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ADVENTURES IN LEGOLAND DAY AT DISCOVERY CENTER AWE INSPIRING

by Andrew Tallackson



Will sits with the Lego statue of an exhausted grandfather collapsed on a bench.

This is the story of a mother, her two children and their adventures in Legoland. One of her boys is 7, a first-grader fascinated by everything miniature. The other is 43, a man-child who drools at the sight of anything "Star Wars."

In the end, the mother comes out victorious in ways the boys never saw coming.

The mother in question is my wife, Alice, an elementary school teacher who suggested back in January that 2014 be the year we put serious elbow grease into our home. Instead of planning major getaways, she suggested we could save money by arranging mini-vacations: weekend trips to nearby attractions.

The idea of visiting Legoland in Schaumburg, Ill., stemmed from Beacher colleague Steve Galinowski, who one afternoon shared with all of us how much he enjoyed the experience with his grandson. Alice and I have a 7-year-old son, Will, who has his share of Legos. Better yet, miniatures practically hypnotize him. The Otto Giese



Miniland Chicago features the Chicago Theatre, complete with a sign welcoming talk-show host Ellen Degeneres to town.

Miniature Church Display at La Porte County Historical Society Museum? Nose pressed against the glass time for Will. The Railway Garden at Valparaiso's Taltree Arboretum & Gardens? So giddy with joy, he's hopping up and down. I suspect the fascination for him rests in witnessing up close, and in miniature, images he's encountered only through books, TV and movies.

The more Alice and I thought about it, the more Legoland sounded perfect. We chose spring break back in April as the time for our adventure. We drove to Schaumburg that Sunday night and stayed at a hotel, the idea being we wouldn't have to get up at the crack of dawn Monday morning to arrive at Legoland when it opened.

Will was so excited, he was up until 10 p.m. Sunday, when sleep finally took hold and all the gibber-jabbering tapered off into silence. Despite the lack of adequate rest, he showed no lethargy the next morning as we pulled into the parking lot in front of Legoland, which is in the same area as the endless metropolis that is Woodfield Mall. One sight of the two-story tall Lego giraffe Le-La, and Will was out of the car once it came to a stop.



Le-La the giraffe welcomes visitors to LegoLand.
Will can be seen to the bottom right of it.

The spectacle of it, indeed, made you feel like a kid again. The giraffe's sprawling legs hovered above the building's entrance. The creature's heart-shaped glasses, its dark-red lips, puckered as if ready to plant a big smooch on those who entered, seemed to beckon to me, as if to say, "Come in. Please. Forget about being an adult for a few hours. Be a kid again."

Le-La the giraffe set the tone for the Legoland experience. It is the unfathomable intricacy of Legos themselves, the countless individual elements

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pieced together, the amount of time applied to achieve one single creation, that inspire a genuine sense of awe.

Upon stepping through its doors, Legoland also became a lesson in sensory overload. Creativity and imagination abound at every turn. The colors pop out at you. Sound is a key element in the journey. You don't know where to look first, nor can you stop looking.

In the entryway, you're greeted by a Lego train conductor in mid-salute. There's also an exhausted grandpa — complete with tacky shirt, brown sandals and oversized black dress socks — taking a snooze on a bench. You're also greeted by a Lego recreation of Albert Einstein, who just so happens to be sticking out his tongue.



Navy Pier is recreated in all its glory.



Will observes with quiet reverence the Miniland Chicago display.

Each family receives a lanyard that serves as an activity pack with puzzles to complete and stamps to collect. Then, they're sent on their ways.

One sight of Miniland Chicago, though, and nothing else mattered for Will. He was transfixed, slowly walking back and forth to absorb the details, caressing the Plexiglass divide, as if in gentle reverence, that separated him from nearly two million Lego bricks used to create Chicago landmarks such as Willis Tower, Navy Pier, Buckingham Fountain, Wrigley Field, Millennium Park and the Chicago Theatre. Seeing Miniland Chicago through Will's eyes, with that childlike sense of wonder, rubbed off on Alice and me. The desire to move on waned as we tried to uncover as

many landmarks as possible.

Eventually, though, we made our way to the next attraction: Jungle Expedition. If the lighting of Miniland Chicago alternated between soft blues and bright whites, then the Jungle Expedition revealed in greens and browns. We were greeted by everything from tigers and hippos to monkeys and spiders, even Indiana Jones himself holding the golden idol from "Raiders of the Lost Ark." That was the draw for me. Everything about "Indy," from his hat, to his whip, to the way he held the idol, was precisely how it should be. Having not seen any of the "Indiana Jones" pictures yet, Will was none too impressed, tugging on my shirt, pleading with me to keep moving. I stood my ground...until we both heard Alice utter, "Uh oh, Will. This is it. This is what Daddy's been waiting for. You're



Buckingham Fountain, bathed in blue lights, has a haunting quality to it.

gonna have to cut him some slack.”

Miniland “Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope.”

That George Lucas film ties with “Jaws” for me as the holy grail of childhood movie experiences. It captured my imagination like no other, catapulting me into extraordinary worlds of heroes and villains, robots and monsters and, most importantly, good, old-fashioned heroism. To this day, whenever watching “Star Wars,” “The Empire Strikes Back” or “Return of the Jedi,” I am young again, caught up not only by the visual eye candy, but the ongoing family saga that unravels with each picture.

Two years ago, I attempted a father-son bonding experience by showing Will — then 5 — “Episode IV: A New Hope.” Within 30 minutes, he was bored and asked to watch the second “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” movie instead. Prepared to disown the child as unworthy of the Tallackson name, Alice suggested I chill and try again a year or two later. In all fairness, she was right. Kids these days are weaned on the ADHD pacing of the “Transformers” trilogy.

But something happened that morning at Legoland. My son witnessed what brought me joy when I was his age. Like Will in Miniland Chicago, I gaped at the room’s centerpiece: a recreation of Mos Eisley, the spaceport described by Obi-Wan Kenobi as a “wretched hive of scum and villainy.” You’re treated to Obi-Wan with Luke Skywalker and robots R2-D2

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Scenes recreated from the Mos Eisley spaceport are the centerpiece of the Legoland “Star Wars” display.



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and C3-PO viewing the spaceport from a towering cliff, along with the Cantina where Luke and Obi-Wan encounter one monstrous space pirate after another, Luke's childhood home and the showpiece: Han Solo's Millennium Falcon just as stormtroopers arrive, ready to attack.

Mos Eisley is surrounded by life-sized Lego statues of R2-D2 and Darth Vader, as well as a recreation of the sinister Death Star.

I could have stayed in that room for hours. Everything around me ceased to exist...until Will arrived by my side.

"Daddy, could we watch 'Star Wars' tonight?," he asked.

"Are you sure?," I replied. "Last time, you thought it was boring."

"Well," he said, "I was a lot younger then. I'm a lot older now. I bet I'd like it."

Typical 7-year-old precociousness from Will. I smiled, slinging my arm around his shoulders and said, "OK. Let's go."



Will with R2-D2.

Next up was the Kingdom Quest Laser Ride. Seated in a dragon car, you use a laser zapper firing away at skeletons and trolls. A camera snaps a photo of you near the ride's end and can be purchased on the second floor. Our picture looked like one of those selfies you hesitate posting on facebook because everyone looks dazed and confused. We passed on buying the picture and ventured upstairs.

That second phase of Legoland is divided into several sections, including:

- The Technicycle, a bike ride where the faster you pedal, the more the chair you're seated in remains high above the ground.

- The Build and Test Zone, where kids build Legos from thousands of bricks and wheels, then race their creations down a ramp.
- Duplo Village, where little tykes can play with larger Lego bricks.
- Lego 4-D Cinema.
- Lego Factory Tour, where visitors learn how the colorful little bricks are made.

