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LIFESAVING STATION

THE U.S. COAST GUARD HAS BALANCED ROUTINE DUTIES WITH RAW COURAGE TO AID OTHERS

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

Washed upon the tempest-swept sands, the message, hastily scrawled in crude script and inserted into the bottle, read, "All is lost...could see land if not snowed and blowed...engine give out...drifting to shore in ice...we have a hard time of it...10:15 o'clock...Good Bye."

Those were the last words from a living soul aboard the passenger cruiser Chicora sailing for St. Joseph, Mich., from Milwaukee on Jan. 21, 1895. The wreck lies, still undiscovered somewhere on the bottom of Lake Michigan, a cold, silent tomb for those who were lost.

The need to aid those out on Lake Michigan had been addressed before then. In fact, the 1908 Oglesbee-Hale history of Michigan City men-



The sign outside the U.S. Coast Guard identifying it as an agency through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.



A U.S. Coast Guard boat docked at the station.

tions that in 1854, U.S. Sen. John Pettit of Indiana spoke before Congress on behalf of a bill to appropriate funds for a Michigan City harbor.

"Last fall, I visited Michigan City harbor for the purpose of looking at it; and there, standing upon the pier, as far as the eye can reach, you can see wrecks on either beach, on the right and on the left hand; because in stress of storm vessels have been driven into what

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is called the bight of the southern end of the lake where they have no refuge."

Lake Michigan can turn in an instant from a blue-eyed maid with wispy hair of curling white, spray burnished to a golden hue by rays of the sun, to a raging, surly, angry hell-raising witch. Turn your back on her, and she can swallow you whole, never to be heard from again. Anyone who has lived near her, fished her chilly depths or sailed her waters searching for wind can attest to that fact. The temperamental waters of the great inland sea have taken a heavy toll on ships, men and cargo.

And yet, we are drawn to the lake in all of its moods for commerce or simply for pleasure. The lake affects our weather and moods. It shaped our landscape and continues to sculpt the dunes.

In 1836, a lantern on a post marked the treacherous mouth of Michigan City's harbor. Ships caught in sudden storms off our coast often were cast ashore by waves and men thrown into the raging storm with naught but their wits to save them.

An early documented account of one such disaster is of the wreck of the schooner Hercules, which sailed from Chicago headed for Detroit on Oct. 2, 1818. The next day, a terrible gale struck, raging for two days. The Hercules never arrived in Detroit. On Oct. 9, a party of Pottawatomie Indians arrived in Chicago carrying objects they picked up from the beach while traveling along the lake's southern shore. Some of these objects were recognized as having belonged to the missing Hercules. A rescue party was dispatched from Chicago and came to the area of Michigan City, where they found the shoreline strewn with wreckage. One body was found, but the hull of the ship had vanished beneath the waves.

Obviously, something had to be done to protect the lives of sailors, passengers and ships that sailed past our coast. In 1837, a round wooden tower was built at the mouth of Trail Creek. At the top was af-



A U.S. Coast Guard boat heads through Michigan City's harbor.

fixed a lantern to show sailors the way to safe harbor.

Twenty one years later, a brick structure was constructed that housed an oil lamp with a Fresnel lens to amplify the distance the light could be seen on the lake. This structure now houses the Old Lighthouse Museum in Washington Park. In 1882, the U.S. Congress authorized funds to build a lifesaving station at Michigan City. It was completed in 1889.

The first buildings in Michigan City were constructed for a grand total of \$500. The original station consisted of three buildings: a large 2 1/2 story building that contained station offices, a boathouse with launchway, a bunkhouse for the crew above the boathouse and on top of that a lookout post manned 24 hours a day by alert men with a "weather eye" pealed for ships in distress. A second building was a single story and housed a mess area and boathouse, while the third building served as the stable.

In "The Old Lifesaving Station at Michigan City Indiana 1889-1914," Dennis L. Noble writes, "A mention of the old Life Saving Service evokes the picture of men straining at the oars of a life boat, fighting the raging surf and howling gales to perform heroic rescues. Although accurate, this was only a part of services activity. Existence of a life-

saving station consisted of long days of monotonous work, interrupted by brief hours of excitement and danger."



U.S. Coast Guard members engage in training exercises sometime between 1920 and 1930.



Daniel Klinkenberg of Michigan City stood the first watch at the newly constructed station on Aug. 1, 1889, from 8 p.m. until midnight. From that point forward, as long as there was an observation deck, there was a man on watch. A daily log was kept at the lifesaving station that recorded ships spotted in the lake and also those that came into the Michigan City harbor. The first log ever recorded at the site was Aug. 29, 1889, and it noted that "three schooners and two steamers" passed into the harbor.

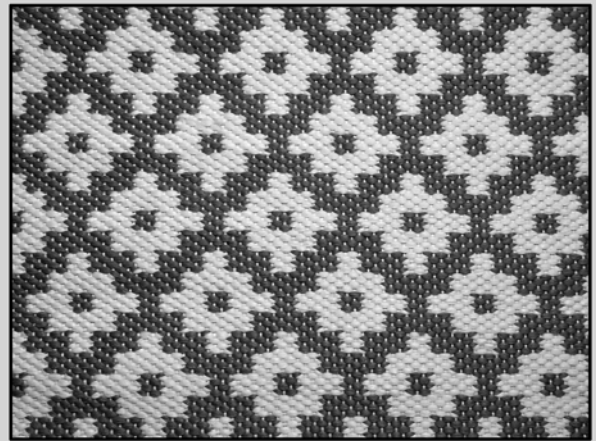
Life at the new station began to take on a routine. A 1929 newspaper account states that "While Boatswain Peterson says that a coast guard's life is a great outside life, the constant drill and hard work would fail to appeal to most observers."

According to the same account, the typical day looked like this: "Every morning the 11 members of the local station get up at 6 o'clock. After breakfast and an hour of sweeping and dusting" — the station was always spotless — "all stand at attention for the raising of colors. The rest of the morning is spent in drill or recitation on international code, Morse code, semaphore, compass, boat logs, pilot logs and life-saving. In the evening the men have beach patrol."

Henry Finch was the first "keeper" of the lifesaving station, but everyone called him "captain," and

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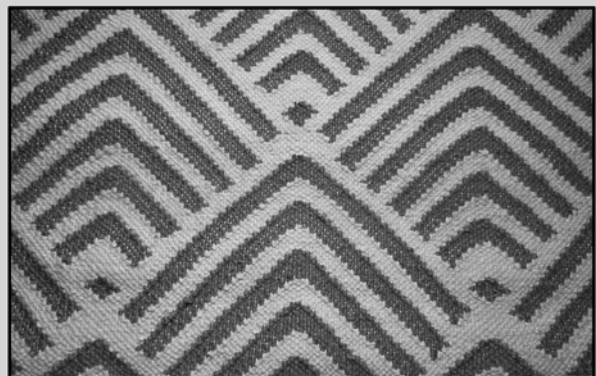
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he liked to keep his facility ship-shape and his men well-trained and ready. Finch was, by all accounts, a man who enjoyed a hero's reputation and was often seen leading his six volunteer oarsmen into the lake braving pounding the surf to bring sailors to the safety of the shore in their tiny whale boat.

The men who handled beach patrol were known as "surfmen." The surfmen patrolled the beach for 2 1/2 miles on either side of the station every evening. The lifesaving service considered lookout and patrol duties the most important tasks of the surfmen. As equipment, the surfmen carried a lantern, signal flares and "Coston

lights," which were lights of different colors used to signal ships. The Coston lights did double duty. They warned ships if they were approaching too close to the shore, and they were used to let ships in distress know they were spotted.

Much of the time, the work of manning the lifesaving

station consisted of routine duties and all-important training, but in times of emergency, the work of launching rescue craft with horse power and human muscle, then with bent back, sweat and raw courage facing the raging storm to save lives, took a special kind of heroism.

