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# Never Give Up



After Having Leg  
Amputated, Trail Creek  
Man Finds Courage  
Through Family ... and a  
World Famous Dolphin

*by Andrew Tallackson*

In 2007, Dan Healy and his family were visiting relatives in Tennessee when he thought he'd twisted his ankle. The pain grew increasingly worse, coupled with spasms that felt like charley horses. His wife, Julie, suggested they head to the nearest hospital. He wanted to see Sam West, his physician back home.

So, Dan, Julie, their daughter, Chloe, followed by Julie's brother and future sister-in-law, Jeremy and Kaylee, began the trip home.

They made it as far as Columbus, Ind.

The pain was unbearable. Dan couldn't feel his right leg. The left leg felt colder. Within 10 minutes at the hospital, doctors assessed he had no blood flow in his legs. Surgery was the only option. A helicopter was ordered to fly him to IU Health Methodist Hospital

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Dan Healy and his daughter, Chloe, have their picture taken with Winter, the subject of 2011's "Dolphin Tale," at Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

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Chloe (left) and two other people get to rub Hope's belly.

in Indianapolis.

Julie watched in shock as her husband screamed in pain. Moments before leaving for Indianapolis, before the pain medicine took effect, Dan cried out with one last request.

"Don't let them take my leg."

To Dan's relief, amputation was not necessary. However, six years later, and 22 surgeries later, his fears became reality.

Dr. Darwin Eton, an internationally known expert in vascular surgery with The University of Chicago Medicine, had a talk with Dan. He'd fought the good fight. Amputation was inevitable.

"You need to close this chapter of your life," he said.

Thus began a new journey for Dan, one of acceptance, courage and ultimately peace fueled not just by the support of Julie and Chloe, but by Chloe's

love of dolphins that led them at the close of 2013 to Clearwater Marine Aquarium in Florida, home to the dolphin that inspired 2011's "Dolphin Tale."

Dan and Julie have been married since 2000. He established Dan Healy's Landscaping Inc. in 1990, which helped pay his way to earn a business degree from Purdue University-North Central. Julie also attended PNC, her focus being nursing.

Chloe is 9 and a Queen of All Saints School third-grader. Exceptionally bright, and with no trace of shyness, she calls Queens "the best school ever, and my teacher is awesome because her class is all sea animals."

Chloe's love of the sea, especially dolphins, is evident by the way she's helped decorate rooms throughout the family's Trail Creek home. Her bedroom, for example, is painted in soft blues, with images of dolphins on the walls, windows, even her



bedsheets. Posters from "Dolphin Tale" rest on her bed. Downstairs, another room practically explodes with posters for "Dolphin Tale" and "Flipper," pictures and posters she's colored of sea animals.

As a little girl, she didn't understand what was happening with her father.

"When I got older, I realized my dad was having so many surgeries," she said. "My dad wasn't home a lot. My mom would tell me about everything going on, and I would be sad for a while. I cried a lot. It was really hard."

Then, she saw "Dolphin Tale," the surprise 2011 box-office hit inspired by a true story of a bottlenose dolphin that, in December 2005, became entangled in a crab trap off the Florida coast, was rescued and nursed at Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Her survival was ensured through a prosthetic tail to replace the amputated one.

The dolphin was named Winter. Worth noting is that her tail came from prosthetics-supplier Hangar Inc., which has more than 700 patient care clinics, including one in Michigan City at Woodland and Coolspring avenues.

One of the themes in "Dolphin Tale" is how Winter became a source of inspiration to people across the globe. The 2013 Clearwater Marine-produced documentary "Winter: The Dolphin That Can" also shows how all types of people made a connection with Winter and later another dolphin rescue, Hope. One moving example from the documentary is a boy with Asperger syndrome, a high-functioning form of autism, who connected with Winter almost instantly upon meeting her, then opened up to the world around him.

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Dan Healy shows his new prosthetic leg.



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Chloe was inspired, and scared by, what she learned from "Dolphin Tale."

"I started to understand what was happening to my dad," she said. "I wanted my dad to have his leg amputated. I wanted him to do it. I told him it would be OK to lose his leg."

Chloe even had a birthday cake made for Dan that read, "Happy Birthday! If Winter can, my dad can!"



Dan and Chloe stand in a dolphin-themed room in their home.

The youngster was determined to see her dad through the process.

"I told my dad, 'You have to go on with your life and never give up'."

Before 2007, Dan was in good health. From then on, however, life was one surgery after another, much of it caused by blood clots and ensuing efforts to restore blood flow in his legs. One procedure, in fact, resulted in drop foot, causing abnormal gait. The idea of amputation, though, was not an option to him.

"No one wants to lose a limb, especially in the trade I'm in," he said of his landscape business. "I

couldn't see my life going on. I could never walk around and give estimates or dig holes.

"I was scared. When it's happening to you personally, you are scared because of the unknown."

It was in August 2013, though, that problems arose with the blood thinner Coumadin. Severe complications ensued and Dr. Eton at The University of Chicago had his life-changing talk.

"At that time," Dan says, "I accepted it. My pain and quality of life, well, it was just misery."

On Sept. 30, Dan's right leg was amputated below the knee. He went home seven days later, a record for any patient in the hospital's history. The next month, however, was exceptionally difficult. He had to rethink common, everyday processes that most people take for granted.

"I've always been independent," he said, "so to depend on other people, to me, that was embarrassing, almost humiliating."

"I mean, my family, they would help me no matter what, but it's pure hell to have other people help you do what you used to do by yourself."

Seeing her father struggle, Chloe says, was hard.

"I felt really bad," she said. "I would not only think about how I would deal with it, but how it was for him, how it made him

feel. I wouldn't want to lose a limb."

Holding the family together through Dan's ordeal was Julie. In the weeks after Dan's return home from the University of Chicago Hospital, she offered unending support, frequently taking him out of the house so he didn't feel trapped at home. She also encouraged his decision to get a prosthetic limb, which he's adapted to quite nicely with help from therapist Deborah Pitchford.

The trip to Clearwater Marine Aquarium, ironically, was not Chloe's idea.

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It was Julie's.

"We did this with the intention of surprising Chloe for her birthday on Dec. 30," she says. "In the end, it helped Dan be more comfortable with his prosthetic leg. It helped him with the acceptance of it. The reality of it."

Indeed, the experience at Clearwater was a healing one for Dan.

"They don't stare. They don't judge. They hold the door open for you," he said. "They cater to people who have experienced tragedies."

At first, it appeared as if the family would only meet Hope. But on Jan. 1, the chance arose to meet Winter. The experience was everything the family hoped it would be.

"You hear all these stories, and it's true," Julie says, tears welling in her eyes. "I tell you, that dolphin knows when people come in with handicaps."

Chloe observed the same thing.

"You could just see it," she said. "She could sense that part of people. When my dad went to see her, she looked up like, 'Hey, what's going on? I want to get up close to you.'"

Dan grows quiet as he hears his wife and daughter describe the experience.

"Yeah," he says, "it was pretty amazing. I was pretty much at peace."

