Carl Sandburg’s Life in the Country
by Barbara Stodola

Carl Sandburg, Chicago’s famous poet, spent the most productive period of his life at his lakefront home in Harbert, Michigan. Neighbors walking along the beach in the 1930s could see him working in his rooftop studio, suntanned and white-haired, composing the Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of Abraham Lincoln. Late in the day he would go for a swim and sometimes, after sundown, he would visit the homes of friends and entertain them by reciting his poetry or playing his guitar.

Sandburg loved Lake Michigan. He called it “the inland sea,” and often paid tribute to it in his poetry.

The sea is never still
It pounds on the shore
Restless as a young heart,
Hunting...

In the early years of their marriage, Sandburg earned a meager living as a social activist. His wife Paula, a former schoolteacher and U. of Chicago graduate, started raising chickens to augment the family income. By 1926, when his writing career had earned enough to afford a summer vacation, the family rented a cottage at Tower Hill in Sawyer, Mich. Two years later they bought lots in Harbert, and Paula designed a three-story house with walls of windows overlooking Lake Michigan, and supervised its construction. The Sandburgs lived there for 18 years.

A turning point in their lives came in 1945, when Sandburg was 67 years old and Paula thought it was time to settle in a more temperate climate. She looked for property in the hills of North Carolina and found a 245-acre historic estate near the town of Flat Rock, N.C., available for “the near-silly price” of $45,000. A three-story house stood on a ridge above a small lake, ringed by low-lying mountains. A previous owner had named it Connemara. The Sandburgs lived at Connemara until his death in 1968. Paula then sold the property to the National Park Service, which today offers tours of the home and its original furnishings.

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Carl Sandburg at work in his third-floor study at Connemara. (Photo by June Glenn Jr.)

Paula Sandburg’s home office was almost as large as her husband’s. He chose the top floor for his work space, just as he did at the Harbert home, to ensure peace and privacy away from the family’s farming activities.

Carl Sandburg and grandchildren Paula and John Carl are pictured with the prize-winning goat herd. (File photo from Three Oaks Public Library)

School children visiting Connemara head straight for the goat barn, where they can pet the kid goats being raised today by the park service. “Mrs. Sandburg made a business of breeding goats,” the guide explains. “She became internationally recognized as a dairy goat breeder. Today we still have Toggenburgs (tan and white), Saanens (all white) and Nubians (multi-colored with long, floppy ears.)”

Carl and Paula Sandburg with World Champion Toggenburg Jennifer, who produced 5,750 pounds of milk in one year, thus breaking a record for milk production. (Photo by John McKinney)

Connemara, the Sandburgs’ last family home, is nestled between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Smokies, near Flat Rock, North Carolina. (Photo by Patty Stodola)
The house is still packed with books, even though thousands of Sandburg’s books, letters and original manuscripts were sold in the 1950s to the U. of Illinois. The living room at Connemara has his guitar, a piano, comfortable chairs, and windows overlooking the Smoky mountains. Although the house is large, it is simply furnished, reflecting his Swedish frugality. Knick-knack shelves hold shells and skipping stones collected on walks along the beach.

The comfortable living room at Connemara still has Sandburg’s guitar, atop the piano, and walls of books. (Photo by Patty Stodola)

When the Sandburgs left Michigan for their new home in North Carolina, their three adult daughters and two grandchildren moved with them. Margaret, the eldest daughter, had been plagued in her youth by epileptic seizures and it was years before this condition was brought under control. Janet, the middle child, was characterized as a “slow learner.” On her first day at high school in New Buffalo, Mich., she had been struck by a car and suffered head injuries, which intensified her learning disability. Sandburg worked extra-long hours to provide for the girls, supposing they would spend their entire lives at the family home – which in fact they did.

Their youngest daughter, Helga, had dropped out of college to marry Joe Thoman, a handyman at the Harbert homestead. A small cottage was built for them on the seven-lot property and Helga continued living there, with her two small children, even after her first marriage had ended in divorce. In later years, she married Dr. George Crile of the Cleveland Clinic, and pursued a career as a writer. Helga is still living in Cleveland.

The Sandburg daughters performed secretarial duties for their father and helped run the farm that Paula had started in the unlikely location of Michigan duneland. During the Depression years, Paula raised vegetables on the sandy lakefront soil. In the summer of 1935, she put up more than 200 quarts of string beans, corn, spinach, broccoli and lima beans. She also raised ducks, geese, rabbits and chickens. When Helga wanted her to buy a cow, she decided instead on three goats, which she named Leona, Sophie and Felicia. A milk house, later converted into a cottage, was built near the road at Birchwood Beach. Lifelong residents still remember visiting the Sandburg farm, during their childhood, and petting the kid goats.

When the Sandburgs moved from Michigan to North Carolina, their books and book-shelves went with them. (Photo by Patty Stodola)

Members of the Sandburg household led varying schedules, with someone always sleeping and someone else working. Farm chores began early in the morning, at which time Carl was going off to sleep. He worked until late in the night, sometimes taking a break to join the neighbors for a drink of Irish whiskey. Kay Wood, one of his Harbert friends, later reminisced: “The last time I saw Carl was on New Year’s Eve. (1945) We were having the neighborhood party that year. He came in quietly, put a bottle of whiskey on top of the piano, looked at us all with tears in his eyes and walked out without saying a word.”
Sandburg had told a reporter that the women could decide where to live, and “whenever and wherever they found a place they liked better than Harbert, Michigan, we’d pull up roots. So – we’re pulling them up.” Ironically, the place chosen for Sandburg, the biographer of Abraham Lincoln, had been built by a leader of the Confederacy – Christopher Memminger, a Charlestonian, who had served as secretary of the Confederate Treasury under Jefferson Davis.

For Paula, Connemara provided space to expand the goat herd to 200 goats, many of them prize-winning milk producers. She continued calling them the Chikaming Herd, referring to their original home in Chikaming Township, Michigan.

For Carl, Connemara provided a place for reflection. “It is necessary now and then for a man to go away by himself and experience loneliness,” he later wrote, “to sit on a rock in the forest and to ask of himself, ‘Who am I, and where have I been, and where am I going?’”

In the countryside of North Carolina, the Sandburgs found contentment. Carl lived until the age of 89, on a diet rich in goat milk, cheese and home-baked rye bread. Paula, who was still climbing mountains well into her 80s, lived to be 94. Their ashes were returned to Galesburg, Ill., the town where he had grown up, and were buried there beneath Remembrance Rock.

The Connemara Farms Goat Dairy in North Carolina continued the work Paula Sandburg had started in Harbert, Michigan.

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“Little Women” at Canterbury Theatre

The first musical of the Festival Players Guild’s 2008 Canterbury Summer Theatre Season is the play “Little Women.” The production opens Wednesday, June 25, and continues through July 5 at Michigan City’s Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St.

Louisa May Alcott wrote Little Women 140 years ago. Three film versions have been made of the classic story of the March sisters. The musical version has a book written by Allan Knee, music by Jason Howland and lyrics by Mindi Dickstein. The music runs the gamut from lovely ballads to lilting waltzes to energetic, upbeat tunes.

This musical version of Louisa May Alcott’s tale, like the novel, tells of four New England sisters who come of age during the Civil War -- with an absent father (off serving as chaplain to the Union troops) and an overwhelmed, financially strapped mother left to handle them.

The central characters are played by Denise Dumpers, Lauren Paris, Rick Coffey, Joyana Feller, Kaitlin Fleharty, and Kimberli Webb. Other cast members include Vanessa Schroeder, Mark McCarver, Chris Bozenski, Shawn Quinlan, Sean Spellman, Justin Spaeth and Veronica Zahn.

Director is Ray Scott Crawford, Music Director Elizabeth West and Choreographer Kimberli Webb.

