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MARCHING ONWARD

TERRA COTTA WARRIORS ON DISPLAY AT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN INDIANAPOLIS

by Barbara Stodola

When the first Emperor of China commissioned an army of 8,000 life-sized clay soldiers to protect him in the afterlife, he had no idea what this elaborate scheme would mean 2,200 years later, to a country halfway around the world.

This summer, eight of Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi's Terra cotta warriors are on display at the Children's Museum in Indianapolis: the only place in the U.S. they are currently being shown, and the first time ever at a children's museum.

"Chinese officials were ecstatic about the idea of a children's museum," said Leslie Olsen, the museum's public relations manager, "since this venue presented opportunities for interactive and family-friendly experiences."

Olsen credited museum president and CEO Jeffrey Patchen

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Children can have a hands-on experience with replicas of Chinese warriors created by the Children's Museum for the exhibit.



Each of the 2,000 Terra cotta warriors has different facial features and gestures – and an estimated 6,000 more are awaiting reconstruction.

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with initiating the project.

Among the ancient world's hidden treasures, the Terra cotta warriors hold the distinction of having been discovered recently – in 1974 – “a staggering discovery,” according to Charity Counts, the museum's associate vice president of exhibits. “A group of farmers were digging a well, and one of the shovels hit something hard beneath the soil. It was a fragment of a clay figure. The farmers were terrified, having no idea what they had found.”

Anyone wanting to see more of this extraordinary assemblage, in its original locale, can travel with members of the Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce to Shaanxi Province – a new feature of the Chamber-sponsored China tour – where 2,000 more clay soldiers now stand in a specially designed enclosure.

“We encourage people to do both,” Counts said. “They are two totally different experiences. In China, you see the massiveness of the site, and here you are up close and personal with the Terra cotta warriors.”

Visitors can get up close and personal with 100 original artifacts set in specially designed cases: eight warriors, a cavalry horse, a ceremonial iron-and-gold sword, a bronze miniature replica of the emperor's horse-drawn carriage. For hands-on experiences, replicas were created that can be touched.

“We want kids and their families to understand how the figures were made, and that they were originally painted,” Counts said. “So, we have studio space where they can sculpt clay and make little warriors. We've made ‘coats of armor’ from leather, vinyl and metal studs so kids can put them on and get their pictures taken.”

The entire exhibit was crafted at the museum, Counts said.

“We created a 3-D visualization to explain what the burial site would have looked like 2,200 years ago,” she continued. “The figures were originally painted in bright colors. These paints have flaked off, but archaeologists and scientists are working to recreate their original appearance, and we want the kids to understand that process.”

The sense of discovery permeates the exhibit, and another exhibit, “Take Me There: China,” which also opened in May and focuses on modern-day China and daily life.

Museum educators, tapping into children's interests,



A life-size general, originally standing guard at Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi's tomb, is one of the figures on display at The Children's Museum in Indianapolis



Beating the drums is a popular activity for young visitors to the museum. have reproduced a Chinese tea house, where kids can try pretend-cooking, serving and eating with chopsticks, a marketplace, where they can shop, and a Chinese opera house, where they can get dressed in fancy costumes. The displays are entered through moongates. One area focuses on baby pandas. Another gives an introduction to calligraphy.

"Take Me There: China" opens in a replicated airplane, which "flies over" the Great Wall of China. An 11-year-old "tour guide" takes visitors to his parents' city apartment, his grandparents' suburban home and his great-grandmother's house in the country.

"It's a chance to see how family life and living circumstances have changed as Chinese society has changed over the course of four generations," Counts said.

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If You Go

"Take Me There: China" is the second in a series of immersive cultural exhibits — the first focused on Egypt — that will remain at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, 3000 N. Meridian St., for four years. Terra Cotta Warriors continues through Nov. 2. Visit www.childrensmuseum.org for additional information.

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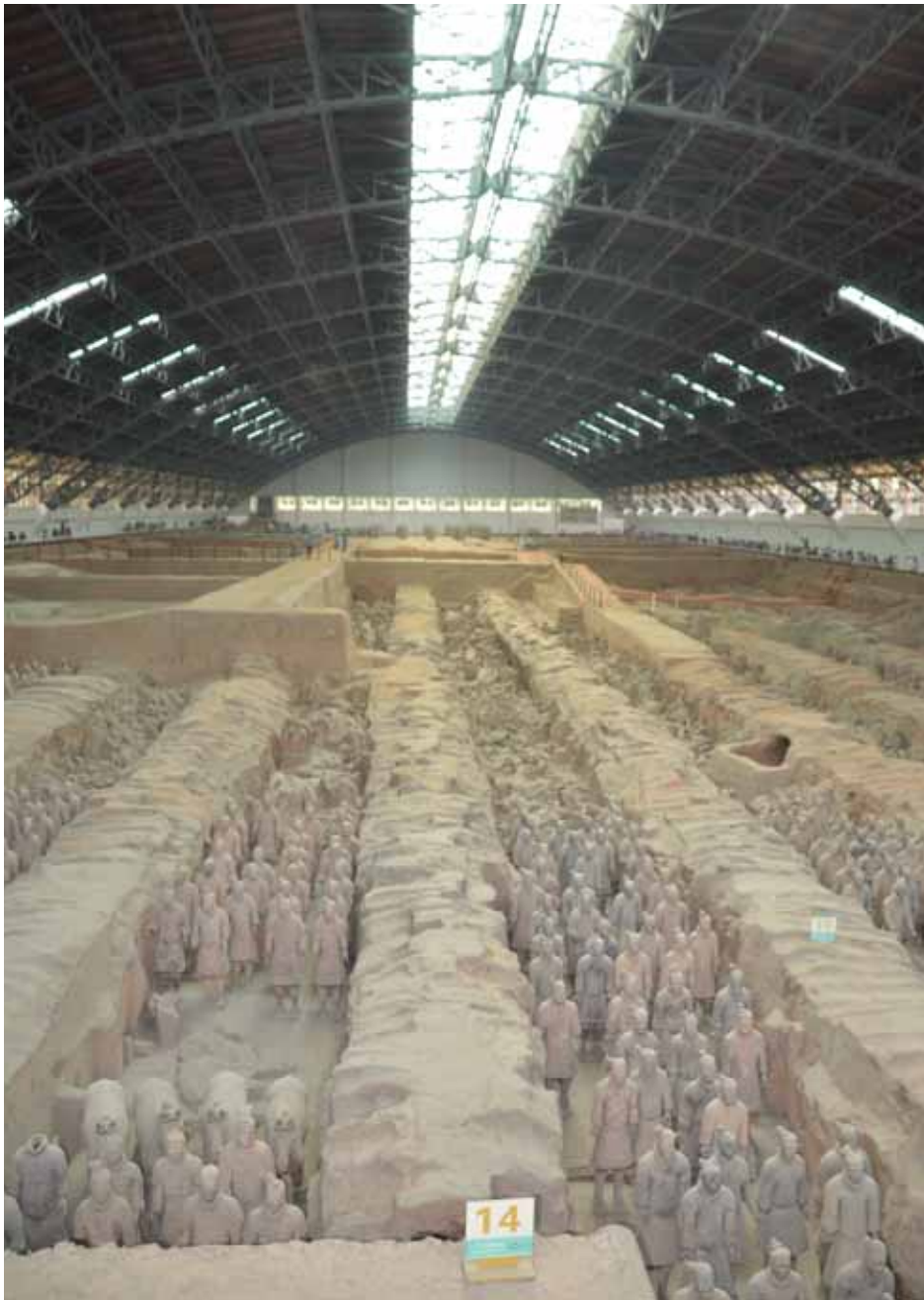
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Today, 2,000 restored Terra cotta warriors stand at the excavation site in Shaanxi Province, where the emperor's tomb remains unopened.

An informational meeting open to the public about an upcoming tour of China is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday June 18, at the Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce, 200 E. Michigan Blvd.

The all-inclusive, nine-day trip is priced at \$2,438 per person, "a wonderful experience and a great bargain," said Ann Dahm, president of the chamber, which is sponsoring the tour. Last year's participants will share their experiences at the pre-tour briefing.

Departing from John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, on Oct. 10, the tour includes visits to the Great Wall of China, "The Forbidden City," Buddhist temples, Ming Emperors' tombs, Tian An Men Square in Beijing and shopping in Shanghai, plus evenings of traditional Chinese food and musical entertainment.

This year, an optional excursion is being offered to the original excavation site in Shaanxi Province, where 2,000 Terra cotta warriors stand guard over the tomb of the first Qin Dynasty emperor. This option is available for an additional \$500 per person.

Travelers also will be able to meet Chinese businessmen, and visit factories where jade, silk and rugs are produced.

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The Children's Museum has recreated Terra cotta warriors in the colors they originally would have been painted.



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The truck show will be presented by the American Truck Historical Society. Visitors can tour the grounds to view restored trucks from all eras.



Visitors check out the 2013 truck show at Hesston Steam Museum.

Special meals will be served at Doc's Soda Fountain, with breakfast and lunch created and prepared by La Porte's Spire Farm-to-Fork.

Parking and admission are free. Train rides cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12. Museum grounds open at 11:30 a.m., with trains running from noon to 5 p.m.

Visit www.hesston.org or call (219) 778-2783 on weekends for more information.

New SBMA Exhibit Debuts

"Plateau," an exhibit of new works by Canadian artist David Harper, runs through Aug. 31 at The South Bend Museum of Art.

Born in Toronto, Harper now is based in the American Midwest. He received his bachelor of fine arts degree from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax in 2006, and his master of fine arts degree in Fiber and Material Studies in 2011 from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Harper has been included in group shows in the U.S. and Canada and participated in numerous solo exhibits. One such effort, "*Entre Le Chien et Le Loup*," was organized by the University of Toronto in 2013 in partnership with Kitchener-Waterloo Gallery (Ontario), The Kenderdine (Saskatchewan), Ottawa Art Gallery and St. Mary's University Gallery (Nova Scotia).

His work can be found in many collections, including The National Gallery of Canada, the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation in Los Angeles, Scrap Metal in Toronto and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. He will be artist in residence at the Bemis Contemporary Art Center in Omaha, Neb., this year, and is a nominee for the Royal Bank of Canada Emerging Artist Award at the Gardiner Museum.

