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On the Waterfront

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

by William Halliar



A parade makes its way along the bridge across Trail Creek in July 1905.

Seven thousand years ago, what is known as the Lake Michigan Lobe of the Wisconsin Glacier covered what is now Michigan City with a thick layer of ice. The landscape of the city and surrounding area can be traced to this event that sculpted the woods, ponds and prairies we now call home.

As the climate warmed and the glacier receded, it left crescent-shaped hills with valleys between them. Water was trapped in these low spots and created the many lakes, marshes and bogs that dot

today's landscape.

The receding glacier left the waters of Lake Michigan much higher than they are now, at a level of approximately 640 to 680 feet above sea level as compared to the 580 feet it is today. This left the Trail Creek area and all of what would become Michigan City under water. The rolling sand hills of Coolspring and Pine townships offer visible evidence of the terminus of the early lakeshore.

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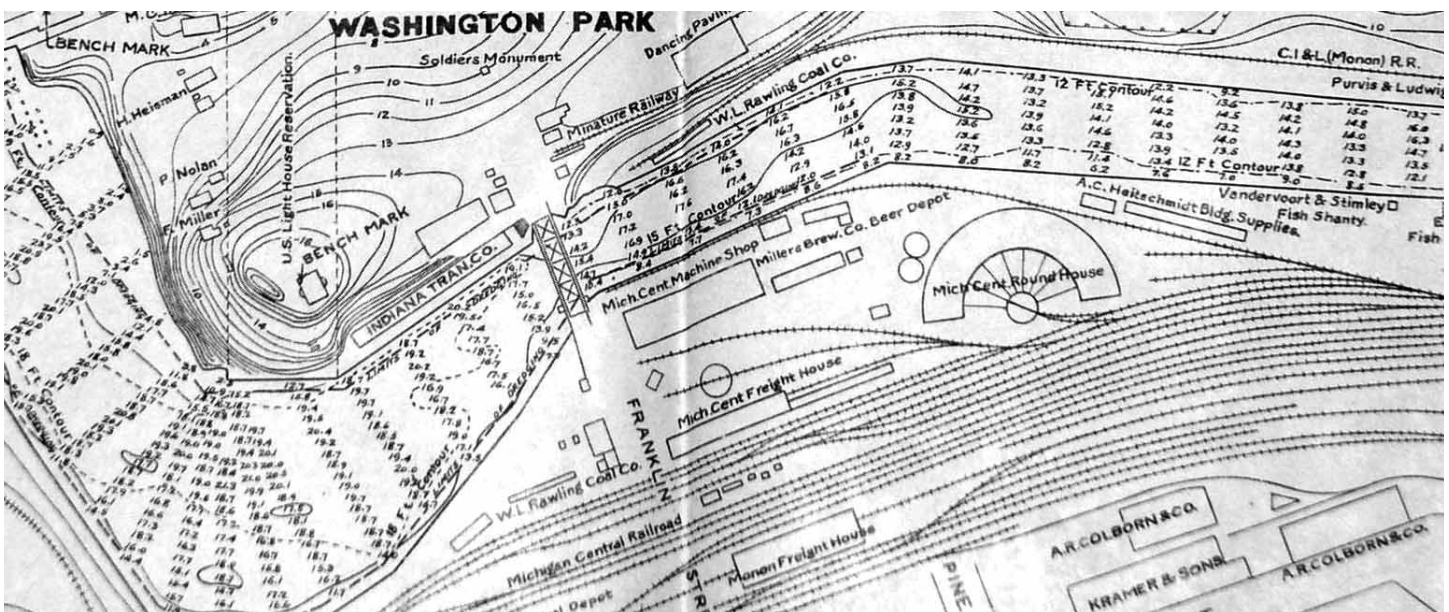
Man's encounter with the area can be traced to the mound builders, who left but scant evidence of their sojourn here, though they did leave behind earthen monuments whose purpose is still being debated. They built their homes and raised their families, fished the lakes and farmed the lands many centuries ago, at approximately 500 B.C.

The mound builders appeared from unknown parts and disappeared again, not having left much evidence of their passing, where they came from, where they migrated to or why. A curious note found in an old volume at Michigan City Public Library references an Encyclopedia Britannica article that states these mound builders were not Indians. This can lead to many an intriguing speculation.

Indeed, a visit to Michigan City Public Library's Indiana Room, La Porte County Historical Society Museum or Old Lighthouse Museum would reveal countless shelves of dusty volumes, folders of yellowed, crackling articles and scores of pamphlets recounting the region's geologic, political, manufacturing, business and human saga.

Here, in the short space of this article, justice cannot be done to the breadth and scope of the drama that has unfolded on the land beneath our feet, or on the span of the great fresh water lake that spreads before our eyes, as well as the life and death struggles that have occurred on its storm-tossed waters.

The purpose, therefore, is to awaken any reader who does not realize the history of the waterfront, or who perhaps has forgotten the lessons history has taught them in days past.



A map from 1913 outlining railroad yards near Michigan City's harbor.

Man's written history of experiences with the land at the mouth of Trail Creek, or dismal creek, as the French sometimes called it, begins four centuries ago with the writings of Father Pere Marquette and his followers as they began to claim the land and tame its inhabitants in the name of "New France."

Volumes — literally hundreds of books — could be filled with the history of Trail Creek and the area that surrounds it as it flows into Lake Michigan, tales of Washington Park and the surrounding dunes, streams and tributaries.

The importance of the area was, and still is, bound to the natural harbor formed by the flow of Trail Creek into Lake Michigan. At first, canoes transported Native Americans and explorers through this natural highway, then large ships laden with goods for commerce could be found at wooden wharves lining the creek, followed by today's pleasure crafts with modern inhabitants.

Through the ages, the flags of four nations have flown over the landscape, but even more have laid claim to its resources, peoples and harbor at the

mouth of Trail Creek. It started with French explorers and priests who called the area "Calumet," which in the Normandy French dialect means "small reed" and perhaps refers to the tall grasses that grace the dunes. Or, it could be in reference to its archaic use as "peace pipe."

After the British defeated the French at the Battle of Quebec on the Plains of Abraham in 1759, a treaty was signed that transferred all lands that had once been New France to Canada and British control.

In 1778 during the American Revolutionary War, George Rogers Clark crossed the Ohio River and captured the cities of Vincennes and Kaskaskia in British-held territory. What would become southern Indiana was thus under American control. After Washington's victory at Yorktown and the resulting peace treaty with England, the lands northwest of the Ohio River and south of Canada were ceded to the United States.



A life-saving drill in Michigan City in 1890.

After the peace treaty was finalized with England, a period of confusion reigned when the newly formed states of New York, Virginia, Connecticut and Massachusetts all laid claim to the land that included Trail Creek. The Spanish commandant at St. Louis, Engenio Pierro, thought to take advantage of the situation and marched an army north to the shores of Lake Michigan, then along the lakeshore, crossing Trail Creek and intending to capture Fort St. Joseph at Niles, Mich.

