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### Recourt

Place of birth: Stevens Point, Wis.

Hometown: Valparaiso

Family: Wife, Barbara;

Daughter, Lisa; son,

Jeff.

Education: Graduate of

the University of

Wisconsin-Stevens

Point.

First job: Casualty

insurance adjuster.

Present job: Insurance

sales and financial

advice.

Marriage: Married for 22

years; having two

children; CLU

license given 15 gallons of

gas and having 11

business goals.

All children educated

and adjusted.

Lord and Savior, Jesus

Chicago sports

Recommend: The Bible.

Favorite for me is: A quiet

day.

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Favorite thing in life it's: To be

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Larry A. Straub/staff photographer

Jessica Balstra, 17, skates back with an order at the Port Drive-in, Chesterton.

## Skates sure sign of spring

By Alexandra Newman

Correspondent

The forsythia bushes have decorated the landscape with their brilliant yellow flowers, the red tulips have embellished local gardens and dogwood, redbud and crabapple trees in full color still are sprinkled throughout the green budding trees, shrubs and lawns.

And, in Chesterton, another sign of spring is when car hops wearing roller skates are back at work, skating orders to customers at the Port Drive-in.

The drive-in opens each spring as soon as the weather gets warm. This year it opened in March. And, the weather has been warm enough that some of the girls already have been wearing shorts as they skate holding trays of chili dogs, pork tenderloins and glass mugs filled with suds of root beer.

Roller skating is not a prerequisite for employment though. The skates are provided for those who want to skate by restaurant owners, Beth and Terry Gassaway.

"There is always someone who wants to skate," said Beth.

"It's actually easier to carry the tray while we're on skates. The tray bounces when we walk. It's smoother on skates," said Susie Michelsen, 16, who is a student at Chesterton High School.

"This reminds me of 'Happy Days,' she added.

"Customers are more patient because they are being entertained. And, we get bet-

ter tips when we're on skates," said Nichole De Sousa, 17, another CHS student.

"This is the only place I ever wanted to work," said De Sousa, who moved to Chesterton from Linwood, Ill.

"We used to stop here when we went camping when I was younger. When we moved here, I was really excited that I'd really get to work here."

"It puts everyone in a good mood," she added.

The girls are not only pros at skating, they are pros at being video-taped and photographed.

"There is always someone with a camera," said De Sousa, who added that she likes all the fuss.

Christy York, 16, another CHS student who has worked here for two seasons, recalled one particular photograph taken by a man driving a Studebaker.

"He said he was sending the photo to his grandson in Texas because they don't have drive-ins in Texas, and they didn't believe we wore roller skates," she said.

"It's like being in the 1960s," she said adding that besides enjoying meeting vacationers, she likes it when her friends stop in after a day at the beach. Wednesdays and Sundays are designated skating days, but during the summer, at least one girl may be found skating each day.

When business is slow, the girls play the jukebox and skate around the parking lot.

"We do the dance routine we learned in Show Choir," Nichole said.

## Signing

intended to help mentally or physically handicapped people become employed, said

## Heritage maps are available

Cultural heritage maps for Lake and LaPorte counties depicting 247 sites of cultural and historical significance are available to the public.

A limited number of maps contains information about trails, cemeteries, shipwrecks, historical museums and old farms.

Maps are available at Wood's Grist Mill in DeKalb County Park each day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and at the Homestead Living History Center southeast of Lowell, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.

Both historical sites have limited supplies of the cultural heritage map. Call 769-PARK for additional information.

The map, a combined effort of nearly 100 people, was developed through grants from the Bureau of Porter, Lake and LaPorte counties and the Department of Commerce and Development Division with assistance of the Friends of Indiana Dunes.

The map was sponsored by Northwest Indiana Art and Humanities Consortium grant from the Indiana Humanities Council in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information or membership, call Gary NIAHC coordinator, at

## Police blot

### Chesterton

TUESDAY, April 30

#### Theft

Larry Trowbridge, of the 1000 Portage Ave., reported stolen his 20-inch boys' BMX bike with a blue seat. Loss valued at \$100.

TUESDAY, May 7

#### Theft

Raymond Cloyd, of the 505 S. 10th Street, reported stolen his 1989 Honda Elite bike while it was parked at the library.

TUESDAY, May 14

#### Battery

A curly, black-haired teen between 14-15 years old on a BMX-type bicycle, was reported to have molested a 30-year-old as she walked around High School at 11:30 p.m.

DeKalb County

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STOP HANDING OUT  
FREE ANTI-LITTERING  
FLYERS.

