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A Jewel of the City

Before It Was Millennium Plaza, Gateway to Washington Park Once Was Home to Smith Brothers Factory

Editor's note — The following story is the first in an ongoing series by The Beacher exploring the history behind key locations along Michigan City's North End.

by William Halliar

The history of a place is the story of its people: those who lived, died, laughed, cried, struggled and overcame obstacles there.

Standing by the lovely fountain in the middle of Michigan City's Millennium Plaza, gateway to Washington Park and a jewel of the city, an imaginative soul might rest there, quietly, with eyes closed and conjure thoughts of the first French and English explorers, or imagine the dreams of land speculator Isaac Elston as he envisioned the city he would found here.

In the early 20th century, on the plaza grounds itself, rose a vine-covered factory where hundreds of local folk worked to support their families between 1921 and 1959. So many stories could be told of families whose fortunes were tied to that building. Many old-timers can recall the wonderful smells of cherry, licorice

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The Smith Brothers Cough Drops factory in its heyday (above), and the land as it exists now (below) as Millennium Plaza. The top photo is taken from RoseAnna Mueller's "Images of America: Michigan City."



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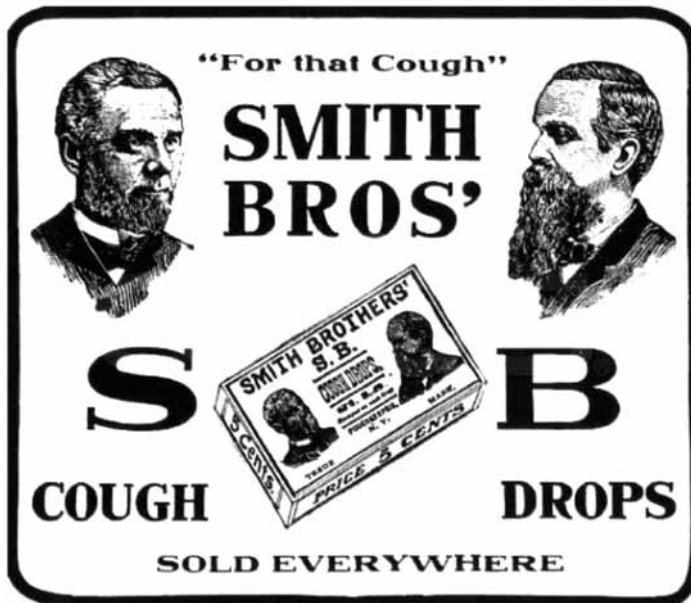
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and menthol emanating from the building as the workers produced 30 tons of cough drops each day, for the brothers Smith to soothe the throats of cold-suffering Americans. Hints of such aromas today can evoke memories of times past.



The history of the Smith Brothers, their factory in Michigan City and their famous beards and cough drops is the quintessential American tale of dreams, hard work and success.

In olden times, remedies for coughs and colds

were often concoctions such as carbonate, castor oil, tonics of scurvy or goat bean or, gulp, a reduction of slippery elm bark. These were home remedies a mother or grandmother would make from recipes passed down through the generations. They had varying degrees of effectiveness and could be said to “either cure or kill you.”

Then in 1847, James Smith, a Scottish-born entrepreneur, moved his family from St. Armand, Quebec, to Poughkeepsie, N.Y., to establish himself in the restaurant business. James was a carpenter by trade, but he was an even better candy maker with a shrewd eye for the dollar and a business opportunity.

The Smith restaurant began as a modest affair. The family provided meals to transients, and it became known in the area for the “home quality” of its cooking. Nothing but the best was served to customers.

One day, a journeyman, or itinerant craftsman, stopped by the Smith restaurant in Poughkeepsie and described to James an idea for a candy that could relieve coughing symptoms that accompany the common cold. The shrewd businessman in James could immediately see the need for such a product in the cold and windy Hudson Valley where Poughkeepsie lay. He received the recipe for the candy from the journeyman and immediately mixed up a batch of the delicious, effective “cough candy” on his kitchen stove. This recipe became a trade secret and was passed down through the generations, the ingredients to be mixed by family members only.

James Smith’s two sons, William and Andrew,

were active in the family business from the start. They helped mix the secret formula at the stove in their restaurant and then at a more efficient furnace that was set up in the basement.

The drops gained quick acceptance, and demand for the “cough candy” grew in the Hudson Valley area. In 1852,



the Smith family's first advertisement appeared in a Poughkeepsie newspaper inviting all "afflicted with hoarseness, coughs or colds" to test the product for themselves.

James Smith died in 1866 and the brothers, William and Andrew, inherited the restaurant and cough-candy business. At that point, the company they formed officially became known as Smith Brothers. An article in *Time* published in March 1947 says only William and Andrew knew the secret formula for the cough candy, stating that "twice a year William retires behind locked doors, mixes a large batch of concentrate, enough for six months production." The concoction was said to contain some charcoal "to sweeten the stomach" and some licorice "to soothe the throat."

Sales of the product grew in the Hudson River Valley, and many competitors began to emerge, making imitation products difficult to distinguish from the real cough candy. There had to be a way to distinguish imitations from the real thing.

In the mid-19th century, facial hair was all the vogue. The Smith brothers sported long flowing beards. In a stroke of genius, they decided to place their own images — long beards and all — on product packaging...and a legend was born.



At the time, the cough candy was displayed in glass bowls on countertops of local business, not unlike the penny candy that was a childhood favorite of many folks. The shopkeeper would count out the number of pieces purchased and place them in small envelopes with the brothers' likenesses on them. The problem that arose from this system was that the brothers could not be sure that only genuine Smith Brothers cough drops were sold in the envelopes with their images on them.

In 1872, William and Andrew developed a package in the form of a cardboard box that was imprinted with their likenesses. These boxes were filled at the factory under their personal supervision, thus ensuring the product's integrity. This packaging system was one of the first "factory filled" boxes ever

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developed, and their images became an icon of modern marketing.

The business grew rapidly, and it became obvious a furnace in the family basement could not keep up with demand. So, a factory was built, specifically for the production of cough drops, on Church Street in Poughkeepsie. This factory could produce six tons of cough drops a day.

The Smith brothers remained at the helm of the company their father founded. Andrew died in 1895, but William remained president of the organization almost until his death in 1913.

In 1915, another new factory, one that boasted all of the latest automatic machinery, was built on North Hamilton Street in Poughkeepsie. It had a capacity for 30 tons of candy a day. The company was incorporated in 1919, officially becoming "Smith Brothers Inc." By this time, the third and fourth generation of family founders were the company's officers. The business continued to grow and prosper.

In 1921, Smith Brothers Inc. acquired the land that is now Millennium Plaza just to the north of the Franklin Street bridge in Michigan City's Washington Park area. To supply an ever-increasing demand for the famous cough candy, a state-of-the-art factory was constructed to match the production capacity of the Poughkeepsie plant. The Michigan City building boasted air conditioning and was described in newspaper articles as a being beautifully landscaped and an attractive ivy covered building. During the summer racing season, the lush green lawns that surrounded the factory were used by yachtsmen for spreading and drying their cotton sails after races. In keeping with the company's family beginnings, visitors were always welcome to the facility, and old-time residents of Michigan City describe school tours of the factory floor.



The Smith Brothers truck advertising its cough drops. Photo taken from RoseAnna Mueller's "Images of America: Michigan City."

The addition of the Michigan City plant increased the company's output capacity to 1 million packages of the throat soothing tasty drops per day.

R.B. Bisbee, an early manager at the facility said the company located its plant here "because Michigan City is a good shipping point with many rail facilities to the east, west and south." The plant was to supply cough drops to all of the territory west of the Mississippi.

The Michigan City plant opened with a workforce of 60 people, 20 of which were women. Over the years, the operation was expanded to include 200 employees.

However, by the late 1950s, sales began to slump and the company's business began to lag behind industry giants such as Luden's and Vicks. In 1964, the Smith Brothers corporation was merged into the huge Warner-Lambert Pharmaceutical Co. At the time, Warner-Lambert considered adding other products to the Smith Brothers name, but decided not to tamper with the secret formula for cough drops.

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A group of Smith Brothers employees poses with a dog in the early 1940s. Photo taken from "A Pictorial History of Michigan City, Indiana: 1675-1992."


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Surprisingly, in a February 1964 *Time* article, it was reported the formula for the famous cough candy was still a family secret known only at that time to William Smith's stepson, vice president in charge of product development. The article stated that he "each six months mixes a new batch of the formula in solitude."

The end of an era came in 1959 when it was reported in a newspaper article that "The Smith Bros. Cough Drop Plant, a harborfront landmark, was closed in a surprised development. The firm explained the move was made for economy reasons, with the local operation to be consolidated with those in Poughkeepsie, N.Y."

Local residents greeted the news with "shock and surprise," and local businessmen were concerned about the disposition of the property since it held such a prominent location at the north end of the Franklin Street bridge, guarding the entrance to Washington Park.



A view from the river of the ivy covered Smith Brothers factory.

The ivy covered building was eventually sold to the Marine Building Corp., which maintained it for a time but finally demolishing it in 1966 to make room for a boat storage facility. The empty site was eventually relegated to a storage area for salt to coat the city's streets in icy winter weather.

In 2000, the old Smith Brothers site was dedicated to a new purpose. Through the efforts of civic-minded individuals such as the late Roger McKee and then-Mayor Shiela Brillson, the old Smith



Statues at Millennium Plaza pay tribute to those who serve the community.