First on Will's wish list was the Technicycle, but midway through the experience, I could see him eying the countless youngsters busily assembling Lego cars and trucks. The instant the ride came to an end, he was out of the chair and amid a sea of children hunched over their creations at rectangular tables.



One Lego piece resembles Albert Einstein sticking out his tongue.

It was then I started to feel "it," and by "it" I mean weary. Every parent knows what I'm talking about. It doesn't matter where — Great America, Disneyland, Cedar Point — but after about two or three hours, your body has begun its protest. It craves a breather.

As I collapsed into a chair near Alice, who was quietly observing Will at work, I surveyed the haggard collection of adults in the room. One mom was fast asleep, her head resting against the stroller where her toddler peacefully drank from a sippy cup. In the Duplo section, a mother sat on a bright blue mat, her young son playing between her legs, her head slumped downward. A father, next to his son at a Lego assembly table, was fighting sleep as well, his eyes barely open.



Alice works with Will to create a Lego car.

It was then Will stopped tinkering with his Legos and said, "I have to go to the bathroom." Alice shot me a look that said, "Your turn. I'm exhausted." Will clasped my hand and we headed to the restrooms. Once inside, he headed into one of the stalls. I propped myself against the wall and, without realizing it, slipped into a near catatonic state.

How long the catnap lasted, I have no clue, but I was awoken by Will, who was violently shaking my arm and shouting, "Daddy, tell me that's not you. Please, Daddy."

"What are you talking about?," I replied, groggy.

Then, I heard it. It was, well, the sound of someone with considerable intestinal woes.

"Who did that?," Will inquired. "Was that you?"

"No, Will, for the second time, it was not me."

Then came the sound of uncontrollable laughter. We arrived at the sinks to wash our hands and came upon a boy no older than 3, with blond, moptop hair, rolling around on the floor with laughter. His father stood with his back to the wall, smiling and shaking his head from side to side as if slightly embarrassed. He saw me and pointed to the ceiling. There were speakers above. Every time someone turned on the faucet or grabbed a paper towel, the noise blasted from the speakers.

"Ahhh," Will said, nodding with the thoughtfulness of someone who just solved an algebraic equation. "It's fake." He then joined the 3-year-old in laughing himself silly.

And so, Legoland proved it not only caters to the mind and imagination, but to the toilet humor no youngster can resist.

From there, Legoland — honestly — was a blur. Nowhere near powered up by the restroom catnap, my feet began to drag. Alice was feeling it too...or so it seemed. We entered the 4-D cinema to experience the 11-minute "Legends of Chima," which incorporate 3-D elements with old-school moviegoing

experiences William Castle experimented with in the 1950s through movies like "The Tingler." When it rained in a scene, light drops of water cascaded down from the ceiling. When a skunk character emitted its spray, the entire theater smelled like skunk. Each time the 4-D experience added another dimension to the experience, children squealed with delight.

As we exited the theater, Alice took Will aside and said, "OK, one more thing and it's time to go." We headed to the Lego Factory Tour that, with tubes, conveyor belts and loud noises, had a charming, Willy Wonka-like quality.

From there, we headed downstairs where — wait for it — the tour ended at the gift shop. Every attraction these days is designed to squeeze one more dollar out of the pocketbooks of parents. Mercifully, Will finally showed signs of wear and tear. He was ready to go. We escaped the gift shop having spent only \$12 on three key chains: one for each of us. Alice picked out Wonder Woman. Will chose a Chima character. I selected Darth Vader.

As we exited Legoland, Le-La the giraffe bidding us farewell, every bone in my body ached. Will was dragging his feet. Alice, strangely enough, had more kick in her step. The wheels were turning. It seemed as if the steady patience she'd displayed at Legoland was her bargaining chip for yet another adventure.

I pretended not to notice, collapsing in the driver's seat as Will buckled himself into his carseat.

"I wanna go home," Will said.

"Uh uh," Alice said. "We have one more stop."

She uttered one word. At first, it seemed I was hallucinating.

"Come again," I asked.

Alice smiled. She said the word again.

"You're kidding me, right?," I said.

"Nope. Buckle up, boys. We're going to IKEA."



Alice gets her wish: shopping time at IKEA.

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Memorials, Markers Celebrate Reason Behind Holiday

by William Halliar

Many people look forward to Memorial Day as the start of the summer season. Young folks dream of lazy days in the sun and taking a break from school work. Parents begin to think about summer vegetable gardens and vacations. Seniors might remember, with fondness, the summers of old, of ice-cream socials, picnics in Washington Park and strolls with sweethearts and friends down quiet, flower-lined paths or sandy beaches.

Memorial Day also is a day of remembrance and memorials, which its name implies. The tradition of Memorial Day, as we know it, has its roots during the American Civil War when the graves of Confederate and Union soldiers were decorated to honor their sacrifices to the ideals of freedom. The horrible war, with more than 600,000 dead, touched every home and heart in America.



The World War I memorial in Washington Park.

The day was originally called Decoration Day because graves and markers were decorated with flags and bunting. This tradition, which began early in the Civil War and continued through numerous national conflicts, was not officially declared Memorial Day until voted so by Congress in 1967.

Officially, Memorial Day was established to honor men and women who died in conflict, but in a

larger sense all who have served their country understood that by doing so, they were risking their lives and going in harm's way. Thus, all must be honored.

Michigan City's public spaces and cemeteries have their share of memorials and markers, attesting to the fact that our community understands the importance of remembering what brings us to this day as summer begins each year.

A thoughtful walk through Greenwood, Swan Lake or St. Stanislaus cemeteries on a warm spring morning, through rows of ancient weathered headstones, in the sections dedicated to our country's veterans, can evoke a note of pride and melancholy. One is touched by the feeling that "The mystic chords of memory, stretch from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land," as Abraham Lincoln once said. We are touched by the

*God of our fathers, known of old
Lord of our far-flung battle line
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet
Lest we forget — Lest we forget!*

Rudyard Kipling

memory as we are the recipients of the blessings of that sacrifice.

The price of freedom is not only eternal vigilance, but also sweat, tears, treasure and all-too often blood. This must never be forgotten.

"That from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain" (Gettysburg Address).

By remembering their sacrifices and living lives of thankfulness, and by celebrating the reason behind the day, we honor those who sacrificed for our freedom.



The Civil War memorial at the entryway to Washington Park.



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Left photo: A memorial at St. Stanislaus Cemetery.
Right photo: A memorial at
Swan Lake Memorial Gardens.
Photos above and below:
Memorials at Greenwood Cemetery.



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La Porte's first electric generator remains a popular attraction.

Hesston Steam Museum's 2014 operating season kicks off Memorial Day weekend with everything from train rides to a steam-powered sawmill.

At the non-profit museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, La Porte, trains depart from a replica 1900s-era depot. Families can ride trains ranging from miniature to full size.

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Museum activities are from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday through Monday, Memorial Day. Train fares are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12.



Trains depart from a replica 1900s-era depot.

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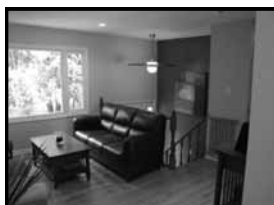
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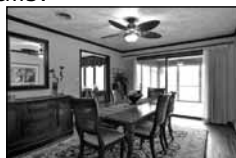
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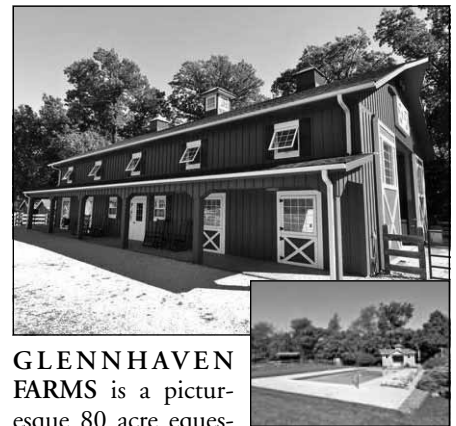
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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following events are planned through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Friday, May 23

• 8:30 p.m. — A Star Trek from the Bird Tower.

