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A River So Deep

NORTHWEST INDIANA PADDLING ASSOCIATION TRIP HELPS COMMUNE WITH NATURE

by Stefan Barkow



The trip begins as everyone prepares to launch.

Watercraft of all makes, models and colors quietly eased through the dark green water. Thick vegetation below the river's surface played catch and release with the oars of the unwary.

Along the banks, verdant flora bordered the voyage, the occasional spark of a bright pink swamp mallow — our native hibiscus — interrupting the ever-present green.

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Paddling offers another way of exploring and communing with the natural world that other ac-

tivities don't provide.

Amid July's unseasonably comfortable weather, my wife, Melissa, and I drove to the southwestern corner of Lake County, invited by Dan Plath to canoe during this special event.

The occasion was the "Everglades of the North" paddle, presented by the relatively new Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, of which Plath is the president and founder.

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The association first met in January 2009, about 50 canoeists and kayakers to be specific. Ensuing events ranged from an Ecofit Challenge race and fun float to a two-day paddling expedition along the Lake Michigan shoreline from Michigan City to Chicago.

The group's mission has been to: promote canoeing and kayaking in Northwest Indiana; increase recreational paddling opportunities in the region; support watershed ecological conservation and restoration efforts; increase public access and help enhance water trails; log jam removal and river clean-up; promote paddle sport knowledge and safety; and support environmental and outdoor recreation educational efforts.

Today, NWIPA membership has grown to nearly 500. In 2010, it received the "Stroke of Achievement Award" from the American Canoe Association, officially recognizing it as one of the nation's top paddling groups.

The "Everglades of the North" paddle launched from alongside a closed-down bridge on the border between Illinois and Indiana.

Pulling up, we were surprised to see so many cars, as well as kayak and canoe trailers. We grabbed our packed lunches and sunscreen and wove our way between all the vehicles to the launch site.

I was expecting to see a dozen or so enthusiasts. Instead, there were around 55 people — and one hydrophilic canine — with 35 or so paddlecraft. Everyone was adjusting their life vests and listening to the organizers describe the day's route: Head up the Indiana side, following an offshoot of the Kankakee River, and possibly include a brief portage to explore the marshlands, then loop around downriver into Illinois before working back upstream to the launch.

"I think this is about four times as many people as we usually have for this event," Plath told me as I helped him unload the green two-seater canoe Melissa and I would be using.

The organization, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable entity, has a number of kayaks and canoes members can reserve for events, which is great for people like us who don't have our own.

According to Plath, the rise in attendance likely is due to the rebranding of the event this year. The name comes from a local documentary released in 2013, "Everglades of the North: The Story of the



Participants in the "Everglades of the North" paddle head upriver.

Grand Kankakee Marsh,” that has since received a number of nominations and awards.

Pat Wisniewski, one of four producers on the documentary, was present to be part of the event.

“We actually started filming right here,” Wisniewski said. “I worked with Brian Kallies, Jeff Manes and Tom Desch on the film. Jeff grew up on the river and wanted to tell its story.

“As we got to working on it, I just couldn’t believe all the wonderful history behind this area that no one knew.”

Wisniewski is working on a new film, “Shifting Sands,” that focuses on the Lake Michigan shoreline.



A dog proves a good companion for this kayaker.

As the documentary describes, less than a century ago the Grand Kankakee Marsh covered nearly a million acres across Indiana and Illinois with its diverse ecology and seemingly endless natural resources. It resembled Florida’s Everglades and was home to some of the highest concentrations of wildlife on the planet. Waterfowl here were once so numerous, they blackened the sky when they flew overhead.

Today, a mere fraction of this natural realm remains — fewer than 5 percent — though with better understanding of how important wetlands are to the environment, as well as renewed attention thanks to filmmakers and conservation groups, there is hope the beautiful system that remains can be preserved, and even restore some of what was lost.

On this beautiful day in July (July 26 to be specific), the fleet — a term I’ve never before employed when referring to canoes and kayaks — set out with everything from amateurs such as ourselves to veterans who’ve paddled along the coast of Alaska and the edge of the Gulf of Mexico. Plath had his 2-year-old son with him, who has been on paddling trips since he was 6 months old. I overheard that two others present had borrowed their grandchildren and taken them out on the water for the first time.

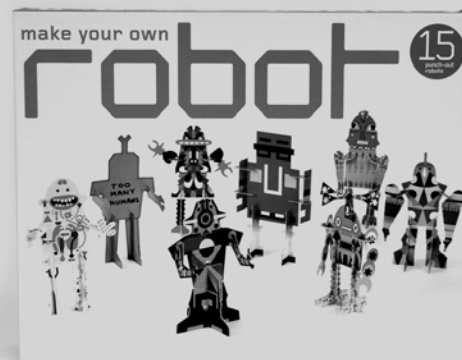
Once out on the water, we learned the levels this year made the planned portage — carrying your ca-

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Dan Plath and his family prepare to enter the river.

noe over land to reach other waters — impossible. Amid the tall grasses of the forgotten but beautiful marshland, many broke out their lunches and let their vessels float while they enjoyed their vittles. Others looped back, circling a small island to return to the open Kankakee.

We followed the latter group after venturing as far as possible into the marsh before fallen trees blocked our path. Our skill at the oars improved, our risk of

capsizing decreased and my wife and I remained on speaking terms.

(My fellow floaters will back me up that this is no mean feat the first few times you set out together.)

We cruised westward now, ducking under the old steel bridge and crossing into Illinois. Here, the banks of the river were more open, with tall trees in place of the marshland and a few houses along the shoreline.

More about the NWIPA

The Northwest Indiana Paddling Association has many events planned for the remainder of 2014, including the Ride the Wave Regatta on Saturday, Sept. 6, in Washington Park. Visit www.nwipa.org for more information.



An adventurous kayaker enters a culvert.

The group split at a fork to explore on their own, and a few braved an old culvert for the same reason chickens cross roads and humans climb mountains: to see what was on the other side.

We didn't realize how far we'd gone until we turned around to find that this gentle river does have something of a current after all. We paddled upriver, paying for the leisureliness of our earlier cruise, but enjoying the exercise all the same.

Largely a singular sport, it wasn't too surprising that the trip itself was quiet and that the paddlers, though very friendly, largely kept their own company. Once we helped each other pull ashore, that changed a bit as members struck up conversations in the glow of the completed voyage.

We'd spent more than two hours on the water together, staying dry while letting the hustle of our daily lives fade out and the beauty of the natural world soak in.

There's really nothing quite like it.



A kayaker enjoys the flora during the trip.



My wife, Melissa, ducks as we approach a bridge to get across the Indiana-Illinois border



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Dancer Excited to Bring Company to Michigan City for Performance

by Kayla Weiss

NatalieinMotion was Natalie Deryn Johnson's email address in middle school.

After graduating from college, she arrived in New York City, pondering whether to create her own company and brand.

"I just decided to do it and haven't looked back since," Johnson said. "A big part of who you are comes from your childhood, at least I believe it does, so it made sense to use that name, and I've just kept the name ever since."

Johnson is the driving force behind "NatalieinMotion presents: Not Just Another Summer Night," which is Friday, Aug. 22, at The Uptown Center for the Performing Arts, 903 Franklin St., Michigan City.

Johnson graduated from Portage High School in 2008 and from the University of California in 2012, graduating *cum laude* with a degree in choreography and dance performance from the Campus Wide Honors Program. After college, she headed to New York City, where she interned with photographer Lois Greenfield, working behind and in front of the camera.

While in New York City, Johnson was inspired to start her own dance company, which she titled NatalieinMotion.

