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# Set in Stone

## Legacy of "The Village Architect" Kept Alive by Generations of the Same Family

*by William Halliar*



The Sutherland Building at 809 Jefferson Ave. in downtown La Porte.

The Sutherland Building stands in downtown La Porte, a grand pile of Indiana limestone built in the imposing Romanesque style.

Large, rough blocks of stone cemented together by convex layers of mortar artfully and symmetrically form a solid structure built to survive for generations. The fortress-like edifice rises two stories, supported by thick stone walls decorated with

arched windows and carved niches. A grand entry door, arched at the top and surmounted by a stone lintel, beckons all to enter.

The building at 809 Jefferson Ave. was constructed in 1897, financed by Dr. Orlando Sutherland. The structure's massive walls and grand façade were conceived, designed and planned by George Wood

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Allen, recognized by the citizens of La Porte as “The Village Architect.”

The Sutherland building’s history is intertwined with the story of Allen and his family. It is a history that, one could say, is written in the stones of the past and is still alive with us today.



George Wood Allen (right) is honored for his public service.  
 The date of the photo was not available.

Allen had a dream and, most importantly, a plan for his life. He was born June 5, 1864, in Milton, N.J., a distant cousin to Ethan Allen of the famed “green mountain boys.” George Allen had immense energy and passion for life. He learned the masonry trade from his wife’s grandfather, and through this work a love and appreciation for the beauty and versatility of stone emerged.

In the poem “My Goal,” composed later in life, George wrote:

*When I was young just learning a trade  
 I set a high goal and did not try to evade,  
 But worked the harder to make the goal,  
 A good mechanic was an honor I was told,  
 After many months this was acquired,  
 Was able to do a job one would admire.  
 To be a master craftsman was the goal set,  
 So I hewed to that line to gain a signet.*

George had a talent for art and attended Northern Indiana University in Valparaiso in 1891, studying art and math. In 1894, he and his wife, Ida, moved to La Porte to set up trade as an architect.



The Sutherland Building in a photo dated 1897.

The people of La Porte, up until that time, used generic, purchased plans for their public buildings. Allen, with his knowledge of stone and various types of masonry work and artful designs, found an immediate field for his services. He was able to supply the demand for designs for residences and public buildings that were grand and attractive. Soon, it would be difficult to find a street in La Porte that did not show some evidence of his work.

In addition to his legacy as “Village Architect,” Allen was an artist and draftsman. He created hundreds of drawings and floor plans for the buildings he imagined, thus making his dreams the stuff of reality to be constructed in brick and stone.



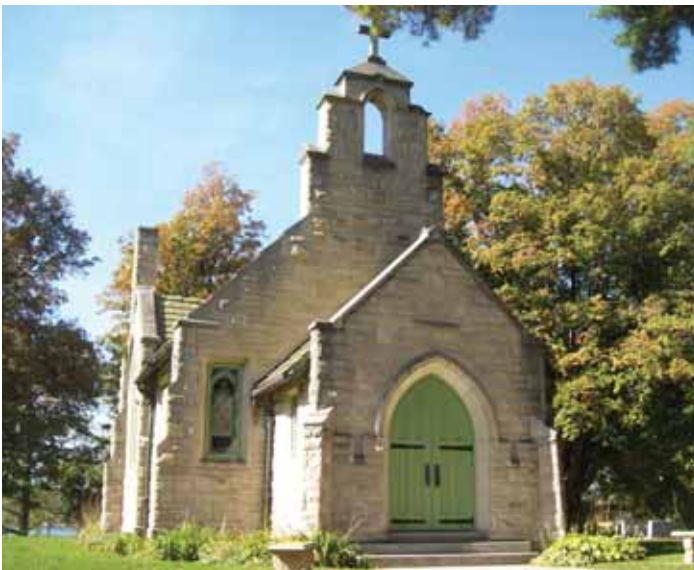
A plaque celebrating the La Porte Sesquicentennial of the Sutherland Building is visible outside the structure.





Some of the limestone details of the Sutherland Building.

Allen was a poet and writer, publishing 23 books in his lifetime. He also was an amateur printer, producing many publications on a hand press in his home. He received many honors during his lifetime, including membership in the American Institute of Architects. This honor brought him into contact with the finest minds in the field, including Frank Lloyd Wright.



George Wood Allen designed the Pine Lake Cemetery chapel.

Allen's son, William Marion Allen, joined the firm at 21 and worked throughout his lifetime in La Porte, continuing the tradition and love of stone his father passed down to him. He created many fine designs for buildings that still exist today in La Porte.

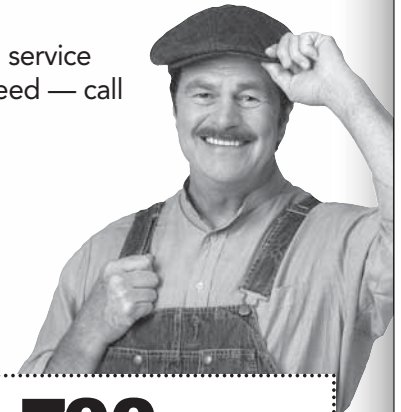
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George Allen's grandson, William Martin Allen, grew up in La Porte and eventually came into his own with a love of art. With the same affinity for the beauty and durability of stone, he became a landscape architect. His creations often used stones as accent pieces, and his artistic viewpoint allowed him to create landscapes pleasing to the eye. Allen's nursery was a La Porte fixture for many years.

William Martin might best be known for the unusual home he created in La Porte. He spent years on the lookout for the perfect rock, which he wanted to make the focal point of his home. He finally found what he was looking for in a 45-ton granite monolith.

This stone was moved to his property, with no small effort. William Martin had the rock sandblasted to bring out its inner beauty, then had a groove sandblasted across the stone's meridian so that he could set glass windows in place. The stone sat half in and half out of the Allens' home with a window sealed across the groove at its center.

Continuing in his love of stone, William Martin collected rocks from all 50 states and used them to form a massive map that was the floor at the base of the rock inside the house. Each state capitol was lit from below. Each state was made from polished native stone from that state.

George Allen's great-grandson, Jack, is an artist and craftsman in his own right. Using the ar-



Jack Allen at work at The Vintage Rose.

tistic talent passed down through the generations, he creates beautiful stained glass windows with his daughter, Tina Allen-Pierce, in a shop in La Porte they call The Vintage Rose. Jack travels the world repairing and restoring old stained-glass windows.

In 2012, Dr. Thomas Allen, a clinical psychologist and the son of Jack Allen and great-great grandson of George Wood Allen, was seeking office space in La Porte for his practice. The Sutherland building, which had been empty for three years, went on the market and Thomas Allen purchased it for his use.

Thus, George Wood Allen's passion for stone and quality design to last through the ages eventually housed the dreams of his descendants.

Many months and much elbow grease were invested in restoring the old building. Great care was taken to preserve the original intent of the interior woodwork. The original façade survived for generations and was still beautiful, but the surrounding grounds needed to be restored. Through skills handed down through the generations, this was done.

When the building was complete, Thomas Allen invited his father, Jack, and sister, Tina Allen-Pierce, to relocate their business to the historic



Jack Allen (left) and his son, Dr. Thomas Allen, stand outside the Sutherland Building.