During their stay in Clearwater, the family got a



Dan Healy, his wife, Julie, and their daughter, Chloe.

sneak peak at "Dolphin Tale 2," which was filming there at the time and arrives in theaters Sept. 19. They met David Yates, Clearwater's CEO, whose equivalent in the film was played by Harry Connick Jr. Chloe still keeps in touch with him through twitter. She also stays in contact with Katrina Simpkins, who has Proximal femoral focal deficiency, a

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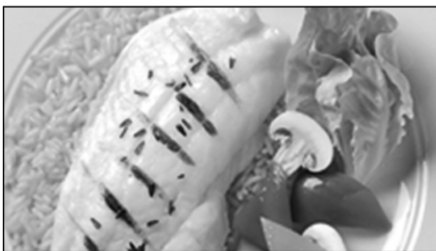


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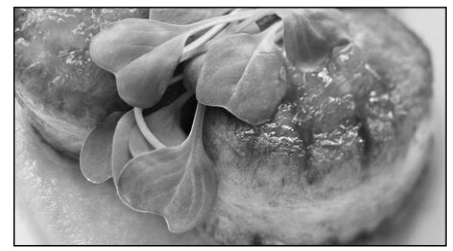
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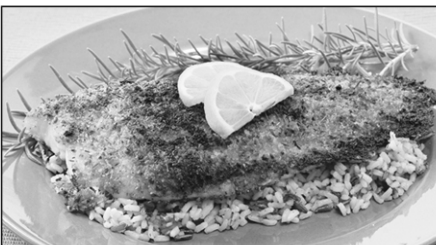
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Chloe holds Hope's flippers.

birth defect that caused her right leg to be shorter than her left one. She, too, was moved by her experience with Winter.

As for Dan, he's ready to get back to work, to return to the landscape company he started nearly 25 years ago.

"I'm doing good," he says. "I'm at peace with everything. I'm anxious to get back to work."

Chloe smiles after hearing this.

"You've overcome a lot, Dad," she says. "That's because of Winter. She inspires everyone."



Julie and Chloe talk to David Yates, CEO of Clearwater Marine Aquarium.



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## Chicago Filmmaker Makes Feature Debut in Southwest Michigan

A Chicago filmmaker and 2008 American Film Institute graduate who spent his summers as a child in Southwest Michigan is making his feature-film debut here with "The Middle Distance."

"I am thrilled to be able to feature the landscape of Southwest Michigan that surrounds my childhood memories," says Patrick Underwood, the film's writer, producer and director.

The story centers on Neil Mercer who, in the wake of his father's death, returns home to the Midwest for the first time in years to help sell his estranged parents' cottage. When his brother must leave unexpectedly, Neil finds himself marooned in the house with his brother's fiancé, a wickedly smart, fiercely independent woman.

The film stars Ross Patridge ("The Lost World: Jurassic Park"), Joslyn Jensen ("Malorie's Final Score") and Kentucker Audley ("Ain't Them Bodies Saints"), along with Chicago actors, Janet Brooks, Adam Poss, Greg Anderson and Kevin Michael Murray.

Underwood is leading a team that has braved frigid temperatures, rallying together as if they've worked together for years. His loyalty to his Chicago and Michigan roots has been crucial to his first feature. He hired Chicago line producer/UPM Kevin McGrail, who also worked on John Hancock's "Swan Song," to assemble the team that includes Chicago crew first assistant director Jason Dusenske, costume designer Kortney Dziedzic and Steadicam operators Sebastian Audinelle and Camerin Petrimiele. Associate Producer Kimberly Much is a Chicago native as well. Ninety five percent of the crew, in fact, is from the Midwest, including cinematographer Kevin Duggin.

"I would love to be someone who is identified with a particular place," Underwood says. "Martin Scorsese and Spike Lee are New York filmmakers. For a long time, Robert Rodriguez and Richard Linklater were Austin filmmakers. Joe Swanberg is a Chicago filmmaker."

"I would like to be known as a Chicago filmmaker. It's a city with incredible character that is still woefully underutilized and underphotographed. I want to show Chicago to the world."

"I've been working on this project for over 2 1/2 years. I quit a great job to make this movie. And I can't think of anything I'd rather be doing."

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The crew films a scene where Neil Mercer (Ross Patridge, right) tries to sell his Southwest Michigan home to a family with young children.

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## MCHS Competes at Science Olympiad Regional

The Michigan City High School Science Olympiad Team competed against 11 teams in 23 events at the 13th Indiana University-Northwest Science Olympiad Regional on Feb. 15.

Placing for the Wolfpack team, coached by Robert Gray and assistant coach Katie St. Germain, and consisting of 16 team members, were:

- Disease Detective — Joselyn Schooley and Sarah Becker, third place.
- Elastic Launch Glider — Grant Wozniak and Marty Komay, third place.
- Scrambler — Grant Wozniak and Rishi Verma, third place.
- Hydrology — Austin Samys and Ryan Solano, third place.
- Dynamic Planet — Mackenzie Phillips and Fila Bates, fourth place.



The Michigan City High School Science Olympiad Team includes (front row, from left) Claire Werner, Sarah Becker, Josh Strawder, Christine Duers, Katie St. Germaine and Ryan Solano. The second row is (from left) Robert Gray, Heather Kizer, Ruth Serrano, Rishi Verma, Fila Bates, Mackenzie Clark and Kayla Stark. The back row is (from left) Grant Wozniak, Robert Day, Marty Komay, Joselyn Schooley and Austin Samys.



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## La Lumiere Teams Advancing to Science Olympiad State Finals



The La Lumiere Blue Team is (first two, from left): Kelly Barr, La Porte; Michael Wu, China; Brittany Hicks, La Porte; Megan Gillen, La Porte; Vesper Yun, Korea; Courtney Meyer, Michigan City; and Justine Izah, Crown Point. The second row is (from left): Patrick Smith, Muncie; Penfie Jiao, China; Marina Walinski, Rolling Prairie; Emily Beach, South Bend; Noah Schuster, La Porte; Ian Miner, Ada, Mich.; and Coach Bryan Smith. The last row is (from left): Neal Patel, Chesterton; Richy Cains, Michigan City; and Coach Ken Andert.

La Lumiere School sent two teams to the Indiana Science Olympiad Regional Competition on Feb. 8 at Goshen College.

Twelve teams from nine high schools competed in 23 events, including earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, engineering and problem solving.

La Lu Blue placed second overall and will advance to the finals at Indiana University-Bloomington. La Lu Blue captured first place in eight events — the most first-place finishes of any team — and won 15 medals overall. The school placed fifth overall and won eight medals.

*Medal winners for the blue team were:*

### First Place

- Boomilever – Penfie Jiao, Michael Wu.
- Bungee Drop – Penfie Jiao, Marina Walinski.
- Circuit Lab – Courtney Meyer, Michael Wu.
- Entomology – Marina Walinski, Noah Schuster.
- Magnetic Levitation – Ian Miner, Neal Patel.
- Material Science – Courtney Meyer, Ian Miner.
- Mission Possible – Vesper Yun, Courtney Meyer.
- Scrambler – Penfie Jiao, Michael Wu.

### Second Place

- Astronomy – Neal Patel and Patrick Smith.



The La Lumiere White Team is (front row, from left): Ethan Grant, La Porte; Lucas Conner, Michigan City; Yasutaka Matsui, Japan; Nerissa Siwietz, Michigan City; Isaac Houston, Niles, Mich.; Ethan Murillo, La Porte; Nolan Grieger, La Porte; Sean Russell, North Liberty; Jenna Rifai, Valparaiso; Maria Lake, La Porte; and Sylvia Ogar, La Porte. The back row is (from left): Cherry Chen, China; Maggie Chen, China; Sydney Benacka, Valparaiso; Rowena Quinn, La Porte; and Coach Bryan Smith.