Season discount tickets, containing six interchangeable coupons, are available for $70. Group luncheon and dinner theatre packages also are available in cooperation with Galveston Steakhouse and Rodini’s. Packages start at $23.

Individual tickets are $12.50/Wed. & Thurs. and $14/Fri. & Sat. Senior citizen, group rates and student discounts are available.

Curtain is Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. Additional performances are at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and 5 p.m. on Saturday. There will be no July 4 performance.

More information on the Guild’s web site (www.festivalplayersguild.org) or at (219) 874-4269. Box office hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Mon. and Tues. On performance days, the box office is open 11 a.m. through intermission and is closed on Sunday.

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The Institute was co-founded two years ago by Sunny Gardner-Orbovich, Kate Ainsworth and Laura Henderson, all of Michigan City, under the sheltering wing of Barker Hall of Trinity Episcopal Church, which provides practice, recreational and concert space for its use.

The Institute day will last from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The training will consist of vocal training to develop the individual beauty and power of each voice, choral repertoire to teach the art of singing together as a choir, and activities to enhance both, such as recorder playing, praise dancing and musical games with rhythmic instruments. There will also be daily art-making activities for the children’s enjoyment, restful quiet time, and a labyrinth for them to walk. Breakfast, lunch and fruit/ juice snacks will be provided daily for the children free of charge by the MCAS Summer Food Service Program.

This year the Institute is thrilled and honored to present exemplary guest facilitators. Natalie Franks will provide choral direction. Ms. Franks is the Choral Director at Willowcreek Middle School in Portage, IN where she teaches 6th, 7th and 8th grade choir.

Thea Smith from Bloomington, IN is joining the staff for assistance in developing personal vocal and musical techniques. Thea Smith completed work in a Bachelor of Music in the Early Music Institute of Indiana University in 2007. The piano accompanist for the week is Carol Garrett. Carol is a MCAS Elementary School Teacher and Organist at First Presbyterian Church in Michigan City, IN.

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Lynne Kaser, newly elected President of the LWV, had this to say: “It is with great sorrow that we have lost one of our dearest, treasured, Golden Leaguers. Sylvia Bankoff not only was one of our ‘Outstanding Leaguers,’ but her life, her dedication and her commitment to community was peerless.

“Those of us who were privileged to know and love her are left with the finest example of servanthood. She cannot be replaced.

“On behalf of the League, I extend our sincere sympathy to her dear family. Our League will miss her more than words can say.”

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New LaPorte County Special Olympics Swim Team Wins at State
by Fran Lysaught

On June 6 & 7 five local Special Olympics athletes competed at the State Special Olympics in Terre Haute, for the new LaPorte County Swim Team, coached by Deb Surface. The athletes, Jennifer Childers, Tom Parcels, Kitty Rice, Brock Surface and Andy Zepik, competed and won in 14 events. They are proud to be “clinkers” meaning that they each won two or three medals that make a clinking sound when worn. Four of the five had never raced before. All are so grateful for the experience and the opportunity to continue on this Swim Team.

The one experienced swimmer is Andy Zepik. Andy’s younger brothers, Colby and Brad, set records for M. C. High School swim team, but Andy is the only Zepik who won at State competition. Andy says: “I like to swim breaststroke and freestyle. I practice a lot. Now that the season is over I am going to miss everybody. Debbie is a great coach, and she teaches me and helps me a lot. I like the State competition, being with people from all over. I feel great about our Swim Team.” Andy won Silver medals in 100 meter freestyle and in 25 meter breaststroke, and a Bronze medal in 50 meter breaststroke.

New swimmer Kitty Rice says: “I do like swimming. It makes me feel good to do freestyle. I am so excited waiting for my turn to swim in a meet. I am not afraid at all. When I started in March with Swim Team, I was afraid to let go of the wall, and I didn’t like putting my face in the water. But that changed. Now I don’t even think about the wall. In my first swim meet at Valpo I did backstroke and didn’t even worry about touching the wall at the finish. I started swimming with a floatation, but now I like racing without one. I do love Swim Team.” Kitty won the Gold medal in 25 meter assisted, the Bronze medal in 25 meter unassisted, and 4th place in 25 meter floatation.

New swimmer Jennifer Childers says: “I like backstroke. I’ve been practicing my backstroke because Coach Debbie told me to. She helps me with my swimming at practices. I like my medals. They show I worked hard. I am happy swimming at Indiana State because it’s my sister Tiffany’s school. I am going to miss practice and having fun with my teammates and Coach Debbie. But practice starts up again the end of August.” Jennifer won a Silver medal in 50 meter freestyle, and a Bronze medal in 25 meter backstroke.
New swimmer Tom Parcels says: “I have been swimming all my life, but I never got to go to swim meets before. I like being with my Swim Team. I learned more about strokes and kicks from my Coach Debbie. She was at the pool side when I raced in Terre Haute, and told me to get on the stick and swim, so I swam harder. At my very first swim meet in Valpo I felt wonderful when I won races. I am proud to go to the State competition with my team. I like being in the dorms at Indiana State. I will be happy to swim in the fall with Swim Team, at the MCHS pool. That is where I had my first swimming lessons as a kid. Now I am there with my Coach Debbie and our Swim Team.” Tom won 3 Bronze medals in 100 meter freestyle, 50 meter freestyle and 50 meter breaststroke.

New swimmer Brock Surface says: “This is my first time swimming on a Swim Team. I had a lot of fun. When my mom asked me to join Swim Team, I was blowing her off for a few weeks about joining, until she told me she was the Coach. I was lucky to have my mom as my Coach because she could tell me what to do. When she convinced me to wear nose plugs and goggles, I think that helped me to win Gold medals. I would like to be on this Swim Team a whole lot more.” Brock won 3 Gold medals in 25 meter assisted, 25 meter unassisted and 25 meter flotation.

Coach Debbie Surface says: “Being the Coach was a huge challenge for me. I didn’t know what to expect. I had never coached swimming. I coached the way my coaches had coached me: being encouraging, telling you what you did wrong, but also what you did right. This team was at all different levels. I ran practices with laps to build endurance. I wanted them to be successful. I took notes on what was causing issues with success, starts, kicking, breathing, turns, and then we worked on them. We follow the same rules as in any swimming competition. I was so happy at the Regional Valpo meet. They really turned it on and showed their stuff at their first competition. Because they showed me what they could do, I wanted more. I got it at State. Everyone surpassed my best expectation. I was hoping everyone would get one medal. But they all came home “clinking.” I hope to expand our team in the fall.”
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Fri., June 27, 8 p.m. MI time

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Gray skies are history, summer is here, and the ladies golf leagues at Long Beach Country Club are in full swing...no pun intended!

Fashion, food and fun were the events at the annual opening party for golfers from the three ladies leagues.

Long Beach golfers are in vogue and this evening provided them with the opportunity to catch up on the latest golf designs by shopping at three mini-boutiques set up by Julie Godfrey, Long Beach C.C. Pro Shop merchandiser, Kathy Arslanian and Jeremy King of Sweet Lies Golf, and Hillary Kenefick of Allison Dayton Jewelry Designs.

The culinary creations of Executive Chef Jim Galligan are always spectacular! Seated at tables that featured fresh spring flowers designed by Flowers with Jazz, golfers said goodbye to their winter diets as they dined on a fabulous appetizer and dessert buffet.

Kathy Kenefick, 18-hole chair, and Gloria McMahon, 9-hole chair, spoke to the group about the various weekly golf events and tournaments that will take place in the respective leagues over the summer. Micky Gallas, representing the 6-hole league, invited golfers to join their fun group on Monday nights.

Brian Godfrey, Golf Director at Long Beach Country Club, announced that Kyle Cashmer, was returning as Assistant Golf Pro and thanked members for supporting the sale of bag-tags, of which proceeds go to the Assistant Pro education fund.