Harper uses sculptural strategies that combine altered taxidermy with 17th century-inspired ceramics and embroidery. Included in the SBMA exhibit is a fallen tree that is given a new role, resulting in an ode to the "in between."

A reception is from 5 to 9 p.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 1. Regular gallery hours are from noon to 5 p.m. EDT Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is free to members, with a suggested \$5 donation for non-members.

The South Bend Museum of Art is located in The Century Center, 120 S. St. Joseph St. Call (574) 235-9102, visit southbendart.org or email info@southbendart.org for more information.

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Lump, who created the 46-card series of writing prompts, will read passages from her journals, have participants select one of her cards and write their own responses. Those comfortable enough can share their writing with the group.

Participants should take a pen and paper, or a journal. "Writing to Yourself" cards are available for sale in the gallery shop.

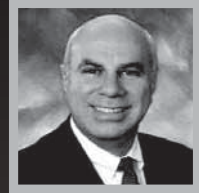
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Sheila Sobecki's class Skypes with the Mintonye Elementary School class.

Students in Sheila Sobecki's multi-age, high ability classroom at Springfield Elementary School recently had the chance to Skype with a second-grade classroom in Lafayette, Ind.

The opportunity arose after the Springfield class embarked on a service-learning project to raise money for victims of tornadoes that tore through Illinois and Indiana on Nov. 17, 2013.

"One of my students, with the help of his family, really spearheaded the project," Sobecki said. "They came up with the idea and purchased wristbands that said 'MC Schools-Reaching Out — Supporting the Tornado Victims.'"

Wristbands were sold at Michigan City Wolves home basketball games, Al's Supermarket at Karwick Plaza and several other local businesses. The Michigan City boys' and girls' swim teams, along with coach Dan Jenkins, donated to the fundraiser. Coolspring and Pine elementary schools' student councils also supported the effort.

As a result, Sobecki's class raised \$2,349.86.

After students did some research, a decision was made to donate the money to Mintonye Elementary School in Lafayette. Following last year's storms, the school was so badly damaged, it moved into a

local church for the remainder of the school year as repairs commenced at the building.

"I am completely overwhelmed by this generous gift," Mintonye Principal Rob Skaggs said after learning about it. "It has been a rough year, but we have made the best of it. We have been humbled by the generosity of so many people near and far.

"Over the years, my students and staff have often assisted those in need, so it is an odd feeling for us to be the recipient of gifts instead of being the giver of gifts."

A decision was made to use the money for technology, and second-grade teacher Christina Bymaster's class at Mintonye received eight iPad Minis for use in the classroom. Her class connected with Sobecki's class via Skype.

"This was a fitting culmination of a year-long service project," Sobecki said. "My students were interested to learn how challenging this year had been for the students at Mintonye. Students from each class took turns asking questions and sharing about school experiences. I could see the pride on my students' faces, knowing that they helped to brighten the lives of students who have had a lot to deal with this year."

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Right Place, Right Time

Bill Landing Celebrates 30 Years in Local Public-Access TV

by Andrew Tallackson

In January 1984, Bill Landing was at a crossroads. He was unemployed, living at home with his mother and unsure where his broadcasting experience might take him next.

"Really setting the world on fire," Landing joked about that time in his life.

Out of curiosity, he stopped by Channel 27, the city's new public-access station. Whether it could be successful, no one knew for sure. Landing filled out an application, paid the \$3 fee and learned he could pretty much do anything with his show.

Thirty years later, Landing remains a fixture in the local public-access scene, his journey spanning five different types of programming, with interviews ranging from community members to celebrities.

"Little did I know this was waiting for me," Landing said. "When I look back on that day (in January 1984), I had no idea what odyssey was waiting for me. I'm really proud of my involvement in this."

Landing, a Michigan City native and 1979 Elston High School graduate, took an 18-week course in broadcasting at Chicago's Midwestern Broadcasting School, his interests ranging from news interviews to announcing at sporting events. That experience saw him cross paths with the likes of the late WGN anchor John Drury and then White Sox manager Tony La Russa.

Finding work in his field, though, proved difficult. The jobs, he said, weren't available, so in 1984, Channel 27 became a blessing in disguise.



Bill Landing's show airs at 4:30 and 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays on Channel 99.

Bill Landing (seated) appears with longtime TV associates and friends Sue Copeland (from left), Dan Smith, Andy Steele and John Baines.

Channel 27 is now Channel 99 and produced through Access La Porte County. Landing, over the years, has been involved in:

- "Interesting Individuals," a show highlighting people from all walks of life that still airs today.
- Twilight Theater, which specialized in parodies. One of his contributors, John Baines, remains involved with some of Landing's projects today.
- Announcing at high-school basketball games.
- "Portraits of the Screen," profiles of actors and actresses of the 1930s and 1940s.
- "Midnight Entertainment Show," which covered everything from bands at nightclubs to New Year's Eve bashes.

"What I've loved ... is the creativity of it," he said. "I like to consider myself a creator instead of a talk-

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show host. I like the planning and structuring, calling someone and doing the research. There are so many different directions a show can go.”

Landing’s interviews have spanned community members and the local sports scene to celebrities.

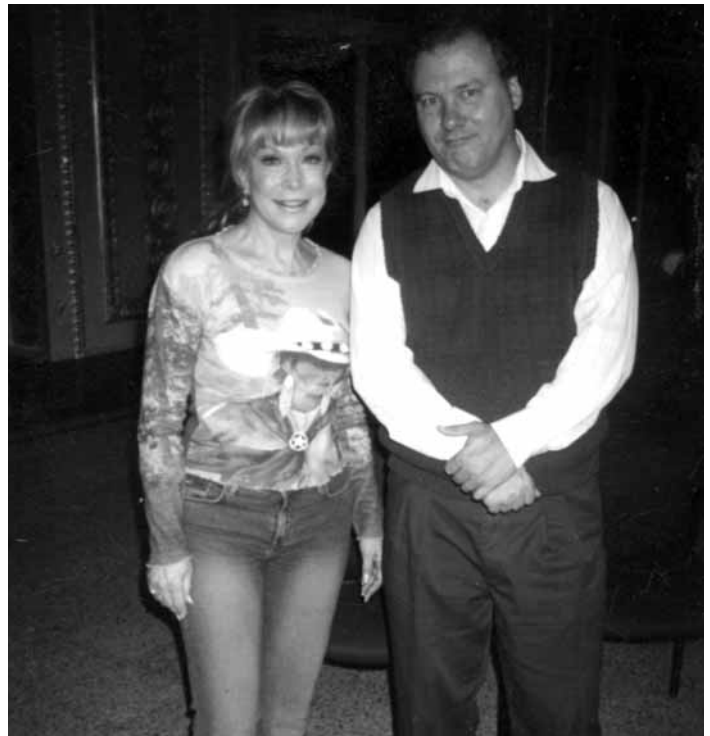
He’s interviewed the 1966 Elston state basketball championship team, Michigan City High School’s and Marquette High School’s girls volleyball champs, La Porte Slicers legend Ken Schreiber and the NFL’s Donny Thomas.

Historical shows that drew positive reactions from viewers, Landing said, ranged from a look back at the 1958 snowstorm in Michigan City to Bill Burns, a veteran who was present at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked on Dec. 7, 1941.



Bill Landing interviews Bill Burns about the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Celebrity interviews have included Claude Akins, Karl Malden, Barbara Eden and Cindy Williams, the latter with whom Landing has interviewed twice, the first time with Baines while they attended a celebrity autograph event.



Bill Landing appears with Barbara Eden in South Bend in 2004.

Favorite guests have included Miss Duneland Kelly Beyer Lawson — “a great, fun gal to work with” — and Susan Brown, a musician from Valparaiso who has been on his show many times and performs a variety of music.

What Landing enjoys is getting people to open up about themselves, whether it be Malden sharing recollections of growing up in Gary, Ind., or most recently, veteran character actor Ronny Cox discussing his life in movies and song.

“I am an amateur producer,” he said. “It’s like the equivalent of community theater. Everyone has other jobs and they do this because they love it.

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Learn how to paint the gardens at Art Loft Studio, 10232 Wilson Road near New Buffalo, Mich., with Knoebber, a Harbor Country artist, educator and radio host. Class begins with a demonstration and talk on paints, paper, brushes, hints and suggested experiments. Weather permitting, the class then will spend the day painting in the garden with Knoebber's guidance. If it rains, the group will remain in his studio.



Daisies painted by David Knoebber

Take watercolor supplies, No. 140 watercolor paper and a bag lunch. Later in the day, participants return to the studio to share the day's experience. Some refreshments will be provided, and canned soda and bottled water will be sold.

The cost is \$45 for league members and \$55 for non-members. Those interested can pay the day of the workshop or send payment to: Michigan City Art League, P.O. Box 9720, Michigan City, IN 46361. Contact Betty Thomas at (219) 879-0903 or email bpthomas700@yahoo.com for more information or reservations. Follow/Like MCAL on facebook, or visit www.mcal1932.wordpress.com for additional information.

Community Conversions Meetings

The public is invited to the second in a series of five Community Conversions hosted by United Way of La Porte County and Unity Foundation.

Residents may attend the meeting Wednesday, June 18, at the Blue Chip Casino Stardust Lounge in Michigan City or the meeting Friday, June 20, at Best Western Plus La Porte Hotel & Conference Center. Both sessions are from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and include a full, free breakfast. Advance registration is required by Friday, June 13.

During the Michigan City meeting, United Way will honor Cornerstone Businesses for their employee workplace contributions in 2013. Those businesses include: Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa; Chicago South Shore and South Bend Railroad; Fiber Bond Corp.; Filter Specialists Inc.; Franciscan St. Anthony Health-Michigan City; GAF Materials Corp.; Horizon Bank; IU Health La Porte Hospital; Lakeshore Foods Corp.; La Porte Savings Bank; Meijer; Michigan City Area Schools; NIPSCO; New York Blower; Purdue University-North Central; ITW Red Head; Sullair; and United Parcel Service.

The Community Conversations in June also will feature presentations of the La Porte County Needs Assessment Summary and preliminary results of Community Conversations to date. Attendees will break into small facilitated discussions on "Community Resources and Strengths."

Kris Pate, United Way of La Porte County executive director, said input from Community Conversations meetings and online surveys will guide the United Way board's future funding process, and inform other community funders, boards and service providers. United Way is gathering demographic information from participants to ensure the responses reflect a representative sample of the La Porte County population.

