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## PROTECTING THE PARK

**PAUL LABOVITZ'S LOVE OF THE OUTDOORS THRIVES AS NEW NATIONAL LAKESHORE SUPERINTENDENT**

*by Connie Kuzydym*

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is home to a 15-mile stretch of shoreline along Lake Michigan.

It is home to attractions such as Bailly Homestead, Chelberg Farm and Mount Baldy.

It is home to world-class plant diversity. Home to great birding and more.

It is our home, and now, it's Paul Labovitz's home to protect, even if he's about 700 miles and five Great Lakes west of the shores of the Atlantic Ocean where, with the sun on his face and sand in his hair, he spent summers surf fishing and catching sand crabs.

Having found his passion for the outdoors as a child, Labovitz never saw it diminish. Today, he is the new Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore superintendent. He officially started in May. His predecessor, Costa Dillon, retired in August 2013.

"I'm flattered and excited to be here," Labovitz said. "It was nerve-racking waiting to be selected.

"The park is a spectacular resource. The complexities of the landscape really intrigue me, and honestly, this is a very friendly part of the world."

Labovitz's enjoyment and enthusiasm for the outdoors, and the lake, is evident as he explains his vision, goals and expectations for the National Lakeshore.

He hopes people who live in the area realize there is a national park in Northwest Indiana, and it's one of the most visited in the country.



Paul Labovitz, the new Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore superintendent, appears with a feathered friend.

"When people from the outside come here, they are blown away every time," he said. "We can help become part of why people should be proud of this part of the world."

By educating the public, he hopes to continue enlightening people about the great resource we have here, and to understand the National Lakeshore is worth preserving and protecting.

"Not only," he explained, "because of its intrinsic value as a bio-diverse place, but it is also an important part of the region's economy.

"The more folks we have who become stewards of the lakeshore, the longer it will be here contributing to the region."

Labovitz feels the National Lakeshore almost is a well-kept secret. He intends to let that secret out a little bit.

"People tend to be more familiar with the piece of the lakeshore that's in their county," he said. "Ninety nine percent of our visitors go to the beach, but there's a lot more to this park than the beach. The beach is a great lead-in to capture people, but at some point, the deeper you look, the more you find here."

The National Park Service considers Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore a large park, one of the larger ones in the Midwest region and the seventh most biologically diverse in the entire national park system.

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**A**ccording to Labovitz, the National Park Service has learned it cannot manage parks as if they are isolated islands. They also do not have to own or regulate everything to be able to protect and manage the park. The National Lakeshore now has numerous partnerships to help do just that.

This collaboration allows the park service and its partners to share their missions, which tend to overlap.

"In a broader sense, our mission is to protect and interpret the national cultural treasures of the United States, of which the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is one of 401 national park sites," Labovitz said. "Our mission is to do that in perpetuity."

Labovitz also is working with partners on economic development. The park is not as much of a driving force within the overall economic engine as it could be.

"We are the No. 1 destination in the state, but once you're here, it's hard for you to make an economic impact," Labovitz said. "Wouldn't it be cool if

### More about Paul Labovitz

- Born in Camden, N.J., raised in Philadelphia.
- Graduated from Penn State University with a bachelor of science degree in forest service and his master's of business administration in 1987 from Frostburg State University in western Maryland.
- Began his National Park Service career in what is now the Northeast Regional Office in Philadelphia in 1988.
- Transferred to the Midwest Regional Office in 1989.
- Assisted in the creation of the \$400 million CLEA-NOhio program in 2001.
- Provided early planning and assistance in the creation of the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage CanalWay.
- Accepted his first superintendent position with the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area in St. Paul, Minn., in early 2007. Placed a strong emphasis on youth with the Urban Wilderness Canoe Adventures Program, as well as Big River Journey and Journey to the Falls.



Chellberg Barn over the years has drawn plenty of visitors to Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

you could come down here and rent a kayak for a couple hours, or a bike or a kite or get a nice meal, a cup of coffee or get ice cream?"

Labovitz also would like to increase the educational experiences for school children, and to complete the bicycle trail connection across the lakeshore from Michigan City to Gary, ultimately connecting Chicago and Michigan.

He also is looking to the private and nonprofit sectors to collaborate with the National Lakeshore in respects to Chelberg Farm. In 2009, then IDNL Superintendent Dillon, in meetings with the public, explained the farm now sat quiet because it became too expensive to house and care for animals there.





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"Because of shrinking government, it became an operation the park was unable to continue the way it was managed in the past," Labovitz said. "We have a request for proposals out on the street soliciting ideas from people who would potentially lease that property from us and operate it under some conditions with the National Park Service based on our preservation goals."

Another issue for Labovitz is potentially reopening Mount Baldy. In 2013, the 123-foot-tall "wandering dune" near Michigan City swallowed up a 6-year-old boy through an 11-foot deep sinkhole. In what's been dubbed the "Miracle at Mount Baldy," the boy was saved because of a united three-hour effort by rescue officials.

Indiana University has done a 3-D scan of the dune. Labovitz hopes they gain a better understand-

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Bailly Homestead remains a well-visited site within Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

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A view from the top of Mount Baldy.

ing of what it looks like underneath, especially to see if there are additional dangerous voids. He hopes to reopen access to the public next season, but he gives no guarantee. When it does reopen, the public access will be quite different, he said.

"I can safely say that running up and down the back and front sides of the dune is probably not going to happen anymore," Labovitz said. "The dune is too fragile, and that kind of human traffic will never allow vegetation to come back, and the dune will just blow away."

**L**abovitz wants the National Lakeshore to be a place people are proud of, a place for people in Northwest Indiana to enjoy outdoor recreation, and to know this is a connection to the rest of the National Park system.

"A lot of the kids in Michigan City may not think about places like Yellowstone National Park because it's far away," he said, "but they have a national park that's connected to Yellowstone right here, and they can ride their bike here. We are part of a system of these great American places and stories that are almost a hundred years old."

Indeed, the National Park Service will celebrate its centennial in 2016, while the National Lakeshore will turn 50.

"We will be eating a lot of cake in 2016," Labovitz said.



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## PROPOSALS SOUGHT FOR CHELLBERG FARM

The National Park Service wants to re-establish a working agricultural landscape at Chellberg Farm.