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Waves of weather, hot, cold, hot again, even frosty, with a tornado warning thrown in just for fun. There goes Spring, thumbing her nose at us and playing catch me if you can. Gardeners, like me, clenched our teeth, shut our eyes and put off planting annuals as long as we could. Waves of chorus, snow drops, scilla, then May flowers were putting on a spring spectacular tempting us to get those annuals in and those containers planted. I waited and waited, then finally gave in and put the begonias and coleus out. A wave of cold air rushed in and I rushed out to bring them in. Another sunny spate and out went the more delicate tuberous begonia caladium and impatiens. When frost warnings sounded an alert, I rushed out to cover them with sheets. Playful little minx that she is, Spring was having fun playing “Gotcha!”.

However, the waves of weather that marked our Spring 2008 seems to have enhanced the scent of spring that also came in waves. Lilacs and lily of the valley so fragrant they make the head reel when brought inside. A week later the smell of Korean spice viburnum enclosed you in a spell of foreign lands. Then came the honeysuckle and if a honey locust tree was near, it gave off a haunting scent, drawing you nearer and nearer as if an enchantress weaving a spell. Even the old-fashioned bridal wreath and elderberry emerged with fragrance of days gone by. Just wait until peonies are in bloom! Even with a blindfold on, you could mark the weeks of spring emerging as new smells greet you. Spring may play “Gotcha” with the weather, but she plays “Lose your mind and come to your senses”, when the blossoms emerge.

On my walks with Charlie he’s the burrower, and I’m the borrower. Once I used to pass the gardens along our way and think, Oh, I must have that bush, that plant, in my garden. No more. Some things grow well on my little shady plot. Some don’t. And so it is. Now, I just enjoy “O. P.’s”, other people’s, as I pass by. Let that magnificent viburnum Burkwoodi stay where it is and I’ll drink in its scent as I walk by. Let the banks of cat mint bloom their delicate blue where the bees and I can enjoy them. I’ll just nip a leaf and enjoy its scent as I walk along. The blue iris blooming against a wall? Let them be. They’ve been bred to their luscious color from the scraggly blue flags in a clump along my gravel driveway. When the flowering trees of cherry and plum, the dogwood and magnolia overwhelm the roads and streets of my little corner of the world as they did this year, it doesn’t mean I have to own them all in my front yard. One is enough, my solitary Nanking Cherry tells me. Enough of this mine, mine, mine. The power of awe goes far beyond the boundaries of my lot. “Covet Not”, say the commandments, words of wisdom, wise beyond their years.

Each year when spring beckons, I walk the paths of my little garden and see spaces that could be filled and dwell on moving this and that. Three weeks later, when weather and rain have moved past, the green plants have grown and the picture has changed.

Nature has her own ideas, teaching as she takes over. All that moving plants about won’t be necessary at all. My knees have already told me that they really aren’t up to much of that kind of thing. The garden teaches in so many ways. It tells me of adaptation, alteration, assimilation, all that dictionary of alliteration, including, and sometimes, down on those achy breaky knees, the simple joy of adoration.

(Of course, but maybe not when its “foozy” time and those wiggly worms of oak trees seeds drop everywhere including your hair, and stick to your shoes and the dog and get tracked in for endless sweeping up and then come the seeds like popcorn crunching winged maple seeds, and the snow of cottonwood after you’ve swept and you want to say ENOUGH ALREADY. Spout your cozy platitudes somewhere else. I don’t like it!) It’s those I, I, I’s, that will get to you every time when the lesson is Let It Be, Let It Be. Come to your senses, my garden calls out, whatever Spring brings, Let It Be.

Learn beyond the A’s of your ABC’s. B is for beautiful, bountiful, blissful, buoyant, bodacious. C is for charm filled, capricious, captivating, cunning, AND contrary. Let it BE.

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This year SMSO will be performing an additional night of their Independence Day concert. On July 5th, the Symphony will perform in New Buffalo at Lions Pavilion Park. Thanks to the generous support from the Pokagon Fund, the New Buffalo concert will be free to the public.

During both of their annual Independence Day concerts, SMSO plans an entertaining program of music to suit many musical tastes.

The Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra’s Independence Day Concert will be on July 4th at Shadowland Pavilion in St. Joseph. Gates open at 6 p.m. MI time, the concert begins at 9 p.m. and will continue during the fireworks at 10:45 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults and $5 for students in advance, $25 adults and $10 students at the gate.

Picnic tables are available in advance for $300 which includes ten tickets to the concert and two parking passes. Tickets and more information are available at 269-982-4030 or www.smso.org

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The SMSO’s July 5th Independence Day concert will be performed at Lions Pavilion Park in New Buffalo at 7:30 p.m. New Buffalo fireworks will follow the concert at dusk. To secure a spot, picnic tables are available for $200 by calling the Symphony Office at 269-982-4030. Carry-ins welcomed, however alcohol not allowed. All coolers and carry-ins will be checked at the gate. Food will be sold during the event. Sponsors include: The City of New Buffalo, The Pokagon Fund and WSJM Radio.

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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 event will follow a scenic course through Long Beach and Long Beach Cove.

No advance entry needed or accepted: Just show up in your running gear ready to go! There will also be a short-distance running event around the parking lot for children.

The $5.00 entry fee will be used to support Long Beach Community Center activities. 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.

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The opening reception will take place on Fri., June 27, from 5-8 p.m. The artist will be in attendance. All works will be reproduced in a limited edition catalogue that is available through the Thaddeus C. Gallery.

Gallery hours are Tues/Wed/Thur/Fri 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sun noon-3 p.m. Visit the gallery at 822 Lincolnway, La Porte, or online at www.thaddeusc.com

“Beyond The Ink”

Arts in July at LB Community Center

From July 1 thru July 31, students ages 6-11, will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the following classes:
12:30- 1:30 p.m. Dance
1:30- 2:30 p.m. Pottery
2:30- 3:30 p.m. Theatre

The cost for 30 one hour classes is $200 for all three packages or $70 for just one. Children’s theater production is for students 12 years and older.

Registration will be held Thurs., June 26th, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., also Tues., July 1st before or during class time, and by appointment. Contact Nancy Saxon at 219-874-2398 or email nancysaxon@comcast.net for information and registration.

Immigration Assistance Offered

The Diocese of Kalamazoo Immigration Assistance Program will be offering Outreach Services to the community at Saint Mary of the Assumption Church at 28 West Ash Street in Three Oaks on Thursday, July 10 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. MI time. They will be closed for lunch from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

For your initial consultation, take all correspondence that you received or filed with an immigration office (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services) or from the National Visa Center. The consultation fee is $30; $40 for consultation and brief service.
The World's Largest Flag Day Parade proceeded through downtown Three Oaks on June 15 without a drop of the rain that had fallen in buckets just hours before step off.

That came as a great relief to Rachel Lang who was serving her first term as chair of the parade committee. But then as the pre-parade skies began to clear, Rachel gave the thumbs up and said all would be well with the 2008 parade.

And it was, especially with veteran emcee Rich Smith calling the floats and the Berrien County Sheriff’s Department Motorcycle Unit warming up the multitude with some precision riding. As Rich Smith said: “Don’t try this at home.”

Members of the Mid America Rodeo Cowgirl Drill Team posted the colors for the National Anthem, and even Amtrak cooperated by only delaying the parade for a few moments with a passing westbound train.

Every entry was a winner, but the judges gave the following awards:

- **Sweepstakes** – Miss Bridgman Royalty – “A Queens Ride to Salute Our Soldiers”
- **Grand Prize** – Miss Buchanan Royalty
- **Community Award** – La Porte County 4-H Horse and Pony Drill Team
- **Patriot Award** – Brian Schoff War Memorial Jeep
- **Junior/Youth Award** – River Valley Elementary Wax Museum
- **Jubilee Award** – Mid America Rodeo Cowgirl Drill Team
- **Judges Choice** – Voyaguer Ancient Fife & Drums Corps.
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Mid America Rodeo Cowgirl Drill Team in action.