- Disease Detectives – Justine Izah, Noah Schuster.

### Third Place

- Experimental Design – Kelly Barr, Courtney Meyer, Marina Walinski.
- Forensics – Kelly Barr, Megan Gillen.
- Write it/Do it – Emily Beach, Megan Gillen.

### Fourth Place

- Compound Machines – Neal Patel, Courtney Meyer.
- Designer Genes – Emily Beach, Megan Gillen.

*Medal winners for the white team were:*

### Second place

- Boomilever – Yasutaka Matsui.
- Bungee Drop – Maggie Chen and Rowena Quinn.
- Circuit Lab – Nolan Greiger and Cherry Chen.
- Elastic Launched Glider – Yasutaka Matsui.

### Fourth place

- Experimental Design – Isaac Houston, Maria Lake, Rowena Quinn.
- Magnetic Levitation – Isaac Houston, Nerissa Siwietz.
- Mission Possible – Rowena Quinn, Sean Russell.
- Scrambler – Isaac Houston, Yasutaka Matsui.

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The Smoky Mountains consists of 130,000 acres of old-growth forest climbing up mountainsides and nearly 200 miles of streams that often end in waterfalls. More than 300 species of spring wildflowers can be found along the trails, including nine types of trilliums and more than 30 species of orchids.

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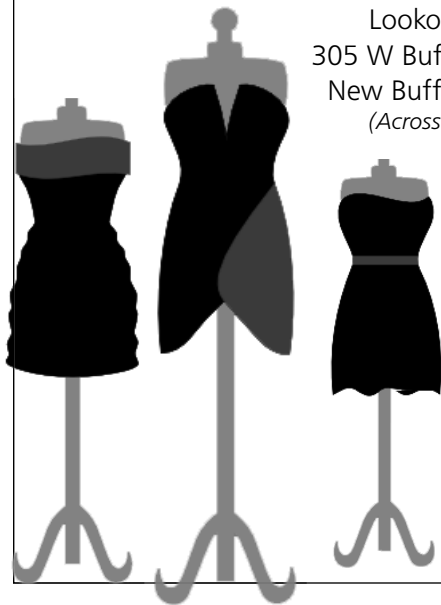
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**Westchester Public Library**

The following programs are through Westchester Public Library:

• **"Knitting Together at the Museum" from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at Brown Mansion, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

The free program is open not only to knitters, but also those who crochet or do needlework.

• **The National Education Association's Read Across America Day from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, March 3, at the Thomas Library Children's Department, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Pat Jackson and Karyn Witt will help children explore Dr. Seuss books, including playing Dr. Seuss board games. Participants also will make an edible snack. No registration is needed. Also, a table will be set up for those interested in signing up children for the library's reading tutoring program.

• **Leigh Westergren from Anton Insurance will present information on the Affordable Care Act from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, March 4, and 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Thomas Library.**

The Affordable Care Act took effect Jan. 1. Open enrollment runs through March 31.

• **The Lego Club at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 14, at Thomas Library.**

Children receive a bucket of Legos to build whatever they like. The program is free, but registration is necessary by calling (219) 926-7696. Children 6 and older can sign up in the children's department.

• **The drop-in craft program, The Art Box, runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday in March at Thomas Library.**

Special guest Annette Hansen will show how to make paper orchids on March 8. All ages are welcome. Parents are asked to accompany their children. No registration is necessary.

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## Shelf Ice Video, Programs

Anyone interested in seeing shelf ice can watch an aerial video shared by Indiana Dunes Tourism and attend one of two programs in March at Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton.

The video, shot by Thad Donovan, Smith Donovan Marketing & Communications president, can be viewed anytime at <http://www.indianadunes.com>

Indiana Dunes State Park's interpretive staff will reveal how the ice forms and offer a bird's-eye view of the ice from atop the beach pavilion at 2 p.m. Saturdays, March 1 and 22.

Those who can't attend the program can view the shelf ice safely from the beach any day of the week at Indiana Dunes State Park or Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, which has access points on either side of the state park.

Shelf ice, which is much weaker than ice sheets on inland lakes, forms as waves push ice chunks together, resulting in a conglomeration of frozen pieces full of air pockets and weak spots.

Call (219) 926-1390 for more information.

## Spring Bazaar Discount Deadline

The deadline for Village Park Enrichment Center's Spring Bazaar booth discount is March 31.

Benefitting the Valparaiso senior center, the annual bazaar is from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at VPEC, which is in the former Banta School, 605 Beech St. It features exhibitors selling furniture, crafts, jewelry, antiques, linens, art, collectibles and clothing. Lunch can be purchased from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no admission charge.

The booth fee for VPEC members is \$30, or \$40 for non-members, for one 6 foot by 30 inch table and two chairs in an area measuring about 48 square feet. An early bird special allows members to pay only \$25, or \$35 for non-members, if reservation and payment are received by March 31.

Proceeds from the event support VPEC programs and activities. Call Village Park Enrichment Center at (219) 462-1301 for more information about booth rental.

## Free Bridal Show

La Porte County Public Library will host its second free bridal show from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at La Porte County Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

The show will feature La Porte County businesses, including merchants, caterers and planners, along with giveaways.

Contact Deborah Meserve at (219) 362-6156 or visit [dmeserve@laportelibrary.org](mailto:dmeserve@laportelibrary.org) for more information.



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## Maple Sugar Time

Join park rangers and volunteers for the annual Maple Sugar Time from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 1-2 and 8-9, at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's Chellberg Farm.



A child prepares a tree to collect sap during the annual Maple Sugar Time.

Visitors can see how American Indians first boiled maple sap into sugar, and learn how the early settlers used large iron kettles to create syrup. They then can stand in the warm steam of the sugar shack, where sap is boiled down the way the Chellberg family did in the 1930s.

Visitors can try drilling a tap hole, lugging heavy sap buckets using an old-fashioned yoke or tasting free maple syrup. Children can complete a junior ranger activity sheet to earn a free

Junior Ranger Heritage Patch, then warm up in the farmhouse and collect recipes featuring maple syrup.

Chellberg Farm is on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20. Visit [www.nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit](http://www.nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit) or call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

## Community Leadership Award

Now in its third year, nominations are being sought through March 3 for the 2014 Ned E. Kalb Community Leadership Award.

The award recognizes a quiet, behind-the-scenes La Porte County leader. Its joint sponsors are the Purdue Extension Office of La Porte County and Leadership La Porte County. John Coulter and Purdue University-North Central Chancellor James Dworkin are past recipients. Nominees can be individuals or organizations.

"Ned was a key founder of Leadership La Porte County," said Jim Jessup, a 30-year volunteer with the organization that originated in the Extension Office. "He spent several years in the early 1980s guiding and facilitating the new non-profit training group."

Kalb, who died Nov. 19, 2011, spent 15 years as the extension director in La Porte County, where he served on many public and private boards.

After leaving La Porte County, he went on to serve the Extension Office in other counties and later went overseas, teaching underdeveloped countries to be self-sufficient through modern farming and business methods.

Nomination forms are available from the Leadership or Extension offices, by calling (219) 325-8223, (219) 324-9407 or (219) 874-5611 or by email to [info@leadershiplaportecounty.com](mailto:info@leadershiplaportecounty.com). A panel of local leaders will select the winner, who will be announced and honored at the Extension Office annual meeting March 27 at St. Mary Parish in Otis.