Reservations can be made by email at info@unitedwaylpc.org or by calling the United Way office at (219) 210-3534. The meeting will be recorded and available for later viewing on the ALCO-TV public-access station and through the United Way website. Those unable to attend are encouraged to complete an online Community Conversations survey on "Aspirations, Challenges and Change" at www.unitedwaylpc.org

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Buffett Concert to Aid Drive-ins

Singer Jimmy Buffett will present a concert broadcast live Thursday, June 19, to raise money for drive-in movie theaters across the country, including Valparaiso's 49er Drive-In Theatre, 675 N. Calumet Ave.

Buffett and his Coral Reefer Band will perform at Coyote Drive-In in Fort Worth, Texas. At the 49er, the owners will have a band perform before Buffett's concert starts. Food and alcohol will be sold at the adults-only event.

The gates open at 4 p.m. The live band will play from 5 to 7:30 p.m., followed by the Buffett concert. All vehicles must be in place by 7 p.m. so the concert is not interrupted. Tickets, which are \$18, are available at <http://liveatthedrive-in.com/>

Steve Cotton, one of the 49er's owners, said Buffett's concert comes at a time when drive-ins face having to pay \$75,000 to \$100,000 to buy digital equipment now that movies on film are being phased out.

Drive-in theaters, which once numbered at more than 4,000 across the country during their heyday in the late 1950s, are down to fewer than 350. And with the conversion to digital equipment becoming necessary, many more face closure, Cotton said.

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Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series

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Nickels is director of music at the Church of the Holy Comforter (Episcopal), Kenilworth, Ill., and has performed recitals across the country. He holds doctor of musical arts and master of music degrees in organ performance from Arizona State University and a bachelor of music degree from Southern Methodist University.



Organist
Derek
Nickels

He has been a featured recitalist at several national conventions of the Organ Historical Society, as well as appearances with Ars Musica Chicago, Early Music Chicago, Ensemble Versailles and the Phoenix Bach and Madrigal Society. He has performed recitals at St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue and the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City, the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, St. Paul's Cathedral in San Diego, the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco, Washington National Cathedral and National City Christian Church in Washington, D.C., the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee and Holy Name Cathedral and Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

He taught at Arizona State University and has served as organist-choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Phoenix, organist at University of Chicago's Rockefeller Memorial Chapel and associate organist at St. James Episcopal Cathedral in Chicago. He serves as president of the Chicago-Midwest Chapter of the Organ Historical Society.

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Wildlife Hike

A free 45-minute nature hike is at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte.

Meet at the nature center. The hike heads through the woods, so appropriate footwear is recommended. The hike is open to a minimum of five people and a maximum of 20.

Pre-registration is required at least one week in advance. All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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. Dates are: June 16 and 30, July 7 and 28, Aug. 11 and 25, and Sept. 15. 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:

- July 2 — Sleep disorders and their effects on your health with Mindi Whittacker of IU Health La Porte Hospital.
- Aug. 6 — Heart Disease Risk Factors: Know Your Numbers with Nancy Blossom, a registered nurse from IU Health.
- Sept. 10 — Understanding Medicare with Denise Holmes.

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.

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Students are instructed in Opti's, an international youth training and one design race boat. Those with their own boats can be instructed in it. Advanced students also will receive instruction on Club Rigged 420s.

The sailing camp offers six separate morning and afternoon sessions starting on June 24, July 8 and July 29. Classes meet daily, Tuesday through Friday, except national holidays (July 4). Time are mornings (9 a.m. to noon) or afternoons (1 to 4 p.m.).

Visit <http://www.mcyc.com/junior-sail-program>, contact Program Director Charlie Mueller at juniorsail@mcyc.com or call (219) 561-0141 for more information. Additional information is available at www.facebook.com/MichiganCityJuniorSailing or @MCJuniorSail

Morgan Horse at Fernwood

Clifford of Drummond Island, a Morgan horse who makes public appearances across the country, will be at Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich., from 1 to 3 p.m. EDT Sunday, June 15.

Morgan horses, defined by their muscular builds, are one of the earliest breeds in the U.S.



Clifford entertains a crowd of all ages.

Clifford has been raised and trained since he was 2 by Michigan artist and author Nancy Bailey — her drawings and paintings will be in the Fernwood gallery June 20-July 27 — using techniques established for training dogs.

Clifford not only is house-trained, but also heels, dances, plays with toys and retrieves. One of the world's only equine artists, he also paints and performs tricks. He even will sign copies of his biography, "Clifford of Drummond Island," written by Bailey.

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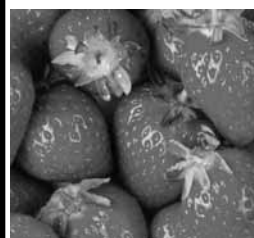
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Six of the camps begin June 23 in Michigan City Area Schools for more than 120 children, who receive a book to take home each day of the camp, United Way Executive Director Kris Pate said.

The four-week, half-day summer camps focus on essential academic and socialization skills and are taught by experienced kindergarten teachers. Students receive breakfast and lunch.

United Way donor contributions, IU Health and an Indiana Association of United Ways grant help fund the camps for Pre-K students, many of whom come from families living at or below poverty level. These students have not benefitted from a pre-school experience and may be behind in learning skills and socialization experiences. Pre- and post-tests of Kindergarten Countdown students show significant increases in literacy skills, as well as higher levels of confidence and enthusiasm about school.

IU Health annually contributes funding, books and volunteer support for Kindergarten Camps. For the first time this year, the UPS Women's Leadership Division is conducting a major book drive to support the camps.

Anyone interested in helping collect 2,000 new or gently used kindergarten-level books can drop them off at the United Way of La Porte County, 115 E. Fourth St. across from Michigan City Public Library. Call the United Way office at (219) 210-3534 or email info@unitedwaylpc.org to arrange a pickup of large book donations.

Wine & Wags

Round Barn Winery, 10982 Hills Road, Baroda, Mich., will present its Wine & Wags fundraiser from 2 to 6 p.m. EDT Saturday, June 14.

Half of the day's proceeds collected at the gate benefit Animal Aid of Southwest Michigan, Humane Society of Southwest Michigan, Paws of Hope and Save-a-Stray.

Visitors can sample Round Barn wine, beer and spirits in the vineyard, while pets can try the interactive agility course. Pets also can be dressed for a wine-themed costume contest. Dogs will be available for adoption.

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Purdue University-North Central Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series will present the exhibit “Omnium Gatherum,” original art by local artist Mindy Marie, through July 31.

The exhibit, on display in the Library-Student-Faculty Building student lounge, Room 062, features more than 20 pieces of abstract oil, watercolor and acrylic paintings.

Marie lives in Michigan City. She loves to capture surrounding ideas and images, according to a press release, and believes “art is not only beautiful to look upon, it is also beautiful to create”



Mindy Marie appears with a few of her works.

Marie and artist Ginny Scott, whose exhibit, “The Unseen,” is in the first-floor, north-study area of the Technology Building, will be honored during a reception at 5 p.m. Friday, June 13, in the Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02. Guests can meet the artists and view their work. Refreshments will be served. Keith Scott will perform. A blues guitarist, songwriter and bandleader, Scott has played professionally for more than 25 years in the United States and Europe, and with the likes of Jimmy Dawkins and A.C. Reed. He is a regular at Chicago’s House of Blues.

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Visit Michigan City La Porte staff members Dale Cooper and Jan Chambers have been working on healthy living ideas with local schools and high school child-care agencies. They call the project "Growing up Green."

The project is teaching Safe Harbor and Club Discovery after School students how to develop a healthy hobby that not only provides food and beautiful gardens, but also gives them a way to take the stress out of their lives. It also shows how gardens can exist in all types of environments, from raised beds to hydroponic systems.

"We want to bring together groups in our community connecting kids with good food," Chambers said.

Cooper, the project coordinator, said, "Our goal is to create a healthy community lifestyle through gardening."

Gardening is an activity that can provide food for school lunches. Eighty six percent of Michigan City Area Schools students receive free or reduced lunch rates. Many also have stressful home lives and do not have an opportunity to grow things in their backyards. Food that is garden-produced makes a difference and creates a positive food environment.

"The culmination would be the harvest and continuation of the garden," Cooper said. "The children would also learn healthy eating leads to a better life."

Math skills would be developed in figuring out the amount of dirt needed to fill the planters. They also would learn that gardens can be created in raised beds and containers that require different care. Family days would be held to complete some of the maintenance projects. In the planning stages, parents would be asked to help students with math activities and literacy.

Chambers and Cooper have met with and organized programs in some of our area schools. The progress report is:

Knapp Elementary School

The school has two outdoor areas that we can put in Aquaponics and grow vegetables the students will plant. They also can harvest the vegetables and incorporate them into the school lunch program.

Aquaponics is the cultivation of fish and plants together in a constructed, recirculating ecosystem utilizing natural bacterial cycles to convert fish wastes to plant nutrients.

Barker Middle School

Instructors are working on a new Aquaponics system that will have the students eat what they grow.

Marsh Elementary School

The school has a courtyard visible to the public, so a rose garden with a gazebo modeled after the White House rose garden was suggested.

Joy Elementary School

The school has planted vertical, raised bed and in-ground vegetables, along with containers of herbs, annuals and perennial ornamental and native plants of our area.

Krueger Middle School

The school is working on a composting project. The greenhouse has been cleaned up and seeds planted, while students have been busy identifying trees and shrubs.

Lake Hills Magnet School

Two rotary "Volks Garden" Hydroponic growing stations have been placed at the school, which has been harvesting herbs for its lunch program.

Edgewood Elementary School

The school received a grant to purchase some items for its garden. It bought several outdoor solar lighting kits, bird feeders, planters and picnic benches. There is a lack of sunlight to grow vegetables successfully, so the school came up with the idea of developing three different cultural and ethnic style gardens.

Success will be measured through the knowledge students gain as evidenced through surveys and writing activities, and displayed through their actions while working in the garden. The number of participants in the family days would be counted, as well as the amount of food harvested.

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The Kid Zone, held from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 14, will include family friendly rides, games, an all-ages talent show, teen dance and pedal pull.