Pierro captured the fort, burned trader's huts and destroyed a cache of food. The Spanish flag flew over the territory for 24 hours. For some reason, Pierro withdrew his forces the next day and retreated back to St. Louis. Trail Creek once again was in the hands of Americans.

In 1800, the Trail Creek area became part of what was known as the Indiana Territory and in 1816 officially a part of Indiana. There was some confusion

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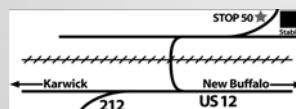
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over the exact location of the southern border of Lake Michigan. A small portion of the lake's southern shore became part of Indiana instead of being part of Michigan as originally intended.

In 1830, a survey commissioned by Indiana determined the mouth of Trail Creek was an ideal location for a harbor and shipping port. In 1831, a "Post" road through the wilderness of Northwest Indiana was cleared between Chicago and Detroit. The U.S. Congress authorized the Indiana General Assembly to build what was called the Michigan Road in 1832, connecting the Ohio River with northern Indiana and the Trail Creek region. Goods from the east and even from Europe could be shipped down the St. Lawrence River and through the Great Lakes to a harbor on Lake Michigan to be distributed to the growing number of Midwest settlements.

Trail Creek marked the confluence of these transportation routes, and Michigan City sprang up at the nexus, its history tied forever to the lakefront and creek. In 1836, President Andrew Jackson signed into law a \$20,000 appropriation for a harbor to be built. Maj. Isaac Elston, the first postmaster appointed by Andrew Jackson, purchased the land at the mouth of Trail Creek for \$1.25 an acre sight unseen.

Michigan City was born.

In 1837, a harbor light was installed on the

beach. In 1858, the original Michigan City lighthouse was built and a rescue station established to house equipment to aid volunteers in the dangerous business of rescuing ill-fated sailors who fell victim to the treacherous waters of Lake Michigan at the mouth of Trail Creek.

During the mid-to-late 1800s, Michigan City and Chicago found themselves in competition for federal funds for harbor improvements. The battle raged in Congress for 70 years. Finally, Chicago won and millions in federal funds were funneled there for improvement to their harbor facilities.

Without federal support, the leaders of Michigan City took matters into their own hands. They formed the Michigan City Harbor Co. in 1865 and



Ships can be seen in Michigan City's ports in 1890.

in two years collected \$185,000 from stockholders, concerned citizens and city funds. Two piers were built out into the lake to extend Trail Creek, one 1,000 feet long and one 1,200 feet. Finally, deep water vessels could load and unload their cargos at Michigan City and ships from around the world could visit the port. Michigan City was the only Indiana city with a federal customs house for inspecting and receiving shipments from foreign ports.

As with any of man's endeavors, the story and fortunes of Trail Creek ebbed and flowed over the years. At times, the area was teeming with workers and business prospered. Other times, the harbor fell to disuse with the creek mouth, which required constant dredging, filling with sand to a point where it was barely navigable.

In the first year of the 20th century, the harbor saw shipment of 120,000 tons of lumber. Numerous lumber mills were located on the banks of Trail Creek. In the early days, the city was the site of many grain elevators that attracted 300 wagons daily. It also was an important pork-processing center.



The old lighthouse facility.



A lumber ship is seen on the far right at Indiana Lumber Co. in 1888.

As the lumber business played out, Michigan City began to support a burgeoning fishing business. In the beginning, according to one report, it was not uncommon for a single fisherman to haul in 100,000 pounds of whitefish a day. Sturgeon also were plentiful, but so many were caught that by the 1930s, they had all but disappeared from the lake.

Many fortunes were made and lost by investors

who attached themselves to Michigan City's harbor. Up and down, up and down went the fortunes of the harbor and Trail Creek. Several attempts were made to attract pleasure boaters and build marinas, but enthusiasm for the projects waxed and waned over the years.

Few who visit Michigan City's Washington Park

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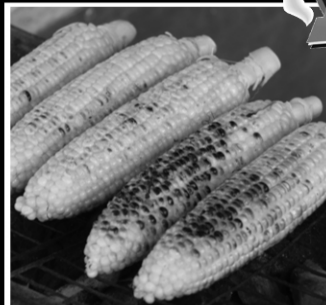
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today can imagine that by the end of the 19th century, the marina basin was being used as a garbage dump and landfill. The park area, itself, which had once been the home to lumber yards and grain elevators, as well as hundreds who toiled to make an honest living, had become a disgrace, filled with shanties, a no man's land and, according to one source, "home to ex-convicts, dissolute men and women and every kind of human scum that has ever hung on to the skirts of civilized society."

Enter Martin Krueger, Michigan City's colorful,

"my dream of a park by the lake haunted me. The more I thought of it the more the conviction grew

in me that the thing might be done." No one knew, exactly, who owned the land since the original speculators who purchased it in the 1830s had abandoned it. Many factions, including millionaire-industrialist John H. Barker, wanted to locate factories and warehouses on the land. Krueger persisted, and his dream of a lakefront park was realized and continues to be enjoyed to this day.



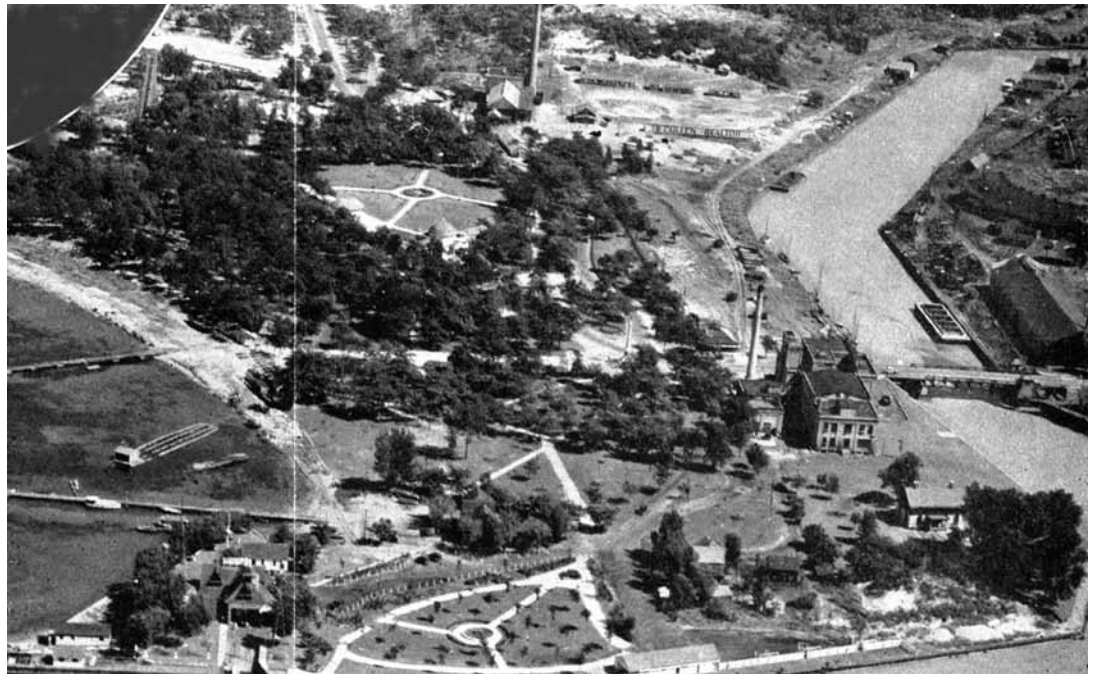
The first Trail Creek bridge as it neared completion in 1891.

ever popular mayor who was elected to office for the first time in 1889. His dream was to create a lakefront park.