The Chicago Tribune wrote of one such rescue as putting the crew of the rescue boat in "extreme peril." The work was difficult



A view of the harbor from the U.S. Coast Guard station.

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and in the beginning all muscle power. While everyone else was clawing for the safety of land in the teeth of a gale, the men of the lifesaving station were rowing into the wind facing danger, risking their lives to save others.

In 1908, Micheal Egle became keeper of the lifesaving station. During his term of office, the gasoline engine began to outnumber sailing craft coming into the harbor. The Lifesaving Service of Michigan City handled many difficult rescues until 1915 when the torch was passed to the U.S. Coast Guard. Egle had the distinction of being the last keeper of the Michigan City Lifesaving Station and the first officer of the Coast Guard station.

In 1988, the old station was demolished and a new, modern facility built on its foundation. The new station is the sole Coast Guard unit in Indiana. The men and women stationed there are responsible for the safety of craft in more than a 300 square mile area of Lake Michigan. It has been reported that more than 125 search-and-rescue missions are carried out every year and 235 law enforcement boardings conducted.

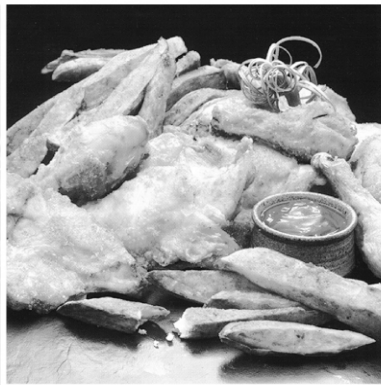
The Coast Guard Station in Michigan City, which now is under

the auspices of Homeland Security, is what is called a multi-mission unit, with a focus on search and rescue, maritime law enforcement for ports and waterways and coastal security. Of course, as always, and as it was in the beginning, lifesaving remains the primary responsibility of the unit.

The drama of human life continues. Lake Michigan remains temperamental as ever, and season after season, the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard continue the 125-year-old tradition of the Michigan City Lifesaving Service by risking their lives for the safety of others and testing their mettle against the pounding waves of the great lake.



The U.S. Coast Guard station in Washington Park.



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Lubeznik Center to Unveil Two New Exhibits

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., will hold an opening reception for two new exhibits from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 16.

"Material Possessions," contemporary fiber art by Frank Connet, Karen Gubitz, Aram Han, John Paul Morabito, Lisa Lee Peterson and Clifford Peterson, will be in the Hyndman Gallery. "Ignorance With Wings" by Michael Bill Smith will be in the Brincka-Cross and Northview second-floor galleries).

In "Material Possessions," the artists will highlight work ranging from fiber sculpting, threading and weaving to embroidery and shibori (sewing/dyeing technique).



Frank Connet's "Material Possessions."

Connet, Chicago, specializes in indigo dyeing. A fascination with traditional textiles of Africa and Japan have led to his recent work, which uses the shibori technique.

Gubitz, Oak Park, Ill., who retired from her law career to become a full-time artist, is

inspired by nature. Each summer, she organizes a workshop that teaches children the art of weaving baskets onto trees. She calls the technique BaskeTrees. The Lubeznik Center, in fact, partnered with her to make BaskeTrees with Michigan City students.

Work by Han, Chicago, includes miniscule grains

of rice that are pierced, then threaded together.

Morabito, Chicago, initially trained as a commercial textile designer and now uses industrial weaving in his work.

Husband-and-wife Clifford Peterson and Lisa Lee Peterson, West Lafayette, Ind., have collaborated for more than 30 years. Clifford has worked in various mediums, including silkscreen, digital printmaking, painting and photography. Lisa has been a professor of textiles and fiber art at Purdue University for nearly 30 years. In this show, Lisa embroiders her husband's prints on canvas.



Michael Bill Smith's work often is reminiscent of wall tapestries.

The exhibit "Ignorance with Wings" will feature new work by Michael Bill Smith, Ogden Dunes, Ind. Reminiscent of historical religious portraiture, wall tapestries and stained-glass cathedral windows, Smith uses materials such as sparkling vinyl, liquid acrylics, hot glue and metallic foils.

Artists will be present during the reception. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free to the public. Visit www.lubeznikcenter.org for more info.

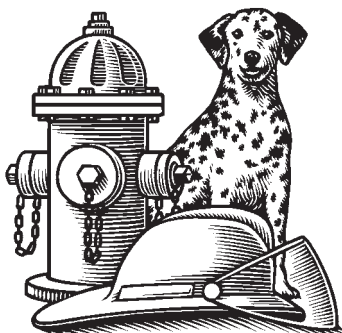
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March Madness may be over, but bracket fever continues in La Porte County with the launch of Burger Wars, which is a bracket contest aimed at finding the best place in the county to get a burger. The bracket is voted on by customers.



Eight La Porte County restaurants have been selected to participate in the contest.

The eight participants are: Three Sheets Bar & Grill; Crawford's Pub & Eatery; Decoy's Neighborhood Bar & Grill; Knuckleheads Sports Bar & Grill; Matey's Restaurant; Shoreline Brewery & Restaurant; Spire Farm to Fork; and The Game @ Blue Chip.

CVB staff has been visiting some of the participating restaurants to try their delicious burgers and are confident La Porte County has the winner and soon will be known for the best burger in Northern Indiana...with your help.

Brett Binversie, Crawford's Pub & Eatery manager, said, "Our version of heaven on earth, where breakfast and pub grub collide..." The Crawford Burger.' It is a custom blend of Angus beef, maple bacon and cheddar cheese topped with a fried egg, then served on a slightly toasted brioche bun."

When we visited Matey's Restaurant, owner Carol Bailey explained, "Our signature burger, 'The Hammer Head,' is a full half pound of 100 percent Angus beef patty with bacon, cheddar cheese and smoky BBQ sauce on a poppy seed bagel, topped with lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise. It's a winner!"

Before we kick off this contest, we will visit every participating restaurant. Recently, we visited Knuckleheads Sports Bar & Grill, home of the "Old School" bar burger. Owners Mike and Angie Eldridge welcomed us with what we like to call "Hoosier Hospitality."

The voting for Burger War kicks off Friday, May 16. The bracket can be found on Visit Michigan City La Porte's website, www.michigancitylaporte.com/burgerwars. The first round lasts 10 days. Following the end of the first round, the next two rounds will last a week. Winners of the best burgers in La Porte County will be announced June 9.

Let customers' voices be heard! They can log in to vote each week to make sure their favorite restaurant gets the credit it deserves. Voters can keep checking the website and La Porte County Convention & Visitors Bureau social media pages for a chance to win prizes through mini contests held

throughout the voting process. Most importantly, voters are encouraged to sign in and vote each round for a chance to win the grand prize of a \$100 gift certificate to the winning restaurant announced at the end of the competition.

And the competition doesn't end there! La Porte County Burger Wars is simultaneously running with six other county Burger Wars as part of the Northern Indiana Burger Wars project. It's a joint initiative of the Northern Indiana Tourism Development Commission and its member convention and visitors bureaus in Porter, La Porte, St. Joseph, Marshall, Kosciusko, Elkhart and LaGrange counties. NITDC is the leading regional economic development authority focusing on sustainable tourism through effective partnerships.

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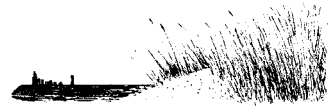
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Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar available. Tickets are \$35. Make reservations at Barkerhall.com (PayPal available) or call (219) 874-4355.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

• **The Save the Tunes Council performs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 16, at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Visitor Center.**

The group of local musicians aims to preserve and pass on folk songs, using the guitar, autoharp, dulcimer, banjo, harmonica, bagpipe, penny whistle, hurdy gurdy and other obscure instruments.