## Indigan Storytelling

An evening of Indigan Storytelling begins at 6 p.m. EST Friday, Feb. 28, at Journeyman Distillery, 109 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich.

Several people will present stories that emerged from a workshop led by Roger Batton and Stephanie Medlock. They will be present along with Mary Dean Cason, Gregg Fraley and Colleen Newquist. The cover charge at the door is \$5.

Indigan Storyteller is a regional educational enterprise in Three Oaks whose mission is to advance the art of storytelling. Workshops and presentations are being planned in South Bend and the Three Oaks area in March and April.

More information is available by visiting Indigan Storyteller on facebook.

## Annual Mardi Gras Party

The sixth annual Mardi Gras Party is Saturday, March 1, at American Legion Post 204, 204 W. Linden St., Three Oaks, Mich.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with food served at 7 p.m. A Cajun menu, silent auction and music are from 8 p.m. to midnight. All times are Eastern.

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## Buchanan Art Center Reception

Buchanan (Mich.) Art Center, 117 W. Front St., will have a public reception for four new exhibits from 2 to 4 p.m. EST Sunday, March 2.

The exhibits, which run through April 19, are: "Imaginative Cartography" by Howard Scott; "Everyday," photography by Amy Lingle; "Living in a Dream World," mixed media by Richard Loose; and "Inner Beauty of a Tree," turned wood by Neil Benham.

Scott has been exhibiting watercolors since 1975. He is a member of the Northern Indiana Artists Inc. and St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society, and a signature member of the Indiana Watercolor Society. He has been exhibiting at selected art fairs throughout the United States since 1994. From 1996 to the present, he has taught beginning and intermediate watercolor at The South Bend Museum of Art.



One of the entries in Amy Lingle's photography exhibit, "Everyday."

Lingle was born and raised in Southwest Michigan, graduated from school locally and went to The Art Institute of Pittsburgh to obtain an associate's degree in photography. She is inspired by fine art and landscape photography, particularly the work of Ansel Adams' pre-war California and Clyde Butcher's Florida everglades.

Returning to Niles, Mich., in the mid-1950s after being discharged from the Army, Loose spent time in the Northwest, specifically Montana, Wyoming and Utah. Exploring remote areas of all three states, he decided Montana was his favorite and took countless photos of moose, bear, cougar and deer. After returning to Michigan, he entered a trade school and forged a career as a draftsman/designer. After retiring in the late 1990s, he decided to put his memories of the animals he encountered on paper.

In 2006, Benham took lessons on how to turn wood bowls, purchasing a wood-turning lathe and the necessary tools. From then on, making bowls from trees — green, but not live — has become a satisfying hobby.

Center hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. It is closed Sunday. All times are Eastern. More information is available by calling (269) 697-4005 or visiting [www.buchananartcenter.org](http://www.buchananartcenter.org)



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# Down the Tubes

We sent our photographer, Oleg Semkoff, out in the cold on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 15-16, to see if people were still sledding and tubing. He found a few families having a great time just south of Purdue University-North Central off U.S. 421 and on the north side of U.S. 20 in Pines.



## NWI Rug Hookers Guild Exhibit

The Northwest Indiana Rug Hookers Guild will showcase its traditional rug-hooking artwork in March at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The group will display a number of rugs ranging in size and style, all constructed using a traditional rug-hooking method. One member, Jill Hicks, Valparaiso, will have her rug titled "Square Harmony" featured in "Celebrations 24," a yearly rug-hooking magazine that will be published in August.



Jill Hicks appears with her rug, "Square Harmony."

The guild meets weekly at a variety of locations. Members work on projects and learn from each other's experiences. Call Sandi Church at (219) 462-0276 for more information.

## Michigan City Public Library

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

• **"Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!" at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 1.**

Participate in stories and crafts, along with a raffle for a "Super-Duper Seussical" goodie bag.

• **"Free Gentle Flow Yoga" at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, March 1.**

Certified yoga instructor Lauralee Sikorski leads gentle flow yoga with an emphasis on deep breathing and releasing stress. Wear comfortable attire and arrive on an empty stomach. Take a mat because extras are limited.

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

Take size 9 straight knitting needles, worsted yarn and a tape measure. Contact Joanne Hale at joeyAB1971@yahoo.com or (219) 814-4398 for more information.

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

## La Porte County Library

"Play, Grow, Read!" programs run March through May at the main library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte, and its branches. Activities and games incorporate five early literacy practices — talking, writing, reading, playing and singing — in fun ways for children and caregivers.

Other library programs include:

• **"Learn How to Play Chess" from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturdays in March.**

Aimed at fifth-graders through adult, participants can attend one program or all of them. Those who've learned how to play can attend the Newbie Chess Tourney at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

• **"Read Across America with Pete the Cat" at 6 p.m. Monday, March 3, at the main library.**

The program is a read-in focusing on the popular storybook character. Youngsters also can choose a book to read on his/her own and take a picture with Pete and his four buttons. In keeping with Dr. Seuss' birthday, those present will make a craft featuring the Cat in the Hat.

## Presbyterian Church Concert

"Carey Scheck & Friends, From Bach to Barber" is at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at The Presbyterian Church of La Porte, 307 Kingsbury Ave.

The program will feature Scheck on piano, Frank Delo Jr. on clarinet and Michael Sheck on trumpet.

Child care is available. A free-will offering will be taken. Call (219) 362-6219 or visit [www.LaPortePresbyterianFineArts.org](http://www.LaPortePresbyterianFineArts.org) for more information.



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## Night of Sketch Comedy

KLN Productions & the Acting Ensemble will present "Therapy Session Comedy Skits & Music" on Saturday, March 1, at Barker Hall, 600 Franklin Square.

Doors for the original sketch-comedy event open at 6 p.m., with the show starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door or \$20 for VIP tickets. Advance tickets are available at Marvelous Cuts, 2703 Franklin St., and Quick Stop Foods, 403 Chicago St.

Call (219) 877-4407 or visit [www.facebook.com/kelvin.bride](http://www.facebook.com/kelvin.bride) for more information.

## Annual Preschool Open House

La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., will host its annual Preschool Open House from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday March 6, in the library's youth services section.

The event aims to be a one-stop shop for parents to find a local preschool for their children. Representatives will have information about their schools, curriculum and enrollment costs.

Contact Heather Chaddock at (219) 362-6156 or [hchaddock@laportelibrary.org](mailto:hchaddock@laportelibrary.org) for more information.

## Barker Hall Open Stage

Barker Hall Open Stage is Friday, Feb. 28, at the Barker Hall Bishop's Mansion, 618 N. Franklin Square.

The event is open to musicians, singers, dancers, poets, storytellers and comics. Doors open at 7 p.m., with the show starting at 7:30 p.m.

Participants and visitors can share in a collective treats table.

## Historical Society/DNR Photo Contest

The La Porte County Historical Society, in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, again is sponsoring a photo contest.

The photo needs to be of a historic La Porte County structure that is at least 50 years old. It should be current, taken anytime within the last two years. It can be color or black and white and 8-by-10 in size. It does not have to be matted. Only the three winners, which will be sent to the state contest, will be matted.

The submission deadline is March 15. A complete list of guidelines, as well as an application, is available at the La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte, or contact contest organizers through [www.laportecountyhistory.org](http://www.laportecountyhistory.org) and an application will be sent by mail. A filled-out application must accompany each entry.