Art in the Park at Carver Park will include food, craft vendors and the annual Pet Parade. The free art show features handcrafted items such as beach glass and blown glass, jewelry, textiles, wood utensils, locally produced fruit butters and a bake sale. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Live music from Shock Roxy is from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday at the Three Oaks Lions Club Entertainment Tent. Bone Naked performs at 8 p.m. Friday and Hired Hands at 8 p.m. Saturday at Featherbone Restaurant & Lounge.

A flag-raising ceremony is at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 15, accompanied by a U.S. Naval band at Elm and Maple streets. World War II military planes will fly over downtown Three Oaks at 3 p.m. to signify the start of the parade, which includes 100 entries. The route begins at Buckeye Street, moves south on Elm Street and turns east on Linden Street, ending at the American Legion, where awards start at 5:15 p.m. They include Overall Parade Award, Most Patriotic and category awards for Best of Class.

The grand marshal is Lt. Gen. Douglas J. Robb. A veterans meet and greet is at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at Three Oaks American Legion Post 204. In his current assignment, Robb is the Defense Health Agency director. Among his duties is the administration of all military retiree health care (Tricare).

Visit www.threeoaksflagday.com for more information on the weekend's events.

"Bringing Nature Home" Awards

The Friends of Shirley Heinze Land Trust will present its fourth annual "Bringing Nature Home" Awards.

The program is open to anyone who landscapes their grounds or yards using native plant species. Homeowners and institutions, including businesses, schools, industry and government entities, can enter. About 30 awards have been given during the past three years.



Larry and Joan Murphy, Chesterton, were one of the 2013 "Bringing Nature Home" award recipients.

The program is named after Douglas Tallamy's book, "Bringing Nature Home," which shows the benefit of native plantings.

All plantings in Lake, Porter and La Porte counties are eligible. Full program details and an online application are at <http://www.heinzetrust.org/bringing-nature-home.html>. Applications are due by July 25. The Friends of the Heinze Trust will visit the plantings, and awards will be given in the fall.

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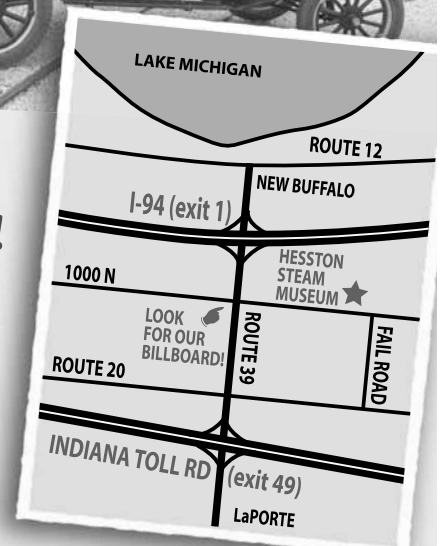
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• **Movies in Washington Park: "Frozen," shown at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.) Friday, June 13.**

The library and city again are collaborating to bring family films to the park's Jaycee Stage. Other film nights are July 25 and Aug. 15.

• **Poetry Slam Camp 2014 at 10 a.m. Monday through Friday, June 16-20.**

The week-long program of poetry activities for middle-schoolers focuses on self-expression and slam-style writing and performance. The \$5 registration includes lunch and a T-shirt. Purdue University-North Central students and professors are volunteering to create and lead the program. The performance night, open to the public, is at 6 p.m. Friday, June 20. Call (219) 873-3049.



Paul Kemiell appears with some of his photos of Formula One boat races.

• **Photo display at the library through Friday, June 20.**

Professional photographer Paul Kemiell has an exhibit of photos of Formula One boat races on the library's gallery walls.

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2014 Innovators Café

Valparaiso University will host the 2014 Innovators Café from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19, with Mark Maassel, Indiana Energy Association vice president and former NIPSCO president, serving as the keynote speaker.

The event's theme is "Developing the Engineering Leaders of Tomorrow Through Innovation" and marks a collaboration between Valparaiso University's College of Engineering and Ivy Tech Community College Northwest's Gerald I. Lamkin Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center and Society of Innovators.

Prior to his appointment with the Indiana Energy Association, Maassel was president and CEO of the Northwest Indiana Forum, a regional business membership organization that promotes economic development and environmental sustainability in Northwest Indiana.

The café will showcase the James S. Markiewicz Solar Energy Research Facility, which houses one of only five solar furnaces in the country. It was designed to use solar energy to create solar fuels and commodities. The College of Engineering has received two grants to conduct research in this area: a \$2.3 million cooperative agreement from the Department of Energy and a \$300,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

Speakers also will discuss how Valpo's undergraduate education is shifting the paradigm from lecture-based learning to experiential, innovation-based learning.

Email nicole.niemi@valpo.edu or (219) 464-6010 for more information.

Field Museum Trip

Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich., will sponsor a bus trip to Chicago's Field Museum from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, June 27, to see "Wonders of the Chicago 1893 World's Fair."

Luring millions to Chicago, the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition was a showcase of architecture, culture, technology and people from around the world. Now, 120 years later, the museum is opening its vault to unveil collections that rarely have been on display — if ever — since the exposition.

The trip includes a charter bus and admission to the museum and exhibit. Those interested also can sign up for the Chicago Architecture Foundation's optional guided tour to World's Fair sites.

Registration is required by June 12. The museum visit is \$100 (\$80 for members), while the museum plus White City Tour costs \$125 (\$100 for members). Call (269) 695-6491 or visit www.fernwoodbotanical.org to register.

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Senior Wins Art Scholarship



Chesterton High School senior Emily Dyrek won a \$500 Association of Artists and Craftsman of Porter County scholarship to be used for her art education at Indiana University-Northwest.

Emily will pursue an undergraduate degree in 3-D animation or illustration, leading to a graduate degree in animation at a major Chicago art school. Her goal is to work in the movie industry.

Each year, the AACPC invites Porter County high school seniors to apply for the scholarship that goes to a student pursuing a degree in an art-related field. To apply, seniors must submit a letter of intent, sketchbooks and a portfolio.

The AACPC is connected to Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Visit www.chestertonart.com for more information.

Outdoor Toddler Programs

Hageman Library, Westchester Public Library's branch at 100 Francis St., Porter, will present outdoor programs for 1- to 2-year-olds four Tuesday mornings this summer.

All toddlers must be accompanied by a parent. The schedule is:

- June 17 — "That's Not a Brush!" Attendees paint with a sponge bottle washer and tempera paint.
- July 8 — "Edible Necklaces." Children make necklaces from cereal and candy laces.
- July 22 — "Kool-Aid Ice Painting." Paint with Kool-Aid ice pops on white poster board.
- Aug. 5 — "The Pig's Picnic." Bring a small picnic lunch for each child to eat as he/she listens to stories and music. Ice cream will be provided.

Each program starts at 10 a.m. Registration is required by calling (219) 926-9080.

Joint Elston/Rogers Reunion

The Classes of 1994 Elston and Rogers will host a joint 20-year class reunion June 21.

Visit <http://rogerselston1994reunion.ticketleap.com/20-year-class-reunion/> to buy tickets.

Foreign Language Honor Society

Michigan City High School has inducted a number of students into its Foreign Language Honor Society.

The society recognizes students who have excelled in French, German, Japanese or Spanish and have been active members of their language clubs. To be eligible, a student must demonstrate high scholastic achievement in his/her foreign language and maintain at least a "B" average in all other subjects. Juniors must be continuing the study of their respective language.

Each foreign language is affiliated with its national high school Foreign Language Honor Society. Initiates receive a certificate from their national society and second-year members receive pins and/or cords. All senior members receive cords from their national societies for graduation.

Society sponsors include teachers A. Daniel Ruth, Sabine Dossa-Togbe, Michael Tsugawa, Michelle McGuire and Jennifer Gracyalny.

Students honored include:

Japanese

Initiates: Geoffrey Bethay, Emiley Bishop, Angeliq Curry, Shannon Frasure, Rachel Hennessy, Rebecca LaFollette, Allen Murray, Steven Siegmund and Amanda Yadavia

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Initiates: Emily Baker, Shayne Barron, Sarah Becker, Destinee Fields, Cheyenne Jackson, Lindsey Jackson, Martin Komay, Janet Li, Alexandra Martorano, Megan Methner, Kasey Pawlak, Virginia Ramos-Romero, Joselyn Schooley, Araya Stahoviak, Elle Weiss and Raven Wood

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Tom Brand and Carole Stodder, longtime artists and advocates for the arts, are honored to be the featured artists this summer at Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art.

Their exhibit, aptly titled "Parallel Pursuits," runs through Aug. 10.

Almost 20 years have passed since Brand and Stodder married and moved from Chicago to their tree-shaded home studios in The Pines.

After working under the same roof for such an extended period, comparisons between the two are inevitable, and this tendency is encouraged by the way their paintings are presented in Valparaiso: hers along one wall and his opposite, facing each other.



"They both did tondos (round paintings)," Brauer associate curator Gloria Ruff said, "and so we started with those."

Beyond that introductory wall, however, their paths diverge.

"She changed from one style to another," Ruff observed, "the overlapping squares and rectangles from the 1970s, and then a jump to more angular forms after 2000."



Tom Brand's "Tondo V" (2010) revolves around a burst of light. (Top)

Brightly colored squares and rectangles, circles, arrows and stripes set up a lively rhythm in Carole Stodder's "Tonka Tondo." (Bottom)

In both time periods, her pictorial elements are predominantly geometric, and the compositions are worked inward, away from the frame.

Brand's paintings, on the other hand, often contain the suggestion of a horizon, with organic and structural forms interacting above and below – sometimes a reflection or a burst of light adding energy to the piece.

"One major difference between our work," Stodder pointed out, "is that Tom is always trying to get more complex, and I'm trying to simplify, to pare down. More often than not, Tom is painting abstract landscapes. I am working to resolve problems of design and composition, within a shallow space. I am playing around with weaving forms in and out."

Parallel Pursuits

Works by Local Couple on Display at Brauer Museum of Art

by Barbara Stodola

Stodder paints on canvas, using acrylic paints, which dry in an hour. Brand has switched from oil paints to alkyd oil, applied to 1/8 inch masonite boards. Unlike oil paintings, they dry within a day. The alkyd paints can be diluted with mineral spirits, rather than the more pungent turpentine.

One technique he adopted, after watching her paint, is using masking tape to define the edges of an image, "a clever way," he says, to prevent the paint from dripping where you don't want it.