• **Stewardship Day — Planting an Heirloom Garden from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 17, at Chellberg Farm.**

Participants do everything from pulling weeds to planting seeds. Meet at the Bailly Chellberg parking lot, which is on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter.

• **National Kids to Parks Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Take children to the park and receive a water bottle and set of Nature Play cards. Other offerings include: build a fort in the Nature Play Zone; become a Junior Ranger; and take the hiking challenge.

• **Junior Wildland Firefighter Program from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, at the campground amphitheater.**

Meet the park's fire crew and learn about their jobs and equipment. Afterward, children receive a Junior Wildland Firefighter activity book and patch.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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"Edward Gorey Returns to Chicago"

by Barbara Stodola

Whenever Edward Gorey's wicked little drawings make me laugh out loud, I blame my own perversity...but not too harshly, because no harm is done.

No one really wants to see children assaulted by black bears, or wafted away by large-winged insects. But such scenarios are so preposterous, so elegantly drawn and so wittily enriched with poetry, we see them as the fruit of Edward Gorey's irrepressible imagination – and of no threat to anyone.



The prolific artist Edward Gorey (1925-2000) produced more than 100 illustrated books, many of which now are on display at Loyola University Museum of Art. Photo Copyright Kevin McDermott

Edward Gorey (1925-2000), author of more than 100 illustrated books, is the featured artist at Loyola University Museum of Art, 820 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, near the historic Water Tower Place. The exhibit, motivated by Gorey collector Thomas Michalak's sizeable donation to LUMA, runs through June 15.

Headlined "Edward Gorey Returns to Chicago," the exhibit gently reminds us of the artist's roots right here in Chicago, "City of the Big Shoulders," and not in upper-crust Edwardian society, as suggested by the starched collars and broad-brimmed hats of his flighty, doomed characters.

Typical of his creations was Emblus Fingby, a lonely bachelor befriended by a big-beaked bird, "The Osbick Bird," with whom he played board games and took tea every afternoon until he died, and then...

"He was interred; the bird alone/Was left to sit upon his stone.

But after several months, One day/It changed its mind and flew away."

Gorey also invented Lord Wherewithal, the ballerina Federojenska, the Rev. Mr. Floggle, Quoggenzocker, the Gashlycrumb Tinies and, most familiarly, his alter-ego, Clavius Frederick Earbrass, who



Among his creations was Clavius Frederick Earbrass, a fur-coated character bearing a strong resemblance to Gorey himself, here being swatted by a mysterious tail. Copyright Estate of Edward Gorey

always wore a floor-length fur coat and Converse sneakers, the very costume Gorey chose for his own meanderings about town.

"I haven't any idea," he once told interviewers who wanted to know where he got his ideas, though conceding, "I do a lot of filching, from all over the place." His style is sometimes called "Gothic," but he, himself, preferred the term "literary nonsense."

Gorey loved Agatha Christie movies, Monopoly, cats, Batman, George Balanchine ballets, Japanese literature, Greek mythology, all kinds of word games, especially anagrams, and sometimes used pseudonyms that were anagrams of his own name: Dogear Wryde, E.G. Deadworry and most often Ogdred Weary.



"B is for Basil assaulted by bears" – a page from Gorey's menacing alphabet book, which opens with "A is for Amy who fell down the stairs."



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Though he claimed no particular affection for children, Gorey's published works include several children's books, alphabet books ("A is for Amy who fell down the stairs") and illustrations for T.S. Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats," Hilaire Belloc's "Cautionary Tales for Children" and Edward Lear's "The Dong With a Lumious Nose."



"A hissing swarm of hairy bugs/Has got the baby and its rugs" – oh no! – will he be dropped off at the entrance gate?

Born in Chicago, Gorey was a child prodigy who began drawing pictures at 2 and taught himself to read at 3. An exceptional student at Francis W. Parker School, he scored so highly on the college boards that he won a scholarship to Harvard University, where he enrolled after completing his World War II military service. In 1953, he accepted a position in the art department at Doubleday Publishers, N.Y. Gorey never married and made typically equivocal remarks about his sexual preferences, such as, "I'm neither one thing nor the other particularly."

During his publishing career, Gorey made the acquaintance of famous authors and dramatists, in-



"The gorgeous flowers have a smell/That causes one to feel unwell" – and so the lady swoons.

ternational celebrities and winners of Pulitzer and Nobel prizes.

He developed an interest in theatrical productions, and in 1973 designed sets and costumes for a revival of "Dracula." The play opened in Nantucket to such acclaim, it was produced on Broadway and later toured America, England and Australia.

With the proceeds from "Dracula," Gorey was able to purchase a 200-year-old sea captain's house on Cape Cod, where he lived for the rest of his life. Today, it is a museum dedicated to his life and work, and to the animal-welfare causes he always supported. The acclaimed illustrator left his estate to cats, dogs, even insects – the living creatures figured so prominently in his drawings.

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La Porte Little Theatre Club, 218 A St., will present its final production of the 2013-2014 season, Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit," on May 16-18 and 23-25.

Coward wrote his classic comedy about ghosts during the 1940s, when he felt the world needed a reason to laugh. It took him less than a week to write, working at it for hours every day.



The cast of "Blithe Spirit."

The plot centers on Charles Condomine (Jeff Hill), a novelist writing a book about a homicidal medium. Wanting to learn the "tricks of the trade," he and his wife, Ruth (Sandy Gleim), invite Madam Arcati (Lucy Vergo) to dinner. Dinner guests also include their neighbors, Dr. and Mrs. Bradman (Kim Haddad

and Robert Richter). A séance is held, and the ghost of Charles' first wife, Elvira (Patti Martin), is inadvertently summoned to the land of the living. Only Charles can see and hear Elvira, which proves frustrating for Ruth. Trying to keep the home running smoothly is their maid, Edith (Amanda Sixbury).

Directed by Susie Richter, show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$12. Call (219) 362-5113 for reservations.

"Jesus Christ Superstar" Auditions

Dunes Summer Theatre will have auditions for the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18, at the Michiana Shores theater, 288 Shady Oak Drive.

Those auditioning for the show — a fundraiser for Dunes Arts Foundation — should prepare a song that showcases vocal abilities and take sheet music for the accompanist. Be prepared to dance as well. Vocal auditions are first, then choreographer Abby Schmidt will teach a short dance routine.

In addition to the role of Mary Magdalene, 10 other women will be cast. There also will be two special female dance roles for those with jazz/ballet experience. The individual male roles are: Jesus; Judas; Caiaphas; Annas; Simon; and Peter. There also are nine other apostles and two priests.

There are many group scenes and songs that require other roles, such as lepers, merchants, Roman soldiers and crowds.

George Maslankowski is the show's director. Rehearsals start Tuesday, May 27. Show dates are July 18-20 and July 25-27, and Aug. 1-3. Call or text (219) 362-2091 or email daddio_maz@frontier.com for more information.

Cruis'n For a Cure for PKD

The Sixth Annual Cruis'n For a Cure for PKD is Sunday, May 18, the 40-mile car cruise starting at La Porte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2, La Porte.

Lineup and registration begin at noon and end at 2 p.m. Rain or shine, the cruise starts at 2:30 p.m. sharp. No pre-registration is required. The cost to participate is \$10 per vehicle, with all money donated to the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation.

The event is dear to Coordinator Laura Moyer and her family. Moyer received a kidney transplant Dec. 9, 2011, and her sister, Debbie, the year before. PKD runs in their family. Fifteen of their immediate family have the disease.

Concessions will be available at the fairgrounds, as well as a silent auction from Blue Chip Casino. A drawing will be held for prizes such as oil changes and car-cleaning supplies. Drivers of the first 100 vehicles receive dash plaques. Judges will pick their favorite top three, and a trophy will be awarded.

