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The Beacher Says Farewell to Two Familiar Faces...and Welcomes a New Addition

by Andrew Tallackson

In the short time I've been with *The Beacher*, the secret to its longevity has become clear to me.

It is a family affair.

The obvious example is that it's remained with the Montgomery family for nearly 30 years. The ties run deeper yet. Turnover is rare. Writers who've retired or moved away stay in touch. Many businesses have been *Beacher* advertisers for years. Readers say they eagerly await the latest edition.

So when part of that family does move on, the announcement is bittersweet. That's why it seemed fitting to pay tribute to two people who devoted a healthy portion of their lives to *The Beacher*, while also introducing the latest addition to the family.



With a career in newspapers that spans 45 years, Michigan City native Steve Galinowski will close the latest chapter in his life when he retires after 23 years with *The Beacher* as its account executive.

Steve is an exceptionally good-natured guy, with a hearty laugh and plenty of comical stories up his sleeve. There's also what I call the "Six Degrees of Galinowski" effect. It seems as if he knows, or has ties to, everyone in town.

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Top photo: Drew White (left) and Steve Galinowski stand outside *The Beacher*. Bottom photo: Maggie Beyer (right) with Barbara Collins-Swan shortly before enjoying lunch together at Water's Edge.



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A 1967 Michigan City Elston graduate, he attended Chicago's American Academy of Art, receiving a degree in advertising/commercial art. In the summer of 1969, he trained with the U.S. Naval Reserves, then was hired by *The News-Dispatch*, doing everything from classified to display advertising.



Steve Galinowski (left) is thanked by Capt. Joseph Coleman for his work in designing artwork for him on May 7, 1971.

In June 1970, he was called into active duty, serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ranger as its lithographer. When the ship went into drydock for a year, Steve learned the classified manager back at *The News-Dispatch* passed away. He was the only one who knew well the classified contacts system. So, once a month, Steve flew back to Michigan City to take care of the work for the newspaper.

In May 1972, Steve returned full time to *The News-Dispatch*, becoming heavily involved in retail and classified advertising. Later, he was named



Steve Galinowski retires May 30 after 45 years in newspapers.

promotion manager, representing the newspaper at public events, as well as being a key force behind Newspapers in Education, having formed the Indiana State Newspaper in Education committee. He also put his American Academy of Art training to good use by creating editorial cartoons,

maps and graphics for the paper.

Steve left *The News-Dispatch* in 1988 for another position, then arrived at *The Beacher* in September 1991. As the account executive, his focus has been the printing side, handling all types of commercial work for businesses and industries in the Michigan City area.

The Beacher's supportive environment is something he has appreciated.

"Everyone is really helpful and hand's on," he said. "Being a small organization, everyone chips in and helps out."

One of his favorite memories dates back to October 2004 when four guys making a film about traveling the country on Segways, "America @ 10 MPH," stopped by *The Beacher*. Steve was one of the staff to try out a Segway.

His decision to retire from *The Beacher* coincides with that of his wife, JoAn, who is retiring after 42 years of teaching at Westville Elementary School. The two — high-school sweethearts since Elston — hope to spend more time together and with their children: Michael, 36, and Annie, 33.

His last day here is Friday, May 30. He's excited about what the future holds, but he'll miss life with *The Beacher*.

"You got to meet a lot of people, and there is never one day that is the same," he said. "You walk in the door, and you never know what's going to happen next."



I mentioned earlier the “Six Degrees of Galinowski” effect. Drew White has been training with Steve since April to take over as account executive once Steve retires. Drew was in Little League with Steve’s son, Michael. The two graduated together from high school and remain friends.

A fitting successor, you might say.

Like Steve, Drew is a Michigan City native. He was a member of the first Michigan City High School graduating class in 1996 after Rogers and Elston consolidated.



Drew White has been active in newspapers and sports since he was in high school.

His interest in journalism began during his sophomore year in high school when then *News-Dispatch* sports editor Tim Costello called Rogers athletic director Dick McGill, seeking someone to take local scores over the phone. McGill recommended Drew, who was a manager of the football and baseball teams,

and at the time was the sports editor of the Rogers newspaper, *The Catalyst*. Within a month at *The News-Dispatch*, Drew was covering everything from swimming to wrestling to gymnastics.

“It was a time before we had the Internet, so it was nice knowing the news before everyone else did,” Drew said.

By the time he attended Indiana University-Bloomington, however, he was more in broadcasting than print journalism, so he graduated with a degree in sports communications.

After graduating from IU in 2000, he spent six months as a substitute teacher and assistant softball coach with Michigan City Area Schools before being hired at Blue Chip Casino. He was a table games dealer before becoming a poker room shift manager.

In December 2007, he was officiating a basketball game at the La Porte High School fieldhouse when, out of nowhere, he went into cardiac arrest.

“If it wasn’t for the quick thinking of two nurses in the stands watching the game, I would not be here today,” he said. “The same thing I experienced likely led to my mom’s passing in 1991. Fortunately, I was in the right place at the right time.”

Drew returned to *The News-Dispatch* in 2009 as a full-time sports writer.

“It was fun to reconnect with coaches, people I had worked with many moons ago, some I’d covered and were now coaches themselves,” he said. “Also, it

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was one of those jobs that, if I didn't have a passion for the community, I would not have done it.



Drew and his daughter, Natalie.

"I've never really had the desire to leave Michigan City. It's home."

In two stints, Drew worked part time at Four Winds Casino Resort. His wife, Nancy, works at Four Winds as a Players Club representative, while his daughter, Natalie, 7, attends Springfield Elementary School.

Now, through *The Beacher*, and especially training with Steve to take over as account representative, Drew says he's found a way to reconnect yet again with the community he loves. He's also been coaching girls golf at Michigan City High School.

"When you're writing, I think you always kind of wonder what it's like to be on the other side," he said. "I'm having a blast as a coach. This past year, I had a tremendous group of girls and we took a big step in the right direction. I'm excited for the upcoming season, and I'm glad this new position affords me the flexibility to continue coaching."

"Also, my dad (Bill) and mom (Kay) owned and operated The Video Company of Michigan City. My dad had been the original controller at Sullair Corp. I've already run into a lot of people who remember working with my mom and dad. A lot of them knew me from my time at *The News-Dispatch*, but they didn't necessarily make the connection."



Many of Maggie Beyer's friends met May 16 at Water's Edge to bid her farewell. Pictured are (seated, front row) Dorothea Liddell and Judy Krocsek. The second row is (from left) Ange Benz, Joan Mokrycki, Mary Ann Merrion, Maggie, Mary Ann Johnson and Fischchen O'Shea. The back row is (from left) Betty Hoeffner, Kathryn Smeets, Barbara Collins-Swan, Terese Fabbri, Carol Nolan, Marilyn Hawrylewicz and Mary Cover.

For a 15-year stretch, Maggie Beyer was one of the most beloved contributors to *The Beacher*. Now, she's about to leave the beach communities she adored, and covered, for Denver, Colo., to be closer to family.

The Beacher, Maggie joked, was her "third retirement." Having grown up in Berwyn, Ill., and raised her family in Hinsdale, Ill., she retired from a public-relations job at a Berwyn hospital and moved to the area. With her children now grown, she ob-

tained a psychology degree through Purdue, then a master's degree in public affairs from IU.

Later, she responded to an advertisement placed by Sally Montgomery seeking a part-time writer for *The Beacher*. The position evolved into a more considerable part-time job, she says with a chuckle, through front-page feature stories. Her poetry also became a welcome addition to the newspaper, often paired with what she described as beautiful artwork by area artists.