Brothers factory site was transformed into what is now a beautifully landscaped plaza, adorned with curving staircases, comfortable benches, an amphitheater and graceful fountain — a peaceful oasis on the banks of Trail Creek.

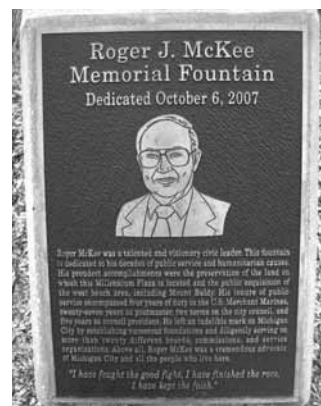
Where once labored a workforce of hundreds, toiling to provide a better future for their children, now the people of Michigan City meet to celebrate their present history: weddings, anniversaries and displays of public pride are not uncommon in the space.

As for Smith Brothers, its legend continues. The brand was purchased in 1973 by Chicago-based F&F Foods. At this point, production was transferred from the Poughkeepsie plant to a factory on Chicago's Southwest Side. In 2011, the brand was sold to Gem-Cap, a private equity fund that relaunched the brand with a new line of health and wellness drops.

That James Smith's cough candy still exists is a testament not only to the tastiness of the old secret recipe, but also to the fact that the drops are just as effective in relieving coughs and sore throats as they were 167 years ago.

That Michigan City played a key role in its history is a testament to the hard-working people of this community.

(Next in the series: *The former Naval Armory in Washington Park.*)



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Adults interested in learning more about how foods affect our bodies are invited to attend the “Eating Well for Living Healthy” series at Westchester Public Library.

Unless noted, all programs, led by Registered Dietetic Technician Gia DeMartinis-Novak, are from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Registration is not necessary.

“Eating Well on a Low Budget: Don’t Let the Poor Economy Threaten Your Diet and Health” is Wednesday, Jan. 29. Learn keys of planning and choosing nutritious foods and meals that are good for the body and wallet.

Stressing how fad dieting compromises the body’s metabolism, DeMartinis-Novak will reveal how to achieve and maintain a healthy body weight, and optimal health, on Thursday, Feb. 6.

“Power Immunity: Fighting Seasonal Bugs Naturally” is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20.

The final session, “Diabetes Self Care,” is Thursday, March 20.

DeMartinis earned her bachelor’s degree from Trinity Christian College with a biology major and chemistry minor. She also earned an associate’s degree in applied nutrition from Central Arizona College. She has worked at Kraft General Foods performing vitamin analysis of foods. She also served a dietetic internship at Methodist Hospitals in Gary and Merrillville and Methodist Cardiac Rehab Center and Outpatient Diabetes Clinic, and worked at Methodist Hospital in Merrillville.

Call the Reference Department at (219) 926-7696 for more information.

New Buffalo Library Brick Sale

As construction continues on the New Buffalo Township Public Library, Friends of the Library is taking final orders through Friday, Jan. 18, for engraved bricks to be included in Phase One of its commemorative walkway.

More than 180 bricks have been ordered to be installed near the site’s main entrance. Placement will be selected by drawing. Funds raised will help the FOL buy enhancements and support special projects to the library not included in the original bond issue.

A 4- by 8-inch brick with three lines of engraving costs \$50, or \$100 for an 8- by 8-inch brick and six lines of engraving. Each line contains a maximum of 18 characters, including spaces and punctuation.

Bricks can be ordered at www.brickrus.com/order/nbf. Order forms also are available at the temporary library, 219 W. Madison St., or by calling (269) 469-2933.

PNC Books & Coffee Series

The Purdue University-North Central “Books & Coffee” discussion series will continue with presentations during the spring semester.

The free programs meet from noon to about 1 p.m. in Library-Student-Faculty Building, Assembly Hall, Room 02, which is in the building’s lower level. Refreshments will be served.

Each session will feature a review of the book, followed by a discussion period. Books reviewed are available in the PNC bookstore.

This semester’s selections include:

• **Feb. 19: Aaron Warren, associate professor of physics, will review “The Grand Design” by Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodniow.**

“The Grand Design” offers a brief, nontechnical outline of mainstream contemporary scientific thinking.

• **March 19: Jeff Shires, associate professor of communication, will review B.J. Mendelson’s “Social Media Is Bullsh*t.”**

Mendelson attempts to refute the hype and claims made about the effect of social media, specifically facebook and twitter, on business. He attempts to show that good marketing fundamentals — a good product, easy to use, with a solid traditional marketing campaign and acting on customer feedback — are vital.

• **April 16: Wei He, assistant professor of management, will review “How to Blog for Profit (Without Selling Your Soul)” by Ruth Soukup.**

The book provides creative guidance for bloggers who wish to develop good content, create compelling images, capture viral growth and maximize revenue.

Additional information is available by contacting Kenneth Kincaid, associate professor of history, at (219) 785-5200, Ext. 5244, or kkincaid@pnc.edu

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Droege Focus of Special Exhibit

The Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart, has acquired more than 60 works taken into its permanent collection and will present a special exhibit of more than 30 of them by Anthony Droege, Indiana University-South Bend professor of art emeritus.

The exhibit continues through Sunday, Feb. 23. The effort was organized to feature works from the MMAA permanent collection that form the official Anthony Droege Study Collection. In its entirety, it numbers 37 paintings, 23 drawings and one bronze sculpture.



"Cecilia," a 1981 oil on canvas.

Although known primarily as a figure painter, Droege has mastered other subject matter such as still life and landscape, creating a body of work estimated at nearly 3,000 pieces, all while teaching three generations of IUSB students. The exhibit will feature oil paintings in these areas, including three-quarter length and full portrait figures. For each of the artist's sabbaticals — one every seven years while in Indiana — he created a major body of work. Themes included in the exhibit range from animals, gourds and florals to social commentary and meditative images inspired by Buddhist art.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. All times are Eastern time. Admission is \$5 for adults and seniors and \$4 for students. Sunday is Free Family Day, with docents available to discuss exhibits. Visit www.MidwestMuseum.US for more information.

Notre Dame Student Film Festival

The University of Notre Dame's Department of Film, Television and Theatre will present the 25th Annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival on Jan. 23-25 in the Browning Cinema.

Audience members can vote for their favorite film by text message. The Audience Choice Award will be presented to the student director(s) of the winning film before the final screening.

Celebrating its 25th year, the festival screens films made by undergraduate students during the past year as class projects. It is an annual launching pad for student filmmakers as they begin their careers in the film, television and entertainment industry. Over the past 25 years, the festival has featured the first films of future award winners such as Peter Richardson (2011 Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Award winner, "How To Die in Oregon") and John Hibey (2012 Sundance Film Jury Award Winner for Short Filmmaking, "Fishing Without Nets").

This year's festival includes 14 films:

- "Chicks," Claire Stephens and Frank Schadt.
- "Ash," Ray Herrly and Pat Nguyen.
- "Gimp," Camille Muth and Hunter Speese.
- "Lilith's Game," Anthony Patti and Johnny Whichard.
- "Rice Bag," Megan Kozak and Daniel Garcia de Paredes
- "Discordance," Lauren Josephson, Zach Ostapchenko, Mary Kate Holmes and Colton Williamson.
- "The Suicide Disease," Katie Mattie, Vincent Moore and Will Neal.
- "Dinner for None," Kurt Zhuang and Chris Silvestri.
- "Unexpected Fortune," Will Neal and Nick Desmone.
- "The Last Free Place," Madeline Basil, Chris Holmes and Zach Ostapchenko.
- "A Quiet Day at the Park," Mikey Nichols, Joey Doyle, Megan Flynn, Caroline Clark and Nick Goldsmith.
- "Unearthed," Mackenzie Hightower and Amanda Dudzinski.
- "The Wormhole," Colton Williamson.
- "My Neighbor Ned," Andrew Cheng and Marty Flavin.

Screenings are at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. EST. Tickets are \$7 for the general public, \$6 for faculty and staff, \$5 for seniors (65 and older) and \$4 for students. They may be purchased at <http://performingarts.nd.edu>, by phone at (574) 631-2800 or at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center ticket office from noon to 6 p.m. EST Monday through Friday.

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Historical Society Museum December Figures Released

La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte, has released its December figures.

Visitors came from 16 counties, 11 states and Sweden, along with a tour group from Michigan City's Elston Middle School. The museum also was a stop on the People Engaged in Preservation Candlelight Tour.

The Christmas theme was the 1983 classic "A Christmas Story" featured throughout the museum, including Flick at the flagpole. Activities included a visit with Santa on Dec. 7, Mrs. Parker's Piggy Lunch on Dec. 21 and the original Jean Shepherd story as told by Grant Fitch on Dec. 28.

Donations included:

- Victorian baby buggy, originally owned by the Borgerd family of 1916 Indiana Ave., the Rev. Dennis Meyer.
- Cassette tape, CD and sheet music featuring music by La Porte County resident Elizabeth Wiegand, as well as photos and other items, Wiegand.
- Pen-and-ink drawing of the museum building by Don Bowman, People Engaged in Preservation.
- School books, matchbooks, food grater made in Michigan City, wooden box for dental wax, Essling Cleaners clothes brush, photos, La Porte High School sports programs, booklets from La Porte businesses, 1928 St. John's calendar, Steve Tukos.
- Framed stamp set featuring Isamu Noguchi stamps, Leigh and Marcia Morris.
- Commemorative ornament featuring Sacred Heart's 100th anniversary, Greg Samuelson.
- Credit Union pens, Arnold Bass.
- Many items, including clothing, hats and

greeting cards, that belonged to John and Magdalena Chalik, Terry and Elizabeth McCloskey.

