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Music to the Ears

Philip Bauman Celebrates 20 Years with La Porte County Symphony Orchestra

by Andrew Tallackson

Philip Bauman knows how to pull off an 11th hour rescue.

In 1989, he made his podium debut with Chicago Opera Theater, helming its season-ending performance of "Romeo and Juliet" with only five minutes notice.

In 1994, he stepped in at the last minute to conduct an Elgin Symphony subscription concert for Margaret Hillis, revered as Chicago Symphony Chorus' founder and first director.

It was in 1994 that he also came to the aid of a friend, Steven Blackwelder, who was



The annual Hoosier Star fundraiser remains an enjoyable experience for Philip Bauman and the symphony's musicians.

unable to fulfill his conducting obligation with La Porte County Symphony Orchestra. At the time, Bauman had no plans to make a long-term commitment. He was simply helping out a friend at short notice.

"My first impressions (of the symphony) were that they were musicians with a great deal of heart, with a desire to do well and go through the process of rehearsing and performing," Bauman said. "The atmosphere in the community was very welcoming, so that set things in the right direction."



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Twenty years later, Bauman is at home with La Porte County Symphony Orchestra as its music director and conductor. What's gratifying for him, among many things, is how the musicians over the years have embraced bigger and bolder projects, securing new audiences and, better yet, a new generation of talent.

"There is a trust that goes both ways," Bauman said. "I trust that the musicians will work to get where we need to be, and they trust that I haven't bitten off more than I can chew.

"The result is the musicians saying, 'Wow. I can't believe we played 'Pines of Rome' or 'Carmina Burana'.' It's a boost of enthusiasm that, hey, we've done these works, that we *can* do these works."

Amid his 20th anniversary with LCSO, Bauman is about to kick off its 2014-2015 season, "Symphonic Voices: Reimagined," with an opening night concert Nov. 15 that includes guest performances by

The Other 3 Tenors and the Wirt-Emerson Concert Choir from Gary. He's a busy man, also conducting the Northwest Indiana Symphony Youth Orchestra, but he took time out from his schedule to speak with The Beacher not only about the LCSO, but also his love of music and instilling a passion for the arts in children.

A native of Battle Creek, Mich., music played a key role in Bauman's youth. His mother sang and played the organ. Each Saturday, she'd play Metropolitan Opera broadcasts on the radio. Once, he even stuck his head between his parents' stereo consoles to better appreciate Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5."

"That stuck with me forever," he said. "I remember thinking, 'This piece is just incredible'."

Bauman gravitated toward the French horn, and says he was fortunate to have music teachers who believed in him, helping cultivate his talent. He later received a bachelor's degree in music theory from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in orchestral conducting from Northwestern University.



Philip Bauman conducts a performance of "The Nutcracker."

His first experience at the podium arrived, appropriately enough, before the Battle Creek Symphony Orchestra. The conductor at the time was a friend with whom he'd studied privately.

"I remember being nervous as heck walking up to the podium, but extremely comfortable conducting the orchestra," he said. "I felt like I was home. Then, I turned around and I was scared again.

"That says something, that while making music I felt 100 percent confident and secure, that I needed to pursue this."



The Wirt-Emerson Concert Choir.



The Other 3 Tenors

Bauman's ensuing journey marked one impressive accomplishment after the next. He created Camera da Musica Concert Society, a chamber music concert series and professional orchestra. He conducted pieces not only with Chicago Opera Theater, through which he presented works ranging from "Carousel" to "La Traviata," but also The Opera Factory, da Corneto Opera, Light Opera Works and the Jarvis Conservatory. He served as music director and conductor of the Chicago Brass Choir, Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra and Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra. For 13 years, he was an associate conductor with Elgin Symphony. He served as Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra's assistant conductor, appearing in classical and pops concerts, for five seasons, as well as conducting everything from the Wheaton Symphony to the Downers Grove Oratorio Society.

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Lake Michigan Water Levels On a quick Upswing For how long? How far?

The Lake levels tend to peak each July, drop in the fall and early winter and then start to rise in the Spring and first half of summer. The average variation over the year is about a foot between January--February (low) and June--July--August (High). So you have to make comparisons to the same month to track changes.

As recent as February 2013 Lake Michigan levels were equal to the lowest ever recorded levels. In fact, December 2012 and January 2013 were the lowest levels ever recorded for those two months.

I just received the USACE report for September 2014. Some interesting numbers. September 2014 Lake Michigan hit 579.10 feet above sea level. September 2013 it was 577.56. That is a 1.54' rise year over year for the same month. For the first time in many years, the actual level of the Lake is higher than the average level. The average level for September is 579.06. We have been below average for so long that average seems high.

What peaks my interest is how fast we have gone from the lowest recorded level to slightly above average.

The highest lake level for September came in 1986. It reached 581.96' above sea level. That is 2.86' higher than September 2014. In 1986 the beaches were eroding mightily. Houses in the National Park and Grand Beach fell into the Lake.

The Lowest recorded level for September came in 1964. That year the level was 576.64' above sea level. They tell me that the beaches were grand that year.

So, "Will the Lake keep rising or will it settle back to a more normal annual cycle?" The USACE predicts that it may well go up another foot by next March. That is very counter cyclical to the normal annual rise and fall of the Lake. But the USACE people have hedged their bets by saying that the Lake might also fall back into a more normal cycle.

Lake Michigan has been decidedly on the rise since early 2013. In 2014 it rose rapidly. Hold on to your beach steps if it continues to rise as quickly as it has in the past 18 months. Then pray for early ice so the winter storms do not cause you to lose more than your steps.

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Since becoming the conductor/music director with the LCSO, he's helped boost not only concert attendance figures, but also educational programs and the symphony's overall budget. He's also found a balance between satisfying audience expectations with classic or popular pieces and introducing new or unfamiliar works. Personal highlights for Bauman over the years have included Berlioz's "Symphony Fantastique" and "Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9," both in 2000 and the latter the same week his son, Matthew, was born, "Pines of Rome" and Mozart's "Requiem" in 2003 and "Carmina Burana" in 2008. That year also marked the performance of a contemporary work by Peter Boyer, "Ellis Island."

LCSO musicians, on average, hail from a 20-mile radius, Bauman said, not just from within the county, but also from South Bend, Valparaiso, Southwest Michigan and in some cases Chicago. According to the LCSO website, the roster of talent, which includes substitutes and student apprentices, hovers at around 90 individuals.

The musicians, Bauman said, have become highly proficient with the rehearsal process. On average, the group practices six to seven times beforehand for classical concerts and one or two times in advance for Pops programs.

"My main job is to get everyone basically on the same page," he said. "Sometimes, that's developed

by my inclinations, or sometimes I hear the musicians play something differently than I thought of... and I welcome that input. It definitely is a collaborative effort."

What's changed during the past five to six years, Bauman continued, is that an increasing number of younger musicians are joining the LCSO, the talent



La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St., is home to most of the symphony's performances.

ranging in age from people their 20s to their 40s.

"They are enjoying themselves here," Bauman said. "They realize the intent here, that the quality we have is high.

"They also find themselves in leadership roles that they may not have in bigger orchestras. We are here to work hard and make music, and they are on board with that."

Bauman's emphasis on youth extends beyond the symphony's performers. Look at some of the LCSO events — Hoosier Star, LCSO Children's Chorus, the annual Children's Concert attended by countless area school children — and it's the next generation of talent that often takes center stage.