Proposals are invited from the private sector to lease the historic farm long term. The properties offered include the outbuildings and fields at the farm, 900 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter. The NPS also will consider an option to include the Charles P. Nelson House, located directly across the street from the farm, for use as a residence.

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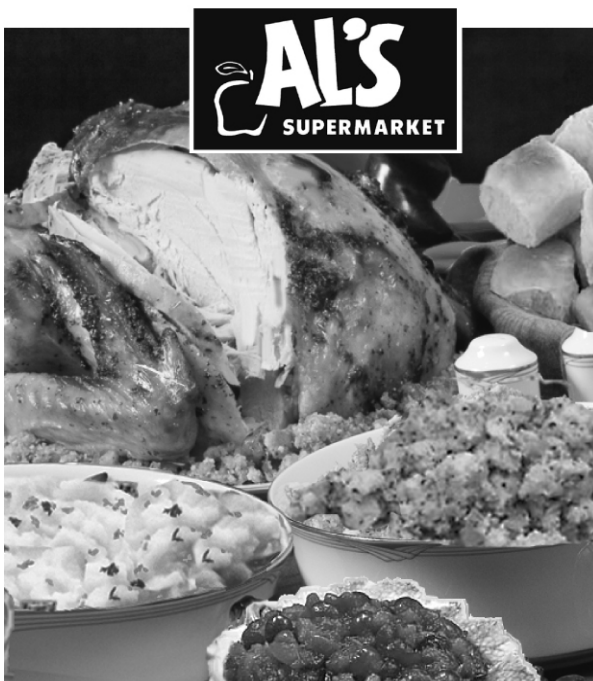
Proposals will be evaluated on factors such as their compatibility with the preservation, protection and visitor enjoyment of the park, as well as being compatible with its educational and interpretive programming.

Proposals must be submitted by Jan. 9, 2015. Details can be found at: [http://concessions.nps.gov/news\\_INDURFP.htm](http://concessions.nps.gov/news_INDURFP.htm). Contact National Lakeshore's Administrator Officer Liz McConnell at (219) 395-1703 for more information.



An aerial view of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore taken in summer 2011.

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The Little Miss River Valley pageant starts at 2 p.m. EST, with Miss Three Oaks 2014 Callie Meyer and Mr. Three Oaks 2014 Remy Flores as emcees. The six contestants are: Brianna Martin, Leah Martin, Alexis McCarty, Destiny Renbarger, Macey Springer and Breann Weaver. Tickets are \$5 at the door.



Miss Three Oaks/River Valley 2015 contestants are (front row, from left) Alex Altman and Kyla Miller. The back row is (from left) Hannah Crumley, Mackenzie Bronson and Maddie Smith.



Mr. Three Oaks/River Valley 2015 contestants are Tim Snyder (left) and Gabe Zeiger.

The Mr. and Miss Three Oaks/River Valley 2015 pageant starts at 7 p.m. EST. Tickets can be purchased from contestants prior to the pageant for \$15, or the cost is \$20 at the door. Zack East and Brittney DeRuiter are the emcees. The Miss contestants are Alex Altman, Kyla Miller, Hannah Crumley, Mackenzie Bronson and Maddie Smith. The Mr. contestants are Tim Snyder and Gabe Zeiger.

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The cast and crew are:

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The program will include the “Sonata in C Minor” by Ludwig van Beethoven, the “Sonata for Violin and Piano” by Cesar Franck, plus violin duo arrangements of “La Folia” by Archaangelo Corelli, “Meditation” from “Thais” by Jules Massenet, and Nic’s own world premiere arrangement of the exciting “Gypsy Czardas,” “Hejre Kati” by Jenő Hubay, plus more!



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The Theta Alpha Omega chapter of Phi Beta Psi Sorority will present “All In For the Cure,” a Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament, on Saturday, Nov. 22, at Moose Family Lodge 980, 1108 Franklin St., Michigan City.

Registration starts at 1:30 p.m. Players must be 21 and older. Cards start at 3 p.m. There is a \$50 entry fee, with no rebuys. Eighty percent of the entry fee goes to the prize pool. Players may purchase a \$10 optional add-on to get 33 percent more starting chips.

The Moose Lodge will offer a cash bar and food for participants and guests.

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## Northwest Indiana Green Drinks

Sunny Gardner-Orbovich will speak on “Healthy Living, Healthy Cleaning!” at Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City, which meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, in Shoreline Brewery’s Reserved Room, 208 Wabash St., Michigan City.

Gardner-Orbovich will discuss what to avoid in commercial cleaning products — for the home environment and personal hygiene — as well as ideas and recipes for alternatives.

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The Lighthouse Chorus will hold a fundraiser for area food banks at 6:59 p.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 22, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 302 Cedar St., Niles, Mich.

The theme is "A Sentimental Journey" in celebration of the chorus' 15th anniversary. Featured performances include the chorus, as well as several quartets and octets.

Tickets are \$15, \$12 for seniors and students and free for children 12 and younger. They can be purchased by calling (269) 471-4559 or (219) 362-5141. Attendees can take a canned good to donate to the evening's food drive.



The chorus is a men's a capella group that performs primarily in the barbershop style. Members hail from Berrien and Cass counties in Michigan and St. Joseph and La Porte counties in Indiana. Some members have more than 50 years of barbershop experience, others less than a year. They have performed in almost every Southwest Michigan and Northwest Indiana community. New members are welcome at practices, which are at 7 p.m. EST Thursdays at Grace United Methodist Church, 501 Grant St., Niles.

## Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Art à la Carte: A Thanksgiving Craft at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20.**

All materials are provided. The craft is appropriate for children 5 and older accompanied by an adult.

• **NaNoWriMo: Write a Novel in November at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24.**

It's National Novel Writing Month, and the library, along with Book Warehouse at Lighthouse Place, is challenging people to write 50,000 words in November.

• **Yoga with David Kipley at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 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.

• **"We're Off to See 'The Wizard of Oz'" at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26.**

Help celebrate the movie's 75th anniversary. Light refreshments will be available. Children 18 and younger may enter a raffle to win a DVD of the movie. The winner must be present to win.