Johnson has performed before at The Uptown Center with her sister. She's excited to return with her full-length show. Johnson and her company of

artistic performers will take advantage of the area's natural beauty and local businesses for inspiration. Local musicians will contribute original compositions in the show as well.

"I'll have a small group of dancers with me, and we will do some filming and photography in the woods and at other locations," she said. "Then, we will put it together that weekend and show it."

"I'm excited for this performance. It's a positive thing for me and the people working with me."

Johnson has many other projects in the works. She is involved in another show that will combine dancing and talking, writing a script to a one-woman show and a metadance where she will move and speak about the movement in movement.

"There are so many possibilities," Johnson said, "but my core value is to focus on health and a holistic approach to art. I just love doing what I do, and I couldn't ask for anything more than that."



If You Go

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the show starting at 7:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students. Tickets purchased at the door are \$20 for the general audience and \$15 for students. Call (219) 921-9454 for reservations or more information.



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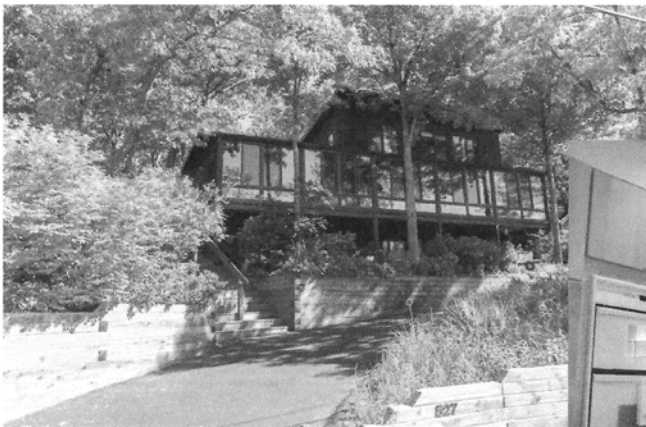
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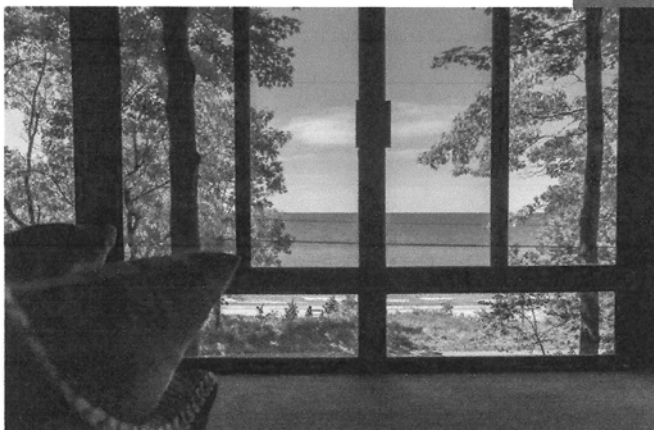
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Steamroller Project to Create Larger-Than-Life Works of Art

by Kayla Weiss

For the first time, local artists and volunteers will unite to make large-scale block prints as part of the free Steamroller Print Making Project on Saturday, Aug. 23, in Michigan City's Uptown Arts District.

Led by Chris Grohs, Nichole Scheaffer and Lora Fosberg of Walnut Ink Projects, the artists and their teams will carve the giant 7-foot printmaking plates, ink them, then roll over them with an industrial steamroller and driver from Rieth-Riley Construction to create larger-than-life works of art.

All this will happen from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Seventh and Franklin streets.

The process of making the prints is done quickly. However, the more detailed the carvings, the longer it takes to get the printing blocks ready, sometimes anywhere between two and five days of solid work. Teaming up with the forestry department, a special kind of paper was manufactured just for the steamrolling event.



Photos provided by Melissa Washburn reveal how the process unfolded for her project.

"It's very exciting to have so many people coming together to help us put everything together for this event," Scheaffer said. "The fact that we were able to partner with the forestry department to make special, one-of-a-kind paper for our steamrolling project is incredible to me."

Many local artists will lend their creative minds and hands to the event, not just Scheaffer, Fosberg and Grohs, but also Holly Greenberg, Melissa Washburn, Michael Bill Smith, Laurel Izzard, Janet Bloch, Julia Nielson, Tom Torluemke, Jay Zerbe and many others.

Each artist receives a 7- by 3-foot block on which they have been carving their creations for the printing event.

Washburn already has logged in more than 50 hours on her design.

"The carving is the easy part," Washburn joked,

"but having the ability to create something like this on this large of a scale – that's incredible."

"It's amazing to see how the community really came together to help us, monetary donations and people just donating their time to help. It's just such an incredible thing to see so much community support for the arts."

Washburn, who is making no secret about what she is carving up for the event, has been posting pictures for everyone to see as her design became more and more detailed. When first asked to be a participating artist, she began searching for inspiration



and stumbled upon Asian scroll drawings and was inspired to carve a peacock.

"Being that our blocks are very tall and narrow, I thought it appropriate," Washburn said. "Plus, most of the artwork I do on a normal basis involves birds of some kind, so it couldn't have been a more

perfect pick for me.

"I am just so excited to be joining artists of such caliber and talent – artists I have a great deal of admiration for. This is one of the most rewarding experiences I've had the honor to be a part of."

More than 30 prints will be made and displayed during the event, and then sold or donated at various establishments in Michigan City, depending on what the artists choose to do. If the artists wish to sell their pieces, Walnut Ink Projects will be right there to assist them, making sure they each have a place in the two-month-long exhibit. This year, they will present a travelling show, where many works of art will be donated to various establishments, such as Michigan City Public Library and City Hall.

On Aug. 23, local musicians will provide entertainment, food and beverages will be available.

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"Flashback Sunday"

As part of its "Flashback: 1970s" exhibit, Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St., will present "Flashback Sunday" on Aug. 24.

During gallery hours from noon to 5 p.m., several of the exhibiting artists will be present for conversation and discussion. Guests also can test 1970s knowledge with trivia posted throughout the exhibit. Light refreshments will be served.



"Captain Ambivalent" and his accordion.

At 1:45 p.m., "Captain Ambivalent," Valparaiso, will perform. He is a self-professed nerd rock singer-songwriter and one man band, performing in the tradition of They Might Be Giants, Weird Al Yankovic, Barenaked Ladies and Jonathan Coulton.

The exhibit, which runs through Aug. 31, unites artists from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois through a vision inspired by the 1970s. Several pieces of contemporaneous 1970s art are on loan as part of the exhibit, allowing the audience to compare the eyes of artists from the 1970s with the interpretation of those from today.

The SSAA gallery is open from noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Visit www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com for more information.

Hoosier Star Co-Chairwoman Named

Former Hoosier Star winner Nanda Danitschek has joined Sheryl Edwards as co-chairwoman of Hoosier Star 2014, La Porte County Symphony Orchestra's annual fundraiser.

Edwards has been Hoosier Star chairwoman since the event's inception nine years ago.

Danitschek has performed in several area theatrical productions and serves as a vocal coach for youth in the community. She was the adult runner-up in Hoosier Star 2006 and became the Hoosier Star 2010 adult winner by performing "I Will Always Love You" from "The Bodyguard." She also has served as a Hoosier Star audition judge and coordinates summer events for winning finalists, such as the Independence Day Parade.

Hoosier Star 2014 is at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St., La Porte. Contestants are:

YOUTH DIVISION

- Sandy Akers, Hobart.
- Marcos Buslon, Valparaiso.
- Madeline Conley, St. John.
- Madison Michael, Rolling Prairie.
- Megan Scutchfield, North Judson.
- Abigail Tomblin, La Porte.

