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CHASING SHADOWS

A LOOK AT A FEW OF THE AREA'S INFAMOUS GHOST STORIES AND URBAN LEGENDS

It was a dark and stormy night...
 Or so the oft-told tale goes: screams, howls, moans and chains — there are always chains — rattling in the night, ghosts, skeletons and disembodied spirits roaming the woods, swamps and cemeteries, houses haunted with restless spirits of the long departed.
 The lore of Northwest Indiana is filled with such tales told and retold by enthusiastic spinners of yarns to wide-eyed listeners who then must pass anxious hours of sleeplessness and nightmare-filled dreams.

As Halloween approaches, interest in the spirit world increases, and the bare bones fingers of the leafless trees seem to reach out to grab the unsuspecting passersby and snare them within a scary web of haunted tales.

La Porte and Porter counties have been inhabited for centuries by many characters good and bad who have written their histories all over our landscape. Most of their stories are pleasant, but some are filled with grief and horror. These are the tales so often passed on enthusiastically over campfires on frosty fall evenings.

Do a search of the Internet — that source of all truth, right? — and you will be amazed at the websites that devote themselves to the haunting of Northwest Indiana. Check out “Haunted Places in Indiana,” “Northwest Indiana Ghost Stories” or “Haunted Indiana” and “Indiana Haunted Houses.” Michigan City Public Library has shelves dedicated to local ghost stories, some guaranteed to raise the hair on the back of your neck.

“Chasing Shadows” was written by William Halliar

Michigan City has several sites that could be considered hot spots for wandering spirits looking for a home. Consider our lakefront where many a ship was washed ashore, with all hands lost to the waters of the lake, or the site of the Battle of Trail Creek, Indiana’s only Revolutionary War battle, fought, some say, about a mile east of Sheridan Beach. All American fighters died in the skirmish except the commander, Tom Bradley, who was taken to Canada to be hanged.

Of course, there is the famous legend of Diana of the Dunes, who some say still wanders the dunes and takes an occasional skinny dip in the lake near here, and the infamous Belle Gunness, who lured unsuspecting men to their death in the farm country of La Porte County.

But as a curious person, I need a closer look. “Haunted Places in Indiana” mentions a tempting tidbit about a location near my home. It reads, *“White house on 50 North; There is a vacant house where it is rumored that a man went insane and murdered his entire family. It is also rumored that he buried them in the basement floor. People have reported hearing cries and moans coming from inside the home.”*



This white house on County Road 50 North is mentioned on the website “Haunted Places in Indiana.”

This is not the kind of exploration a person wants to do on his own, so I recruited my grandson to ride along with me. When asked if he wanted to visit a haunted house, he assumed I meant the kind that are so common in the area during Halloween time, where you pay to get in and have fun being scared. He is just learning to drive and jumped at the chance

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to be my chauffeur.

We located County Road 50 North near Otis and turned onto a very nice street lined with well-maintained homes. Looking for a haunted house, I was disappointed until we drove to the end of the road, and there in a field of weeds at the end of a rutted gravel road was a white house. By the conditions of the grounds, it appeared to be abandoned, though I can't say for sure.

"Drive down that road," I told my grandson.

As we approached, the structure loomed out from between overgrown trees. Was this the house mentioned in the website? I jumped out of the car in a hurry and snapped a few pictures. I felt an ominous, creepy sensation, and my grandson could not wait to drive out of there in a hurry.

I can't tell what gave me the creepy sensation. Was it that I was sitting on property where I did not belong and was not invited, or was there something there that was disturbed by my presence? I left in a hurry...and do not care to return.



The clinic at I and 10th streets in La Porte.

Another interesting entry in the same website offered this clue to our next stop: the clinic at La Porte's I and 10th streets. This once was used by Native Americans who made camp as part of the Trail of Tears. During one of the winter stays, a young woman died. There is now a clinic atop the small hill. There have been reports of the elevator working by itself, objects have been moved by unseen hands and one of the restrooms has been locked from the inside several times, according to "Haunted Places in Indiana."

Some say this corner is the location of an ancient Indian graveyard, and the woman who died and was buried there was a princess of the tribe. These stories have a life of their own. A short drive took us to this location across from La Porte High School. I went inside to interview anyone I could find who was willing to talk, but was not successful.



There has been talk — a persistent rumor among some — about a train that went into Clear Lake behind La Porte's Kroger many years ago, that it sank into the muddy bottom with numerous passengers aboard. This is an unsubstantiated story, but we decided to take a look anyway.



Clear Lake, where a train was rumored to have sunk many years ago.

The lake definitely has a creep factor about it, and train tracks still run by it. It is possible the truth about this story will never be known, although La Porte County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz says from her research, it could not have happened.

It is, perhaps, a true urban legend.

This research into the paranormal side of Northwest Indiana would not be complete without an interview with our own Ghostbusters, and what better place to meet with them but La Porte's Pine Lake Cemetery at midnight...or maybe 4 in the afternoon would suffice.



Mike Murray, one of the four members of the Ghostbusters of Northwest Indiana.

The Ghostbusters of Northwest Indiana officially became a non-profit entity in 2011. The four members — Mike Murray, Matt Paige, Curt Collins and Caleb Fairres — don their Proton Packs and rush to

the scene of paranormal activity. They travel in their especially equipped SUV, complete with flashing light bars and mysterious looking tubes, wires and gizmos. The group spends weekends lending their supernatural presence to groups and organizations gathered for charitable purposes rather than ghostly activities. They donate their time and expertise helping others raise money for worthy causes. Basically, they enjoy being Ghostbusters and helping out in the community.

These Ghostbusters do collect plenty of ghost stories along the way.



The vehicle used by the Ghostbusters of Northwest Indiana.

Murray says he often is cornered by someone who just needs to share a spooky tale about a ghost in

their attic. He grew up across from Patton Cemetery in La Porte and can remember a particularly haunting night there himself.