Stargaze from atop the new bird observation tower. Great views of Jupiter and Mars are expected. Take a blanket and flashlight. Climb the Trail 3 staircase to reach the top of the observation tower.

Saturday, May 24

• 10 a.m. — The 3 Dune Challenge.

Hikers are invited to join a naturalist for the first-time event. Everyone who completes the hike gets a free sticker and commemorative T-shirts. Learn more at 3dunechallenge.com, then join participants at the campground shelter by site 113. The event lasts just more than an hour.

• 1 p.m. — Hoosier Quest Pin Program.

Visit the Nature Center to learn how you and your family can earn special patches and pins — along with other prizes — in the state parks. The program lasts an hour to get participants started.

• 3 p.m. — Owl Puke 101.

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at the owls of Indiana Dunes. Afterward, dissect an owl pellet.

• 8 p.m. — Who Pooped in the Park.

Meet at the campground shelter by site 113 for a look at animals that live near the campground. Prizes will be awarded.

Sunday, May 25

• 9:30 a.m. — Wetland Warblers.

Meet at the Nature Center to explore the back dune swamp in search of any late May migrating birds still in the area, as well as breeding birds near the wetlands. Meet at the Nature Center. Take binoculars or borrow a pair.

• 1 p.m. — Hoosier Quest Pin Program.

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along with other prizes — in the state parks. The program lasts an hour to get participants started.

• 3 p.m. — Turtle Time.

Meet at the Nature Center Program Area outside to view turtles that call the Indiana Dunes home.

• 8 p.m. — Bat Chat!

Meet at the Nature Center Outdoor Program Area for an investigative look at the bats that call the Indiana Dunes home.

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day

• 10 a.m. — Puppy Parade.

Bring along pet dogs for a hike to the beach and back. Meet the naturalist at the campground gate to walk the new bike trail and return on the beach trail. Information about the state parks pet policy will be available.

• 1 p.m. — Hoosier Quest Pin Program.

Visit the Nature Center to learn how you and your family can earn special patches and pins — along with other prizes — in the state parks. The program lasts an hour to get participants started.

• 3 p.m. — Sand Crafts.

A naturalist leads a make-it/take-it program. Meet at the Nature Center front deck. Children 12 and younger must bring a parent.

Indiana Dunes State Park is at 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Call (219) 926-1390 for more information.

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Beginning in 1979, the museum provided a permanent display of works that yielded educational programs for the public and guided tours led by volunteer docents. The museum's collection now has about 6,300 pieces, along with an American currency collection of 4,000 coins.

More than 400 temporary exhibits have traveled to Michiana since the museum's inception. Other highlights include the annual observance of Youth Art and an exhibit of selected works from the Elkhart and now Elkhart County school systems.

The annual Elkhart Juried Regional art competition has awarded more than \$500,000. The museum also is an active member of the Arts & Entertainment District and the renaissance of downtown Elkhart known as Saving Our Main Assets.

The latest exhibit, "Gardens, Rivers & Lakes: The American Landscape of Leisure," includes 58 paintings, drawings, etchings and lithographs by 44 artists spanning 125 years that are represented in the permanent collection. It concludes Sunday, July 13.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. All times are Eastern. Admission is \$5 for adults and seniors and \$4 for students. Sunday is Free Family Day, with docents available to discuss exhibits. Visit www.MidwestMuseum.US or call (574) 293-6660 for more information.

Back in Black Adoption

Independent Cat Society, 4061 S. County Line Road, Westville, in partnership with Best Friends, is hosting a Back in Black adoption.

The no-kill shelter has black cats and kittens available to adopt for \$45 and a companion of any color for \$25. The promotion aims to increase the awareness and adoptions of black cats (and dogs). Pets in black often wait longer for homes, which is why Best Friends created the event.

Call (219) 785-4936 for more information.

K-8 Art Exhibit

Duneland School Corp. will present the K-8 art exhibit through Monday, May 26, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

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2221 Lakeshore Drive, Long Beach

The 2006 expansion and reconstruction of this home on Lakeshore Drive in Long Beach is special. The design of multiple levels provides privacy for guests and family with spacious gathering and entertainment areas. The master suite, living room, patios and rec room all take advantage of spectacular Lake Michigan views from the dune top location. The site also provides privacy hundreds of feet from sandy beaches, with dining, golf and shopping nearby...with a Masters in relaxation. Thoughtful amenities include a gourmet kitchen with Sub-Zero refrigerator, gas cooktop, stainless appliances and warming drawer. The granite island near butler's buffet or dry bar center the main level for casual dining or entertainment.



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17 Constitution Drive Michigan City

This well-kept townhome in Michigan City is convenient to Lake Michigan marinas, beaches, parks, Lighthouse Prime Outlet Mall, Blue Chip Casino Hotel and Spa, and a variety of dining choices. Congress Park is near Amtrak and South Shore RR to Chicago and South Bend. This unit has recent furnace and microwave. The floor plan is friendly to all ages, with a bedroom and full bath on the main floor and 2nd bedroom and loft room upstairs with another full bath. The unit features a screened porch on the main level and a deck off the loft upstairs. The community pool complex provides a common area for neighbors and friends to gather. Located in downtown Michigan City with walking access to restaurants, library, taverns, unique craft and artisan shops, city hall, and county offices. Lots of natural light with vaulted ceiling and palladian window in the living room. A gas log fireplace accents the living area.

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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

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

Participate in hands-on family activities in the park’s west end visitor center, especially the new outdoor Nature Play zone where unstructured play is encouraged. Follow the new extension trail through the rare oak savanna habitat to Lake Michigan’s shoreline. Inside the center, help feed the resident turtles and fish or make a free craft.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 additional information.

Excellence in Teaching Award

La Lumiere School has announced the fourth annual Excellence in Teaching Award.

Students from middle schools in Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan can nominate teachers for the award by writing an essay explaining how their teachers are innovative, dedicated and care for their students. The winning teacher will receive dinner and a movie for two each month during the school year. The student who submits the winning nomination also will be recognized.

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Michele Thompson received the Clem T. Otolski Business Person of the Year Award, in particular for giving back to the community.

Dan Kaminski of General Insurance Services Inc. was named 2013 Board Member of the Year. He serves on various chamber boards and supports the Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce.



Bobbi Petru receives her 2013 Ambassador of the Year Award from Mike Seitz, Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce president.

Bobbi Petru of the American Red Cross-La Porte County Chapter was named 2013 Ambassador of the Year. She serves as a chamber ambassador, has been with the La Porte County chapter since March 2003 and has been working with the Porter County chapter for the past two years as director of community chapters.

Hodge Patel, state director for U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly, was the keynote speaker.

Compost Site Open Most Saturdays

The La Porte County Solid Waste District's compost site at Westville Correctional Facility will be open most Saturdays in May and June to help gardeners prepare for the spring planting season.

The site on County Road 1100 West will be open from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturdays through June 28 (except June 7). Compost and mulch are available for \$11 per cubic yard at the site, which is open to residents and businesses. Regular business hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Visit solidwastedistrict.com or call site director Troy Taylor at (219) 363-8962 for more information.

Library Community Meeting

La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte, will have a community meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 29.