It's one reason why Bauman loves conducting the LCSO, why he's remained with it for 20 years and why he wants to continue doing so into the foreseeable future.

"It's important to get younger audiences interested because they become the audiences of the future," he said. "Exposing young people to the arts, to symphonic music can get them excited about a different realm in music making that they might not have experienced before.

"When we bring in thousands of children every year to hear the orchestra, we know there are kids we are touching, children who will become musicians because of this experience. They will become patrons, people who will appreciate this and support this."



Philip Bauman conducts a performance that includes an appearance by the La Porte County Symphony Orchestra Children's Chorus.

More about the Upcoming Season

The 2014-2015 La Porte County Symphony Orchestra season is:

- "Opening Night" with The Other 3 Tenors (Warren Moulton, Franco Martorana and Simon Kyung Lee) and the Wirt-Emerson Concert Choir, conducted by Marion Boynes at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St., La Porte.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Table seating costs \$30. General admission balcony tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors (65 and older). Children/students through college age with I.D. receive free admission to the balcony.

Call (219) 362-9020 or visit www.LCSO.net for reservations. Tickets also may be purchased at the door, La Porte Civic Auditorium, La Porte Savings Bank, 710 Indiana Ave., La Porte, Roxy Music Shop, 1012 Lincol-

nway, La Porte, and Visit Michigan City La Porte Visitors Bureau in Marquette Mall.

- The IU Health La Porte Hospital Classic Concert, "Bach, Bruckner & Brahms," featuring the Northwest Indiana Symphony Chorus, at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 2015, at the Elston Performing Arts Center, 317 Detroit St., Michigan City.

- The Robert J. Hiler Family Pops Concert, featuring the Purdue Glee Club and LCSO Children's Chorus, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2015, at La Porte Civic Auditorium.



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New iRock Jazz Fest to Debut in New Buffalo

by Kayla Weiss

The new iRock Jazz Fest will bring local, national and internationally known jazz musicians to New Buffalo, Mich., on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The mission is to create a positive cultural and economic impact for New Buffalo and surrounding communities. John Moultrie, iRock Jazz Fest founder and CEO, said he wants the event to generate business during the area's off season. Having been a former small business owner in New Buffalo, he understands how important it is to continue business year round.

"Each venue is unique, and each artist is just as unique," he said. "This is an opportunity to provide entertainment and business for the area."

iRock Jazz is a site that covers today's music scene through original content, photography and video storytelling. It also connects fans and artists through various digital platforms.

The fest kicks off with a Friday night screening at Vickers Theatre, Three Oaks, Mich., of the new documentary "Finding Fela," which explores the political struggles, musical talent and bizarre personality of Nigerian singer Fela Anikulapo Kuti, also known as the forefather of Afrobeat. Tickets are \$20 and include a VIP reception pass and producer Q&A. Those with VIP tickets for Saturday's Jazz Fest may add Friday's events for only \$10.



Chris Greene Quartet

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Tickets start at \$20 for general admission. VIP tickets are \$30 and admit guests to the opening ceremony, as well as performances at all venues. Visit irockjazzfest.com for tickets or more information.

Saturday's lineup is (all times Eastern, all New Buffalo unless noted):

- Hope College Jazz Arts Collective, New Buffalo Performing Art Center, 1112 E. Clay St., 7 p.m.
- Vocalist Kimmie Horn, New Buffalo Performing Art Center, 8 p.m.
- Trumpeter Chris Lawrence, Roma Pizza, 17600 Red Arrow Highway, 8 and 9:30 p.m.
- Chris Greene Quartet, Timothy's Restaurant, 16220 Lakeshore Road, Union Pier, 8:45 and 10:45 p.m.
- Saxophonist and vocalist Marqueal Jordan, New Buffalo Yacht Club, 500 W. Water St., 9 and 11 p.m.
- Vocalist and composer Dara Tucker, Brewster's Italian Cafe, 11 W. Merchant St., 9 and 11:15 p.m.
- Patrick Booth Trio, El Rancho Grande, 310 E. Buffalo St., 9 and 11 p.m.
- Saxophonist Darius Hampton, Bentwood Tavern, 600 W. Water St., 9:30 and 11:30 p.m.
- Vocalist Julia Huff, Casey's Bar & Grill, 136 N. Whittaker St., 9:45 and 11:45 p.m.

Local transportation will take guests to venues to enjoy the various entertainers.

"I am so excited for this event," Moultrie said. "I feel like sometimes, people who aren't from this area miss a lot."

"I think this is the crown jewel of Harbor Country. We have great venues and businesses here, and I want to see business owners stay in business all year round. I think that this will be great for the local economy, and I can't wait to see everyone who comes out."



Chris Lawrence



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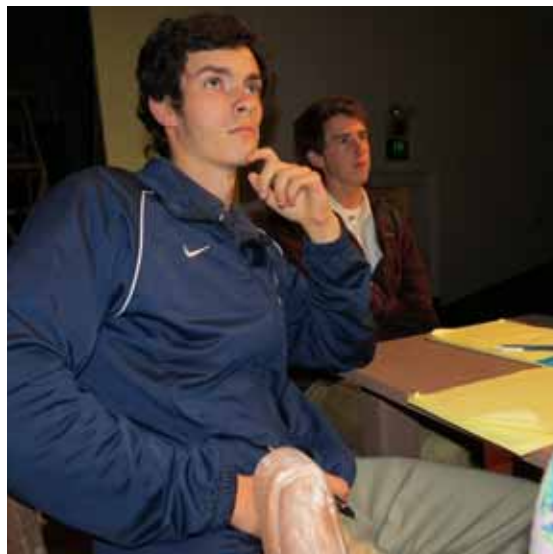
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Marquette Catholic High School's Drama Department will present “12 Angry Jurors,” an update of the classic courtroom drama, this weekend in the school's Rudy Hart Theatre, 306 W. 10th St.

Because of the subject matter, the show is not recommended for children 12 and younger. Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets, which are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors, are available at the door.



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Purdue University-North Central students will present Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa's "Rough Magic" for a two-weekend run that begins Saturday, Nov. 8, at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., Michigan City.

"Rough Magic" takes characters from "The Tempest" and drops them into modern-day New York. Dramatists Play Service calls the show "a Shakespearean action-adventure-fantasy in the tradition of 'Harry Potter' and 'X-Men' that conjures a mythical, magical meta-universe."

Aguirre-Sacasa also writes for Marvel Comics.

The cast and crew include PNC students and community members Aram Arden, La Porte; Alexandra Becker, La Porte; Angela Barreto, New Carlisle; Kevin Biertzer, Westville; Aaron Collings, La Porte; Sarah Dwight, Michigan City; Cameron Fe-

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PNC Continuing Lecturer of English Bethany Lee, Chesterton, will direct the play.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students presenting a valid student ID. The play contains some language and stage violence; parental discretion is advised.

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PNC 16th Anniversary Odyssey Sculpture Show

Purdue University-North Central will celebrate the 16th anniversary of its Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series with a public reception for its contemporary sculpture exhibit Saturday, Nov. 8 in the Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02.

The 2014-2015 exhibit includes five new pieces, bringing the total to 42 sculptures on the Westville campus and PNC-Porter County, 600 Vale Park Road, Valparaiso.

Guests can arrive early to take a self-guided tour of the sculptures.

The opening will begin at 5 p.m. with a book signing by PNC Chancellor Jim Dworkin, author of the recently published children's book, "The Dog and the Dolphin." Books will be available for purchase.