Schultz says many people who come to La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana ave., to do research are hoping to prove they live in a haunted house. It seems that although we fear the unknown, we are drawn to it. Why is that? Where do these legends of hauntings come from and why do they persist in our culture?

A fun story illustrates how some of these legends might be perpetuated. This tale was related to me by my son, who lives in Valparaiso. Several years ago, he booked a Halloween tour of local haunted places. It was led by a rather corpulent, yet flamboyant storyteller. The tour lasted several hours and was designed to build to the final stop: a particularly spooky cemetery in a nearby community. This small, overgrown, out-of-the-way spot is known as one of the most haunted places in the Midwest.

The tour bus stopped under a street light across the road from the cemetery, and the guide dimmed the interior lights so everyone could appreciate the spooky scene.

After a bit of time spent gawking, anxious faces presses against fogged windows, the bus drove off and my son was disappointed they did not disembark to explore.

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Fast forward to several weeks later. My son and a few friends decide to visit the same graveyard on foot in the middle of a cold November night. They approached cautiously and began exploring the graveyard, looking in particular for a fabled "jumping" tombstone. My son began retelling the story of his disappointing ghost tour when what appears under the street light across the road but a tour bus led by the same rotund, voluble gentleman.

Waiting quietly behind the tombstones, my son and his friends watched until the bus began to pull away, at which point he stood in the shadows and waved his flashlight quickly and briefly in the air. The bus screeched to a halt, and camera flashes exploded from the windows of the bus, but none dared to leave the safety of the vehicle to further explore the creepy phenomenon in the graveyard.

After a while, the bus left and all was quiet. The friends continued to explore, laughing to themselves and thinking the night's excitement was over...until a short while later, a clatter and the scraping of shoes over the gravel driveway could be heard in the distance. Someone was coming: young people laughing and joking nervously with each other.

Hiding once again in the shadows of the grave-



You can't have too many images of cemeteries in a ghost story.

stones, the friends waited until the approaching group of explorers drew near. Then, at just the right moment, my son let loose his most hideous laugh and one of the female friends, who was with the party, screamed a scream to curdle the blood.

There was a moment of pause, a breath, a heart-beat and the air was filled with the sounds of feet

pounding on gravel and stones flying as the erstwhile adventure seekers screamed, yelling and scrambling. They wasted no time getting away from the scene of such horror.

What stories might the folks on the bus, and especially the adventurous group on foot, taken back home with them that evening? Can you imagine that any of them had a difficult time sleeping that night? For whatever it is worth, if you were to look up that particular graveyard today, you would find claims it has "more paranormal activity that any other cemetery worldwide."

So whether you believe in ghosts or not, or just like a good spooky story and a scare every once in a while, take Schultz's advice.

"You can believe what you want," she says. "Just be careful what you pass on."



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Cirque de la Symphonie is an adaptation of cirque acts performed on a stage with a full symphony orchestra. The audience experiences aerial flyers, acrobats, contortionists, dancers, jugglers, balancers and strongmen. Each performance is perfectly choreographed to classical masterpieces. More than 100 orchestras worldwide have featured Cirque de la Symphonie in sold-out venues.

The performers include:

- Vitalii Buza, who began his gymnastic training in the Republic of Moldova and soon competed as a gymnast with the Russian national team. At 16, he joined the Moscow State Circus as a professional acrobat and toured throughout Europe. After a move to the U.S., he starred in productions at Sea World, Universal Studios and Walt Disney World. He has been featured in numerous TV ads and appeared in Disney's "Enchanted."
- Ekaterina Borzikova, who is a graduate of the School of Olympic Reserve in St. Petersburg, Russia, and completed 10 years of training in gymnastics and another four years of training in acrobatics. Her circus training included everything from elephant riding to aerial bungees. She also is a 10-year veteran of Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus.
- Vladimir Tsarkov, who comes from a famous circus family. His "mystery guest" juggling act is a blend of illusion and juggling skills. He has performed in productions from Las Vegas to Korea.



Vladimir Tsarkov performs with 4 rings.



The aerial duo of Alexander Streltsov and Christine Van Loo.

- Alina Sergeeva, who is a third-generation circus performer from Russia whose professional performances have taken her around the world. Along the way, she won the "most talented" award for youth performers in Brazil. Her career in the U.S. includes numerous circus tours, corporate shows, cruise ship productions and special events.

The concert will feature music from "The Phantom of the Opera," "La Boutique Fantasque," "Masquerade," "The Witches of Eastwick," "Night on Bald Mountain," "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" and "Harry Potter."

Pre-concert conversations allow concertgoers to learn about the lineup from Music Director Robin Fountain and guest artists. They are held one hour before each concert. Post-concert receptions are held immediately after the concert. Bound for Freedom, the SMSO business of note, will judge a costume contest. Any Halloween-loving patrons who come dressed in costume is eligible to participate, with prizes awarded.

The Mendel Mainstage is located on the campus at 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich. Different ticket packages exist. Call (269) 982-4030 or visit www.smso.org for more information.

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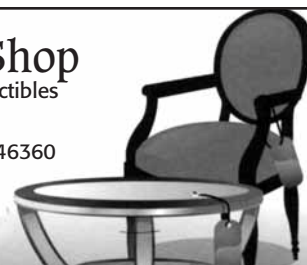
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“Aelita, Queen of Mars” Returns to Mainstreet

Michigan City composer Dan Schaaf doesn't remember how the idea came about, but it seemed liked a pretty good idea: Why not have live actors do the dialogue of an otherwise silent film?

The result was “Aelita, Queen of Mars,” the silent movie musical with which Schaaf's actors have been perfecting over the years throughout Northwest Indiana and Chicago.

Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., Michigan City. On Halloween, theatergoers are encouraged to participate in the “Dress Like a Martian” costume contest.