The Marching Bag Ladies of Eau Claire strut their stuff.

Senator Ron Jelinek walks the parade route.

The Berrien County Sheriff's Department Motorcycle Unit thrill the crowd.

Flags, flags, and more flags!
“Gently Used Book Sale”

The Library Friends of Three Oaks is presenting the annual “Gently Used Book Sale” to benefit the Three Oaks Township Library on Sat., Aug. 3, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. MI time, at the library.

Donations of new and gently used books, periodicals, reference books and other literary materials are welcome and can be dropped off at the Library. Books and materials without covers, torn or missing pages, a musty smell and any other damage cannot be accepted.

The Library Friends are in need of volunteers to assist with the book sale and other programs and events scheduled.

Proceeds from the “Gently Used Book Sale” will be used to enhance technology upgrades and youth programs at the Three Oaks Township Library. For volunteer, membership and event information, contact Sharon Flick, 269/756-7468 or Ellen Block, 269/756-9632.
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The Chicago Tribune offers many canine stories: “So now your pet is healthy and well-fed, let’s make sure he’s happy, too, with some toys. A dog’s best friend is a tennis ball. It’s as simple as they come and provides hours of entertainment....another idea, assuming your dog doesn’t ingest plastic: take a gallon milk jug (cleaned out, of course), remove the top and drop some small treats in it. The dog will bat it around – noisy but entertaining – and will eventually enjoy eating the goodies.” “Fashion Island in Newport Beach, California, hosted a doggie fashion show to launch a doggie fragrance (yes, really), and arranged pet photo specials.” And there was another Tribune dog story the following day, about “Rover coughing? It could be dog flu.” Still another dog story in Sunday’s paper: More dogs are saying “Fi-Do’ to pet weddings – The bride was radiant. Some guests said it was the sunlight bouncing off her cascading white chiffon veil; others commented that it was a “pregnancy glow,” because Ashley Nunn was carrying octuplets. The groom’s excitement was visible. Buddy Lewinski drooled and wagged his tail vigorously as he waited for his bride to reach the altar.” It seems dogs are taking over the Tribune.

Dropping in at FuzzyButz Pet Bakery in St. Joseph, MI, we read “PETS WELCOME (their owners must be on a leash). They offer fresh-baked Canine Cookies, Mutt Muffins, Fuzzybutz Special Treats and Cherry & Blueberry Biscuits. “Our bakery products are all-natural with no added salts, fillers by-products or preservatives.” When you dog owners are in St. Joe, check this pretty place out.

Wags & Whiskers, located just this side of New Buffalo on Rte.12, has boarding, grooming, doggie daycare and pet sitting. They supply Canidae All Natural Pet Foods whose ingredients are of U.S. origin, proudly raised and produced within the United Sates, made with superior quality in every bag and can with NO corn, wheat, soy, grain fractions or fillers – and naturally preserved. The fine ingredients include white rice, sunflower oil, flaxseed meal, sage, rosemary, kelp, glucosamine and many many more healthful items. Another offer at Wags & Whiskers: the original, all-natural, Gourmet Snap-Biscuits, multi-meat based, an all natural treat.

Dog lovers, we expect you have read the book “Marley & Me,” by John Grogan, published in 2005. If not, you’ll find it at our Michigan City Library (ask Aurelia at the desk there) and probably at nearby neighboring libraries. It’s a well written and entertaining story about the world’s worst dog. The bit about food included: “We were feeding him tremendous amounts of food, but still he was so much thinner than most Labs, and he always appeared famished, even immediately after wolfing down a bucket of kibble that looked like it was meant for a draft horse.” The author and his family visited another local restaurant, with Marley along...and ended up chasing the dog on a run who was taking a large table with him.... Fascinating dog tales.

Michigan City-ite Helen Stephenson once had a dog named Butch who talked. He said things like “I wuv you.” The family could understand every strange word he said. And he enjoyed his own Christmas stocking; never approached it until the family began unwrapping their gifts.
We received a recipe named “Dr. Michael Fox’s Homemade ‘Natural’ Dietary Supplement for Dogs” from dog-owner/lover Marianne Gosswiller. She started using this recipe because commercial dog food turned her White Westie’s coat brown around the muzzle. It worked and she kept using it because Westie literally danced around her bowl at feeding time:

**DR. FOX’S RECIPE**

3 c. uncooked whole grain rice, barley or Quaker Rolled Oats
pinch of salt
2 cloves garlic (optional)
1 T. vegetable oil (flaxseed oil)
1 T. wheat germ
1 T. cider vinegar
1 tsp. Brewer’s yeast
1 tsp. bonemeal or calcium carbonate
1 tsp. dried kelp
1 lb. lean hamburger, ground lamb, mutton or one whole chicken or half a small turkey

Combine all ingredients except flaxseed oil, add water to cover; simmer, stir and add more water as needed until cooked. Debone chicken parts and discard bones. The recipe should be thick enough to be molded into patties (add bran or soya protein meal to help thicken). Mix well into the stew while still very hot, a cup of raw, grated sweet potato, carrot or yam. Add flaxseed oil when cooled to room temp. This freezes well. For variation, you can use cottage cheese plus soybean curd (tofu) and well-cooked lentils, chick peas (garbanzo), lima beans or a half-dozen eggs as meat alternatives. Ideally, all ingredients should be organic. Be sure to vary ingredients to provide variety and to avoid possible nutritional imbalance.

Debbie Brown, another local dog parent, had a fine companion for 14 years. His name was Zach, a sweet schnauzer and great friend, her constant shadow all that time. Zach left his world about a year ago, and Debbie, sad indeed, eventually found a fine terrier named “Lexie” at Mixed Up Mutts in LaPorte. Lexie, a little angel, had been taken from a negative home and placed at the Westville correctional center where the obedience training course is called Prison Tails. This is an amazing organization – anyone interested in adopting should go online to www.mixedupmutts.org. Dogs are such a popular item, and certainly a beloved household member. More recipes below.

**ZACH BROWN’S CHEESE BONE TREATS**

1/2 c. ea. Parmesan and cheddar cheese
3 T. oil
1/2 c. all-purpose flour
1/4 c. dry milk
1 tsp. garlic powder
2-3 tsp. Brewers yeast
1 bouillon cube (reconstitute in 2 tsp. water)
1/2 c. water

In large bowl, mix cheese with oil, stir in flours, milk and garlic salt until well blended. Add water. Knead until stiff yet pliable (you can use mix only cycle in bread machine). Heat oven to 350. Grease cookie sheets. On floured surface roll dough to 1/4” thickness. Cut treats with cookie cutters or roll into balls, place on cookie sheet and flatten somewhat. Bake 35 - 40 min. til golden, having turned once halfway thru baking time. Cool. Store in airtight jar.

**LEXIE BROWN’S HEALTHY DOG BISCUITS**

2 c. whole wheat flour
1 c. cornmeal
1/3 c. vegetable oil
2 or 3 tsp. Brewers yeast
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 egg
1 bouillon cube (reconstitute in a couple tsp. water)
1 c. water

Acorn Gallery’s Last Hurrah

The Area Artists Association of the Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City, IN have been invited to show their work in the final exhibit at the Acorn Gallery in Union Pier, MI. After eight years, Acorn Gallery will be closing its doors at the end of its final exhibit “Acorn Gallery’s Last Hurrah.”

Sara Scherberg, artist and director/ owner of Acorn Gallery, says, “It has been a great run but it’s time now to move on to other things.” For the “Last Hurrah”, she has opted to invite artist members of the Area Artists Association to exhibit their new and recent work. “The Last Hurrah” will run three consecutive weekends, June 28 and 29; July 5 and 6; and July 12 and 13. The exhibit will include artwork in several media; sculpture in wood and metal; paintings in pastel, oil or acrylic on paper and canvas; and photography.