A panel consisting of a preservationist, a photographer and an artist will judge the photos. Anyone younger than 18 must have a parent/guardian signature. Trophies will be awarded.

The photos will be part of a temporary museum display and become Historical Society property. Winning photos will be sent to Indianapolis to compete at the state level and subsequently become Indiana DNR property.



Last year's contest winner is a photo of the St. Paul's United Church of Christ steeple in La Porte — which has since been razed — taken by Sue Cunningham from the third floor of IU Health La Porte Hospital.

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## Solo Exhibit at Village Gallery

An opening reception for Gregg Hertzlieb's new solo exhibit is at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at The Village Gallery at Valparaiso's Pines Village Retirement Communities.



Primarily working in watercolor and pen and ink, Hertzlieb concentrates primarily on drawing. The director/curator of Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art, he has a master's degree in fine arts from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and a

master's degree in education from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The free exhibit runs through April 3.

The Village Gallery, located at 3303 Pines Village Circle off Calumet Avenue just north of Cumberland Crossing, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (219) 465-1591 for more information.

## Michiana's Rising Star 2014

WNIT Public Television will launch "Michiana's Rising Star 2014," a search for the best talent in the Michiana region.

Building on last year's first Rising Star event, WNIT will host four regional competitions in April and May. The top performers from each region then compete at the WNIT studio each night Monday through Friday, Aug. 4-8, to determine the grand prize winner, "Michiana's Rising Star."

The event is open to singers, musicians, actors and other performing artists from WNIT's 22-county broadcast area. Applications are being accepted until March 28. Those interested should send WNIT a tape or disc of his/her act.

The grand prize winner receives \$1,000 and the opportunity to appear on WNIT programs. Other awards go to each of the top two contestants. Judges will include area arts professionals, media personnel, professional performers and local celebrities. Also, the public can text for its favorites

Visit [wnit.org/risingstar](http://wnit.org/risingstar) or call WNIT at (574) 675-9648, Ext. 309, for more information.

## Taltree 2014 Camp Registration

Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 450 W. County Road 100 North near Valparaiso, is accepting 2014 summer day camp registrations.

The program, which runs June 16 through July 18, offers a safe environment for children to develop new interests in nature and science. It is open to children entering second, third, fourth and fifth grades. Experiences include scientific experiments, learning about ecosystems and animals, hikes, water games and field trips to The Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, Challenger Learning Center in Hammond and local farms.

Children can be signed up for one or all five weeks. Four sessions run Monday through Friday and cost \$175 per week. The fifth session is only four days due to the July 4 holiday and costs \$150. Taltree is offering an early bird discount through May 1 and a multiple child discount for all registrants. Call (219) 462-0025 or visit [Taltree.org](http://Taltree.org) to register.

## Chicago Flower and Garden Show Trip

Sarett Nature Center will sponsor a bus trip to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show on Monday, March 17.

The bus will leave from the Stevensville (Mich.) Meijer at 9 a.m. EST and return at about 6:30 p.m. EST. The cost is \$65 per person.

Payment should be sent to Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022. Call (269) 927-4832 for more information.

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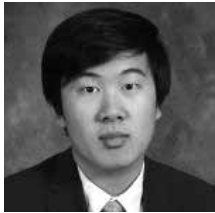
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## LaLu Students Excel in Art Event

La Lumiere School's after school portfolio program recently competed in the Northwest Indiana and Lower Southwest Michigan Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Award Competition.

The following students were recognized in art:

- Eryn Dietz, Michigan City, won a Gold Key.
- Jian Jiao, Shandong, China, won two Gold Keys and a Silver Key.
- Emet Murillo, La Porte, won an Honorable Mention.



Jian Jiao



Eryn Dietz



Emet Murillo

Jiao also received a Visual Voice Award — a Regional Best of Show — for his piece “Mountains in Hometown.” Murillo was recognized for his writing submissions, winning three Gold Key awards for the following entries: “La Dolce Vita,” “Talk of the Town” and “An Enclosed Holiday,” as well as a Silver Key for “Saturday Evening” and an Honorable Mention for “Sessions in Insanity.”

More than 2,500 entries were submitted from 1,298 students in the Northwest Indiana and Lower Southwest Michigan. Gold Key awards go to the top 7 to 10 percent of entries and will be considered for the national competition in New York City.

The regional art exhibit is open to the public through March 1 at The South Bend Museum of Art in The Century Center, 120 S. St. Joseph St.

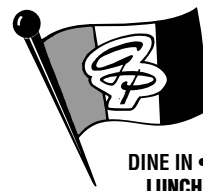
## Camp Little Red Door

Little Red Door Cancer Agency is hosting Camp Little Red Door, a five-day summer camp for children with cancer on July 27 through Aug. 1 at Bradford Woods in Martinsville, Ind.

Indiana's oldest camp for children with cancer, any child 8-18 with cancer or in remission living in Indiana is eligible. One sibling/friend per patient is welcome, if space allows.

The camp includes swimming, canoeing, fishing, archery, camp fires, arts and crafts. An experienced medical staff will be onsite 24 hours a day. The Robert T. Grand Leadership Academy, open to previous campers at least 16 years old, is July 25-27.

The registration deadline is June 13. The cost is \$25 per camper and \$50 per sibling/friend. Financial assistance is available. Download the application at [www.littlereddoor.org/camp](http://www.littlereddoor.org/camp) or call (317) 925-5595. The agency is located at 1801 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.



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## Elston Science Fair Results

Elston Middle School has announced the winners of its annual eighth-grade science fair.

Winning top prizes were:

- Best Idea: Athena Koladin for "Balloon Air." She subsequently competed in the Northwestern Indiana Science and Engineering Fair on Feb. 22 at Valparaiso University.



Athena Koladin

- Best Group Project: John Bettelyon, Drew Carter and Andy Eldridge for "The Great Wallet Experiment."

- Best Board: Nick Becker for "Does Owning Books Make You Smarter?"

- Student Favorite: Maddy Weatherwax for "Food Coloring's Effect on Rabbit Urine."

## Two Sessions Left in Gardening Series

Two opportunities remain to attend the Brown Bag Lunch Gardening Series through La Porte County Master Gardeners.

The sessions, both of which are from noon to 1 p.m., are:

- Wednesday, March 19, "Landscaping 101," Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.

- Wednesday, April 16, "Weed Wisdom — Methods of Organic Weed Control," Purdue Extension-La Porte County office, 2857 W. Indiana 2, La Porte.

Participants can take their lunch. The \$5 cost includes informational handouts. Registration is not required. Call Purdue Extension-La Porte County at (219) 324-9407 for more information, or download a flyer at <http://www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/laporte>. Look under "Hot Topics" or "Master Gardeners."



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## PNC To Host Academic Super Bowl

Purdue University-North Central will host seven area high school teams for the sixth annual La Porte County Senior Academic Super Bowl Invitational on Thursday, March 6, in the Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02.

The free event also will be telecast to LSF Room 144 for spectators.

Participating schools are: La Porte High School, Michigan City High School and Marquette High School, Michigan City; La Crosse High School; Elkhart Christian Academy; North White High School, Monon, and a team of home-schooled students representing Lake, La Porte and Porter counties.