“Aelita” was a silent sci-fi film made in Russia during the brief liberalization between the civil wars of the 1920s and Stalin's reign. It features futuristic Martian landscapes, a cast of thousands and the exotic title character.

The film is based on the novel by Alexei Tolstoy, a distant relative of Leo Tolstoy. The speculative novel depicts an engineer longing for his dead wife and looking to the stars for relief. Though the general plot remains, the film dispenses with the novel's serious, scientific tone.

In the film, the engineer, driven by jealousy, imagines a fantasy “Queen of Mars” who rules a race of robots. He rockets himself to Mars, participates in a Soviet-style revolt, makes love to the Queen and returns to find that not much has changed in Russia.

In attempting to compete with Hollywood spectacles, the Soviet filmmakers threw in every style they could manage: comedy; social realism; adventure; fantasy; epic battles; love stories; and political commentary. The mixture of styles baffled critics, but delighted audiences. In recent years, scholars have noted the film is a veiled, but strong criticism of the political and social state of the Soviet Union. The filmmakers felt safe making such criticism since the action is on Mars. In the 1950s, the Soviets finally banned the film.

Schaaf re-edited the film, added sound effects, songs and dialogue performed by live actors. The ersatz Muscovite Repertory Theatre Co. includes Susie Richter (La Porte) as Aelita, Larry Jortner (Valparasio) as Tuskub, King of Mars, Robert Richter (Michigan City) as the Radio Moscow engineer, Sandy Gleim (La Porte) as his beautiful wife and Noel Carlson (Michigan City) as Gussev, an accidental traveler to Mars.

This performance includes remastered surround sound and video newly enhanced by Moscow State University software.

Schaaf's other shows include “MacBeth! The Rock Opera,” Jeff Schmidt's one-man musical, “Sparkle,” and his musical revue, “Seven Day Wonder,” performed last year at Mainstreet Theatre. For several years, he was the resident composer at Chesterton's 4th Street Theater, composing incidental music for numerous shows and winning an NIETF award for his score for “Lion in Winter.”

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Calligraphy Collective Exhibit



Karen Ness' "Be Obscure Clearly," a Sumi ink, walnut ink and pastel on paper.

South Shore Arts will present "Exploration: Selected Works of the Chicago Calligraphy Collective" through Nov. 30 in the Atrium Gallery at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster.

A reception is from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, with many of the artists attending.

An annual juried exhibit of the collective, "Exploration" highlights works in a variety of traditional and non-traditional styles, including 3-D pieces. The jury chooses an average of 55 pieces each year. Of these, 23 were selected to travel and be on display at South Shore Arts. Featured works are from CCC

members Jane Ewing, Linda Hancock, Catherine Keebler, Lisa Kivland, Carl Kurtz, Maggie Mokrzycka, Karen Ness, Amy Vautin, Julie Wildman, Mary Zabrin and Luce Zolna.

The collective promotes the study, practice and appreciation of calligraphy in its historical and present-day applications.

Regular hours for the exhibit, which is free, are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Visit www.southshoreartsonline.org for additional information.



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Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra will present an evening inspired by “Downton Abbey,” including music by “The Divas of Downton,” at 6:30 p.m. EDT Friday, Nov. 7, at The Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich.

Social hour starts at 6 p.m. EDT. The event will showcase English ales, specialty drinks, wine and fare. Period dress is optional, yet encouraged. Katherine Rohwer, Rebecca Derbas-Selvidge and Carrie VanDenburgh, as “The Divas of Downton,” will serenade the audience.

Rohwer, a mezzo-soprano, received her degree in choral music education and vocal performance from Western Michigan University in 2009. Her credits there include Mozart’s “Cosi fan tutte,” Verdi’s “Falstaff” and Sondheim’s “A Little Night Music.” Solo work includes performances with the SMSO, Lake Michigan College Concert Choir and the Kalamazoo Bach Festival Chorus. She is the director of choirs at Lakeshore High School in Stevensville, Mich., and conducts the Concert Choir and Vocal Chamber Ensemble at Lake Michigan College.

Derbas-Selvidge, a soprano, has a bachelor’s of music in choral education from Western Michigan University and a certificate of professional performance from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City. She is the choral director at Coloma Community Schools and Lake Michigan College’s Summer Choir. She has performed with



“The Divas of Downton” are Rebecca Derbas-Selvidge (standing, from left), Katherine Rohwer (seated on swing) and Carrie VanDenburgh.

various ensembles and in regional and local theater productions.

VanDenburgh, a soprano, is a California native who completed her bachelor of music degree in vocal performance in 2000 and obtained her master of music degree in vocal performance in 2002, both from Andrews University. She has been the soloist in numerous productions, and won the SMSO Young Artist Competition in 2000 and 2001. She taught at Bridgman High School as the choral director for six years and at Lake Michigan College, where she taught aural comprehension, music theory and voice lessons. She is the choir teacher at Berrien Springs Middle and High School.

Musical selections will include works by Gershwin, Rodgers and Hart, Puccini and Berlin.

Tickets are \$40 per person, \$320 for a reserved table of eight and \$400 for a “front of manor” table of eight. Contact the SMSO office at (269) 982-4030 or visit www.smso.org for more information.

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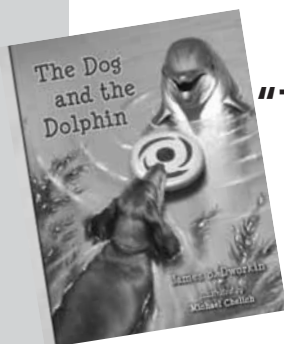
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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Saturday, Nov. 1

• 10 a.m. — Fall Color Stroll.

Meet at the Nature Center for an easy, 45-minute jaunt up to Mount Jackson and back, exploring the remaining fall color and other sights.