The artists participating come from a radius of thirty miles from around the area. The eighteen artists are Carol Block, Tom Brand, Kevin Firme, Susan Henshaw, Laurel Izard, Larry Jensen, Connie Kassal, George Kassal, Rich Manalis, Amy Davis Navardauskas, John Opie, Barbara Ramion, Clinton Rigg, Patty Mershon Schaefer, Sara Scherberg, Edwin Shelton, Carole Stodder and Ann Sweeney.

Everyone is invited to the artists’ reception on Sat., June 28, 6–8 p.m. EDT. Acorn Gallery is located at 16142 Red Arrow Highway in Union Pier, Michigan. More information at 269-469-5278.

The Area Artists Association is an organization within the Lubeznik Center for the Arts to recognize and encourage active regional artists by providing exhibit opportunities and a support group for juried-member artists to explore topics of mutual interest at regular monthly meetings.
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Ever notice the difference between a dull blog and a lively one? The latter tends to have lots of interesting visuals to accompany the written word. So, in the spirit of a lively blog, I am presenting to you this week a few of dozens of ways to snazz up your blog or personal pages. What say? You don’t have a blog or personal page? That’s quite alright. Just enjoy this week’s column’s visual appeal.

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Last but not least, you can **generate your own Dave Barry-type story.** It’s called the auto-Dave Barry generator and it comes in “lite” and “full” versions. Find it at www.peacefire.org/staff/bennett/autodave/. Here is my version:

Recently in Michigan City (motto: “we fried up some tasty grasshoppers just for you”), residents reported an outbreak of crinoids. Perhaps you think there are no crinoids in Michigan City. Perhaps you are an idiot.

As the French say, au contraire (literally: “you left part of your brain at home today!”). I have here in my hands a copy of an Associated Press article sent in by alert reader Tom, whose name can be rearranged to spell “TMO”, although that is not my main point. “Tom”, by the way, only has the letters “om” in common with “Monica Lewinsky”, so there is no other reason to mention Monica Lewinsky in this column.

According to a quote which I am not making up, from Michigan City Mayor Maximillian (formally “Mayor Maximillian” and informally “slugger”), crinoids ranks as a major crisis just behind driver, brakes and accelerator (insert your “steering wheel” joke here), as evidenced by the following conversa-
tion between Michigan City government employees:

FIRST MICHIGAN CITY EMPLOYEE: “I’m outta here”
SECOND MICHIGAN CITY EMPLOYEE: “I’m gonna wring your neck”
FIRST MICHIGAN CITY EMPLOYEE: “I used to like you”

Fortunately I have a suggestion for Mayor slugger, and that is: take all of George Steinbrenner’s money, including stock options.

No, seriously, my suggestion does not involve George Steinbrenner’s money, including stock options, although it might involve sending scam emails to Tobacco Institute scientists. My suggestion is more along the lines of a coup de grace, from the French coup, meaning “living”, and de grace, meaning “on my own private island”. The procedure (you may want to write this down):

1. send all of it to Mars or Pluto
2. use a plunger

But instead the Michigan City city council (motto: “We’ll pass laws that benefit everyone when you pry the double latte out of our cold, dead fingers”) thinks that they (the crinoids) will wash up on the beach soon, sending this message to the public, and to the world: “My car gets better gas mileage than yours”.

Speaking of which, “The Michigan City Crinoids Outbreak” would be a great name for a rock band.

Read CyberScribbles online at:
http://cyberscribbles.wordpress.com

Museum to Memorialize Veterans

Do you have a family member or loved one who served their country? Would you like to commemorate their service and help a worthy organization? The Great Lakes Museum of Military History is starting a Veterans Honor Wall at the Museum, 360 Dunes Plaza, Michigan City.

For a suggested $5.00 donation, a reproduction or copy of your veteran photo will be on display in the lobby of the Museum on special display boards. The boards will remain at the Museum throughout the summer and will go on display at Marquette Mall prior to and during Veteran’s Day. After Veteran’s Day, they will go back on display in the Museum’s lobby area.

To participate, send your photo(s) to the Museum including a stamped, self-addressed envelope so that they may be returned after they have been copied. Include the following information: Name, branch of service, years of service (example, 1945-1948) and rank (optional). If space allows, the Museum will also include the areas of service i.e. Guam, Pacific Theater, etc. so include that information as well.

The Museum is a regional education center dedicated to teaching people about our military heritage. More at (800) 726-5912 or (219) 872-2702.
First Striebel Pond Concert

Village Green Neighborhood Association is sponsoring the First Striebel Pond Concert which will be held from 2-3 p.m., Sun., June 29th at the George V. Neagu Shelter, Northside.

Duneland Chamber Ensemble, under the direction of Dan McNabb, is donating their considerable musical talent for this event.

Well known in the region, this twelve member ensemble, has played to many audiences and will play a cross section of the songs which have thrilled people through the years.

The Music Committee of the Village Green Neighborhood Association invites residents throughout the city to come and enjoy this FREE special event.

President George Neagu stated: “We hope this will become an annual event and we can bring the community together to share a pleasant summer time moment in a beautiful open air atmosphere. I urge people to come early and bring blankets and chairs to sit on. Feel free to eat before or during the concert in this peaceful setting. This is an activity you will not want to miss.”

For more information, contact Dan Nieding, Chairman, Music Committee, at 874-3462.

A BabyTALK Lapsit

A BabyTALK Lapsit will be held at 6:30 p.m., Mon., June 30, in the large meeting room at LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., LaPorte.

Children birth to 5 years and their caregivers are invited to this read and play time. It is presented by Dunebrook. There is no charge, but reservations are necessary by phoning 800-897-0007. A free book will be given to each registered child. More information at 219/362-7128. Phone 24 hrs. in advance to 219/362-6156 to request signing for the hearing impaired.

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**Sunset Cruise Fundraiser**

Catholic Charities is sponsoring their annual Lake Michigan Sunset Cruise on Thurs., July 17. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour buffet at Bridge Waterfront Grille at Pioneer Pier, 508 E. 2nd. St., Michigan City. Dinner will be followed by a sunset cruise on the lake.

Attendees will wear casual attire with jacket or sweater and rubber soled shoes. Donation is $60 per person. Proceeds go toward the work of Catholic Charities in the local communities. The group provides counseling, housing assistance and food drives for LaPorte County residents. The cruise is made possible by the donations of the captains and their boats.

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Local Hospitals Receive R.I.S.E. Award

St. Anthony Memorial Health Centers of Michigan City and LaPorte Regional Health today each received statewide recognition for their adoption and enforcement of a comprehensive smoke-free policy at their facilities.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Rural Indiana Smoke-Free Environment (R.I.S.E.) awards were presented to the providers as part of the 11th annual Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) conference this week in French Lick, Ind. The theme of the two-day conference is “Rural Health: The Tradition Lives On”.

In order to qualify for the award, the applying facility must show evidence of a 100 percent smoke-free policy in all buildings, on all grounds and in all organization-operated vehicles. The facility must also submit an explanation of the process through which the policy was achieved and documentation of signage or other forms of enforcement. The awards honor facilities in Indiana that serve significant rural populations.

PNC Non-Credit Beginning Golf Class

Purdue University North Central Office of Continuing Education will be offering the non-credit class, Golf “Fore” Beginners this summer.

The class, taught by a local golf pro, will get students started with basic golf techniques such as how to swing woods and irons, how to avoid slicing and hooking and how to use proper stance.