The theme is "Westward Expansion, 1783-1900." Students will cover six subjects: English, science, fine arts, social studies, math and interdisciplinary. Trophies go to the winning school in each subject area, as well as an overall winner. Ribbons will be awarded for first-, second- and third-place finishers. Each competing student, coach, proctor and student assistant will receive a voucher for use at the PNC Gallery Café, Coffee Central and PNC bookstore. Coffee Central and the bookstore will be open until 7 p.m. The Gallery Café will be open until 8 p.m.

Registration starts at 3:45 p.m. A coaches and proctors meeting is at 4:10 p.m. The competition begins at 4:30 p.m. with a welcome by Paul McGuinness, PNC vice chancellor for enrollment management and student services. Nanda Danitschek, a PNC student and 2010 Hoosier Star winner, will sing The National anthem.

The competition schedule is:

- 4:40 p.m. — Social Studies, Patrick Cannon, visiting assistant professor of social sciences and academic coordinator of Concurrent Programs.

- 5:15 p.m. — Mathematics, Jerry DeGroot, continuing lecturer of mathematics.


- 5:50 p.m. — English, Sarah White, continuing lecturer of English.

- 6:25 p.m. — Science, Jason Curtis, interim department chair of biology and chemistry.

- 7 p.m. — Fine Arts, Judy Jacobi, PNC assistant vice chancellor of marketing and campus relations.

- 7:35 p.m. — Interdisciplinary, Mark Jacobi, Michigan City pediatrician.

- 8:15 p.m. — Awards, McGuinness, vice chancellor for enrollment management and student services.



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## Future Careers Expo

Career and Technical Education students from six La Porte County high schools participated in a "Future Careers Expo" on Feb. 13 at Michigan City's A.K. Smith Career Center.

Students rotated through several activities. Representatives from 40 colleges, universities, technical-training institutes, apprenticeship programs and the military met with students at "career tables," discussing options for post-high school training. They also participated in mock interviews conducted by volunteers from business, industry and community agencies.



Dina Gasaway of Winn Machines conducts a mock interview with a student.

A panel discussion moderated by Tammy Stump of The Center for Workforce Innovations addressed the topic of "Employer Expectations of Employees in the Workplace." Panelists included: Bill Gertner, Horizon Bank; Clarence Hulse, Economic Development Corp. of Michigan City; Georgeann Quealy, Integrative Flavor/Flavor Hounds; Kim Ramsey, Greater La Porte Economic Development Corp.; Danielle Cekanay, GAF; Sharon Wright, Horizon Bank, and Lindsey White, B&B Manufacturing.

The La Porte County Career and Education Program serves students from La Crosse, La Porte, Michigan City, New Prairie, South Central, Westville and New Buffalo. Programs are offered in Advanced Manufacturing, Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Electronics, Engineering, Facility Maintenance, Health Careers and Welding. In fall 2014, new program tracks will be added in Energy, Horticulture and Transportation/Logistics. Visit [EducateMC.net/careertech](http://EducateMC.net/careertech) for more information.

## LaLu Student National Merit Finalist

La Lumiere student Martin Crowe, Owensboro, Ky., has been named a finalist in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Competition.



Crowe is president of the La Lumiere Spanish National Honor Society and has been inducted into the Serviam Century Club for achieving more than 100 hours of community service. He is a member of the school's varsity crew team and serves as its residential life prefect. He also participates in La Lumiere's Big Brother/Big Sister chapter and works with children at a local school as a reading buddy.

Last summer, he participated in a service trip to Peru to spend eight weeks with *Amigos de las Américas*, which builds young leaders through collaborative community development and immersion in cross-cultural experiences.

More than 1.5 million students entered the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Fewer than 1 percent of the applicants were elevated to semifinalists. Finalists have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, are endorsed and recommended by the school principal and earn SAT scores that confirm his/her earlier performance on the qualifying test.

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## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



**On February 27, 1922**, in a unanimous decision, the United States Supreme Court guaranteed women the right to vote.

**On February 27, 1939**, the United States Supreme Court outlawed sit-down strikes.

**On February 27, 1964**, the city of Pisa asked the Italian government to spend in excess of a million dollars to straighten the 184-foot Leaning Tower of Pisa. The world famous tower, at that time, slanted 11-feet from the perpendicular, and engineers predicted that, without immediate correction, it would soon collapse.

**On February 27, 1979**, Jane Byrne defeated Mayor Michael Bilandic in Chicago's Democratic mayoral primary.

**On February 27, 1997**, divorce became legal in Ireland.

**On February 27, 2003**, Fred Rogers, star of "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood" on public television for three decades, died at 74 in Pittsburgh.

**On February 28, 1846**, a new warship, the *U.S.S. Princeton*, was cruising on the Potomac River. Aboard was President John Tyler, along with other top government officials. During a demonstration, a large gun, which was called the Peacemaker, exploded. Killed was Abel P. Upshur, Secretary of State; Thomas W. Gilmer, Secretary of the Navy; along with many others.

**On February 28, 1849**, the ship *California* arrived at San Francisco, carrying the first gold seekers.

**On February 28, 1854**, the Republican Party was founded in Ripon, WI.

**On February 28, 1917**, it was reported that the United States had intercepted the "Zimmermann Telegraph," reputed to be a proposal for a Mexican-German alliance should the U.S. enter World War I.

**On February 28, 1983**, the final episode of "M\*A\*S\*H" aired on CBS television.

**On February 29, 1504**, Christopher Columbus, stranded in Jamaica on his fourth voyage to the West, used a correctly predicted lunar eclipse to frighten hostile natives into providing food for his crew.

**On February 29, 1960**, the first Playboy Club, featuring waitresses in "bunny" outfits, opened in Chicago.

**On February 29, 2004**, the final film in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, "The Return of the King," won 11 Oscars, tying "Ben Hur" and "Titanic" for most Oscars in a year.

**On March 1, 1790**, Congress authorized the first U.S. Census.

**On March 1, 1932**, the infant son of Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindberg was kidnapped from his Hopewell, NJ, bedroom.

**On March 1, 1961**, President John F. Kennedy authorized the establishment of the Peace Corps.

**On March 1, 2002**, NASA said its Mars *Odyssey* spacecraft had found evidence that vast regions of Mars may abound in water.

**On March 2, 1888**, H.G. Wells, reacting to criticism that his poetry lacked meter, responded, "Meters are used to measure gas, not the outpourings of the human heart."

**On March 2, 1899**, Congress authorized the establishment of Mt. Rainier National Park in the state of Washington.

**On March 2, 1933**, the motion picture "King Kong," starring Fay Wray, premiered in New York.

**On March 2, 1965**, the movie version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "The Sound of Music" premiered in New York.

**On March 3, 1831**, Chicago railroad-car magnate George Pullman was born in Brocton, NY.

**On March 3, 1791**, congress passed the nation's first tax law, which imposed a levy on spirits distilled in the United States.

**On March 3, 1885**, the U.S. Post Office began offering special delivery for first-class mail.

**On March 3, 1887**, Anne Sullivan arrived at the home of Captain and Mrs. Arthur Keller to become the teacher of their blind and deaf 6-year-old daughter, Helen.

**On March 3, 1915**, David W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation," billed as "The world's greatest silent motion picture," premiered in New York.

**On March 3, 1923**, the first issue of "Time" magazine was published.

**On March 4, 1747**, Casimir Pulaski, the nobleman who became a hero of the American Revolution, was born in Winiary, Poland.

**On March 4, 1851**, fire destroyed Chicago's first hotel, the Sauganash, located at the southeast corner of Lake and Market Streets.