"Rainbow Magic Fairy Party"

Celebrate spring with a "Rainbow Magic Fairy Party" at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at La Porte County Public Library's Coolspring branch, 7089 W. County Road 400 North, Michigan City.

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Sons of Norway Celebration

On May 17, 1814, Norway signed its Declaration of Independence from Denmark. One hundred years later, on May 17, 1914, the fraternal society Sons of Norway received its charter in Minneapolis.

Now, there are lodges in nearly every U.S. state.

The Scandiana Lodge's celebration is at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Westchester Library Center, 100 W. Indiana St., Chesterton.



There are different styles of national costumes for every county in Norway. Pictured are sisters Karine Gjersengen (left) and Berit Brynildsen (right) of Halden, Norway, wearing Ostfold costumes. Nancy Tuznik (center), La Porte, is wearing a Valdres costume.

A carry-in dinner will be served. Members are asked to take tableware and a dish to share. Coffee and punch will be provided. There is no charge for newcomers and guests. A special program is planned, and there will be time to socialize.

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30th Year of Guided Nature Walks

Shirley Heinze Land Trust, which is celebrating 30 years of guided hikes, will present the first in this season's series from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 17, at Bendix Woods County Park in New Carlisle.

Botanist Scott Namestnik of Orbis Environmental Consulting will lead the group through old-growth beech-maple forest, on which participants should see ephemeral wildflowers, including: wild ginger; purple spring cress; blue cohosh; toothwort; squirrel corn; Dutchman's breeches; yellow trout lily; false mermaid; wild geranium; blue phlox; bloodroot; large-flowered trillium; red trillium; Canada violet; and possibly the locally rare crinkleroot.

The Bendix Woods County Park Nature Center is in the 1926 Studebaker Clubhouse. The entrance fee is \$4 for out-of-county vehicles and \$3 for St. Joseph County vehicles.

Group size is limited to 20, and advance registration is required. There is a \$25 per-person fee for the hike. There is a reduced fee of \$75 to cover all four hikes in this year's series.

The remaining 2014 schedule is:

- Saturday, July 5: Tallgrass Prairie Hike, Gensburg-Markham Prairie, Markham, Ill, 9 a.m. to noon. There is a 12-person maximum.
- Saturday, Aug. 16, Native Pollinators Hike, Cressmoor Prairie, Hobart, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Saturday, Sept. 13, Cressmoor Prairie and Gordon & Faith Greiner Nature Preserves, Hobart, 9 a.m. to noon.

A bus tour of Shirley Heinze Land Trust Nature Preserves is Saturday, Aug. 23, departing Indiana Dunes Visitor Center at 8 a.m. and returning at 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$35 per person or \$60 per couple.

Visit www.heinzetrust.org/hike-program.html, call (219) 242-8558 or email Jim Erdelac at jerdelac@heinzetrust.org to register.



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"The Mind Tripping Show"

A husband-and-wife duo who've been performing together for 15 years aim to confound audiences with "The Mind Tripping Show," which they'll present at 7:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday, May 21, at Elkhart Civic Theatre at Bristol Opera House, 210 E. Vistula St.



Christian and Katalina met while serving in the military. She was an officer and he was a non-commissioned officer. Based in Indianapolis, they toured across the country for 10 years. For the last four years, their "Mind Tripping Show" has been one of the Top Three attractions in Indianapolis.

The illusionist show is appropriate for ages 12 and older. Tickets, which are \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors and students can be purchased at the door or at <http://www.elkhartcivictheatre.org/tix>

Harbor Country Arts & Crafts Show

The fifth annual Harbor Country Arts and Crafts Show, which features works by 70 artists, is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 24, at St. John United Church of Christ, 200 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo, Mich.

The free event includes framed paintings in watercolor and oil, jewelry, braided rugs, "fancy feeders" for birds, decorative jewelry boxes and "shabby chic" home items. There also will be choices for infants, toddlers and children, as well as fine wood pieces, cloth items and florals.

Other offerings include a free chair massage and spinal screening, and the chance to buy tickets to win a king-size quilt, a "Trip Around the World" pattern created by artist Eleanor Burns, San Marcos, Calif. Snacks and lunch items will be sold.

Additional spaces are outdoors and in the church annex. Visit www.stjohnartsandcraftsshow.weebly.com, email craftfair200@att.net or call (734) 277-3180 for more information.

Chamber Music Concert

In anticipation of the 13th annual Michigan City Chamber Music Festival, "A Special Afternoon of Chamber Music" is from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at the Bankoff family home, 307 Kenwood Place, Michigan City.

The fundraiser includes musicians on strings, winds and piano, followed by a full reception of hors d'oeuvres, desserts and fine wines.

Held mainly at First Presbyterian Church of Michigan City from Aug. 9-17, the season, "Thinking Big," will feature music by Beethoven, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Liszt, Paganini and noted contemporary composers on strings, woodwinds and piano. Free-will donations are accepted, and programs include a reception after each concert.

Tickets for the May 18 program are \$100. Seats are limited. Contact Liz Bernel at elizabethbernel@hotmail.com or (219) 363-6563 or Judy Jacobi at judyjacobi@comcast.net or (219) 873-4560 for more information.

Winners Art Exhibition

The Presbyterian Church of La Porte, 307 Kingsbury Ave., will present its Winners Art Exhibition through May 30, with an opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 18.

Last year's four winners, Linda Freel, Randy Horst, Jimmy Duke Johnston and Connie Kassel, will exhibit works this year.

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The cost is a \$5 donation at the door. A silent auction is planned, while beach glass necklaces and jewelry made by boys and girls from Jacmel's children's home will be sold.

Haitian appetizers will be served, while the Rev. Jean Claude Pierre from Jacmel will provide an update on the children's home.

Visit www.haitiansupportministries.org or email info@haitiansupportministries.org for more info.

South Bend Comic Book Convention

The free South Bend Comic Book Convention is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 17, at Comfort Suites, 52933 U.S. 933 (Cleveland and U.S. 31), South Bend.

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• **Bookmarks at the Museum at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Pat Klewer will review Khaled Hosseini's "And the Mountains Echoed" and Malala Yousafzai's "I Am Malala." Refreshments will be served.

It is not necessary to read the books before attending. They are available at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton, and Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

• **News at Noon from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at Hageman Library.**

With the Indiana primary over, sights are set on November. Attendees will receive a list of laws enacted in the Indiana legislature from January through March.

• **Free movie showing, "Ride Along," at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The movie is rated PG-13.

• **The Nature Series continues at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at the Brown Mansion, 700 W. Porter Ave, Chesterton.**

Kris Livovich will discuss flower arranging. Refreshments will be served. No registration is necessary.

• **The Bits and Bytes series, "Introduction to Social Networking," from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library.**

Learn about facebook, twitter, Flickr, MySpace, Google Plus and other networking sites. The class is free, but registration is required. Visit or call the library to register at (219) 926-7696, Ext. 25, or visit <http://www.wpl.lib.in.us>, then click on the Bits and Bytes link.

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The first \$100 winner and Week One winner in the trout category was Bob Cline, Westville. His trout weighed in at 14.5 pounds. He caught the fish April 28 near Creek Ridge County Park.

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Each year, members dig up a variety of plants from their own gardens. Sales begin at \$2. Gardening books, magazines and homemade baked goods also will be available.

The sale is held rain or shine. The park is just north of the Chikaming Township Center. Visit www.rivervalleygardenclub for more information.

Polish-American Cultural Society

The Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City Chapter, meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at the former St. Mary's School, 321 W. 11th St.