It was *The Beacher's* personal touch, she says, that made it popular with readers. They enjoyed seeing people they recognized and learning more about them.

"(*The Beacher*) became a very personal thing to people," she said. "The stories were always fun and interesting. They were always about people and things they were doing."

She also savored her working relationship, and friendship, with Montgomery.

"Sally always said, 'You want to do it, go do it,'" Maggie recalled with a gentle laugh. "She let me do what I enjoyed."

On May 16, many of Maggie's friends invited her to lunch at Water's Edge restaurant. They've all known her for years. You could feel the camaraderie among them as they posed for pictures. Maggie, consumed with emotion, fought back tears, overjoyed to be surrounded by so many friends.

She leaves for Denver this week. Among her belongings will be a book of her *Beacher* poems, created for her as a keepsake.

"It's fun to think about taking that with me where I'm going," she said.

Denver.

Surrounded by family.

And memories of *The Beacher*, contained in book form and close to her heart.



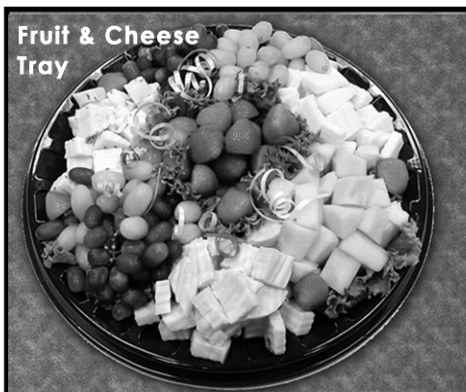
Maggie appears with Ange Benz (top photo) and Mary Cover (bottom photo).



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- June 11 — Ann T. Dobie.
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- June 25 — Carol Garrett.
- July 2 — Stephen Schnurr.
- July 9 — Gary Powell.
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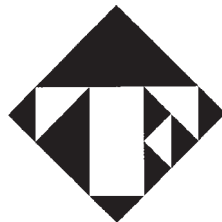


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Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Rose Marie Dure will play keyboard for artists such as Jim "Frankie" Lampl, Robert "Elvis" Richter, Cathy "Doris" Hofer, Lucy "Patti" Vergo, Susie "Rosemary" Richter, Sheryl "Annette" Edwards, Bob "Johnny" Dure and Bruce "Vic" Johnson.

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New Tourism Bureau Exhibit

Visit Michigan City La Porte in Marquette Mall will host a new art exhibit by Darlene Lenz through June 2.

Lenz began painting with paint-by-numbers kits, but preferred the creation process over staying within the lines. Then one Christmas, she received an oil-painting kit with a blank canvas, and that was a new beginning.

She later took art classes at Ball State University, then Rhode Island School of Design before discovering Wes Berrier, a master artist/portrait painter/instructor. She continues painting with him and has studied with other local instructors/artists, such as Gerrie Govert, Leona Jurincie and Jeffry Krafft.

Lenz shows her work in oils and colored pencil locally and in southern Indiana. She has won many ribbons/prizes, including several Best of Show honors. She's had several solo shows. She is treasurer/president of Hobart Arts League and treasurer of 18 Artists, as well as a member of the Chesterton Art Association and Covered Bridge Art Association.

Most of Lenz's work is from her own photo references, and she has a passion for horses, landscapes, seascapes, floral and portraits.

Works in Motion Recital

Works in Motion Dance Co. will present its eighth annual dance recital, "Passport to Adventure," from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at the Elston Middle School Performing Arts Center, 317 Detroit St.

The box office opens one hour before curtain, and the house opens 30 minutes before each show.

Advance tickets, available at Works in Motion Dance Co., 1227 N. Indiana 39, La Porte, are \$9 for adults (ages 16-61) and \$7 for children (ages 3-15) and seniors (62 and older). Tickets at the door cost an additional \$1.

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Joy and the sheer magic of shared community spirit, sweetened by wine and fine food, filled the splendid, prairie-style Bankoff residence May 18 as the Michigan City Chamber Music Festival Orchestra, a quintet of incredible talent, performed classic music to an enraptured audience.

The occasion was a thank-you gift, the ensemble demonstrating appreciation to its community of benefactors for support throughout the year by playing a concert of spirited, timeless music.

CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL MUSICIANS PRESENT CONCERT AT BANKOFF RESIDENCE

by William Halliar

Musical performance is a collaborative effort. The listeners are transported, their spirits and souls suspended in time and space, moved by the rhythms and harmonies, their hearts dancing in concert with the swaying bows of the string players. The musicians gather courage and passion from the music, fellow performers and audience.

All present were moved by the soulful, yet joyous melodies and harmonies and could not help but be impressed by the virtuosity of the performers who, during the performance, became one with their instruments and the audience.

Earl Perez played the cello, surprising everyone when he broke out in song during one selection. Jasmin Arakawa, the brilliant young pianist of the ensemble, played a game of dueling Paganini with her husband, Rudolf Haken. Rudolf plays an instrument called a "Viola Pomposa," an oddly shaped five-stringed instrument combining the ranges of the violin and viola. This unique instrument was designed by Rudolf and built to his specifications. There are now only 20 in existence in the world. Rudolf must arrange music specifically for the instrument.



The performance space in the Bankoff home for the chamber music concert.

Chamber music is written to be performed by small groups in intimate settings. The Bankoff home provided the perfect venue and ambiance, with gracious host Barbara Bankoff offering her welcome to all who entered her family home and strolled through the colorful Japanese garden. Guests were gathered closely around the instruments in the living-room performance space, thus experiencing the music personally.



Earl Perez (left) performs on cello and Rudolf Haken on a "Viola Pomposa."



Michigan City Chamber Music Festival co-founder Nic Orbovich (center) with Liz Bernel (left) and Judy Jacobi.

The ever-charming Zofia Glashauser played her violin in harmony with Nic Orbovich, who co-founded the concert series along with his wife, Sunny. Nic introduced each piece, with a bit of background about the music and composer. After an hour of musical whimsy, Nic asked the audience if there were any questions for the musicians. An audience member asked at what age each performer began to study, and how they chose their instruments.

Each member told their story, in turn, with some humorous twists.

Jasmin wanted to be a ballet dancer, but because of her father's business, she and her family moved to a remote village in her native Japan. There were no dance instructors in the village, but there was a piano teacher. She began to study piano and said because she could perform sitting down, which seemed like less effort, she would stick with the piano.



Husband-and-wife performers Jasmin Arakawa and Rudolf Haken.

Nic wanted to play the guitar and be a rock musician. The school he attended did not give guitar lessons, but it did have an orchestra instructor. Since the violin looked to Nic like a small version of a guitar, he thought he would try it.

The rest is history.

Some might consider chamber music old-fashioned, dusty and dull or boring. So, to prove otherwise, Nic and his merry band of troubadours ended the concert with their own version of Jimmy Hendrix's "Purple Haze," which set the whole room rocking.



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Barbara
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introduces
the chamber
music
program.

The concert was a fitting thank you for festival supporters and a perfect way to introduce the theme of the 2014 lineup: "Thinking Big," music on a grand scale. The schedule is:

Aug. 9 — "Big Opening," including "Clarinet Trio" by Beethoven, "La Chanson D'Eve" by Faure and "String Quintet in G Major" by Brahms.

Aug. 11 — "Big Virtuosity," including "Duo Sonata, Caprice selections and transcriptions" by Paganini and "Clarinet Quintet" by Weber.