The program will begin at 5:30 p.m., with welcoming remarks from Dworkin. Judy Jacobi, PNC assistant vice chancellor of marketing and campus relations, will introduce the new sculptors and artists, who will discuss their works. Odyssey curator emeritus Tom Scarff will be honored for his work with the series.

From 6:30 to 7 p.m., guests can view the art on display at PNC, including pieces by noted 20th century artist George Sugarman in the Library Od-



"Chrysalis" by Richard Kiebdaj.

yssey Gallery on the second floor of the LSF Building.

(The library, usually closed on Saturdays, will be open from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.)

Guests may view "Italy: new/perspectives," an exhibit of immersive photographs by Joel DeGrand, in the Library-Student-Faculty Building, Room 02.

Also open is "Flight," lithographs commissioned by the International Rescue Committee in the Library-Student-Faculty Building student lounge, Room 062.

"An Unlikely Hero" by Chicago-based artist Kenrick McFarlane is on display in the first-floor north study area of the PNC Technology Building.

PNC also is the permanent home of a section of a steel beam recovered from the World Trade Center in

New York after its Sept. 11, 2001, collapse. It is on display in the LSF Cybercafé, Room 114, off the first-floor foyer. The steel is displayed near the oil paintings of Jason Poteet, which includes a series named "New York, New York," created in tribute to the victims of Sept. 11, the rescue workers and the residents of New York City.

Sculptors who will debut works as part of Odyssey 2014-2015 are:

- Bill Barrett – The sculpture "Lexeme VIII," which



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- Matthew Berg – “The Underwater Guy Who Controlled the Sea,” a piece made of painted steel, copper and aluminum that measures 14 feet high by 3 feet wide by 6 feet deep.
- Richard Kiebdaj – “Chrysalis” sits on a base that measures about 30 inches by 40 inches. The steel with macropoxy paint sculpture is 10 feet tall, 4 feet wide and 2 feet deep.
- Bruce Niemi – “Celestial Trio” is made of stainless steel. It measures 17 feet high, 7 feet wide and 5 feet, 6 inches deep.
- Charles Yost – “Pipe Trapped Apparitions No. 2: Cut Us Loose” is an aluminum sculpture. It is 22 feet high, 3 feet wide and 3 feet deep.

The existing Odyssey pieces are:

- John Adduci – “Running Arch,” “Odysseus.”
- Mike Grucza – “Odalisque.”
- Jason Hawk – “Don’t Panic, The World Isn’t Flat.”
- Charles Hendricks & Associates and Lonici Rental Group – “Tres Bon Tricycle.”
- Preston Jackson – “Haints + History” and “Travels of My Seven Sisters.”
- Kara James – “Tongue Highway.”
- Terry Karpowicz – “Heraldic Taunt” at PNC-Porter County.
- Dessa Kirk – “Demeter.”
- Michele Lanning – “Oh!,” “Critical Mass” in the PNC Library.
- Rob Lorensen – “First Gear” and “Sentinel.”
- Ruth Aizuss Migdal – “Flappers.”
- Brian Monaghan – “Slow Dance.”
- David Noguchi – “Rise” at PNC-Porter County.
- Eric Nordgulen – “Anatomy Vessel.”
- Jason Poteet – “Rumination.”
- Christine Rojek – “Breeze Keeper.”
- Fisher Stolz – “Seduction.”
- S. Thomas Scarff – “Dancing Lady,” “Geisha Rose,” “Rainbow Flyer” and “Windfighter”; at PNC-Porter County are “Light Ray” and “Indigo Flame.”
- George Sugarman – “A Green Field,” “Two Part Folding Screen” and “Two Blues and a Red.”
- Marshall Svendsen – “Chicago Industrial.”
- Jason Verbeek – “Dragonfly.”
- Zelda Werner – “Alexander’s Circus.”
- Bruce White – “Ghostship” and “Twin Fin Continuum.”
- Jaci Willis – “Effervescence.”

A number of works are for sale. The exhibit is open to the public during university hours. Visitors are encouraged to come on Thursdays, Fridays and weekends when parking is ample. Information on group tours is available by contacting Judy Jacobi, assistant vice chancellor of marketing and campus relations at (219) 785-5593.

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Bus Safety Winner



Coolspring Elementary School sixth-grader Reyna Rosales (pictured with MCAS bus monitor Val Anderson, bus driver Dee Wilusz and Coolspring Principal Kim Palmer) won a districtwide poster contest held in conjunction with School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 20-24). Reyna received a \$100 Amazon gift card. Her poster illustrated the safety week theme, "Be Smart — Be Seen — Wait in a Safe Place," reminding children to always stay in the line of sight of the school bus driver.

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Participating businesses, galleries and local attractions include:

- Old Lighthouse Museum, 1 Washington Park — Michigan City Fire Department exhibit and photography by Jan Hoepfner.
- Walnut Ink Projects, 607 Franklin St. — Pottery artist Steven Skinner.
- Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. — Contemporary comic art and artist Laurie Schirmer Carpenter.
- Beach Bum Jewels, 621 Franklin St. — Author/artist Christina Vagenius.
- Darling, 418 Franklin St. — Jewelry Artist Julie Biehl.
- Urban Soles Inc., 624 Franklin St. — Kristin Hardari of Eleven:Eleven.
- Revive Consignments & Revive HIM, 523 Franklin St. — Artist Michael Papp.
- First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St. — A variety of artisans. A family movie starts at 7 p.m. Also planned is a preview of December's annual Madrigal Dinner.
- Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. — Opening reception, "Seeing Red."
- The Closet by Franklin Vintage, 1011 Franklin St. — Works by proprietor Julia Nielsen.
- Paris House of Bridal, 732 Franklin St. — Artist Sandy Armstrong.
- A Dove's Tale, 829 Franklin St. — Artists Brandi Arcuri and Cyndie McKinney.
- The Framing Station, 912 Franklin St. — Artist Wendy Wilcox Kermen.

Musicians include:

- Maxine's Restaurant, 521 Franklin St. — The Appleseed Collective, 8 to 11 p.m.
- Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St. — First Friday Open Stage with SonorCentric. Performer signup is at 7:30 p.m., with performances starting at 8 p.m. Cost: \$2 for performers and \$3 for audience members.
- The Pickle & Turnip, 827 Franklin St. — The music of Peter Nye, with guests Dan Moser and Doug Nelson.

Contact Michigan City Mainstreet Association Executive Director Diane Wilczewski at michigan-citymainstreet@hotmail.com or (219) 561-6991 for more information.

Holiday Bazaar

Michigan City High School, 8466 Pahs Road, will hold its holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8.

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What's Cooking

by Jim LaRocco

I grew up at 1408 Manhattan St. in the 1950s and early 1960s. I can still picture all of the neighborhood grocery stores. There were several within walking distance of my house.

Right around the corner from my house at 1402 Elston St. was Harbart's Grocery run by Herman Fielding. That was the store my mother used to go to and my closest neighborhood pusher of sweets.

Stevenson's Grocery was located at 1410 Ohio St. Carroll and Audrey, husband and wife, ran the store. At 2001 Ohio St., there was Shoemaker's Grocery run by Oscar Shoemaker.

Walking south down Manhattan Street to 10th Street and turning left was Hegelmayer's at 505 W. 10th St., run by Oscar Hegelmayer. We called him Mr. Hegelmayer.