ADULT DIVISION

- Taylor Carter, Merrillville.
- Brandon Dickson, Hamlet.
- Mandalyn Early, Valparaiso.
- Sarah Gorecki, La Porte.
- Jenny Hartson, Walkerton.
- Delshawn Taylor, South Bend.

General admission tickets are available at the door or purchased at hoosierstar.com. The cost is \$15 for adults or \$5 for children 12 and younger.

A limited amount of \$5 adult balcony seating (regularly \$15), the "super coupon blowout," is available at La Porte County Horizon Bank locations.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Every person with an admission ticket receives two paper ballots for voting purposes: one vote for the youth division and one for the adult division.

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La Lumiere Students Reflect on Prague Trip

La Lumiere students this summer traveled to Prague to learn about Central European culture and the history of the region.

It was the second annual trip to Prague led by La Lumiere teachers Clint and Lenka Tallman, the latter a native of the Czech Republic.

During the trip, students were asked to reflect on their experiences by writing journal entries. Stops included the Terezin Concentration Camp, Sedlec Ossuary in Kutna Hora, the village of Cesky Krumlov and Prague's Old Town.

These are a few of the students' thoughts:

Megan Jelinek, Flossmoor, Ill., on the day spent at Terezin Concentration Camp:

Today, we visited a concentration camp near Prague.

Being there was a scary and sad experience. I truly felt the struggles of the people imprisoned there. Seeing the camp was so surreal and heartbreaking. It's hard to imagine what those people went through.

Noah Fontaine, La Porte, on the Sedlec Ossuary:

Today, we went to the Sedlec Ossuary, a small Catholic chapel located beneath the Cemetery Church of all Saints in Sedlec, a suburb of Kutna Hora. The Ossuary is decorated with human bones, including a chandelier made of bones that is said to contain at least one of every bone in the human body. The chapel contains the bones of between 40,000 and 70,000 people and is one of the most visited tourist attractions in the Czech Republic.

Channing Scott, Granger, on the village of Cesky Krumlov:



La Lumiere students visit St. Barbara's Cathedral in Kutna Hora.

Today we traveled to Cesky Krumlov, a town outside of Prague. We took a tram, a train and a bus to get there. It is a little town full of surprises. The scenery of Cesky Krumlov is one you might find in a movie. There is a beautiful castle on a rock formation with a river winding around the whole town. The castle has an amazing garden that creates a maze.

Rachel Yemc, Long Beach, on Prague Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral:

Today, we explored St. Vitus Cathedral. In order to get there, we had to climb up what seemed like a million stairs. Even though we were breathless from our uphill journey, we were still able to revel in the cathedral's beautiful architecture and ex-

quisite details. It's hard to believe that something that extravagant was built so long ago.

Bella Schuster, La Porte, on the Charles Bridge at night:

We went to the Charles Bridge and Old Town to see the city at night. Prague is a different place at night; it is a city that never sleeps. It felt like a dream and was a wonderful European experience!

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Powerful Performances Earn Standing Ovation at Lyric Opera Preview

By Jan Van Ausdal

On Sunday, Aug. 10, the Eighth Annual Lyric Opera preview was held at International Friendship Gardens. It was my fourth year there. A good crowd was present at this celebration of opera.

Many volunteers made the afternoon affair successful. Some were at the entrance to sign in guests. Others drove carts to usher guests to the Symphony Gardens and wedding area, where rows of chairs awaited under a canopied, arched cover. Decorations were white swag-draped cloth and, of course, the omnipresent greenery in this peaceful setting.

Richard Houck, president of the Gardens board of directors, graciously welcomed the attendees. He narrated part of the historical aspects of the location with its 106 acres of forests and cultivated gardens. Many of the activities held here are free. Each summer, there are more than 30 weddings.

Houck was seated with his wife, Jeanne, executive director emerita of the Gardens. She believes this is a place visitors should come to explore and have fun.

The weather cooperated. After the early morning rain, the temperature was cool for summer, and the sun was soon hidden by clouds, which made for a pleasant day.

The event was supported by The Pauls Foundation, the Leonard J. & Irene Brown Foundation, Meijer and Houck Eye Care.

Narrator Charles DeWitt welcomed guests to the concert featuring works by Mozart, Verdi, Wagner, Puccini, Rodgers & Hammerstein and the Gershwin brothers, George and Ira.

"Please note that throughout the afternoon, some of the operas may contain R-rated material," DeWitt said. "After all, this is opera, yes?"

He continued.

"The first half of today's program takes place in the exotic locales of Spain, Germany and Rome, and the last half, sung in English, occurs from the shores of Maine and South Carolina..."

"We are certain that you will enjoy today's music, some of the most beautiful ever composed."

The accompanist for the afternoon was Jason Balla. Born in Wales, U.K., he had an organ scholarship at Oxford. A company member of the Lyric Opera of Chicago, he also is director of music at Chicago Sinai Congregation.

Soloists included two women and two men who performed separately and in small groups. Their credentials are outstanding.

Soprano Kimberly Jones is an alumna of the Ryan Opera Center, with many credits to her name in America and abroad. She is on the voice faculty of three music schools. She also enjoys singing The National Anthem for the Chicago Bulls.

Mezzo-Soprano Jessye Wright recently was one of four mezzos named "Upwardly Musical Artists on the Move." She has performed in Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and just appeared in Vienna, Austria, and in Belgium.

Tenor Cornelius Johnson's voice has been called "expressive and soaring." His credits are long and too many to list. A Chicago native, he received degrees from Morehouse and Northwestern universities.

Baritone Bill McMurray has more than 30 operatic roles to his credit and has performed here and abroad. He sings regularly with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus.

Jones sang "*Ah, chi mi dice moi*" from "Don Giovanni" and a selection from "Rannhauser." Cornelius performed "*Il mia tesoro*" from "Don Giovanni" and a selection from "Tosca." McMurray sang from "Don Giovanni." Wright sang "*Stride la vampa*" from "Il Trovatore."

Then, it was intermission, with a spectacular display of refreshments, including an edible fruit flower centerpiece with a butterfly, all made by Richard Houck III's mother, Michelle Mellen. There were small beef and turkey sandwiches, olives, cheese



Richard and Jeanne Houck, whose lives have been devoted to International Friendship Gardens.



Pearl Coffin and Marge Hammond of Michigan City, longtime friends and supporters.



Joan Mokrycki and Dan McNabb, friends who also are part of the annual "Messiah" production.

and crackers, veggies and dip, blueberry muffins. Did I omit anything? Beverages were wine, soda or water. Volunteers were hard at work here.

Then, the program resumed.

Tunes from "Carousel" included "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "If I Loved You" (an old favorite of mine). George Gershwin's "Porgy & Bess" contributed four songs to the afternoon performance. "Summertime" and "It Ain't Necessarily So!" were solos, while McMurray and Jones sang the duet "Bess, You is My Woman Now." The entertainment concluded with the foursome singing "Aw Lawd, I'm On My Way."

Bravo, bravo! The audience rose to its feet and clapped heartily in appreciation of the magnificent performances given on this Sunday afternoon at the Gardens.

Call (219) 878-9885 or visit www.friendship-gardens.org for more information on International Friendship Gardens.



Mezzo-Soprano Jessye Wright



Carolyn Mohammed (from left), Soprano Kimberly Jones and Jeanne Houck.



Top three photos by Oleg Semkoff



Long Beach couples and avid International Friendship Gardens supporters: Mike and Dottie Healy, and Rima and Walter Binder.