Aug. 13 — "Big Premiere," including "Sonata for Cello and Piano in F Major" by Brahms, "Chansons Madecasses" by Ravel, "Clarinet Trio" by Muczynski and "Concerto for Piano" by Haken.

Aug. 15 — "Big Ideas," including "Much Ado About Nothing" by Korngold/Schlaffer, "Unburdening" by Jonathan Pieslak, song from "Peter Pan" by Bernstein and "Octet for Strings" by Mendelssohn.

Aug. 17 — "Big Country," including youth winners, "Piano Quintet" by Shostakovich and "Piano Trio" by Tchaikovsky.

Also, fun for all ages is featured in the children's concert series hosted by festival musicians. It is the perfect introduction for young people to the wonders of music:

Aug. 12 — "A Musical Trip to the Zoo." Works by Vivaldi, St. Saens, Mancini, Rudolf Haken and art projects.

Aug. 14 — "A Musical Time Machine." Works by Bach, Mozart, Tchaikovsky and art projects.

Aug. 16 — "Concert for kids, by kids!"

The musicians will hold an open rehearsal Aug. 14 at a location to be announced. It's an opportunity for everyone to observe the musicians as they practice and work through the intricacies of each piece of music to be performed at the evening concert.

On Aug. 16, a chamber music "Play-In" will be held at Arturo's Baked Goods. Nic describes the Play-In as being "like a sit-in, but a whole lot more fun." This is an opportunity for local musicians — young and old — to join with the festival musicians in making beautiful music.

Nic and Sunny Orbovich, and the Michigan City Chamber Music Festival board, invite everyone to join them in August and share the joy of this delightful form of music. All evening concerts are at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St., Michigan City. The festival is free, a gift to the people of Michigan City from the performing artists and those with a love of the arts. Together, they are inspired to share this unique form of music with their friends and neighbors.

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Buchanan (Mich.) Art Center, 117 W. Front St., will host a public reception for four new exhibits by local artists from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, June 1.

Painter Erin Warner ("A Journey through Self-Expression") is a lifelong South Bend resident who graduated from St. Joseph's High School and studied at Indiana University — South Bend. She began dabbling in color eight years ago.

Portrait artist Alan Fore ("Portraits by Alan"), Buchanan, has been drawing and painting for years. After high school, he attended the Columbus (Ohio) College of Art & Design, where he studied for four years and graduated *summa cum laude* with a bachelor of fine arts, majoring in illustration. Over the next decade, he cultivated a steady freelance career doing web, literature and logo design work, as well as illustration work for publishing companies. Five years ago, he turned his illustration skills and attention to portraiture.

An award-winning pastel artist, Mary Meehan Firtl ("Pure Michigan & Indiana") received her bachelor of fine arts in painting from the Herron School of Art and is a charter member of the Northern Indiana Pastel Society. As a former courtroom sketch artist, she continues the habit of working quickly when creating new pieces. She is a senior graphic designer at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind.

Jewelry artist Darlene Troyer ("Bling it On"), Vandalia, Mich., started working with precious metals more than 10 years ago and has added glass fusing and copper etching into her jewelry designs. She has studied and learned from some of the best metal artists in the business, including: Celie Fago, Linda Kaye Moses, CeCe Wire and J. Fred Woel. She has Level I and Level II certification in Metal Clay from PMC Connection.

The exhibits officially open May 28 and run through July 5. Call (269) 697-4005 or visit www.buchananartcenter.org for more information.

Chamber Meeting on China Trip

The Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce will host a free informational meeting about its fall 2014 trip to China from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, at Visit Michigan City La Porte Convention & Visitors Bureau in Marquette Mall.

The trip is open to chamber members and the general public. The meeting will feature Jim and Kelly Eriksson, who took the trip last year and will share their experience and answer questions.

Details of the cities and attractions included in the nine-day tour, costs and travel documentation required will be covered. Refreshments will be served. Call the chamber at (219) 874-6221 for 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.

Nature Hike

Celebrate National Trails Day with a free hike from 8 to 9 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte.

Pre-registration is required at least one week in advance. The hike accommodates a minimum of five and a maximum of 30. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All ages are welcome.

Kids Fishing Fun Day

Co-sponsored by the Northwest Indiana Steelheaders, the free program for all ages is from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at Luhr County Park.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. A limited amount of bait and poles are available. No pre-registration is required.

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: 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.

Parent & Child Discovery Days

The program includes arts and crafts, games and snacks. 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.



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Teachers Share Results of Michigan City Education Foundation Grants

by Jan Van Ausdal

Teachers who received 2013-2014 Michigan City Education Foundation grants met May 14 at Barker Mansion to share their results with other teachers and guests.

All those present experienced for themselves what great results were achieved.

Heidi Jaske of the MCEF Committee spoke about some of the history and the statistics involved. In 1990, June Ruby and Mary Lou Linnen determined to make the grants available for kindergarten through eighth grade, and in public and parochial schools, to support teachers where they needed the most help. The grants amounted to \$10,000 per year. Fifty five teachers this year received 40 grants. More than 3,000 children benefitted.

Others present were representatives from the Michigan City Area Schools board and administration, the Unity Foundation and other MCEF committee members.



The Pine Magnet School chorus performed musical selections for the guests.

First on the program was the Pine Magnet School chorus, which sang a number of jazz and blues numbers, all to loud applause.

All teachers present spoke of their gratitude in receiving the grants, and of how they used the grants to do extra things with their students.

Lanette Butz's and Debra Carpenter's project,

"Literacy Builds Character," created a school-wide shared-reading experience by exposing students to high-quality literature while acknowledging character traits needed for academic and school success. These activities were supported at home, and thus, a spirit of community was created.

Debbie Boone of St. Paul Lutheran School had the project "Leaping Learning from School to Home." Tests showed her project raised the students' grades. Teaching other children and their younger siblings made the experience enjoyable for all.



Edwin Shelton shows examples of cast reliefs.

Edwin Shelton's project was "Creating a Lasting Impression," which he did at Queen of All Saints Catholic School and Notre Dame Catholic School in grades five through eight. At Queen of All Saints, the students created molds, where their images could be cast as reliefs.

At Notre Dame, the students cast reliefs using hydrocal in clay models supported by aluminum molds. Some were glazed. Edwin showed examples of some of the results.

Barbara Brandon's project for pre-kindergarten to kindergarten at Notre Dame School was "Early Childhood Percussion Instruments." The children heard and felt the rhythms of the instruments and learned to accompany a piano or CD. They were excited to play their instruments.

At Springfield Elementary School, Kristin Smith's and Sheri Tuesburg's project was "Living as Writers Do." The children actually wrote their own books. Kelly VandenBerg's fourth-grade project at Springfield was "What's All This Fuss About



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Graphic Novels?" Her students studied different non-fiction and fiction graphic novels. Afterwards, they created their own graphic novels, which they shared with primary grade students.

The Lake Hills STEM Magnet School worked with a variety of projects for their students. They incorporated a way to earn "fake" money redeemable for medals decorated with glitter or other prizes such as T-shirts.

At Knapp Elementary School, Elizabeth Law's project was "Just the Facts, Please!" The students worked in literary circles to increase their understanding of different genre books by research, writing and links to science and social studies.

Elston Middle School teachers spoke on some of their different projects. Janine Peo had "Get Ready! Get Set! Get Geo-catching!" Adam Goebel and Kelly Martin-Fargo shared "If You Plant Them... They Will Grow." The results will be a memory bench and flowers at Washington Park Zoo. Gwen Hudson's "Series in a Sack" enabled a student to check out a book and series-related game for their family to enjoy together.