In the next block on West 10th Street, but with an Elston Street address, was Triangle Grocery at 601 Elston St., and run by Russell Hendrickson and his wife, Madge.

Times were tough for most families. Ours had six children — five boys — and we all had pretty healthy appetites. Our parents had more important things to spend their money on than giving it to their youngest so he could satisfy his sweet tooth.

So, like a prepubescent Indiana Jones, my friends and I set out on a crusade to find our Holy Grail: the elusive pop bottle. We would search the alleys, under cars, along the curbs, empty lots, sometimes even through the garbage behind the neighborhood taverns and, I hate to admit it, sometimes off the back porch of a vacationing neighbor.

Shhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

Kids today will never know the joy we felt finding those abandoned pop bottles worth a whopping 2 cents apiece, knowing you were just minutes away from heading to the store to trade in those bottles for sweet, tasty treats.

We were in heaven when the 16-ounce bottles came out. They had a bounty of 5 cents.

Then, another cool thing happened. RC Cola came out with a 16-ounce bottle with a monetary amount stamped on the inside of the bottle cap. You could win up to \$50, if you were lucky. I just got enough to get some more candy. I think \$1 was the biggest amount I ever got.

Sometimes, we would take a chance on winning the big prize, and my friends and I would pool our money to buy a 16-ounce bottle. I learned an early and lasting lesson: the house always wins, the deck is stacked and you were better off with the sure thing, a bottle. It did give us another treasure to look for: the discarded winning bottle cap. Sometimes, we found them.

Once you obtained your stash of bottles, you headed to your favorite neighborhood store, thinking what and how much you were going to buy when you got there.

Upon arrival, the clerk at the store would take your bottles, but never really bothered to give you the change because he knew you were going to spend it, like it was going to burn a hole in your pocket.

You stood there in awe at the candy colored rainbow sitting on the counter and shelves. So many choices. You looked, you picked it up, you put it back. I don't where those clerks got the patience to deal with us kids.

There were Red Hot Dollars, two for a penny, Lik-M-Aid, the sugar powdery treat in the package, and straws with the same sugary substance in them, salt water taffy, peanut butter kisses, Fizzies, Red Hots, Marshmallow Ice Cream Cones, Necco wafers and Chuckles. What about those chalky candy cigarettes you had to break apart? Turkish Taffy, little wax bottles with nasty tasty liquid in them. It was tastier to chew on the wax. The wax lips and fangs. Hostess Twinkies, Sno Balls and cup cakes were a nickel or less.

Boston Baked Beans, Snaps, Good & Plenty, all kinds of licorice, hard candy like Root Beer Barrels, Peppermint, Wintergreen, Anise, Cinnamon, Butterscotch disks, Lemon Drops, Black Jacks, Watermelon Slices, Bit-O-Honey and Jaw Breakers that would change colors as they melted and shrunk in size. You would constantly pull it out of your mouth to see what color it changed to. The paper with little candy buttons, candy necklaces, rings, Lifesavers, Bubble Gum Cigars, Bazooka Joe Bubble Gum wrapped in a comic.

Who can forget Chunky, Hershey bars, Bun Bars, Candy Sticks, M&M's. The list could go on forever.

Then along came the supermarkets and the little neighborhood store went the way of the dinosaur. Today, we have the super megastores putting the regular supermarkets out of business. They took away the neighborhood grocery stores, but they can never take away the memories from a pop bottle mercenary on the hunt for that elusive pop bottle.

Now, the fine print.

These are strictly the author's recollections. Yours may vary.

Until next time, enjoy.

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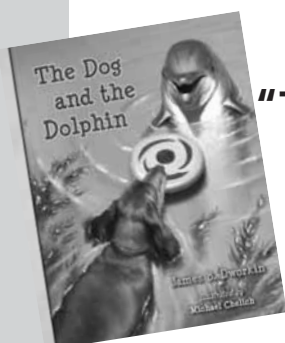
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"Lighting the Lake"

The lighthouses of St. Joseph, Mich., will be in the spotlight during "Lighting the Lake" at 7 p.m. EDT Friday, Nov. 7, at The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St.



Laura Kraklau will introduce her soon-to-be-published book, "View 366: A Year Long Visual Story of the St. Joseph Lighthouses."

Kraklau, who has a studio at The Box Factory, is a photographer and marketing and communications professional. She recently photographed the St. Joseph lighthouses every day for a year, and it is these photographs she compiled for the collection. She will discuss the project and show examples of her photography. Signed copies of her book will be available for purchase. A portion of the sales during the Nov. 7 event will be donated to the Lighthouse Forever Fund, which is raising money to restore St. Joseph's lighthouses.

"Painting the St. Joseph Lighthouse with Bob Fagan" will show the lighthouse from an artist's perspective. The film by John Leben, Douglas, Mich., was part of the PBS series "Painting on Location with Bob Fagan" that included Fagan painting on location at 13 of the lighthouses on Lake Michigan.

Winners of recent contests for poetry and photography, inspired by St. Joseph lighthouses, will be announced and awards presented.

A chapbook of the poetry, which includes historical photographs, as well as the winning photograph that has been used as the cover, will be available for purchase.

Also, collectible items provided by the Lighthouse Forever Fund will be available for purchase.

Tickets for the event, which will benefit the Lighthouse Forever Fund, the Box Factory's Writers Studio and First Friday Film series, are \$10 and include one free drink ticket. Wine and beer will be available for purchase and light refreshments served. Tickets can be purchased with PayPal at www.boxfactoryforthearts.org/artcalendar.html#lighthouse, or with credit card at (269) 983-3688. Tickets also will be available at the door the night of the event.

Veterans Day Events

The following events are planned in conjunction with Veterans Day:

• Remembering Our Veterans Inc. breakfast and parade Saturday, Nov. 8.

A veterans breakfast is from 8 to 11 a.m. at American Legion Skwiat Post 451, 121 Skwiat Legion Ave. The cost is \$5, while veterans, as well as children 12 and younger, are free.

The La Porte County Veterans Parade is at noon between 10th and Fourth streets.

• Marquette Catholic High School's annual Veterans Day program at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 10, in the Scholl Center gym.

U.S. Marine Corps vets will be honored. A brief reception is planned in the school library immediately after the 45-minute program.

Any Marine Corps veteran planning to attend should call the school at 873-1325 or send an email to dschaefer@marquette-hs.org prior to Nov. 5. Leave a name and phone number, and someone will return the call/email with additional information.

• Michigan City High School Veterans Day ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the high school gymnasium.

The guest speaker is State Sen. Jim Arnold. The public is invited, especially veterans, who will be honored during the ceremony.

Parking is available in the back of the school and adjacent to the gymnasium. Contact JROTC instructor Tom McGrath at (219) 873-2044, Ext. 4526.

"Messiah" Rehearsals

Rehearsals begin for the annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah" on Thursday, Nov. 13, at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St.

This year marks the 50th year First Presbyterian has presented the performances, each planned and directed by Dan McNabb.

Rehearsals begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and are held each Thursday except for Thanksgiving. Performances are at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, with a pre-view performance at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, in the church sanctuary.

A free-will offering will be accepted at the close of each performance. Call the church office at (219) 879-4501 for more information.