The public can provide input on the library's emerging direction in the communities it serves.

Another meeting is at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 12, at the main library. Call (219) 362-6156, Ext. 314, for more information.

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Reception for Permanent Exhibit

A grand-opening reception for the new permanent exhibit, "Westchester Township: Our Story," is at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Westchester Public Library opened the museum in 1998 as a free, cultural and educational service to celebrate and preserve the community's history. In 2005, it moved to its present location in the Brown Mansion, an 1885 Victorian house. Last year, the library board approved the proposal to remodel the mansion's exhibit space to create a more modern, visitor-friendly look and layout.

The new space was designed by Museum Curator Serena Sutliff with help from staff members Joan Costello, registrar, Eva Hopkins, researcher, and Susan Swarner, educator. Staff spent months writing and editing text, choosing images and objects and organizing the exhibit. Wall designs were created by the Grossbauer Group, Chesterton.

New elements of the exhibit include kid-friendly text delivered by the exhibit's new guide, "Little Eva," which will provide children and adults with local history.

State Sen. Karen Tallian and State Rep. Scott Pelath will attend, as well as county, township and town leaders. House tours are planned throughout the afternoon. Refreshments will be served.

The museum is open to the public from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday or by appointment. Call the museum at (219) 983-9715 for more information.

Sixth Annual SMSO Golf Outing

Registration is under way for Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra's sixth annual Golf Outing fundraiser on Monday, June 9.

The event is at Benton Harbor's Harbor Shores Golf Club, an 18-hole, public Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course.

The \$200 entry fee covers 18 holes of golf, a cart, post golf dinner and entertainment, as well as a \$65 tax-deductible donation to the SMSO.

Day-of registration starts at 1 p.m. EDT, with a shotgun start at 2 p.m. EDT. Dinner and awards begin at 6 p.m. EDT, followed by entertainment with The Fruit Flies folk-rock band. Golfers can participate in a four-person scramble, enter as a team (entrants can be placed on a team) or as individuals.

Dinner will be held at The Grille at Harbor Shores, where prizes and awards will be given, including longest drive, closest to the pin, 50/50 putting contest and mulligans. Non-golfers can join the dinner for \$50.

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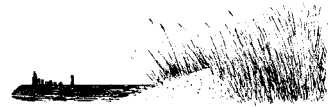
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Proceeds from the four-player scramble support 4-H youth programs in Berrien County. The 18-hole course is next to the St. Joseph River.

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m., followed by dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. All times are Eastern. Multiple contest prizes and door prizes will be awarded at the dinner.

The cost is \$95 per golfer or \$350 for a foursome, including dinner. Hole sponsorship, including dinner, is \$150. Those who don't golf, but want to attend the dinner pay \$30 per person.

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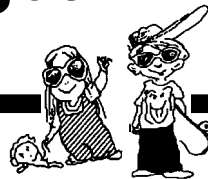
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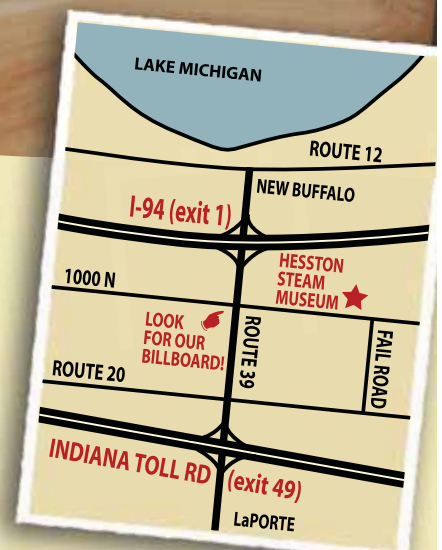
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 60 Degree Views from this 5 bedroom, 5 bath Lake Michigan beach house. Finishes include ceramic, hardwood, and carpet flooring. Granite, whirlpool baths, high-end appliances & mechanicals. Great gathering areas and media rooms plus two car garage. Enjoy all Beachwalk amenities.



11542 W. 50 N., LaPorte County
 3,000 square foot contemporary home. Gated drive to 5 bedroom, 3 bath home on 44 quiet acres of lawn framed by woodlands. Design accommodates few or many for hunter, farmer, horse lover, or naturalist. Close enough to 80/90/94 for convenience far enough away to hear the birds.



24 Tryon Farm Lane, Michigan City
 127 shared acres. Eco-friendly modern farm house dowsed in sunlight. 2 possibly 3 bedrooms with vaulted beamed ceilings. Baths on both levels and loft with balcony for work or play. Dine-in kitchen or greatroom with fireplace, screened porch. Parking and two car garage.



4 Shadow Trail, Michiana Shores
 Private Beach Club! Top product lines and finishes, wood floors oppose sunlight in 2 story entry and living room with fireplace. Kitchen cooks better and looks better with fireplace joins dining room to deck. Tree-top Master suite hides in a quiet corner. 2 bedrooms share hall bath. Media room, bath, laundry and two car garage.



3131 Lakeshore Drive, Duneland Beach
 Brick Ranch, 1/3 acre with Association access. Greatroom with HW floors, crown molding and fireplace. Kitchen, dining, living rooms have dazzling lake views. Sun-room leads to yard and play house. 2 of the 3 bedrooms at the West end boast lake views. Foyer connects residence, garage and basement, 4th BR, 3rd BA, and play area.



202 Lindenwood Drive, Shoreland Hills
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100 Upland, Sheridan Beach
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This year, Holets and his group served more than 100 clients from the community. The total only indicates those tax returns actually completed. According to Holets, each year some taxpayers do not meet the VITA criteria set forth by the IRS and are counseled and referred to other agencies.

New this year was added United Way support.

"David Sisk (manager of Community Investment for the La Porte County United Way) and his team were able to help improve our scheduling so we could more efficiently help clients..." said Cynthia Roberts, dean of the PNC College of Business.

Two Americorps students now serving with United Way — Mark Keen, Michigan City, and Alex Buchanan, Rolling Prairie — played key roles in coordinating the project. Planning has begun to increase services next year by soliciting help from volunteers in the accounting profession, as well as others from the community in more supportive roles.

"With help from AmeriCorps and the PNC students and faculty, the VITA program helps put money in people's pockets," Sisk said. "It does not charge fees for those who have earned less than \$52,000. That savings, plus the savings of not having to pay to cash their tax refund thanks to our collaborations with local banks and credit unions, helps improve the financial stability of these families."

Community Report Card

United Way of La Porte County is providing a new online tool that serves as a report card for La Porte County in the areas of education, financial stability and health.

The Community Report Card shows the percentage of change between 2009 and 2011 in La Porte County — trends that are better or worse — and the county's rank in 2011 compared with all other Indiana counties. An introductory page summarizes the county indicators.

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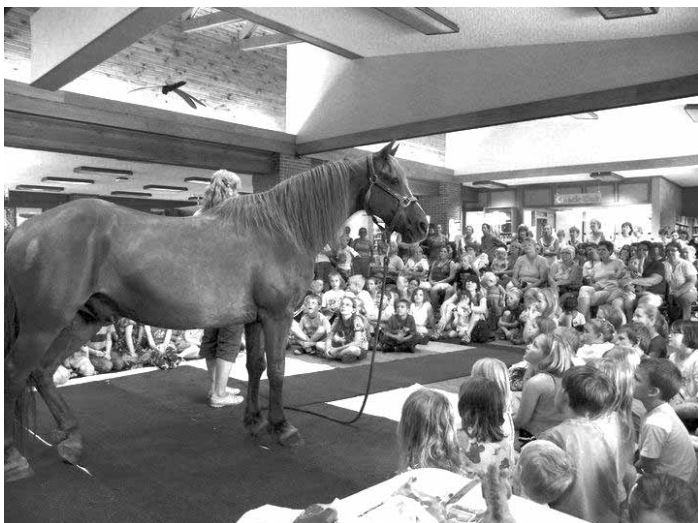
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Alternate Power Initiative's Race for the Future 2014 begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 31, in front of race headquarters at the Whiting/Robertsedale Chamber of Commerce building, 1417 119th St., Whiting, Ind.