Three volunteers: Carolyn Mohammed (from left), Richard Houck III and Leslie Samelson. The edible centerpiece was made by Richard's mother, Michelle Mellen.



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A landscape horticulturist for Oak Lawn Park District will give a presentation using live butterflies at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, in the Butterfly Garden at International Friendship Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12, Michigan City.

Dolly Foster will highlight what is needed in a garden to attract and help them, including which locations are best and which plants are necessary.

Foster has been a Master Gardener for 14 years, an Indiana Accredited Horticulturist for 12 and a Certified Arborist since 2008. For the past 13 years, she has been presenting lectures on gardening topics. She spent four years as an adjunct faculty member of the Joliet Junior College Agriculture/Horticulture Department and currently is adjunct faculty at Moraine Valley Community College. An avid butterfly gardener, she has raised monarch and swallowtail butterflies for five years.



Visitors look over displays at last year's butterfly presentation.

Several La Porte County Master Gardeners also will be present to show off their butterfly raising "cat house," and share experiences with raising monarch butterflies.

Children's activities will include crafts and lessons relating to butterflies.

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And in the end, 100 percent of funds raised are used for direct patient assistance and cancer screenings in the community.

The annual Tour de La Porte is Aug. 22-24, with registration available at tourdelaporte.org or by calling (219) 326-2471 or (877) 265-4539.

The event draws beginners to serious athletes from up to 1,000 miles away. It unites the community in many ways: a spaghetti dinner the night before, student artists designing the half marathon awards and families coming together to run for a loved one.

The Crossing in La Porte serves as the official Tour de La Porte Training Center. Personal trainers and wellness specialists help guide participants through a program before the big event.

The race holds special meaning for people.

"Participation in the Tour de La Porte literally saves lives. The Tour, The Foundation and IU Health La Porte Hospital give hope, comfort and life back to cancer patients and their caregivers and loved ones," said Ryan Sobecki, U.S. Air Force Security Forces, Rapid City, S.D.

The Sobecki family – Ryan, brother Eric and dad Jeff — began sponsoring Tour de La Porte in 2010 after their mom, Linda, who was cared for at La Porte



Hospital, passed away from cancer.

"When my mom was going through treatment, she asked if we would run in the Tour de La Porte. I flew from Texas at the time and ran the race while my mom walked it," said Eric Sobecki, a B-1 pilot also in the U.S. Air Force in South Dakota. "This

event was an inspiration to my mom and may have just helped her make it another year."

Ryan added, "Not only did the Foundation help my mom extend her battle with cancer and ease her pain in her time of need, but they probably also saved my dad's life by helping to ease the financial burden, pain, shock and stress of my mom's illness."

Both men agree that living far away was difficult during their mom's illness, but the sense of community generated by Tour de La Porte helped ease their minds.

"I knew the Foundation and La Porte Hospital were right by our side to help my parents when we couldn't be close," Ryan said.



Eric Sobecki (from left), Jeff Sobecki and Ryan Sobecki.

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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

• Chellberg Farm Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23.

Tour the Chellberg Farmhouse and learn about the lives of early Duneland farm families.

The farm is off Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter.

• Junior Wildland Firefighter Program from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 23, at the West Beach Contact Station.

Meet the park's fire crew and learn about their jobs and equipment. Children then receive a Junior Wildland Firefighter activity book and patch.

West Beach is off County Line Road near Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.

• Campground Program from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Dunewood Campground Amphitheater.

Learn about the diversity of park resources. The campground is located at Broadway and U.S. 12 in Beverly Shores.

• "Miller Woods Hike" from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, at Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.

The length of the ranger-led stroll varies from a half mile to three miles. Call (219) 395-1821 for details of the week's hike.

• "Every Day is Family Day at the Douglas Center" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Paul H. Douglas Center.

Participate in hands-on family activities in the park's west end visitor center, especially the new outdoor Nature Play zone where unstructured play is encouraged. Follow the extension trail to Lake Michigan's shoreline. Inside the center, help feed the resident turtles and fish or make a free craft.

• The free Junior Ranger Program from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center and Paul H. Douglas Center.

A variety of Junior Ranger programs exist, from a short Beachcombers Activity Page to an extensive Junior Rangers Booklet. Complete a program and earn a prize. Stop by the Visitor Center or Douglas Center to pick up a free program booklet.

• "Park in Focus" from 1 to 3 p.m. every Saturday at the Paul H. Douglas Center.

Park staff will host special programs focusing on park resources, hot topics in research, new environmental films or guest speakers.

• "Kid's Rule" from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.

Join a ranger in the Visitor Center's activity room for stories and activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is on Lake Street north of U.S. 12 in the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

"Fine Art on the Farm"

"Fine Art on the Farm" will highlight 30 artists in a variety of mediums from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 23-24, at Homestead 1835, 33771 Chicago Trail, New Carlisle.

The two-day event marks a collaboration between Lori Kimmel from Homestead 1835 and art show producer Shireen Cline of KoZmo Events.

Visitors will find high-end jewelry, blown glass, fused glass, stained glass, pottery, fiber art, fine furniture, wood-turned bowls, metal sculptures and paintings.

Barbecue and beverages will be sold during the show. Entertainment includes The Elwood Splinters Blues Band with Ole' Harv from WVPE "Blues Review" on Saturday and The Goldmine Pickers on Sunday.

The cost is \$5, while children 12 and younger are free. Visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/fine-art-on-the-farm-tickets-11259763255> for tickets.

Business After Hours

Anytime Fitness, 59 Pine Lake Ave., La Porte, will host a Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28.

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All proceeds benefit the Porter County Museum Foundation. Doors open at 7 p.m. Opening act Kate Myers kicks off the show at 7:30 p.m., followed by Peacock at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 and \$35. Call (219) 548-9137 or visit www.mohlive.com for tickets.

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Blazer Block Party

A Marquette Catholic High School "Blazer Block Party" is Friday, Aug. 22, at the school, 306 W. 10th St., Michigan City.

An open house is from 5 to 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Music and dancing are from 6 to 8 p.m.

The cost is \$5 for current students. Alumni with an MCAA card cost \$8. All other guests are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

Call (219) 210-4506 for more information.

No Weekday Lifeguards at Beach

The Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department announced lifeguards are not on duty weekdays at Washington Park beach.

They will be on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day weekend.

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I was working in our booth at the Michigan City In-Water Boat Show and my friend, Larry Swiger, a volunteer at the Old Lighthouse Museum, stopped by to say hello.

While we were chatting, some visitors stopped by and a lady picked up the Old Lighthouse Museum brochure.

"I have been trying to go to this museum each time I visit Michigan City," she said, "and I have never made it there yet."

Swiger instantly responded by introducing himself and saying, "If you come to the museum today, I will personally take you on a tour."

And that, I am sure, is what ensued, because Swiger is so enthusiastic about the museum.



Larry Swiger

Swiger always gives credit to the other volunteers who give visitors the information they need, then send them on self-guided tours. People appreciate not being rushed and herded from room to room. You can even go back and take a second look at things of particular interest. There are audio buttons to narrate each room.

I think it is interesting to see items retrieved from shipwrecks on Lake Michigan, as well as those that reflect period-appropriate pieces for a lighthouse as a home.

"The summer of 2014 has brought quite a bit of 'mystery' to The Old Lighthouse Museum," Swiger said. "Village Tours & Travel included the Old



The Old Lighthouse Museum.

Lighthouse Museum in their 'Mystery Tour,' bringing guests from Kansas and Oklahoma to enjoy the museum and, if time allowed, a tour of the beach given by Kirk, one of our knowledgeable and informative docents.