The class will meet at The Clubhouse in Michigan City and golfers may select to enroll in sessions meeting on Tuesdays, July 8-Aug. 12, from 6-7:15 p.m. or sessions meeting on Thursdays, July 10-Aug. 14, from 6-7:15 p.m. The course fee is $179. Clubs and balls are provided or golfers may bring their own. Class size is limited to 8.

To register, contact 872-0527, ext. 5343, or visit www.pnc.edu/ce. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact ext. 5343.

Grinders vs. Bonneyville Millers

The Deep River Grinders, Indiana’s premier Vintage Base Ball Club Nine, will host the Bonneyville Millers from Elkhart County Indiana on Sun., June 29, 2 p.m., at Deep River County Park. The game is played using 1858 rules, to be played by gentlemen for the love of the game.

Admission is free and sarsaparilla and hot dogs will be available. Deep River is located on Old Lincoln Hwy. at County Line Road, southeast of Hobart, IN. (Take US 30 west of Valparaiso past the Deep River Waterpark; go to the next signal light, take a right and follow signs to the park). More information at 219/947-1958.
**36th Indiana Fiddlers’ Gathering**

The 36th Annual Indiana Fiddlers’ Gathering will take place June 27-29, at the Tippecanoe Battlefield Park in Battle Ground, IN. Held annually since 1973, the Gathering is a nationally renown 3-day traditional acoustic music festival featuring some of the country’s finest old-time, bluegrass, Irish and folk musicians on one stage.

Headlining the show this year are the stringband Flat Mountain Girls; top acoustic swing musicians Frank Vignola & Aaron Weinstein; high energy stringband The Prairie Acre; and The Spondoolix from New York City, an amazing group who fuse Celtic, traditional and world sounds.

Popular Portland-based Foghorn Stringband will be returning as well as The Old-Time Country and Blues Review local favorites The Woodstove Flapjacks.

Concerts will be held Fri/8 p.m.; Sat/2 & 8 p.m.; Sun/2 p.m. Admission prices are $5-$12. Adult weekend passes are $25 adv. or $30 at gate. Youth passes (13-18 yrs.) are $12 adv. or $15 at gate.

Free events: 10 a.m. Sat. Children’s Concert; Musician’s workshops Sat/Sun 9:30 a.m.; square and contra dance Sat./5:30 p.m.; and a Gospel Sing Sun./10 a.m. Open stage held Sat. & Sun. at noon.

Regional artists will display crafts and the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum will be open. Food concessions and musicians’ supplies will be available.

Tippecanoe Battlefield is located 7 miles north of Lafayette, IN, just off Exit 178 of I-65. Purchase advance tickets at 765/742-1419 or www.indianafidlersgathering.org

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**Save the Dunes Conservation Fund**

Save the Dunes Conservation Fund has added to its impressive list of nature preserves located in the Lake Michigan watershed counties of Lake, LaPorte, and Porter in Indiana. The Michigan City-based organization now owns and manages 306 acres and holds Conservation Easements over 107 acres.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross sold 96.3 acres of wet woods in Porter County to Save the Dunes Conservation Fund at a special price to ensure the land be conserved in perpetuity. The new name of the property is Moreau Preserve. The name was selected by the Sisters to honor their founder, Father Basil Moreau.

The Moreau Preserve is located on the west (Porter County) side of County Line Road, between LaPorte and Porter County.

Deb Chubb, president of the organization, said, “This acquisition is a perfect example of the habitats we are working to keep natural and bio-diverse.”

For more information on the Land and Stewardship Program of Save the Dunes Conservation Fund visit: www.savedunes.org/land_program/donnelley/
"Vintage Weddings" Special Programs

There are two upcoming programs being planned at the LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, to coincide with the summer exhibit, “Cordially Invited: A Look at Vintage Weddings.”

On Sat., July 5th, Assistant Curator, Susie Richter, will be giving two guided tours through the exhibit; one at 11 a.m., and again at 2 p.m. Visitors will learn about the trends in wedding fashions through the decades, as well as the research that was done in regards to flowers, decorations, and more for this very elaborate display. Each bride is shown in the correct setting for the gown she is wearing, and any knowledge of the LaPorte County resident who wore it will be shared.

On Sat., Aug. 2nd, at 2 p.m. only, local resident, Bruce Johnson, will be performing a program entitled “The Wedding Singer” in which he will relate stories and anecdotes, as well as performing his favorite songs from his 30-plus years of being a soloist at weddings. Cheryl Essling, who has been his accompanist for many weddings over the years, will be playing for him.

The programs are free. However, regular museum admission will apply. “Cordially Invited” will be on display at the La Porte County Historical Society Museum through the end of August. The museum is located at 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte and is handicapped accessible. Hours are Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., CST. Phone 219-324-6767 for admission prices, or visit the website at www.laportecountyhistory.org

PNC Non-Credit Painting Class

Purdue University North Central Office of Continuing Education will offer a non-credit painting class at PNC - Porter County, 600 Vale Park Road, Valparaiso.

“Brush – Palette – Color” will be Wednesdays, July 9-30 from 9 a.m.-noon. This painting class offers extensive instruction in color theory, developing color schemes and shading and composition. Knowledge of drawing skills is helpful but not required. Registration is $139. Participants will need to have supplies and a supply list will be furnished at time of registration.

To register, contact 872-0571, ext. 5343 or visit http://www.pnc.edu/ce. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact ext. 5343.

American Red Cross Bloodmobile

When: Fri., June 27, 8 a.m.-noon
Where: St. Anthony Memorial Hospital, 301 W. Homer St., Michigan City.

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State Parks Want Your Feedback

If you visited an Indiana state park or reservoir in 2008, they would like for you to participate in an online survey about the quality of your experience.

To participate, go to www.in.gov/dnr/healthy/. On the right hand side of the page is a link to the survey, which takes about 10 minutes to complete.

You will be asked to give feedback on everything from the picnic areas, park or reservoir staff, inn facilities, and your overall opinion of the park or reservoir. After completing the survey you will have the option of entering a drawing to win a 2009 State Park Pass.

The survey will run through the end of October and provide valuable feedback on what you feel state parks and reservoirs are doing right and what they need to improve. Data will be used to help parks and reservoirs plan for the future.

Shirley Heinze Land Trust 2008 Hike

Sat., June 28, 9 a.m.-noon. Springfield Fen, LaPorte County.

Botanist Scott Namestnik of JF New will show us the many rare and interesting plants in this high quality wetland preserve. Group size limited to 15.

The Springfield Fen hike is offered as part of the Shirley Heinze Land Trust’s 23rd annual series of educational hikes and outings. The Heinze Land Trust is dedicated to preserving natural areas for future generations and to educating the public about the unique ecology of the dunes. Our outings are planned to be a pleasure as well as an education about some facet of our natural heritage in Northwest Indiana.

Contact the SHLT office to sign up for this hikes at (219) 879-4725 or by e-mail at land@heinzetrust.org. For questions, e-mail Terry Bonace attbonace@gmail.com. The hike cost is $30.00.

18 Artists on Line Gallery Exhibit

18 Artists on Line Gallery will be showing eclectic works of extraordinary expression at the old turn of the century film house, The Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, MI. The exhibit will run July 2-28.

The show, titled “Out of the Box and Beyond the Web #4,” will show pieces done by each artist that is out of “their box,” Out of their comfort zone, so to speak.

18 Artists consists of artists with varied mediums from oil, acrylic, jewelry, fiber art, watercolor, sculpture, ceramics, and pastel. Some artists are showing nationally and in Chicago while others are emerging. Works range from abstract to traditional.

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Low Gross: Sherry Remijas
Low Net: Bonnie Reese
Putts: Jean O’Neill

Birdies: Donna Hennard #16

“A Summer of Art 2008”
In June Southern Shore Art Association kicks off “A SUMMER OF ART 2008”, a series of gallery and outdoor exhibits, running through Sept 28th in their gallery and Oct 18 for their outdoor exhibits.