- CD player and Christmas CDs, Dr. Peter Kesling.
- Archival information, Judy Fenker, University of Chicago Archives.
- Tucker models for gift shop, Barry Reed.
- Cub Scout archival information, Steve Kelsey.
- Three paintings reframed, Preservation Fund.
- Archival information on the history of St. Peter's Church, Joseph Angotti.
- Books and items for sale table, Kesling, Judy Fenker, Michaelene Ziembo, June Reeves and Susie Richter.

Upcoming events include the annual Valentines display through the end of February.

Three paintings from the collection were reframed and will have a temporary display in January. The Historical Society is seeking donations of authentic 1950s poodle skirts for an upcoming display, "Diners & Drive-ins," for spring 2014.



Donations included a copy of stamps to commemorate sculptor and LP High School graduate Isamu Noguchi (left) and a pen-and-ink drawing by artist Don Bowman.

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Northwest Indiana Green Drinks

The next Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City meeting marks its first anniversary here at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, in the reserved room at Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St.

Noel Pavlovic, recipient of the Paul H. Douglas award in December, will discuss dune flora and plants, highlighting their diversity through photos.



Based on his 30 years of research in Indiana Dunes State Park and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, he's revising the third edition of "The Special Flora and Vegetation of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore." Threatened plants (Pitcher's thistle), invasive species (Oriental bitter-sweet) and vegetation trends, along with the impacts

of climate change, will be addressed.

Pavlovic is an ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey at the Lake Michigan Ecological Research Station at the National Park headquarters.

Northwest Indiana Green Drinks meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Shoreline Brewery. The events are sponsored by 219 Green-Connect and Save the Dunes. The suggested donation is \$5, or \$2 for students. Call (219) 874-6809 for more information.

DNR: Beware of "Thin Ice"

Every winter, thousands of Hoosiers enjoy fishing, skating, hiking or sliding on frozen ponds and lakes.

Every year, people drown after falling through the ice.

As ice forms on many waterways, Indiana Department of Natural Resources conservation officers give the following reminders:

- No ice is safe ice.
- At least 4 inches of ice is recommended for safe ice fishing, 5 inches for snowmobiling.
- If you don't know, don't go.
- Wear lifejackets or flotation coats.
- Carry ice hooks and rope gear.

Depending on conditions, ice can change from several inches thick to nearly open water within a few feet. Flowing water, such as rivers and streams, should be avoided when covered by a layer of ice. Water surrounded by sand often freezes with inconsistencies.

Wind, waterfowl and beavers also can keep areas of ice thin.

Parents are strongly encouraged to closely supervise all activities their children participate in on frozen waterways.

Partnering up, in fact, is a must. This includes ice fishing. A fall into icy water can quickly result in the onset of hypothermia for the victim, which can lead to dire consequences if not treated immediately. If you see someone fall through the ice, call 911 immediately with clear and concise instructions on the victim's location. Attempts to rescue a victim should begin only after calling 911. Going into the water after the victim should be the last option.

Ice Sculpture Demonstrations

Art is coming in downtown La Porte in the form of ice sculptures to help launch WinterFest, the City of La Porte Park Department's winter activities.

From 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, people can see the ice sculptures being made by the artists. Demonstrations are planned throughout downtown La Porte in front of shops on Lincolnway, State Street and Jefferson Avenue. Local shops hosting ice sculptures include Roxy Music, Thaddeus C. Gallery, Engstrom Jewelers, Cookery Tried and True Café, Zelden's Shoe Store, Magic Sports, Goose Feathers Gifts, Rocco's Gallery, Mucho Mas, As Time Goes By, B&J's American Café, Suds on State, Kessler Lofts and the Vintage Rose.

Other events that weekend include fitness activities, carriage rides and an ice fishing derby.

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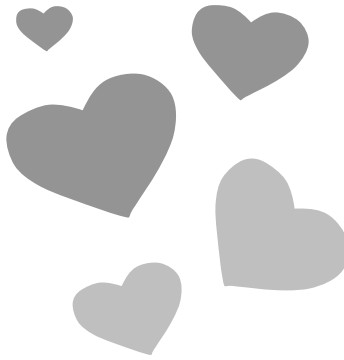
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“Travel Notes from the Field”

Purdue University-North Central Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series is presenting the exhibit “Travel Notes from the Field,” a collection of paintings by Feargal Doyle, through May 31 in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building student lounge, Room 062.



The exhibits includes 22 paintings in various mediums, including watercolor, wax crayon, China ink, oil and acrylic. Most pieces are for sale.

Originally from Ireland, Doyle lives and works in New York. He moved there in 2012 from Thailand, where he and his family spent two years. During this time, he turned to painting as his full-time occupation. Prior to that, his career was in architecture, and he worked for several years with New York based “starchitect” Daniel Libeskind on projects in native Dublin and in Berlin. He also worked in theater as a set designer.

Building hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The LSF Building is closed on Sundays. More information is available by calling Judy Jacobi, PNC assistant vice chancellor of marketing and campus relations, at (219) 785-5200, Ext. 5593.

Winter Children’s Program

Memorial Opera House, 104 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso, will offer a new Winter Children’s Program featuring a variety of classes.

An open house to learn about the curriculum, meet instructors and consider a pre-registration discount is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19.

The classes offer an early introduction to the arts and skill-building projects. Taught by experienced actors, the classes will be offered Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays and run February through March at Memorial Opera House.

The schedule is:

MONDAYS

Feb. 3 through March 17

- “Move ‘N Groove” — 4:55 to 5:35 p.m. Children 3 years old through Pre-K learn movement, expression and beginner concentration.

- “Pee Wee Puppets” — 4:55 to 5:35 p.m. Children 3 years old through Pre-K learn motor skills, theater games and focus.

- “Munchkin Mozarts” — 5:50 to 6:30 p.m. Children 3 years old through Pre-K learn basic music skills, vocal/musical expression and concentration.

THURSDAYS

Feb. 6 through March 20

- “Creative Drama” — 4:55 to 5:35 p.m. Children 3 years old through Pre-K learn about storytelling, imagination and problem solving.

- “Acting 1” — 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Children 8 to 13 learn development, reflection and improvisation.

SATURDAYS

Feb. 8 through March 22

- “Move ‘N Groove” — 10:20 to 11 a.m. Children 3 years old through Pre-K learn movement, expression and beginner concentration.

- “Pee Wee Puppets” — 11:15 to 11:55 a.m. Children 3 years old through Pre-K learn motor skills, theater games and focus.

- “Beginner Bachs” — 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. Children 5 to 6 learn about basic music skills, vocal/musical expression and working as an ensemble.

- “Pre- Puppetry” — 2 to 3 p.m. Children 5 to 6 learn storytelling, theater games and imagination.

- “Acting 1” — 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Children 13 to 18 learn development, reflection and improvisation.

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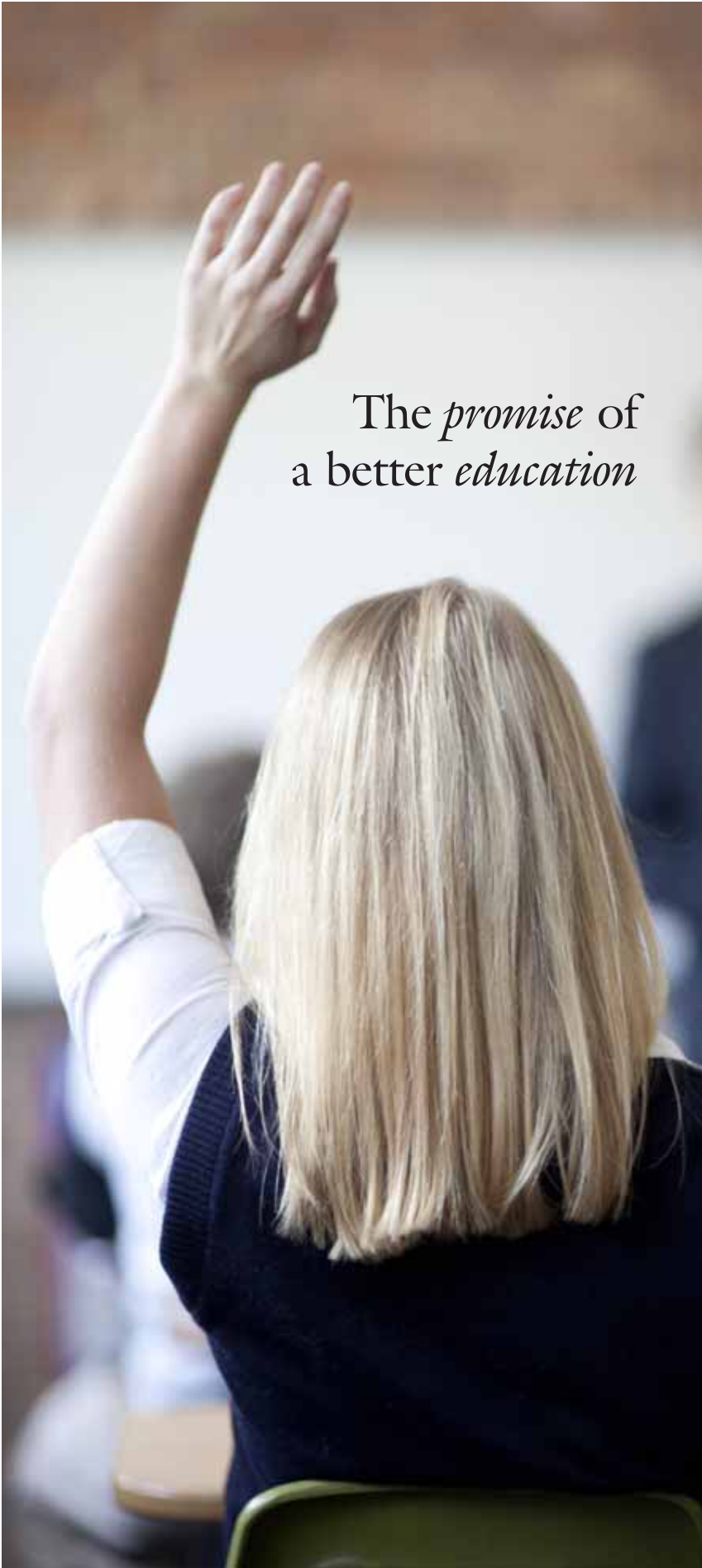
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Donations may be dropped off at the center anytime the bookstore is open. Hours are 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Saturday, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and during New Troy's Indoor Flea Market (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the last two Saturdays of the month, October through March). All times are Eastern Standard Time.