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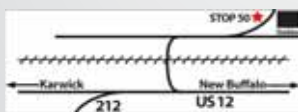
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Receiving awards at the May 8 Recognition of Service Excellence ceremony were: (seated, from left) Christine Wiegand, Sacha Burns, Becky Fischer, Theresa Edwards, Cary Garwood (Bethany Lutheran Church) and Dawn Zigler (Meridian Title). Standing are (from left) Rex Bailey, Kim Sauers, Dot Decker (representing Commissioner Dave Decker), Brett Binversie (Crawford's Pub & Eatery), Rick Soria and Tom Mize (Ivy Tech) and Larry Swiger (Old Lighthouse Museum). Not pictured are Shoreline Brewery & Restaurant, Herb Higgin, Alison Brodhacker and Ed Fay.

The winners were:

- Best Fest Award – Shoreline Brewery's Red, White and Brew Fest.
- Employee of the Year – Crawford's Pub & Eatery staff.
- Green Award – Sacha Burns.
- Landmark Award – Old Lighthouse Museum.
- La Porte County Achievement Award – Christine Wiegand and Meridian Title Corp.
- Lemonade Award – Ivy Tech Community College, Pejic Campus.
- Putting La Porte County on the Map – Bethany Lutheran Church.
- Outstanding Elected Official Award – Commissioner Dave Decker.
- Professional of the Year – Ed Fay.
- Quality of Life/Quality of Place Award – Herb Higgin.
- Shining Star Award – Alison Brodhacker.
- Team Effort Award – Crawford's Pub & Eatery.
- Unsung Hero Award – Kim Sauers, Dr. Rex Bailey and Fischer Farm.
- Volunteer of the Year Award – Sophie Koss.



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Lubeznik Center Summer Classes

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., has announced its slate of summer classes.

Some of the new visual art offerings include:

- Art Appreciation, taught by Gregg Hertzlieb, Valparaiso University Brauer Museum of Art curator, who will help students gain a better understanding and appreciation for modern and contemporary art.
- Abstract Painting, taught by Michael Bill Smith, the artist in the center's upcoming "Ignorance With Wings" exhibit. He will introduce students to the various methodologies of Abstract Art.

Two new photography classes are taught by Natalie Mills, the center's gallery assistant and a recent Indiana University-South Bend photography graduate. "iPhoneography" will cover smart phone photography basics, including editing, sharing, storing and ordering photographs. In "Adult Photography," students learn photography terminology and techniques using either a digital camera, point and shoot or a digital single-lens reflex camera.

Workshops include:

- Fused Glass 1, taught by Twyla Butler. Students learn the fundamentals of glass fusing while creating a coaster and jewelry pieces.
- Sandcastle Writers. The eight-session workshop, taught by Jo Pilecki, uses the Amherst Writers and Artists method while focusing on in-class writing, sharing (if the writer chooses) and positive feedback in a supportive environment.
- "Mad Hatting & High Tea" with Amanda Joyner. Students create a fascinator or top hat while enjoying tea and treats
- "Masters & Merlot" with Dori Huber, who will reveal where students can enjoy wine and socialize as they create beach scene paintings.

Summer camps include "Culture Club Camp," which introduces students 7 to 13 to a variety of art, crafts, music and foods from different cultures. In "Famous Artists Camp," students 7 to 13 investigate the works of well-known artists and create their own pieces.

Other classes for young artists include:

- Cartooning & Manga 1 for ages 11-17, taught by Bill Cavalier. Students learn the ways of Manga and other cartooning forms using old-school method.
- Cartooning & Manga 2 for ages 11-17. Students practice advanced drawing, inking and lettering techniques, along with developing characters, settings and storylines.
- Drawing for Teens, taught by Valerie Taglieri, teaches techniques of various skill-levels.
- Pop-Up Art for ages 10-15, taught by Nani Murphy, a three-day workshop where students learn the basic mechanisms for pop-up structures and how to make them from simple original drawings. Visit lubeznikcenter.org for more information.

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Historical Society Museum Releases April Figures

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

Visitors came from 21 counties, 11 states, Germany and the United Kingdom.

With April being Innovation Month, an exhibit highlighting Capt. Bill Eddy of Michigan City was on display. "Diners & Drive-ins: Hometown Memories" remains on display through the end of May, as are Historical Structures Photo Contest entries.

April donations included:

- Bowling pin from La Porte Civic Auditorium Bowling Alley, 100th anniversary commemorative Sacred Heart Church book, Judy Harenza.
- Record album of La Porte High School a capella and swing choirs from 1970, Jerry Orcutt.
- Mosaic enamel inkwell, painting and photograph of John Utley, handmade pioneer costume, Boy Scout uniform, Victorian mirror, pastel drawing of Annie Utley by local artist, needlepoint, 1920s cookie jar, portrait and letter to John Utley from Groucho Marx, man's felt hat, walking stick, Strategic Air Command helmet, all from the estate of John and Mary Utley, Carol Bronicki.
- World War I binoculars, LPHS swing choir scrapbook, Blankshein family scrapbook, hat pins that belonged to Lola Vawter, miniature figurines, jewelry box, silver spoons, Julie Blankshein Hilbish.
- Ice pick, advertising memorabilia, 1980 Rebekah rollbook, record album by Edsel Wheeler, Mary E. Butts.
- Display case of World War II medals and other items from Rolling Prairie Veterans of Foreign Wars that belonged to Edward "Bud" Engel, Richard Mrozinski.
- Items from Felton's Dairy of La Porte, William Hedge.
- Velvet hat, Phyllis Nichols.

- 1920s aprons, girls' dresses, two dolls that belonged to Nancy Dipert, Darla Dipert,
- Baby bottles and accessories from Dr. Weinstock's office in Rolling Prairie, Vickie Troxell.
- Rumely Hotel bankruptcy ledger, Douglas Cassel.
- 1920s cookie cutters, David Mann.
- Morgan & Clapp pistol that belonged to gunsmith Charles Tisch, hammer, volunteer pins, Andy Tisch.
- Cordial glasses circa 1950, Kathy Petrie.
- Miscellaneous files and photos from The News-Dispatch, William Hackney.
- Archival information, Carolyn Hunt, Barbara Szabo.
- Society of Indiana Pioneers Yearbook, Fern Eddy Schultz.
- Books and items for the sale table, Jean Chlupacek, Gene Burns, Cathy Petrie and Andy Tisch.



One of the April donations was a Victorian mirror from the estate of John and Mary Utley that is now hanging in the museum's Victorian Parlor.

A "Fabulous 50's Variety Show" is May 31, a Civil War re-enactment is June 21-22, an "Old Car Show" is July 26 and Memorial Gardens and Family Fun Day is in August.

The Historical Society's collection of woven coverlets will be displayed the entire summer.

The Belle Gunness display has been moved.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tues-Sat. Call (219) 324-6767 for admission fees. Children 12 and younger are free. Visit www.laportecountyhistory.org for more information.

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Genesius Guild Regional Premiere

The Genesius Guild of First United Methodist Church of Hammond will present the regional premiere of a new work, "Jellofish," through Sunday, May 18.

The play, written by Valparaiso resident and guild member Jim Henry, follows three World War II veterans who have been playing a monthly poker game since 1945. The game not only is tradition, but also a means of chronicling the lives and relationships of the players. They've been dragging 5 percent from every pot for more than 50 years, and it's grown to a sizable fortune. Who will survive the game of wits and be the heir presumptive to the fortune?

The production features Don Taylor, Hammond, Jerry Golvidis, Schererville, and Mike Johnson, Whiting, as the poker players, and Donna Kuhn, Schererville, as the nurse caring for them.

"Jellofish" was selected as one of the winning productions of last year's inaugural American Association of Community Theatre NewPlayFest playwriting competition, and recently received its world premiere at the Phoenix Stage Co. in Naugatuck, Conn.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church of Hammond, 6635 Hohman Ave. Tickets are available at the door or by calling the box office at (877) 724-7715. The cost is \$12 per person, or \$10 for seniors and students high-school age and younger. Discounts of \$1 per ticket are available for groups of 15 or more.