This year, the challenge will pit a vehicle built by a Purdue University-North Central team against a machine designed and assembled by Purdue University-Calumet. Team Markovich will race its air-powered vehicle, and a street-legal hand-built motorcycle will run the course as well.

A new "Young Inventors" contest is being sponsored. Winners will be announced on race day. Posters and inventions created by local students will be displayed at race headquarters.

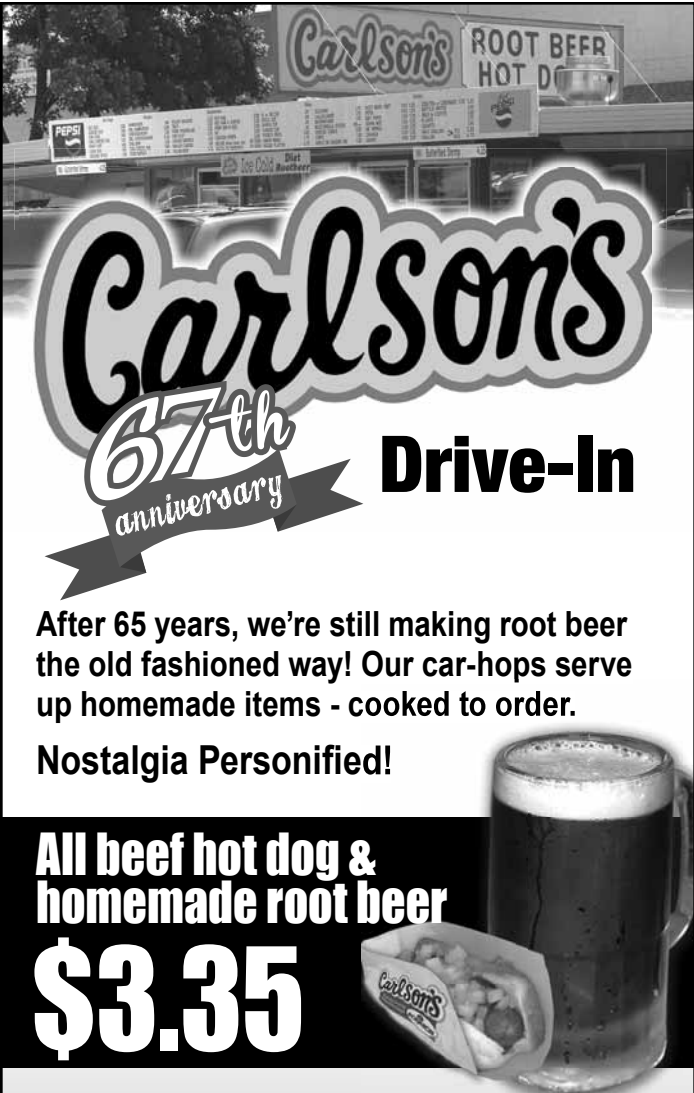
South Shore Clean Cities, a Crown Point-based organization dedicated to preserving and revitalizing northern Indiana by promoting clean fuels and clean-vehicle technologies, will have several vehicles on display in front of race headquarters. Representatives will explain the group's mission and new technologies being explored in the region.

A representative of "bricks 4 kidz" of Northwest Indiana will discuss new programs available for region children. These include junior and advanced robotics classes, as well as stop-motion animation using Lego bricks. Projects will be displayed, as well as bricks.

The Calumet Region Association of Inventors, a new organization that promotes creativity and invention in Northwest Indiana, will make its debut appearance.

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Nicole Pomeroy (pictured on the left) is a freshman at Michigan City High School. This was the fourth year in a row she has advanced to the fair. She was a senior division winner at the Northwest Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair.



Alex Pomeroy is a seventh-grader at Barker Middle School. This was her second year competing at the state level. She was a junior-division winner at the Northwest Indiana fair. At the state science fair, she received a U.S. Navy Award for Excellence — Honorable Mention in her age category.

The sisters are pictured with MCAS school board member Beth Pishkur.

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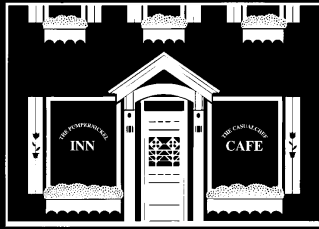
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Habitat Dedicates 48th Home

La Porte County Habitat for Humanity celebrated its 48th home during a dedication ceremony Sunday, May 4, at 216 Worden St., La Porte.

The new homeowners, the Brittany Collett family, thanked everyone who helped them reach their goal. The family performed more than 500 equity hours working on their home and others' homes as a requirement for becoming Habitat homeowners.

Joy Schmitt, La Porte County Habitat vice president, presented the family with a Bible during the dedication. Habitat board members, volunteers and Terra Verde Garden Club members joined the family at the celebration. Mike Meyer represented the group of volunteers from St. John's Christian Church, Archbold, Ohio, that worked on the project last summer.

Through donations of money, materials and volunteer labor, La Porte County Habitat built the home and sold it at an affordable price. The Collett family purchased it with a no-interest loan, and their monthly mortgage payments will be used to build more Habitat houses.

La Porte resident Steve Nelson served as project construction manager. Construction projects for 2014 will be under way soon, Executive Director Bob Long noted.

Visit www.laportehabitat.org, visit www.facebook.com/laportehabitat or follow on Twitter @laportehabitat for more information.

Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available through Westchester Public Library:

• **Both Westchester Public Library branches, Westchester Township History Museum and Library Service Center will be closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 26.**

Library buildings re-open Tuesday, May 27, and resume regular hours.

The Chesterton Adult Learning Center and Westchester Township Trustee office also will be closed Memorial Day.

• **Bits and Bytes Series, “Introduction to Google Apps,” from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Google information tools include Google Maps, Google Books, Google Images, Google Earth and YouTube. Collaborative tools to be explored include Google sites, Gmail, Google Calendar, Latitude and Google Docs and Spreadsheets.

The class is free, but registration is required because space is limited. Visit the Serials Department or call (219) 926-7696, Ext. 1125, or register at <http://www.wpl.lib.in.us/> then click on the Bits and Bytes link.



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The competition is open to all Berrien Artist Guild members, as well as residents of Michigan, Illinois and Indiana. Participants directly involved with the competition are not eligible for awards.

Six plays will be selected by a panel of reader/judges. The six playwrights whose plays are selected each receive a \$50 award. The plays will be performed on the Box Factory stage Dec. 5-6. A panel of judges at the Dec. 6 performance will select the "Best Play Overall." That playwright will receive an additional \$200 award. An audience choice award will be presented to one playwright after each performance. The six plays chosen for awards will be announced Oct. 1. If his/her play is accepted, he/she is strongly urged to attend the shows.

Playwrights may submit up to three plays, and a \$5 registration fee per play must accompany each one submitted. The plays must be unpublished, nor have been performed by a professional company. No musicals or children's plays may be submitted.

To receive a copy of the complete guidelines, contact the box office at (269) 983-3688, by email at info@boxfactoryforthearts.org, by calling Lisa Kelleher at (269) 556-9339 or by email at lakemichigan37@yahoo.com. Guidelines also can be downloaded from www.boxfactoryforthearts.org/artcalendar.html#playcompetition.