Both artists were educated in Chicago. Brand, an Indianapolis native and U.S. Navy veteran, came to study at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. For many years, he owned and operated a printing company, producing art books and posters for notables such as the Hairy Who, all while looking for-



Artists Tom Brand and Carole Stodder live in The Pines.

ward to the years he could devote to his own painting.

Stodder graduated from Lake Forest College with honors in art. After further studies back home in Minnesota, she settled in Chicago as an art teacher at the University of Chicago Laboratory School, and pursued a master of fine arts at Midway Studios. Stodder's master's thesis was based on the abstract painter Stuart Davis,

whose influence can still be seen in her own paintings – in the billboard-style lettering that pops up among other suggestive images.

Brand and Stodder became acquainted in the 1970s when both were founding members of the Chicago Artists Coalition. Their participation in



Stodder's "Nifty 50" (circa 1970) takes its title from lettering in the painting.



"Isla," one of Stodder's recent paintings, makes use of jagged, angular forms.

community arts organizations continued after they moved to Indiana. They have been involved with the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, and both served as president of the Area Artists Association.

A deep interest in music also pervades their work – the influence of jazz particularly seen in Stodder's paintings, as in those of Stuart Davis – while Brand leans toward classical music. He has a collection of 600 CDs, regularly attends Chicago Symphony Orchestra performances – a subscriber for 50 years – and listens to music while he paints.

"In music, you get a lot of repetition," Brand says, trying to explain the ways in which music impacts his working methods. "My brush strokes are extemporaneous, to begin with, then they start suggesting variations on a theme. I may have a preconceived idea, but sometimes it is pure improvisation. The repetition of shapes corresponds to dotted rhythms in music."



Cascading bands of white can be seen as icicles in Brand's "Winter's Growth."

Musical expressions can find their way into Brand's titles – such as "Peak Performance" – but he always completes the painting before naming it. Stodder, on the other hand, chooses a title before or during painting, "depending on what I'm trying to accomplish." She starts with a detailed drawing that she transfers to the canvas, and reinforces her intentions in the titles: "A Square Deal," "Flashpoint," "Cardinal Rules."

Although both artists work in abstract, nonrepresentational styles, Brand gives wide latitude to individual interpretation, conceding that "Viewers almost invariably bring their own meaning to the work... and I have no control over this."

You may see post-and-beams in his pictorial structures, or stepladders, or icicles dripping down from a piece named "Winter's Growth." But the only image he confirms is the horizon line.

"There is tranquility in the horizon," he says.

If You Go

"Parallel Pursuits: Tom Brand – Finding Form, Carole Stodder – Shaping Space" runs through Aug. 10 in the Wehling and McGill galleries at Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art, 1709 Chapel Drive, Valparaiso. Call (219) 464-5365 or visit www.valpo.edu/artmuseum for more information.

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Grant to Fund Poetry SlamCamp

Purdue University-North Central's Andrew Gillies has received a Student Community Service Mini-Grant from Indiana Campus Compact to help fund Poetry SlamCamp 2014, which meets the week of June 16 at Michigan City Public Library.

Now in its third year, SlamCamp is a five-day event involving activities, games and education promoting expression through poetry, visual arts, technology and performance art. Slam poetry writing and performances will provide a range of children — exiting sixth-graders through eighth-graders — with the chance to enhance their talent, engage others through expression and showcase their skills before an audience.

The camp is a cooperative effort between the library and PNC College of Liberal Arts, and is made possible by PNC faculty, the PNC English Club, Purdue University-Calumet faculty, qualified community members and student volunteers from both universities. The faculty and student volunteers will share their own works to provide examples and get children excited about expressing themselves confidently and clearly.

At the end of the week, volunteers provide a showcase event in which the campers can perform their work before family and friends. Some highlights can be seen on the SlamCamp Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SlamCampNWI>.

SlamCamp hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 16-19 and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 20. The public performance is at 6 p.m. June 20.

Registration is \$5, which includes all activities, lunch and a camp T-shirt. Call (219) 873-3049 to register or for more information.

PNC Enrollment Day

Prospective students are invited to Purdue University-North Central's Enrollment Day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 17.

The event welcomes current and prospective students wanting to register for the fall 2014/spring 2015 semesters.

Prospective students can fill out an application, get admitted, take an assessment test (if needed) and receive financial-aid information. Official transcripts must be submitted to be evaluated for admission. Students then can meet with an academic advisor to discuss a plan of study and register for courses. A sign-in table will be at the north entrance of the Technology Building, near the lounge adjacent to Room 157. No registration is required, and students will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. Family members are welcome.

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The family-friendly experience, "Two by Two: A Community Glass Art Project," is from 6 to 9 p.m. EDT Friday, June 20, during the New Territory Arts Association's Summer Solstice Art Hop.

The cost is \$5 per person per 2-inch square glass tile. No previous experience is required for the event at the barrier-free Dorris Akers Gallery.

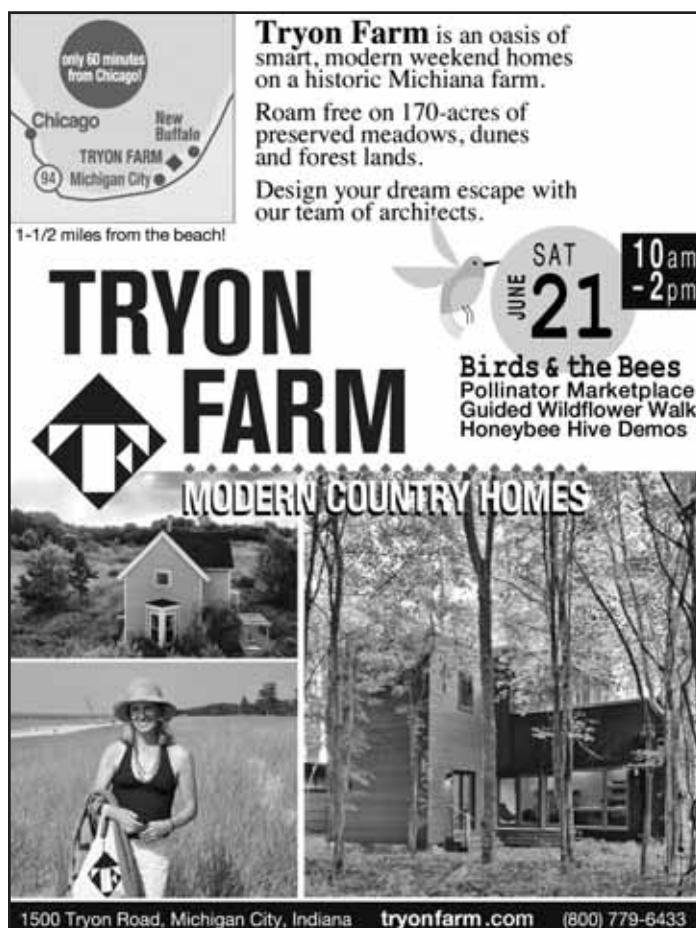
Participants can take a "before" picture of their works for future identification in the park.

Call (269) 925-5555 for more information.

Pancake Breakfast

St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Cool-spring Ave., will have an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 14.

The menu includes pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice. Adults cost \$5 and children 6 and younger \$3. The event is a fundraiser for vacation Bible school, which is open to all children.



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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

• **Ranger's Choice Hike from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, June 13.**

Call or stop by the Visitor Center on Friday morning to learn the hike's location.

• **Central Beach Sunset Hike from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 13.**

The ranger-led hike reveals threats faced by the dunes and what people can do to protect them.

• **Fort Building Contest No. 1 — Celebrate Get Outdoors Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Form a family or small group team and test your architecture skills in the Nature Play Zone. Prizes for different themed forts will be awarded.

• **Get Outdoors Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at Dunes Learning Center, 700 Howe Road, Chesterton.**

Take a hike, learn about kayaking, explore the river, make a craft and enjoy lunch on the lawn.

• **Chellberg Farm Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 14.**

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

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

• **Campground Program from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at Dunewood Campground Amphitheater.**

Learn about the diversity of park resources, and how staff and volunteers keep the park healthy.

The campground is at Broadway and U.S. 12 in Beverly Shores.

• **Pinhook Bog Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 15.**

Take a self-guided hike into Indiana's only quaking bog. Rangers and volunteers stationed along the trail help visitors understand the site filled with carnivorous plants. Allow one hour to walk the trail and tour the bog.

• **"Miller Woods Hike" from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 15, at Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

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

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

Participate in hands-on family activities in the park's west end visitor center, especially the new outdoor Nature Play zone where unstructured play is encouraged. Follow the new extension trail through the rare oak savanna habitat to Lake Michigan's shoreline. Inside the center, help feed the res-

ident turtles and fish or make a free craft.

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

Children 6-12 learn about the lakeshore while enjoying self-guided activities. A variety of Junior Ranger programs exist, from a short Beachcombers Activity Page to an extensive Junior Rangers Booklet. Complete a program and earn a prize. Stop by the Visitor Center or Douglas Center to pick up a free program booklet.

• **"Park in Focus" from 1 to 3 p.m. every Saturday through Dec. 27 at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

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

• **"Kid's Rule" from 1 to 3 p.m. every Sunday through Dec. 28 at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

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

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Brew at the Zoo

Washington Park Zoological Society will present the third annual Brew at the Zoo from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at Washington Park Zoo, 115 Lake Shore Drive.

The event features beer, wine and food from regional breweries, wineries and restaurants. The event for guests 21 and older costs \$50 per person and includes drinks and food, as well as a commemorative tasting glass. VIP admission costs \$65 and includes early entrance to the zoo at 5 p.m.

Tickets are limited and can be purchased at the zoo with cash or credit card. Cash purchases can be made at Ryan's Irish Pub, 401 Franklin St., and Arturo's Baked Goods & More, 2613 U.S. 12. Tickets also are available by calling the zoo at (219) 873-1510.

Adult Community Tennis

Adult community tennis for all levels will be held at 9 a.m. EDT Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the public courts opposite New Buffalo High School, 1112 E. Clay St.

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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Friday, June 13

• 10 a.m. — "Oh Deer!"

Meet a naturalist outside the Nature Center to search for signs of the deer population.

Saturday, June 14

• 10 a.m. — Tree ID Spree.

Meet a naturalist outside the Nature Center for a short, easy stroll to view local trees.

• 3 p.m. — Stories in the Sand.