Proceeds from book sales benefit the center, an all-volunteer facility run by the non-profit Friends of New Troy.

Contact Lorraine at (269) 469-5687 or lorraine-hanover@yahoo.com for more information or to volunteer.

Basic Handgun Shooting Course

Michigan City Rifle Club, 4801 U.S. 20, will host an eight-hour National Rifle Association Basic Handgun Shooting Course at 9 a.m. Saturday Jan. 18.

The course introduces the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for safely owning and using a handgun. Fees range from \$175 to \$125, depending if participants bring his/her own handguns and ammunition or use the club's equipment. The fee includes light refreshments and lunch.

Email jotto32@gmail.com or call (219) 369-3577 for more information.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following events are planned through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Saturday, Jan. 18

• 10 a.m. — Winter Dune Tops.

Join a naturalist for a one-hour winter hike to the top of one of the highest sand dunes in Indiana, where participants can view ice-shelf formations. Meet at the Nature Center.

• 11:30 a.m. — Indiana Dunes Geocache Adventure: A Ghostly Gathering.

The Geocache Adventure is an annual event that lets geocachers in the tri-state area compete using GPS units. The day ends with a chili-dump at the Nature Center. Visit geocaching.com and search zip code 46304 to register or for more information.

Sunday, Jan. 19

• 10 a.m. — Dunes Trivia Hike.

How wide is Lake Michigan? What does "Tremont" mean? Learn the answers to these and other questions during a guessing game held during a 45-minute hike. Meet at the Nature Center.

• 1 p.m. — Cooking Wild: A Special INPAWS Program.

During the INPAWS chapter meeting and special program, participants learn about hidden gardens in natural areas, even in backyards. The discussion and slideshow presentation reveal how to identify local edible wild plants, even invasive, but nutritious weeds. Recipes and a shortlist of local edible plants will be shared. Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium.

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Purdue University-North Central will host the 19th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 20, in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building cafeteria.

The day's theme is "Share the Dream," chosen in honor of the 50th anniversary of the "I Have a Dream" speech.

Doors for the free event, sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration Committee, open at 7:15 a.m. Breakfast is served at 7:30 a.m., with the program starting at 8 a.m. Reservations are not required.



The speaker is Tony Walker, who will discuss the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. He is managing attorney of The Walker Law Group P.C., a practice that represents churches, schools and government agencies, with offices in Michigan City, Gary, Chicago and Indianapolis.

Walker was appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court as a commissioner of the Supreme Court Attorney Disciplinary Commission in 2009. In 2011, the governor appointed him to represent the First Congressional District on the State Board of Education. He belongs to the American Bar Association, National Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, District of Columbia Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association and La Porte County Bar Association.

Debra Whitlow, a Michigan City High School honor student and member of the City Singers Choral Group, will sing after Walker's speech. Troy Patterson Thomas, Gary, will recite King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

Breakfast participants are asked to bring non-perishable food items that will be donated to local food pantries in Michigan City and La Porte.

From 10:30 a.m. to noon, Mary Jane Eisenhauer, assistant professor of early childhood education, Debra Pratt, continuing lecturer of education, and members of the PNC Department of Education student organizations Purdue Learning About Young Children in Education and Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society, will head to Michigan City Public Library to lead a series of children's activities. All children are welcome, but activities are intended for youth 2-12. Hands-on activities will focus on the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

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Canterbury Summer Theatre Takes 21st Century Approach to 2014 Season

by Andrew Tallackson

Canterbury Summer Theatre volunteers and alumni, passionate about its rich tradition in Michigan City, are rallying together to ensure its legacy continues beyond the 2014 season.

That means taking a 21st-century approach to financing and marketing, from online fundraisers to social-media platforms.

"I think there is a mixture of feelings," says Sue Vail, business manager for Festival Players Guild, which runs Canterbury Summer Theatre at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St.

"There is a concern that we can make this work, but there also is a lot of positive energy, particularly in getting more young people involved and trying new things to keep everything going."

Helping lead the charge are Canterbury Associate Artistic Director David Graham and Canterbury veteran Ethan Vail.

First, they said, Canterbury's season this summer will be shorter to help reduce costs. That means three Canterbury-produced shows, "Crimes of the Heart" and the two musicals "Why Do Fools Fall in Love" and "Closer Than Ever," followed by a production through Imaginary Doors Entertainment, which has presided over the guild's thriving Winter Arts Series, and a final "road show" staged by Artistic Director Ray Scott Crawford with students and crew from Bossier Parish Community College in Shreveport, La., where he is a theater professor and the dean of communications and performing arts.

The guild, Graham said, will attempt to secure financing for each individual show through donations, sponsorships and other fundraising sites.

One such attempt was spearheaded by Ethan Vail through GoFundMe, an online fundraising platform

in the same spirit as Kickstarter and Indiegogo. The difference, Vail says, is that there is no deadline to reach the designated goal. Kickstarter, in fact, requires that online campaigns forfeit their funds if they don't raise their specified amounts. GoFundMe allows non-profit groups like Festival Players Guild keep the money raised.



Colin Funk (from left), Mark Joseph Redd, Jasey Gilbert and Addie Wilson appear in the 2013 production "I'm Just Wild About Harry."

Canterbury's GoFundMe campaign is solely to raise funds for "Closer Than Ever." Contributions range anywhere from \$10 to \$100. One Canterbury alumni, with her \$40 contribution, posted the following: *"Let's keep Canterbury alive! It's been such a blessing to have had the Canterbury experience for two summers. Some of my best friends have been made here. Keep the funds rolling!"*

Also started is a facebook page with updates from Canterbury volunteers and alumni. Information includes updates on plans for a gala fundraiser, the new Canterbury website redesigned at no cost by local web-design firm JM2 Webdesigners and a raffle for two tickets to Goodman Theatre's upcoming production of "Brigadoon," directed and choreographed by Rachel Rockwell. That show, Graham said, is rumored to be Broadway-bound.

Mass mailers are going out, Graham and Vail say, along with proposals to businesses and area officials to help sponsor shows.

Reaching new, and younger, audiences and supporters is vital, Graham says. The trend nationwide

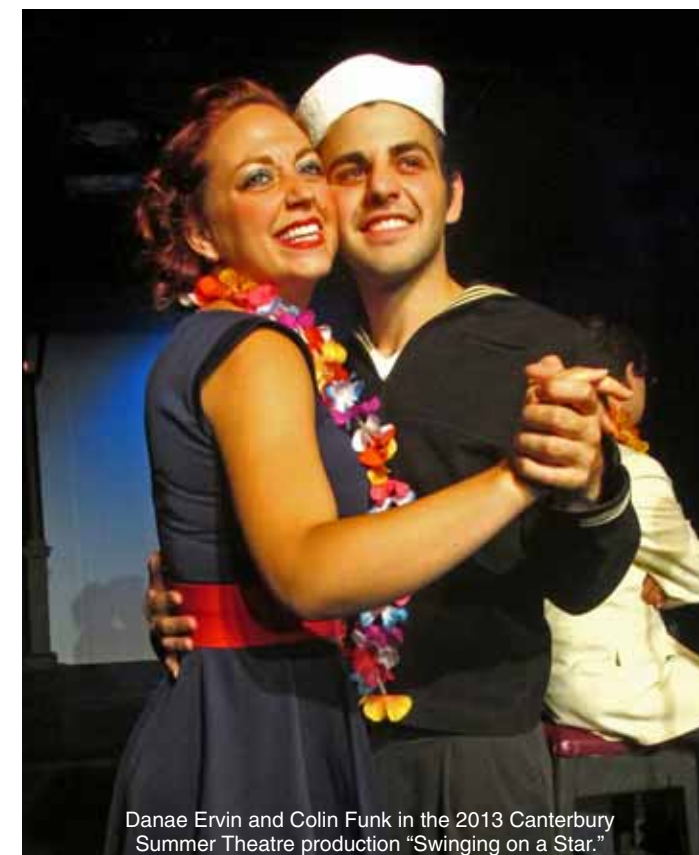
for regional theater groups is that fewer younger people are getting involved, while older audiences are dwindling as generations pass away.