On Sunday, May 18, the Rev. Shannon Stringer of First United Methodist will discuss memories, grief and loss in relation to the play.

Taste of Valparaiso

Tri Kappa will host its annual Taste of Valparaiso from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the Porter County Expo Center and Fairgrounds, 215 Division Road, Valparaiso.

The event will feature signature dishes from about 40 local restaurants. Almost 1,000 attendees are expected to sample local fare while listening to music by the Valparaiso High School orchestra. There also will be a raffle and silent auction.

Tickets for open seating are \$30 in advance and can be purchased with cash or check from any Tri Kappa member, or purchased at: Seasons on the Square, Tudor Floors Carpet One or Town & Country Supermarket in Valparaiso. Tickets at the door are \$40. Due to space limitations and large crowds, strollers are not allowed. Children old enough to walk require a full price ticket.

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Deep River Grinders

The Deep River Grinders will face off against the Vintage BB Club of Elkhart County at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at Deep River County Park.

The teams play baseball according to the original rules of 1858, where the striker is out if the ball is caught on the fly or on one bound, fair or foul. There are no called strikes, and a foul ball does not count as a strike. The rover/shortstop may play anywhere on the field.

The game is free. Families can take lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Games are played on Grind-er Field across the river from the Grist Mill.

Deep River County Park is located at 9410 Old Lincoln Highway, Hobart.

Historical Society Spring Dinner

Duneland Historical Society will have its spring dinner for members and guests only at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

The regular monthly program, which is free and open to the public, is at 7:30 p.m. Members Nancy Hokanson and Eva Hopkins will highlight what it was like to live in the area during the first decade of the 20th century.

Memberships will be available. Call (219) 983-9715 for additional information.

Library Membership Luncheon

La Porte County Public Library's membership luncheon is Tuesday, May 20, at Portofino Grill, 3233 N. Indiana 39, La Porte.

Registration is at 11:15 a.m., with the lunch and presentation at 11:30 a.m. Library staff will speak about library programs and information.

The cost is \$18 for chamber members and \$23 for non-members. Registration is encouraged by contacting the chamber at (219) 362-3178 or <http://business.lpchamber.com/events/>



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28th Annual Voyageur Rendezvous

The 28th Annual Voyageur Rendezvous 18th Century Fur-Trade Era Reenactment is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18, at Grand Kankakee Marsh County Park.

The family friendly event lets visitors meet Native Americans, French-Canadian voyageurs, British and French militia and early settlers. Interactive activities for children are planned. Visit the Children's Trading Post for more information.

Other activities include:

- Opening and closing ceremonies.
- Arrival of the voyageurs by canoe.
- Trade session with Native Americans.
- Storytelling.
- Tomahawk Throw.
- Fashion show.
- Hot food, cold sarsaparilla and other items.

Admission is \$3, while children 7 and younger are free. Grand Kankakee Marsh County Park is located at 21690 Range Line Road, Hebron. Visit www.lakecountyparks.com for more information.

Chamber Biz Expo

The Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce will present its Biz Expo, a business-to-business networking event, from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at Blue Chip Casino's Stardust Event Center.

The event is free and open to people who present their business card at the door. It affords the chance to connect with more than 40 businesses.

Door prizes, food, a cash bar and a live radio broadcast also are part of the event.

Call (219) 874-6221 or visit MichiganCityChamber.com for more information.

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“Bad Business” Exhibit

South Lake Artists Co-op will host “Bad Business,” a show of anti-corporate artwork by local artists, at Paul Henry’s Art Gallery, 416 Sibley St., Hammond.

An opening reception is from 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 17.

The reception will feature live music and collaborative artwork created live, which will be raffled off at the closing reception in July.

There also will be a fashion show with original designs made of recycled materials by the Home-School Art Club, as well as a talk by artist/activist Thomas Frank. Raffle tickets will be available at the Open Jam/Potluck held from 7 to 11 p.m. every Thursday at Paul Henry’s Art Gallery.

Call Rick at (708) 474-3023 or Jen at (219) 880-6379, as well as Dave at Paul Henry’s Art Gallery at (219) 678-5015, for more information. Additional information is available at facebook.com/groups/SLAC1

Cat Society Spring Yard Sale

Independent Cat Society, 4061 S. County Line Road, Westville, will have its spring yard sale on Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18.

Times are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18.

Donations are needed for the yard sale and can be brought to the shelter from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, May 16. No clothing or large furniture will be accepted. Other sale items during the weekend will include cat toys, mats, catnip and T-shirts. The 3 Old Cat Ladies Café will serve lunch and have homebaked goods for sale.

All proceeds benefit the non-profit, no-kill shelter. Call (219) 785-4936 for more information.

Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Bookmarks:** Khaled Hosseini’s “*And the Mountains Echoed*” and Malala Yousafzai’s “*I Am Malala*” at 2 p.m. Friday, May 16.

Patricia Klewer will review both books.

• **Two puppet shows at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17.**

The shows are: “The True Tale of Teddy and Trevor” and “A Perfect Princess.”

• **Documentary:** “*Under Our Skin: A Health Care Nightmare*” at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 22.

A tale of microbes, medicine and money, “Under Our Skin” exposes the hidden story of Lyme disease. The showing is sponsored by the La Porte County Health Department.

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

Social Media Marketing Workshop

The Purdue University-North Central Office of Graduate and Extended Learning will offer a non-credit Social Media Marketing Workshop Series from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursdays, May 22-June 26.

The series will cover the use of social-media platforms and strategies to meet professional business needs. Topics will include the use of facebook, LinkedIn, Google+, twitter, creating an editorial calendar, social-media trends and strategies.

The program will be led by Darlene McCarty Cohn, owner of D. Cohn Communications and former limited term lecturer at PNC. Participants receive a certificate of achievement after completing the series.

The \$165 series fee includes all books and materials. The registration deadline is 4 p.m. Friday, May 16. Special rates are available for PNC students, alumni and employees.

Visit <http://www.pnc.edu/gel/> or contact Cassandra Boehlke, Graduate and Extended Learning coordinator, at (219) 785-5748 or cboehlke@pnc.edu

Miller Garden Club Plant Sale

The Miller Garden Club will have its plant sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 17, at The Aquatorium in Marquette Park, 6918 Oak Ave.

Members sell vegetables, herbs and flowers started from seed or divided plants, along with other garden paraphernalia.

The club's mission is to improve and beautify the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary, promote knowledge of gardening, plants and the environment and help protect native trees and plants. It meets at 10 a.m. the third Saturday of the month March through October.



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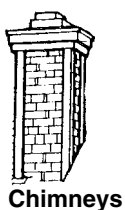
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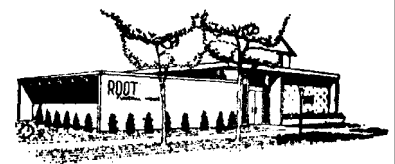
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More than 300 attendees witnessed 12 regional leaders honored for making an impact in their communities. The 12 were recognized as finalists, and five award winners were announced.



Marty Corley and Angela Nelson Deutch appear with their awards.

The two local residents honored were: Marty Corley, Michigan City Police Department narcotics detective, and Angela Nelson Deutch, NIPSCO public affairs manager.

www.leadershiplaportecounty.com for more info.