Erica Ackerson from Krueger Middle School had a project called "Keep Calm and Fish On." Funds were used to purchase fishing rods/reels for the fishing curriculum as part of the wellness classes.



Shannon Galloway of Elston Middle School uses a poster to explain her project, "Woohoo for Writing Workshop."



Erica Ackerson of Krueger Middle School demonstrates fishing equipment from the "Keep Calm and Fish On" project.



Karen Lyness of Barker Middle School discusses her project, "Student Led Parent Conference, Picture Portfolios."

Karen Lyness of Barker Middle School had the project "Student Led Parent Conference, Picture Portfolios." This enabled students with special needs to participate more fully in student-led parent conferences.

And so, after a time of sharing the results of their projects with others, many teachers found new ideas to use in applying for MCEF grants for the next school year.

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— submitted by
Jason Miller of the
LaPorte County
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A few years ago, Visit Michigan City La Porte and some other folks in town were looking to come up with a marketing hook for Washington Park. Or, more so, for the southern shore of Lake Michigan that Washington Park encompasses.

We came up with a whole host of ideas, but none of them really hit pay dirt with us. So, we kept on, trying to draw on the lake's beauty, its service to the community and exactly what fun and interesting activities we can do on such a wonderful body of water.

As we did this "research," we asked all kinds of folks what they thought best described Lake Michigan. Charter fishing, exquisite sunsets, sailing for miles until you no longer could see land and spending the day floating along on the deck of your boat with no idea where you were all came to mind.

The possibilities for fun on Lake Michigan are endless, we found.

And in studying this, a pattern developed.

Our control group was admittedly small and, if I may say, biased as most of the folks we quizzed were locals who'd looked at Lake Michigan through the eyes of a Washington Park regular for decades and already had a deep affinity for it. But as they talked about their "big lake," the comments all pointed to one thing.

All the wonderful points being made about Lake Michigan were the same things people say when describing their vacations to Florida, California and any other coastline state in the U.S. of A. But having spent their entire lives looking at this natural beauty every day, the locals just didn't get it.

Lake Michigan is an ocean.

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When you're looking out over the lake, watching the sun go down or losing sight of a three-mast schooner as it hits the horizon, you realize that what you're witnessing is what people travel to places like Key West and San Francisco to see.

But in Michigan City, and Indiana, for that matter, this wonder of nature often is taken for granted.

For local folks, I can understand. After all, we see it every day and have gotten used to it. So like so many other things in life, Lake Michigan is something we might enjoy on a summer weekend when we aren't driving to Grandma's for dinner or to Great America for a day on the roller coasters.

But you'd be amazed at the number of people statewide who have no idea what Lake Michigan is. Not only do they not know Michigan City is on the beach, but if they do, they wonder what the big deal is.

"It's just a lake," they say.

Well, it's not. It's so much more. Lake Michigan is an ocean. And it's an ocean that is visited thousands of times a year by folks from around the world, many of whom live on or near actual oceans. So when they walk the East Light Pier 300 yards out into Lake Michigan, or they jump out of their rental car in the Washington Park lot and see her for the first time, they're amazed.

The first year we hosted the Great Lakes Super Boat Grand Prix at Washington Park, I ran into a young woman who had flown up from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to watch the boat race. She'd spent all 25 years of her life on the Atlantic coast: surfing, swimming and dodging the occasional jellyfish.

But when she walked up to me that day in August, having seen Lake Michigan for the first time, she looked at me in amazement and said, "It's like I'm back home. I had no idea Lake Michigan was this huge. It's an ocean. It's Indiana's ocean."

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Monday Musicale

Monday Musicale will end its 2013-2014 season with a free, open meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, June 2, at The Social and Learning Institute, 201 E. Garfield St., Michigan City.

Chairwoman Felicia Thomas will preside over the "Water Themes" program, representing the final course in the group's "A Musical Seven Course Banquet." It will feature a blend of classical and pop music" featuring pianist Carol Garrett and vocalists Deborah Beien, Deb Campanella, Jackie Hendricks, Sheila Pollock, Karol Valek and Thomas in solo and ensemble numbers.

A string trio featuring John Crayton, Judith Sawyer and Stan Shepard will present selections from Handel's "Water Music." Beien and Garrett will perform as a tin whistle duo. Lee Meyer and Dan Moser will provide accompaniment.

A social hour follows the program, with refreshments served by Garrett and her hosting committee. Donations to the group's Scholarship Fund will be accepted.

Club members are reminded to turn in dues for next season. Anyone considering joining Monday Musicale, either as an active (by audition) or associate (non-performing) member, may contact Ange Benz at (219) 874-3754.

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Race proceeds aid much-needed repairs to St. Stanislaus Church, one of La Porte County's oldest Catholic churches.

Plaques will be awarded in eight age divisions for women, men and children, the top three overall female and male runners and the top female and male walkers.

Entry forms are available at St. Stanislaus School, Trail Creek Town Hall, Robert Tyllisz Appliances and MC Sports. It also can be downloaded at www.ststanislauskostka.catholicweb.com

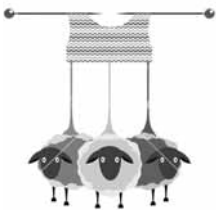
Mail the completed entry form with payment to St. Stanislaus Parish, 1506 Washington St., Michigan City, IN 46360.

In-person registration can be done:

- From 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 6, at St. Stanislaus Church Hall. The cost, which includes a T-shirt, is \$20, or \$15 for children 13 and younger.
- From 6 to 7:30 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at the park. The cost is \$25, but due to limited quantities, there is no guarantee of a T-shirt.

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Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Basket Weaving at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, May 31.**

Margie Warner teaches the single-session class, through which each person can take home a basket. A \$10 non-refundable deposit is required for materials, and prices vary. Sign up and see the basket at the library circulation desk.

• **Knitting Club for All Ages at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4.**

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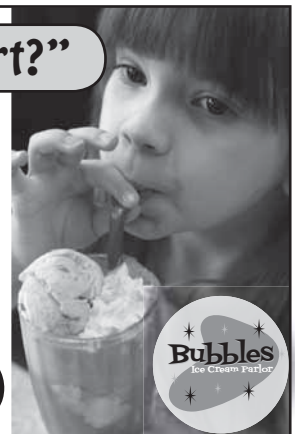
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In addition to regional instructors, the four visiting artists are Van Amerongen (metal), Robin Kittleson (kiln-fired glass), Dobrila Pintar (flameworking) and John Ryszka (flameworking).

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Habitat Affiliate Founder Honored

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana on May 4 welcomed home its founder, the Rev. Dick Rogers, dedicating its conference room to him with more than 50 people present.

Rogers was in town for a panel build constructed by parishioners of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Munster, in their parking lot May 2-3.




The Rev. Dick Rogers (from left), Bob Johnson, affiliate board president, and Executive Director Dan Klein stand next to the conference room dedication plaque.

Rogers started the Habitat affiliate in 1986 while ministering at Westminster Presbyterian. He was 10 years into his service when he invited Millard Fuller, Habitat for Humanity International founder, to speak at a Sunday service. From there, he formed a committee and started Lake County Habitat for Humanity. The first house built was in Hammond.

Rogers continued building houses and ministering at Westminster for more than 30 years. Since then, he has retired and moved to Dallas, Texas, to be closer to relatives. He returns once a year to his hometown.

La Porte County has a Habitat for Humanity affiliate at 1002 Green St., Michigan City.