In the gallery
“Around the Lake” June 13-July 31, featuring Dune area images by local artist.
“Visions II” -- August 1-29, which is a Juried Regional Show, open to all artists. Reception - Sun., August 3, 1-5 p.m.
“The Women’s Show” September 5-28, featuring Local Women Artists. Reception Sun., Sept. 7, noon-5 p.m.

To receive an entry form for “Visions II” send a self addressed, stamped envelope before July 1st to The Southern Shore Art Association P.O. Box 354, Michigan City, IN 46361

“Summer of Art 2008” also features “The Outdoor Art Shows” which allows artists to exhibit their works, next door to the gallery, on the third Saturday of the month, hours 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Show dates are: June 21, July 19, Aug.16-17, Sept. 20, Oct. 18.
Questions: phone Kathleen, 219-879-1993 or email atkathleenafarley@comcast.net

Critiques are held the second Thursday of each month, open to all artists, who may bring up to two pieces to be critiqued. The public is also is invited to observe. Starting time is 6:30 p.m.

The Southern Shore Art Gallery is located at 724 Franklin St., Michigan City. Gallery hours are Fridays 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays/Sundays noon-5 p.m. More info from Gallery Director Jimmy Duke Johnston at 219-861-0186 or jimmyduke@comcast.net
The Community Center is heading in a very exciting direction this summer. The list of exceptional, educational and creative programming grows daily. We are excited to have 3, bright, creative, talented, young adults offering beginning and intermediate music lessons for children and adults. Their perspective provides a fresh approach to traditional instruction. Private, custom designed, lessons in guitar, piano, and drums can be made by contacting the following individual instructors: Blake Vissing, Guitar, 5 lesson times available M-F from 12:15 to 1 p.m. 219-861-6188, Amanda Igra, pop and classical Piano, a variety of lesson times available, 248-910-1636, Asher Igra, beginning drums, Mondays and Wednesdays, 219-380-9156.

Ballroom Dance instructor Mary Chandler is offering one hour dance workshops on Tuesday nights for beginners 1 & 2 at 6:45 PM and Wednesday nights for advanced students at 7:15 PM. All work shops are only $15 each. For more information and to register phone Mary at 219-680-9261

Professional choreographer and Dance instructor Larry Payne is offering ongoing Ballet and Adult Jazz classes on Thursday evenings at 5:30 and 7:15 PM. A new Beginning adult Jazz class will start on July 3rd at 7:15. It’s the perfect opportunity to give jazz dance a try and learn the basic steps. For more information phone Larry at 219-707-7391

Dana Dabagia is teaching a workshop in basic oil painting Wednesday evenings this summer, from 6:30-9PM. Individual drop in rates are available. To register phone Dana at 871-1590.

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Checking Out a Classic Library of Local History in Cassopolis

by Charles McKelvy

Naturalist Jonathan “Jon” Wuepper is no stranger to these pages, having been celebrated here for his knowledge of local flora and fauna.

So it is entirely fitting that we now come to know Jon Wuepper in his day job as Manager of the Cass District Library’s Local History Branch Library at 145 N. Broadway in Cassopolis, Michigan.

Cassopolis has kept its Carnegie library continually in use since 1908 and now uses it as the Local History Branch Library.

Jon told us during a recent outing with the Berrien Birding Club that he would be happy to give us a private tour of the library Andrew Carnegie gave to LaGrange Township, Michigan in 1908. And so we happily drove east and north a bit to the county seat of Cass County on a stormy afternoon in the present season for a delightful afternoon at a truly amazing library with a truly knowledgeable historian.

That’s right – historian. For, as Jon Wuepper told us: “I think of myself as a historian, not a librarian.”

And the Local History Branch is the perfect place for our friend the historian to work because its mission “is to assist researchers in their search for information relating to the history of Cass County, Michigan.”

Having grown up in neighboring Berrien County, Michigan and studied Parks and Tourism (with an emphasis on Environmental Education) at Michigan State University, our friend Jon Wuepper is well suited to helping patrons unlock the mysteries of their families’ pasts.

“We have,” he said, “the vital records of Cass County – birth records, death records, marriage records, and newspapers on microfilm. Ninety percent of the people who come here are doing genealogy research, and this is the meat-and-potatoes place for that kind of research. We get people from all over, and traffic is light, so I like to sit with people and
tell them what to look up – usually starting with birth and death records. Then we can go to the plat maps and see where the family farm was. And I like to leave them with a big stack of stuff that they won’t find on the Internet or at home.”

Jon was just about to explain how he came to have such a wonderful job when he fielded a phone call from the local funeral home seeking information about a deceased member of a client’s family. Without missing a beat, Jon Wuepper whipped over to the well organized microfilm files, found the year for the CASSOPOLIS VIGILANT he was looking for, reeled to the exact date and copied the story of a woman’s fatal traffic accident in 1954 for the funeral home. He called them and made arrangements for them to get the article, and then he explained how he secured his dream job on September 22, 2001 when he was at the library doing research of his own.

“I asked: Are you hiring? And they said yes. And, so, here I am.”

And there he is six days a week searching obituary files from the CASSOPOLIS VIGILANT from 1872 to the present, or researching the so-called “Kentucky Raid” for other historians.

The Local History Branch Library’s extensive information on the latter, incidentally, is worth the trip alone to Cassopolis, for that seminal event in 1847 prefigured the Civil War by 14 years.

Jon Wuepper explained that the “area was settled by Quakers from Pennsylvania who provided refuge for runaway slaves. In 1847, a group of slave owners from Kentucky came here to get their property back, and there was nearly bloodshed when local abolitionists stood in their way.”

Fortunately, more moderate counsels prevailed, and the Kentuckians agreed to go to Cassopolis and submit their case and proofs to the resident Justice.”

And you need to go to Cassopolis, not only to learn how the great Kentucky Raid was peacefully adjudicated, but to spend some quality time with a naturalist who naturally knows more about local history than any two professors of a major university.

Jon just happened to have a HISTORY OF CASS COUNTY at hand that handily explained: “A parley was had, high words and threats exchanged, weapons drawn, and a bloody riot seemed imminent; but,
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**June 25-26** -- Arts in the Park, concert & art exhibit, Fox Park, Clear Lake, LaPorte. 7-8 pm. Sit on benches or bring chair/blanket. Concession stand.

**June 25-July 5** -- “Little Women” (the musical) at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., MC. 8 pm Wed-Sat; also 2 pm Wed & 5 pm Sat. Tix $12.50/$14; reserve at 874-4269. No July 4 performance.


**June 27** -- Summer Festival Event: Luau Fish Fry. 4-7 pm at Senior Center, Washington Park, MC. Tix $8. Halau Hula O Puanani Hula Dancers 6 pm.

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On June 26, 1959, President Dwight Eisenhower joined Britain’s Queen Elizabeth in ceremonies officially opening the St. Lawrence Seaway.

On June 27, 1982, manned by two astronauts, the American space shuttle Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral with the shuttle program’s first military cargo.

On June 27, 1989, Brig. General Elliott Thorpe, who delivered an unheeded warning that the Japanese were planning an attack on Pearl Harbor, died at the age of 91.

On June 28, 1904, blind-deaf student Helen Keller graduated with honors from Radcliffe College.

On June 28, 1919, the “Treaty of Versailles,” ending World War I, was signed in France.

On June 29, 1776, the Virginia state constitution was adopted, and Patrick Henry was made the state’s first governor.

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On June 30, 1859, 5,000 watched as French acrobat Emile Blondin crossed Niagara Falls on a tightrope.

On June 30, 1936, Gone With The Wind, a Civil War novel by Margaret Mitchell, was published in New York.

On June 30, 1971, the 26th Amendment to the Constitution, lowering the minimum voting age to 18, was ratified.

