouse Museum grounds, Washington Park. Info: www.michigancityartleague.com

**July 5-Aug. 11** — “Learning the Land: Stewarding Beauty” (Joel Sheesley), The Beverly Shores Depot Museum & Art Gallery, 525 S. Broadway. *Opening reception*: 5-7 p.m. July 12 (Sheesley lecture: 4-5 p.m. at administration building). Info: www.bsdepot.org

**July 6** — Talewise “Adventure of the Lost Treasure,” 10 a.m.-noon, LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

**July 6** — 5th Annual Long Beach Spikeball Tournament, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Notre Dame Church Fields. Info: www.Longbeachspikeball.com

**July 6** — “Old Bandstand” rededication ceremony, 6 p.m., Washington Park.

**July 6-13** — 178th annual LaPorte County Fair, LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2, LaPorte. Info: https://lpfair.com

**July 7** — “History Hour: Jens Jensen,” 1 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Tickets/info: https://barkermansion.org

**July 7** — Free bug safari event, 2-4 p.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Info: www.FriendshipBotanicGardens.org

**July 8** — Any Book Book Club (adults only), 5-6 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**July 8** — Yoga and Storytime in the Reading Wi-Fi Garden, 5-5:30 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

**July 9** — Page Turners Book Club, Jake Tapper’s *The Hellfire Club*, noon-1 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

**July 9** — Summer Author Series Viewing Party: Kate DiCamillo, 12:45-1:45 p.m., through LaPorte County Public Library. Registration: www.laportelibrary.org

**July 9** — Board Game Night for Adults, 5-7:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**July 10** — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Rhonda Edgington, Christ Church, 531 Washington St. Free. Info: (219) 629-5853.

**July 10** — “Painting” With Fabric: Fiber Arts Space Scene, 2-4 p.m., Coolspring Library Branch, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

**July 10** — Adult Dungeons & Dragons, 5-7:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Through July 3** — Walk With A Doc, 6 p.m. Wednesdays, City Hall, 100 E. Michigan Blvd. Free. Registration: 5:30 p.m. Contact: (219) 283-9649, nila.williams@franciscanalliance.org

**Through July 8** — “Shifting Sand/Human Hand/Shapes in the Land,” The Ellen Firme Gallery, 92 W. U.S. 12, Beverly Shores.

**Through July 14** — “Talley’s Folly,” Dunes Arts Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. Times: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$35, \$25 (four or more). Reservations: www.dunesARTS.org, (219) 879-7509.

**Through July 31** — “Towns of LaPorte County Pop-Up” exhibit (focus: Trail Creek), LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. *July 13*: Trail Creek Free Admission Day. Info:

**Through Sept. 2** — Oasis Splash Park, Washington Park. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Free admission. Info: (219) 873-1506, www.emichigancity.com/315/Oasis-Splash-Park

**Through September** — Work by Bill Cavalier, The Legacy Center Gallery at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church, 1719 E. Barker Ave. *Reception*: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. July 7. Legacy Center hours: 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Thur., 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Info: lucia@qas.org

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

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

**Mondays in LaPorte** — Weekly line dance

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

**Tuesdays** — Bingo, St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, 1506 Washington St. Doors open: 3:30 p.m. Bingo: 6 p.m. \$30 entrance fee (includes specials except Winner Takes All & Jackpot). Info: (219) 336-3099.

**Tuesdays in July** — Genealogy Help with Pat Harris, 1-4 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Tuesdays in July** — Creative Tech Activities (ages 6-17), 3:30-5 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Wednesdays** — Al-Anon meeting for Friends/Family of Alcoholics, 6 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 Franklin Square. Enter at Sixth Street Barker Hall side. Info: Candy at (708) 927-5287.

**Thursdays through Aug. 8** — Michigan City Municipal Band 156th season, 7:30 p.m., at Guy F. Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheater, Washington Park.

**Fridays** — Overeaters Anonymous, 9:30 a.m. Info: Jan at (219) 241-8757, Paula at (219) 588-3127, www.oa.org

**Saturdays through Oct. 26 in Michigan City** — Michigan City Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-noon, Eighth & Franklin streets. Info: tinyurl.com/bdd5mxxr

**Saturdays in LaPorte** — Farmed & Forged Market, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Lincolnway & Monroe, LaPorte.