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Artisan Market, Soup's On Fundraiser

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The Artisan Market is a fine craft show held each autumn in Krasl galleries. Hot cider will be served, with gift items from regional artists including jewelry, ceramics, apparel and holiday decorations. Artists must apply to the market and are accepted on the quality of their work, as well as their media category to ensure a broad range of items. Proceeds benefit Krasl's education and outreach programs.

The market kicks off with its "Puttin' on the Ritz" Premiere Party from 6 to 8 p.m. EDT Friday, Nov. 7. Attendees can view and buy gifts. Wine, beer and appetizers will be available. A costume contest is planned for those who dress in fashions from the 1930s, with prizes awarded. The cost to attend the party is \$25. Make reservations at krasl.org

Ensuing shopping hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT Saturday through Thursday. Personal shoppers will be available to help patrons with their purchases, and a wish list service is available. The market will be open until 8 p.m. EDT Tuesday and feature complimentary wine, beer, light appetizers and entertainment.

The Soup's On lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. EDT Monday through Thursday during the market. The cost for a single bowl or three-cup sampler is \$7. Dessert costs \$2. Patrons may support Krasl by purchasing a "Dine, Dessert & Donate" package for \$10, which includes the meal, one dessert and a \$1 donation to the center. "Celebrity" servers will dish soup. Monday's servers will be Krasl staff, Tuesday will be the Krasl board, Wednesday will be Edgewater Bank staff and Thursday will be students from the Lake Michigan College Culinary Arts program.

Veterans who purchase a meal on Veterans' Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11, will receive one free dessert by showing their veteran card.

Visit www.krasl.org or call (269) 983-0271 for additional information.

Children of the World Concert

As part of its 2014-2015 U.S. tour, World Help will present Children of the World International Children's Choir at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at New Creation Christian Fellowship, 9009 Pahs Road, Michigan City.

The choir is comprised of orphaned and disadvantaged children from different countries. This year's Rescue Tour calls attention to the impact poverty, malnutrition and dirty water have on millions of youth around the world.

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Huge crowds brought Hesston Ghost Train's final weekend to a close Sunday, Oct. 26. Visitors also could view the saw mill, or just relax and have fun on the museum grounds.



Dry Arizona



Editor's note — Former longtime writer and columnist Paula McHugh submitted this column to appear in The Beacher.

As you prepare for another snowy season in Beacher Country, I sit here in sunny dry Arizona contemplating the changes that have occurred in my everyday life. It's true: This place is dry...except if you're thinking alcohol. They don't call this the Wild West for nothing.

Having settled here a solid four years ago, it has taken some time to learn the nuances of dry. If you are planning to retire to this area of the Southwest, then here are some things you will learn.

The cliché, or more accurately the warning to drink lots of water, goes without saying. Having a glass ready bedside helps prevent you from getting up, going to the sink and wasting precious sleep time. I rarely worried about having water at hand when I lived in the Midwest, but I learned quickly I needed my shut-eye.

Rinse your dirty dishes immediately. Especially if you enjoy oatmeal. If you do not rinse, you'll find a cement-like concoction sitting in your sink. It won't budge unless you use a scrubbing sponge or, heaven forbid, a steel scrubbing pad usually reserved for pots and pans. The dry stuff doesn't want to budge, and you can expect your dishwasher to balk if you try to get away without rinsing.

On a more positive note, bodies dry quickly after stepping out of the shower. I've saved a bundle on new towels. Mine don't need to be laundered as often.

Residents and vacationers alike are warned to carry extra water in their cars when they drive anywhere. It only takes one short trip to the grocery store and back minus water to realize how thirsty

you can get, especially with the sun beating down on your windshield. That did not seem to be much of a problem back in Northwest Indiana. Instead of dryness, you deal with the humidity dripping off your forehead. But don't think that Arizona perspiration doesn't happen: It just dries up and makes you itchy.

Where I live, it's best to plant succulents: plants that require only drops of water. Forget the idea of hydrangea or peonies, for heaven's sake. Lawns? Only if you enjoy huge water bills, and if you think your water bills are high, imagine what we high desert folks have to face. The key idea here is to use water sparingly before the entire state runs dry. That means shorter time in the shower than I remember back "home."

By the way, instead of lawns, we "plant" gravel. Fine and dandy, except when we rake the pine needles. A leaf blower works fairly well, and it sure beats the acre of oak leaves I used to deal with when I lived in Chesterton. Walking on big chunks of gravel is not fun, in case you wondered. Playing a game of croquet is out. Touch football as well.

We have a beautiful river close by. The Verde River runs through our town, and kayakers and tubers enjoy its access. Just walking near it brings a sense of pleasure knowing the Verde Valley is not without its surprising assets.

Having said that, I admit I sorely miss Lake Michigan. I have photographs I've gathered through the years to remind me of its raw power, its calm, its nap-inducing gentle waves, sunrises and skyline sunsets.

So this winter, when you're kicking yourself for not making the big move to warmer climes such as Arizona's, I ask that you add a few prayers of gratitude for that mighty grand lake you have so close at hand.



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Keeping Kids Safe



Michigan City Area Schools bus drivers, monitors and other transportation staff gathered for a group photo Friday, Oct. 24, at the conclusion of School Bus Safety Week. Their T-shirts remind drivers to heed flashing lights and stop arms, with the message "At My Stop, You Stop." During Bus Safety week, transportation staff reviewed safety procedures with students and helped them conduct drills.

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Dunebrook Silver Anniversary Gala Raises Funds for Child Abuse Prevention

Dunebrook recently celebrated its silver anniversary with a masquerade gala at Heston Hills Event Center, La Porte. Guests wore silver-themed attire and donned masks hand-decorated by Dunebrook staff and volunteers.

Dunebrook President Joe Coar and Executive Director Gail Johnson welcomed guests and presented Diana Dibkey with the Lester Radke Community Service Award. The honor, first presented to its namesake, Lester Radke, recognizes community members whose selfless attitude and caring spirit helps improve the lives of others. Dibkey was part of the Child Abuse Advisory Team that helped create Dunebrook in 1989 and later served for 13 years as Dunebrook's executive director. During her directorship, she led Dunebrook's building-expansion efforts, broadened parent support services beyond La Porte County into DCS Region 2 and created a model to blend parent support with early education programming that has been replicated in communities throughout the nation. Previous Radke winners are Coar, Angie Nelson, Bruce and Julie Manner, Fred and Sue Miller, Duane Seifert, Dave De Lau, Norm Steider, Larry Fegaras and Rebecca Fistel.

Coar also challenged guests to generate \$2,500 in gifts in 10 minutes. Donors of \$25 or more received a handmade blue scarf, representing the color for child abuse prevention awareness. Scarves were crocheted by Dunebrook staff and volunteers. Coar congratulated guests on surpassing the goal and raising more than \$2,800.

Dunebrook's two biggest annual fundraising events — the gala and Dragon Boat Races — provide funding for parent support programs and the Child Advocacy Center. Dunebrook:

- Serves more than 300 families each month in home visitation, preschool, forensic interviewing and parenting classes.
- Delivers Body Safety to children in the region's elementary schools.
- Presents child abuse prevention strategies to organizations and community groups.

Programs and services are provided without cost to families. Dunebrook has offices in Michigan City and Valparaiso, and serves La Porte, Porter, Starke, Jasper, Pulaski and Newton counties. Call (800) 897-0007 or visit www.dunebrook.org for additional information.



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Celebrating Education




During the Oct. 28 Michigan City Area Schools board meeting, Michigan City Education Support Professionals Association officers (top photo) presented the school system with a U.S. flag that was flown over the White House this past summer.