On July 1, 1804, France’s George Sand, the pen name of female novelist Aurore Lucie Dupin, was born in Paris. She gained sensational success with her novel Indiana, published in 1831, dealing with the sufferings of women.

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3BR, Fam. Rm., 2-1/2BA/A/C, W/D, BBQ
Cable, Private Beach! Call 630-363-3176.


HOUSE FOR RENT ON LAKE SHORE DRIVE.
4BR, 2BA Deck, Lake Views, All Amenities. Summer rentals available, also avail. Winter '08. $800/mo. + util. Call 708-349-0442.

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DUNELAND BEACH STOP 33 summer & fall rental.
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INDIANA-LaPorte on Pine Lake in Shore Acres. 1/4 blk. to the beach. Totally rehabbed spacious ranch on 3 lots. $199,000. Call 708-212-1637.

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The Cluttered Cupboard, 10151 US Rt. 12, Michigan City, is dedicated to the art of doing something creative everyday, according to owner Sandi Thayer. To that end, she is offering a Drawing Workshop, July 9 & 10, 3-5 p.m. each day, with instructor “Mae” Millan, a local multi-talented artist who she says can bring out that creative side in every age artist.

The first six students to sign up are free. A total of 15 students will be accepted, both adults and children are welcome.

The cost is $25 for the two days of classes. Phone 874-5399 to sign up.

Drawing Workshop
http://www.thebeacher.com/
Neighbors' stories.

...and back to looking into the same person and keep selling books, must be one heck of a writer! In fact, *Time* magazine calls Rendell "the best mystery writer in the English-speaking world." And I now add my "amen!" to that statement...

When Jim Belbury's brother died, he inherited the man's dog, a truffle-hunting dog whose keen nose had brought the brother a nice piece of money from local restaurants who paid well for the gourmet fungi. There was a nice bit of grown over land in the neighborhood of Flagford that Jim decided to take the dog to and see if he could cash in on the truffle finding business, too. Jim got decidedly more than he bargained for as the dog turned up a human hand...

After the rest of the body was dug up, it was determined it was that of a man who died eleven years ago. And it was obvious that he had been wrapped in a sheet and buried in an unused trench. But who was he? That seems to be the question no one can answer. Initial visits to the neighborhood's strange assortment of residents turns up nothing of value, so Wexford must start with checking past records of missing persons. The list is surprisingly long --apparently quite a few people in that part of England had gone missing in the past ten years or so.

Looking for clues in an abandoned house nearby, Inspector Wexford is stunned to find yet another body. This time another man who had died about three years ago. There was no doubt that this man was killed in the bathroom and dragged down into the cellar. Was there a connection to the other dead man?

The police think they have narrowed the search for two particular men, but when DNA tests prove they are not the dead men, Wexford finds himself back at square one, and back to looking into the neighbors' stories.

Characters abound in this fascinating story. Take Mr. and Mrs. McNeil who lived across from the abandoned house once owned by the late Mr. Grimble. Mr. McNeil is also dead now, but the wife admits they watched the house, and even entered it, after the old man died...could they have seen something she is afraid to admit to? Then there's the dying author Owen Tredown who lives with both his wife and his ex-wife. A strange situation to be sure, but it seems the two women get along just fine and obviously manage the man's affairs together.

Then there's the younger Grimble who is bitter because the town won't let him build four houses on the property where the two bodies were found. He admits to chasing off some travelers who were squatting on the land, but is that the whole story?

Adding dimension to the murder mysteries, there's an interesting side story Rendell includes that shows the scope of nationalities included in this small town and a humanitarian slant by incorporating the problem of female genital mutilation among the Somalian community in the town. An ancient tradition, apparently still practiced among some, the mutilation is done to girls as young as five years. The British government of course frowns on such a barbaric practice stemming from ignorance and a long history among the immigrants, but can do nothing until the act has actually taken place.

Inspector Wexford is approached by a waitress in A Passage to India at her younger sister she is fearful will fall under the same fate. Wexford sends around a policewoman and a social worker to check on the family, but all seems well under the family goes on holiday and brings back an "auntie" to live with them. It looks like time is running out for the little sister...

These storylines and characters blend together so well that you will find yourself working out details in your head about what could have happened to who, and maybe, like me, you will give an "Aha!" when you find out you were right about some aspect of the story. Ruth Rendell's that kind of writer--she pulls you into the story slowly but surely and takes her time in expanding people and places until you get a real feel for Inspector Wexford and his crew and the English countryside. A great summer read!

Writing since 1964, Ruth Rendell has become a mainstay of world literature with her books translated into twenty-five languages. She has won so many awards, it almost defies description! How about the Crime Writers' Association Gold Dagger, the Arts Council National Book Award, the Silver Dagger, the Gold Dagger, the Sunday Times Literary Award, and the pièce de résistance, the Crime Writers' Association Cartier Diamond Dagger for outstanding contribution to the genre. Ruth is British and lives in London.

Praise for her writing comes from such sources as *The New York Times Book Review* which called her "The queen of the psychological suspense novel."

Till next time, happy reading and happy first week of summer!
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ALL BRICK HOME is built like a fortress, but feels like a castle! Spacious rooms & bright, open living areas greet you at every turn. Magnificent lake views from your home & patio, w/ membership in the Stop 21 Beach Club right across the street. Beautiful hardwood oak floors in living, dining & bedrooms; Bedford limestone FP in living room and huge cedar closet! The lake view is wonderful & will not change because you own part of the lot across the street! Call Ed Merrion @219-872-4000 $975,000

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WAKE UP EVERY MORNING to the beautiful sounds of Lake Michigan. This Jerry Hyndman architectural home sits on the beach at Stop 20. It offers 5 bedrooms, 3½ baths and everything you need to make it your home. The walkout lower level has a family/gathering area with cathedral ceiling, a fireplace, sliders to the sandy beach and kitchen. Parking in front. Come take a look! Call Michele Cihak @219-861-2073 $1,298,500

49112 Knob Hill, Grand Beach
GREAT GRAND BEACH HOME overlooks Sun Valley Falls Subdivision. 1.5 blocks from Lake Michigan beach. Lots of space for the family and friends. Has 4 large bedrooms and 3 baths. Great oversized 2 car attached garage. Living room has a great corner fireplace. Quiet outside patio for fun gatherings. Call Jim McGah today @219-874-5927 $725,000

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THE PERFECT GRAND BEACH COTTAGE awaits you. Fantastic screened porch to enjoy those summer nights. Great sized 4 Bedrooms and 2 Baths. Only 1 Block to beautiful Lake Michigan beach. It’s only a short walk to the park and golf course. 1 Car garage is perfect to store the summer fun toys in! Located in the heart of the historic old section of Grand Beach! Must see! Call Jim McGah @219-874-5927 $530,000

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17 St. Andrews
NO FUSS – NO BOTHER Move right in to the lovely townhome completely furnished, including artwork. Airy and bright great room. Wrap around deck with barbecue grill overlooks golf course. No lawn to mow. Three bedrooms, 3 baths, fireplace, laundry, city utilities, garage. $280,000

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IN THE HEART OF GALENA TOWNSHIP horse country. Custom built 4 bedroom home on 2 acres of rolling countryside. Large in-ground pool with pool house and wet bar, large brick patio area. Family style open kitchen with large breakfast area. Master bath with a 6x9 shower area with multiple shower heads. This is a great home to raise a family or use as a year round get-away. Horses allowed. $399,000

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STEPS TO ONE OF THE FINEST BEACHES in the world, this vacation compound is set up for use together or as 3 separate suites. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths and 3 kitchens afford space with privacy for you and your guests. Amenities include, granite tops, stainless steel appliances, ceiling fans and track lighting. This is a unique opportunity to have fun with great income potential for summer and Notre Dame football weekends. $599,900