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

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

## Indiana Dunes State Park

*The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:*

**Saturday, Nov. 22**

• **10 a.m. — Late Fall Wander.**

Take an easy 45-minute stroll with a naturalist to explore late fall happenings in the forest, as well as other sights along the way. Meet at the Nature Center.

• **2 p.m. — Turtle Time.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at the terrapins of the dunes.

**Sunday, Nov. 23**

• **10 a.m. — What Remains to Be Seen.**

Meet at the Nature Center for an easy hike that includes baiting special sand pads in search of animals.

• **2 p.m. — Turkey Talk.**

Meet in the Nature Center auditorium to play a turkey quiz for prizes.

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Maysha Carlson, the outreach coordinator for the Porter County area, has been with NorthShore for eight years.

- **Bookmarks at the Museum at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Linda Wells will review Santa Montefiore's "Secrets of the Lighthouse."

Refreshments will be served. It is not necessary to read the book before attending. Copies are available at Thomas and Hageman libraries.

- **New temporary exhibit debut, "Gen Xmas: Toys and Gifts of the '70s and '80s," at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Refreshments will be served. The exhibit runs through Feb. 22.

- **Free Library Film Series, "Maleficent," at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

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- **Decorating Gingerbread Houses will return to Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter, on Thursday, Dec. 4.**

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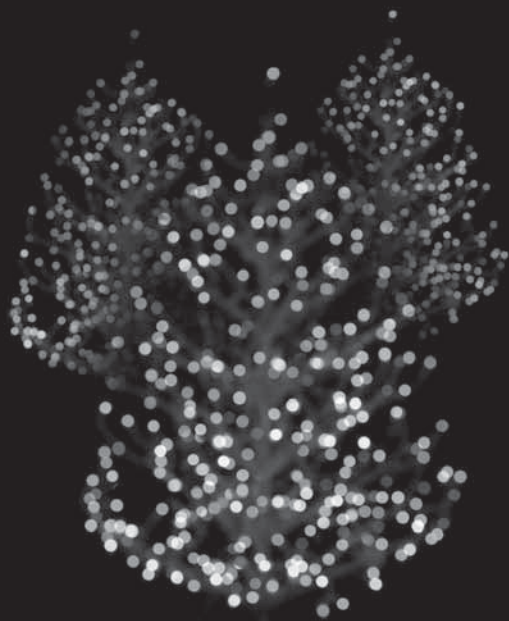
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## Sunday, December 14, 2014

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Love Lights is sponsored by the Guild of Volunteers.

To honor a loved one, donations will be accepted at \$3.00 per person.

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## Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

• **Save the Tunes Council performs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21.**

The group preserves folk songs using a variety of musical instruments, including guitar, autoharp, dulcimer, banjo, harmonica, bagpipe, penny whistle, hurdy gurdy and other obscure instruments. Meet at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.

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

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 at the Paul H. Douglas Center.**

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. Sunday at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

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

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

## Nature Book and Attic Art Sale

The annual Nature Book and Attic Art Sale will be held during regular business hours Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22 and 23, at Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich.

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Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, Niles, Mich., will host the holiday bus trip "Downtown Chicago and Christkindlmarket" from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST Tuesday, Dec. 2.

The trip includes famous downtown stores and shops, and shopping at The Art Institute of Chicago and Chicago Architecture Foundation. Another stop is Christkindlmarket, a traditional German-American open-air holiday market on Daley Plaza for food and non-food items from around the world.



Christkindlmarket, a traditional German-American open-air holiday market, is part of the holiday tour.

The trip also might include The Museum of Science and Industry's Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light exhibits, The Shedd Aquarium, The Field Museum and/or The Adler Planetarium. Many lunch options are available.

The cost is \$65, or \$52 for members. Registration is required by Tuesday, Nov. 25. Call (269) 695-6491 or visit [www.fernwoodbotanical.org](http://www.fernwoodbotanical.org) to register or for more information.

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## What's Cooking

by Jim LaRocco

This is the time of year when family and friends gather to celebrate the holidays. At one time, before some of my family moved away, there would be 30 to 40 people in my parent's house for Thanksgiving. That included grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters and their families, complete with nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as family friends.

So many people were there, we needed three eating areas: the dining room table downstairs, the kitchen table upstairs and the requisite "kids" table downstairs.

It took my mother days to prepare for Thanksgiving. She had an oven upstairs and one downstairs that helped her get everything finished in time. She would cook a 25- to 30-pound turkey, along with a dozen or so extra drumsticks. Our menu, like most families, consisted of turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, cranberries and assorted fruit salads and rolls fresh and hot out of the oven.

My job was to slice the jellied cranberry sauce. I had to open both ends of the can, push out the cranberry sauce, slice it and put it on a plate. We would go through a half dozen cans. To this day, I can't eat cranberries.

After the meal, there was football, the noise of nieces and nephews playing in the crowded house, the chatter of several different conversations going on at once.

Weather permitting, the kids would head outside to play while the tables were cleared and the dishes done. Everyone was anticipating some pumpkin pie with fresh whipped cream and other desserts.

I want to share with you two of my own recipes that have become family favorites. One is for yam or sweet potato casserole and the other for a fresh cranberry compote.

I prepare the sweet potato/yam casserole the day before so there is less mess and more room in the kitchen as you prepare your Thanksgiving meal.

Peel, cook and drain 3 pounds of yams/sweet potatoes and place in a large bowl and mash.

Add 2/3 cup of brown sugar, 2 tablespoons of vanilla, 1 stick of melted butter and 2 well-beaten eggs. Add cinnamon and nutmeg to taste. Mix the ingredients until blended.

For the topping, use 2/3 cup of brown sugar, 1/3 cup of flour, 1/3 stick of butter (melted), 1 cup of chopped pecans, walnuts or a mixture of both. Place the ingredients in a bowl and mix thoroughly. Place the potatoes in a greased 9-by-13 glass baking dish. Add the nut mixture on top and bake in a 350 degree oven 30 to 40 minutes until done.

For the cranberry compote, place 1/2 cup water and 1/2 cup orange juice in a medium saucepan.

Add 1 pound of fresh cranberries and cook until the cranberries pop open, about 10 minutes.

Peel and dice 1 Granny Smith apple, 1 pear, 1 large orange and place in a bowl. Add 1 cup of golden raisin and 1 1/2 cups of sugar.