The flag will be flown at the MCAS Administration Building on Wednesday, Nov. 19, in celebration of National Education Support Professionals Day. Pictured are (from left) Robin Endris, Springfield Elementary School instructional assistant, Shelly Malott, Joy Elementary School instructional assistant, MCAS Superintendent Barbara Eason-Watkins, MCAS School Board Member Beth Pishkur, Missy Burklow, Knapp Elementary School paraprofessional, and MCAS School Board Member Beryle Burgwald.



Also at the meeting, Mayor Ron Meer (left photo) presented a \$12,492.79 check to MCAS as a result of the Annual Mayor's Golf Outing. Pictured are (from left) Meer, Eason-Watkins and Board Member Theresa Edwards. The funds

will be used to upgrade technology in elementary and middle-school classrooms.



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"Songs of Giving Hearts"

The Notre Dame Peace and Social Justice Commission, Trinity Episcopal Church and local musicians will unite to present two Sunday afternoon concerts in November.

"Songs of Giving Hearts: Charity in Concert 2014" is Nov. 9 at Barker Hall at Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 Franklin Square, then Nov. 16 at Notre Dame Church, 1010 Moore Road. Doors for both concerts open at 3 p.m., with the concerts starting at 3:30 p.m. They will include gospel, blues, Broadway, Latino, patriotic and classical selections. Performers include Nic Orbovich, Lee Meyer, Agustin Perez, Christine Rumbaugh, Frank Casorio, Michelle Alexander, Adrianna Acevedo, Alicia Ebaugh, Crystal Levi, Gayle Davis, Bobby Komendera, the Sacred Heart Apostolic young men's choir, the Peachtree and Starfish Ensemble, La Familia Cervantes and dos mariachis.

Admission is a non-perishable food or household item and/or a tax deductible donation to homeless shelter programs. Or, those attending can consider volunteering or advocating for local programs that aid the community's poor. Contact songsofgiving-hearts@gmail.com, or call (219) 872-4844 or (219) 874-4355 for more information.

"Seeing Red" New SSAA Exhibit

"Seeing Red," an exhibit by the Southern Shore Art Association Camera Club, will debut during the Uptown Arts District First Fridays art walk from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at the SSAA gallery, 724 Franklin St.



Rhonda Mullen's "Big Red."

The annual fine art photography exhibit continues through November. This year features a color theme, where a variety of photos focus on red. The works will be judged by Bruce Roberts, a Professional Photographers of America member, with the selected winner receiving the Paul Dunne award. Other fine art photography will be included in the exhibit and awarded "People's Choice" certificates.

Saturday, Nov. 15, will mark the "Wearing Red" event. Any visitor stopping by the SSAA wearing red receives a free ticket for a raffle drawing. Visitors not wearing red can still buy tickets at \$1 each for a chance to win.

Refreshments will be served during the First Friday reception. Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Visit www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com for more information.



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Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Dr. Margie: Creating a Balanced Life at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6.**

Margie Williams, professor of nursing at Blessing-Rieman College, Quincy, Ill., will lead the discussion that addresses body, mind and spirit.

• **Stress Reduction, Relaxation and Mindfulness Class at 10 a.m. Saturdays, Nov. 8 and 15.**

Learn simple, mindful meditation practices with Patrecia Lenore, who has studied and practiced meditation for 38 years. She has taught Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction courses since 1998.

• **Meet local author Sean Brennan at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9.**

Brennan will discuss his memoir "Bridie's Boy," which introduces his mother, Bridie, the Gaelic-speaking, fresh-from-Eire heroine, his father, Tom Brennan, an ex-seminarian, and their large brood.

• **Yoga with David Kipley at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 11, 18 and 25.**

Kipley is a recent graduate of Dancing Feet Yoga's Yoga Teacher Program. All levels are welcome. Take a mat and wear comfortable clothes.

• **Knitting Club for All Ages at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 12, 19 and 26.**

Take size 9 straight knitting needles, worsted yarn and tape measure (optional). Contact Joanne Hale at joeyAB1971@yahoo.com or (219) 814-4398 for more information.

• **Duneland Stamp Club at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13.**

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

Contact Robin Kohn at (219) 873-3049 for more information on library programming.

Lunch With the League

State Rep. Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, is the featured speaker during Lunch With the League at noon Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Lindo's Restaurant, 3940 Franklin St., Michigan City.

Pelath, first elected to represent Indiana House District 9 in 1998, was born and raised in Michigan City. He has served as Indiana House Democratic Leader since 2012. He also works as a human resources director at Swanson Center, Michigan City. He will speak about the upcoming General Assembly and his responsibilities as House Democratic Leader. He also will take questions.

Lunch With the League is presented by the League of Women Voters of La Porte County. Reservations are not required. Attendees buy lunch from the menu.

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Women Aim to Inspire Local Girls During Workshop

by Kayla Weiss

Eighth-grade girls learned from local female leaders about traditional and non-traditional career options on Oct. 29 during the N.E.W. Opportunities Workshop co-sponsored by Michigan City Commission for Women and the A.K. Smith Center.

More than 100 girls from Michigan City, La Porte, Westville and South Central schools attended the event, which kicked off with a keynote speech from La Porte's Mayor Blair Milo, who spoke about her active service with the U.S. Navy and her experience as mayor.



Faye Stokes (center) talks with eighth-grade girls about her journey to become a dentist.

The girls broke off into table sessions, during which they talked with and asked questions of various female professionals, including: Dentist Faye Stokes; Jennifer Kelly, an emergency medical technician; Cpl. Anna Painter of the Michigan City Police Department; Bri Travis, NISPCO field engineer leader; and Barbara Eason-Watkins, Michigan City Area Schools superintendent.

Later, the girls again broke off into various groups for the "Try It" portion of the day, where they experienced fields such as welding, automotive technology, water quality testing, a Michigan City Fire Department truck and gear demo and a UPS Package Delivery Truck demo.

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Lawrence (Larry) Alan Zimmer and Thaddeus (Ted) John Perzanowski, "married" for 28 years, had their union recognized by Indiana in a short ceremony in their home Nov. 1, their anniversary. Attorney and friend Steven A. Hale, appointed a judge for the day, officiated. A small group of friends attended and helped celebrate the occasion afterwards.

Zimmer owns NPLH Inc., a residential design firm in Chicago and Michigan City, and has been in practice for 35 years. He graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and received a bachelor of science degree in architectural studies.

Perzanowski owns talk to ted inc., an alternative counseling and psychotherapy practice in Michigan City and Chicago, and has been in practice for 36 years. He is a member of the board of directors at Dunebrook, a child-abuse prevention agency serving Michigan City, La Porte and surrounding areas.

Both men are from Skokie and Chicago, respectively, and moved to Michigan City full time in 2003.

Share Foundation Benefit

The "Share Our Dreams Gala and Silent Auction" to benefit Share Foundation will feature a performance by Tom Milo Big Band on Friday, Nov. 7, at The Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Ind.

Cocktails start at 6:30 p.m. A \$100 donation includes the performance, cocktails, dining and a silent and brief live auction. Sponsorships for tables of 10 are available.

All proceeds benefit the foundation, a non-profit, privately funded group that serves the residential, vocational and social needs of adults with disabilities. The foundation runs Sharing Meadows, a permanent residential facility community, and Camp Sharing Meadows, a year-round values retreat.