**Saturdays in LaPorte** — Guided tours, 2-3 p.m., LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Info: (219) 324-6767.

**Second Tuesday of the Month** — Stroke Support Group for Survivors and Caregivers, 2 p.m., Mother Maria Theresia Room, Franciscan Health Michigan City, 3500 Franciscan Way. Info: Kelly Wise at Kelly.wise@franciscanalliance.org

**In the Region**

**July 5** — “Beneath the Surface” (LaPorte artists Jon Hook & Andrea Peterson), Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. *Reception:* 4-7 p.m. July

19 (artist talk: 5:30 p.m.). Info: (219) 926-4711, www.chestertonart.org

**July 6** — Project 1966: Hike Every Trail in the Park, 8-11 a.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

**July 6** — Annual French Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EDT, Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich. Info: office@mediatorharbert.com, (269) 469-1441.

**July 6** — An American Prayer: The Doors Tribute, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$30 + \$5 convenience fee, \$55 + \$5 convenience fee (reserved). Reservations: www.acornlive.org

**July 6** — Alt-folk trio Sons of the Never Wrong, 7 p.m. EDT, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$12, \$15/cabaret seating at www.ticketstripe.com/sons2024. Walk-in tickets: \$15. Free: children 12/younger.

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

**July 10** — “Insights in History,” 1:30 p.m. EDT, St. Joe County Public Library auditorium, 304 S. Main St., South Bend. Reservations: (574) 235-9664, Ext. 6256.

**July 10** — Open Mic Night featuring Maggie Kubley, 7 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Performer inquiries: openmic@acornlive.org. Reservations: www.acornlive.org

**Through July 7** — Michiana Annual Art Competition, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: www.boxfactoryforthearts.org/maac/

**Through July 28** — “Family Haulers: The American Station Wagon,” The Studebaker National Museum, 201 Chapin St. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-5 p.m. Sun. Admission: \$11/adults, \$9.50/seniors 60+, \$7/youth ages 6-18. Info: (574) 235-9714, (888) 391-5600, www.studebakermuseum.org



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**Aug. 22** — Duneland Plein Air Painters, The Village Gallery at Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso.

**Through Aug. 25** — Art exhibit, "The Drama of the Dunes," Porter County Museum (PoCo Muse), 20 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso. Free admission. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Sun. (through Labor Day, until 6 p.m. Thur). Info: www.pocomuse.org

**Through Aug. 25** — "Traditional Echo: Contemporary Pokagon Artists & The Ones Who Came Before," Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: www.krasl.org

**Through September** — Monthly visual art shows, The Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich. Schedule: *July/Phyllis Norris; August/David Baker; September/Bill Boyce*. Hours (Eastern): 9 a.m.-noon Mon.-Thur., 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sun. Info: www.Mediatorharbert.com

**Through Oct. 6** — "Against the Grain," Montague/Urschel Gallery at Porter County Museum (PoCo Muse), 20 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso. Info: www.pocomuse.org, @pocomuse on social media.

**Through Oct. 20** — "Desperate Times, Desperate Measures: The Studebaker-Packard Corporation," The Studebaker National Museum, 201 Chapin St. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-5 p.m. Sun. Admission: \$11/adults, \$9.50/seniors 60+, \$7/youth ages 6-18. Info: (574) 235-9714, (888) 391-5600, www.studebakermuseum.org

**Through Oct. 13** — "Resist!" exhibit, Beutter-Kernan Hall, Community Learning Center, St. Joe County Public Library, 305 S. Michigan St. Info: www.historymuseumSB.org, (574) 235-9664, Ext. 6256.

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

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**Eruption** by Michael Crichton and James Patterson (hardcover \$32 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook and an audiobook. 419 pages.)

Sometimes, background on how a book came to be is as interesting as the story itself. That's the case this week with two powerhouse authors combined to bring us the thriller of summer 2024.

While Michael Crichton died in 2008, his wife, Sherri, was not surprised to find an unfinished partial manuscript for a book titled The Black Zone among her husband's papers. She kept it close, knowing she wanted someone worthy to finish and publish the last work of this beloved author.