After the cranberries pop, place the ingredients from the bowl in the saucepan and simmer until thick, around 25 minutes.

Once the mixture is thick, shut off the oven and remove from heat. Let it cool and add 1 cup of crushed pineapple and 1 cup of chopped nuts — your choice, if you like. Cover and place in the refrigerator. The cranberries will last up to two weeks in the refrigerator or six months in the freezer. The recipe can be easily doubled.



These recipes, for me, conjure up memories of holidays past.

I still remember my brother, Joe, standing downstairs eating a whole pumpkin pie by himself. Board games and cards were played, but you had to keep an eye on those you were playing with.

I can still see my grandmother and grandfather sitting and talking. I can still hear my dad telling his lame, silly jokes that would make you groan. I can see my mom, all 4' 11", frantically running around the house to make sure everything was perfect. Of course, she set out the "good" dishes and silverware. She had to make sure the grandkids got her special punch.

With the passing of time and loved ones, we have to be content with the memories of holidays past, a time when stores were closed on Thanksgiving, there were no early bird sales or Black Fridays and the Christmas decorations did not come out until Friday. Families spent the whole day together. They didn't eat and run so they could go stand in a line at a big box store hoping to get a deal.

From our family to yours, have a safe and happy holiday season.

Until next time, enjoy.

Contact Jim at [jim@jimlarocco.com](mailto:jim@jimlarocco.com)

## Annual Turkey Walk

International Friendship Gardens, 2055 U.S. 12, will host its annual Turkey Walk and Native American Heritage Celebration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 27.

Donations of cat and dog food will be gathered to aid local pet shelters. Guests, who can bring pets on leashes, will meet volunteers dressed as pilgrims and Native Americans.



A young girl views the live turkeys on display during a previous Turkey Walk at International Friendship Gardens.

Families also will encounter a live turkey, while youngsters can walk the trails and count the turkeys (paper versions) they see. All numbers are correct, and there is a small prize at the end of the trail. Hot drinks, snacks, plants and gardens souvenirs will be on sale. Volunteers also will be present to greet people and show off the gardens.

Native American displays are planned, along with open fire cooking in the Native American Garden to celebrate Native American Heritage Month. A large pumpkin stuffed with goodies will be cooked over an open fire.

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# Remembering Our Veterans



Janet Baines and Maureen Rice photographed local Veterans Day events for The Beacher. Janet attended the Remembering Our Veterans Inc. parade on Nov. 8 and Maureen the annual Marquette Catholic High School program on Nov. 10.



## La Lumiere Earns Honors at Regatta



La Lumiere's crew team finished its third season this fall by participating in the Head of the Eagle Regatta in Indianapolis.

More than 20 teams competed from the Midwest, including Culver Academies and the Indianapolis Rowing Club. The Laker rowers earned a second- and third-place finish in the Boys Junior Double race, a third-place finish in the Girls Junior Double race and a third-place finish in the Boys Junior Single race.

Coach Kevin Spingler, a veteran coach with more than 30 years experience, started the program with 17 rowers and seven shells (boats). The team has grown to 27 rowers with 15 shells.

Starting a crew program was made easier by the fact that La Lumiere has its own lake on campus.

The school also permits team members to row two seasons – in the fall and spring — and during the off-season, student-athletes continue to build strength and skills on a dozen indoor rowing machines.

La Lumiere started a crew program to address its growing student body, and to provide its students with the chance to earn additional college acceptances and scholarships. More than 60 percent of girls and 20 percent of boys who seek college scholarships to row get them, compared to a national average for all sports of just 2 percent.

In the program's short history, La Lumiere School has placed three student-athletes into competitive college programs at Wake Forest, Marietta and Villanova.



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## Dunes Optical Honored

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The award is given annually to a non-school nurse organization or individual who has cared for the health needs of Indiana's school children.

For 50 years (48 for Bausback), Dunes Optical doctors have volunteered their time and expertise to conduct Modified Clinical Technique vision screenings for all Michigan City first-grade students from public, private and charter schools. Bausback, a Long Beach resident, has helped coordinate the screening and recruit the needed physicians.



Carol Loveless, Joy Elementary School nurse, appears with Dr. Jon Bausback during the Indiana Association of School Nurses ceremony in Indianapolis. Loveless nominated him for the honor.

Dunes Optical also has partnered with Michigan City Rotary Club for more than 30 years to provide eye exams and glasses to students of all ages whose families cannot afford the services. In his acceptance remarks, Dr. Bausback thanked the IASN, Franciscan St. Anthony Health, Michigan City Rotary Club, Dr. Carl Golightly, Dr. Michael Bassett, Dr. Henry Bausback, Dr. Richard Houck, Dr. Stephen Kroczeck and Dr. Laura Zaknoun.

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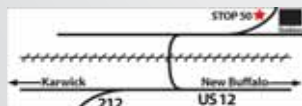
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## Annual Wine Tasting

The Duneland Area Exchange Club will host its annual wine tasting from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Sand Creek Country Club, 1001 Sand Creek Drive, Chesterton.

Area vendors will feature beers and wines, and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Entertainment is planned, along with a silent auction, for which the club is seeking items.

Tickets, which are \$50, are available at the Duneland YMCA, 215 Roosevelt St., Chesterton, and all First State Bank of Porter branches. Contact Patti Campbell at (219) 926-2136, Ext. 1212, or pcampbell@porterstatebank.com, or visit [www.duneland-exchangeclub.org](http://www.duneland-exchangeclub.org) for more information.

The Exchange Club's primary focus is child-abuse prevention, along with other youth development projects.

## Greek Pastry Sale

A holiday Greek pastry sale is Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22-23, at the Agia Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church Social Hall, 18000 Behner Road, New Buffalo, Mich.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. All times are Eastern.

Visitors can sample Greek-powdered sugar (*kourampiedes*), honey-dipped cookies (*melomakarouna*) and homemade cream pies. Other Greek specialties include *baklava*, *galactobouriko*, *koulouria*, *tsourekia*, *tiropitas*, *pastaflores* and *paximadia*. Ukranian holiday breads, cream pies and other ethnic items will be available as well.

A mini-holiday bazaar sponsored by the Berrien County Greek Orthodox Women's Group also is planned.