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building. At The Vintage Rose, Jack and Tina create and restore beautiful stained-glass windows. They also offer an array of antiques, giving a glimpse into a vintage world. They ask everyone to "start a love affair with the past."

Among his many interests, George Wood Allen was a genealogist. Studying the course of his family's history was a passion. It's been said that while the past intrigues and is a useful study, it is the future in which we find our destiny. George Allen and

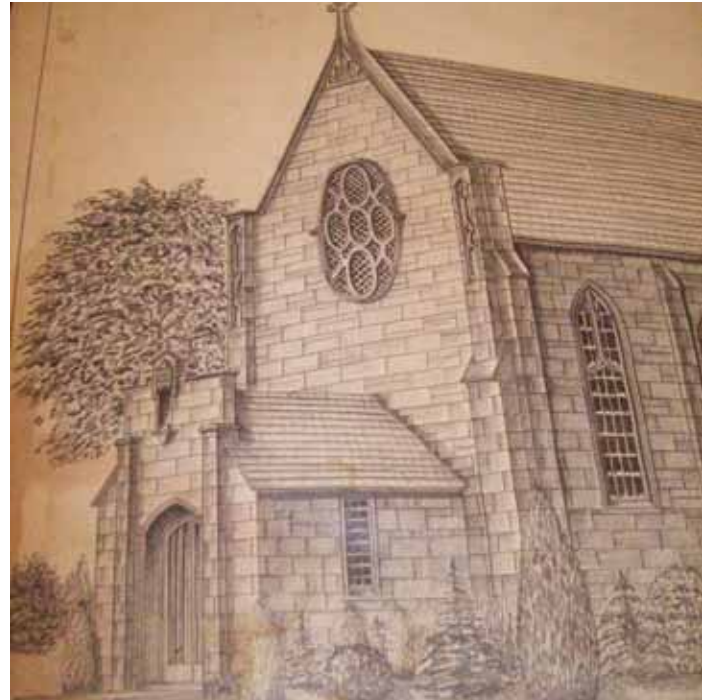
his family have proven this by reaching for their dreams and applying their talents for the common good over many generations.

Thomas Allen's children, Nathan and Abigail, and Tina Allen-Pierce's children, Noah and

Sarah, five generations removed from "The Village Architect of La Porte," now inherit a grand tradition of creativity and public service. To their generation, the torch is passed, along with accomplishments yet to come, all built on solid foundation of stone laid by their parents and grandparents.



The Vintage Rose was relocated to the Sutherland Building.



An old chapel drawing by George Wood Allen, who had a talent for art.



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La Porte Community Concert Association is conducting a campaign to subscribe new and old members for the 2014-2015 season.

The association is offering 19 professional performances at a cost of \$50 for adults, \$10 for students through high school and \$110 for a family (two adults and all students). There is a \$5 discount on adult subscriptions paid before May 31. The season runs from September through May 2015.

The following sponsorships are available: sponsor — \$110; donor — \$135; patron — \$160; benefactor — \$200; and special gifts — \$500 and above. All sponsorships will be listed in the program, and any contributions — small or large — are accepted.

The new season will feature five concerts at La Porte High School's auditorium:

- Knut Erik Jensen on Oct. 5. The concert pianist from Selbu, Norway, will play selections by composers such as Norwegian Edvard Grieg and American favorite George Gershwin.
- Alliance Brass Quintet on Oct. 12. Hailing from Chicago, the group's repertoire ranges from the early Renaissance to jazz.



Knut Erik Jensen



Alliance Brass Quintet

- Grand Magic Show on Feb. 12, 2015. The full-scale show features illusionist Duane Laflin, who is assisted by his wife, Mary.
- Cripple Creek on May 1, 2015. The popular local group features Mitch Marhanka, Lou Voelker, Dave Applegarth and John Langford, with Steve Eyrick providing sound.
- Six Appeal on May 8, 2015. The all-male vocal group performs everything from classic oldies to current chart toppers.

Ticketholders also can attend 14 concerts in Portage, Munster and Warsaw at no additional cost.

La Porte Community Concert members available to help people buy season memberships are:

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Cripple Creek



## Michigan City Public Library

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

• **“Mother’s Day is Almost Here” at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 8.**

The program that involves making a Mother’s Day craft is aimed at children 12 and younger accompanied by an adult. All materials are provided.

• **Duneland Stamp Club at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 8.**

The stamp-collecting club meets the second Thursday of each month. New members are invited.

• **National Kite Day at 3 p.m. Monday, May 12.**

The program that involves making a kite bookmark is aimed at children 12 and younger accompanied by an adult. All materials are provided.

• **Great Decisions at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, and Tuesday, May 27.**

The foreign-policy discussion program will focus on China’s Foreign Policy and U.S. Trade Policy.

Call Robin Kohn at (219) 873-3049 for additional information.

## After Dark at SBMA

South Bend Museum of Art, 120 S. St. Joseph St., will present its “After Dark at SBMA” from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. EDT Saturday, May 10.

The evening of socializing and dancing in the galleries is aimed at guests 21 and older and costs a suggested \$10 donation at the door.

Guests can view new exhibits:

- “Conversations: Michiko Itatani” and “Jake Webster: Passages,” which run through June 8 in the Warner Gallery, feature large-scale paintings by Chicago-based Itatani and sculptures, drawings and paintings by local artist Webster.
- The Spring 2014 Mid America Print Council Members Exhibition, which runs through May 25 in the Art League Gallery.

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## Hoosier Boys and Girls State



Dominic Vernon



Elliott Sass



David Dobben



Margaret Cannon



Emily Johnston



Emma Wangstrom



Emily Murray



Abigail Schmidt

Eight Marquette High School students have been chosen to attend Hoosier Boys and Girls State.

Hoosier Boys State is June 15-21 at Trine University, teaching young men how politics impact daily lives. The students are: Dominic Vernon; Elliott Sass; and David Dobben.

Hoosier Girls State is June 22-28, also at Trine University. It educates young women about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. The students are: Margaret Cannon; Emily Johnston; Emma Wangstrom; Emily Murray; and Abigail Schmidt.



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## "In Utter Awe, He Stood and Stared"

*Editor's note - The Lincoln Funeral Train committee is presenting stories once a month about the 2015 event.*

As the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination and funeral approaches, The Historic Railroad Equipment Association has been preparing for a recreation of the path the president's funeral train took from Washington, D.C., to Lincoln's hometown of Springfield, Ill., in 2015.

One of the final stops was in Michigan City on May 1, 1865, which will be recreated in 2015.

It was raining in Michigan City on May 1, 1865. But boys, like flowers, thrive on rain. And 10-year-old Martin was no exception. He and his buddies were born in Germany and with their parents emigrated to the U.S. In this country only half a year, the boys found summer jobs helping farmers plant potatoes. The boys weren't aware on that first day of May of the significant things happening in their new country. When they heard the booms of cannons ringing out, they thought Michigan City was under attack by Confederates. They weren't aware the Civil War had already ended. When they went to investigate, they found themselves amid townspeople crowded at the Michigan Central rail station.