Meet outside the Nature Center to hear stories from the naturalist.

Sunday, June 15

• 8:30 a.m. — Informal church service at the campground shelter.

• 10 a.m. — Breakfast with the Birds and Dad.

Join a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding. Get close views of chickadees, cardinals and woodpeckers. Afterwards, have juice, coffee and donuts with Dad. Donations will be accepted to help defray costs.

• 3 p.m. — Tour de Dunes.

Take a bicycle and meet the naturalist at the campground gate for a tour through the park.

Monday, June 16

• 3 p.m. — Fire on the Prairie.

Meet at the Nature Center to learn how prescribed fire is used to help habitats, then help the naturalist start a fire if conditions are right. Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by a parent.

• 3 p.m. — Squirrels Gone Wild.

Meet at the Nature Center to explore different kinds of squirrels, and play a squirrel game with free candy.

Tuesday June 17

• 10 a.m. — Toddler Fitness Hour.

Join a park volunteer for a hike along the bike trail. Take water, sunscreen and a blanket or mat. Meet at the campground gate every Tuesday in June and July.

• 3 p.m. — Mudbug Plunge.

Check out the world of crayfish, crawdads or mudbugs. Meet at the Beach Pavilion and prepare for some creek walking/wading.

Wednesday, June 18

• 10 a.m. — Mount Tom Bound.

Wear hiking boots for a moderate hike up to Indiana's highest sand dune. Meet at the campground shelter by site 116 for the walk that ends near the Nature Center.

• 3 p.m. — Makin' Tracks.

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at different critters living in the park. Participants make a field guide to help identify the animals.

Thursday, June 19

• 10 a.m. — Beach Yoga.

Bleu Lotus Yoga will offer the program every Thursday this summer. Registration is required and includes a \$10 fee. Classes are canceled in case of inclement weather. Visit www.bleulotusyoga.com to register


• 3 p.m. — Woodland Wander.

Meet at the Nature Center for a 45-minute hike exploring the back dune forests and swamps.

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Elston Raises Funds for Zoo Bench



Washington Park Zoo Director Johnny Martinez (from left) receives the check from Elston Middle School teachers Amy Wojasinski-Labis, Gwen Hudson and Shari Mullins, Elston Principal Kelly Martin-Fargo, Elston teachers Julie Geyer, Greg Olson and Adam Goebel.

Elston Middle School staff stopped by Washington Park Zoo on June 2 to present two checks to Director Johnny Martinez.

Elston students and staff raised more than \$1,200 through “jeans day” fundraisers each Friday in May. Funds will be used to buy a remembrance bench dedicated to Elston Middle School.

Teachers Amy Wojasinski-Labis and Shari Mullins guided the fundraiser with help from Kate Triemstra, Julie Geyer and Elston administrators.

Additional funds were donated to the zoo to buy perennials placed near the bench. Teacher Adam Goebel said he initially secured a Unity Foundation grant to plant the flowers around Elston.

“When it was decided to repurpose Elston, I asked the Unity Foundation if I could use the grant for perennials to beautify the area near the zoo’s Elston bench instead,” he said. “They agreed it was a fantastic idea.”

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Distinguished Graduates gathered on the first tee at Long Beach Country Club for a traditional group photo before dinner was served.

Distinguished Graduates from Michigan City High School's Class of 2014 were honored at a special dinner May 29 at Long Beach Country Club.

The graduates, all of whom have grade-point averages of 3.8 and above — and five with a perfect 4.0 — were joined by their parents and an educator instrumental in their success. Each graduate/teacher pair had an opportunity to offer remarks about each another.

Distinguished Graduates and teachers, coaches and counselors attending the dinner this year included:

- Zachary Biggs and Mark Marz.
- Erin Callaghan and Dan "Herr" Ruth.
- Dina Choucair and Mohamed Mroueh.
- Lucas Daurer and John Boyd.
- Jenna Davis and Craig Lindgren.
- Tyler Ellenwood and Angela Vassiliou.
- Shannon Frasure and Mike Tsugawa.
- Jestine Furness and Megan Schroeder.
- Briana Glowacki and Nancy Bausback.
- Evan Havlin and Michelle McGuire.
- Christopher Hebb and Rick Commers.
- Sara Kreighbaum and Sra Schleter.
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Attendees can pre-order a dinner that includes a choice of sandwich with gourmet side salads, home-made dessert and drink.

Tickets are \$35 per person, while pre-order dinner tickets are \$55. A table for eight purchase is available for both options, offering a \$40 savings. Pre-order dinner tickets should be purchased no later than Thursday, June 19. General event tickets are available until Thursday, June 26.

Taltree is located at 450 W. County Road 100 North near Valparaiso. VisitTaltreePicnic.org or call (219) 462-0025 for more information.

Michigan City Green Drinks

Krueger Middle School Principal Vera Jones will discuss students successes and its Outdoor Environmental Center during the next Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City meeting, which is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St.

Krueger received the Indiana Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence in 2013 and an honorable mention this year in the Magna Awards program sponsored by the National School Boards Association.

Green Drinks meets the third Thursday of the month at Shoreline Brewery. Events are supported by 219 GreenConnect and sponsored by Save the Dunes. The suggested donation is \$5, or \$2 for students. Call (219) 874-6809 for more information.

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Museum Releases May Figures

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

Visitors came from 15 counties, 19 states and Italy. There were three tour groups, two school groups from North Judson, Ind., and fourth-graders from Pine Elementary School.

May was Preservation Month, so Historic Structures Photo Contest entries from La Porte County were on display, along with an additional 25 from around the state. South Bend station WNIT came to the museum, and one of the photo contest winners was interviewed, as well as the curator.

A variety show, "The Fabulous 50s," was held on the lower level.

Donations included:

- La Porte Sesquicentennial wine bottle, 1955 telephone directory, cloth bag from Levine's Boston Store, Walter Link campaign badge, Beth Boardman.
- Frisbee from Roy's Frostop, Maynard Searing.
- "Miracloth" cleaning cloth in original box, Kathleen Young.
- Wicker youth chair, tobacco chest, tapestry that belonged to the Forrester family, YMCA pins, bolt of fabric from Woolen Mills, Selective Service medal, Woolen Mills sample books, Bobbin from Woolen Mills that belonged to Fred Sykes, Erector set circa 1950, beaded moccasins, "Walco



One of May's donations included a Forrester family high chair, or youth chair since there is no tray. It's made of wicker and on display in the Victorian Dining Room.

Beadcraft" in original box, "Coldspot Jr." child's refrigerator and stove, 1944 soil survey books, La Porte County, John Greenleaf Whittier-framed poem and prints, Indiana Moulding & Frame Co. metal ruler, 1950 push pins and fasteners, 1950 souvenirs of Western Inn, Martha Sykes Hansen.

- EMS uniform circa 1980, EMS resuscitator with tubing and attachments, "Steven Hoskins Memorial Award" plaque, name tag, gold shield, lieutenant bars, EMS badges, patches, handbooks, diary, Ron "Rat" Harder.
- Bobbie Brooks two-piece outfit, mini-skirt, dress, all from 1967, Lynn Sult Serafin.
- Plaques from church pews at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, eyeglasses from Dr. H.F. Harton of La Porte, Jan Wooden.
- Photos, Laura Niemiec, Charles Williams, Beth Boardman and Jan Wooden.
- Items for the sale table, Jean Chlupacek and Dave Mann.
- Archival information, Charles Williams, Barb Szabo, Susan Knoll and Greg Fruth.

Upcoming summer events include the Civil War Re-enactment on June 21-22 on the museum grounds. "Grandma's Coverlets: Weaving Memories" is the summer exhibit June through August. The Old Car Show is July 26. A traveling exhibit on Hoosier Cartoonists from the Indiana Historical Society is planned in August.

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MCHS Students Use Hydrolab

Fifty four Michigan City High School students on Friday, May 23, had a unique opportunity to use a Hydrolab, an advanced piece of equipment used by scientists worldwide to test water quality.



Teachers Stephanie Dege and Elaine Rivich with the Hydrolab.

MCHS is the first Indiana school to have been loaned the equipment by the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant. Teachers Stephanie Dege and Elaine Rivich traveled to Milwaukee last August to train on it through the grant and the Great Lakes Literacy Institute.

Participating students May 23 were selected from the Biology 1 classes of Stephanie Dege, Elaine Rivich, Andy Jasicki, Tammy Rinker, Ashley Kohler and Jordan Ewald, and from Angie Gresham's Advanced Placement Biology class.

The day started at Washington Park, where students split into groups, rotated through water testing and visited Washington Park Zoo before heading to Trail Creek for further water testing and scientific investigation.

Students used the Hydrolab to test: Chlorophyll a, dissolved oxygen, temperature, depth, turbidity, conductivity and pH. They also used a Secchi Disk, which is lowered into the water to test for water clarity. Students tested water in the Michigan City Marina and in Trail Creek at the Sea Lamprey Barrier on Springland Avenue.

Students had special access through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to the Trail Creek Sea Lamprey Barrier. DNR officer Brian Breidart discussed the harm of invasive species such as the sea lamprey and how they impact Lake Michigan. Students walked onto the lamprey barrier and saw how it works to prevent lamprey from swimming upstream and spawning in Trail Creek.

Through Nicole Messacar of the La Porte County Soil & Water Conservation District, students investigated macro-invertebrates — which can be used as a water quality indicator — that live in the bottom of Trail Creek. They were able to identify insect larvae and determine what type of water quality is indicated by their presence.



Jesse Edson examines macro-invertebrates.



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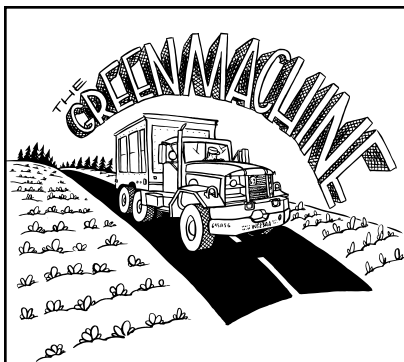
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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are through Westchester
Public Library:

• **History Discussion Group from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14, in the parlor at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

The focus is D-Day. No registration is required.

• **Nancy Hokanson will present the Maisie Dobbs series during "Mad About Mysteries" at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at Westchester Township History Museum.**

Jacqueline Winspear is The New York Times best-selling author of the Maisie Dobbs historical mystery series, which won an Agatha Award for Best First Novel and was nominated for an Edgar Award for Best Novel of 2003.