• 2 p.m. — Snowy Dunes: A Slide Show Tour.

Explore the sights and sounds of the Dunes during the 30-minute show held within the comfort of the Nature Center Auditorium.

• 7 p.m. — Owl Banding in the Dunes.

Meet at the Nature Center auditorium for a look at the tiny saw-whet owl, as well as the research and education project occurring in the dunes. Afterward, attempts will be made to band one if conditions are right.

Sunday, Nov. 2

• 10 a.m. — Feed the Birds.

Join a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding. Get close views of chickadees, cardinals and woodpeckers.

• 2 p.m. — 100 Years of Indiana State Parks.

Meet at the Nature Center auditorium for the 50-minute, PBS-produced documentary that captures 100 years of Indiana State parks.

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.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

• 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.

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New Buffalo Library

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Open to all ages, the club encourages participants to use their imaginations and skills to create everything from gardens to space ships. No registration is required.

Also, a variety of weekly programming is available for children.

Toddler time meets at 1 p.m. EST Tuesdays, offering preschoolers activities, music and a story. Baby Laptime meets at 10:15 a.m. EST Fridays. Caregivers and babies share rhymes, songs and stories. Also Fridays, Storytime meets at 11 a.m. EST. Preschooler enjoy music, stories and a craft.

All three programs are designed to develop early literacy skills in children while having fun. They are drop-in programs, with no registration required.

The Teen Book club meets twice monthly. Teens select from a variety of books and share discussion and refreshments. The Teen Advisory Group plans teen events and gives input on teen materials in the library. Participants develop skills and earn community service hours.

Both teen activities require prior enrollment.

Call the library at (269) 469-2933 or email newbuffalokids@gmail.com for more information.

For adults, "Grocery Store Botany" is the topic of Friends of New Buffalo Library's Community Forum from 6:30 to 8 p.m. EST Thursday, Nov. 6.

The presentation centers on a botanical tour of the grocery store and targets those who think they know a fruit from a nut. The program is presented by Ralph Reitz, Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve horticulturist and botanist.

"Watergate Remembered" is from 10 a.m. to noon EST Saturday, Nov. 15. Tim Moor of Lake Michigan College will take a look at the scandal and the effects on our political system.

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Marquette to Attend Summit

Representatives from Marquette Catholic High School will travel to Europe for the Global Student Leaders Summit – Innovation and the Future of Education set for June 19, 2015.

Marquette's representatives include Principal Jim White, theology teacher Tom Burke and four current freshmen: Connor Donaldson (Michigan City), Tommy Gotsch (Chesterton), Billy Leiby (Michigan City) and Ellen Roach (Chesterton).

The professional development experience will unite more than 2,000 people to discuss education and what other countries value in their educational systems. The delegation will visit Budapest, Prague, and Munich, then convene in Davos for the summit, where they will hear from experts and speakers, including keynote Sir Ken Robinson, a leader in education, creativity and innovation. Participants will use the design thinking process while collaborating with peers in small international teams to develop local solutions. The conference culminates with the Innovation Village, a showcase of student work where ideas are shared and celebrated.



Attending next year's Global Student Leaders Summit are Jim White (seated) and Ellen Roach (back row, from left), Tommy Gotsch, Billy Leiby, Connor Donaldson and Tom Burke.

The itinerary will introduce the delegation to Eastern Europe and Switzerland through hands-on learning experiences and connections to locals.

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Slanted rays of a late morning sun filtered through scuttling clouds Oct. 17, reflected from the copper-sheathed roof of the newly installed lantern room at Michigan City's Old Lighthouse Museum.

A large gathering of museum enthusiasts, lighthouse volunteers and local dignitaries stood below to celebrate a ribbon cutting and dedication of the new structure. After two years of dreaming, sketching, drawing and planning, grants were awarded, the construction completed and the new lantern room raised into place.

At 11 a.m., Michigan City Historical Society President Larry Swiger, standing on the museum east porch along with Mayor Ron Meer and Shannon Eason, Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department administrative director, welcomed the crowd and addressed the gathering. This, Eason said, was an "example of what could be done for the community when all work together."

Swiger pointed with pride to the fact that all of the work at the museum is accomplished by dedicated volunteers from the city and beyond who believe in the importance of preserving this piece of local history for the people of Michigan City. Several Hoosier Lighthouse Club members were on hand. They regularly volunteer, travelling from all points of the state to preserve and maintain the historic structure.

There are officially five lighthouses in Indiana: three on private piers

in Gary and two in Michigan City. The 1858 structure, which houses a collection of artifacts celebrating Michigan City's heritage, is the only one that was home to lighthouse keepers who tended a light in this place for many decades.

According to Swiger, the day's ceremony was a "miraculous" culmination of work by the volunteers, and a perfect way to end the 2014 museum season. After opening remarks, the group was invited inside the 156-year-old building to witness the official ribbon cutting, tour the building and climb the spiral staircase to the new lantern room itself.

The new structure is the design of Michigan City architect Roger Potratz. It was assembled on a trailer in an empty space next to the zoo. This clever procedure allowed the completed structure to be easily transported to the museum building, and it required only one lift operation from the trailer to the top of the building. The existing lantern room that was replaced had been in operation since 1973 when the museum first opened to the public. Because the new structure



The new lantern room being hoisted into place on Sept. 30. Photo taken by Jan Hoeppner

New Lantern Room Dedicated at Old Lighthouse Museum

by William Halliar



The Old Lighthouse Museum in Washington Park, with the remodeled lantern room visible.

is much heavier than the one it replaced, considerations had to be made for the modification of the support structure as well.

Accessed from the second floor of the museum, a narrow staircase leads to a beautifully paneled anti room that houses a spiral staircase leading to the cupola of the lantern room itself. Those who make the climb are treated to a spectacular view of Washington Park, the marina and a vista of Trail Creek.