According to Krueger, "I do not remember now when the thought of a park on the shore of Lake Michigan first came (to me). I do remember...the hope was born in me that someday Michigan City might process and improve a portion of our lake shore as a park. After his election as mayor, he said,

the past 100 years is the focus of our next article.

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An aerial view of Washington Park in the early 1900s.

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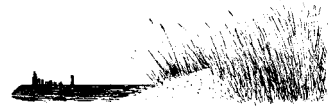
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Roger Norman Carlson
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Roger Norman Carlson, born Feb. 3, 1938, died March 9, 2014. Loving partner of William T. Wilson; dear friend of Alice E. Moss; fond brother of Doris E. (Thomas) Brand; uncle to Christopher (Tiffany) Brand and Suzanne Brand; loving son of the late Helen and Otto Carlson.



Roger worked as a teacher and administrator in the Chicago Public Schools for 35 years. He taught art in the elementary and high school levels, served as an art supervisor and a curriculum director for the fine arts in the school system. He created the Art Mobile program, the first art classroom that traveled around the city, serving children in the inner city.

Roger was a consummate artist and musician who shared his talents with numerous organizations and groups. He was president of the Art Barn in Valparaiso and exhibited yearly at The Schoolhouse in Chesterton. For many years, he collaborated with his partner to take student members of the Hubbard High School Chorus on concert trips to Europe, Canada and the United States.

He will be sorely missed by his partner, family and by many of his dear friends in the academic and arts worlds.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chicago Teacher's Aid Fund 20 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604.

"Amadeus: Mozart Un-Caged"

La Porte County Symphony Orchestra will present a unique experience that combines Mozart with what it calls a "heart-warming" experience.

"Amadeus: Mozart Un-Caged" is at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at the Elston Performing Arts Center, 317 Detroit St., Michigan City. Doors open at 2:15 p.m.

Conductor Philip Bauman programmed the concert as part of the movie-themed season "Now Showing," with a focus on "Amadeus" (1984). Winner of eight Academy Awards, it centered not only on Mozart's music, but his unconventional life. Coupled with various featured videos, selections include the first movement of "Symphony No. 25," the overture to "The Marriage of Figaro," "Sinfonia Concertante," the third movement of "Symphony No. 39" and the fourth movement of "Symphony No. 41."

The reference to the concert title, "Un-Caged," is due to the inclusion of a modern classic experiential piece written in 1961, John Cage's "Atlas Eclipticalis."

Due to a collaboration with Purdue University-North Central, the concert also will feature four musicians from the International Contemporary Ensemble, which is dedicated to reshaping the way music is created and experienced.

Four ICE musicians will perform with the symphony: Nick Masterson on oboe; Campbell MacDonald on clarinet; Rebekah Heller on bassoon and David Byrd-Marrow on horn. In addition to the Cage piece, Heller will execute the first movement of Mozart's "Bassoon Concerto."

Also during the concert, IU Health La Porte Hospital, the title concert sponsor, will promote heart health, with the added bonus of giving three people in attendance an opportunity to win a free heart screening. The hospital's Heart Cart Mobile Screening Unit, in fact, will greet concertgoers.

General admission tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors 65 and older. Due to assistance from the Michigan City Community Enrichment Corp., children and students through college age with I.D. receive free admission. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at www.LCSO.net. Presale tickets also are available at:

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Harbor Country Book Club

Harbor Country Book Club will discuss Louise Penny's "Still Life" at 7 p.m. EDT Tuesday, March 25, at Harbor Grand Hotel, 111 W. Water St., New Buffalo.

The April 29 book is Michael Ondaatje's "The Cat's Table."

Meetings are at 7 p.m. EDT the last Tuesday of the month and are open to anyone interested in discussing the book.



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The event is from 6 to 9 p.m. EDT Saturday, March 22, at Journeyman Distillery, 109 Generation Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Those present can assist Panozzo by creating feathers from pieces of reclaimed wood that will become a large wood sculpture, "The LOK Dream Bird." Panozzo will donate the end result to the Lindsey O'Brien Kesling Wishing Tree Foundation to be auctioned at an upcoming fundraiser.

Seasonal small plates will be prepared by Chef Brad Hindsley of Spire Farm-to-Fork Restaurant, La Porte. He and Panozzo started "Our Common Thread," which refers to the artistry each applies to their craft. Their initiatives are focused on educational workshops, public art projects and fundraising for local causes.

"Our Common Thread" is donating all profits from the March 22 event to the LOK Wishing Tree Foundation. Journeyman Distillery is donating its space for the evening.

The Wishing Tree Foundation provides funding for arts programming to youth in underserved areas, partnering with local organizations such as the South Shore Dance Alliance and Lubeznik Center for the Arts. It was founded in memory of La Porte native Lindsey O'Brien Kesling, who had a passion for the arts and helping children. She was 22 at the time of her tragic accidental death.

Tickets are \$65 online or \$75 at the door and include live musical entertainment by George Matthew of Midwest Hype. They are available at <http://lok-wishingtree.org>. Contact Kathy Sipple at (219) 405-9482 for more information.

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The SMSO will unite with the Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra for the annual Side-by-Side concert that features new work by composer Larry Schanker in collaboration with the Benton Harbor High School Drumline and Boys & Girls Club of Benton Harbor Drumline.

In each section of the orchestra, youth orchestra members perform alongside SMSO members. The experience is designed to introduce young, talented musicians to the traditional format of orchestral programs, present musical selections that demonstrate the diversity of the orchestral repertoire and feature a talented young soloist.

The youth orchestra is open to students between the fourth grade and senior year of college.

Schanker has been writing music for theater, film, dance and the concert hall for the past 30 years. His new work is titled "Fantasia for Drumline and Orchestra."

Musical Director Robin Fountain will host a Pre-Concert Conversation at 3 p.m. in the Mendel Center's South Training Room. Pre-concert entertainment also includes guitarist Jack Adams, St. Joseph, Mich., while Cathy Brown and Marilyn Arnold of Chartreuse will debut a new exhibit.