"We've had a wonderful, faithful audience, but God love them, they're starting to leave us," Graham says. "But I believe Canterbury can work. It can come back. I strongly believe that."

So does Vail, who began performing with Canterbury soon after he finished the seventh grade. Now, he's 23 and a Purdue University graduate with a degree in theater.

"There is something about the relationships I've formed," he says. "I've met a lot of people over the years. I was with a theater group in Pennsylvania and there were people there who knew about Canterbury. My parents went on dates to Canterbury shows. It's a tradition, an important one, in Michigan City."

Festival Players Guild debuted in 1969 after Michigan City businessman Lyman Taylor bought the St. John's Church property at Ninth and Franklin streets, subsequently housing shows by Canterbury Summer Theatre, which has become one of the Midwest's oldest remaining professional summer stock theater programs. Over the years, hundreds of young artists have arrived each summer to quickly amass an impressive resume of shows, rehearsing one production while at the same time



Danae Ervin and Colin Funk in the 2013 Canterbury Summer Theatre production "Swinging on a Star."

performing another. Alumni have gone on to become Tony winners and nominees, TV personalities, college professors and regional theater directors. They range from Annie Potts and Judith Ivey to F. Michael Haynie, who recently completed a year run as Boq in "Wicked" on Broadway.

In 1997, the guild renovated the site at 807 Franklin St. as its new home.

The guild's longtime president and productions administrator was Jerry Peters, who in many ways was considered a one-man show. He took care of the bills, the contracts, the programs, the tickets, the press releases, the photos and ads. He worked closely with the guild board and Artistic Director Ray Scott Crawford. He was active in the Michigan City Mainstreet Association, sometimes having Canterbury cast members perform.

Peters was killed in his home in November 2012, leaving not just the board and Canterbury in shock, but the community as well.

The guild, Graham said, went into its 2013 season dedicated to keeping Peters' legacy alive. However, the magnitude of hurdles, particularly in terms of cash flow, quickly became apparent, he said. In December, guild members and others affiliated with Canterbury met for what Graham described as an emotional meeting where the summer-stock troupe's future was contemplated. One recommendation that surfaced was canceling the 2014 season. However, more than 50 emails from Canterbury alumni offering shows of support were presented at the meeting. Graham and Vail were present, along with Crawford by speaker phone from Shreveport. The concern, Graham said, was that if the next season was canceled, Canterbury Summer Theatre would never resurface. The momentum had to keep going, Graham said.

Sue Vail believes Canterbury can thrive, that it's an asset to the community.

"A lot of people can't afford to go into Chicago to see live theater, especially if you look at the prices these days," she says. "I really think Canterbury gives you the chance of experiencing live theater without having to put out those dollars."

"Today, everybody is watching every penny. If you can still have the same experience in your hometown, why not be a part of that?"

More about Canterbury Summer Theatre:

<http://www.gofundme.com/5pk2rw>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1439964372882410/>

<http://www.festivalplayersguild.org/>

CAC Watercolor Class



Students participate in a previous watercolor class.

Dick Church will offer a six-week beginning/intermediate watercolor class starting from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 17, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Church will lead students through a variety of watercolor techniques. The cost is \$60 for members and \$65 for non-members. Supplies are not included. Church will discuss supplies with all beginners to start the class.

Call (219) 926-4711 to register. Visit www.chestertonart.com for more information.

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 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 in 2014 are: Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and 10, 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 in 2014 are: March 5, April 2 and May 7.

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 early 2014 lineup is:

- Jan. 29 — "Woody the Woodpecker."
- Feb. 12 — "Where Did They Go?"
- Feb. 26 — "Wild Wind."
- March 12 — "Bat Basics."
- March 26 — "Star Theater."
- April 9 — "Flower Power."

Dream Catchers

Learn how to make a 3-inch dream catcher with local artist Heather Banas from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at Luhr County Park.

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Dennis Norman will review the popular trilogy by the young Chicago author.

• **Teddy Bear Picnic at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18.**

For the celebration of "Winnie the Pooh" creator A. A. Milne's birthday, youngsters can take a favorite Teddy bear for storytime and tea. Disney's "The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh" will be shown. Register by calling (219) 873-3045 or at the Youth Services desk. The program is designed for children 12 and younger.

• **"Talk to a Lawyer Today Free" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20.**

The Indiana State Bar Association, Northwest Indiana Volunteer Lawyers Inc., the pro bono committee of the First Judicial District, and local bar associations will sponsor a walk-in site at the library open to anyone who needs legal help, but can't afford an attorney. Volunteer attorneys will be available to provide referral information if further legal assistance or social services are needed. Call 873-3049 for more information.

• **Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration for Kids from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Jan. 20.**

Purdue University-North Central education students will lead children's activities, including games, coloring, story times and crafts, in the library lobby near Youth Services.

• **School's Out Movie Marathon: "Despicable Me" and "Despicable Me 2" at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21.**

Youth through age 18 have the chance to win a DVD of the films, both of which are rated PG. Light refreshments will be served. There will be a short intermission between films.

Call Robin Kohn at 873-3049 for more information.

Indoor Flea Market

From local food products and plants to tools and antiques, the indoor flea market returns on Saturdays, Jan. 18 and 25, at the New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road.

Continuing the last two Saturdays through March, the flea markets also include books, jewelry, photography, crafts, furniture and other housewares. The community center's two new stores — a bookstore and furniture store — will be open during the flea markets.

Visitors also can place orders for heirloom seed collections. Six different collections are available at \$10 per collection. Each collection contains four packets of seeds.

Vendor spaces are available at \$10 per space, which includes a table and chair. Contact Janna at (773) 275-1514, Del at (269) 985-3087 or info@centeroftheworld.net to reserve a space. The center will be open for dealer setup from 6 to 7 p.m. EST Friday and at 8 a.m. EST Saturday. Proceeds from space rentals benefit the center, an all-volunteer facility run by the non-profit organization Friends of New Troy.

Doors will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST Saturdays. Admission is free and a home-cooked lunch will be available for purchase.

Polish-American Cultural Society

The Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City Chapter, meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the former Mary's School, 321 W. 11th St., Michigan City.

A Polish-language session is followed by the Rev. Wally Rakoczy's presentation on his *szopka* (Polish nativity) collection. In Poland, the Christmas season runs Dec. 25 through Feb. 2.

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Snowmobiling Focus of DNR "Talk"

Facebook followers of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources can "talk" online with DNR Streams and Trails Specialist Dale Brier about snowmobiling from 2 to 3 p.m. EST Thursday, Jan. 16, on the DNR's facebook wall.

Brier will discuss changes to snowmobile and ORV registrations, as well as trails, safety tips and laws about snowmobiling. Participants can join the conversation and ask questions.

Future topics, instructions on how to join a conversation on facebook and commenting guidelines are posted at dnr.IN.gov/7315.htm

To join a chat, go to the DNR's facebook wall, [facebook.com/INdnr](https://www.facebook.com/INdnr), and click "like" if not already a "friend." Then, begin typing in questions during the time slot. The DNR experts will answer questions as time allows.

Oil Painting Class

Dana Dabagia will lead a six-week oil painting class from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 25 through March 1, at Long Beach Community Center, 2400 Oriole Trail.

Beginning and intermediate students are welcome, with all students receiving individual attention. Dabagia will fast-track students to work in oil on canvas, foregoing the stumbles she experienced while learning.

An award-winning artist, Dabagia has studied oil painting through dozens of instructional books, the Internet, videos and workshops.

The cost is \$145. Pre-registration is requested at d2211@comcast.net. A complete list of supplies will be sent upon registration.

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You can find out from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 18, when Catherine Lenard will lecture and sign her books at Visit Michigan City LaPorte Convention & Visitors Bureau, 4073 Franklin St., Michigan City.



Lenard is the founder, author and facilitator of The Divine Riches Project (Creating the Life You Deserve).

"Having what you want in your life begins with you," she says. "Sometimes, negative thoughts you're barely aware of can influence your best intentions."

Lenard also is a transformational educator, writer, consultant, designer and seminar developer/facilitator living in Three Oaks, Mich. She has an award-winning background in multiple design disciplines, with equal emphasis on writing and consulting for Fortune 500 through individual clientele. Her most recent book is "Need It? Want It? Get It! — Your How To Guide For Creating The Life You Deserve."

"Have you ever asked yourself, 'How can I have what I want in my life?'," Lenard says. "Self-awareness is crucial to banishing thoughts that interfere with realizing your definite purpose and goals."

"As I become more aware of my counterproductive thoughts, I transcend being victimized by them. It's deeply empowering to know we all have the ability to choose life-giving thoughts and the subsequent actions that support the fulfillment of our heartfelt desires."

A free-will offering will be accepted at the seminar.

Historical Society Meeting

The La Porte County Historical Society Inc.'s first meeting of the 2014 season is Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

The business meeting is at 7 p.m. with the election of four board members for three-year terms.

Museum Curator Susie Richter will present "2013 Historical Society Museum in Review."

Guests are welcome. Dues can be paid at the meeting. Watch for any inclement weather bulletins. Visit www.laportecountyhistory.org for more information.

La Porte County Library

The following programs are offered through La Porte County Library:

• **The Great Paper Airplane Derby from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at the main library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte.**

Learn about different types of paper airplanes, build them, test them and see how far they will fly.

• **Talk to a Lawyer Day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at the main library.**

La Porte County attorneys volunteering their time will give free consultations on legal concerns on a first-come, first-served basis in the three quiet study rooms.