As a curious boy, Martin tried to enter the train, but was told he wasn't allowed without his parents. So instead of being rebuffed, he hid under the big

hoop skirt of a woman getting on the train with her husband. Once on the train, Martin emerged from his hiding place and was assumed to be the son of the couple. After moments of suspenseful expectation, Martin came upon the source of all the excitement. At just 10 years old and a new citizen of America,

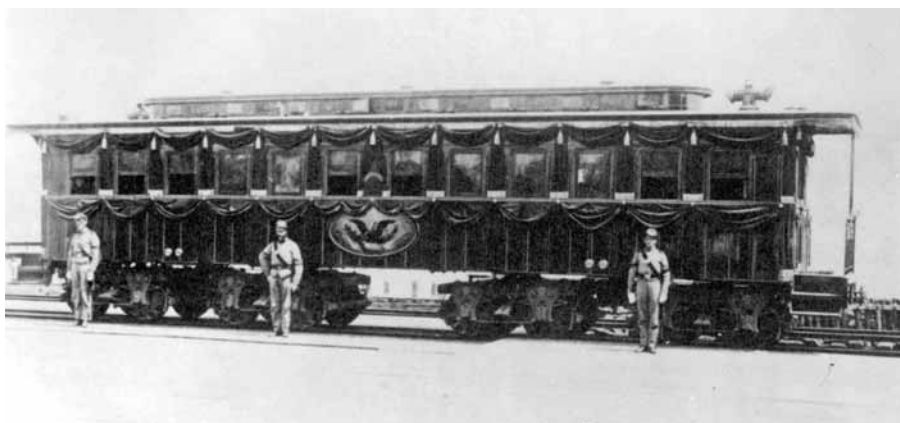
he immediately was aware of the significant sight before him.

"In utter awe, he stood and stared," holding up the line of people. Then, the spell was broken as he was grabbed by a soldier and marched off the train, dumped into

a sand burr patch. As the little German boy stared back at the soldier, he could hardly imagine what his life had in store.

Years later, Martin Theodore Krueger grew up and served six terms as mayor of Michigan City and four terms as a state legislator. His mind often returned to that day — May 1, 1865 — when the train carrying the president's body paused here on its 1,662-mile journey from Washington to Springfield, where the fallen president would be buried.

*From "Moments to Remember — History of Michigan City." Compiled and available at Michigan City Public Library and edited by MCPL Public Relations Director Robin Kohn.*



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## Marquette 2014 Prom Court



Marquette Catholic High School has announced its 2014 Prom Court. Pictured are Queen Allison Back (from left), King Sam Weber, Prince Pedro Sanchez and Princess Maggie Cannon.

## Duplicate Bridge

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Shirley Heinze Land Trust will host its 11th Annual Spring Benefit at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at Sand Creek Country Club, Chesterton.

The evening will feature a champagne reception, along with hors d'oeuvres and a seated dinner, as well as live and silent auctions followed by a "Funding the Cause" program to benefit a special project.

This year's cause is an initiative that would increase the size of Meadowbrook Nature Preserve in Valparaiso and begin a major reforestation project within the moraine forest.

Benefit tickets and sponsorships may be purchased through the Spring Benefit link at [www.heinzeitrust.org](http://www.heinzeitrust.org) or by contacting Bonnie Hawksworth at (219) 242-8558 or [bhawksworth@heinzeitrust.org](mailto:bhawksworth@heinzeitrust.org)

Auction items also may also be donated and viewed through the website. Reservations are requested by Friday, May 9.

Shirley Heinze Land Trust manages approximately 1,400 acres of natural land in Lake, La Porte and Porter counties. Five of its properties — Cressmoor Prairie, Seidner Dune & Swale, John Merle Coulter Preserve, Barker Woods and Ambler Flatwoods — have been dedicated as state nature preserves. Included in the trust's holdings are the entire spectrum of natural communities in the area: tallgrass prairie, high dune, oak savanna, boreal flatwoods, dune and swale, woodlands, marshes, swamps, ponds, fens and riparian habitat.

The trust also has made contributions to the purchase of natural areas owned by other entities, including the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, La Porte County Parks, Lake County Parks and the Portage Parks Department.



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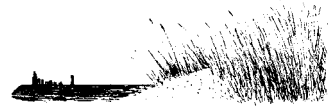
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## Footlight Players Auditions

Footlight Players will have auditions for its August production of "Julius Caesar" on Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18, at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St.

Times are 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Making its Footlight debut, local actor/poet Aram Arden's adaptation of Shakespeare's work features surprises while, according to a press release, "maintaining the majesty of the original."

Cast requirements include 10 to 15 men ages 20 and older and three women ages 20 to 40. Call (219) 874-4035 for more information.

## La Porte County Historical Society

The La Porte County Historical Society Inc.'s May dinner/meeting is Tuesday, May 20, in the meeting room at La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

Social time is at 6 p.m., with a catered dinner at 6:30 p.m. The menu consists of boneless-skinless chicken breast, parsley buttered red potatoes, salad, green bean almondine, bread and butter and apple pie slice. The cost is \$10.50. Historian of the Year will be awarded after dinner.

The deadline for reservations, which must be paid in person at the museum, is 4 p.m. Friday, May 16.

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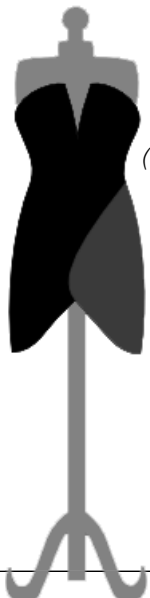
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## Free Documentary Screening

La Porte County Public Library, in collaboration with the La Porte County Health Department, will show the documentary "Under Our Skin" at 6 p.m. Monday, May 12, in the main library large meeting room, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

With May being Lyme Disease Awareness Month, the movie, according to IMDB, exposes the hidden story of Lyme disease.

The showing is free.



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The Porter County Parks Foundation has placed an informational sign designating the future site of the Westchester Bird Sanctuary. Located in Chesterton on 11th Street between Porter Avenue and County Road 1100 North, the sign depicts potential birds to be seen after land and water restoration. It also encourages observers to contact the PCPF at (219) 734-6872 or [pcparksfoundation.com](http://pcparksfoundation.com). Pictured at the sign are (from left) Sylvia Graham, Porter County Council; Matt Kaiser, Abonmarche Environmental Engineering; Richard Maxey, Porter County Parks Foundation and WBS chairman; Michelle Bollinger, Abonmarche; and Jim Biggs, Porter County Council.



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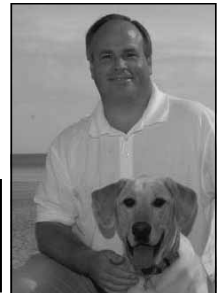
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## Monday Musicale Award Winners Announced

Twenty young musicians were honored during Monday Musicale's annual Scholarship and Awards Concert on Sunday, April 27, at First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St., Michigan City.

Winners from the 2014 Junior and Senior Competitions, held April 13 at Barker Mansion, performed their qualifying musical selections.