**On March 4, 1865**, Abraham Lincoln, in his inaugural address, uttered these famous words, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right..."

**On March 5, 1770**, in what came to be known as the "Boston Massacre," British soldiers opened fire on a taunting crowd, killing an undisclosed number of people.

**On March 5, 1963**, country music star Patsy Cline, 30, was killed in the crash of her private plane near Camden, TX.



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## Activities to Explore

### In the Local Area:

**February 28** — Indigan Storytelling, 6 p.m. EST, Journeyman Distillery, 109 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Cover charge: \$5. Info: Indigan Storyteller on facebook.

**February 28-March 3** — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* The Coen brothers' "Inside Llewyn Davis," set during the Greenwich Village folk-music scene of 1961. Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Mon. *Also:* The Oscar-nominated "Philomena," starring Best Actress-nominee Judi Dench as a woman who enlists the help of a journalist (Steve Coogan) to find a son taken from her. Rated PG-13. Times: 9 p.m. Fri., 3 and 9 p.m. Sat. and 3 p.m. Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

**February 28, March 1-2 and 7-9** — "Over the River and Through the Woods," La Porte Little Theatre Club, 218 A St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$12. Info/reservations: (219) 362-5113/www.laportelittletheatreclub.com

**March 1** — "Free Gentle Flow Yoga," 12:15 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**March 1** — "Therapy Session Comedy Skits & Music," Barker Hall, 600 Franklin Square. Times: doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10/advance, \$15/door, \$20/VIP tickets. Advance tickets available at Marvelous Cuts, 2703 Franklin St., and Quick Stop Foods, 403 Chicago St. Info: (219) 877-4407, www.facebook.com/kelvin.bride

**March 1** — Second free bridal show, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. La Porte County Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Info: (219) 362-6156/dmeserve@laportelibrary.org

**March 1** — Shelf-ice program, 2 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**March 1** — Sixth annual Mardi Gras Party, American Legion Post 204, 204 W. Linden St., Three Oaks, Mich. Doors open 6:30 p.m., food served at 7 p.m. All times Eastern. \$15 cost benefits scholarship fund.

**March 1-2** — A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters," Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 8 p.m. March 1, 2 p.m. March 2. Tickets: \$12. Reservations/info: (219) 874-4035, www.footlightplayers.org

**March 1-2** — Fawn Run Farm Mercantile Spring Opening, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 3883 E. County Road 700 North, Rolling Prairie. Info: (219) 778-2809/www.fawnrunfarmprimitives.com

**March 1-2 and 8-9** — Maple Sugar Time, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's Chellberg Farm, Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20. Info: www.nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit, (219) 395-1882.

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**March 2** — “Carey Scheck & Friends, From Bach to Barber,” 4 p.m., The Presbyterian Church of La Porte, 307 Kingsbury Ave. Info: (219) 362-6219, [www.LaPortePresbyterianFineArts.org](http://www.LaPortePresbyterianFineArts.org)

**March 2** — Opening reception for Gregg Hertzlieb solo exhibit, 1:30 p.m., The Village Gallery at Valparaiso’s Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle off Calumet Avenue just north of Cumberland Crossing. Info: (219) 465-1591.

**March 5** — “Nutrition: Get the Facts” with dietitian Meg Mezmarick of IU Health La Porte Hospital, 9-10 a.m., Luhr County Park Nature Center, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte. Info: (219) 325-8315/[www.laportecountyparks.org](http://www.laportecountyparks.org)

**March 5** — Role-Playing Games with Jon Johnson, 6-8:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library Bertha Wood meeting room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. No registration necessary.

**March 7** — First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m., Uptown Arts District (11th and Franklin streets to Lake Michigan). Info: [uptownartsdistrict.org](http://uptownartsdistrict.org)

**March 7** — Opening reception, “What is Left Unspoken,” 5-8 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: [www.lubeznikcenter.org](http://www.lubeznikcenter.org)

**March 8** — Annual Beef and Turkey Dinner, 5-7 p.m. EST, St. John United Church of Christ, 200 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo, Mich. Cost: \$7/adults, \$3.50/children 6-12, free/children 5 and younger, available at door or from church members. Info: (269) 469-3660.

**Through February 28** — Valentine display, La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Cost: \$3/La Porte County residents, \$6 out-of-county. Info: (219) 324-6767.

**Through February 28** — “Look What’s Up” artists exhibit, Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Closing reception: 2-4 p.m. Feb. 23. Info: (219) 926-4711/[www.chestertonart.com](http://www.chestertonart.com)

**Through March 10** — Work by artist Joyce Dille on display at Visit Michigan City La Porte Convention & Visitors Bureau in Marquette Mall.

#### **Farther Afield:**

**February 28** — Portrait Artist “Face Off,” 6:30-9:30 p.m. EST, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Free. Doors open at 6 p.m. Info: [ww.boxfactoryforthearts.org](http://ww.boxfactoryforthearts.org)

**March 2** — Opening reception for new exhibits, 2-4 p.m. EST, Buchanan (Mich.) Art Center, 117 W. Front St. Info: (269) 697-4005/[www.buchananart-center.org](http://www.buchananart-center.org)

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	SCORE
1. Mary Lou McFadden	208
2. Tammy Vouri	181
3. June Salmon	177
4. Paulette Harnach	175
5. Kathy Osborne	162
6. Ann Bogart	161
7. Linda Neulieb, Dottie Brinkman	151

### SPLIT

1. Mary Lou McFadden	1-2-8-10
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*Three strikes in a row — June Salmon and Tammy Nelmar.*

## Student Headed to Ball St. Program

Joy Elementary School fifth-grader Lucas Kist-Abbott has been accepted to the Ball State Institute for the Gifted in Mathematics "BIG M" program on June 22-26.



Lucas and 27 others will work in teams exploring connections between math and science, number patterns and algebraic reasoning and brainteasers, as well as recreational activities.

Lucas was selected from more than 150 applications from mathematically gifted fifth- and sixth- grade Indiana students.

## La Porte County Parks



*All registrations and questions go through the Red Mill County Park Administrative Office, 0185 S. Holmesville Road, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 or visit [www.laportecountyparks.org](http://www.laportecountyparks.org) for more information.*

### Stroller, Baby and You

Aimed at toddlers and preschoolers, programs include music, dance, storytelling and a hike (weather permitting).

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte. Dates are: March 10 and 24 and April 7 and 28. Call at least one week in advance to sign up.

### Senior Lifestyles

Join the free 55+ Club, a social club designed for adults 55 and older to learn and explore various types of nature. Free coffee is served to participants.

The group meets from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Luhr County Park Nature Center. Dates are:

- March 5 — "Nutrition: Get the Facts" with dietitian Meg Meznarick of IU Health La Porte Hospital.
- April 2 — "Ear, Nose and Throat (Acid Reflux)" topics with Christine Maddox of IU Health La Porte Hospital.
- May 7 — "Gardening" with Sacha Burns from Sunkissed Organics.
- June 4 — "Wellness Outreach" with Katie Sarver from The Crossing, La Porte.

### Parent & Child Discovery Days

The program includes arts and crafts, games and snacks. All activities are related to the program topic. Programs are appropriate for children 3 to 8, with an adult required to participate.

Programs are from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Luhr County Park. The cost is \$5 per child/per program. Pre-registration and payment are required at least one week in advance or until full, whichever comes first.