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Kiwanis Club Golf Outing

The 11th Annual La Porte Kiwanis Club Golf Outing is Friday, June 6, at Legacy Hills Golf Course, 299 W. Johnson Road, La Porte.

Registration and lunch are at 11 a.m., followed by the shotgun start at noon. Dinner and awards are at approximately 4:15 p.m.

The cost is \$340 for a four-golfer team (there is a \$20 discount for teams that pay in full before May 23). Individuals may register for \$85 per golfer. Guests may join for lunch and/or dinner for \$10. Registration includes 18 holes of golf (scramble format), gifts, contests on the course, including Hole-in-One, lunch and dinner, and cold beverages before, during and after golf.

Hole sponsorships are available to businesses and individuals for \$85. Teams that pay in full before May 23 can sponsor a hole for \$75.

If the outing is canceled because of the weather, a voucher for a round of golf at Legacy Hills will be provided to each paid participant.

Prizes will be awarded for first-, second- and third-place teams, as well as golf contests. A 50/50 drawing and prize raffle are planned.

Contact Chairman Mark Schreiber at (219) 608-4755 or at markschreiber1@hotmail.com. Information also is available at www.kiwaniscluboflaporte.org

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Discovery Art Club

Discovery Charter School's Art Club, led by Annette Hansen, were guest artists for a Drop-In Art Box activity May 3 at Westchester Public Library's Thomas Library.

Art Club members Madeline Davia, Tommy Oros, Dane Hansen, Kaily Bledsoe and Xander Hansen showed Children's Department patrons how to create Zendoodle patterns. Youngsters were encouraged to "doodle" on a repurposed art chair started by Hansen during the 2013 Hooked on Art Street Festival. The chair has a permanent home at the library, and anyone can add a doodle on site by asking the librarian.



Discovery Art Club members Xander Hansen (from left), Dane Hansen, Isis Spruth, Drake Spruth and Enzo Costanza took a docent-led hike May 10 at Taltree Arboretum & Gardens.

Also, as winners of Taltree Arboretum & Gardens' Scarecrow Trail last fall, art clubbers and their families took a docent-led hike May 10. Members snapped photos of the spring blooms and landscape as reference for later paintings.

"Put the Nuns in Charge"

St. Mary's will present "Put the Nuns in Charge," which takes a comic look at life in Catholic school, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at Marquette High School's Rudy Hart Theatre, 306 W. 10th St.

In the show, Mrs. O'Brien (Vicki Quade), a former nun working for the diocese, shows up because the Vatican has a new policy: Every parish needs a back-to-basics class on The Golden Rule.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Call Joan at (219) 878-1835 or email msjan0311@yahoo.com for tickets or more information.

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PNC American Sign Language Club

The Purdue University-North Central American Sign Language Club will host a Barbecue Picnic Potluck Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, at the picnic shelter adjacent to Bards' Pond on PNC's northeast side.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, chips, soda and bottled water will be provided. Guests should take a side dish or dessert to share.

After lunch, Roger Coyer, Lancaster, Ky., will discuss his background as an Arizona high school all-star, student assistant football coach at Gallaudet University and head coach at Kentucky School for the Deaf. He also will teach some sports-related ASL signs.

In case of rain, the picnic will move to Library-Student-Faculty building Room 144.

Also, the club will host the presentation "Working with Deaf People in Kyrgyzstan & Learning Russian Sign Language" by Nina Coyer, retired ASL professor at Eastern Kentucky University, from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, in Library-Student-Faculty Building, Assembly Hall, Room 02.

During the free talk, Coyer will share her experiences and offer insights into the similarities and differences between the U.S. and Kyrgyzstan deaf education systems.

Coyer traveled to Bischeck, Kyrgyzstan, three times to work with deaf and hard-of-hearing children at a church day camp. In addition, she held deaf Bible studies for adults and was invited to host workshops for educators of the deaf at the state school for the deaf and hard of hearing. She taught current teaching methods used in U.S. deaf schools, including the Kentucky School for the Deaf, where she taught for 12 years. She encouraged the teachers to set high expectations for students.

In addition, she was invited to present at the state school for the deaf and hard of hearing graduation ceremony, where she encouraged them to be like the "Little Engine That Could": "I think I can, I think I can, I thought I could!"

Information about the club is available at www.aslclub.info. Information about other community events is posted at www.nwideaf.org. Additional information is available by contacting Karen Donah, PNC continuing lecturer and coordinator of American Sign Language, at (219) 785-5200, Ext. 5432, (219) 785-8892 (video phone) or kdonah@pnc.edu

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Marquette Award of Excellence

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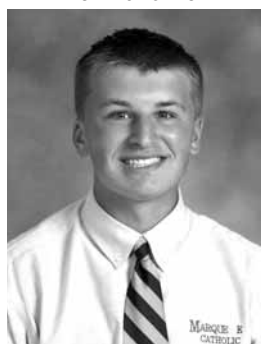
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Children's Art Classes

Danielle Volkman will offer a series of afternoon children's art classes from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturdays at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The schedule is:

- May 24 — learn how to make a summer pop-up book.
- May 31 — One-Point Perspective.
- June 7 — make art-dry animals using model-magic and a wire armature.
- June 21 — a Zentangle class, where children pair doodling with meditation to create designs.
- June 28 — A tissue paper mosaic class.

Classes are for children 8-12. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. All supplies are included. Call (219) 926-4711 to register. Visit www.chestertonart.com for more information.

Festival Vendors Sought

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MCHS Sophomore Honored

The Michigan City Area Schools board on May 13 honored Michigan City High School sophomore Tim Schoof for reaching the IHSAA Swimming State Championships.

Schoof has been a competitive swimmer since he was 9 with the Piranhas and has held several state titles with that program. As a freshman, he was part of the 400-yard freestyle relay team that set the MCHS record. This year, he was a state qualifier in the 100-yard butterfly, finishing 17th at the state meet in Indianapolis. He also holds the school record in the 100 fly, which he set at state. He was MVP this year for Boys Swimming and was The News-Dispatch Boys Swimmer of the Year.



Tim Schoof appears with Michigan City Area Schools board member Beth Pishkur at the May 13 meeting.

Also at the meeting, MCHS Head Swimming Coach Dan Jenkins was honored with a "Golden Apple" award for his service to MCAS student athletes. He is retiring after 11 years as head coach and 17 years with the MCHS swimming program.

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McEwan, the son of Jane and Craig McEwan, an oral surgeon with a Franklin Street practice, graduated from Elston High School in 1993, Ohio Wesleyan University in 1997 and Indiana University School of Dentistry in 2001. He did his internship at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton in 2002 and his oral surgery residency at St. John — Macomb Hospitals in 2006.

This year, he became a diplomat of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Michigan City Public Library

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

- **“Art à la Carte: Making Good Manners Matter” at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 22.**

Participants make a “good manners” sign. All materials are provided. The program is designed for children 12 and younger accompanied by an adult.

- **“Understanding Your Dreams” at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 24.**

Experienced dream therapist Terese Fabbri leads the workshop for people interested in dreams and their significance.

- **Great Decisions at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 27.**

The foreign policy discussion program wraps its 16th season with a discussion on U.S. trade policy.

The library will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. The library will be closed Sundays on May 25 through Aug. 31. Call Robin Kohn at (219) 873-3049 for additional information.

Grand Prix Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Maple City Grand Prix, which is May 30-31 and June 1 in La Porte.

About 140 helpers are needed to man stations:

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Sue Russell and Sharon Eichler will demonstrate spinning in the Chase Classroom unless weather permits. The demonstration then moves outside.

• **New science camp included with the summer day camp lineup.**

Nature camps are open to children 4-12, with children 9-12 spending an overnight campout at Fernwood.