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## "Revel in Art"

Ferrara Blue Gallery, 16 S. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich., will host a "Revel in Art" event from 6 to 9 p.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 22.

The gallery will highlight abstract paintings by Gerard Stricher, who lives and works in Paris.

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Peter Kageyama, urban strategist and author of "For the Love of Cities," will lead a workshop to help residents and leaders create a common vision for the New Buffalo area's future.

The workshop, "For the Love of New Buffalo," is from 6 to 9 p.m. EST Wednesday, Nov. 19, at New Buffalo Area High School, 1112 E. Clay St. Presented by the New Buffalo Downtown Development Authority through a Pokagon Fund grant, the evening will focus on things people love about the area, as well as creating a "lovable community" that engages people with their hometown.

The workshop is free, but space is limited. RSVP to Cathi Rogers at (312) 965-9114 or email [info@newbuffaloDDA.org](mailto:info@newbuffaloDDA.org)

## Duneland Historical Society

Duneland Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Jim Deffenbach, a retired Bethlehem Steel employee, will present an overview of the steel industry in Northwest Indiana, from about 1900 to the present. Primary emphasis will be on Bethlehem Steel and its Burns Harbor plant.

The program marks the final Historical Society meeting this year. The next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 19. All programs are free and open to the public. Membership applications are available at meetings. Call (219) 983-9715 for additional information.

## Harbor Country Book Club

Harbor Country Book Club will discuss Robert Galibraith's "Silkworm" at 7 p.m. EST Tuesday, Nov. 25, at The Harbor Grand, 111 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich.

There is no December meeting. The selection for Jan. 27 is Kathleen Norris' "Dakota: A Spiritual Geography."

Meetings are the last Tuesday of the month and open to anyone interested in discussing the book.

## Arnold Newman Exhibit



"Arnold Newman: Luminaries of the 20th Century in Art, Politics and Culture" marks the latest exhibit at Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich.

An opening reception, which also will unveil works by Chicago-based artist Lucy Slivinski, is from 6 to 8 p.m. EST Friday, Nov. 21. Jazzmin II, featuring Steve Reid, Larry Schanker,

Chuck Hartzell and Tim King, will perform in the galleries.

Both exhibits continue through Jan. 11.

"Luminaries of the 20th Century" features 65 innovative minds and personalities captured by Newman (1918-2006). A master photographer of the 20th and 21st centuries, he photographed the likes of Berenice Abbott, Leonard Bernstein, Salvador Dali, Langston Hughes, Edward Murrow, Gordon Parks, Pablo Picasso, Eleanor Roosevelt and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Slivinski uses light, nature and found objects to create sculptures, installations, lighting and architecture. She has been invited to take creative license with the artlab gallery, transforming it to her vision.

Related events (all times Eastern) include:

- An artist's talk with Slivinski at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20.
- George Krasl Memorial Concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. Vocalist Joshua Scheid and clarinetist Jason Gresl will perform selections from Copland and Stravinsky, using the Newman exhibition as inspiration.
- Luminaries of Southwest Michigan at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8. The showcase features live performances in dance, music and poetry.

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## Queens Sweeps Tournament



(Front row, from left) Lydia Heitmann, Emily Kroczek, Zeena Frageman, Ellie Williams and Ashley Johnson. The second row is (from left) Molly Neary, Alexa Sparks, Ryleigh Grott, Makaela Gondeck, Paige Pizarek and Emily Skivers. The back row is (from left) Head Coach Kevin Sparks, Assistant Coach Scott Heitmann and Assistant Coach Beth Skivers.

Queen of All Saints on Nov. 6 swept the PAC Volleyball Tournament at Marquette High School's Scholl Center.

First, QAS sixth-graders defeated St. Pat's sixth-graders in the fifth/sixth-grade bracket 25-14, 25-21. That was followed by the QAS eighth-grade girls defeating Notre Dame seventh- and eighth-grade teams in the seventh- and eighth-grade bracket 25-17, 25-24. Both teams had undefeated conference regular seasons.



(From left) Assistant Coach Sarah Williams, Kolbi Cambric, Mackenzie Yock, Katie Swistek, Jessica Pudlo, Summer Johnson, Janae Galburth, Brianna Moyer, Maggie Williams, Bethany Kieszkowski and Head Coach Joann Swistek.

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## Service League

Service League of Michigan City held its monthly meeting Tuesday, Nov. 11. President Katherine Brennan called the meeting to order, with 17 active members present. The group approved as published minutes from the October meeting.

The League offered thanks to Bob and Sharon Jackson for their \$500 donation in memory of their daughter, Beth Avila. Two thank-you notes from Ernie and Bev Heberling and Linda Sperling, who made donations of \$50 and \$100, respectively, were read.

The Collections Committee reported sending 13 first cards, one second card and nine letters to remind clients to return overdue equipment. Members were reminded to check the "Do Not Loan" list before allowing use of items.

The Equipment Committee reported loan activity for Oct. 1-31. Figures were: patients served, 110; items loaned, 167; Too'd, 3; and donations, 1.

The Dressings Committee reported that in October, five packages of 4-by-4 gauze, four boxes of 5-by-9 pads and 57.5 dozen Chux were distributed. Ten new patients were served and 17 repeat patients for a total of 27 patients. The boxes of Chux have been labeled for wrapping.

The Training Committee reported two new members, Audrey Claussen and Kaye Moriarty, started this month and continue to be trained.

The December schedule is completed and has been emailed to members.

The League is awaiting word from the Barker Welfare Foundation as to whether it will award grant money for a new furnace/AC unit/duct work.

The Christmas luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Pottawattomie Country Club. The cost is \$20. A cash bar is planned. The luncheon replaces the December meeting. The next meeting is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Holiday closing dates for the Service League office are Nov. 28 and Dec. 24, 26 and 31.

The League is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that loans medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs and toilet aids for a three-month period to residents within the Michigan City Area Schools boundaries. Call (219) 872-1144 or stop by the office, 301 E. Garfield St., between 9 a.m. and noon and 1 and 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday for more information.



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## Teacher Grants Awarded

Twelve teachers from eight Michigan City public schools received grants from the Barbara A. Carmen Memorial Endowment Fund through Unity Foundation of La Porte County.