The 2014 lineup is:

- March 12 — "Bat Basics."
- March 26 — "Star Theater."
- April 9 — "Flower Power."

### Teachers-Groups-Scout Leaders

Free environmental education programs are offered to groups throughout the year. Programs last one hour or longer depending on the group size and age. Programs can be scheduled at Creek Ridge, Luhr, Bluhm or Red Mill parks. Call (219) 325-8315 for more information or to make a reservation.

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- Tuesday, March 4, noon to 6 p.m., St. John's United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 101 St. John Road, Michigan City.
- Wednesday, March 5, 1 to 6 p.m., Lincoln Township Community Building, 3098 S. County Road 800 East (Fish Lake), Walkerton. The drive is sponsored by the Mill Creek Lion's Club.
- Thursday, March 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., American Licorice, 1900 Whirlpool Drive South, La Porte.
- Thursday, March 6, 12:30 to 6 p.m., Center of La Crosse Hall, 100 S. Washington, La Crosse. Donate and receive a nylon drawstring backpack.
- Friday, March 7, 2 to 6 p.m., Marsh Elementary School gymnasium, 401 E. Homer St., Michigan City. This is a Pint Size Heroes drive.
- Monday, March 10, noon to 6 p.m., First Church of God gymnasium, 2020 E. Lincolnway, La Porte.
- Wednesday, March 12, 2 to 6 p.m., Rolling Prairie Elementary School gymnasium, 605 E. Michigan Ave., Rolling Prairie. This is a Pint Size Heroes drive.

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## Annual Beef and Turkey Dinner

The annual Beef and Turkey Dinner is from 5 to 7 p.m. EST Saturday, March 8, at St. John United Church of Christ, 200 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo, Mich.

Dinner includes beef and/or roast turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetable and beverage.

The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children 6-12 and free for children 5 and younger. Tickets are available at the door or from church members. Takeout meals are available upon request.

The dinner is in the church's Frohne Hall next to City Hall. Call the church at (269) 469-3660 for more information.

## Visitor Center Releases 2013 Figures

Indiana Dunes Tourism assisted more than 73,500 people, including visitors from 48 states and 33 foreign countries, at its visitor center in 2013, according to its just-completed annual visitor report.

Indiana Dunes Tourism said its 2013 visitor register was signed by people from Australia, China, Germany, Spain, France and Russia. Germany had the highest number of visitors.

Lorelei Weimer, executive director of Indiana Dunes Tourism, Porter County's official tourism agency, said the Indiana Dunes remains the biggest tourist attraction in Porter County. More than 3 million people from across the world visit the dunes each year, she said.

An Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore study showed 2 percent of visitors are from outside the country, 40 percent are from Illinois, 40 percent are from Indiana and 18 percent are from other states.

In addition to assisting walk-in visitors at the visitors center, 1215 N. Indiana 49 in Porter, Indiana Dunes Tourism last year distributed more than 100,000 copies of its Indiana Dunes Country Activities Guide. It also had 268,347 unique visits to its website, [www.IndianaDunes.com](http://www.IndianaDunes.com), during 2013, a 57 percent jump from the previous year.

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The guide features listings for Dunes beaches and hiking trails, theaters and family attractions, such as Broken Wagon Bison Farm and Taltree Arboretum Railway Garden. Other highlights include fishing, kayaking, birding, museums, golfing, art galleries, antique shopping, farmer's markets, fall drives and winter recreation.

Articles center on treats, craft breweries and wineries, shopping, children's attractions, birding hot-spots and bed and breakfasts.

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## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

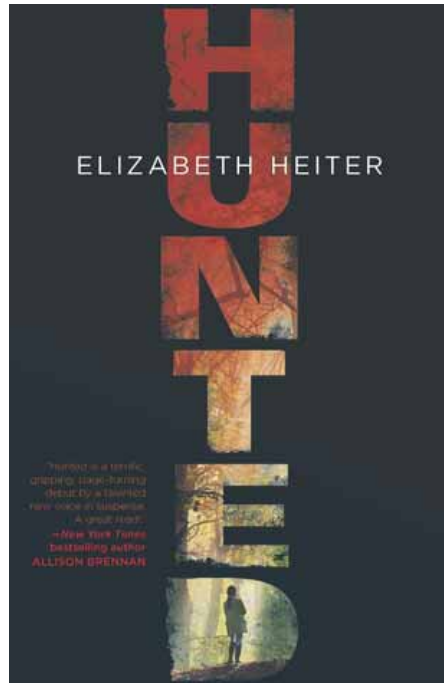
**Hunted** by Elizabeth Heiter  
(oversize paperback \$14.95 retail;  
available online and in bookstores)

Let's face it — the FBI is one of the biggest “men's clubs” around. It is hard for a woman to be recognized by fellow agents unless she is exceptional. And exceptional is what our heroine is in this week's thrilling book recommendation.

Her name is Evelyn Baine, an FBI special agent and criminal profiler working out of the Aquia, Va., office, home of the Behavioral Analysis Unit. She is petite, with beautiful mocha-colored skin inherited from her Zimbabwean father and green eyes from her Irish-English mother. Sure, she's a stand-out, but can she make it in the FBI? After five years as a field agent working violent crimes, and now after one year profiling many cases, Evelyn has proven herself more than capable. But when her boss sends her to Bakersville, Va., a small rural town that is almost entirely white, she more than stands out, and the chief of police comes right out and tells her she doesn't look like an FBI agent. Typical. Since two bodies have been found and it looks as if it could be a serial killer, the chief needs all the help he can get.

The two victims were women buried in the woods up to their necks as if on display. A strange circle was carved in their chests with a knife, but not before they were beaten and raped. Also, both women were married. Coincidence? Maybe not. The press dubs the killer the “Bakersville Burier,” and Evelyn dives right in with a profile the chief finds dubious from the beginning. Nonetheless, she is sure she can read into the mind of this strange killer.

Evelyn follows lead after lead, creating a profile of what this man may look like and what makes him need to kill. Her investigation almost comes to an end one night when she is viciously attacked and barely makes it out alive. Now, she becomes a victim and her boss wants her to take time off to



heal, but Evelyn is determined to see this case through and returns to the office with renewed energy. She knows her profile of the killer is spot on, but there's something else about him that eludes her. Maybe making herself the killer's next target will draw him out. Now, just how reckless is that?

There's a great psychological side to this story that makes it more interesting than just chasing down a serial killer. When she was a teenager, Evelyn's best friend was kidnapped and her body was never found, making this one reason she joined the FBI. Then there's her inability to get close to her fellow workers and her obsession with her job that makes them wonder, just what makes Evelyn tick? There is much more to her story than just

trying to make it in a man's world. I found it a completely absorbing side to this story.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book from cover to cover. The writing is crisp and intelligently done. And the psychological look into the mind of a serial killer is obviously well researched and presented in a way to make you want to keep reading. I loved seeing a woman as a strong figure to be reckoned with, one who doesn't let the bumps in the road make her back down.

I look forward to the day we return to Evelyn Baine and her next FBI profile, and that's the best recommendation I can make about a book.

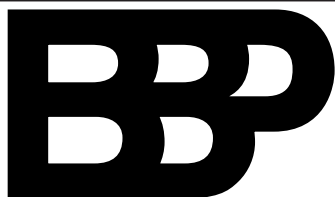
Elizabeth Heiter is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in English literature. Visit her website at [www.elizabethheiter.com](http://www.elizabethheiter.com)

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