Refreshments will be served.

• **"Introduction to Drawing" and "Sketching Secrets for Adults," taught by author/artist Donna Krizek, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 18-19, 25-26 and July 2-3 in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The classes are based on the Readers Digest book "Drawing and Sketching Secrets." Learn the basics and fundamentals of realistic, three-dimensional drawing. Krizek, a scholarship graduate of Chicago's American Academy of Art, has been drawing and painting for more than 38 years.

Visit or call the reference desk at (219) 926-7696 to register. Materials will be provided by the library, but attendees can take pencils, sketchbooks, clipboards and copy paper.

The same class is available for young adults from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on the same dates and in the same location.

• **Gabe's World for Young Adults from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library.**

Gabe Underwood is back to create more bead-on-wire crafts. Materials will be provided.

Future crafts include: Making Polymer Clay Beads on Thursday, July 10, and Creating Parachute Cord Bracelets on Wednesday, July 16. Registration is required for each program by calling the reference department at (219) 926-7696.

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With sunny weather and temperatures in the 80s, the colleagues were able to complete more than 270 combined hours of work to improve the parks and, ultimately, encourage the community to be more physically active.



G. Thor Thordarson (kneeling), IU Health La Porte Hospital president and CEO, helps level a pet sign installed at La Porte's Kesling Park as part of the annual Day of Service.

The day was part of a state-wide effort among all IU Health entities to address the growing risk of obesity in local communities.

At Kesling Park in La Porte, 56 IU Health La Porte Hospital volunteers stained all the dugouts at the ball fields, installed exercise equipment and installed pet waste stations inside the park.

At Sandy Acres Park in Knox, 31 IU Health Starke Hospital volunteers spread huge amounts of mulch in the playground areas, painted the pavilion and picnic tables and installed exercise equipment.

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Drew Sherwood holds his framed R.O.S.E. certificate.

"He didn't have to do (what he did)," the couple wrote. "And I suspect that considering the blustery cold weather, most others would've let us fend for ourselves."

"After he was done, he said we'd be in his prayers. Meeting him made up for the frustrations of the day. I'm very sure that his Mom was looking down smiling, proud that she had raised such a fine son. Thank you, you are a special person."

While helping the couple, which he knew was dealing with cancer treatments, Sherwood made a connection with the couple by talking about his mother, who suffered from cancer as well.

"Usually when we go out on a call, we don't see the greatest things, so it's nice to be able to help good people who just need a hand to get out of a sticky situation," Sherwood said. "It's what we do. I see someone who needs help, especially in weather like that, and I want to help them."

Sherwood received a framed certificate, along with a rose corsage and \$100 bill. He'll be invited to the annual R.O.S.E. luncheon next spring and be nominated for Indiana's Hoosier Hospitality Award.

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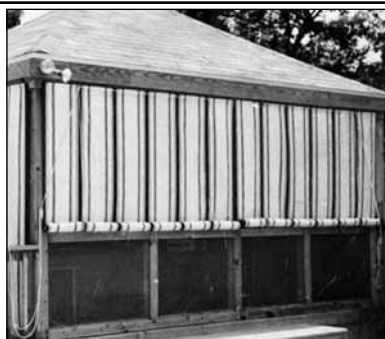
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Uniting to support U.S. troops were (from left) Frank Beachnau, Members Advantage Credit Union president, Sgt. Cody Fagley of Michigan City High School ROTC, Ed Kintzele of The Wall Gang, Lance Cpl. Corey Witmer of ROTC, Bruce Manner of The Wall Gang and Dan Kuepker of The Wall Gang.

Members Advantage Credit Union collected military donations in May to send to U.S. troops.

The credit union paired with Michigan City High School's ROTC and Supporters of the Military to package and deliver the donated items to troops, with The Wall Gang escorting the donations to Sup-

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The credit union also held a free Shred Day, where people could have documents safely shredded, on May 31. At the same time, those present donated items such as shampoo and conditioner and non-perishable food items for collection efforts.



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County Career & Technical Education Students Honored

Students from seven area high schools were recognized May 14 during the La Porte County Career and Technical Education Awards & CTE Honor Society Induction program.

La Porte County CTE Director Audra Peterson praised students who won honors at regional and state levels this year: Kayla Patrick, Zach Weiss and Shaylah Barron in JAG, and Matt Avery, James Wills, Tyler Bohle, Rane Ponder and John Sechrist in Welding. Also, 15 students successfully passed the state CNA nursing exam: Leanna Arndt, Kari Cox, Brittany Culvahouse, Shelby Gaines, Stephanie Garibay-Villa, Marissa Hill, Arica Howard, Caitlyn King, Katelyn Lee, Carly Mark, Virginia Ramos-Romero, Angela Randon, Tyler Spickard, Fantasia Walker and Tyra Woodard.

Two special awards were presented:

- The Jim Wallace Award — Gloria Miller of Michigan City High School.
- The Brad Cohen Award — Michael Johns of Michigan City High School.

Other awards included:

Outstanding La Porte County Career and Technical Education Students

- La Crosse High School: Brooke Goodwin.
- La Porte High School: Nick Leffert.
- Michigan City High School: Jenna Davis.
- New Buffalo High School: Chris Combs.
- New Prairie High School: Guy Gainer.
- South Central High School: Casey Sausman.
- Westville High School: John Sechrist.

Students of the Year

- Advanced Manufacturing Technology: Cody Bush.
- Automotive Technology: Guy Gainer.
- Construction Technology: Jared Koselke, Zach Rasiuk.
- Cosmetology: Hannah Combs.
- Criminal Justice: Kristy Vanheste.
- Early Childhood Education: Michelle Privoznik.
- Electronics/Computer Technology: Jenna Davis.
- Facility Maintenance: Bradley Kuhnel.
- Health Academy I: Shaylah Barron.
- Health Academy II: Virginia Ramos-Romero.
- JAG: Trent Laughlin.
- Welding Technology: Denver Schweitzer.

2014 Inductees – Career and Technical Honor Society

Advanced Manufacturing

- Cody Bush, NPHS.
- Joshua McCoy, MCHS.

Automotive Technology

- Vincent Bierl, LPHS.
- Caleb Howard, LCHS.
- Jacob Jobe, NPHS.

Construction Technology

- Michael DeGroote, NPHS.
- Lawton Houser, NPHS.
- Craig Pickett, NPHS.
- Timothy Weaver, NPHS.

Cosmetology

- Kailey Ash, MCHS.
- Hannah Combs, MCHS.
- Michaella Loving, LPHS.

- Eliza Toth, WVHS.

Criminal Justice

- Sam Miller, LPHS.
- Max Swank, NPHS.
- Kristy Vanheste, NPHS.

Culinary Arts

- James Anthony, MCHS.
- Cynthia Gomez, LPHS.
- Kaylee Swartz, LPHS.

Early Childhood Education

- Katelynn Klemp, LCHS.
- Alexis Valles, LPHS.

Electronics & Computer Repair

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- Tasia Simmons, MCHS.
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Health Careers II

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Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the 'Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in

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

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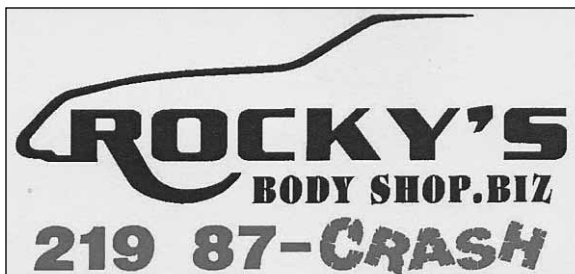
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June 11-12, 18-19 — Free Arts in the Park. La Porte City Band (June 11/18), Dr. Groovy & the Soul Surgeons (June 12), Middle of the Road (June 19). All concerts 7 p.m., Fox Park Dennis Smith Amphitheater, La Porte.

June 12 — “Live Podcast: Emerging Artist Series,” 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Free. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

June 12 — Angels Among Us, 3 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 12-15 — “I Hate Hamlet,” Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 8 p.m. Thurs.-Sat./2 p.m. Sun. Cost: \$12/adults, \$10/Thursdays for 12 and younger. Reservations/info: (219) 874-4035, www.footlightplayers.org.

June 12-16 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “Ida,” about a young novitiate nun in 1960s Poland who, on the verge of taking her vows, discovers a dark family secret linked to the years of Nazi occupation. Rated PG-13. In Polish with English subtitles. Times: 6:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. “Also: “Fading Gigolo,” with John Turturro, also directing, as a man who becomes a professional Don Juan to help his cash-strapped friend (Woody Allen). Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Thurs.-Mon., also 3:45 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

June 13 — Movies in Washington Park: “Frozen,” dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.), Washington Park Jaycee Stage. Free. Info: (219) 873-3049.

June 13 — Artist reception for Mindy Marie and Ginny Scott, 5 p.m., Purdue University-North Central Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02. Info: (219) 785-5593, Ext. 5593.

June 13 — Sonya White: Comedy Cruise Ship Show, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Cost: \$20. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

June 13 — Depot Friday Reception, 5-7 p.m., Beverly Shores Depot Museum and Art Gallery, 525 Broadway. Featured artist: Brabant Lenting.

June 14 — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Eighth and Washington streets, through October. Second Saturdays, (chef’s demonstrations, special market activities, food truck, artists, music), 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

June 14 — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

June 14 — All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m., St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave. Cost: Adults/\$5, children 6

and younger/\$3.

June 14 — Third annual Brew at the Zoo, 6-9 p.m., Washington Park Zoo, 115 Lake Shore Drive. Cost: \$50. VIP admission: \$65/includes 5 p.m. entrance. Tickets: Zoo, Ryan's Irish Pub, 401 Franklin St., Arturo's Baked Goods & More, 2613 U.S. 12., or calling (219) 873-1510.

June 14 — Corky Siegel Chamber Blues with Marci Levy, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Cost: \$30. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

June 15 — 180th anniversary celebration, first worship service, Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 Franklin Square, 4 p.m.

June 17 — Open Mic, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

June 18 — Roosevelt Pipe Organ Series, Derek Nickels, 12:15 p.m., First Congregational Church, 531 Washington St. Free. Info: (269) 469-0051.