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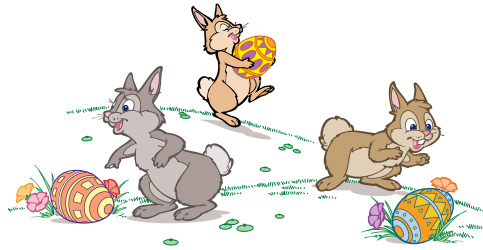
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Chamber Membership Luncheon

The Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce will host a Chamber Membership Luncheon on Tuesday, March 25, at Spire Farm-to-Fork Cuisine, 299 W. Johnson Road, La Porte.

The sponsor is Purdue University-North Central. The cost is \$18 for chamber members and \$23 for non-members. Registration begins at 11:15 a.m., with lunch and the presentation at 11:30 a.m.

Registration is encouraged and can be done by visiting <http://business.lpchamber.com/events> or by calling the chamber at (219) 362-3178.

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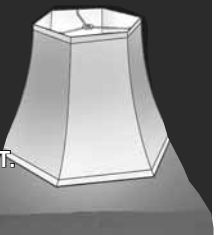
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Auditions for "I Hate Hamlet"

Footlight Players will have auditions for Paul Rudnick's comedy "I Hate Hamlet" at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 22, and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St.

In the play, Andrew Rally appears to have it all: celebrity and acclaim from his starring role in a hit TV series, a rich, beautiful girlfriend, a devoted agent, the perfect New York apartment and the chance to play Hamlet in Central Park.

There are, however, glitches. Andrew's series has been canceled, his girlfriend is clinging to her virginity and he has no desire to play Hamlet. When Andrew's agent visits, she reminisces about her brief romance with John Barrymore years ago, and in Andrew's apartment. This prompts a séance to summon his ghost. From the moment Barrymore returns, dressed in high Shakespearean garb, Andrew's life is no longer his own.

Director Donald R. Beck has announced the following cast requirements:

- Andrew Rally: handsome and charismatic, he has definite star quality and is an all-around good guy in his 30s. The actor should be comfortable kissing a female character and using a sword for a staged sword fight.
- John Barrymore's ghost: Sexy, arrogant, highly theatrical, the actor must be comfortable with using a sword and stage combat. Dance experience is helpful.
- Deidre McDavey: ethereal, Ophelia-like, Rally's girlfriend is in her mid-20s to mid-30s. The actress must be comfortable kissing on stage and with being lifted onto a couch.
- Lillian Troy: Rally's tough-as-nails agent who once in her long-ago youth had a fling with Barrymore in Rally's apartment. She's a smoker, in her 70s and has a slight German accent. Dance experience is helpful.
- Felicia Dantine: A larger-than life, New York City real-estate agent who claims to be psychic. She has some Queens nasality in her speech and is in her 30s.



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American Girl Doll Tea Party

Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., will host its annual American Girl Doll tea party at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12.

The mansion was the childhood home of Catharine Barker, a Michigan City heir and philanthropist who gave her home to Michigan City for use as a cultural center and museum.

This year's featured doll is Felicity, a spunky 9-year-old girl growing up in colonial Williamsburg, Va. Her stories unfold between 1774 and 1776 just as the Revolutionary War is starting. She comes from a Patriot family, which wants the colonies to be independent from England. She also struggles for independence by rebelling against what her parents and society expect of her.

Vignettes of her life will be on display. Girls are invited to bring their American Girl doll or favorite doll to the party.

The program begins with a brief tea party etiquette lesson, followed by "Queen's cakes," sugar biscuits (cookies), other colonial treats, scones, fruit, hot tea and lemonade served in the mansion's drawing room. There will be chairs at the tables for each girl's doll. A craft, favors and viewing of the movie "Felicity: An American Girl Adventure" complete the afternoon. American Girl books and play scenes will be sold.

The cost is \$8 for girls 5 and older and \$15 for adults. A minimum of one adult attending per two children is required. Pre-paid reservations, which are necessary because seating is limited, can be made through March 24.

Call the mansion at (219) 873-1520 for more information or reservations.

Restaurant Plans Benefit

Bentwood Tavern, 600 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich., will donate half of all food and beverage revenue Tuesday, March 25, to Heartland Alliance.

Heartland Alliance serves nearly one million people each year who are homeless, living in poverty or seeking safety. It offers integrated, holistic services to address basic human needs, from housing, to health care to jobs.

Bentwood's event is part of its Give-Back Program, which involves fundraising without auctions, appeals or raffles. To date, more than \$64,500 has been donated. Call (269) 469-1699 or visit www.bentwoodtavern.com for reservations or more information. Visit www.heartlandalliance.org for more information on Heartland Alliance.

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Duneland Historical Society

The Duneland Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, in the Westchester Township Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

William Jamerson, a historian, author and filmmaker from Escanaba, Mich., will present a multimedia program about the Civilian Conservation Corps. The federal works program created by President Roosevelt during the Great Depression ran from 1933 to 1942, with more than 3 1/2 million young men enlisted across the country. Locally, it was active in developing Indiana Dunes State Park.

Duneland Historical Society programs are free and open to the public. Memberships are available at the meeting. Call (219) 983-9715 for additional information.

Six Week Cartooning Class

Andrew Biancardi will offer a six-week cartooning class starting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Biancardi will focus on a different type of cartooning each week and explain the history, along with giving students the chance to try their hand at each one. The styles include gag, editorial, caricature studies and comic strip.

The class is designed for beginning students, as well as advanced students wanting a refresher course. The cost is \$60 for members and \$65 for non-members. Call (219) 926-4711 or visit www.chestertonart.com to register or for more information.

Local Lore: The Underground Railroad

The next program in the free monthly Local Lore series, "The Underground Railroad," is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in the Indiana Room at La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

La Porte County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz will discuss the Underground Railroad and its impact here and throughout the country.

Contact Mary Hedge at (219) 362-6156 or mhedge@laportelibrary.org for more information.

Polish-American Society

The Polish-American Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City Chapter, meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at the former St. Mary School, 321 W. 11th St.

The meeting includes Polish language sessions and discussion of Polish-related topics.

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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following events are planned through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Saturday, March 22

• 10 a.m. — Phoebe Time.

Join a naturalist for the 45-minute discovery hike to the Dunes Creek bridge in search of the first Phoebes of the year, which traditionally arrive now and begin setting up territories. Meet at the Nature Center.

• 2 p.m. — Shelf Ice Exploration.

View the breaking and calving shelf ice on Lake Michigan. Visitors explore its creation, then witness it from atop the beach pavilion.

Sunday, March 23

• 10 a.m. — Bird Banding Demonstrations.

Explore the science of bird banding at the Nature Center. Naturalists will throw up banding nets to investigate the birds up close.

• 2 p.m. — 100th Anniversary of State Parks.