It is in this very place that the lightkeepers of Lake Michigan's storm-tossed shore climbed to tend the light in all types of weather from 1858 until the new lighthouse was established in 1906. From its lofty height above the beach, the original light keepers at first tended a wick and oil lamp, then finally an electric light reflected and amplified through a Fresnel lens. The light and lens projected a guiding beam 15 miles out into the lake, shepherding ships



Shannon Eason (from left), Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department administrative director, Mayor Ron Meer and Michigan City Historical Society President Larry Swiger speak at the Oct. 17 ceremony.

to the safe haven of the harbor at the mouth of Trail Creek.

This celebration and dedication marked the beginning of more work to come in the next year as porches are rebuilt and shingles repaired, all in the name of preserving this wonderful landmark.



Ken Behrendt (left), Michigan City Redevelopment Commission president, and Commission Attorney Altey Price in the new lantern room.

(Look for an upcoming article in *The Beacher*, part of our *North End* series, that chronicles in depth the history and importance of the Michigan City Lighthouse.)



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New Village Gallery Exhibit

A meet-the-artist reception for watercolor artist and instructor Richard Church is at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at The Village Gallery, Valparaiso.

The Valparaiso native began his formal training at Chicago's American Academy of Art, furthering his studies with watercolorists such as Harriet Rex Smith, Diana Maxey and Henry Bell. Since retiring in 2007, he's devoted all of his time to his art.

One of his proudest accomplishments is teaching more than 100 students in watercolor painting. That number is growing as he teaches at Chesterton Art Center, where he is a member. He received second place in this year's Chesterton Women's Club Show, and is a member of 119th Street Artists, Covered Bridge Art Association and the Deep River Artists.

Church's solo exhibit runs through December.

The Village Gallery is located at 3303 Pines Village Circle in Pines Village Retirement Communities (off Calumet Avenue just north of Cumberland Crossing) in Valparaiso. It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Call Pines Village Retirement Communities at (219) 465-1591 for more information.

Worthy Women Dinner

The Sixth Annual Worthy Women Dinner is Saturday, Nov. 1, at Silver Palace, 1719 State St., La Porte.

Worthy Women Recovery, according to a press release, is in the home stretch of opening the first transitional recovery home in La Porte County.

Keynote speakers at the dinner are Andrew Pazera, Westville Correctional Facility assistant superintendent of re-entry, and Amy Wilson, a former convict, accountant and motivational speaker.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. Awards and a silent auction are planned. Tickets are \$30, or a table sponsorship for \$300. Contact Sonshine Troche at (219) 405-7006 or info@worthyrecovery.org for reservations or additional information.

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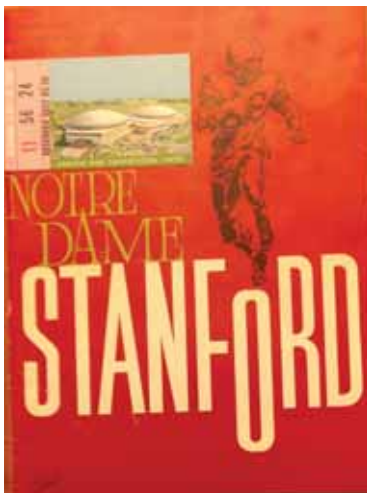


What's Cooking

by Jim LaRocco

Having turned 64 on Oct. 24, I couldn't help but think of that Beatles song, "When I'm 64." I was only 17 when it hit the charts in 1967, and 64 sure seemed a long way off.

I remember on my 14th birthday a very good friend of my father's, Joe Yonto, the former football coach at St. Mary's in Michigan City, was a defensive coach for the University of Notre Dame. He gave my father and me tickets to the Stanford Cardinal/Notre Dame game on my birthday, Oct. 24, 1964. ND was ranked No. 2 at the time and won the game 28-6. Check out the ticket price — \$5.50 — and the program was 50 cents. My how times have changed.



The program and ticket from the Notre Dame game on Oct. 24, 1964.

After the game, we were invited to Coach Yonto's house. When we arrived, there were many Notre Dame players ready to share some birthday cake and ice cream with me. What a thrill for a rabid football fan.

I never forgot Yonto. His daughters and I would hang out when they came to Michigan City to visit their aunt and uncle.

On my 16th birthday, I got to take the car out. I did the cool thing at the time: drove to Washington Park via Franklin Street, then the return trip back uptown to the McDonald's parking lot, repeating the trip as many times as possible before having to get the car home.

We sometimes would park in the Jewel parking lot on Franklin Street across from Ames Field and talk to our friends, or wait for them to see us and stop. Who does not remember Catting the Drag?

My wife, Suzanne, got us tickets to see my all-time favorite New York Yankee, to watch the first game of the 2012 World Series with him (and a few others) at the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center on the campus of Montclair State University in New Jersey. We even made a side trip to Carlo's Bakery.

Suzanne made from scratch German chocolate cake for my birthday: my favorite. I make some homemade chocolate and vanilla ice cream, and our sons and their families usually come over to celebrate...I mean eat. There generally is a nice meal served before the dessert.

Sue has great recipes for coconut and chocolate frosting for the German chocolate cake that I would like to share.

For the coconut pecan frosting, you will need:

- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 egg yolks, slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/3 cup flaked coconut, set aside
- 1 cup chopped pecans, set aside

Place all ingredients in a saucepan. Heat and stir over medium heat until thick, about 12 minutes. Remove from heat and add coconut and pecans.

For the chocolate frosting, you will need:

- 1/2 cup of cocoa
- 2 2/3 cups of powdered sugar
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 tsp of vanilla
- 1/4 cup of butter, softened

Sift the powdered sugar and cocoa together and blend in the other ingredients until smooth.

If you have tried any of the recipes posted in What's Cooking, send me an email and let me know how it turned out. You might get mentioned in a future article.