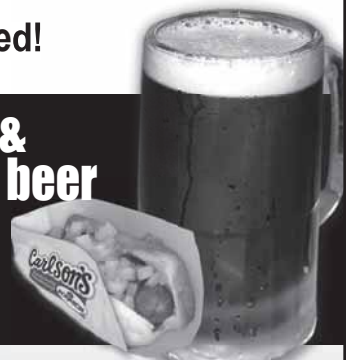


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The ceremony also was the first event for the Guardian Riders and Wall Gang veteran motorcycle clubs as they drive to Washington, D.C., for the Memorial Day ceremonies.



Cadets execute "Present Arms" for the veterans motorcycle club as it exits the Medal of Honor monument ceremony.

The cadets provided a color guard, flag-raising detail and "side buoys" on Washington Park bridge as the Guardian Riders and Wall Gang entered and exited the park. The MCHS choir sang The National Anthem. Guest speakers included State Sen. Jim Arnold and Michigan City Mayor Ron Meer. U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly could not attend, but sent a representative to read a letter. Most of the Michigan City veteran groups either attended or participated in the ceremony.

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Event Raises Nearly \$200,000

Unity Foundation of La Porte County and its partners joined a national fundraiser May 6, raising \$198,415 to support local non-profit causes.

Give Local America marked the centennial anniversary of community foundations, 82 of which from across the nation participated.

In 24 hours, donations were made online and by check to support organizations and projects benefiting the arts, youth, education, the environment and human services. Donations came from 22 states and three countries outside the United States.

Unity Foundation and its board provided special grant prizes. Three organizations split \$4,500 as the top fundraisers:

- First place – The Salvation Army-La Porte raised \$42,460 to receive \$2,000.
- Second place — Erdheim Chester Disease Global Alliance raised \$28,475 to receive \$1,500.
- Third place – Worthy Women Recovery Home captured \$28,373 to receive \$1,000.

One donor made a \$40,000 contribution to open a new Unity endowment fund for The Salvation Army-La Porte.

ECD Global Alliance drew donations from several states, as well as Canada, Ireland and Belgium. The fund was started for the Give Day by a local donor who suffers from the rare multi-system disease.

Several nonprofit organizations successfully strategized to each benefit from \$1,000 grant prizes offered by Unity Foundation during the event. They included:

- Game On: Awarded to La Porte County Family YMCA, which received the first 25 unique gifts from 25 different donors.
- Generous Neighbor Award: Achieved by Worthy Women Recovery Home as the first fund with 20 unique gifts of \$100 or more.
- Give Local Lunch: American Red Cross boasted the largest gift closest to noon CST.
- Home Stretch Award: LOK (Lindsey O'Brien Kesling) Wishing Tree Foundation secured the greatest number of unique gifts between 9 and 11:30 p.m.
- Over Achiever Award: The largest number of unique donors for the entire event was tallied by Worthy Women. But as contest rules allowed one special prize per organization, Humane Society of La Porte and Berrien Counties was heralded as the Over Achiever with 68 donations.



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Barker Inducts 45 into NJHS



Barker National Junior Honor Society President Kylie Filipiak leads inductees in the honor society pledge.

Barker Middle School on May 22 inducted 45 new members into the John H. Barker Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

The inductees joined 83 seventh- and eighth-grade members.

The 2014 inductees included: Connor Baker, Nick Bednar, Valorie Burdick, Hannah Chambers, Payton Colvin, Tyler Cuma, Bryanne Cushway, Elijah Davis, Elysha Davis, Dania Duenas, Madelyn Gondeck, Farrah Goodall, Nicholas Gushrowski, Alexandria Hahn, Max Hardwick, Jocelyn Hekter, Ciana Hoffman, Koryn Hollingshead, Adam Howard, Brenda Huizer, Micaela Iacovetti, Lexie Koza, Anna-Lisse Lenard, Halie Lewis, Kira Morton, Abby Novak, Logan Novak, Amanda Ochoa, Stephen Pat-

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During the ceremony, several eighth-graders received awards for their embodiment of the guiding principles of NJHS:

- Kylie Filipiak — Leadership.
- Sydney Kohn — Scholarship.
- Dalin McCully — Scholarship.
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Capt. Matthew Lamb (far left), executive officer of the U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting Station, Indianapolis, presents ceremonial checks of \$180,000 to Cadet Staff Sgt. Kayla Orzech and Cadet Capt. Paul Tobalt as recipients of the Navy ROTC Scholarship (Marine option), as Michigan City High School Principal Wendell McCollum looks on. Only three other seniors from throughout Indiana earned the scholarship. Tobalt will attend Purdue University-West Lafayette and Orzech Loyola University in Chicago. Upon graduating, each will be commissioned second lieutenants in the Marine Corps. The current starting annual base salary for a second lieutenant is \$33,408. Additionally, all health care, on-base housing, life insurance and 30 days paid vacation are completely covered by the Marine Corps.



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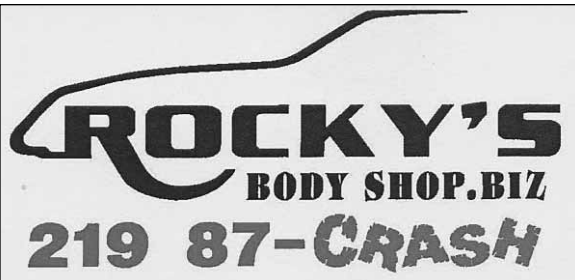
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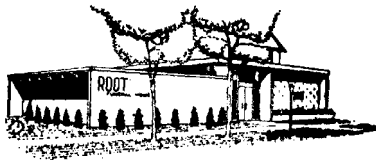
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“Early College” Kickoff

Eighth-graders who will be part of the new Michigan City High School “Early College” next fall received an official welcome May 20.

The students and their families gathered for an induction and dinner in the high school cafeteria, which gave them a chance to meet other students and faculty, and learn more about how Early College will be structured. The program will be based at MCHS and function as a “school within a school” for up to 125 ninth-grade students.

MCHS Early College, offered in partnership with Purdue University-North Central and Ivy Tech, will enable students to earn high school and college credits. Upon graduation, they will earn a high school diploma and an associate’s degree (60 credit hours). Dual college credits earned through the program are free for any student eligible for free/reduced lunch, and are either free or at a low cost for all others.

Principal Wendel McCollum stressed that Early College will give students a solid foundation for success beyond high school. It builds on the already successful dual-credit program at MCHS, which enabled last year’s graduating class to earn 1,897 dual college credits through PNC, the most in the Dune-land Conference.



Michigan City High School Principal Wendel McCollum
speaks at the Early College kickoff.

Early College high schools exist in communities across the U.S. They are designed to serve middle-tier students, including those who may be among the first in their families to attend college. Students receive specialized guidance and other extra support to keep them on track with rigorous course work. About 30 slots remain in the program for fall 2014. Families of eighth-graders interested in applying should contact MCHS Guidance Counselor Rhonda LaMarr at (219) 873-2044 or rlamarr@mcas.k12.in.us. Visit EducateMC.net/earlycollege for more information.

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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

- **“Junior Wildland Firefighter Program” from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 31, at West Beach Contact Station.**

Meet the park’s fire crew and learn about their jobs and equipment. Children receive a Junior Wildland Firefighter activity book and Junior Wildland Firefighter patch.

West Beach is off County Line Road near the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary.

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

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

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

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

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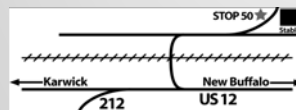
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Tryon Farm Trail Run Results

Runners came from as far away as Arkansas and New Zealand to the third annual Tryon Farm Trail Run on May 17.