Call Share Foundation for reservations at (219) 778-2585 or email share@sharefoundation.org. Tickets also are available at www.sharefoundation.org.

Taltree Arboretum & Gardens

The following program is available at Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 450 W. County Road 100 North, Valparaiso:

• **"Wilderness Survival 101: Family Edition" from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 8.**

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- Nov. 8 — Day 1 of Oven Bake Clay Cornucopias. Students learn how to create cornucopias from clay, as well as a little about their history.
- Nov. 15 — Day 2 of Oven Bake Clay Cornucopias.
- Nov. 22 — A gourd burning and painting class, where students paint or use a wood burner on a dried gourd. The class is suggested for students 10 or older due to using the wood-burning tool.
- Nov. 29 — Decalcomania, the painting technique frequently used by surrealist artists and involving a random blot of paint that can be manipulated into countless subjects.

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

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A free Rape Aggression Defense System class taught by a certified instructor from Purdue University-North Central is from 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 7, 14 and 21, at Anytime Fitness, 4112 Franklin St.

The focus of the self-defense class, suitable for women 13 and older, is education, awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance of assault and rape. The instructor will provide a workbook/reference manual and hands-on training.

Contact Kevin Scott at (219) 878-8400 to enroll.

Museum Has Additional Hours

Having closed as the new lantern tower was installed, the Old Lighthouse Museum in Washington Park will remain open through Saturday, Nov. 15.

Admission is \$5 for visitors 14 and older, \$2 for 14 and younger and free for preschoolers. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and closed Mondays. It also is open during First Fridays from 5 to 8 p.m., with no admission charged.

Additional hours in December are planned.

Duneland Weavers Guild

The Duneland Weavers Guild will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Westchester Public Library Annex, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

The November program by Elizabeth Pilley reveals ways to stay on track with projects.

Guests are welcome. Visit www.dunelandweaversguild.org/ for more information.

Recycling Events

The La Porte County Solid Waste District again is uniting with Al's Supermarkets to promote recycling programs in the county.

In November, the district will sponsor in-store events at all four Al's locations in Michigan City and La Porte. Shoppers can swap plastic bags for a reusable bag. At each event, residents will receive one reusable bag for any amount up to 50 plastic bags brought in for recycling, with additional reuse bags based on total amount of plastic bags brought in and availability.

Shoppers can learn what they can recycle daily at Al's stores, snag giveaways and play a game. All events are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dates are:

- Thursday, Nov. 6 – Al's Franklin, 3535 Franklin St., Michigan City.
- Friday, Nov. 7 – Al's West, 1340 W. Indiana 2, La Porte.
- Thursday, Nov. 13 – Al's Karwick, 1002 N. Karwick Road, Michigan City.
- Friday, Nov. 14 – Al's East, 702 E. Lincolnway, La Porte.

Call the Solid Waste District at (219) 326-0014 or visit www.facebook.com/LPCoRecycling for more information.

"Artists of the Dunes" Panel

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., will host a free "Artists of the Dunes Discussion Panel" at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8.

The Area Artists Association and Historical Society of Ogden Dunes have organized the panel discussion moderated by Gregg Hertzlieb, curator of the Brauer Museum of Art at Valparaiso University. The panel will feature artists working in a variety of media, and from different towns and backgrounds, but united by their love of the Indiana Dunes. They will explore questions about life in the dunes, each artist's work and the region's artistic community.

The program is part of the Ogden Dunes Stories Project, a series of programs and exhibits exploring and celebrating life along the lakeshore.

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November 6 — Dr. Margie: Creating a Balanced Life, 6:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

November 7 — Uptown Arts District First Fridays Art Walk, 5-8 p.m., downtown Michigan City.

November 7 — Opening reception, three new exhibits, 5-8 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Free. Info: (219) 874-4900, lubeznikcenter.org, artinfo@lubeznikcenter.org

November 7 — Opening reception, Southern Shore Art Association Camera Club exhibit, "Seeing Red," 5-8 p.m., SSAA gallery, 724 Franklin St. Info: www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com

November 8 — Free "Artists of the Dunes Discussion Panel," 4 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

November 8 — Michiana Humane Society Holiday Home Tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. CST/11 a.m.-5 p.m. EST. Tickets: \$50. Reservations/information: www.michianahumanesociety.org

November 8 — "Wilderness Survival 101: Family Edition," 10:30 a.m.-noon, Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 450 W. County Road 100 North, Valparaiso. Info: Taltree.org, (219) 462-0025.

November 8 — Holiday bazaar, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Michigan City High School, 8466 Pahs Road. Info: (219) 814-3534.

November 8 — "Downton Abbey Day at the Museum," 2 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

November 8 — Tom Chapin, 8 p.m. EST, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Cost: \$25. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

November 8 — iRock Jazz Fest, various Harbor Country locations. Costs/times/locations: irockjazzfest.com

November 8-9, 14-15 — Purdue University-North Central's "Rough Magic," Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., Michigan City. Times: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8, 3 p.m. Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14-15. Tickets: \$10/general admission, \$5/students with ID. Info: (219) 785-5229, btleee@pnc.edu

November 9 — Children of the World International Children's Choir, 6:30 p.m., New Creation Christian Fellowship, 9009 Pahs Road, Michigan City.

November 9 — “Meet the Author: Dan Keilman,” 2-3 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

November 9 — Meet local author Sean Brennan, 3 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

November 9, 16 — “Songs of Giving Hearts: Charity in Concert 2014,” Nov. 9 at Barker Hall at Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 Franklin Square, Nov. 16 at Notre Dame Church, 1010 Moore Road. Doors for both concerts open at 3 p.m., concerts at 3:30 p.m. Info: songsofgivinghearts@gmail.com

November 11 — VETERANS DAY.

November 11 — Lunch With the League, noon, Lindo’s Restaurant, 3940 Franklin St., Michigan City. Info: (219) 874-6809, www.lwvlaporte.org

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Farther Afield:

November 7 — “Share Our Dreams Gala and Silent Auction” to benefit Share Foundation, The Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, 6:30 p.m., 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Ind. Cost: \$100 donation. Reservations/info: (219) 778-2585, share@sharefoundation.org, www.sharefoundation.org

November 7 — Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra evening inspired by “Downton Abbey,” 6:30 p.m. EDT, The Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich. Social hour: 6 p.m. EDT. Tickets: \$40/person, \$320/reserved table of 8, \$400 for “front of manor” table of 8. Reservations: (269) 982-4030 or visit www.smso.org

November 7 — First Friday Film, “Painting the St. Joseph Lighthouse with Bob Fagan,” 7 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688, info@boxfactoryforthearts.org, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

November 7-16 — Jeffrey Hatcher’s “A Picasso” by The Genesius Guild, Beatniks on Conkey, 418 Conkey St., Hammond. Times: 8 p.m. Fri./Sat., 3 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15, available at door or call Beatniks, (219) 852-0848.

November 8 — The Riversong Music Society presents Cameo and the Feldman, 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

Through Nov. 8 — “Young Frankenstein,” Elkhart Civic Theatre at Bristol (Ind.) Opera House, 210 E. Vistula St. Times (Eastern): 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7-8. Tickets: \$17/adults, \$15/students & seniors 62+. Reservations: (574) 848-4116, www.elkhartcivictheatre.org

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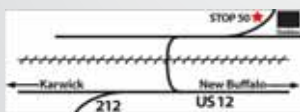
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The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Saturday, Nov. 8

• **10 a.m. — High Dunes after Leaf Drop.**

Meet at the Nature Center for the hour hike that features panoramic views from atop high dunes.