• **Tech Help from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at the main library.**

Stop by the computer lab, where questions ranging from how to open an email attachment to uploading images through social media can be answered.

• **The History Club meets at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Coolspring branch, 7089 W. County Road 400N, Michigan City.**

Students in grades three through five can read any book — fiction or non-fiction — about the Industrial Revolution or Gilded Age. Participants will discuss their books and do a project related to the time period.

• **“Local Lore: Genealogy Chat,” originally scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 7, has been rescheduled because of last week’s inclement weather to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, in the main library’s Indiana Room.**

The program will allow those researching family histories to discuss their findings and share stories. Participants also can gain information on how and where to research a family tree.

Presenting the topic is Sue Harmon, who searched for her family history and uncovered many stories of her ancestors, including one of how a family member was killed by a tiger.

What’s New at Fernwood

The following programs are offered through Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich.:

• **The Brandywine, Niles and Buchanan high schools exhibit runs through Feb. 9.**

The exhibit in the Fernwood Gallery showcases the best work by art students at the three schools. Awards will be given for the best work in several categories and age groups.

• **“Ornamental and Edible: A Garden Design Workshop” from 1 to 4:30 p.m. EST Saturday, Jan. 18.**

Learn how to transform the landscape into something edible and eco-friendly. For gardeners of all skill levels, registration is required by Jan. 17. All necessary materials are provided. The cost is \$30, or \$24 for members.

Call (269) 695-6491 to register, confirm the status of classes or more information, which also is available at www.fernwoodbotanical.org

CAC Paper/Origami Class

Leslie Cefali will offer the “Very Beginner, Absolute Beginner, Very Basic Paper/Origami Class” from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The class includes the basic, beginning origami folds and perhaps a dab of glue and snip or two of scissors. Many of the models can be used in making notecards or greeting cards.

The cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Information about the kind of paper to bring to class will be sent to students after registering.

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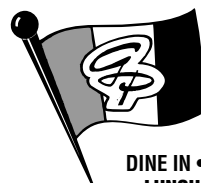
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The National Park Service will burn debris piles this winter at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

The piles are at Cowles Bog west of North Mineral Springs Road and north of U.S. 12 in Porter. Approximately 40 piles of debris from restoration efforts will be burned. The controlled winter burning reduces the amount of hazardous fuels on the prairie in the dry spring months.

The prescribed fire program is conducted by trained and experienced National Park Service fire personnel. Smoke dispersal is a primary concern, and park staff will do everything possible to limit smoke in the area by monitoring wind and atmospheric conditions prior to ignitions. However, smoke drifting in and around park lands and roadways is possible.

Clear management goals and objectives have been established for each burn. Before burning, a designated set of conditions must exist, including ideal air temperature, wind speed and direction and relative humidity. Weather conditions will be monitored throughout the duration of the burn to ensure the fire is completed safely.

Visit www.nps.gov for more information.

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February Canada Goose Season

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources again is offering a late season for hunting Canada geese.

The season runs Feb. 1-15 in 30 counties: Steuben, La Grange, Elkhart, St. Joseph, La Porte, Starke, Marshall, Kosciusko, Noble, DeKalb, Allen, Whitley, Huntington, Wells, Adams, Boone, Hamilton, Madison, Hendricks, Marion, Hancock, Morgan, Johnson, Shelby, Vermillion, Parke, Vigo, Clay, Sullivan and Greene. It helps control the breeding "giant" subspecies of Canada geese around urban areas, a common issue in Indiana and surrounding states. Indiana has offered hunters a late Canada goose season every February since 2008.

A valid hunting license, Indiana waterfowl stamp privilege, signed federal duck stamp and Harvest Information Program number are required to hunt. No special permit is needed, and birds no longer need to be checked.

Indiana hunters harvested 8,100 Canada geese during the 2013 late season, the same number as in 2012, according to estimates from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The total late-season harvest for Indiana across all six years is estimated at 41,600.

The season may be closed or the bag limit reduced in future years if local Canada goose populations are sufficiently reduced. Based on the population reductions Indiana has seen, the bag limit is likely to be reduced to three for the 2015 late season, DNR waterfowl biologist Adam Phelps said. However, the bag limit will remain five for the upcoming February 2014 season. More information is at dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/3570.htm

Holiday Storefront Contest Winners

The Greater La Porte Chamber and Downtown La Porte have announced the 2013 winners of the Holiday Storefront Competition.

The winners include: First Place — Rocco's Classic Gallery; Second Place — Thaddeus C. Gallery; Third Place — Goose Feathers Gifts; and People's Choice Award — Engstrom Jewelers.

Downtown establishments competed for the top windows, which were selected by three area judges, forms submitted to the Chamber office and Like comments on the Downtown's Facebook Page.

Rocco's Classic Gallery, 519 Lincolnway, is a large antique shop that feature several booths of independent antique and consignment items. Store Manager Sarah Noakes designed the two large windows in front of the store by hand. Staff at Thaddeus C. Gallery designed the large gingerbread window out of recycled materials.

Visit the Downtown La Porte Facebook page at www.facebook.com/downtownlaporte for more information or to see pictures of all the windows.



American Red Cross

The American Red Cross La Porte County Chapter has scheduled the following blood drives:

- Thursday, Jan. 16, 2:30-6:30 p.m., Kingsbury Elementary School Cafeteria, 802 W. County Road 400 South, La Porte. This is a Pint Size Heroes blood drive.
- Friday, Jan. 17, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., La Porte High School Small Gymnasium, 602 F St., La Porte. Donate and receive a water bottle.
- Monday, Jan. 20, 1-6 p.m., St. John Kanty Hall, 7012 N. County Road 600 East, Rolling Prairie.
- Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2:30-6:30 p.m., Wanatah Christian Church gymnasium, U.S. 30 and County Road 1100 West, Wanatah.
- Thursday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Purdue University-North Central Room 144, 1401 S. U.S. 421, Westville.
- Friday, Jan. 24, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., IU Health La Porte Hospital Auditorium, 1007 W. Lincolnway, La Porte.
- Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1-6 p.m., Bethany Lutheran Church Hall, 102 G St., La Porte.
- Friday, Jan. 31, 2-6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 101 C St., La Porte.

A blood donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

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Lexicon of Sustainability

Explore how people and communities can unite to strengthen local food systems and reshape relationships with food, farmers and the environment through "Lexicon of Sustainability."

The pop-up art exhibit runs from noon to 6 p.m. EST Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 18-19, at Journeyman Distillery, 109 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich.

Sponsored by Journeyman and Garden to Table, the exhibit features eight to 24 original works of photographic art that have traveled the country and were created by Douglas Gayeton, an award-winning filmmaker, photographer and writer whose most recent documentary aired on HBO.

Visitors can speak with people on the frontline of local sustainability activities, participate in an idea incubator and order sustainable food.

The art explores multiple efforts to keep soil healthy, water drinkable, air breathable and food edible and accessible. Each piece explores a different topic through images and words to arrive at a definition in the lexicon.

After pop-up exhibits in Indiana and Michigan, the art will act as a lending library to any school or organization that wants to educate people about sustainability.

Learn more by visiting www.LexiconOfSustainability.com/pop-up-art-shows/upcoming/ or www.journeymandistillery.com/event/lexicon-for-sustainability/

Michigan City Mainstreet Association

The Michigan City Mainstreet Association will host its annual meeting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., Michigan City.

Speakers will review 2013 and present the 2014 vision and new board of directors.

Members and non-members are welcome. The fee, which is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members, includes lunch. Advance reservations are required. by emailing michigancitymainstreet@hotmail.com

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DNR Division Seeks Public Input

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife wants the public's input on fishing, hunting, trapping and other fish- and wildlife-related regulations in Indiana, including special permits.


Through Feb. 28, the public can use an online form to contribute ideas and provide input on issues the DNR has identified for consideration. The form is at wildlife.IN.gov at the "Got INput?" box near the middle of the page. Users must register with a username and a password.

Input and ideas also can be mailed to: DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife, Attn: Got INput, 402 W. Washington St., Room W273, Indianapolis, IN 46204. After Feb. 28, Division of Fish & Wildlife staff will evaluate all comments and determine which proposals to forward to the Natural Resources Commission for consideration.

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Village Green Thanks City Officials



Village Green Neighborhood Association President George Neagu (center) presented the President's Award to Michigan City Mayor Ron Meer (left) and Robert Graves, Michigan City Department of Parks and Recreation maintenance supervisor. Meer and Graves were commended for their support of Village Green and for serving as judges in its annual Festival of Lights Yard Contest. Graves also supervises the installation of Christmas lights in Washington Park each year. Winners in Village Green's lights contest were: grand prize winner — Mark and Carol Mokrycki, 3729 Lexington Road; first-place winner — Jim and Amy Coble and Lance Prybylla — 3571 Hampden Road; second-place winner — John and Karen Carr, 911 Duxbury Court; and third-place winner — Jeff and Jackie Fanson, 1400 Earl Road.

Playwriting Contest

La Porte's Washington Stage Theatre, 111 Roosevelt St., is accepting original scripts to be entered into a playwriting contest.

The person who wins the grand prize will have his/her work produced at Washington Stage Theatre during the 2014 season.

There will be student and adult divisions, with winners in each category. The script may be a comedy, musical or drama 90 minutes long and family friendly. The production must be suitable for simple sets, props and lighting in a black-box theater. A maximum of 12 actors or actresses and a minimum of five is suggested, but not required. Any music must be original and controlled by the writer.