Explore 100 years of state park history, from the first state park to what's being done now, during the 45-minute PBS documentary shown in the Nature Center Auditorium.

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Museum Kicks off New Series

"Passages," new works by Michiko Itatani and Jake Webster, marks the first entry in the series "Conversations" at The South Bend Museum of Art.

The series, which runs March 22 through June 8, pairs a regional, established artist with an established one from outside the South Bend area.



Michiko Itatani's untitled oil on canvas from "Rainmaker."

Itatani, who creates large-scale paintings, has worked as a professor of painting and drawing at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago since 1979. She began her creative career with an interest in writing fiction. That narrative pull has continued in her artistic practice. Each of her paintings, according to a press release, acts almost as a chapter within a larger narrative.

Local artist Webster is a sculptor, mixed-media artist, spoken-word performer and educator with decades-long involvement in the South Bend and Elkhart arts communities. He has exhibited throughout Indiana, as well as Chicago and New York City.

An opening reception is from 5 to 9 p.m. EDT Friday, April 4, with a gallery talk by Itatani at 6:45 p.m. EDT.

The museum is located in The Century Center, 120 S. St. Joseph St. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. EDT Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is free to members, with a suggested \$5 donation for non-members. Visit southbendart.org, email info@southbendart.org or call (574) 235-9102 for more information.



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Tourism Review

Back in the 1980s, there were a few shops and restaurants still in business in Michigan City's historic downtown area.

I remember a few in the Warren Building. There was an artist's shop where you could buy bedazzled clothing, which was popular at the time. And, there was a great restaurant called Dick Christian's The Pub.

Of course, all of those businesses closed years ago and the building has sat empty since then. This week, however, I learned there is light at the end of the tunnel with the announcement of the development of Uptown ArtSpace Artists' Lofts.

ArtSpace is a Minneapolis-based group that aims to house about 30 artists in the Warren Building. The organization has a solid history of turning around struggling areas by injecting these artist colonies into downtowns.

Imagine this historic building — blighted and empty for so many years — springing back to life, full of artists and galleries and, most importantly, people looking to buy art. Like any injection of appropriate, exciting action into a downtrodden area, ArtSpace will undoubtedly create a buzz on Franklin Street that will increase foot traffic and, as a result, increase business as well.

The project would eventually lead to new businesses moving to Franklin Street, not only providing local folks with more reasons to go downtown, but also engaging folks from out of town to visit Michigan City and pump millions into the local economy.

Imagine downtown Michigan City abuzz, like it was so many decades ago, with people eating at sidewalk tables, attending shows and shopping at local retail shops.

It can all happen with an injection of energy like what we hope ArtSpace will provide.

A city team that included Tim Bietry, Mayor Ron Meer, former Mayor Chuck Oberlie, Redevelopment Commission President Ken Behrendt, Councilman Rich Murphy and City Planning Director Craig Phillips worked with ArtSpace representatives for more than three years to achieve the tax credit award, one so sorely needed to be able to afford to pay for the refurbishment needed to bring the Warren Building back to life.

I am happy to report that recently, the Uptown ArtSpace Artists' Lofts at the Warren Building project received an estimated \$10 million in federal tax credits that will move this project into the construction stage by September.

Our mission here at Visit Michigan City La Porte is to ensure economic development in our community, mainly through the advancement of visitor friendly entities that bring folks from other areas of the country into La Porte County.

The area's ever-growing art community has proven a boon to the local economy, and in that light, we at Visit Michigan City La Porte feel the ArtSpace Lofts project planned for downtown Michigan City would be a crucial benefit to the continuing injection of visitors and the resulting economic impact.

The ArtSpace project would provide a much needed injection in visitors and thusly, money, into the downtown, helping it again become a strong community center in which people congregate to shop, dine and enjoy some of the finest art in the Midwest.



A conceptual drawing of the revitalized Uptown ArtSpace Artists' Lofts.

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Sarett Nature Center

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• **Build a rubber band drag race car from 1 to 3 p.m. EDT Saturday, March 22.**

Children 6 to 12 must bring an adult to help during the program in the center's woodshop. The fee is \$20 per car.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

• **Joel Greenberg, author and research associate of The Notebaert Nature Museum and Chicago Field Museum, will present "The Echoes of their Wings: The Life and Legacy of the Passenger Pigeon" at 3 p.m. EDT Saturday, March 22.**

Admission is \$3.

• **Enjoy a "Raptor Experience" at 3 p.m. EDT Sunday, March 23.**

Aimee Pico will bring several birds from the Lake Milton Raptor Education Center.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

• **Explore Michigan at 10 a.m. EDT Wednesday, March 26.**

Participants will visit Sarett sanctuaries — Black Woods and Brown Sanctuary — searching for the earliest signs of spring.

The fee is \$15. Take a lunch and be prepared for gentle walks.

Call (269) 927-4832 to register for these programs.

Indoor Flea Markets

New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road, will host its free indoor flea market on Saturdays, March 22 and 29.

Heirloom seed orders can be picked up both days. The center's used bookstore and used furniture store will be open.

Past flea markets have included collector's knives, books, local food products, plants, tools, antiques, jewelry, hand-woven rugs, crafts, furniture and other housewares.

Vendor spaces are available for \$10 and include a table and chair. Make reservations by contacting Janna at (773) 275-1514, Del at (269) 985-3087 or info@centeroftheworld.net

The center is open for dealer setup from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday. Doors open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. All times are Eastern. A homecooked lunch will be sold. March also marks the last month free coats and other winter-wear will be offered at the center.

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Ordnance Plant Focus of Program



A photo taken in 1942 of the many women who worked at the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant.

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The plant, operated during World War II and the Korean War, transformed farmland into industrial acreage. An entire cemetery was relocated and a village moved. Considerable housing was added to a newly named section of La Porte (Maple Terrace), and an entire city —Kingsford Heights — was built

in Union Township to accommodate workers. Hundreds of people migrated from various parts of the country to work at the facility. Schools were erected to educate the additional students it brought here.

The program will include discussion on construction and operation of the facility, as well as its effects on the county.

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Jensen, a Chicago-based artist and Union Street Gallery member, will display 15 drawings and paintings exploring the mythological and metaphorical meaning of trees.

She has received numerous awards for her work and has been featured in Pastel Journal Magazine.

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- **"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.

The center is on Lake Street north of U.S. 12 in the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary. Call (219) 395-1821 for more information.

- **"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.

The center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

Canterbury Summer Theatre Auditions

Canterbury Summer Theatre will have auditions/interviews for its 2014 resident company from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., Michigan City.

No appointment is necessary. Canterbury is seeking performers and technical staff for its summer season, which includes "Crimes of the Heart" (June 18-21), "Why Do Fools Fall In Love?" (June 25-July 5) and "Closer Than Ever" (July 9-12).

Contracts offered are for full-time positions from June 7 through July 12. No youth performers are needed this season.