Junior Division winners (grades 4-8) received certificates and plaques. Senior Division honorees (grades 9-12) received plaques and scholarships totaling \$2,000 to further their musical studies.

Eighth-grader Kaelyn Oman, La Porte, took top honors in three categories: voice, flute and strings. She also received the Joy Carson Memorial Award, which goes to the overall Junior Division winner. The Monday Musicale Award, given to a graduating high school senior, went to violinist Wendy Banta-Long, Porter.

Scholarship chairman James Guerrucci and audition judges Carol Garrett, Dan McNabb and Stan Shepard recognized the following students:

### JUNIOR DIVISION

#### Intermediate Piano

- Michael Bim-Merle – first.
- Luke Trujillo – second.
- Samer Halabi – third.

#### Junior High Piano

- Robert Luscomb Jr. – first.
- Olivia Dybing – first (tie).

#### Voice

- Kaelyn Oman – first.
- Molly Caplice – second.
- Delaina Adams – third.

#### Instrumental (Various)

- Madeleine Nunn, oboe – honor award.

#### Flute

- Kaelyn Oman – first.
- Christian Ferrara – second.
- Joseph Didion – third.



Honored during the annual Scholarship and Awards Concert were: (front row, from left) Robert Luscomb Jr., Wendy Banta-Long and Esther Wright. The middle row is (from left) Miriam Trujillo, Kaelyn Oman and Rowena Quinn. The back row is Olivia Dybing (from left), Sara McMahon, Michael Bim-Merle and Matthew Steck.

### Strings

- Kaelyn Oman – first.
- Sophia Gardner-Orbovich – second.
- Aika Patejdl – third.

### Joy Carson Memorial Award

- Kaelyn Oman – voice, flute, strings.

### SENIOR DIVISION

#### Instrumental (Various)

- Sara McMahon, flute – honor award.
- Micah J. Nord, strings – honor award.

### Mildred Bowman Memorial Award

- Miriam Trujillo, voice.

### Roy Hibner Memorial Award

- Matthew Steck, horn.

### Marilyn Whiten Memorial Award

- Esther M. Wright, strings.

### Judges' Choice Award

- Rowena Quinn, saxophone.

### Monday Musicale Award

- Wendy Banta-Long, strings.

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## NWI Earth Day Celebration Awards

A Michigan City man, Mark Montoya, won a Trek bicycle after playing bingo and visiting all the exhibitors listed on the bingo card at the April 19 Northwest Indiana Earth Day Celebration.

The other winner was Ryan Roznowski, Kouts.

Also, all attendees could vote on their favorite barrels in the School Rain Barrel Design Contest. First- through third-place prizes were available in two categories: elementary school and middle, intermediate and high schools.

First-place \$150 classroom scholarships went to: Valparaiso's Northview Elementary School fifth-grade art clubs, supervised by teacher Patricia Cummings; and Valparaiso's Victory Christian Academy seventh-, eighth- and 11th-graders, supervised by teacher Joyce Girgenti.

Second-place \$50 classroom scholarships and hand chairs made from recycled plastics went to Valparaiso's Hayes Leonard Elementary School Van Gogh-Go's Art Club, supervised by teachers Megan Wallen and Ashley Kandel; and Valparaiso High School Freshmen Academy, supervised by teacher Sarah Quartuccio.

A third-place \$50 classroom scholarship went to Kouts Elementary School kindergarten through fifth-grade students, supervised by teacher Austin Wright.

In the middle, intermediate and high school category, a third-place tie resulted between two Chesterton schools: St. Patrick Catholic School

seventh-grade homeroom/science class, supervised by teachers Lisa Hughes and Pam Clements; and Westchester Intermediate School Student Council, supervised by teachers Dalila Reeder and Megan Sexton.

Other schools that competed

in the contest, and had their designed rain barrels on display, were: Union Center Elementary School, Valparaiso; Lake Hills STEM Magnet Elementary School, Michigan City; Duneland Montessori Academy, Chesterton; St. Paul Catholic School, Valparaiso; Discovery Charter School, Chesterton; SELF School, Valparaiso; Union Township Middle School, Valparaiso; Nativity of Our Savior School, Portage; Barker Middle School, Michigan City; Portage High School; Hebron High School; and Chesterton High School.

Photos of all school-designed barrels are available at [www.It-MeansTheWorld.org](http://www.It-MeansTheWorld.org).

Mark Montoya, Michigan City, stands with the Trek bike he won at the Northwest Indiana Earth Day Celebration.



Some of the rain barrels on display at the Northwest Indiana Earth Day Celebration.



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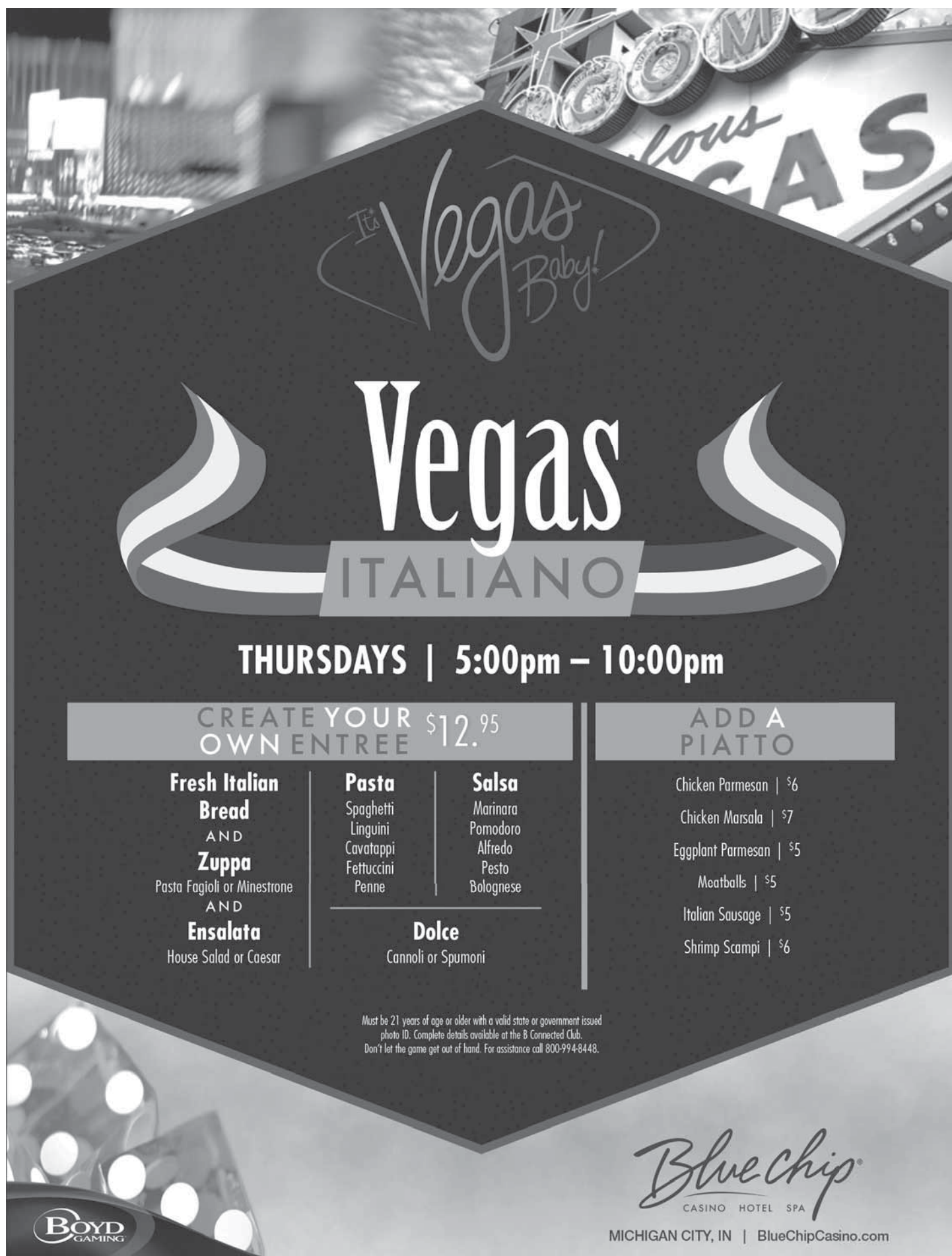
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## Recital of Sergei Prokofiev Music