Until next time, enjoy.

Email Jim at jim@jimlarocco.com



Jim (left) and Sue with Yogi Berra in 2012.

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Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Free Gentle Flow Yoga at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1.**

Certified yoga instructor Lauralee Sikorski, who has taught more than 1,000 hours of classes, will emphasize deep breathing and releasing stress. Wear comfortable attire, and come on an empty stomach. Take a mat because extras are limited.

• **Book signing with Purdue University-North Central Chancellor James Dworkin at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2.**

Dworkin will read and talk about his book, "The Dog and the Dolphin," with a signing planned after the presentation.

• **Yoga with David Kipley at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 4, 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. 5, 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.

• **Medicare Educational Seminars at 1:30 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5.**

Learn more about options from independent senior benefit counselors Larry Berger and Joseph Bayer, who will discuss five successful retirement strategies, including Social Security, wealth preservation and future income strategy.

• **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.

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

Mary Cassatt Focus of Classes

Students will study the work of Mary Cassatt during children's art classes in November at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Students will learn about impressionism, creating projects based on women and children, trying out pastels as a medium and incorporating teacups. Children 3-16 are welcome to participate and may start classes at any point in the school year.

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11th Annual Holiday Home Tour

Michiana Humane Society's Holiday Home Tour will celebrate 11 successful years by showcasing six Harbor Country homes on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The annual fundraising event for the Michiana Humane Society & SPCA will feature unique architectural details and décor, and grounds decorated for fall. It also will include "Lite Bite" stops between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. EST at Vineyard Lofts, 13595 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich., which will offer light refreshments, beverages and a tour of the winery renovated into living space. The Round Barn Winery Tasting Room, 9185 Union Pier Road, Union Pier, Mich., will offer light refreshments, along with wine available for tasting and purchase, between 2 and 6 p.m. EST.

"After 10 years, our tour has included over 5,000 patrons attending from Michiana, Harbor Country and the Chicagoland area, raising over \$200,000 in proceeds," said Cathi Rogers, Michiana Humane Society director of marketing & communications.

Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST/11 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST. Tickets, which are \$50 per person, may be purchased in advance from Indiana retailers: the Humane Society, Darling Boutique (Michigan City), Uptown Cakery (Michigan City), Mucho Mas (La Porte) and Chesterton Feed & Garden. Michigan retailers include The Villager (New Buffalo), Blais Design (Three Oaks), Freckle Farm (Lakeside) and Sawyer Garden Center (Sawyer). Tickets also can be purchased at www.michianahumanesociety.org, or the day of the event at any of the homes, Michiana Humane Society, The Villager or Freckle Farm.

Contact Michiana Humane Society at (219) 872-4499, visit www.michianahumanesociety.org or follow the Humane Society on facebook for additional information.

Ladies Night Out

The public is invited to Leadership La Porte County's first "Ladies Night Out" from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, in the Eagle's Nest at Portofino Gril, 3233 N. Indiana 39, La Porte.

Vendors will display crafts, merchandise and homemade items for sale (cash/carry) or order. Consultants include: Adorn, Arbonne, It Works, Jamberry Nails, Yunique Cosmetics, Mary Kay, Norwex, Pampered Chef, Pink Zebra, Premier Designs Jewelry, Scentsy and Velata. Crafters include: handmade jewelry, infinity scarves, stained glass, wine bottles, fall decorations, crocheted items, glass pendants, stress-reducing products and recycled design décor/furniture.

Light appetizers, a cash bar and door prizes donated by the vendors are planned.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Visit Leadership La Porte County on facebook or at www.leadershiplaportecounty.com

Holiday Pysanky Egg Classes



Mary Acton will host two Holiday Pysanky Egg Classes from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 8, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Students will learn the art of Pysanky egg dying while creating holiday ornaments. Participants may choose from a variety of holiday designs such as candles, candy canes and snowflakes, or design their own egg.

Each class will cost \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. Call (219) 926-4711 to register. Visit www.chestertonart.com for more information.



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Taltree Arboretum & Gardens

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

• Haunted Railroad & Fall Festival through Oct. 31.

The family friendly event, free with general admission, features a haunted Railway Garden. Special children's activities, such as creepy crafts, will be available Saturdays.

• Taltree Ten from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 1.

The 10k run is open to runners and walkers of all skill levels, with age group and overall placement awards given. The advanced registration fee is \$30.

• Introduction to Nautical Knots from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 1.

Learn how to tie nautical knots, which also can be used for land activities. The cost is \$17 for non-members and \$15 for members.

Visit Taltree.org or call (219) 462-0025 to register for programs or more information.

Blue & Gold Night

Marquette Catholic High School's Blue & Gold Night is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, in The Richard & Louise Scholl Student Center across from the school on West 10th Street.

The evening is aimed at prospective families to learn about Marquette. Visitors receive information on college preparation, dual/concurrent credit, faith formation, including Kairos, athletics, global studies and study abroad and tuition assistance.

RSVP by calling the enrollment office at (219) 210-4505 or visiting www.marquette-hs.org

Sarett Nature Center

Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich., will host a trip to Jasper Pulaski Wildlife Refuge at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6.

Guests will observe the pre-migration staging of thousands of sandhill cranes.

Take a sack lunch and dress warmly. The cost is \$10. Call (269) 927-4832 to register.

Open Stage Cabaret

Barker Hall Open Stage Cabaret is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, at Barker Hall at Trinity Church, 600 Franklin St., Michigan City.

Doors open at 7 p.m. The Halloween theme is "Songs That Go Boo in the Nite." Participants are invited to wear costumes and funny hats. Treats and donations are welcome.

Seventh Annual Holiday Market

Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich., will host its seventh annual Holiday Market from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 8.