Actors should sing well and have musical-comedy experience. Prepare two songs and a short comic monologue. Bring music, as well as a photo and resume. Technicians/designers should bring their portfolio if available and/or resume, and be prepared to discuss their production experience. A music director for two productions is being sought.

Canterbury's 46th season, presented through Festival Players Guild, also will feature "The 39 Steps" (July 30-Aug. 9), produced in association with Imaginary Doors Entertainment, and "Greater Tuna" (Aug. 13-16), with Bossier Parish Community College in Shreveport, La.

Call (219) 874-4269 or visit www.festivalplayersguild.org for more information.

Michigan City Public Library

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

• **"Angels Among Us" at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 20.**

Ange Benz leads the program where people share stories about angels in their everyday lives.

• **Bookmarks: Jill Lepore's "Book of Ages: The Life & Opinions of Jane Franklin" at 2 p.m. Friday, March 21.**

Serena Sutliff will review the book, a 2013 National Book Award finalist. It is a portrait of Benjamin Franklin's youngest sister, as well as a history of history itself.

• **Basket weaving at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, March 22.**

Margie Warner teaches the class where participants take home a basket. A \$10 non-refundable deposit is required for materials, and prices vary. Sign up and see the basket at the circulation desk.

• **Knitting Club for All Ages at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26.**

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Stout and Chop winners Brandon Parsons, Joe O'Sullivan and James Stanley.

The chops were judged on complete chop ability, including length, fullness, style and originality. This year's winner, and maintaining his title from last year's contest, was Brandon Parsons. The second-place tie was James Stanley and Joe O'Sullivan.

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Lifeguarding tests now are offered online for applicants seeking such positions at Indiana Dunes State Park.

The test is only for first-year applicants and is required as part of the job application.

The exam is 50 questions. Half of it is about CPR and first aid. The other half is about lifeguard-training knowledge. Applicants must score at least 70 percent.

A link to the test and information for first-year and returning candidates on how to apply are available at stateparks.IN.gov/lifeguardtest.

Applicants must already be certified in lifeguarding and CPR for the professional rescuer before taking the test. If an applicant is in a certification class but has yet to finish, he/she may take the test, but complete certification before being hired.

The test is not a recertification of any type. Guards must recertify on his/her own through their local American Red Cross and YMCAs prior to the swim season, which generally runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Hiring will begin immediately and last until all positions are filled.

Michigan City Service League

The Service League of Michigan City held its monthly meeting March 11 at 301 E. Garfield St.

It was announced Swingbelly's will have a Give-Back Night benefitting the league Tuesday, April 8. Coupons are available at the league office.

Members voted in a new member, Kris Prohl. New officers whose terms start in May are: Katherine Brennan, president; Linda Weeks, vice president; Mary Rooney, secretary; and Karen Burnside, treasurer.

In February, the league served 76 patients and loaned 112 items. For collections, it sent out 21 first cards, eight second cards and five letters. It had four new patients and 14 repeat patients for dressings.

The league is a volunteer non-profit group that loans medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs and toilet aids, to Michigan City area residents for free for a three-month period. Anyone interested in it may call (219) 872-1144 or stop by between 9 a.m. and noon and 1 and 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



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Unity Foundation Scholarships

Applications are online for the Unity Foundation of La Porte County 2014 cycle for scholarships and awards.

The submission deadline is April 13. Scholarships and awards ranging from \$250 to \$2,500 are awarded through more than 50 funds at Unity, the community foundation serving La Porte County.

To make the process easier for students and school officials, Unity has invested in an improved online platform. All applicants can log onto www.uflc.net to complete and submit applications and documentation. Students are encouraged to begin the process early because transcripts must be downloaded before the application is submitted.

In 2013, more than 120 students from throughout La Porte County received Unity Foundation scholarships totaling \$131,250 to help support their college tuition. That was in addition to the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships, which cover 100 percent of tuition for two La Porte County students for four years of college.

Four new scholarships were added to Unity this year:

- The Judith A. Amor Nursing Scholarship supports La Porte County residents to obtain undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degrees in nursing.
- E-Z Riders Horse and Pony Scholarship is for a current graduating senior who is a five-year member of a 4-H Horse & Pony club and current member of La Porte County E-Z Riders.
- James A. and Phyllis A. Garwood Memorial Music Scholarship for students pursuing higher education in music performance, music education or a similar music degree.

• Galena Township Scholarship benefits township residents enrolled in an accredited or otherwise credible educational institution or program.

In addition to scholarships, specialty awards can be found at www.uflc.net. Some require nominations of deserving students or adults:

- The Jan Nona Environmental Award honors students or "teachers inspiring students" in the Michigan City area who move beyond being an ordinary citizen and become involved in community environmental issues.
- The Diane Kay Bamberth Memorial Award is for a graduating La Porte High School senior who demonstrates community service, leadership, humility, courage, tenacity, strength during adversity and strong moral fiber.

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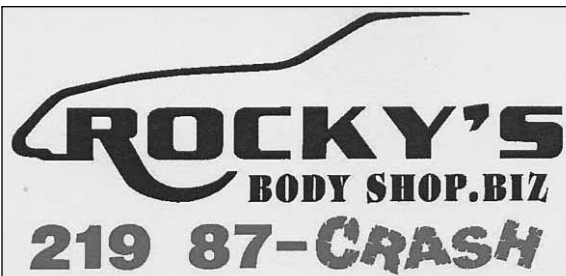


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On March 20, 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," went on sale. In this novel, the author depicts the cruelty, horror, and tragedy that was taking place under slavery. The publication of this book, perhaps more than any other single event, awoke the conscience of the nation to the inhumanity of slavery.

On March 20, 1942, during World War II, General Douglas MacArthur, having left the Philippines for Australia, vowed, "I shall return."

On March 20, 1965, Martin Luther King led more than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators as they began a march from Selma to Montgomery, AL.

On March 20, 1969 the "Beatles" John Lennon married Yoko Ono.

On March 20, 1976, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was convicted of armed robbery for having taken part in a San Francisco bank robbery staged by the revolutionaries who had kidnapped her.

On March 20, 1996, the British government said a rare brain disease that had killed 10 people probably was linked to Mad Cow Disease.

On March 21, 1956, "Marty" won best picture at the Academy Awards and its star, Ernest Borgnine, won best actor.

On March 21, 1979, the United States Supreme Court upheld the right of striking workers to receive state unemployment benefits.

On March 22, 1882, Congress outlawed polygamy.

On March 22, 1963, the Beatle's first album "Please Please Me" was released in Britain.

On March 22, 1997, American Tara Lipinski, at the age of 14 years and 10 months, became the youngest person to win the women's world figure skating title.

On March 23, 1743, Handel's *Messiah* had its London premiere. During the "Hallelujah Chorus," a captivated King George II rose to his feet. The audience rose with the King, and the tradition of standing during the chorus was born.