The fund was established in 1992 in memory of Carmen, a Michigan City Area Schools elementary school teacher. Her family conceived of the fund to benefit special classroom projects and programs that enrich curriculum or enhance a teacher's ability to meet student needs. More than \$47,000 has been awarded to date to finance teacher-directed projects, classroom equipment and continuing education for teachers.

This year, eight applications were approved, totaling \$2,817.64. The teachers will reach nearly 530 students with the following projects:

### **Barker Middle School**

Valerie Mecklenburg: Science in My World, \$372.72.

### **Edgewood Elementary School**

Teresa Pavloff: Mighty Math Master Centers, \$331.50.

### **Joy Elementary School**

Susan Baldwin and Donna Lynch: Teaching and Learning Sign Language, \$299.

### **Knapp Elementary School**

Nancy Gonzalez, Connie Althoff, Holly Firaneek and LeeAnn Cahillane: Helping Happy Hands, \$335.05.

### **Krueger Middle School**

Janine Peo: Pre-Michigan City: A Look Back in Time, \$400.

### **Marsh Elementary School**

Susan Shell: Calling All Your Senses, \$393.98.

### **Pine Magnet School for the Performing and Visual Arts**

Elizabeth Schreeg: Access for All, \$374.95.

### **Springfield Elementary School**

Janelle Spolyar: Interactive Learning with Technology, \$310.44.

## Turkey Trot

The Second Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 5K Run and Walk to benefit the La Porte Educational Development Foundation is Thursday, Nov. 27.

Despite bad weather, nearly 250 people participated in last year's inaugural event.

All pre-registered runners receive a Turkey Trot shirt. The event starts at 8 a.m. Race day registration begins at 7:15 a.m. Both are in front of the La Porte Family YMCA, 901 Michigan Ave., La Porte. The route heads south down Michigan Avenue through Beechwood Golf Course and finishes one block north of the YMCA on Michigan Avenue.

Race-day registration costs \$25 for runners, \$20 for children and \$20 for walkers. Participants save \$5 by signing up early at Active.com.



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	SCORE
1. Tammy Vouri	211
2. Tammy Nelmar	186
3. June Salmon	183
4. Jill Mellen	165
5. MaryLou McFadden	156
6. Kathy Osborne (series score)	432
7. Sue Labovitz (series score)	410
8. Debra Smith (series score)	403

### THREE STRIKES IN A ROW

Nancy Kubath, Tammy Vouri

### SPLITS

Heidi Jaffee	1-3-7
Terry Deming	1-3-9-10
MaryLou McFadden	3-7
Nancy Kubath	1-2-6-10
Tammy Vouri	2-7

*The Thursday Pottawattomie Lady Bowlers is welcome to join the league, which is seeking more bowlers. Anyone interested should join the group at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays or call (219) 879-5581.*

## Fernwood Book Group

"Midwest Sweet Baking History: Delectable Classics Around Lake Michigan" by Jenny Lewis will be discussed at the next book group meeting at 10:30 a.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 22, at Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich.

Group members will share sweets prepared from the book.

The meeting is free and open to the public, including those who have not read the book. Call (269) 695-6491 or visit [www.fernwoodbotanical.org](http://www.fernwoodbotanical.org) for more information.



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## Activities to Explore

### In the Local Area:

**November 20** — Art à la Carte: A Thanksgiving Craft, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**November 20** — Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Brewery's Reserved Room, 208 Wabash St., Michigan City. Suggested donation; \$5, \$2/students. Info: (219) 874-6809.

**November 20** — Duneland Historical Society, 7:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Info: (219) 983-9715.

**November 20** — Chili & Movie Night, New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road. Chili cook-off/6 p.m., movie/7 p.m. Info: (269) 469-5687, [info@centeroftheworld.net](mailto:info@centeroftheworld.net)

**November 20-24** — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "The Good Lie." Rated PG-13. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* "1,000 Times Good Night." Not rated. In English and Norwegian with English subtitles. Times: 9 p.m. Fri., 3 & 9 p.m. Sat. and 3 p.m. Sun. All times Eastern. Info: [vickerstheatre.com](http://vickerstheatre.com)

**November 21** — Save the Tunes Council, 7:30-9 p.m., National Lakeshore Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

**November 21-23** — Michigan City High School Drama Club, "Oklahoma!," school auditorium, 8466 Pahs Road. Times: 7 p.m. Fri./Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/students.

**November 22** — Free Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EST, New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road. Info: (773) 275-1514, [Janna@JannaRiley.com](mailto:Janna@JannaRiley.com)

**November 22** — "Revel in Art," 6-9 p.m. EST, Ferrara Blue Gallery, 16 S. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Info: (269) 756-9338.

**November 22** — "All In For the Cure" Texas Hold 'Em Tournament/Benefit, Moose Family Lodge 980, 1108 Franklin St., Michigan City. Registration @ 1:30 p.m. Cards @ 3 p.m. \$50 entry fee, no re-buys. Info: [www.phibetapsi.org](http://www.phibetapsi.org), [www.facebook.com/ThetaAlphaOmegaChapter](http://www.facebook.com/ThetaAlphaOmegaChapter)

**November 22** — Michigan City High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps military skills event, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Elston building, 317 Detroit St. Free.

**November 22** — New temporary exhibit debut, "Gen Xmas: Toys and Gifts of the '70s and '80s," 2 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

**November 22** — Free Library Film Series, "Maleficent," 5 p.m., Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

**November 22** — Mr. and Miss Three Oaks/River Valley pageant, 7 p.m. EST, River Valley High School, 15480 Three Oaks Road, Three Oaks, Mich.



Cost: \$20. Info: (269) 612-0441.

**November 22-23** — Holiday Greek pastry sale, Agia Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church Social Hall, 18000 Behner Road, New Buffalo, Mich. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun.

**November 23** — The Duneland Area Exchange Club annual wine tasting, 3-6 p.m., Sand Creek Country Club, 1001 Sand Creek Drive, Chesterton. Tickets: \$50. Info: pcampbell@porterstatebank.com, (219) 926-2136, Ext. 1212.

**November 26** — "We're Off to See 'The Wizard of Oz,'" 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**November 27** — Annual Turkey Walk and Native American Heritage Celebration, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., International Friendship Gardens, 2055 U.S. 12. Info: (219) 878-9885.