I did not know, until I read Sherri's note at the end of this book, that Michael was the only writer to have a No. 1 book, No. 1 film and No. 1 TV series at the same time — and he did that twice. And that's not all. He created the popular series "ER," the mega-popular Jurassic Park, as well as The Andromeda Strain, Congo and Disclosure. After meeting James Patterson, she said she knew he was the one to finish Michael's book.

Patterson is a hugely popular writer who has won an Edgar Award, 10 Emmys, the Literarian Award from the National Book Foundation and the National Humanities Medal. He has created some of the most unforgettable characters in literature. I can only assume Sherri and James decided to change the title of the book to Eruption. And, I don't believe I'm saying this, but this book probably will make it to the big screen. If it happens, I can only say, may Hollywood not screw it up.

We're flying off to Hawaii where the scene of things to come starts off in 2016 at the Hilo Botanical Gardens on the big island. Rachel Sherrill, a teacher leading a group of her students, comes across three banyan trees turning black from the bottom up. No plant disease did this — "*This was something else. Something dark, maybe even dangerous...*"

Within days, the area with the banyan trees is suddenly all grass. No sign of the trees, and nothing on the news as to what caused them to die in such a strange manner.

Skip ahead to 2025, and it is obvious to everyone that a volcano, Mauna Loa, is showing signs of an imminent eruption. The Hawaiian Volcano Observatory just east of that volcano is headed by geologist Dr. John MacGregor (Mac to his friends). He is described as a "*research volcanologist by training and temperament.*"

He is surprised that General Rivers, chairman of

## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter



the Joint Chiefs of Staff in D.C., shows up and takes over the show. The career military man obviously doesn't want to share information with MacGregor. Typical of the Army, you're on a need-to-know basis, and most of the time you don't need to know... except now when the general realizes he's way out of his depth. What he shares with MacGregor will escalate the coming eruption more than anyone could imagine. A volcano eruption is one thing — horrible and destructive as they are, humans have survived them. This time, there is an added element man has caused, but maybe cannot control.

As Mac finds out more about this "something" that will affect the eruption, he races to put his team to work, looking for the best way to handle the news finally given by the general.

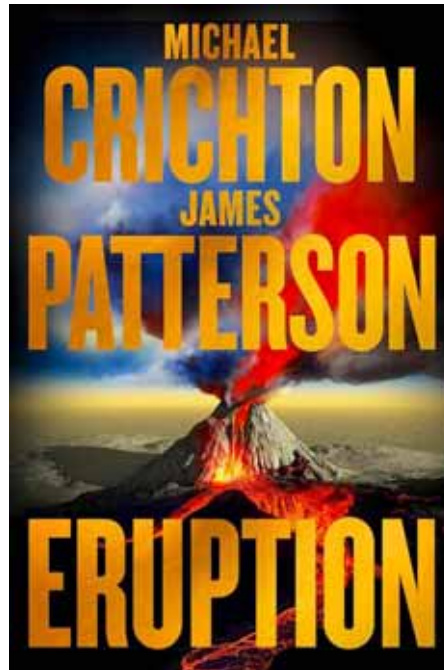
The volcano isn't the only bad character in this story. There's an added billionaire and the two filmmakers who think they are professional experts on volcano eruptions — do they really think they can tell General Rivers what to do? They say money talks.

Then there are press conferences that are a jumble of words to confuse and contain the fear when people suspect something is being left out of the narrative.

Exciting? Scary? Prophetic? This book is all that and more. A combination of Crichton's great subject research and Patterson's excellent dialogue and characterizations make you learn a lot about volcanoes while observing human interaction in crisis mode. You begin to wonder if this group can form a cohesive plan at all. While some, like Mac, just want to save the world, others seek fame and fortune, some want to run the show, and some just want to live another day. Can anyone survive?

*The final word:* For Eruption to work, there had to be two authors who could provide the jaw-dropping, breath-holding moments, as well as the tropical locations and characters you either love or hate. This is a read whose pages will fly by, with each chapter having a heading of how many hours to eruption — like a doomsday clock countdown. It's a flight into the world of imagination vs. reality, and a lot of "what ifs."

Till next time, happy reading!





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