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He continued.

"Without knowing the full nitty-gritty," he said, "we feel sure that most of the tourists ate in local restaurants and visited other destinations in La Porte County."

Swiger and the volunteers are great and make visiting Old Lighthouse Museum special. It is located at 100 Heisman Harbor Road, Michigan City. You can contact them at (219) 872-6133 or visit their website at www.oldlighthousemuseum.org. They are open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, April through October.



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New Exhibits Debut at Buchanan Art Center

Buchanan Art Center will have a public reception for three new exhibits from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, Aug. 24.

The exhibits, which run through Oct. 4, are: "New Works: Paintings by Norma Helm" in the Roti Roti Gallery; "The Visions...That are Truly Cooley: Pen and Ink Drawings" by Brian Cooley, and "Evolve: Repurposed Creations" by David Smykal, both in the Showplace Gallery. Also planned is student/faculty work by BAC potters in the Hess Gallery and showcases.



A new work by Norma Helm.

Born in Elkhart, and having painted since the late 1940s, Helm studied art and English at Indiana University-South Bend. In 1996, she rediscovered painting and studied under David Allen and Catherine Barbour until 1997, then with Kim Hoffmann in 1999. In 2001, she went to David Allen's Studio Art Center, South Bend, and has been painting and learning from since then.

For more than 20 years, Cooley's artwork has been a means to entertain himself, to communicate his thoughts and feelings, as well as tell stories from his perspective. His artwork has progressed to a storyboard style using India ink and oil paint mark-



"Row Boat Circle" by Brian Cooley.

ers. Now, with the help of friends and family, Cooley, who is autistic, is able to present to the public his sense of humor and unique way of telling stories.

Growing up in Southwest Michigan, sculptor Smykal developed a fondness for primitives — old, worn and reused items that found their ways into his work. He favors using found metal objects, game pieces, barn wood or driftwood to create a piece.

Student/faculty work by BAC potters includes Raku and Stoneware work completed within the last two years.



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A seagull by David Smykal.



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“Indiana Cartoons and Cartoonists”

From Fat Cat Garfield to Brown County savant Abe Martin, the many creations of Hoosier cartoonists are highlighted in the Indiana Historical Society’s traveling exhibit, “Indiana Cartoons and Cartoonists,” which runs through Sept. 9 at the La Porte County Historical Society Museum.

Thanks to their work on comic and editorial pages, Indiana artists have entertained and informed — through syndication — millions of newspaper readers across the country.

The exhibit explores goings-on of characters from comic strips such as “Chic” Jackson’s “Roger Bean,” which featured the lives of a typical Hoosier family, to the editorial musings of Pulitzer Prize-winning artist John T. McCutcheon, who was a fierce opponent of America’s entry into World War II.

The exhibit also examines the life and work of Indiana cartoonists such as “the dean of America’s editorial cartoonists,” Evansville’s Karl Kae Knecht, artists from the Crawfordsville area known as the Sugar Crick School of Art, the first black political cartoonist, Henry Jackson Lewis, who worked for The Indianapolis Freeman, and Muncie’s Jim Davis, responsible for bringing Garfield to life.

The museum is located at 2405 Indiana Ave. in La Porte. Call (219) 324-6767, visit www.laportecountyhistory.org or visit facebook for additional information.

Northwest Indiana Green Drinks

Matthew Kubik and Patrick Ashton, co-authors of “The Green Age: Transforming Your Life Choices for the 21st Century,” will speak at the next Northwest Indiana Green Drinks meeting, which is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St.

Kubik and Ashton will discuss their recent research on sustainable urban systems and issues of sustainable living. They will present “Ancient Rome and Modern Detroit: Parallels and Prescriptions for Urban Policy and Planning,” which they gave as a presentation to an international audience in Croatia. Learn how using the Rome model, design guides for urban policy and planning can be established for the environmental and social sustainability of Detroit and other contracting post-industrial cities leading to cultural and urban regeneration.

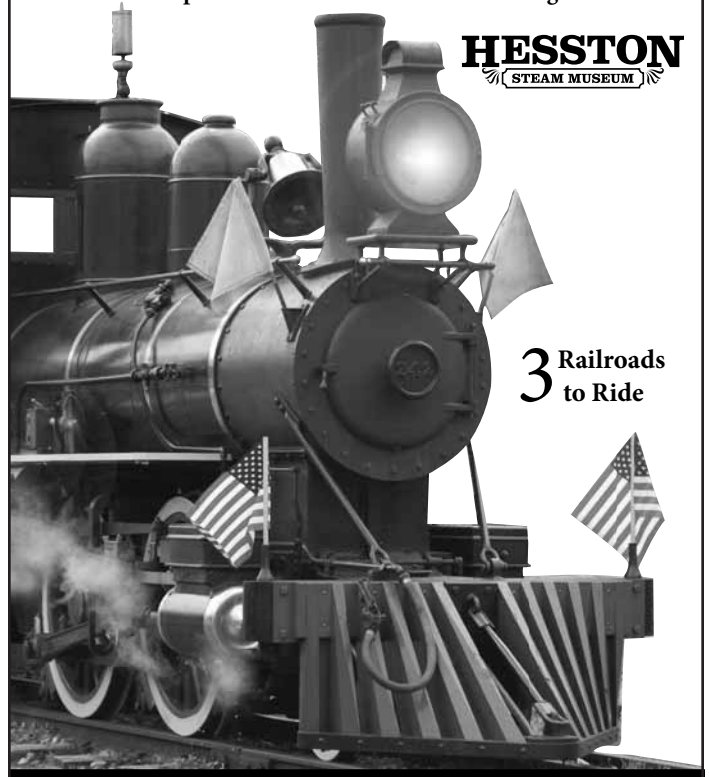
Kubik, a Michigan City native, is an internationally trained architect whose specialty is sustainable design. Ashton is a Detroit native with expertise in urban sociology and community action.

Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City is supported by 219 GreenConnect and sponsored by Save the Dunes. The suggested donation is \$5, or \$2 for students. Call (219) 874-6809 for more information.

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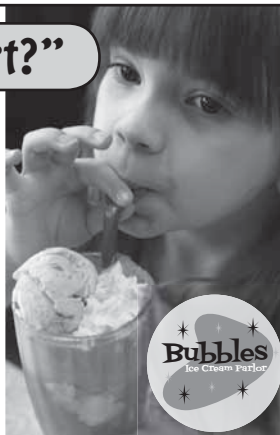


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The Service League of Michigan City held its monthly meeting Tuesday, Aug. 12.

President Katherine Brennan called the meeting to order, with 17 members present.

The group received thank-you notes from Hannah Knouse, a recent scholarship recipient, Marsha Kenney for the charm and luncheon that honored members receiving sustaining status, and Helen Gartner and Mary Lou Linnen for the League's ongoing assistance to them and the community.

The collections committee reported sending 17 first cards, eight second cards and six letters to remind clients to return overdue equipment. Members were reminded to check the "Do Not Loan" list before loaning items.

In July, the League served 96 patients, 131 items were loaned, 14 items removed from inventory and 12 items donated. During that same period, 18 patients received dressings, five of whom were new patients.

The September schedule is completed and has been emailed to members.

A give-back event is Oct. 14 at Hacienda. The Barker Welfare Foundation Grant has been completed and submitted. In addition, the grants committee will apply for a Community Enrichment Corp. grant. The next meeting is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9.