June 18-21 — "Crimes of the Heart," Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Tickets: \$15/Wed. and Thurs., \$16/Fri. and Sat. Times: 2 p.m. Wed./Thurs., 8 p.m. Fri., 6:30 p.m. Sat. Reservations: (219) 874-4269, info@festivalplayersguild.org.

June 19 — Storytelling in the Lounge with host Scott Whitehair, 8:30 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Cost: \$10. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

June 19 — "Writing to YourSelf" with Jane Lump, 5-7 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Free. Registration: www.lubeznikcenter.org, (219) 879-4900.

June 19 — Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City meeting, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St. Suggested donation: \$5/\$2 for students. Info: (219) 874-6809.

June 19 — Jimmy Buffett drive-in movie theater benefit concert, Valparaiso's 49er Drive-In Theatre, 675 N. Calumet Ave. Times: Gates open 4 p.m., live band 5 to 7:30 p.m., then Buffett concert. All vehicles must be in place by 7 p.m. Tickets: \$18, available at <http://liveatthedrive-in.com/>

June 21 — 38th Infantry Division Band-Indianapolis concert, Washington Park Guy Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheatre. Free. TBA.

June 21 — "Put the Nuns in Charge!," 7:30 p.m., Marquette Catholic High School Rudy Hart Theatre, 306 W. 10th St. Tickets: \$20/advance, \$25/door. Advance tickets: City Supply, MC Interiors, after every Mass June 14-15 at St. Mary's Church. Reservations: (219) 878-1835, msjan0311@yahoo.com

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

Farther Afield:

June 14 — Singer/songwriter/roots musician Chris Vallillo, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10/general admission, \$8/students and seniors, free/children 12 and younger. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688, info@boxfactoryforthearts.org, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org



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On June 12, 1665, New York City was incorporated under English law.

On June 12, 1776, Virginia became the first colonial legislature to adopt a Bill of Rights.

On June 12, 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame was dedicated in Cooperstown, NY. This was 100 years to the day after Abner Doubleday purportedly invented the sport.

On June 12, 1963, Mississippi civil rights leader Medgar Evers was shot to death near his home in Jackson.

On June 12, 1979, 26-year-old Bryan Allen flew the *Gossamer Albatross*, a man-powered aircraft, across the English Channel.

On June 12, 1981, all major league baseball players went on strike, the first such mid-season walk-out in the game's history.

On June 12, 1991, the Chicago Bulls won their first NBA championship, defeating the Los Angeles Lakers four games to one.

On June 13, 1927, New York staged a huge ticker-tape parade honoring Charles Lindberg on his return from his non-stop flight to Paris.

On June 13, 1971, the *New York Times* began publishing the "Pentagon Papers," a secret study of America's involvement in Vietnam.

On June 13, 1983, eleven years after it was launched, the *Pioneer 10* space probe became the first man-made object to leave the solar system.

On June 14, 1900, the islands of Hawaii became a territory of the United States.

On June 14, 1967, the Venus-bound *Mariner* spacecraft was launched from Florida's Cape Kennedy.

On June 14, 1992, the Chicago Bulls won their second consecutive NBA championship, defeating the Portland Trail Blazers four games to two.

On June 15, 1831, Cook County, IL, was granted a charter.

On June 15, 1938, Johnny Vander Meer, pitching for the Cincinnati Reds, became the only major leaguer to pitch successive no-hit, no-run games.

On June 16, 1567, Mary "Queen of Scots" was imprisoned in Scotland's Lochleven Castle.

On June 16, 1858, in a speech in Springfield, Senate candidate Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

On June 16, 1902, the musical comedy, *Wizard of Oz*, opened in Chicago's Grand Opera House.

On June 16, 1903, Ford Motor Co. incorporated.

On June 16, 1972, for his bogus Howard Hughes autobiography, author Clifford Irving was sentenced to 2-1/2 years in prison.

On June 17, 1703, Methodism's founder John Wesley was born in the English town of Epworth.

On June 17, 1775, during the Revolutionary War, the "Battle of Bunker Hill" was fought near Boston. More than 3,000 British troops launched an attack on 1,000 American soldiers defending the hill. On their third try, the British succeeded in taking the hill, but not until one-third of their army was destroyed.

On June 17, 1885, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from France, arrived in New York City aboard the French ship Isere.

On June 17, 1928, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland as a passenger on a flight piloted by Wilmer Stultz to become the first woman to cross the Atlantic in a plane.

On June 17, 1963, the United States Supreme Court struck down rules requiring the recitation of the Lord's Prayer, or the reading of Biblical verses, in public schools.

On June 17, 1966, a resolution by the Chicago City Council designated the chrysanthemum as Chicago's official flower.

On June 17, 1967, China announced that it had successfully tested a hydrogen bomb.

On June 17, 1972, the discovery of a break-in at the Democratic National Party headquarters (in Washington's Watergate office complex) heralded the downfall of the Nixon administration.

On June 17, 1991, the remains of former President Zachary Taylor (buried in Louisville, KY) were briefly exhumed to test a theory that he had died from arsenic poisoning. (The tests were negative.)

On June 17, 1994, Los Angeles police formally charged football star O.J. Simpson with the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald L. Goldman.

On June 17, 1995, 1940s-50s WGN disc jockey Bill "Uncle Willie" Evans, whose "Morning Reveille" show helped a generation of Chicagoans get up and face the day, died (in Florida) at the age of 87.

On June 18, 1873, suffragist Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for attempting to vote in the 1872 presidential election.

On June 18, 1942, future Beatle Paul McCartney was born in Liverpool, England.

On June 18, 1945, General Dwight Eisenhower, returning to Washington in triumph, was greeted by an estimated one million people.

On June 18, 1996, inventor Joe Urschel, chairman of Valparaiso, IN, based Urschel Laboratories, who held 73 patents on machinery used in the food, pharmaceutical, and chemical industries, died at 82.

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Current and former staff, parents, students, volunteers and friends gathered for a farewell reception June 5 at Niemann Elementary School, which closes this year. Guests reminisced over scrapbooks, photo albums and other displays depicting the history and activities of the school, which opened in 1925. Pictured are the past three Niemann principals, representing 41 years leading the school: Dale Ferraro (from left), Marsha Tappan and Tom Dombkowski.

CAC Children's Art Classes

Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St., will kick off its summer season of children's art classes with Beach Week from June 16-19 and Jungle Week from June 23-26.

Each week-long camp is designed for children ages 4-13. Classes run Monday through Thursday, with younger children (4-8) meeting from 9 to 11 a.m. and older children (9-13) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For Beach Week, children will work on a canvas painting, exploring sand, water, shells and fish from an artful perspective. Jungle Week will feature plenty of color, collage, animals, rainsticks and a painted canvas.

The cost is \$60 per week for members and \$65 for non-members. Call (219) 926-4711 to register. Visit www.chestertonart.com for more information.

Four Week Class at Box Factory

Studio artist Kristin Hosbein will teach a four-week class starting from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. EDT Monday, June 16, at The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The First of July by Elizabeth Spell-er (hardback, \$25.95 in bookstores and on-line)

Wars are broken down into statistics: where and when, how many died and who won. What those statistics don't tell you is the stories of the men and women who died or were wounded and suffered the aftereffects of war.

This week's book recommendation takes us to World War I and the Battle of the Somme, which started on July 1, 1916, and was supposed to end quickly. Instead, the battle raged on until November 1916 and ended only because Mother Nature stepped in, with heavy snow making the decision for the generals.

July 1, the first day of the battle, is significant because the British Army suffered the worst casualties ever: more than 57,000. Of that figure, more than 19,000 were killed and 35,000 wounded. The rest were missing in action or captured.

This novelization breaks down those statistics to four ordinary men who might have found themselves on the battlefield that day. We first pick up their stories three years earlier on July 1, 1913:

- *Jean-Baptiste Mallet of Corbie, France.* Fifteen years old and living with his widowed mother, he rows the boat for Dr. Vignon while he fishes on the river. One day, he sees his mother and the good doctor having sex in their house. In shame, he runs away to Paris, taking the boat and doctor's good pair of boots. He lucks into a job doing construction work on the Seine. It is there he hears of the war and decides to enlist in the Army.
- *Frank Stanton of Totnes, England.* Arriving in London in 1910 at age 19, Frank finds work as a carpenter of sorts and eventually becomes senior assistant in ladies accessories in a large department store. His love of bicycling makes him the dream of the Tour de France, but actually will later be his ticket into the bicycle messenger corps. But first things first: Who is Frank to marry?
- *Benedict Chatto of Gloucester, England.* A lover of music who plays the organ in the cathedral. He sees music as color, something his friend



Theo doesn't understand, even though he's the better organist. He follows Theo everywhere. Will that include enlisting in the Armed Forces?

- *Harry Sydenham of New York City.* Henry actually is an Englishman now living in America as a successful businessman. He woos the fair Marina, never telling her that back home, when his father dies, Henry will become Sir Henry of Abbotsgate. Will his love of his homeland and the announcement of war take him back to enlist?

That's the background for these ordinary men. Where the next three years will take them is deftly told by a master storyteller. Speller takes these men on a journey that may intersect at times, but never feels predictable. Her sensitivity in telling each man's story is plausible for the time and in line with historical happenings. The way each man, for example, finds out about the war, the general feeling that it will be a short one, and the patriotism they show, is all part of the history of the time they lived in.

Make no mistake, this is not a weepy, sentimental telling of war, no indeed. The author pulls no punches about the horrors of trench warfare and the madness and confusion of battle day. This is a story to inhale and reflect on. Believe me, it won't let you go.

It reminds us that an army is made up of individuals, each of whom has a story to tell and a life to live.

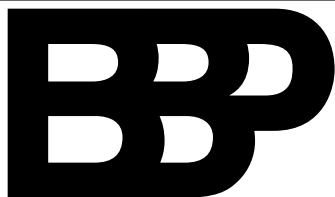
An amazing story, one that any history buff will want to own.

Booklist gave a starred review, calling the book "utterly gripping and completely immersing."

Library Journal also gave a starred review, saying, "...this highly recommended title will be savored by historical fiction fans. It deserves a prominent spot in any collection of fiction about the Great War."

Speller studied Classics at Cambridge University and lives in England. She is the author of two other novels: *The Return of Captain John Emmett* and *The Strange Fate of Kitty Easton*.

Till next time, happy reading, and Happy Father's Day!



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