Art camps are open to children 6-16, with the new O'Keeffe's camp for 12- to 16-year-olds. Also new are three science-based day camps for children 10-12. Visit www.fernwoodbotanical.org to register.

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"Through an Artist's Eye"

The South Bend Museum of Art will present "Through an Artist's Eye: Recent Acquisitions to the SBMA's Permanent Collection," on May 24 through Aug. 1 in its Jerome J. Crowley Community Gallery.

The museum's permanent collection grows each year with the acquisition of donated or purchased artwork.

The museum is located in South Bend's Century Center, 120 S. St. Joseph St. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. EDT Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is free, with a suggested \$5 donation for non-members. Email info@southbendart.org, call (574) 235-9102 or visit <http://www.southbendart.org> for more information.

La Porte County Library

Test your sleuthing skills with a live action game of Clue from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 23, at La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

Those who check out a book the same color as their favorite Clue character receive an invitation to the event. Pizza and soda will be served.

The program is open to the first 30 teens in grades 6-12 who return a parent-signed permission form.

Harbor Country Book Club

Harbor Country Book Club will discuss Roger Ebert's "Life Itself" at 7 p.m. EDT Tuesday, May 27, at Harbor Grand Hotel, 111 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich.

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- Social Studies — Karmen Halfacre, who attended Barker Middle School.
- Mathematics — Sara Siegmund, who attended Barker Middle School.
- Science — Megan Gushrowski, who attended Barker Middle School

Flag Day Hog Roast

The annual Three Oaks Flag Day Hog Roast is from 5 to 9 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 24, at the Three Oaks American Legion Post 204, 204 Linden St.

The event includes food, a silent auction and live music from the American School of Music. All proceeds support the Three Oaks Flag Day Parade, which is made possible by grants, sponsorships and the hog-roast fundraiser. Donations from surrounding businesses fill the silent auction.

Tickets, which are \$15 and free for children 6 and younger, are available through committee members. Participation in the silent auction is on an individual basis, with only cash and checks accepted.

Visit www.threeoaksflagday.com for additional information.



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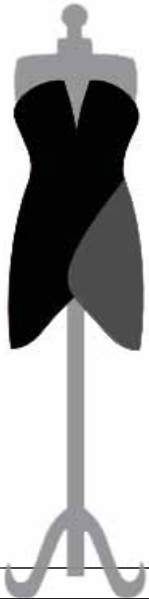
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May 22 — Documentary: "Under Our Skin: A Health Care Nightmare," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 22 — Tri Kappa annual Taste of Valparaiso, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Porter County Expo Center and Fairgrounds, 215 Division Road, Valparaiso. Tickets: \$40. Visit: trikappavalpo.org/taste-of-valparaiso/, kappatasteofvalpo@yahoo.com

May 22 — Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce Biz Expo, 3-6 p.m., Blue Chip Casino's Stardust Event Center. Free to people who present business card at door. Info: (219) 874-6221, MichiganCityChamber.com

May 23 — "Showcase 2014," 7 p.m., Michigan City High School auditorium, 8466 Paks Road. Cost: \$10/adults, \$5/students.

May 23 — Live action game of Clue, 7-8:30 p.m. La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

May 23 — One-woman show, Amy Seeley & The Moline Madman, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theatre, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$25. Reservations: (269) 756-3879, www.acorntheater.com

May 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 23-27 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* Wes Anderson's acclaimed comedy "The Grand Budapest Hotel." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri., Sun. and Mon., and noon and 6 p.m. Sat. *Also:* "Rob the Mob," inspired by a true story about small-time crooks trying to go straight. Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri. and Mon., 3 and 9 p.m. Sat.-Sun. *Also:* Free showing of 2012 Canadian documentary "Pink Ribbons Inc." Not rated. Time: 7 p.m. Tues. Discussion follows the screening. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

May 24 — 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 24 — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

May 24 — "Understanding Your Dreams," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 24 — Annual Three Oaks Flag Day Hog Roast, 5-9 p.m. EDT, Three Oaks American Legion Post 204, 204 Linden St. Tickets: \$15/free for children 6 and younger. Info: www.threeoaksflagday.com

May 24 — Grand-opening reception for new permanent exhibit, "Westchester Township: Our Story," 2 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700

W. Porter Ave., Chesterton. Info: (219) 983-9715.

May 24 — Fifth annual Harbor Country Arts and Crafts Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT, St. John United Church of Christ, 200 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo, Mich. Free. Info: www.stjohnartsandcraftsshow.weebly.com, craftfair200@att.net, (734) 277-3180.

May 24-26 — Hesston Steam Museum opening weekend, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., museum grounds, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, La Porte. Train fares: \$5/adults, \$3/children 3-12.

May 25 — Jazz on a Summer's Day, 4 p.m. EDT, Lakeside (Mich.) Inn, 15251 Lakeshore Road. Tickets: \$20. Info: hothouse3.0@gmail.com, www.hothouse.net

May 26 — **HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY.**

May 27 — Great Decisions, 6:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 27 — Purdue University-North Central American Sign Language Club presentation, "Working with Deaf People in Kyrgyzstan & Learning Russian Sign Language" by Nina Coyer, 10-11:15 a.m., Library-Student-Faculty Building, Assembly Hall, Room 02. Info: www.aslclub.info

May 27 — Purdue University-North Central American Sign Language Club Barbecue Picnic Potluck Lunch, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., picnic shelter adjacent to Bards' Pond on PNC's northeast side. Info: www.aslclub.info

May 27 — Harbor Country Book Club discussion, Roger Ebert's "Life Itself," 7 p.m. EDT, Harbor Grand Hotel, 111 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich.

May 29 — Community meeting, 4 p.m., La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Info: (219) 362-6156, Ext. 314.

May 31 — Alternate Power Initiative's Race for the Future 2014, 10 a.m., Whiting/Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce building, 1417 119th St., Whiting, Ind. Info: www.alternatepowerinitiative.com

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

Farther Afield:

May 24 — Niles Handweavers Demonstration, 1-2:30 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Info: (269) 695-6491.

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On May 22, 1802, 71-year-old Martha Washington, widow of former President George Washington, died at the family estate in Mt. Vernon, VA.

On May 22, 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was ordered to stand trial for treason. He later was acquitted.

On May 22, 1819, the *Savannah*, the first steam propelled vessel to cross the Atlantic, departed from Savannah, GA.

On May 22, 1868, the Reno gang made off with \$96,000 in cash, gold and bonds in the Great Train Robbery near Seymour, IN.

On May 22, 1924, the body of 13-year-old Bobby Franks was found in a ditch near Chicago. Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, students at the University of Chicago, were later arrested and convicted of the "thrill" murder.

On May 22, 1984, the United States Supreme Court ruled that law firms may not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, or national origin in promoting lawyers to the status of partners.

On May 23, 1701, Captain William Kidd, convicted of piracy and murder, was executed in the Tower of London.

On May 23, 1785, Benjamin Franklin mentioned in a letter that he had invented bifocal glasses.

On May 23, 1903, Wisconsin became the first state to adopt a direct primary.

On May 23, 1984, United States Surgeon General Everett Koop said that "very solid evidence showed lung disease could result from nonsmokers' exposure to cigarette smoke."

On May 23, 1994, "Pulp Fiction" by American director Quentin Tarantino won the Palme d'Or or Golden Palm, for best film at the 47th Cannes Film Festival.

On May 24, 1830, the first United States passenger railroad service, a 13-mile journey between Baltimore and Elliott's Mills, MD, began.

On May 24, 1844, Samuel Morse transmitted the first public message by telegraph, a short statement sent from Washington to Baltimore.