The League is a volunteer, non-profit organization that loans medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs and toilet aids, for a three-month period to residents who live within the Michigan City Area Schools boundaries. Call 872-1144 for more information, or stop by the office at 301 E. Garfield St. between 9 a.m. and noon and 1 and 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The office is closed holidays.

Carillon Recital

A carillon recital is at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, at The Presbyterian Church of La Porte, 307 Kingsbury Ave.

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P.E.O. Member Honored

Natalie Hellenga has been honored for her 50 years of active membership in the Philanthropic Educational Organization Sisterhood.

About 30 members of Chapter BA celebrated the achievement Aug. 7 with a luncheon at Rodini's Restaurant in Michigan City. Guests included Hellenga's sister, Linda Kaump, who is serving as president of her P.E.O. chapter in Knoxville, Tenn., and her daughters, Jodi and Sheree, also a Chapter BA member.



Natalie Hellenga stands with the P.E.O. chapter's tribute to her.

Natalie Hellenga was initiated into Chapter BA in 1964 and held many chapter offices and committee chairmanships. In 1980, she was elected to the Indiana state P.E.O. board. Seven years later, after fulfilling her duties on the board, she was installed as Indiana state P.E.O. president.

To commemorate her half century of service and devotion to P.E.O., chapter members have contributed to one of her favorite P.E.O. projects: the Program for Continuing Education.

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Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Bookmarks: Poe Ballantine's "Love & Terror on the Howling Plains of Nowhere" at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22.**

April Center is the reviewer.

• **Understanding Your Dreams at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23.**

Experienced dream therapist Terese Fabbri facilitates the workshop for people interested in dreams and their significance.

• **Meditation classes at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26.**

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• **Knitting Club for All Ages at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27.**

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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Friday, Aug. 22

• **10 a.m. — A Woodland Wander.**

Meet at the Nature Center for an easy, 45-minute stroll to Wilson Shelter and back. Visitors explore the sights and sounds of the forest and swamp.

• **3 p.m. — Sands of Time.**

Meet at the Nature Center auditorium for a look at how the dunes were formed. Then, create a quick make-it take-it craft.

• **7 p.m. — Sunset Beach Yoga.**

Bleu Lotus Yoga will offer a chance to stretch on the dunes beach. Registration and \$10 fee is required. Classes are canceled in case of inclement weather. Visit www.bleulotusyoga.com to register.

• **7:30 p.m. — Things that Go Bump in the Night.**

Meet at the campground gate for an hour stroll to explore nighttime animals that call the area home, as well as the adaptations needed to survive. Children 12 and younger must take a parent.

Saturday, Aug. 23

• **Indiana Dunes 17th Annual Sand Sculpture Contest.**

This year's theme is "Into the Wild." The registration table opens at 9 a.m., but groups may begin as early as 7 a.m. Judging starts after 11:30 a.m., with awards after 12:30 p.m. Vote for the "People's Choice Award." See the Nature Center for more information and specific rules.

(The event, originally set for July 12, was rained out.)

• **3 p.m. — A Dog Day Hike.**

Take your dog for the hour-long stroll through the forests of Trail 2. No cats are allowed. Meet at the campground gate.

Sunday, Aug. 24

• **10 a.m. — Feed the Birds.**

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

• **3 p.m. — 100 Years of Indiana State Parks.**

Meet at the Nature Center auditorium for the 50-minute documentary produced in 2009 by PBS.

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



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"Four Continents to Freedom"

The Michigan City Chapter of the Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana will host the presentation "Four Continents to Freedom" at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the former St. Mary's School, 321 W. 11th Ave., Michigan City.



Sandra Lundin (left)
and
Millie Zygmunt Rytel.

Author Sandra Lundin will discuss the true story of her neighbor, Millie Zygmunt Rytel, who with her family was abducted by the Russians from their farm in Poland and taken to a Siberian labor camp during World War II. Through faith and determination, the family emigrated to the U.S. eight years later.

Copies of the book are \$15 for paperback and \$25 for hardcover. Cash or check will be accepted. Both women will be available to sign books. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served. Reservations are recommended by calling Theresa Child at (219) 464-1369 or email polamnwi@yahoo.com



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Auditions at Mainstreet Theatre

Festival Players Guild seeks male and female actors 18 and older for its production of Christopher Durang's "The Marriage of Bette and Boo."

Auditions, held at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., Michigan City, are at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 23-24, and 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25.

Winner of the Obie Award for Best Play, the story centers on Bette and Boo, who are united in matrimony while surrounded by beaming families. As the progress of their marriage is chronicled, it becomes clear things are not working out well. Conveyed through interconnected scenes, the play moves through three decades of divorce, alcoholism, madness and fatal illness.

For the auditions, no prepared readings are requested. Resumes and headshots will be accepted. Performances are Oct. 10-11 and 17-18.

Call (219) 874-4269 for more information.

Taste of La Porte

The Third Annual Taste of La Porte is from 3 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at Chamber Square, 803 Washington St., La Porte.

Local eateries present include Albano's Villa, Spire Restaurant, Seven, Cookery Tried & True and Sacred Heart Country Kitchen.

A beer garden is planned, along with live entertainment. Local favorite Jim Post performs from 3 to 4:30 p.m., followed by Dan Moore and Johnny V from 5 to 6:30 p.m., then Junior and the Igniters from 7 to 9 p.m.

Stepping Stone Shelter will have a dunk tank, Ignite Body Art will paint faces and Bump N' Jump playhouses will have bounce houses.

The event is free, and visitors pay for food. Contact Thaddeus Cutler at cutler@lpchamber.com, call (219) 362-3178 or visit Downtown LaPorte on facebook for more information.

Harbor Country Book Club

Harbor Country Book Club will discuss Willa Cather's "Death Comes for the Archbishop" at 7 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Aug. 26, at Harbor Grand Hotel, 111 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich.

Meetings are open to anyone interested in discussing the book. The focus of the Sept. 30 meeting is Kent Haruf's "Benediction."

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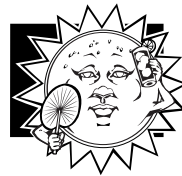
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- **Bookmarks at the Museum, Poe Ballantine's "Love & Terror on the Howling Plains of Nowhere,"** at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

April Center will lead the discussion. Refreshments will be served. It is not necessary to read the book before attending. Copies are available at Thomas and Hageman libraries.

- **"Recycling 101" on Saturday, Aug. 23, and "Recycling 102" on Saturday, Aug. 30, both from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

No registration is necessary. Pat Jackson and Thomas Murphy lead the programs. "Recycling 101" focuses on how to make a difference through recycling. "Recycling 102" centers on upcycling (reusing something to make it more valuable).

- **The new "Library Shelfie" program.**

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The event celebrates the grape harvest, includes live music and dancing, food, drinks, hayrides, a bounce house, cornhole games and grape stomping.

The entertainment schedule (all times Eastern) is: Saturday — Alligator Blackbird at noon and Lady Sunshine at 3:30 p.m.; and Sunday — Rebecca Anne Band at noon and Top Secret Band at 3:30 p.m.

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San is a collaborative project that performs original arrangements from China, Japan and Korea, as well as original compositions that draw on influences such as Asian traditional music, jazz, new and creative music and free improvisation.

San, loosely meaning "three" in Japanese, Chinese and Korean, features Donna Lee Kwon (vocals, Korean p'oongmool percussion), Tatsu Aoki (bass and shamisen) and Jeff Chan (woodwinds).

Kwon has worked extensively with community arts organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area and continues to perform in venues such as the Asian American Jazz, Other Minds and San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festivals.