Michigan City Chamber Music Festival will present violinist Jameson Cooper and pianist Katevan Badridze in a recital of music by Sergei Prokofiev at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St., Michigan City.

Born in Sheffield, England, Cooper began studying the violin at 6. He went on to become the National Youth Chamber Orchestra concertmaster before entering the Royal Northern College of Music. With the Euclid String Quartet, he has won numerous competition prizes and performed throughout the U.S. He is on the faculty at Indiana University-South Bend, where he teaches violin, chamber music and conducts the university orchestra.



Jameson Cooper



Katevan Badridze

Born in Tbilisi, the Republic of Georgia, Badridze began piano studies at the Georgian Special Music School. She has been a major prize winner in numerous international piano competitions, such as Newport International Piano Competition, United Kingdom, Georgian Republic Piano Competition and The World International Piano Competition — Cincinnati. In 2000, she moved to the United States and joined the Alexander Toradze Piano Studio, and has appeared with the studio at the numerous music venues in Europe and the United States.

A free-will offering will be taken at the recital. Call (219) 561-1939 or visit [www.mccmf.org](http://www.mccmf.org)

## Westchester Public Library

*The following programs are through Westchester Public Library:*

• **History Discussion Group from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10, in the parlor at Westchester Township History Museum, 100 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

The focus is Andrew Jackson. Registration is not necessary.

• **Westchester Public Library and Alzheimer's Association presentation, "The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease," from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The program is designed to educate attendees about the differences between normal memory loss and Alzheimer's disease.

• **Poetry Appreciation Group from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 12, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library.**

Attendees read and listen to poetry read aloud by individuals, including published authors' work and/or original works by local aspiring amateur poets.

• **The Bits and Bytes series, "Online Security," from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 22, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library.**

The class covers tips for online shopping and banking, protecting a computer from viruses, creating secure passwords and avoiding scams and spoofs.

The class is free, but registration is required. Visit or call the library at (219) 926-7696, or register online at [www.wpl.lib.in.us](http://www.wpl.lib.in.us), then click on the Bits and Bytes link.

• **Gabe's World for Adults from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library.**

Gabe Underwood returns for more bead-on-wire crafts for adults, focusing on how to make a Giant African Beetle. Materials will be provided. Registration is necessary because space is limited.

• **Block Parties for children 2-5 and their caregivers at 10 a.m. Wednesdays in May at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

The program lets children play independently or together to design and build unique structures. Materials will be supplied. Cookies will be served.

• **Westchester Public Library is participating in One Book, One Community with B.A. Shapiro's "The Art Forger."**

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The annual 5K Run/Walk on April 26, which kicked off at Eighth and Washington streets, supported Samaritan Counseling Centers Inc. in Northwest Indiana. Also held April 26 was 2014 Comcast Cares Day, which involved planting decorative grasses and flowers, and picking up litter, along the main travel routes that connect the Uptown Arts District to Lake Michigan.



## Springfield Employee Honored

A Michigan City Area Schools employee was among the honorees at the Indiana State Teachers Association Spring Representative Assembly in Indianapolis.



Robin Endris, a Springfield Elementary School instructional assistant, was named Education Support Professional of the Year.

Other honorees were:

- Hilda M. Kendrick, a kindergarten teacher at Utica Elementary School in Jeffersonville — Hoosier Educator of the Year.
- Hollye Blossom, River Forest — ISTA Minority Educator of the Year.
- Rep. Kreg Battles, Vincennes — ISTA Friend of Education.
- Deb Dalley, Shelbyville, and Bryant Mosbey, Evansville — Community Service Awards.
- Dorothy Eppe, Fort Wayne — Dave Hanna Golden Touch Award
- Jackie Ridge, Sullivan — J.D. Miller Young Activist Award.

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## Indiana Dunes State Park

The following events are planned through Indiana Dunes State Park:

### Saturday, May 10

#### International Migratory Bird Day

##### • 9:30 a.m. — Birding the Indiana Dunes.

Take binoculars to search for warblers, vireos and flycatchers during a statistical peak in songbird migration. Meet at the Nature Center for a 1.5-hour easy trek through a quiet section of Trail 2.

##### • 1:30 to 4 p.m. — An Afternoon for the Birds.

Explore the science of bird banding. Naturalists will open banding nets to catch, band and release some of the spring migrants moving through the dunes. Also planned are bird crafts, games and a prize drawing. Meet at the Nature Center anytime between 1:30 and 4 p.m.

##### • 8 p.m. — Birds of the Night.

Meet the naturalist outside the Nature Center for an hour hike. Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by a parent. A flashlight is not needed, but recommended for the walk back to the campsite.

### Sunday, May 11

##### • 10 a.m. — Birds and Blooms with Mom.

Meet at the campground gate for a peek at the early migrating birds of Indiana Dunes. Take binoculars if having them.

##### • 2 p.m. — "100 Years of Indiana State Parks."

Meet at the Nature Center auditorium for the 50-minute documentary, produced in 2009 by PBS, that captures 100 years of Indiana's state parks.

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- June 9 — Totally Turtles.
- June 16 — Go, Go, Gardening.
- June 30 — Crazy Crafts.
- July 7 — Wild, Wild West.
- July 14 — Science Kaleidoscope.
- July 21 — Rock Star.
- July 28 — A Dinosaur a Day.
- Aug. 4 — Li'l Picassos.

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- Week One, Beach Theme — June 16-19.
- Week Two, Jungle Theme — June 23-26.
- Week Three, Squiggles & Zigzags — July 14-17.
- Week Four, Out of This World — July 21-24.
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## Marquette Students Awarded



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Four Marquette Catholic High School students have received the Edward Paine Memorial Ninth Grade Scholarship Achievement Award.

The students will be guests of the Michigan City Lions Club on May 21. They were selected by their teachers in a specific content area.