Participants ranged from a Congressional Medal of Bravery recipient to the reigning Detroit Marathon champion to 11-year-old Oliver Bohac-Datz.

Zachary Ornelas, Ann Arbor, Mich., set a course record with a 3-hour 15-minute finish time. Local runner John Borman shaved more than 40 minutes off last year's finish time and passed two top runners in the final miles to claim the No. 2 spot on the podium. The women's 50K winner was Crystal Hutchings, Lake in the Hills, Ill.

Next year's race is May 16, 2015.

Mainstreet Hosting Performer

Hip-hop/rap performer Brennen "Lyrically Insane" Burleson will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St.

Brennen has been making a name for himself in the Northwest Indiana music scene. The cost is \$8. Call the theater at (219) 874-4269 or visit www.festivalplayersguild.com for reservations.

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PNC to Present Ginny Scott Exhibit

The Purdue University-North Central Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series will present "The Unseen," abstract art in acrylic by Ginny Scott, on June 1 through July 30.

Scott, who has a studio in La Porte, has been a professional artist most of her life. She was a juried member of New York Artists Equity before relocating to Chicago and recently to Indiana. She is a juried member of the Area Artists Association of the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City, a juried member of Northern Indiana Artists Inc., South Bend, a member of the Berrien Artist Guild at The Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, Mich.; and Chesterton Art Gallery. She's taught art in her studios and organized gallery shows for her students.



Her free exhibit is in the first-floor north study area of the PNC Technology Building. During the school semester, building hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday during the school semester. Otherwise, the building is closed Sundays.

Also, Scott and artist Mindy Marie, who will have her abstract collection "Omnium Gatherum" in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building Student Lounge, Room 062, will be honored during a reception at 5 p.m. Friday, June 13, in the Library-Student-Faculty Building, Assembly Hall, Room 02. Guests can meet the artists and view their work. Refreshments will be served. Music will be provided by acoustic guitarist Keith Scott.

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White Tiger Cubs Born at Zoo

Washington Park Zoo announced two male white tiger cubs were born May 14.

The births mark the first for the zoo's white tiger female, Zusha, who came to the zoo Jan. 25, 2010, as a 12-day-old female cub from Wildwood Wildlife Park, Minocqua, Wis.

The white adult male parent, Zeus, was obtained as a 4-month-old cub from the World Wild Life Zoo in Litchfield, Ariz., on Nov. 6, 2010.

The parents and cubs are white color variations of the Bengal tiger. White tiger cubs are produced when the recessive gene for white is inherited from both parents; therefore, two white tigers mated together produce only white cubs. White tigers are not albinos, have bright blue eyes and are referred to as sports.

Of the five major zoos in Indiana, South Bend's Potawatomi Zoo is the only other zoo exhibiting a white tiger (an 18-year-old female).

The first white tiger in captivity was Mohan, who was born in India in 1951. A group of villagers noticed a white cub among orange litter mates and reported this to the Maharaja, who sent them out to collect the tiger.


The first captive birth of white tigers was on Oct. 30, 1958, in India when Mohan was bred to one of his orange-colored daughters, producing one male and three female all-white cubs. One of these females was named Mohini, and on Dec. 5, 1960, German-American billionaire John Kluge purchased Mohini and donated her to the Smithsonian National Zoological Park in Washington, D.C., as a gift to the children of America.

Zeus is a direct descendant from the Mohini bloodline. Zusha and her cubs will be off display for at least four months until the cubs have developed running and walking abilities. A video feed will be set up from their den area to an outside monitor for visitors to view.



Zusha and her cubs.

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LaLu Boys Golf Takes Invitational

The La Lumiere 2014 boys golf team closed its season with its second consecutive victory in the Berrien County Invitational hosted by New Buffalo High School and Whitaker Woods Golf Course.

Other competing schools were New Buffalo, River Valley, Lake Michigan Catholic, Eau Claire and St. Joseph High School.

The La Lumiere team score was 178 for nine holes. Individual scores were: Tommy Yemc, 41; Brian Caplice, 43; Dan Mockaitis, 46; and Justin Dekker 48.



Appearing together are Tommy Yemc (from left), Brian Caplice, Dan Mockaitis, Assistant Coach Joe Huyler, Head Coach Mike Nygren and Justin Dekker.

Individual low total medals went to all four players, as well as the team trophy. Yemc won closest to the pin, while Caplice won the longest drive.

All are attending college in the fall: Yemc at the University of Notre Dame, Mockaitis at University of California Berkley, Caplice at Purdue University and Dekker at Indiana University.

Local History DVDs Available

Two DVDs featuring local people and towns are available at the New Troy Community Center and certain stores.

The first, "The Great Sawyer Train Wreck," was inspired by two 8 mm home movies recently screened at the center. The event generated so much interest, organizer Terry Hanover converted the original black-and-white 1952 movies to digital format for distribution. Film owners Jay Vitek and his family gave permission and loaned the films to the Weesaw Township Historical Society and Friends of New Troy to produce the DVDs.

Once into production, Hanover's vision grew to include background music and voice-overs, along with photos provided by Wendy Foster of New Troy, and an interview with Wayne Krieger, who in 1952 was the best friend of the young man killed by the train that demolished much of downtown Sawyer.

The result is Hanover's first DVD.

The second DVD, "A Dying Art," was produced by Australian filmmaker Justin Olmstead, who shot it in Galien, Mich., in February 2010. It premiered at the New Troy Community Center in 2012. Later that year, it received Best Director and Best Script honors at the Canberra International Short Film Festival.

The film explores making maple syrup from sap extracted from maple trees, as practiced by Olmstead's grandfather and his friends. It features interviews and behind-the-scenes footage.

The DVDs, which cost \$15 each, are available at New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road, Sawyer Hardware, 5896 Sawyer Road, and the Scarlet Macaw Art Center, 5888 Sawyer Road. Contact Terry at (269) 426-4199 or thanover@centeroftheworld.net for more information.

Latest Coho Capital Derby Winners

Visit Michigan City La Porte has announced the latest weekly winners in the Third Annual Coho Capital Derby, held each spring from late April to early June.

The derby allows fishermen to catch trout and salmon anywhere in Lake Michigan, but to qualify for prizes, their fish must be weighed in at Lake Michigan Tackle, 1315 Franklin St., Michigan City.

This week's \$100 winner in the trout category was Brad Kreigbaum, Michigan City. He used a Blue Dolphin lure to bring in the 17.1 pound Laker. He caught the fish May 18 while chartering Fin Fire Charters on Lake Michigan.

This week's \$100 winner in the salmon category was Darrell Shepherd, Winona Lake. He used a spoon to catch the 18.14 pound salmon while fishing on Lake Michigan on May 17.

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2014 Historian of the Year



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VU Academic Camp

Valparaiso University will offer an academic camp for elementary and middle-school students June 16-27.

The camp, "Summer Smart, Summer Fun," continues the legacy of the late VU professor Alan Bloom, who led its development in 2013. The purpose is to help children learn about the world, having them create special projects, science experiments and original stories.

VU faculty and teachers from the area will lead topics. Interactive courses include robotics, Spanish, creative writing, geography, history, physics, chemistry and astronomy.

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Call NorthShore Health Center at (219) 763-8112 for more information.

- **Free Sunday Matinee, "Her," at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The Oscar-winning movie, which is rated R, has a running time of 126 minutes.

- **AARP Driver Safety Program from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, June 16, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood meeting room.**

The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Registration is necessary. Visit www.aarp.org/drive or call instructor Jeanette Pike at (219) 949-6307 for more information or to register.