The student category is open to any Midwestern-area student up to 21 years old who is enrolled in any accredited school program. Up to three students may collaborate on the script. All writers must meet the age requirements.

The adult category is open to any Midwestern-area resident.

The deadline is March 1. Submissions, which are free, may be emailed to quacken@frontier.com, delivered by U.S. mail or hand-delivered. Any and all work submitted remains the copy-written work of the author (or authors). Each entry will be reviewed and critiqued (if requested). All entries will be acknowledged, and winners will be announced by March 30.

The winning writers will be paid a royalty for each performance and receive four free tickets to see their play performed on stage.

PNC Softball Team Aids Cause

As the holidays approached, Purdue University-North Central women's softball team members knew they wanted to take on a project that would brighten the holidays for deserving children.

So, the team gave its support to Daniel's Cause, a gift-giving resource created by Daniel Alexander, Westville. The 12-year-old was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor in 2010. During the many days he spent at the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital, its Child Life Services provided toys to Daniel and other hospitalized children at no cost to the child's family.

With Daniel at home and doing well, he decided to repay the good will he experienced, his mother, Karen Alexander, said. The hospital was expected to have about 150 young patients in its care Christmas day, with the average age being 7, so Daniel wanted to make sure the young-

sters received gifts from Santa, his mother said. His goal was to collect 100 toys, which he far surpassed, collecting about 1,000 toys and \$3,000 in gift cards.

A PNC connection already existed with Daniel's Cause. Former PNC player and PNC Athletic Hall of Fame player Jessica Brannagan is Daniel's aunt and has helped support Daniel's Cause in the past.

When the players decided to raise money to buy presents for Daniel's Cause, Coach Jeff Boardman promised to match the money the team collected.

In the end, the team raised \$500.

Daniel's mother noted the family tradition of giving started several years before when she would periodically ask her children to gather toys they outgrew or did not play with so they could be donated to charity.

Daniel's Cause is now a lifetime commitment to Daniel and his family.



Caycie Plye (back, from left), Abbey Scowden, Amy Scott, Rohni Beck and Leslie London with Daniel Alexander (front).

Zoobilee 2014

Tickets are available for "Stayin' Alive," the Washington Park Zoological Society's Zoobilee 2014 fundraiser, which is Saturday, April 12, in the Orleans Ballroom at Blue Chip Casino Hotel Spa, 777 Blue Chip Drive, Michigan City.

In addition to the 1970s theme, the entertainment lineup includes:

- Speaker Benjamin Mee, who wrote the book that inspired the film "We Bought a Zoo."
- John "Records" Landecker.
- A salute to the 1970s with the World Famous Together Band.
- A costume contest.
- Photo opportunities.
- Buffet dinner.
- Silent auction.

Tickets are \$100. Tables can be purchased for \$1,250. Sponsorships are available. Proceeds benefit Washington Park Zoo improvements.

The event is open to guests 21 and older. Tickets and information are available at <http://julcole.wix.com/zoobilee->, by calling the zoo at (219) 873-1510 or email wpzoosociety@live.com

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On January 16, 1936, Florida’s “Hialeah Race Track” installed the first electric-eye photo-finish camera to record the winner of each horse race, eliminating forever the question of which horse really came in first.

On January 16, 1944, American General Dwight Eisenhower took command of the Allied Invasion Force.

On January 16, 1967, a fire destroyed Chicago’s McCormick Place.

On January 16, 1969, two manned Soviet *Soyuz* spaceships became the first vehicles to dock in space and transfer personnel.

On January 16, 1982, Chicago temperatures dropped to a record tying 26 degrees below zero.

On January 16, 1997, entertainer Bill Cosby’s 27 year old son, Ennis, was found shot to death alongside a Los Angeles Highway.

On January 16, 2006, “Brokeback Mountain” won four Golden Globes, including best motion picture drama; “Lost” won best dramatic television series while “Desperate Housewives” won for best musical or comedy series.

On January 17, 1955, the *USS Nautilus* made its first nuclear-powered run from its submarine berth in Groton, CT.

On January 18, 1882, English author Alan Alexander Milne, who would write such famous children’s books as “Winnie-the-Pooh,” “Christopher Robin,” and “Piglet,” was born in London.

On January 18, 1912, an expedition led by English explorer Robert Scott reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald Amundsen had arrived there first. Scott and his party died during the return trip.

On January 18, 1975, the situation comedy “The Jeffersons,” a spin-off from “All in the Family,” premiered on CBS.

On January 19, 1937, Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record when he flew across the United States in slightly more than 7 hours and 28 minutes.

On January 19, 1955, with the permission of President Eisenhower, a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time.

On January 19, 1983, the American Psychiatric Association urged a “tightening up” of rules for use

of the insanity defense in criminal trials.

On January 19, 2001, in a deal sparing himself possible indictment, President Bill Clinton acknowledged making false statements under oath about Monica Lewinsky; he also surrendered his law license for five years.

On January 19, 2005, the American Cancer Society reported that cancer had passed heart disease as the top killer of Americans age 85 and younger.

On January 20, 1929, the first sound movie to be filmed outdoors, "In Old Arizona," was released.

On January 20, 1954, "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial," a play by Herman Wouk based on part of his novel "The Caine Mutiny" opened on Broadway.

On January 20, 1961, John F. Kennedy took office as the 35th president of the United States.

On January 20, 1982, George Hallas named Mike Ditka to be the new head coach of the Chicago Bears.

On January 20, 1986, Martin Luther King Day was observed as a federal holiday for the first time.

On January 20, 1993, Audrey Hepburn, who was beloved for her charm, elegance and aristocratic bearing in such films as "Roman Holiday," "Breakfast at Tiffany's," and "My Fair Lady," died at the age of 63.

On January 20, 2008, Barack Obama was formally sworn in as president of the United States, becoming the first African-American to be elected commander in chief.

On January 21, 1915, the Kiwanis Club was founded in Detroit.

On January 21, 1954, the *Nautilus*, the world's first atomic-powered submarine, was launched at New London, CT.

On January 21, 1979, in the highest scoring game in the Super Bowl's brief history, the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Dallas Cowboys 35 to 31.

On January 22, 1789, the first American novel, "The Power of Sympathy," was published. It was a story of lust, seduction, incest, and suicide, and set the pattern for American novels of the day.

On January 22, 1938, Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town" made its debut, in Princeton, NJ.

On January 22, 1968, "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In" premiered on NBC.

On January 22, 1980, President Jimmy Carter announced, in his State of the Union Address, that he would reinstate Selective Service registration.

On January 22, 2001, Roy T. Brown, who played Cooky the Clown, longtime sidekick to Bozo the Clown, died in Elk Grove Village, IL, at the age of 68.

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January 18 — Indiana Dunes Geocache Adventure: A Ghostly Gathering, 11:30 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center, Chesterton. Info: geocaching.com, search zip code 46304 to register.

January 18 — Great Paper Airplane Derby, 11 a.m., La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

January 18 — Teddy Bear Picnic, 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

January 18 and 25 — Indoor flea market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EST, New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road. Free admission. Info: Janna/(773) 275-1514, Del/(269) 985-3087, info@centeroftheworld.net

January 20 — Purdue University-North Central 19th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration Breakfast, PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building cafeteria. Doors open 7:15 a.m. Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Program 8 a.m. Info: laweaver@pnc.edu/(219) 785-5200, Ext. 5742.

January 21 — School's Out Movie Marathon: "Despicable Me," "Despicable Me 2," 9:30 and 11:15 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

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January 25 — Family Art Night, noon-2 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., Michigan City. Free, but registration required. Info: (219) 874-4900/lubeznikcenter.org

January 25 — Michigan City SummerFest Melt-down, 5-11 p.m., Michigan City Senior Center, 2 on the Lake, Michigan City. Tickets: \$20/person, table of eight/\$150, available at La Porte County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Marquette Mall. Info: mcsummerfest.org

January 26 — The Kiwanis Club of La Porte annual pancake breakfast fundraiser, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., La Porte National Guard Armory, 516 Lincolnway.

January 30 — Documentary screening: Zach Skiles' "Veterans on Killing," 6:30 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., Michigan City. Info: (219) 874-4900/lubeznikcenter.org

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

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January 18 — "Ornamental and Edible: A Garden Design Workshop," 1-4:30 p.m., Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Registration deadline: Jan. 17. Cost: \$30, \$24/members. Info: (269) 695-6491.