The students are:

- Science — Abby Andert, who attended Chesterton Middle School.
- Social Science — Jenna Szaday, who was home-schooled.
- English — Natalie Cloninger, who attended St. Patrick School, Chesterton.
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Learn about birds that have returned to Miller Woods this spring. Bird-focused activities are planned, along with a short film about artist John James Audubon.

- **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.

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

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

- **The Paul Busse-designed Fernwood Railway Garden is open for its sixth season.**

See four trains on various track levels circle around the pond, through tunnels, over trestles and past replicas of local landmarks created from natural materials.

- **Northern Indiana Artists exhibit through June 15.**

Curated by Kathee Kiesselbach, the exhibit features recent work by members.

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## Northwest Indiana Green Drinks

Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St., Michigan City.

Northwest Indiana Paddling Association board members Ken Stelter, Sandi Weindling and Dan Plath will discuss what the non-profit group is doing to make Northwest Indiana a premier destination for paddling.

Topics include:

- NWIPA activities that serve the community and aid in tourism, education, conservation and trail-development efforts.
- How waterway cleanups and water-trail development contribute to regional quality of life and help attract tourism, businesses and employees.
- How NWIPA events and partnerships support businesses and get locals outside and active.

Northwest Indiana Green Drinks meets the third Thursday of each 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.

## Swinging for Sculpture Benefit

Krasl Art Center will present its 5th Annual Swinging for Sculpture Benefit Golf Outing and Party on Friday, June 6, at Berrien Hills Golf Club, 690 W. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich.

The event supports the center buying new sculptures. Golfers also can participate in games and contests, including the most loudly dressed and most artistically dressed. Afterwards, a buffet-style meal is planned, along with a silent auction and live music by Slim Gypsy Baggage.

The shotgun start is at 1:30 p.m., with the after party and silent auction at 5:30 p.m. Both times are Eastern. The cost per person to golf is \$140.

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## New Buffalo City Beach Cleanup

The New Buffalo Downtown Enhancement Committee is seeking volunteers of all ages to help clean New Buffalo City Beach on Saturday, May 10.

The project is in preparation for the tourist season that traditionally begins Memorial Day weekend.

No registration is required. The cleanup, which starts at 9 a.m. EDT, is the committee's first day of service to the community since achieving Michigan Mainstreet Associate Level status.

Plastic garbage bags and plastic gloves, along with hot coffee and doughnuts, will be provided.

## Lunch with the League

Lunch with the League is at noon Tuesday, May 13, at Lindo's Restaurant, 3940 Franklin St., Michigan City.

The speaker is Sgt. Chris Yagelski, public relations/Department of Professional Standards commander at Michigan City Police Department.

No reservations are required. Attendees purchase lunch from the menu.

The group meets the second Tuesday of the month. Call Sue Webster at (219) 874-6809 or visit [www.lwvlaporte.org](http://www.lwvlaporte.org) for more information.

## Kiwanis Club Flower Sale

The Kiwanis Club of La Porte will host a Mother's Day flower sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, in the Kiwanis/Teledyne Park pavilion, U.S. 35 and Indiana 39.

All hanging baskets and potted geraniums are grown locally. Proceeds help maintain the park.

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## Sarett Nature Center

The following programs are offered through Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich.:

• **Build a tool or garden box at 10 a.m. EDT Saturday, May 10.**

Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$35.

• **Kayak the Paw Paw River at 11 a.m. EDT Saturday, May 10.**

Pre-registration with a \$20 pre-payment is required. Sarett has one tandem kayak for a couple or parent and child to use. The request must be made during registration.

• **Take a flashlight and join a naturalist for a Night Walk at 9 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 10.**

Participants must be 10 or older. No unaccompanied children are allowed. The cost is \$5.

• **A Spring Walk is at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11.**  
The cost is \$3.

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

## La Porte County Library

The following programs are through La Porte County Library:

• **DIY Silkscreen Building at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at the main library, 904 Indiana Ave.**

Learn how to use affordable, easy-to-find supplies to make silkscreening kits, and how to make basic stencils to print. Participants keep the kits and make at least one print. Registration is required because supplies are limited. Call (219) 362-6156.

• **Make a Business Card Using GIMP from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 13.**

Participants will be familiarized with the free program. Take a laptop if possible.

## PLANT SALE

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[ted@talktotededinc.com](mailto:ted@talktotededinc.com)**Greek Orthodox Church Fundraiser**

New Buffalo's Annunciation and Agia Paraskevya Greek Orthodox Church will have a fundraising dinner from 4 to 8 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 17, at the Hellenic Center, 17760 Behner Road, New Buffalo, Mich.

Sometime between Nov. 8-9, 2013, the church's bell was stolen after it was taken down to accommodate landscape work. The fundraiser aims to recoup the costs of replacing the bell, as well as other much-needed work on the church grounds.

A \$10 donation covers a buffet, including Greek salad, bread and butter, chicken kebobs (*souflaki*), red potatoes, spinach pie (*spanakopita*) and rice pilaf. To-go packages are available. Coffee and water will be included. A cash bar is planned.

Tickets can be obtained at:

- Bridgman – Olympus Restaurant, 9735 Red Arrow Highway, (269) 465-5541.
- Michigan City – Sophia's House of Pancakes, 5250 Franklin St., (219) 879-9999.
- New Buffalo – Kerhoulas Insurance, 627 W. Buffalo St., (269) 469-1550.
- Stevensville – Gally Grill, 4296 Red Arrow Highway, (269) 408-8139.
- Calling the church at (269) 469-0081.

**Piano Concert**

St. Stanislaus Convent Shop, 1501 Franklin St., will host a piano concert featuring Elizabeth Greiger Wiegand at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10.

Wiegand will be joined by guest tenor George Mares. The two will present a variety of music, including classic and sacred music of the 1940s and 1950s. The concert will close with "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

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## Marquette Mulligan

Marquette Mulligan, Marquette High School's annual Golf Classic, is Monday, May 19, at Long Beach Country Club, 2309 Larchmont Ave.

Registration is at 10:30 a.m., with a noon shotgun start. The cost is \$180 per golfer or \$600 per four-some. Lunch, beverages, entry gifts, raffle items and games are planned.

Contact Dani Haydell at (219) 210-4506 or visit [www.marquette-hs.org](http://www.marquette-hs.org) to sponsor or participate.

## Outdoor Market Vendors Needed

Vendors are needed for home-based farmers, gardeners, crafters, artists and entrepreneurs for the 2014 Annual French Outdoor Market on Saturday, July 19, at Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich.

Contact [mediatorfrenchmarket@gmail.com](mailto:mediatorfrenchmarket@gmail.com) or Jeanine Totzke at (269) 921-1127 for more information.

## Chesterton High School Display

Chesterton High School art students will display their work through Saturday, May 10, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The annual event encompasses drawing, painting, sculpture, photography and mixed media by students in grades nine through 12.

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## A Taste of Mexico

Thanks to student-teacher Anna Hernandez, Coolspring Elementary School students learned how to say common words in Spanish, along with tasting familiar Spanish cuisine, on April 14-18.