Park Department Updates

Michigan City Parks & Recreation has released the following updates:

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- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the City Hall Clerk's Office through Aug. 29 (except holidays).
- 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays through July 26 at the Port Authority Office in Washington Park

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- May 17 weekends only — 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- May 26 daily — 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- After Labor Day, weekends only — 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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- Weekdays — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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- The Washington Park Launch Ramp will be closed:*
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- July 19-20 — Soccer in the Sand Tournament.
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Event: Tina Sonderby
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Event: Kathie Mole
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**18 Hole League***May 6, 2014**Regular Golf***"A" Flight**

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Low Net: Nancy Thill
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Students of the Month



Michigan City High School's April Students of the Month and the nominating departments are: (first row, from left) Carlie Vittatoo (music); Allison Ormsby (art); Hanna Westphal (FACS); and Devin Higginbotham (math). The second row is: (from left) Kristen Thomas (English); Hannah McClintock (world languages); Zella Garron, teacher; and Makiyah Smallwood (physical education/health). The third row is: (from left) Rishi Verma (technical/vocational education); Ryan Bausback (science); Fila Bates (business); and Cody Friedrich (social studies). Not pictured are Jacob Williams (JROTC) and Marilyn Bahena (multi-discipline).



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May 15 — Potawatomi Audubon Society meeting, 6 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-6753, pennielombard@yahoo.com

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 16 — Opening reception, “Material Possessions” and “Ignorance With Wings,” 6-8 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: www.lubeznikcenter.org

May 16 — Metamorphosis Traveling Theatre cabaret show, “Too Darned Cole Porter,” 6:30 p.m., Barker Hall at Trinity Church, 600 Franklin Square. Tickets: \$35. Reservations: Barkerhall.com (PayPal available)/(219) 874-4355.

May 16-18, 23-25 — “Blithe Spirit,” La Porte Little Theatre Club, 218 A St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fri./Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$12. Reservations: (219) 362-5113.

May 16-19 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing*: “Rob the Mob,” inspired by a true story about small-time crooks trying to go straight. Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also*: “Particle Fever,” a documentary following six scientists during the launch of the Large Hadron Collider. Not rated. Times: 9 p.m. Fri., 3:15 and 9 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

May 17 — 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 17 — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

May 17 — Annunciation and Agia Paraskevy 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 — Cathy Richardson Band, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theatre, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$25. Reservations: (269) 756-3879, www.acorntheater.com

May 17 — “Rainbow Magic Fairy Party,” 3 p.m., La Porte County Public Library’s Coolspring branch, 7089 W. County Road 400 North, Michigan City.

May 17 — Free South Bend Comic Book Convention, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. EDT, Comfort Suites, 52933 U.S. 933 (Cleveland and U.S. 31), South Bend. Info: www.epguides.com/comics

May 17 — Sons of Norway Scandiana Lodge celebration, 6 p.m., Westchester Library Center, 100 W. Indiana St., Chesterton. Info: (219) 221-6641/(219) 324-2327.

May 17-18 — Footlight Players auditions, new adaptation of “Julius Caesar,” Footlight Theatre,

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May 17-18 — Spring Artisan Market, Journeyman Distillery, 109 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Times: noon-7 p.m. EDT Sat./noon-5 p.m. EDT Sun. Info: www.journeymandistillery.com

May 18 — "A Special Afternoon of Chamber Music," 3-5 p.m., Bankoff family home, 307 Kenwood Place, Michigan City. Tickets: \$100. Limited seating. Info: elizabethbernel@hotmail.com/(219) 363-6563, judyjacobi@comcast.net/(219) 873-4560.

May 18 — Opening reception, Winners Art Exhibition, 2-4 p.m., The Presbyterian Church of La Porte, 307 Kingsbury Ave. Info: (219) 362-6219, www.LaPortePresbyterianFineArts.org

May 18 — "Move Beyond What's Holding You Back" with author Catherine Lenard, 1-3 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theatre, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Free-will offering. Info: www.acorntheater.com

May 20 — La Porte County Public Library membership luncheon, Portofino Grill, 3233 N. Indiana 39. Registration: 11:15 a.m. Lunch and presentation: 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$18/chamber members, \$23/non-members. Registration: (219) 362-3178, <http://business.lpchamber.com/events/>

May 20 — Open Mic with host band Slave Revolt, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theatre, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. No cover charge. Info: (269) 756-3879, www.acorntheater.com

May 22 — Documentary: "Under Our Skin: A Health Care Nightmare," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

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

Farther Afield:

May 16-18 — "Jellofish," The Genesius Guild of First United Methodist Church of Hammond, 635 Hohman Ave. Times: 8 p.m. Fri./Sat., 3 p.m. Sun. Tickets/costs/reservations: (877) 724-7715.

May 17 — Father/daughter music duo San and Emily Slomovits, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10/general admission, \$8/students and seniors, free/children 12 and younger. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688, info@boxfactoryforthearts.org, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

May 17 — Miller Garden Club plant sale, 9 a.m.-noon, The Aquatorium in Marquette Park, 6918 Oak Ave., Gary, IN

May 17 — River Valley Garden Club annual plant sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. EDT, Harbert Community Park, 13300 Red Arrow Highway. Info: www.rivervalleygardenclub

May 17-18 — 28th Annual Voyageur Rendezvous 18th Century Fur-Trade Era Reenactment, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Grand Kankakee Marsh County Park, 21690 Range Line Road, Hebron. Cost: \$3/ free for children 7 and younger. Info: www.lakecountyparks.com



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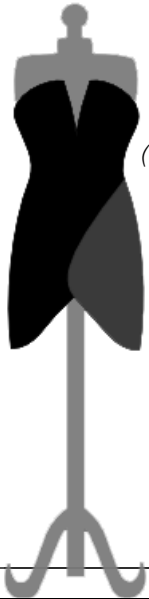
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On May 15, 1868, the Senate failed by one vote to impeach President Andrew Johnson on one of eleven articles of impeachment against him.

On May 15, 1911, the United States Supreme Court ordered the breakup of giant Standard Oil, finding them to be in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act.

On May 15, 1918, the first United States airmail route, serving New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, was inaugurated.

On May 15, 1924, Congress passed a bill instituting immigration quotas based on nationality.

On May 15, 1940, in New York City, nylon stockings first went on sale in the city's stores. Women bought up 4 million pair in the first few hours, and the Japanese silk industry went into a permanent tailspin.

On May 15, 1997, space shuttle *Atlantis* blasted off on a mission to deliver urgently needed repair equipment and a fresh American astronaut to Russia's orbiting *Mir* station.

On May 16, 1866, Congress authorized the Treasury Department to manufacture and circulate the first 5-cent piece. Referred to as the "nickel," it contained 25 percent nickel and 75 percent copper.

On May 16, 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized in Rome.

On May 16, 1929, the Academy Awards were given out for the first time. *Wings* won the award for the best movie, Emil Jennings for best actor, and Janet Gaynor for best actress.

On May 16, 1990, Jim Henson, creator of "The Muppets," died at the age of 53.

On May 16, 1991, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the U.S. Congress.

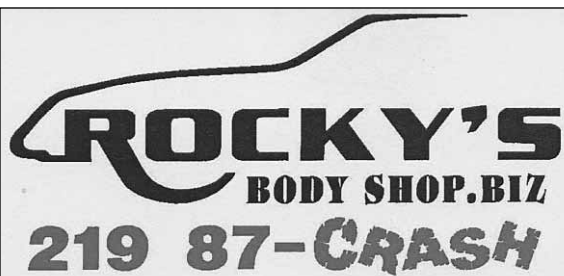
On May 16, 1997, President Bill Clinton publicly apologized for the notorious Tuskegee experiment, in which government scientists deliberately allowed black men to weaken and die of treatable syphilis.

On May 17, 1944, after one of the longest and bloodiest battles of World War II, Allied forces succeeded in capturing the Italian city of Cassino.

On May 17, 1954, the United States Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional.

On May 17, 1973, a special Senate committee opened the Watergate hearings.

On May 17, 1996, President Bill Clinton signed a measure, which became better known as Megan's



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On May 17, 1998, NY Yankees pitcher David Wells became the 13th player in modern major league baseball history to throw a perfect game as he retired all 27 batters he faced in a 4-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

On May 18, 1852, Massachusetts became the first state to make school attendance mandatory for children between the ages of 8 and 14 years old.