On May 24, 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, a masterpiece of engineering linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, was opened.

On May 24, 1935, the National League's Cincinnati Reds hosted the Philadelphia Phillies in the



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On May 24, 1941, during World War II, 1,300 died when the German Battleship "Bismark" sank the British Cruiser "Hood" in the North Atlantic.

On May 24, 1962, Scott Carpenter became the second U.S. astronaut launched into orbit.

On May 25, 1878, Gilbert and Sullivan's "HMS Pinafore" premiered in London.

On May 25, 1925, John Scopes was indicted in Tennessee for teaching Charles Darwin's theory of evolution.

On May 25, 1935, Jesse Owens, competing in four events in 45 minutes, sets three world records and ties a fourth.

On May 25, 1961, President John Kennedy asked the nation to work toward putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

On May 25, 1981, 25-year-old Dan Goodwin, dressed in a Spider-Man costume, was arrested after climbing Chicago's 110-story Sears Tower.

On May 25, 1986, an estimated 7 million Americans participated in Hands Across America, forming a line across the country to bring attention to the nation's hungry and homeless.

On May 26, 1521, Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms because of his religious beliefs and writings.

On May 26, 1969, the *Apollo 10* astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing.

On May 26, 1996, Mother Marie Antoinette de la Trinite, superior general of the Little Sisters of the Poor, who was instrumental in spreading the order's presence around the world, died, in France, at the age of 76.

On May 27, 1933, the "Century of Progress Exposition" opened on Chicago's lakefront.

On May 27, 1936, the ocean-liner *Queen Mary*, flying the flag of the Cunard Line, left England on her maiden voyage.

On May 27, 1937, California's Golden Gate Bridge, connecting San Francisco with Marin County, was officially opened.

On May 27, 1995, actor Christopher Reeve was paralyzed when he was thrown from his horse during a jumping event in Charlottesville, VA.

On May 28, 1683, the first black regiment from the North left Boston to fight in the Civil War.

On May 28, 1929, in New York, the first all-color talking movie, "On With the Show," made its debut.

On May 28, 1957, baseball became more of a "national game" when permission was given for the Brooklyn Dodgers to move to Los Angeles, and the New York Giant to San Francisco.

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Born in Kingston, Jamaica, Ewart came to the United States at 17 and studied to be a tailor at vocational schools. He eventually arrived in Chicago, where the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians, then in its infancy, was teaching young inner-city musicians for free. His teachers included Muhal Richard Abrams, Roscoe Mitchell and Joseph Jarman, now icons of avant-garde jazz.

Ewart now divides his time between Minneapolis and Chicago, where he has taught at The Art Institute of Chicago since 1990. He plays dozens of instruments and has released several recordings on his own label, Aarawak.



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- Nicole Noland, Chicago, who began her dance training with ballet, jazz and modern with Joseph Holmes Dance Theatre.
- Darius Savage, a prolific bassist who has been a regular in the Chicago jazz scene and was seen regularly at Fred Anderson's Velvet Lounge.
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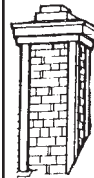
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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Cold Tuscan Stone by David P. Wagner (hardcover, \$24.95 in bookstores and online)

Just because there's no blood dripping from the ceiling or body parts buried in the basement doesn't mean a mystery isn't interesting or worth your attention. This intelligently written story combines a mystery with beautiful armchair travel and a bit of history to boot.

Let me introduce you to Rick Montoya, translator and soon-to-be pawn in the search for a ring of art thieves.

With a Spanish-sounding name like Montoya, it's hard to believe Rick speaks flawless Italian. Simple explanation. Rick has dual citizenship: American and Italian. His father, originally from New Mexico, is a member of the American Foreign Service, having served in Italy, where he met his wife in Rome. Now, the opportunity to leave the American Southwest and move to Rome with his translation business has presented itself, and Rick doesn't need long to think about his mother's beautiful native land and the opportunity to know it better.

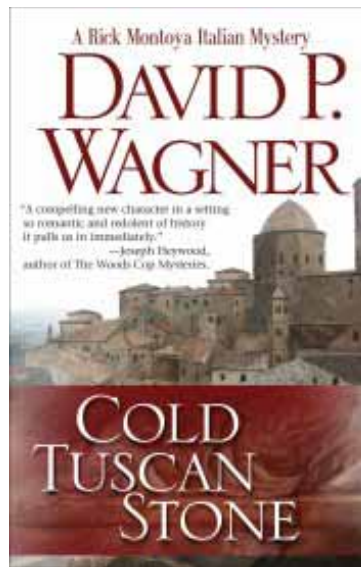
Six months into the move, Rick runs into an old high school chum, Beppo Rinaldi. They both attended the Overseas School of Rome years ago. Beppo, while from an affluent Roman family, has not entered the family business. Instead, he has taken a job at the Cultural Ministry as a senior member of the Italian Art Squad.

Over lunch, Beppo tells his friend of the theft of Etruscan artworks unraveling in Volterra, specifically burial urns. Beautiful carvings on the urns make them collectable to those who would pay a high price to move them out of the country and put in their private collections.

Beppo tells Rick he needs someone to pose as an art dealer to find out which gallery or art dealer is doing the trafficking. Surprising himself, Rick agrees to the offer. Unofficially, of course. Beppo says the police in Volterra will be informed of Rick's assignment. He gives Rick the names of several suspects to contact. He will pose as an agent for an art dealer in New Mexico and see who takes the bait.

Sounds simple, right? Talk to a few people, feed the information back to Beppo, then get out and get on with his life.

Well, the best laid plans and all that stuff seem to happen right away. The manager of the workshop at Galleria Landi, Rick's first stop, is found dead not long after the two have met. Police Commissa-



rio Conti takes Rick in for questioning, knowing his involvement with the Rome Cultural Ministry. First, Conti has no use for Rick. After all, he's just a translator, not a trained law-enforcement officer. And besides, he's American! But Conti must keep up the image of Rick as a suspect to keep up his charade.

So, Rick continues to meet the other suspects in Volterra: back to Galleria Landi, then on to an import/export man who seems too low-key to be an art thief, although his secretary seems a bit shady. Then, there's a beautiful heiress whose vast art collection and questionable clientele make her a prime suspect, especially with the big goon who's her bodyguard. And

how about the museum curator who is an old school chum of Beppo's, but he is an academic, right? No chance of him being crooked.

Secret phone calls lead to secret meetings, and soon, Rick sees that he just might be in over his head. Nothing is as it seems in this story that, like an interstate highway, has many on and off ramps.

Wagner's description of the Italian landscape and cuisine will have you reaching for a travel brochure. Curl up in your armchair for a smart read and a trip to the continent.

Library Journal gave Cold Tuscan Stone a starred review, writing: "Wagner hits all the right notes in this debut. His likable protagonist engages, plus the Italian angle is always appealing. Perfect for readers who enjoy a complex puzzle, a bit of humor, and a fairly gentle procedural. Don't miss this one."

Of course, I agree completely!

A second book in the series, Death in the Dolomites, will be released in September.

Wagner is a retired Foreign Service officer who spent nine years in Milan and Rome. He now writes tourist materials about Italy. He received a bachelor's in English from Michigan State University, and has served in the Peace Corps in Chile. Learn more about him at www.davidpwagnerauthor.com

Till next time, happy reading!



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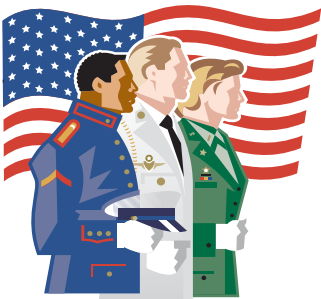
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