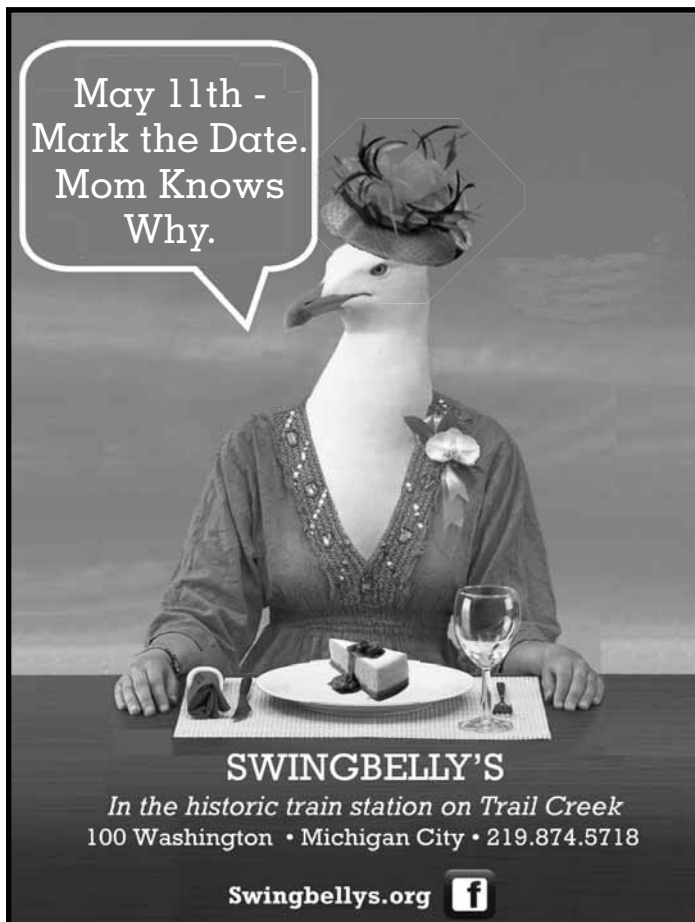
Hernandez has been student-teaching in Rich Pearson's third-grade classroom since January. She is enrolled at Purdue University-North Central and graduates May 19. Among her many responsibilities is teaching all the subjects by mid-term of her classroom residence.



Anna Hernandez (center) works with students Max Thompson and Emily Twardus.

Reading takes the biggest part of the school day. Included in the collection of stories for the third-grade reading series ("Reading Street") was the story "Jalapeno Bagels," which features international cooking. Hernandez tried a mini-thematic unit on Mexico to make the story more attractive. All week, the class created storybooks on numerous topics, from map making to popular sports in Mexico. The unit culminated on Good Friday with a small "snack fest" featuring chips, salsa, cheese and desserts, which students enjoyed as they watched the classic Disney movie "The Three Caballeros." The class even wore red-and-green attire to acknowledge Mexico's colors.

"I remembered the thematic units I experienced when I attended Coolspring as a student," Hernandez said. "It's still an interesting way to bring in many subject areas and keep students interested, especially when time is limited."



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National Rifle Association-certified instructors lead the camp aimed at youth in grades five through 12. After successful completion, participants earn a certificate in NRA First Steps Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Home Firearm Safety and Refuse to be a Victim.

The course introduces students to the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for responsibly using firearms.

Participants receive NRA Student Packets in each class. The camp concludes Friday, June 27, with a family picnic and awards ceremony. Adult members of families can try their hand at the shooting sports.

The camp fee is \$100 and includes lunch each day. Through a Friends of the NRA grant, the club will provide all firearms, targets, eye and hearing protection and ammunition. The camp size is limited to 40. Advance registration and payment are required before May 18.

Email [jotto32@gmail.com](mailto:jotto32@gmail.com) or call (219) 369-3577 for additional information.

## Leadership La Porte Co. Golf Outing

Leadership La Porte County's 12th annual golf outing is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Briar Leaf Golf Club, 3233 N. Indiana 39, La Porte.

Individual golfers are welcome to register, and can be matched up with other people. Non-golfers are invited to the lunch.

The cost is \$300 per team, \$75 for an individual or \$20 for lunch only. Those who can't attend can buy a tee sign for \$100.

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**May 8** — Duneland Stamp Club, 6 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**May 8** — "An Evening with Artspace," a community fundraiser for Uptown Artist Lofts, 5-7 p.m. Blue Chip Casino Stardust Event Center. Tickets: \$25, available at <https://reg.kimbia.com/artspace> and are fully tax-deductible.

**May 9** — Duneland Resale free drawing class, 1-3 p.m., Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Registration: (219) 926-4711.

**May 9-11** — "The Captain's Treasure," 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat./2 p.m. Sun., La Porte's Washington Stage Theatre, 111 Roosevelt St. Tickets purchased at door. Info: (219) 326-5184, [quacken@frontier.com](mailto:quacken@frontier.com)

**May 9-12** — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "Particle Fever," a documentary following six scientists during the launch of the Large Hadron Collider. Not rated. Times: 6:15 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* "The Lunch Box," about a middle-class housewife trying to bring excitement back to her marriage. Rated PG. In Hindi with English subtitles. Times: 9 p.m. Fri., 3:15 and 9 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: [vickerstheatre.com](http://vickerstheatre.com)

**May 10** — Fill a Bag Day/Stamp Out Hunger. Collect and bag non-perishable food items, place by mailbox for letter carriers to deliver to local food bank/pantry. Info: [facebook.com/stampouthunger](https://facebook.com/stampouthunger)

**May 10** — Volunteer cleanup, 9 a.m. EDT, New Buffalo City Beach. No registration required

**May 10** — 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.

**May 10** — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

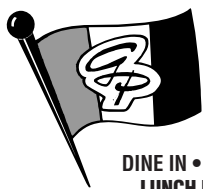
**May 10** — Recital of Sergei Prokofiev music, 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St., Michigan City. Free-will offering. Info: (219) 561-1939, [www.mccmf.org](http://www.mccmf.org)

**May 10** — Piano concert featuring Elizabeth Greiger Wiegand, 2:30 p.m., St. Stanislaus Convent Shop, 1501 Franklin St.

**May 10** — La Porte County Symphony Orchestra Pops concert, 7:30 p.m., La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St., La Porte. Reserved table seating: \$30. Balcony tickets: \$20/adults, \$18/seniors 65 and older, free/students with ID. Reservations: (219) 362-9020/[www.lcso.net](http://www.lcso.net)

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**May 10** — History Discussion Group, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 100 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

**May 10** — "After Dark at SBMA," 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m. EDT, South Bend Museum of Art, 120 S. St. Joseph St. Suggested \$10 donation at door. Info: (574) 235-9102.

**May 10-11** — Monday Musicale/Footlight Players performances commemorating end of National Music Week, Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 8 p.m. Sat./2 p.m. Sun. Reservations: (219) 874-4035.

**May 11 — HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.**

**May 11** — The musical group Funkadesi, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theatre, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$25. Info/reservations: [www.acorntheater.com](http://www.acorntheater.com), (269) 756-3879.