On March 23, 1806, explorers Lewis and Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

On March 23, 1965, America's first two-person spaceflight began as *Gemini 3* blasted off carrying Virgil Grissom and John Young.

On March 23, 1983, President Ronald Reagan first proposed what became known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, as well as "Star Wars."

On March 24, 1905, author Jules Verne died in

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On March 24, 1949, John and Walter Houston became the first father and son to receive Oscar's from the "Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science." The award was for the movie, *The Treasure of Sierra Madre*.

On March 24, 1955, the popular Tennessee Williams' play, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, opened on Broadway.

On March 24, 1958, singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the United States Army.

On March 24, 1984, in Italy's biggest heist, the Rome affiliate of America's Brink's Security Company was robbed of 21.8 million dollars.

On March 24, 1989, the tanker *Exxon Valdez* ruptured when she ran aground, spilled 11 million gallons of crude oil into Alaska's Prince William Sound.

On March 24, 2002, at the Academy Awards, Halle Berry became the first black actress to win an Oscar for a leading role for "Monster's Ball."

On March 25, 1867, the cornerstone was laid for Chicago's famous Water Tower.

On March 25, 1882, fascinated New Yorkers lined up on the sidewalk to witness the first public demonstration of pancake making in the window of a restaurant.

On March 25, 1913, the Palace Theatre, which was to become known as The Home of Vaudeville, opened in New York.

On March 25, 1958, in Chicago, Sugar Ray Robinson became middleweight boxing's first five-time world champion when he defeated Carmine Basilio.

On March 25, 1984, Hawaii's Mauna Loa volcano erupted with its largest lava flow in 24 years.

On March 26, 1958, the United States Army launched the *Explorer 3* satellite.

On March 26, 1964, the musical "Funny Girl" with Barbra Streisand, opened on Broadway.

On March 26, 1980, Mt. St. Helens, a Washington state volcano that had been dormant since 1857, spewed steam and ashes in the first stages of what would become a major eruption.

On March 26, 1999, in Pontiac, MI, Dr. Jack Kevorkian was convicted of second degree murder for giving a terminally ill patient a lethal injection.

On March 26, 1999, the "Melissa" computer virus began infecting machines across the country.

On March 26, 2000, the movie "American Beauty" won five Oscars, including best picture of 1999, as well as best actor for Kevin Spacey.

On March 26, 2004, Jan Berry, half of the surf music duo Jan and Dean, died at 62.

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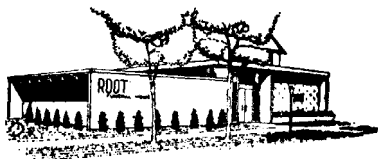
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March 20 — FIRST DAY OF SPRING.

March 20 — “Music of the ’50s: from Crooners to Rock ‘n’ Roll,” 1 p.m., La Porte County Library Cool-spring branch, 7089 W. County Road 400 North.

March 20 — Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St. Suggested donation: \$5/\$2 students. Info: (219) 874-6809.

March 20 — International Contemporary Ensemble recital, 5 p.m., PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building, Room 144. Doors open 4:30 p.m. Reservations: recital@pnc.edu, (219) 785-5719.

March 20 — “Eating Well for Living Healthy,” 3:30-5 p.m., Bertha Wood meeting room at Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Free.

March 20 — Duneland Historical Society, 7:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Info: (219) 983-9715.

March 21 — Purdue University-North Central American Sign Language Club ASL Coffeehouse, 5:30-8 p.m., Uptown Café, 1400 E. Lincolnway, Valparaiso. Info: www.aslclub.info, pncaslwitulski@yahoo.com

March 21 — Bookmarks: Jill Lepore’s “Book of Ages: The Life & Opinions of Jane Franklin,” 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049

March 21 — Save the Tunes Council, 7:30-9 p.m. Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

March 21 — Friday Night at the Movies, Disney’s “Frozen,” 6:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

March 21-24 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “The Invisible Woman,” starring Ralph Fiennes as Charles Dickens and Felicity Jones as his secret mistress. Rated R. Time: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* “The Past,” an Oscar nominee for Best Foreign Language Film. In French with English subtitles. Rated PG-13. Times: 9 p.m. Fri. and 2:45 and 9 p.m. Sat. and Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

March 22 — “Feather Party” to benefit Lindsey O’Brien Kesling Wishing Tree Foundation, 6-9 p.m. EDT, Journeyman Distillery, 109 Generation Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$65/online (http://lok-wishingtree.org), \$75/door. Info: (219) 405-9482.

March 22 — “The History of Kingsbury Ordnance Plant,” 1 p.m., La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Info: www.laportecountyhistory.org, info@laportecountyhistory.org, (219) 324-6767.

March 22-23 — Auditions, “I Hate Hamlet,” Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 1 p.m. Sat./7 p.m. Sun. Info: www.footlightplayers.org

March 22-23 — Builders Association of La Porte

County 2014 Home Projects & Lifestyle Expo, Blue Chip Casino Hotel Spa, 777 Blue Chip Drive. Times: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat./10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun. Info: (219) 326-0624/www.balc.org

March 23 — Canterbury Summer Theatre auditions/interviews for 2014 resident company, 5-7:30 p.m., Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Info: www.festivalplayersguild.org, (219) 874-4269.

March 23 — La Porte County Symphony Orchestra concert, "Amadeus: Mozart Un-Caged," 3 p.m., Elston Performing Arts Center, 317 Detroit St., Michigan City. Doors open 2:15 p.m. General admission tickets: \$20/adults, \$18/seniors 65+, free/children and students through college age with I.D. Tickets info: www.LCSO.net

March 23 — Bird banding demonstrations, 10 a.m., nature center at Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East (north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

March 25 — "Local Lore: The Underground Railroad," 6:30 p.m., Indiana Room at La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Free. Info: (219) 362-6156/mhedge@laportelibrary.org

March 25 — Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce Chamber Membership Luncheon, Spire Farm-to-Fork Cuisine, 299 W. Johnson Road, La Porte. Cost: \$18/chamber members, \$23/non-members. Registration/11:15 a.m., lunch and presentation/11:30 a.m. Registration/info: (219) 362-3178, http://business.lpchamber.com/events

March 25 — Harbor Country Book Club, Louise Penny's "Still Life," 7 p.m. EDT, Harbor Grand Hotel, 111 W. Water St., New Buffalo.

March 26 — Polish-American Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City Chapter, 5 p.m., former St. Mary School, 321 W. 11th St. Info: (219) 464-1369, polamnwi@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:

March 22 — First Box Factory Follies, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Cost: \$10/adults, \$8/seniors and students, free/12 and younger. Info: (269) 983-3688/www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

March 22 — "The Echoes of their Wings: The Life and Legacy of the Passenger Pigeon" with Joel Greenberg, 3 p.m. EDT, Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich. Cost: \$3. Registration: (269) 927-4832.