"How to Paint With Oils"

Mark VanderVenne will offer a "How to Paint with Oils" workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 6-7, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The workshop covers the basics of oil painting, including best practices of setup and materials, mediums, direct painting techniques, mixing colors and an introduction to the fundamentals of art: drawing, value, color and edges. Students will do exercises and small paintings to familiarize themselves with oils, as well as by working with simple shapes from life and photos.

The cost is \$120 for members and \$145 for non-members. A supply list will be provided to everyone who registers. Space is limited. Time will be allotted for lunch breaks. Call (219) 926-4711 to register. Visit www.chestertonart.com for more information.

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Summer Reading Program

Adults and young adults in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in "Books in Bloom," Westchester Public Library's summer reading program that runs June 1-30.

The locations are: Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton, and Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter. No pre-registration is required, but a valid Westchester Public Library card is required.

To participate, read or listen to a book checked out from Westchester Public Library. Fill out the front and back of a review card for each book, then return it to the circulation desk at either library. Young adults return their review cards to the reference desk at Thomas Library or circulation desk at Hageman Library.

Each review card is an entry to win in one of the weekly prize drawings at each library. Drawings for adults will be held at Thomas and Hageman libraries. Patrons do not need to be present to win. Only one prize per person will be allowed.

Call Thomas Library at (219) 926-7696 or Hageman Library at (219) 926-9080 for more information.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following events are planned through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Saturday, May 31

• 10 a.m. — Tour de Dunes.

Meet the naturalist at the campground gate with bikes and helmets to ride along newer park bike trails and take a test ride on the new Dunes-Kankakee Trail. The program lasts about an hour.

• 3 p.m. — Meet the Rat Snake.

Meet at the Nature Center this afternoon for a look at snakes of the dunes, as well as the newest member of the nature center family.

• 8 p.m. — Things That Go Bump in the Night!

Meet at the campground gate for an evening stroll exploring animals of the dunes and the special adaptations needed to survive the dark. Children 12 and younger must take a parent. The program lasts about an hour.

Sunday, June 1

• 10 a.m. — To the Blowout and Back.

Meet at the Nature Center for a one-hour trek to view Beach House Blowout.

• 3 p.m. — Turtle Time.

Take an hour-long look at turtles of Indiana Dunes. Afterwards, participants let them loose to watch them crawl. Meet at the Nature Center.

Thursday, June 5

10 a.m. — Beach Yoga.

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

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.

Park Not Affected by Dune Shutdown

Indiana Dunes State Park is open and ready for visitors, despite some confusion with the closure of nearby Mount Baldy.

The popular sand dune is part of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, a federal property managed by the National Park Service. Mount Baldy, its parking lot, trail and beach are closed while the National Park Service investigates holes and depressions found on top of the dune. Last summer, a 6-year-old Illinois boy fell into one of the holes.

Indiana Dunes State Park is managed by the state Department of Natural Resources and covers almost 2,200 acres along Lake Michigan's shoreline.

Although Mount Baldy is off limits, the remaining 15,000 acres of the National Lakeshore are open to visitors.

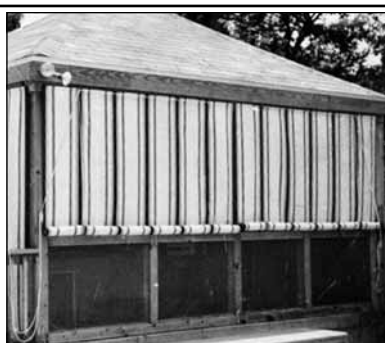


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Low Gross: Marge Walsh
 Low Net: Gloria McMahon
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 Low Net: Tina Sonderby
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In the Local Area:

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

May 29-June 1 — Maple City Grand Prix, Stone Lake. Free admission. Info: Jason@michigancityla-porte.com, (219) 872-5055.

May 29-June 2 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “Under the Skin,” starring Scarlett Johansson as an alien in human form on a journey through Scotland. Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. *Also:* “Wes Anderson’s acclaimed comedy “The Grand Budapest Hotel.” Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Thurs., Fri. and Mon., and 3 and 9 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickers-theatre.com

May 30 — James Neary CD release concert, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. \$5 cover charge. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

May 30-31 — La Porte’s Washington Stage Theatre show, “Open Auditions,” Tippecanoe Place Restaurant, 620 W. Washington St., South Bend. Dinner/7 p.m., show/8 p.m. Both times Eastern. Cost: \$40 plus tax. Reservations: (574) 234-9077.

May 31 — 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 31 — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

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

May 31 — Brennen “Lyrically Insane” Burleson, 8 p.m., Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Cost: \$8. Info/reservations: www.festivalplayersguild.com, (219) 874-4269.

May 31 — Tour de Dunes, 10 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

May 31 — “Junior Wildland Firefighter Program,” 11 a.m.-noon, West Beach Contact Station off County Line Road near Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary.

May 31 — “Acorn’s Adult Prom: Somewhere in Time,” 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Free. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

May 31 — Variety show, 7 p.m., La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Doors open 6:15 p.m. Info: (219) 324-6767.

May 31 — Works in Motion Dance Co. recital, 2-6 p.m., Elston Middle School Performing Arts Center, 317 Detroit St. Tickets/info: (219) 324-7600, www.wimodance.com.

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June 1 — “Miller Woods Hike,” 1:30-3 p.m., Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education, Lake Street north of U.S. 12 in Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary. Info: (219) 395-1882.

June 1 — “Joan Curto Sings Cole Porter,” 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$25. Tickets/reservations: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

June 1 — Free Matinee, “Her,” 1:30 p.m., Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

June 2 — Monday Musicales free, open meeting, 7 p.m., The Social and Learning Institute, 201 E. Garfield St., Michigan City. Info: (219) 874-3754.

June 3 — Weekly open mic, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Info: Sandra@acorntheater.com

June 4-5 — Arts in the Park, La Porte City Band June 4 and Elwood Splinters Blues Band June 5, 7 p.m., Fox Park Dennis Smith Amphitheater, La Porte. Free.

June 5 — “A Night of Improv in the Lounge” with Donna Blue Lachman, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$10. Tickets/reservations: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

June 6-7 — Annual garden and yard event, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., St. Stanislaus Convent Resale Shop, 1501 Franklin St.

June 6-8, 12-15 — “I Hate Hamlet,” Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 8 p.m. Thurs.-Sat./2 p.m. Sun. Cost: \$12/adults, \$10/Thursdays for 12 and younger. Reservations/info: (219) 874-4035, www.footlightplayers.org.

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

Through June 2 — Darlene Lenz art exhibit, Visit Michigan City La Porte in Marquette Mall.

Farther Afield:

May 30-June 8 — The dark comedy “Sordid Lives,” Crown Point Community Theatre, 1125 Merrillville Road. Times: 8 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15/\$12 for students, seniors or military personnel with valid ID. Reservations: (219) 805-4255/BrownPaperTickets.com

May 31 — Brooklyn-based husband-and-wife duo Jillian Speece and Nathaniel Paul Hoff, 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 31 — Kayaking program through Sarett Nature Center, 2 p.m. EDT, North Lake Park in Stevensville, Mich. Cost: \$15. Registration (269) 927-4832.

June 1 — Deep River Grinders, 2 p.m., Deep River County Park, 9410 Old Lincoln Highway, Hobart. Free.