January 18 — Mark Dvorak concert, 7:30 p.m. EST, 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: www.boxfactoryforthearts.org/

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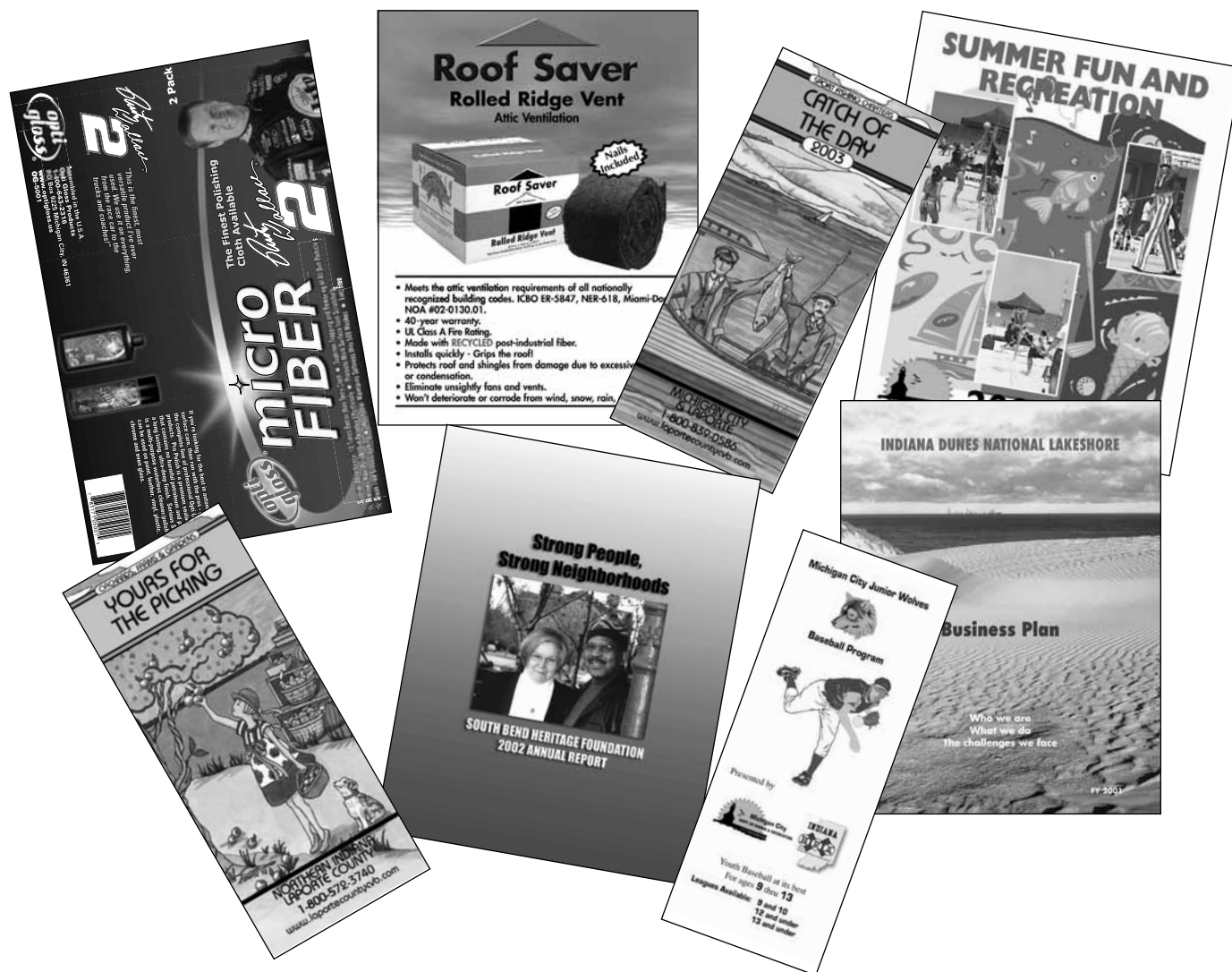
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Edgewood Establishes Rotary EarlyAct Chapter

Edgewood Elementary School was honored by Michigan City Rotary Club in December for forming the city's first Rotary "EarlyAct" chapter.

Present at the meeting were three student representatives from Edgewood — Taylor Gertner, Aubrey Moss and Anthony O'Neil — and Edgewood Principal Peggy Thomas.

"The EarlyAct program was a perfect fit for our school because of its emphasis on service and character," Thomas said. "We are excited to bring this to our students and are thrilled to be partnering with the Michigan City Rotary."

The Edgewood EarlyAct chapter was formed as an outgrowth of the school's student council, which is guided by teacher sponsors Olivia Evans and LaReina Valdez. Currently, the chapter has 20 members in grades one through five, and it has held a number of fundraisers to benefit local charities.

Michigan City Rotary President Mike Hackett applauded Edgewood students at December meeting, noting the goal of an EarlyAct Club is to create a self-sufficient Rotary Club within an elementary school.

"Establishing an EarlyAct chapter in Michigan City this year had been a top priority for us," he said. "We are so pleased with all they have accomplished already and look forward to a continuing relationship."

Michigan City Rotarians offer their support and resources to Edgewood's EarlyAct chapter when needed, and at least one representative attends monthly after-school meetings.

Rotary member Bill Gertner, present at the December EarlyAct meeting at Edgewood, was impressed with the children's efforts to raise funds for The Salvation Army and Toys for Tots.

"One goal of Rotary International is to foster the idea of service over self for the younger generation," he said.



Edgewood Elementary School's Rotary Club, pictured with Michigan City Rotary representatives Sandy Smith (far right) and Bill Gertner (far left).

In November, Edgewood's EarlyAct chapter held a "Wee Care" fundraiser, which involved placing small piggy banks in each classroom and challenging students and staff to fill them with spare change.

"Some classes filled those piggy banks three times over," Gertner said.

The total raised topped \$400 and was used by the Michigan City Rotary Club to buy hams and turkeys for Thanksgiving meals provided by The Salvation Army.

Other recent EarlyAct fundraisers have included a canned food drive for The Salvation Army in which one classroom alone has collected 86 cans, and a collection drive of more than \$300 for "Toys for Tots." EarlyAct's future plans include a clothing drive for those in need, a book collection drive and a beach cleanup.

Student members of Edgewood's EarlyAct chapter were elected by their classmates. They include: Alyssa Workman, Miko Lemons, Ella Frever, Addison Gertner, Anthony O'Neill, Arriana Pytinia, Ryan Bruemmer, Taylor Hollenberger, Paris Rule, Lennix Rife, Gabby Garner, Audrey Marsh, Amya Robinson, Aubrey Moss, Amelia Moss, Brianna Johnson, Aryanna Hartsburg, Taylor Gertner, Kwame Hickman and Deja Cunningham.

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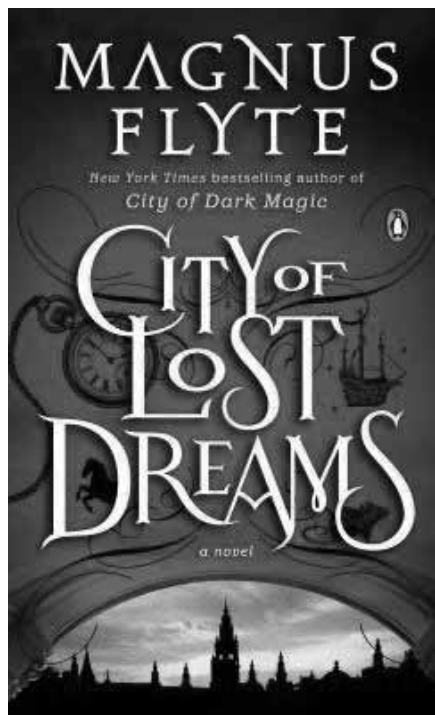
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Sarah Weston was on a mission to save a friend. That friend was 13-year-old Pollina Rutherford, a blind musical prodigy. Sarah tutored her some years ago when she was still in college studying musicology and Pollina was only 4.

"But music had erased the disparity of their ages and their experiences. Music, and a sort of kindred fierceness they recognized in each other."

Now, Pollina had left her native Boston for Prague to continue refining her musical skills on the piano. She lives in the ancestral home of Max Lobkowicz Anderson (13th in a line of princes). He has taken Pollina under his care, maybe because he and Sarah had a brief affair a year ago while she was working in his family's museum.

Pollina suffers from a rare autoimmune disorder caused by a malfunction on chromosome 20. Lately, she had been fighting a series of lung infections. Sarah was determined to find a cure for the debilitating condition. After much research, she discovered a Dr. Bettina Müller, a nanobiologist at the University of Vienna, who was working on a drug that might help Pollina. However, after requesting she be entered in a trial, the good doctor turned her



down flat without a reason. Now, it is up to Sarah to see the woman in person and find a way to change her mind. However, it seems the doctor has now disappeared under mysterious circumstances.

Sarah has help in the person of Nicolas Pertusato, who says he is a 400-year-old dwarf. He leaves Sarah in Prague and travels to London hoping to find a cure for Pollina based in alchemy. His problems mount as every place he visits, or should I say breaks into, seems to have already been visited, possibly by an old nemesis.

There's much, much more to this intriguing story. Like a golden galleon clock holding an ancient secret, a book from the Order of the Golden Fleece, missing since the 17th century and supposedly "containing the answers to the deepest

mysteries of life and death," not to mention other shady characters holding secrets and using other people for their own objectives. I don't want to spoil the ending.

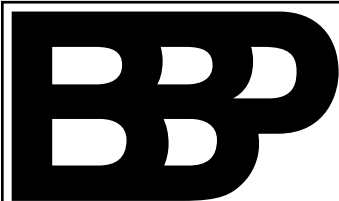
I especially like the authors' descriptions of Prague and Vienna. The architecture, the music, the famous and infamous people who lived there give you a solid foundation for the magical story to come.

This book is the sequel to *City of Dark Magic*, a novel that received rave reviews and was a *New York Times* best seller. However, I did not find it hard to pick up on the past storyline and what came before it.

CNN.com said "it's one of the most original novels released this year."

Kirkus Reviews gave *City of Lost Dreams* a starred review and said: "Sensual, witty and sometimes laugh-out-loud funny, set forth in sparkling prose and inhabited by characters well-worth getting to know. *Wunderbar!*"

Till next time, happy reading!



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