The gallery will feature local artisans, specialty food vendors and growers of unique and artful plant material. Items featured include: clay vases, whistles, ceramics, pewter items, wooden spoons and other woodworking, hand-woven willow baskets, flavored oils, glass ornaments, jewelry and enhanced photography items. Specialty vendors will present hand-felted ornaments and pillows, stuffed animals and knitted hats and shawls.

In the Chase Classroom, the Niles Handweavers Guild will display a selection of hand-woven items for sale. The gift shop will offer holiday decorating and gift items.

Orders can be placed for holiday greens arrangements, a tradition started by Fernwood founder Kay Boydston. Lunch in the Fernwood Café starts at 11 a.m. EST.

A preview party is from 6 to 8 p.m. EST Friday, Nov. 7. Hors d'oeuvres and a martini bar, along with a silent auction and advance vendor purchases, are planned. The cost is \$50 per person, with reservations required by Thursday, Nov. 6. Visit www.fernwoodbotanical.org or call (269) 695-6491 to RSVP.

Interwoven Expressions Sale/Exhibit

Interwoven Expressions will present its 30th annual juried sale and exhibit by Midwest fiber artists from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at Sand Creek Country Club, 1001 Sand Creek Drive, Chesterton.

Artists include weavers, dyers, felters, seamstresses, papermakers and basketmakers, all presenting original works by hands. The 35 participating artists are from states bordering Lake Michigan.

Admission and parking are free. Contact Lu Terock at (219) 730-8460 or visit www.Interwoven-Expressions.com for more information.

Meet the Neighbors

Save the Dunes, Shirley Heinze Land Trust and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore will hold a "Meet the Neighbors" meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at the Beverly Shores Town Administration Building, 500 S. Broadway.

The focus is current projects, regional efforts to protect and restore the Indiana Dunes and volunteer and educational opportunities at the Beverly Shores Sunday Speaker Series.

Refreshments will be served afterward at The Depot Museum and Art Gallery. The public is welcome. Visit absr.org for more information.

Museum Honors Volunteers

The Region of Three Oaks Museum, 5 Featherbone Ave., held its yearly Volunteer Recognition and Annual Museum Report on Oct. 16.

Past board members and their contributions also were recognized. Ron Jelinek, instrumental in organizing and bringing the museum into reality, was recognized by new board president Vicky Pfauth for 10 years of dedicated service. He and his wife, Dee, will remain active museum volunteers.

The museum closed to the public for the season Oct. 26. Work now will begin on creating 2015 season displays. Anyone interested in volunteering can visit the museum on facebook or email regionmuseum@yahoo.com

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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available through Westchester Public Library:

• **The Friends of Westchester Public Library computer equipment sale from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Monitors, printers and computers will be sold, as well as miscellaneous items. All equipment has been tested and sold as is. Sales are final. Returns will not be accepted. Library IT staff can answer any questions.

• **Children 4 and older can participate in Money Matters, presented by 1st Source Bank of Chesterton, at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Thomas Library.**

Children 4-7 (kindergarten through second grade) will meet in the Children's Department to learn how money flows throughout the community. Attendees receive money coloring sheets with crayons provided by 1st Source Bank, and watch episodes of Centsibles if time allows.

Attendees 8 and older (grades three through five or six), who assemble in the Bertha Wood meeting room, participate in money projects and earn fake money to buy goodies provided by 1st Source Bank. They also learn how to fill out a checkbook register and write a check, as well as create origami with Leslie Cefali using new dollars provided by 1st Source Bank.

Registration is necessary.

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Philanthropic Education Organization members Ann Berg (left) and Gwendolyn Roberts (right), who is First United Methodist Church's pastor, present Molly Cross with a \$1,500 scholarship check. Cross is a full-time student at Purdue University-North Central, pursuing a degree in associate science and nursing. She works 27 hours at her current employment, maintains honor roll and Chancellor List status at PNC and is active at First United Methodist Church. PEO's mission is to advance women's endeavors for continuing education.

Critique Night

Local painter Mark VanderVinne will host Critique Night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Guests are welcome, with no registration required. All ability levels and artistic styles are encouraged to attend. While VanderVinne is a painter, he can advise artists in other mediums.

Guests may sit and listen; however, participation is encouraged. Artists can take a work at any stage, from conception to the final version. While it is a safe and friendly environment, it will be a critique involving VanderVinne and others providing advice and insight into the effectiveness of the work or artistic concept.

Call (219) 926-4711 or visit www.chestertonart.com for more information.

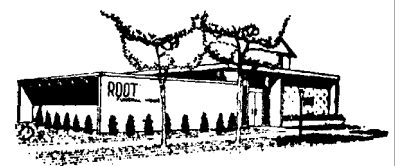
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2. Pin-ettes	20	8
3. Bowling Goddesses	15	13

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAMES

	SCORE
1. Jill Mellen	207
2. Tammy Nelmar	162
3. June Salmon	160
4. MaryLou McFadden	158
5. Linda Neulieb	151
6. Dottie Brinkman (series score)	407

SPLITS

1. Linda Neulieb	1-3-10
2. Nancy Klausner	1-2-7
3. Tammy Nelmar	6-7
4. Jill Mellen	2-4-10

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.

"Creating Health Workshop"

Dancing Feet Yoga Studio, 19135 U.S. 12, New Buffalo, Mich., will host "Creating Health Workshop," presented by Barbara Manley, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 1.

The five-lesson workshop for physical, mental and spiritual well-being focuses on changing old patterns and reducing stress. Highlights will include meditation, breathing, music and aroma therapy.

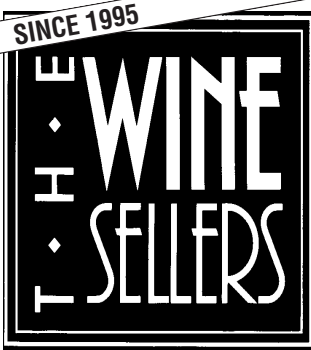
Manley has been a holistic educator for more than 20 years. She taught at the Chopra Center for Well Being for eight years with Deepak Chopra and David Simon, and teaches meditation, yoga and Ayurvedic holistic lifestyle.