Aoki has recorded more than 100 albums and featuring Chicago performers such as Fred Anderson, Von Freeman, Malachi Favors Maghostut, Don Moya and John Watson Sr.

Chan, who lives in the San Francisco Bay Area, is a prominent participant in the Asian-American Creative Music Movement. He is inspired by the work of African-American creative musicians. His albums have received critical acclaim in Cadence magazine and SF Weekly

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"Growing Stronger"

"Growing Stronger," an eight-week fitness program, is coming to Westville, with required orientation set for Tuesday, Aug. 26.

The program starts at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, and meets Tuesdays and Thursdays until Nov. 25 at the New Durham Estates Community Center, U.S. 421 and Indiana 2 in Westville. There is no class Oct. 7 and 16 and Nov. 11 and 20.

A required orientation is at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, at the Community Center.

The program, led by trained leader Allison Goshorn, is based on years of research on how strength training and proper nutrition can improve personal health, including: increased strength and flexibility; improved balance and reduced falls; improved weight and glucose control; and improved sleep.

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August 21 — Northwest Indiana Green Drinks meeting, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St. Suggested donation: \$5, \$2/students. Info: (219) 874-6809.

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August 21-25 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "A Summer's Tale." Rated G. French with English subtitles. Times: 9 p.m. Thur., 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* "Boyhood." Rated R. Times: 2 and 9 p.m. Sat.-Sun. *Also:* The documentary "Alive Inside." Not rated. Times: 9 p.m. Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Fri. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

August 22 — Bookmarks: Poe Ballantine's "Love & Terror on the Howling Plains of Nowhere," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

August 22 — "NatalieinMotion Presents: Not Just Another Summer Night," The Uptown Center for the Performing Arts, 903 Franklin St., Michigan City. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Pre-sale tickets: \$15/general admission, \$10/students. At door: \$20/general audience, \$15/students. Info/reservations: (219) 921-9454.

August 22 — Alice Peacock benefit concert, Memorial Opera House, 104 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso. Doors open 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25/\$35. Reservations: (219) 548-9137, www.mohlive.com

August 22-24 — Tour de La Porte. Registration: tourdelaporte.org, (219) 326-2471, (877) 265-4539.

August 22-25 — Auditions, Christopher Durang's "The Marriage of Bette and Boo," Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., Michigan City. Times: 6:30 p.m. Fri., 2 p.m. Sat.-Sun., 6 p.m. Mon. Info: (219) 874-4269.

August 23 — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Eighth and Washington streets, through October. Second Saturdays, (chef's demonstrations, special market activities, food truck, artists, music), 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

August 23 — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

August 23 — Understanding Your Dreams, 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

August 23 — Third Annual Taste of La Porte, 3-9 p.m., Chamber Square, 803 Washington St., La Porte. Info: www.lpchamber.com

August 23-24 — “Fine Art on the Farm,” 11 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT, Homestead 1835, 33771 Chicago Trail, Tickets: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/fine-art-on-the-farm-tickets-11259763255>

August 24 — “Flashback Sunday,” noon-5 p.m., Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. Info: www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com

August 24 — Carillon recital, 4 p.m., The Presbyterian Church of La Porte, 307 Kingsbury Ave. Info: www.LaPortePresbyterianFineArts.org, (219) 362-6219.

August 24 — Jazz on a Summer’s Day, the ensemble San, 4 p.m. EDT, Lakeside (Mich.) Inn, 15251 Lakeshore Road. Tickets: \$20. Reservations: www.hothouse.net, (269) 469-0600.

August 26 — Harbor Country Book Club, Willa Cather’s “Death Comes for the Archbishop,” 7 p.m. EDT, Harbor Grand Hotel, 111 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich.

August 27 — “Four Continents to Freedom,” 5:30 p.m., former St. Mary’s School, 321 W. 11th Ave., Michigan City. Free admission. Info: (219) 464-1369, polamnwi@yahoo.com

Mondays — Codependents Anonymous (CoDA), 6 p.m., Franciscan Alliance-St. Anthony Health. Info: (219) 879-3817

Wednesdays — Al-Anon meetings, 7-8 p.m., Long Beach Old School Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail. Info: (219) 716-2690.

Through September 9 — “Indiana Cartoons and Cartoonists,” La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave, La Porte. Info: (219) 324-6767, www.laportecountyhistory.org

Through October 5 — “Omnipresent Sky: Photography by Stephen Sostaric,” Atrium Gallery at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster. Info: www.southshoreartsonline.org

Farther Afield:

August 23 — Eric Lugosch, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10/general admission, \$8/students and seniors, free/children 12 and younger. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688, info@boxfactoryforthearts.org, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

August 23 — Main on Main improv troupe & special guest Jessica Hardy, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Bristol (Ind.) Opera House, 210 E. Vistula St. Tickets: \$5. Reservations: (574) 848-4116, www.elkhartcivictheatre.org

August 23-24 — 22nd Annual Harvest Party, noon-6:30 p.m. EDT, Round Barn Winery, 10983 Hills Road, Baroda, Mich. Info: (269) 422-1617, roundbarnwinery.com

August 24 — Public reception, three new exhibits, 2-4 p.m. EDT, Buchanan (Mich.) Art Center, 117 W. Front St. Info: (269) 697-4005, www.buchanan-artcenter.org

August 24 — The Deep River Grinders vs. the Fallasburgh Cubs, 2 p.m., Deep River County Park, 9410 Old Lincoln Highway, Hobart.



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

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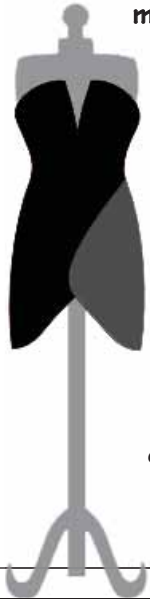
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The activities are free with paid Fernwood ad-
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• **Curious Coyotes: Reptiles & Amphibians
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Children 6-10 can learn about unique features of
reptiles and amphibians, and search for them along
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A snack is provided. The cost is \$10, or \$8 for
members.

• **Fernwood Juried Photo Contest 2014.**

The photo submission deadline is 5 p.m. Sunday,
Sept. 7. The gallery show begins Friday, Sept. 19,
with an opening reception and awards ceremony
from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21. The show runs
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Download contest rules, model-release form and
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Call (269) 695-6491 for more information on Fern-
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2014 Art Comp

Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St., will
present the 2014 Art Comp on Aug. 25 through
Sept. 27, with an opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 31.

More than 100 artists entered the juried show,
with 57 pieces making the final cut. Julie and Wil-
liam Tourtillotte, South Bend, acted as jurors. They
are art instructors at St. Mary's College and Holy
Cross College, respectively.

The show consists of a variety of mediums, in-
cluding painting, drawing, sculpture, mixed me-
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Gloria McMahon Hole 14
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Harbor Arts Benefit

A special benefit for Harbor Arts featuring watercolors by Dave Knoebber and tenor Maurice LoMonaco is Wednesday, Aug. 27.

The evening starts at 5 p.m. EDT at the home of Jon and Jennifer Vickers adjacent to The Acorn Theatre in Three Oaks, Mich. Knoebber of New Buffalo's Art Loft Studio will present his watercolors in a new type of exhibit format. Work will be available for sale, and free cocktails and a raffle are planned.

A reception is at 7 p.m. EDT in the New Leaf Lounge at The Acorn Theatre, 107 Generations Drive. At 8 p.m. EDT, also at The Acorn, LoMonaco and Martha Cares will perform Broadway favorites and international classics.

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La Porte County Historical Society Museum Curator's Report

The La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte, has released its July curator's report.