**November 27 — HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**November 27** — Second Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 5K Run and Walk, La Porte Family YMCA, 901 Michigan Ave., La Porte. Event @ 8 a.m., race day registration @ 7:15 a.m. Cost/registration: Active.com

**Mondays** — Codependents Anonymous (CoDA), 6 p.m., Franciscan Alliance-St. Anthony Health. Info: (219) 879-3817

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

**Through December 28** — "Inspired: Inspire," work by eight Michigan City Area Schools art teachers, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: (219) 874-4900.

**Farther Afield:**

**November 20** — Chili & Movie Night, New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road. Chili cook-off/6 p.m., movie/7 p.m. Tickets: \$5 for chili sampling & movie. Info: info@centeroftheworld.net, (269) 469-5687.

**November 21** — Opening reception, "Arnold Newman: Luminaries of the 20th Century in Art, Politics and Culture," 6-8 p.m. EST, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: krasl.org, (269) 983-0271.

**November 22** — The Lighthouse Chorus fundraiser for area food banks, 6:59 p.m. EST, Wesley United Methodist Church, 302 Cedar St., Niles, Mich. Tickets: \$15, \$12/seniors & students, free/children 12 & younger. Reservations: (269) 471-4559, (219) 362-5141.

**November 22** — Jim Cooper and Friends, 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

**November 22-23** — Nature Book/Attic Art Sale, Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., 1-5 p.m. Sun., all Eastern time. Info: (269) 927-4832.

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### 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. Mondays, Dec. 8 and 15, at Red Mill County Park. Call at least one week in advance to register.

### Parent & Child Discovery Days

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

Programs are from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Red Mill 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 next program is Dec. 3 — Let it Snow.

### Teachers-Groups-Scout Leaders

Free environmental education programs are offered to groups throughout the year. Programs last one hour or longer depending on the group size and age. Programs can be scheduled at Creek Ridge, Luhr, Bluhm or Red Mill parks. Call (219) 325-8315 for more information or to make a reservation.

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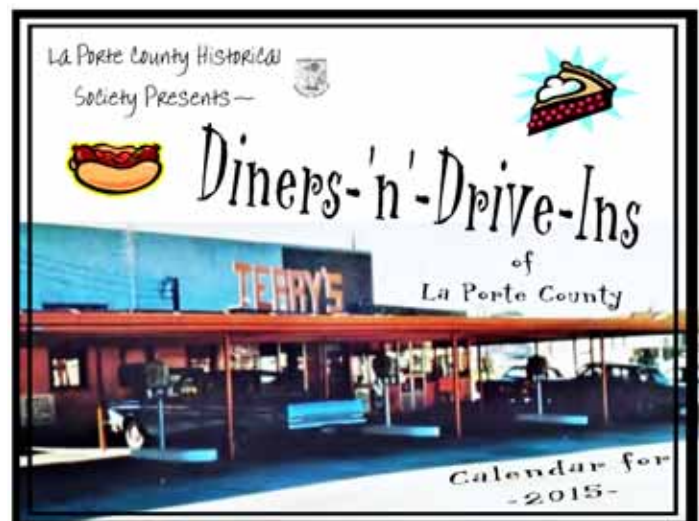
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Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the 'Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in

this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

## Calendar Available



La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., now has its 2015 calendars for sale. This year's theme is "Diners 'n' Drive-Ins of La Porte County." Featured are photos of Smitty's, Bob's Bar-B-Q, The Glass House and other sites. The cost is \$12 and payable only by check or cash. Call (219) 324-6767 to reserve a copy.



## Credit Union Scholarships

Members Advantage Credit Union recently awarded two \$500 Earn to Learn Scholarships to Elizabeth Kolodiej and Tamara McCumber.

Kolodiej, a Michigan City resident, is a junior in the Speech Language and Hearing Sciences department at Purdue University. Upon acceptance into graduate school there, she plans to pursue a master's degree to become a clinical speech pathologist.

While a high school freshman, she volunteered at Reins of Life Therapeutic Horseback Riding in Michigan City. Through this, she developed an interest in, and passion for, working with individuals, especially children, with disabilities. At Purdue, she is active in the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association Club, where she participates in networking conferences, mentoring in local hospitals and schools and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event. She also is a member of the campus American Sign Language Club.

Kolodiej is employed by the Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department as a park attendant and on campus, where she helps with social therapy in the home of elementary school-age children.

McCumber is working toward a degree in business administration management at Ivy Tech Community College. She hopes to work for a non-profit organization that benefits children.

A Portage resident, she works for Porter County Education Services as a paraprofessional and substitute teacher. At Ivy Tech, she is on the Campus Activity Board that plans activities at the college, including various walks for cancer, participation in local parades and a Random Acts of Kindness Week celebration. She also is a regular participant in the annual March of Dimes March for Babies walk.

## Holiday Closing

Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art will be closed Nov. 22-30 for Thanksgiving break.

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Seven schools from Michigan and Indiana participated, with Michigan City being the only Marine school to compete. Events included push-ups and sit-ups, rope bridge negotiation, stretcher carry, orienteering, tire obstacle, a general military subjects knowledge test and 2.5-mile run.

Michigan City finished third in the tire obstacle event.



Gunnery Sgt. Jalen Stockley, 2nd Lt. Quinton Dixon, Capt. Cody Joseph and 1st Sgt. Javier Greene flip a tire at the Hobart Raider Challenge.

Second Lt. Cody Joseph, the senior cadet, praised the teamwork demonstrated by his peers.

"It really was an all-for-one and one-for-all type effort today, as it was really cold," he said. "We do not have any super athletes on our team, but every cadet did everything he or she could to help their fellow cadet."

The school's military skills event, sponsored by the local Marine Corps League chapter, is from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Elston building. Free and open to the public, events include military drill, marksmanship, physical fitness, academics and uniform inspection. Ten schools from Indiana and Illinois will compete.



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this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer will be published after the favor is granted.



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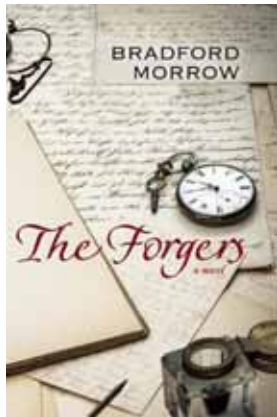


## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

This week, I offer you two different mystery novels: each entertaining, each unique. One has an interesting narrator with a different perspective on life. The other has a narrator who gives us a chance to look inside the mind of a con man...or artist?