**May 12** — Poetry Appreciation Group, 6-8 p.m., Bertha Wood meeting room at Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

**May 12** — Great Decisions, 6:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**May 12** — Free documentary screening, "Under Our Skin," 6 p.m., La Porte County Public Library large meeting room, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

**May 13** — Lunch with the League, noon, Lindo's Restaurant, 3940 Franklin St., Michigan City. Info: (219) 874-6809, [www.lwvlaporte.org](http://www.lwvlaporte.org)

**May 13** — La Porte County Indiana Genealogical Society meeting, 7 p.m., La Porte Parks Department Meeting Room, 250 Pine Lake Ave. Info: <http://lpcgs.blogspot.com/>

**May 13** — Duplicate bridge starts, 6 p.m., Court-yard Room at Long Beach Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail. Info: 872-9386/874-8695.

**May 15** — Northwest Indiana Green Drinks, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St., Michigan City. Suggested donation: \$5/\$2 for students. Info: (219) 874-6809.

**May 17** — Annunciation and Agia Paraskev Greek Orthodox Church fundraising dinner, 4-8 p.m., Hellenic Center, 17760 Behner Road, New Buffalo, Mich. \$10 donation. Info: (269) 469-0081.

**May 17-18** — Footlight Players auditions, new adaptation of "Julius Caesar," Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 5-7 p.m. Sat./7-9 p.m. Sun. Info: (219) 874-4035

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

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**May 10** — The Winsome Hags (Bev Smith, Ruth Andrews and Randi Pickley), 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](mailto:info@boxfactoryforthearts.org), [www.boxfactoryforthearts.org](http://www.boxfactoryforthearts.org)

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## La Porte County Genealogical Society

Vicky Rydzynski will present the program "What the St. Joseph County Archives Can Do for You" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the La Porte Parks Department Meeting Room, 250 Pine Lake Ave.

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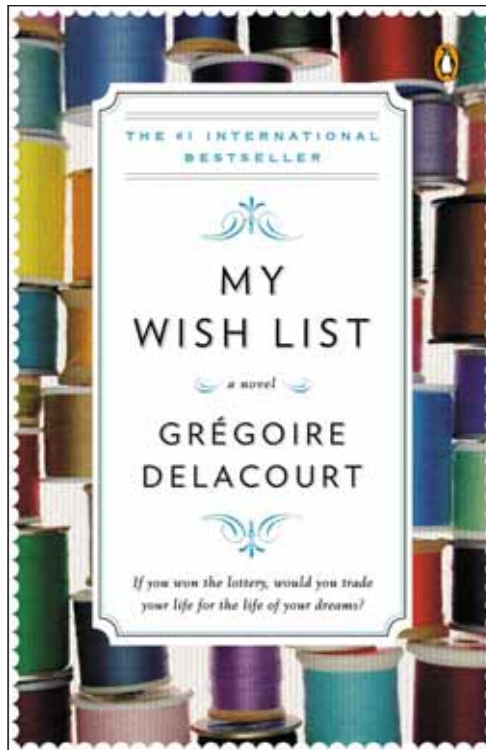
What will you lose if you win the lottery? Sounds like a contradiction in terms, right? You might just rethink the whole “if only I could win the lottery” thing after reading this No. 1 French novel — more than 500,000 copies sold in France alone — now translated into English and published in 25 countries.

Jocelyne Guerbette is a 47-year-old housewife and mother feeling the pangs of middle age. She feels fat, ugly and unwanted by her husband, along with two grown children who don't visit much anymore. They phone her once in a while, as if it's a duty they must perform.

Jocelyne owns a fabric shop in a small town in France. Her next-door neighbors in the shopping district are twin sisters who run a beauty shop. The girls always buy a lottery ticket every week, hoping for that big win that will take them away from the drudgery of their lives. They keep bugging Jocelyne to buy a ticket, too, until one day she finally does...and wins \$25 million (more than \$18 1/2 million in euros). “*The figures made my head spin,*” Jocelyne says.

She is speechless, yet she cannot bring herself to tell her husband or anyone else that she won. She thinks about her life and how the money could make things better for her family, so she makes a wish list of what she might do with the money. Her first list contains things of necessity, like a coat and hat stand, new microwave, even a potato peeler. Her next list amps it up just a little. This one contains a vacation for her and her husband, a Chanel bag, Louboutins, maybe a Porsche for her husband and a Peugeot 308 for herself. Hmmm. Sounds like her expectations are beginning to rise.

Jocelyne visits her father in the nursing home.



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After looking back at her life up until now, and much soul searching about the money (she's hidden the check in a shoe), she comes to a conclusion:

*“I think of myself, of all that will now be possible for me, and I don't want any of it. I don't want*

*what all the money in the world can buy. But does everyone feel like that?”*

Indeed, does everyone feel like that? I don't think so. I think most of us think that kind of money will solve all our problems instantaneously and give us lifelong security.

What Jocelyne finally decides may surprise you... or maybe not. Anyway you look at it, this dilemma will give you food for thought and make a heck of a book discussion.

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Stunning 3 bedroom, 3 bath home located on a quiet, winding street, and is just steps from the Stop 26 beach entrance. Gleaming wood floors, charming fireplace with hearth set in stones, private master bath, stainless steel appliances in kitchen. Finished basement has lots of storage.

Brand new furnaces, new a/c. Inviting sunroom, bordered by a brick patio. Professionally landscaped lot with irrigation system.

**Offered for \$649,000**



NEW PRICE

### Lake Shore Drive Stop 35 Duneland Beach \$3,999,000

A rare opportunity for acreage on Lake Shore Drive with preserved unobstructed views of Lake Michigan. Enjoy the pristine beaches of Duneland Beach in a custom home or separate into building sites as a great investment opportunity. City water available. Property consists of a total of 1.31 acres with access from Michinda as well.



NEW PRICE

### 2407 Duneland Beach Drive Michigan City \$649,000

4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Grand foyer, quaint living room & formal dining room. Spacious island kitchen. Family room boasting of wood burning fireplace, built-ins & rich hardwood flooring. Slate floored screen porch adjacent to family room. Lavish main floor master suite. 2nd master suite on upper level. Gazebo, two car garage & electronic privacy gate. Situated on 3.5 acres of land.



NEW PRICE

### 2711 Duffy Lane Long Beach \$395,000

3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Two sided fireplace shared between living room & family room. Master suite with fireplace & private bath that has a steam shower & steeping tub. Many upgrades & wonderful amenities including eight person hot tub. Two car attached garage. Private waterfront deck. Lots of windows to enjoy fabulous views of Lake Claire, woods & lush landscaping.

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### 147 S Lake Avenue

1-½ blocks from Stop 2 beach sits this 3 story condo, with peeks of Lake Michigan. Open concept design, fireplace in the living room. Enjoy your breakfast in the back screened porch with the morning sun or on the front balcony while you watch the world go by.

**\$200,000**



### 601 Lake Shore Drive

Offered with 3 lots with 150 ft of frontage and 250 ft of depth on Lake Shore Drive (37,500 sq ft). The property is huge and will allow for 4 more building sites. Private home with spectacular lake views, easy access to the beach and plenty of private parking. Home has a total of 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths. Fireplace with wrap around decks and several patios. Guest suite on lower level has a living room, kitchen, bedroom and full bath.

**\$499,000**



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