March 22, 29 — Free indoor flea market, New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road. Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EDT. Info: www.friendsofnewtroy.org

March 23 — Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra "Young by Design" concert, 4 p.m. EDT, Lake Michigan College Mendel Mainstage Theatre, Benton Harbor, Mich. Tickets/info: (269) 982-4030/www.smso.org

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La Porte County Library

The following programs are through La Porte County Library:

- **Baby Storytimes at 10 a.m. March 20 and 27 at the main library, 904 Indiana Ave.**

Participate in stories, songs and play designed to promote language development and future reading skills. The program is intended for babies 0-24 months and their caregivers.

- **Daytime Storytimes at 10 a.m. March 21 and 28 at the main library.**

Participate in stories, music, activities and crafts that develop and reinforce literacy skills and concepts. The program is intended for children 3-5 with an adult caregiver.

- **"Tech Help" from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 25, at the main library.**

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- **News at Noon from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

The discussion focuses on issues and events in the world today. Attendees are encouraged to take a news clipping or idea of something they would like to discuss. Registration is not necessary, but recommended by calling (219) 926-9080.

- **"Bookmarks at the Museum" at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Serena Sutliff will review "Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin." Refreshments will be served. It is not necessary to read the book before attending. Books are available at Thomas and Hageman libraries.

- **"Eating Well for Living Healthy" from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 20, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Registered Dietetic Technician Gia DeMartinis will discuss diabetes self care. Registration is not necessary.

- **"How to Raise Chickens" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 20, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas library.**

Library staff Julie Bohannon and Rhonda Mullin will share their experiences raising chickens, including: building a secure chicken coop, baby chicks, feed, predators, different breeds and farm-fresh eggs. Registration is not necessary.

- **Friday Night at the Movies, Disney's "Frozen," at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The movie is rated PG. No registration is necessary. Copies of the movie are available for checkout at Thomas and Hageman libraries.

- **Three-session Whole Kids wellness program for children in grades 3-6 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 9 and 16.**

The programs include sharing time, mindful movements/yoga, breathing exercises, journaling, healthy eating, crafts and singing. Registration is necessary by calling (219) 926-7696.

- **Bits and Bytes from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library.**

The focus is Excel 2. The class is free, but registration is required because computer stations are limited. Visit or call the Serials/Automation Department at (219) 926-7696, Ext. 25, or register online at <http://www.wpl.lib.in.us/>. Click on the Bits and Bytes link for class details. All attendees must be computer literate and familiar with using a mouse. Excel 1 is a prerequisite before signing up.



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The coffeehouse is open to ASL students, as well as community members and children with a parent or adult. Participants are asked to use ASL, ultimately to better communicate with friends, co-workers or family members. Coffee, food and drinks may be ordered.

The next coffeehouse is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 18, at Uptown Café.

Information about the PNC club is at www.asl-club.info, or contact Joanna Witulski, limited term lecturer in American Sign Language, at pncaslwitulski@yahoo.com. Information about other community events is at www.nwideaf.org/deafevents.htm

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Off the Book Shelf

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Murder in Pigalle by Cara Black (hardcover, \$27.95 retail in bookstores and online)

This is the 14th book in the series about Aimée Leduc of Paris. She runs Leduc Detective, a computer security company, but that doesn't stop her from getting involved in everything from kidnapping to murder. A dwarf named Rene Friant is her partner, a computer wiz and sharp dresser. He also is her confidante and now Lamaze coach since she's five months pregnant!

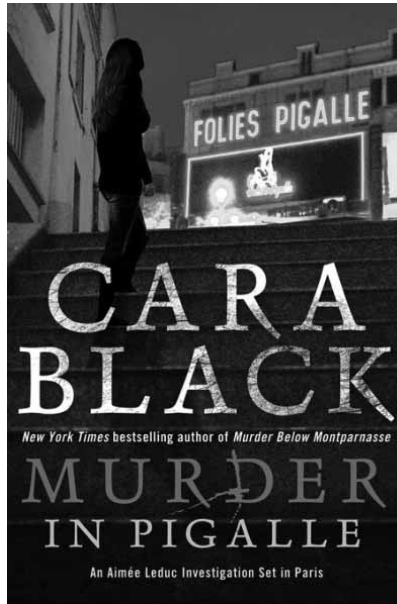
Her boyfriend, Melac, is a member of the Paris police, currently on leave and out of the city, so he doesn't know about his baby yet. Aimée can't quite bring herself to talk to him about the upcoming event. Maybe she is having second thoughts about marrying Melac and his idea to leave Paris and move out to the country in Brittany.

Well, these decisions will have to be put on hold as things like rape, murder and kidnapping get in the way.

Let me explain.

It's 1998 and a hot summer in Paris, not just the air temperature, but also the temps of World Cup Soccer fans who, as we all know, are a passionate and rowdy bunch. Aimée is still having morning sickness and tax problems, and her hormones are off the scale. This is not a good time for any other problems.

Aimée has been talking to Zazie, the 13-year-old whose parents own the café she likes to frequent. Zazie's friend, Melanie, has been attacked and raped, and she shows Aimée a paper clipping of another girl attacked last winter in the same manner. Before long, there is another attempted rape and a rape/murder. Could there be a serial rapist in the area? Zazie thinks the police aren't taking the possibility seriously, so Aimée promises to look into it. Sure, Aimée's father had been a cop, her godfather is still on the force as well as her boyfriend. But that doesn't mean she will get any cooperation from



the section handling the rape. What she does get is shot in the shoulder, chased away from scared parents and threatened with a lawsuit from a distraught mother.

And that's only for starters.

The day after Aimée and Zazie's talk, Zazie goes missing. Could she be the next victim? Only problem is, she doesn't fit the profile of the past victims. Has she gotten too close to discovering the rapist and been kidnapped? Now, Aimée is firmly committed to solving these crimes and finding Zazie before it's too late. The police are no help because she hasn't been missing 24 hours, and besides, she's probably just off on a lark, right? Aimée doesn't think so. It's an exciting race against time that soon

has Aimée feeling there is more here than meets the eye.

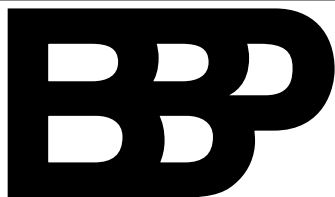
The thing that sets this series apart from others is the amazing way author Cara Black brings Paris to vivid life through her descriptions that make your mind's eye see all that is French, from the fresh croissants at the corner bakery to the fragrance of blooming flowers growing in 18th century walled gardens, from the feel of a summer rain on your face to the sound of glasses clinking at an outdoor café. Each book covers a different section or *arrondissement* of Paris, and in every case, her descriptions made me feel the cobblestone walks beneath my feet, or that I have visited cafés and shops along with Aimée. Very few authors have made me feel a sense of place and time as well as Cara Black has.

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