You be the judge. Enjoy!



**The Forgers by Bradford Morrow** (hardback \$24, online and in bookstores; also available as an ebook)

"They never found his hands."

When a story starts out like it, it has my immediate attention.

This book is classified as a "thriller," but it is so much more than that. The reader enters the bibliophile community of rare book dealers

— a world that should be pure and clear of any misdoings. But the truth is, there is a dark side to the business. Not only books of famous authors are bought and sold, but letters, notes and any other communications actually written by the author himself. And that, of course, leads to a very few talented forgers who can reproduce the paper, the ink and the exact flow of an author's hand.

Adam Diehl was a rather reclusive rare book collector who was found, sans hands, one day in his Montauk home on the ocean. Papers, books were scattered all over, the police botched the investigation and no one was accused of the murder.

Diehl had a sister, Meghan, who owned a bookstore in New York's East Village. Her boyfriend, Will, was one of those sometimes forgers. Oh, he was very good, especially with forging the writing style of Arthur Conan Doyle and Henry James. The story of The Forgers, in fact, is told through Will's voice.

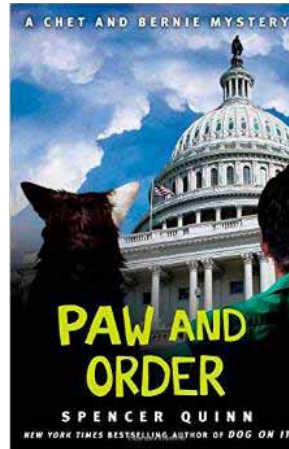
The couple eventually marry, and Will is caught in his "craft" and pays his dues to society.

But soon, threatening letters start arriving and Will must decide where his life with Meghan will go from here. The letters allude to knowledge of Adam's death. The couple decides to move to Ireland to make a new start, Will in particular to get away from his obsession with forging.

But it soon becomes apparent a stalker is on the horizon and Will must decide how to handle him. What happens will make your hair stand on end! This story is a fascinating look into a little-known world, and an unsettling walk inside a desperate man's mind to keep his now pregnant wife safe. I've never read a more perfect book for the fall season: cold, gray dawns and windy, unyielding days.

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dog is giving you might just have more behind it than you think.

*The Los Angeles Times* calls the book "nothing short of masterful" — and that's no joke. To reach inside the mind of a dog with its obvious limitations on human knowledge (Chet can't count past two, he admits it) and various other human concepts, it's Chet's very doggyness that has helped Bernie out in six previous adventures.

This adventure finds the duo in Washington, D.C., the city of which Harry Truman said: "*If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog.*" Bernie's girlfriend, Suzie, moved there to be a newspaper journalist. Now, a lead on a really big story may have her in over her head as Chet and Bernie end up in the middle of political machinations and murder.

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## Falling Temperatures Got You Down? These Homes are Sure to Warm You Up!



### 2940 Lake Shore Drive Long Beach • \$1,900,000

4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Two fireplaces, library, gourmet kitchen & walk-out lower level. Three levels of living with many windows to capture incredible lake views. Two car garage, irrigation system & alarm. 120 feet of frontage with expansive outdoor living spaces.



### 2215 Lake Shore Drive Long Beach • \$599,000

3 bedrooms, 3 baths. Living room open to dining room & kitchen. Hardwood floors, lower level family room, screen porch & rear access with parking. Situated on a double lot with incredible lake views. Great home for your summer enjoyment and has great rental history.



### 3329 LaSalle Trail Duneland Beach • \$479,000

4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Recent modern renovation while maintaining original character of mid-century architecture. Sleek & modern kitchen, lower level rec room with fireplace & screen porch overlooking rear wooded view. Just 2.5 blocks to private Stop 33 beach.



### 3414 Iroquois Trail Duneland Beach • \$439,000

4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Screened porch in back off rec room. New furnace/AC, new roof & spacious front deck. Well maintained home with plenty of sunlit rooms. Two car built-in garage. Just three houses to the beach. Listing agent is relative of property owner.



### 217 Adahi Trail Michiana Area • \$349,900

3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open floor plan, bamboo floor, fireplace, vaulted ceiling & skylights. Kitchen has custom maple cabinets, stainless appliances & breakfast bar. Screen porch, lush landscaping, stone walkways, firepit & outdoor beach shower.



### 2139 Chastleton Drive Long Beach • \$335,000

4 bedrooms, 2 full & 2 half baths. Hardwood floors, fireplace, updated kitchen, private master bath. Finished lower level with rec room. Beautiful front view of Long Beach Country Club golf course & private rear yard with patio. Short walk to the beach.



### 170-A Lake Shore Drive Dunescape • \$320,000

3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Bright & open floor plan. Living room with gas fireplace & is open to dining & kitchen. Lots of windows, fireplace, hardwood floors & master bath. Two car built-in garage. Steps to the beach, association pool & work out area.



### 16142 First Lane Union Pier • \$235,000

3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Cathedral ceiling, skylights, fireplace & hardwood floors. Two screened porches & back deck. Large lot offering great privacy. Delightful & bright home in perfect condition within a short distance to the beach.



### 113 Kaye Lane Shoreland Hills • \$195,000

3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Living room with door to deck. Bright four season room with skylights that could be used for additional sleeping space if desired. Lower level family room has walk-out to patio. Very private setting close to the beach at Stop 31.

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### 46 Karwick Glen

Open loft style condo has two bedrooms and two full bathrooms with slate floors, custom slate vanity. Master bathroom has double stainless steel Kohler sinks & Kohler wall mount faucets, walk in slate shower plus a soaker tub. Nice private back patio, walk-in closet in the master bedroom. Detached one car garage. **\$147,900**



### 115 California

Enjoy year round living with this three bedroom, 2½ bath Contemporary. Watch the sunset from your master bedroom balcony with views of Lake Michigan. 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths. Many recent upgrades, new furnace/ac, tankless hot water heater, new roof, granite counter tops, steam shower, decks and awning. Hot tub! Off street parking **\$399,000**



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