• **2 p.m. — Scatology.**

Get tips on turds, data on dung and facts on feces, with prizes awarded during the 45-minute program at the Nature Center.

Sunday, Nov. 9

• **10 a.m. — Leaf Art.**

Arrive at the Nature Center with a clean white (or similar) T-shirt to make a shirt highlighting the dunes fall colors with leaves and paint.

• **2 p.m. — Dear Oh Deer!**

Visit the Nature Center Auditorium to explore issues parks face with too many deer, as well as how the herds are managed.

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.

Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available through Westchester Public Library:

• **“Downton Abbey Day at the Museum” at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Participants will review Season 4 in preparation for Season 5, which premieres in January. Snack on tea and scones and play “Downton Abbey Bingo,” with a prize awarded.

• **“Meet the Author: Dan Keilman” from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at Westchester Township History Museum.**

Keilman will present his autobiography, “The Unordained Priest,” which tells how he was never fully ordained, but has fulfilled the mission of priesthood in many ways.



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Monday Musicale

Fashion took center stage as Monday Musicale continued its study of "Music Inspired by the Sister Arts" on Oct. 27.

Members and guests filled the Barker Mansion meeting room for a program led by Lisa Schwingendorf. Ange Benz kicked things off with her original "Fashionista" number, a parody set to "The Charleston." She also shared "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" (Kern/Hammerstein). Baritone Karol Valek sang "Alice Blue Gown," as well as "Love is Blue" and "If We Only Have Love," both written by French composers. Schwingendorf spoke of Paris, the international fashion hub.

As violinist Betty Hatfield played "Rondino on a Theme" by Beethoven (transcribed by Kreisler), it was revealed he was far from fashionable, but often slovenly in appearance and personal habits. Hatfield also shared the Lehár/Kreisler composition "Frasquita Serenade."

Attired in the style of Billie Holiday, complete with a flower in her hair, Felicia Thomas played a trumpet arrangement of the Holiday/Hertzog tune "God Bless the Child." She was joined by George Maslankowski (clarinet) and Schwingendorf (piano) for Maurice Ravel's "Pavane."

Michelle Alexander added Latino fashion and flavor with her piano solo "Milonga Del Angel," a tango by Astor Piazzolla. She then introduced guest musicians Adrianna Acevedo (vocals) and Agustin Maldonado Perez (guitar, vocals) who, along with Alexander, are involved in Hispanic music ministry. The three performed "En mi Viejo San Juan" (In My Old San Juan) by Puerto Rican composer Noel Estrada.

Deborah Beien, Sue Cassler and Schwingendorf, members of the pop vocal trio Back Porch Swing, performed "Polka Dots and Moonbeams" and "Pink Shoelaces," accompanied by Lee Meyer. They closed the program with "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend." Ann Dobie and her hosting committee served refreshments during the social hour.

Next month's program, "The Fine Art of Christmas," scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 24 at Barker Mansion, will be open to the public and feature a mixed vocal ensemble. Contact Ange Benz at (219) 874-3754 or Sue Cassler at (219) 362-1421 for additional information.



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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Boy Who Drew Monsters by **Keith Donohue** (hardback, \$26 in bookstores and online; also available as an ebook)

"Don't be so sure of things you cannot see. The mind conjures the mystery, but the spirit provides the key."

So says Miss Tiramaku, who just might know more about the strange child, Jack Peter Keenan, than his own parents.

This is a strap-on-your-seatbelt-for-a roller-coaster-of-a-ride read that blurs the lines between fantasy and reality. It's a story that won't let you go until you reach the final line.

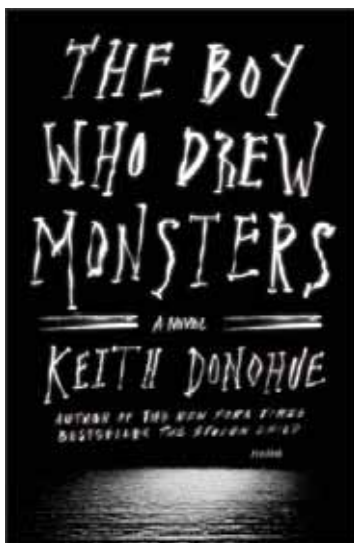
Tim and Holly Keenan got their dream house on the Atlantic coast in Maine. Then, when they were expecting, the couple figured life was complete. It was Holly who first noticed their boy, Jack Peter, wasn't like other babies. He was quiet, non-responsive and as the years passed and various doctors were visited, the diagnosis most talked about was Asperger syndrome, an autism-spectrum disorder. Then, there was the summer he started refusing to go outside, the result of almost being drowned in the ocean. Now, at 10, he is being home-schooled and his only friend is Nick Weller, whose parents, Fred and Nell, were good friends with the Keenans. Truth be told, Nick was usually uncomfortable around Jack Peter, but his parents' party lifestyle had the Keenans babysitting him a lot.

No one noticed, except for Nick, that Jack Peter had begun to draw monsters. Using scrap paper and pencil stubs, the boy would quietly sit and the pictures just seemed to flow from his hand. Drawing monsters, you say, is not such a bad thing. Right? Probably not, except that these drawings take on a life of their own...

One snowy night before Christmas, Tim saw a man — all white, long hair and feral looking — jump in front of his Jeep and run off into the sand dunes. Later, the police brought by the body of a large white dog they said Tim must have seen, but Tim is not convinced. He was sure what he had seen was a man.

Holly has all she can take and seeks the advice of the local Catholic priest and his Japanese housekeeper. She hears what the town has been saying about the boy: *"That he is a special child. A boy trapped inside his own mind."*

A painting of a local shipwreck that happened over 100 years ago gets Holly's attention and soon



has the priest and housekeeper talking about ghosts. Tim doesn't like Holly seeking religion for their child's problems, and they stand at odds about how to handle the boy.

Soon, so many strange happenings are occurring that Tim and Holly can't ignore, but they still don't connect any of it with their son. By the middle of the story, Holly is hearing voices of the drowned sailors coming from the sea, Tim is chasing the mad man over the snow-covered dunes, Jack Peter is furiously drawing more pictures and Nick wishes he went to visit his grandparents in Florida.

Unfortunately, Nick becomes trapped in the struggle between Jack Peter and his parents, and begins to piece together the drawings with the strange goings-on.

Putting this story in the dead of winter along the unforgiving Maine coastline is a stroke of genius. The freezing temperatures and constantly blowing wind make a perfect backdrop to the story. Jack Peter's parents are seeking scientific answers to what they see, while he knows the truth behind their fears. The question is, where is it all leading?

This is a psychological story that ranks right up there with the best gothic thriller. In fact, other reviewers have compared this story with Henry James' gothic ghost story, *The Turn of the Screw*. Where will Jack Peter's imagination take him? Where does he want it to go? You'll wonder right up to the last page.

From *Publishers Weekly*: "Donohue is an adept creator of atmosphere...A brisk and winningly creepy narrative."

Kirkus Reviews said: "A sterling example of the new breed of horror: unnerving and internal with just the right number of bumps in the night."

Donohue is the author of the bestselling novel, *The Stolen Child*, as well as *Angels of Destruction* and *Centuries of June*. He has a doctorate in English with a specialization in modern Irish literature. His website is www.keithdonohue.com

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