On May 18, 1910, Halley's comet disappeared from earthly view as it moved across the face of the sun.

On May 18, 1969, astronauts Eugene Cernan, Thomas Stafford, and John Young, aboard *Apollo 10*, blasted off for the first lunar module orbit of the moon.

On May 18, 1980, the biggest eruption in 123 years took place on Washington's Mt. Helens. The blast took 1,300 feet off the top of the mountain, leaving at least 57 dead or missing. Ash from the explosion traveled completely around the world.

On May 18, 2003, "Les Miserables" closed on Broadway after more than 16 years and 6,680 performances.

On May 19, 1536, England's Queen Anne Boleyn, second of King Henry VIII's many wives, and mother of Queen Elizabeth I, was beheaded after being convicted of the crime of adultery.

On May 19, 1962, during a Democratic fundraiser in New York actress Marilyn Monroe performed a sultry rendition of "Happy Birthday" for President John F. Kennedy.

On May 19, 1992, Vice President Dan Quayle criticized the CBS sitcom "Murphy Brown" for having its title character decide to bear a child out of wedlock.

On May 19, 1999, the much anticipated movie prequel "Star Wars: Episode One – The Phantom Menace" opened.

On May 20, 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland for Ireland, becoming the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

On May 21, 1852, the first train on the Michigan Central Railroad arrived in Chicago.

On May 21, 1919, the United States House of Representatives passed a proposed constitutional amendment which would give women the right to vote.

On May 21, 1927, Charles Lindberg landed his plane (*The Spirit of St. Louis*) outside Paris, completing the first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. He had been in the air for 33-1/2 hours, and had covered a distance of 3,600 miles.

On May 21, 1959, the musical "Gypsy" opened on Broadway.

On May 21, 1999, Susan Lucci won a Daytime Emmy Award for Best Actress on her 19th try.

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The Michigan City High School Symphonic Band.

The Michigan City High School Treble Chorale, City Singers and Concert Choir traveled April 24 to Elkhart Memorial High School to compete in the Indiana State School Music Association Organizational Contest.

The Treble Chorale received a silver rating in Division II, the Concert Choir received a gold rating, with a gold in sight reading, in Division II and City Singers received a gold rating in Division I.

Each group was required to perform three pieces for a panel of three judges, then sight read a piece before a judge.

Also, the MCHS Symphonic Band received a gold rating in Group II.

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Reservations are being accepted for the trip to Majestic Casino on Thursday, June 5.

The \$20 cost includes a \$10 voucher and buffet luncheon. The deadline is Thursday, May 22. Call (219) 872-2635 for reservations or more information.

La Porte County Parks



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

Pet Fest in the Park

Vendors are sought for the annual event — co-sponsored by The La Porte County Small Animal Shelter — from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Luhr County Park.

The festival, held rain or shine, includes demonstrations, a costume contest, obedience tips, pet adoptions and animal photography.

Stroller, Baby and You

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

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte. Dates are: May 19, June 2, 16 and 30, July 7 and 28, Aug. 11 and 25, and Sept. 15 Call at least one week in advance to sign up.

Senior Lifestyles

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

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

- June 4 — “Wellness Outreach” with Katie Sarver of The Crossing, La Porte.

- July 2 — Sleep disorders and their effects on your health with Mindi Whittacker of IU Health La Porte Hospital.

- Aug. 6 — Heart Disease Risk Factors: Know Your Numbers with Nancy Blossom, a registered nurse from IU Health.

Parent & Child Discovery Days

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

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

The lineup is:

- June 25 — Playtrail Adventure.
- July 16 — Woody the Woodpecker.
- July 30 — Fantastic Fishing.
- Aug. 6 — Bat Basics.
- Aug. 13 — Natures Treasures.



Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Divorce Papers by Susan Rieger (hardcover, \$25 in bookstores and online)

WARNING: This book is not for everyone. Its subject matter and manner of presentation may not appeal to many readers.

Now that I have your undivided attention, let me explain.

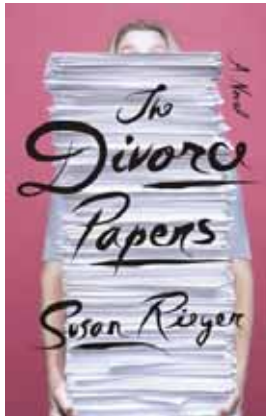
As the title suggests, the subject matter is the dissolution of a marriage. It's the epistolary style of its writing that it is entirely unique. The divorce of Daniel and Mia Durkheim is told completely through memos, letters, emails and legal papers — all flying through U.S. mail and cyberspace — and it is thoroughly fascinating.

There is just as much humor here as heartache. What an interesting way to follow the life and death of a marriage, as well as the lawyer handling the case.

Sophie Diehl works for the firm Traynor Hand Wyzanski in a fictional New England state. She has been a criminal lawyer at the firm for all of 1-1/2 years when, as 1999 begins, she is sent a memo from her boss, David Greaves, to handle an intake interview for a new client, Mia Durkheim, on her divorce. Divorce? Sophie only handles criminal cases, and she prefers them. After all, those clients are behind bars and require little face-to-face contact.

No one else is available. Fiona, the usual divorce lawyer, is out of town, Felix will be in court and David is closing on another case. End of discussion. After meeting Mia, Sophie feels better. After all, Fiona will be coming back and taking over, right? Wrong. Mia is taken with Sophie's competence and requests her to stay on the case. When Fiona comes back and discovers the daughter of one of the firm's most important clients has been handed over to Sophie, well, a memo explains to Sophie just what Fiona thinks of that. Remember. You are gathering all this information through letters and memos.

As the year progresses, Sophie gets to know more about the successful Dr. Daniel Durkheim, his wife, Mia, and their 10-year-old daughter, Jane, through correspondences sent between the spouses and forwarded to her by Mia, as well as letters reflecting



conversations held face-to-face by Sophie with Mia. We see how the upper middle-class couple and their various stocks, bonds, properties and money quickly cause an escalation in tension and a flurry of more memos, letters and counter offers.

Then, there is Sophie. She has a life, too. Correspondence between her and her best friend, Maggie, show another side of Sophie, the woman she is outside of the office. This divorce case brings up memories and issues of her own parents' divorce and her current feelings about them. Then, there is her lack of a boyfriend. Maybe she is avoid-

ing commitment?

When does love turn into a competition to bury each other in humiliation and endless arguments about possessions? Hard to tell. As the Greek poet Anacreon said, "*I both love and do not love, and am mad and am not mad.*" Makes sense in its own crazy way, don't you think?

There also are heartbreaking letters from Jane Durkheim to her grandfather, a young girl looking for answers from the one person who's not yelling all the time.

No matter the reasons for love to sour, it will all boil down to the divorce papers.

The author's clever style makes for an entertaining and almost voyeuristic look into the window of a marriage gone awry and the effect it has on everyone involved. I was thoroughly mesmerized by the style and story.

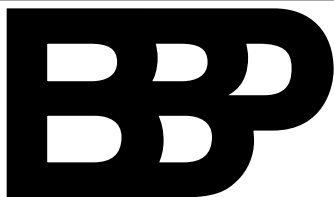
It's no surprise that Susan Rieger is a Columbia Law School graduate who has worked as a residential college dean at Yale and an associate provost at Columbia. She has taught law at both schools and written about the law for various publications. This is her first novel.

Kirkus Reviews gave a starred review and said: "A brutally comic chronicle of high-end divorce...Extremely clever."

Publishers Weekly also gave a starred review and said: "Rieger's tone, textured structure, and lively voice make this debut a winner."

A winner, indeed!

Till next time, happy reading!



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