Visitors came from 17 counties, 21 states, New Zealand and Japan. There were two tour groups: the La Porte High School Class of 1964 and a family reunion. The Seventh Annual Old Car Show was July 26. Forty-nine cars manufactured before 1984 were entered and trophies awarded.

Donations included:

- Kitchen canister, Old Spice bottles and tins, Cindi McDonald.
- "Number Master" math teaching device used in La Porte schools, Dennis Nichols.
- Beaker from Meissner's Pharmacy, patch from 1956 National Waterskiing Championships, William Angrick.
- Circa 1920s ashtray, Lenick's Dairy pen, T-towel



Dennis Nichols donated a "Number Master" math teaching device used in La Porte schools.

and pillowcase from the estate of Lucille Sharp, Gail Fickel.

- Records of La Porte High School Concert and a cappella choirs, 1962, Nancy Zeedyk.
- Circa 1980s "Compaq" computer used at Howmet, David Miller.
- Red override telephone used for emergencies at La Porte Fire Station No. 1, circa 1950, Jacket from Long Branch Saloon, 1969, Richard Draves.
- Levine's gift certificate coins, Maurice Levine.
- 1927 Stillwell High School basketball scorebook, Roma Holmes.
- Reproduction wooden door lock, type used in Pioneer times, made by donor, Marion Iliff.
- Archival information, David Price, Roger and Rae Ann Brown, William Angrick and Lois Skalicky.
- Items for the sale table, Jean Chlupacek, and Roger and Rae Ann Brown.

Aug. 16 is "Family Fun Day." Activities include a train ride on the front lawn and a Matt Kalita Magic Show on the lower level, as well as face painting, sidewalk chalk and Hula hoop contest. Special admission that day is \$5 a carload and includes all outdoor activities and entry to the museum.

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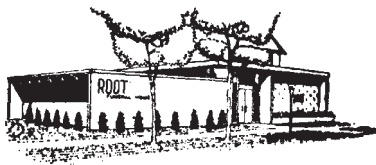
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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Busted: A Tale of Corruption and Betrayal in the City of Brotherly Love by Wendy Ruderman and Barbara Laker (hardback, \$25.99 retail in bookstores and online)

Non-fiction alert!

I don't often review non-fiction books, but when I find one as OMG as this, I have to pass it on.

This week's recommendation not only is one heck of a read, but it also won the Pulitzer Prize for investigative journalism in 2010. Now that I have your attention, let me explain how these two women risked their lives and reputations to bring the truth to the people of Philadelphia and the city fathers.

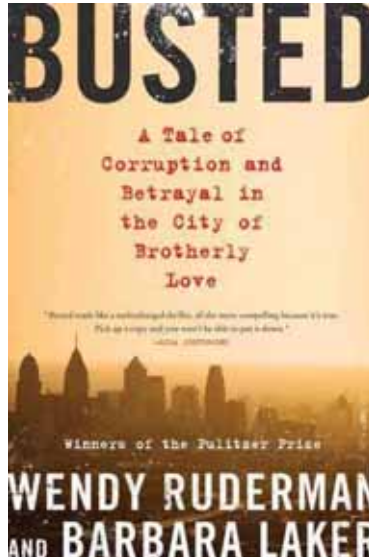
Authors Wendy and Barbara work as reporters for *The Philadelphia Daily News*. "*The Daily News* had never covered the world. It covered Philly. Period."

The Daily News shared a building and an owner with *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, the paper Wendy worked at for four years. She is a tiny woman, just under 5 feet tall, married, with two small sons. When the economy signaled big layoffs for the reporter-heavy *Inquirer*, Wendy jumped ship and took a job at *The Daily News* in 2007. Barbara, in her 50s, divorced and with two grown children, had been at *The Daily News* since 1993.

Crime, especially murders, had become so rampant in Philadelphia that by 2007, it was dubbed "Killadelphia." Heck, even doctors from Sweden came to the city to learn about lifesaving techniques for gunshot wounds. After all, the city hospitals had plenty of experience. The drug business was so lucrative, even the sidewalks with memorials to the slain, flowers and Teddy bears and such became a great place to hide a packet of heroin.

Into this chaos comes Benny in December 2008. He said he feared for his life. He'd gone first to Wellington Stubbs, "whose job it was to investigate citizen complaints against police officers." His commission was so overworked and understaffed, he decided to send Benny over to Wendy.

Benny told a tale of being a confidential informant for Det. Jeff Cujdik since 2001 when Jeff busted him for selling marijuana on a street corner. Benny's job for Jeff was to knock on doors of suspected drug dealers and make a buy, then Jeff would obtain a search warrant and make a bust. Benny got paid for each incident — \$20 for a drug buy, \$150 to \$250 for a big bust and \$100 for each weapon found — and Jeff began to make a name for



himself on the police force. He became the department's "golden boy."

Sounds good on the surface, right?

But then, things got crazy. As Jeff's unit busted more and more dealers, they started cutting more corners. Benny said he was given credit for, and paid for, buys at homes he never visited. He even had to set up close friends he considered like family. But the biggest mistake Jeff made was to rent a house he owned to Benny and his girlfriend, with drug money Benny earned going back to Jeff in the form of rent. If the police department learned about that, Jeff would be in big trouble. So now, Jeff has decided to cut Benny loose and evicted him

from the home he so generously rented to him.

Wendy and Barbara knew they were on to a big story. As they gathered information from Benny and public records of drug busts, the pair wrote their first story in a series titled "Tainted Justice?"

Wendy and Barbara were shocked at the outrage they received for busting one of Philadelphia's finest. Nasty emails, scary phone calls, death threats even being dubbed "Slime Sistas" came pouring in. Their critics seemed to believe the end justified the means when it came to drug dealers.

Ah, but that's just the tip of the iceberg. Wendy and Barbara's research also lead them to women who said they were sexually assaulted by a member of Jeff's team. And soon after, there was the stories from bodega owners who said Jeff's unit would break into their stores, tear the place apart, take money and goods and always cut the wires to the surveillance cameras. Only more proof that unrestrained power can go to a person's head, and that "absolute power corrupts absolutely."

This is an amazing book written by two courageous women with lots of chutzpah who willingly walked into scary neighborhoods to gather information, and get frightened people to talk to them and point them to others who, like them, felt the unwarranted wrath of Jeff and his cronies.

Please read this book. Everyone should. We should never allow those in charge of our safety to get out of control and look the other way while they terrorize, exploit and use others to their own end.

Booklist gave *Busted* a starred review, and *Newsweek* wrote: "...*Busted* is proof that journalism still lives, still matters."

Amen.

Till next time, happy reading!



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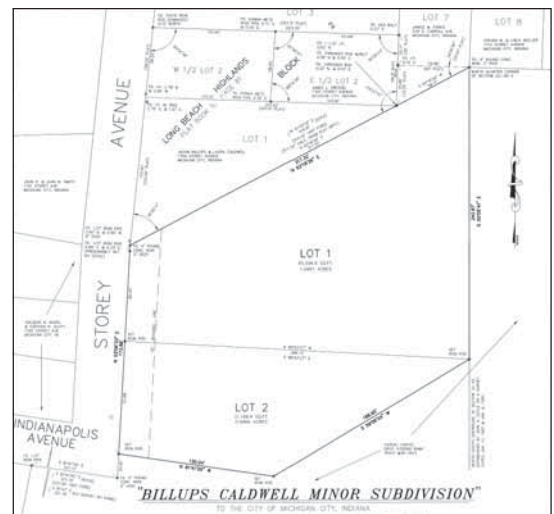


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