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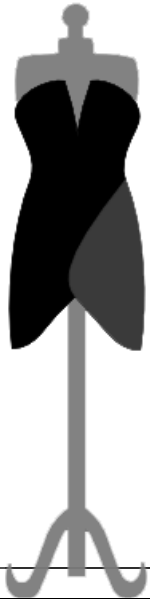
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On May 29, 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the English Stamp Act in Virginia's House of Burgesses, then responded to a cry of "Treason" by saying, "If this be treason, make the most of it!"

On May 29, 1917, John F. Kennedy, who would become the 35th President of the United States, was born in the Massachusetts town of Brookline.

On May 29, 1943, Norman Rockwell's portrait of "Rosie the Riveter" appeared on the cover of *The Saturday Evening Post*.

On May 29, 1953, Sir Edmund Hillary, along with a tribesman from Nepal, Tenzing Norgay, became the first to reach the top of Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain peak.

On May 29, 1987, a jury in Los Angeles acquitted "Twilight Zone" director John Landis and four associates of involuntary manslaughter in the movie-set deaths of actor Vic Morrow and two children.

On May 29, 1999, the space shuttle *Discovery* completed the first-ever docking with the *International Space Station*.

On May 30, 1431, 19-year old Joan of Arc, condemned as a witch, was burned at the stake in the market place at Rouen, France.

On May 30, 1498, Christopher Columbus sailed from Spain to began his third voyage to the New World.

On May 30, 1868, Memorial Day — a day set aside in memory of those who died in the Civil War — was first observed.

On May 30, 1901, the Baseball Hall of Fame opened in Cooperstown, NY.


On May 30, 1935, Babe Ruth played his final major league game, finishing his baseball career in a Boston Braves uniform.

On May 31, 1983, boxing legend Jack Dempsey, the "Manassa Mauler," died at the age of 87.

On May 31, 1993, Arthur F. Gay, who lived with a donated heart for 20 years and 4 months (the longest on record), died, of cancer of the esophagus, at the age of 56.

On May 31, 2005, after a silence of 30 years, former FBI official W. Mark Felt stepped forward as "Deep Throat," the secret *Washington Post* source who

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On June 1, 1937, actor Morgan Freeman was born in Memphis, TN.

On June 1, 1967, the Beatles released their landmark album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

On June 1, 1980, Cable News Network (CNN) made its debut as the first all-news television service.

On June 2, 1864, the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad merged with the Chicago & North Western companies to form the Chicago & North Western Railway Co.

On June 2, 1883, in Fort Wayne, IN, 2,000 spectators attended the first baseball game to be played at night.

On June 2, 1897, responding to rumors that he had died, 61 year-old Mark Twain was quoted from London by the *New York Journal* as saying that "the report of my death was an exaggeration."

On June 2, 1966, after making America's first soft landing on the moon, the unmanned *Surveyor 1* spacecraft relayed pictures from the lunar surface.

On June 3, 1965, Edward White (during the flight of *Gemini Four*) became the first American to walk in space.

On June 3, 2001, Mel Brooks' musical comedy "The Producers" won a record 12 Tony Awards; Chicago's Victory Gardens Theatre received a special regional theater Tony.

On June 3, 2003, Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa was ejected in the first inning of a game against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays after umpires found cork in his shattered bat. He later was suspended for seven games.

On June 4, 1896, Henry Ford moved his first car from a brick shed at 58 Bagley Avenue, and took it on a test run in a nighttime drive through the dark streets of Detroit.

On June 4, 1942, the Battle of Midway (a naval encounter that would give the United States its first important victory over Japan in World War II) began. Japan's devastating losses ended any chance that they ever had of winning the war in the Pacific.

On June 4, 2003, Martha Stewart stepped down as head of her media empire after federal prosecutors in New York charged her with obstruction of justice, conspiracy, securities fraud and lying to investigators. Stewart was convicted in March 2004 of lying about why she had sold her shares of ImClone Systems in 2001 just before the stock price plunged.

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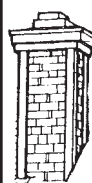


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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Savage Girl by Jean Zimmerman
(hardcover, \$27.95 in bookstores and on-line)

Nature vs. nurture.

Can a child brought up in the wilds by, say, Indians or even a pack of wolves, be taken back to civilization and made to be a proper member of society? The debate goes on and on, and nowhere is it handled better than in this week's recommendation.

I guess you could call this a historical novel, a mystery and a psychological drama. It contains all those elements, as well as love, hate and revenge, elements that make the world go round — civilized or not.

Here are the facts about this captivating story.

It is 1875, and the immensely rich Delegate family of New York City is on its private railroad cars headed for a tour of the American West and, in particular, the Nevada silver mine they own. The family consists of the parents, Friedrich-August and Anna Maria, and sons Hugo and his younger brother, Nicky. They are accompanied by Tu-Li, a Chinese lady and companion to Anna Maria, and a berdache named Tahktoo, a Zuni man-woman. (*"Anatomically male, garmented as a female, an indigene from the deserts of the Arizona Territory."*)

They find the town called Virginia City, Nev., to be as rough and tumble as the stories sent back East by the dime novelists. In fact, while dining at the only respectable hotel in town, they witness a shooting right in the restaurant. Their only reprieve from a stray bullet was the fact that they were sitting in the balcony instead of the main floor.

A walk down a side street puts them in front of a large barn with a hand-painted sign: *Savage Girl*. Appropriately amused, they go in for the 5 o'clock "show." The girl they see is wild, disheveled and apparently mute. She puts on a pair of claw hands, each one fitted with three blades: razor sharp, made of honed steel and, obviously, made to scare and excite the audience.

Friedrich, a rich man with a lot of time on his hands, takes the girl back to "civilization" to see if nurturing can, indeed, overcome nature. It could prove interesting, no?

The New York City the family returns to with *Savage Girl* in tow — she turns out to be named Bronwyn — is a town made up of the very rich, like the Delegates, and the rest of the population, which doesn't matter to them. Ever read Edith Wharton? Like her, the author brings to vivid life the strict structure and mores of Manhattan society.

For a while, it seems to work. Bronwyn says a



few words, then picks up on writing and reading. Anna Maria and Tu-Li dress her properly, even passing her off to the rest of New York society as a distant relative about to have her "coming out" ball.

The story is told by Hugo to his lawyers while he is incarcerated in jail for murder.

Yes. Murder.

It seems since this whole *Savage Girl* thing started, vicious murders have been happening wherever the Delegates, and Bronwyn, go. Hugo, who has spent time in a sanatorium (*"...down with a woeful bout of disturbed thoughts, restlessness and depression of spirits"*), cannot bring

himself to believe Bronwyn could be responsible for these murders (vicious attacks with mutilated bodies whose private parts have been cut off), so he begins to think he is somehow responsible. Plus, he discovers that Bronwyn has been sneaking out of the house late at night.

Where could she be going?

It's an interesting cast of characters: Friedrich with his scientific curiosity, Anna Maria looking to replace the daughter she lost, Nicky the teenager who follows Bronwyn around like a lost puppy and Hugo, who vacillates between a decent human being and a simpering wimp who prefers his anatomy lessons to society...until Bronwyn comes into his life.

Every twist and turn of this well-written story only serve to engage you more and more, and you won't be satisfied until all questions have been answered. Author Jean Zimmerman keeps the final solution until the very end, an ending I really didn't see coming!

Oprah.com says: "...consider this the compulsively readable love child of Edith Wharton and Edgar Allen Poe."

ALA Booklist said: "Suffused with a gothic aura of dark suspense, this is a finely wrought psychological work, rich with historical detail. Zimmerman's settings spring off the page...Immensely readable, *Savage Girl* takes the reader by the throat and doesn't let go."

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