Visit www.dancingfeetyoga.com or call (269) 469-1966 for more information.

Fall Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale

The Springfield Township Volunteer Fire Department, 7111 N. County Road 300 West, Michigan City, will host its annual fall pancake breakfast and bake sale from 7 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children (6-12) and free for children 6 and younger. The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice and milk.



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Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:

October 30 — Chili cookoff, 2 p.m., Rittenhouse Senior Living, 4300 Cleveland Ave., Michigan City. \$4 cost to taste/vote. Free for participants. Registration: (219) 872-6800.

October 30 — Leadership La Porte County "Ladies Night Out," 6-9 p.m., Eagle's Nest @ Portofino Grill, 3233 N. Indiana 39, La Porte. Tickets: \$5/advance, \$7/door. Info: www.leadershiplaportecounty.com

October 30 — South Bend Museum of Art "ArtLights," Palais Royale, 105 W. Colfax Ave., South Bend. Cocktails & silent auction/6 p.m. EDT, dinner /7 p.m. EDT. Cost: \$150. Reservations: www.southbendart.org/product/artlights-dinner

October 30-November 3 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "The Skeleton Twins." Rated R. Times: 6:15 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. *Also:* "Love is Strange." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Thurs.-Sun., also 3:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

October 31-November 1 — "Aelita, Queen of Mars," 8 p.m., Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., Michigan City. Tickets: (219) 874-3268.

November 1 — Interwoven Expressions 30th annual juried sale and exhibit, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sand Creek Country Club, 1001 Sand Creek Drive, Chesterton. Admission and parking free. Info: (219) 730-8460, www.InterwovenExpressions.com

November 1 — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Eighth and Washington streets, through October. Second Saturdays, (chef's demonstrations, special market activities, food truck, artists, music), 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

November 1 — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

November 1 — South Bend Comic Book Convention, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. EDT, Comfort Suites, 52933 U.S. 933 (Cleveland and U.S. 31), South Bend. Free. Info: (309) 657-1599, www.epguides.com/comics

November 1 — Sixth Annual Worthy Women Dinner, Silver Palace, 1719 State St., La Porte. Doors open 5:30 p.m., dinner 6-9 p.m. Tickets: \$30. Info/reservations: (219) 405-7006, info@worthyrecovery.org

November 1 — Taltree Ten (10k run), 8 a.m.-noon, Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 450 W. County Road 100 North, Valparaiso. Advanced registration: \$30. Registration: Taltree.org, (219) 462-0025.

November 1 — Owl Banding in the Dunes, 7 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

November 2 — **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS.**

November 2 — "Meet the Neighbors" meeting, 1-3 p.m., Beverly Shores Town Administration Building, 500 S. Broadway. Info: absr.org

November 2 — Fall pancake breakfast and bake

sale, 7-11 a.m., Springfield Township Volunteer Fire Department, 7111 N. County Road 300 West, Michigan City.

November 2 — Book signing with Purdue University-North Central Chancellor James Dworkin, 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

November 2 — "100 Years of Indiana State Parks," Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center auditorium, 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

November 4 — **ELECTION DAY.**

November 5 — Marquette Catholic High School's Blue & Gold Night, 6:30-8 p.m., The Richard & Louise Scholl Student Center, West 10th Street. Info: (219) 210-4505, www.marquette-hs.org

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

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.

Farther Afield:


November 1 — Uphill Climb bluegrass gospel music group, 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 1 — Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra/Cirque de la Symphonie, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Lake Michigan College Mendel Mainstage, Benton Harbor, Mich. Info/ticket packages: (269) 982-4030, www.smsso.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.smsso.org

Through November 2 — "The Odd Couple" (female version, Crown Point Community Theatre, 1125 Merrillville Road. Times: 8 p.m. Fri./Sat., 3 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$12/students & seniors. Reservations: (219) 805-4255.

Through Nov. 8 — "Young Frankenstein," Elkhart Civic Theatre at Bristol (Ind.) Opera House, 210 E. Vistula St. Times (Eastern): 7:30 p.m. Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 7-8, and 3 p.m. Nov. 2. Tickets: \$17/adults, \$15/students & seniors 62+. Reservations: (574) 848-4116, www.elkhartcivictheatre.org



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PNC Chicago Bus Trip

The Purdue University-North Central Women's Association will take a bus trip to Chicago on Saturday, Nov. 15, visiting River North, the Near North Side and an artist's studio.

The day starts at 7 a.m. with breakfast of Dunkin' Donuts and toasted Panera bagels in the Schwarz Hall Vending Room. The group then will board the luxury coach with restroom that leaves campus at 8 a.m. sharp.

The first stop is a working artist studio hosted by Kenrick McFarlane, senior art student at The School of the Art Institute. From there, the group will head to Trader Joe's. Guests may either take a bus or walk to Gibson's Bar and Steakhouse for lunch. Managing partner John Colletti will share tales from Gibson's history, celebrity sightings, stories from the front and kitchen fiascoes, with time for questions. The meal, tax and gratuity are included in the ticket price.

After lunch, participants can shop along Rush Street or Michigan Avenue, including shopping near The Driehaus Museum, where the group will rendezvous at 3:45 p.m. for a 4 p.m. guided tour. Parcels may be stowed on the bus before the tour. A tour guide will share details about the architecture, construction, former owners, period furniture and art of the museum, as well as the restoration process that returned it to its former glory. The tour will end at 5:15 p.m., and the group will return to the bus and back to PNC.

Men and young adults are welcome. The cost is \$85 for PNCWA members and \$95 for non-members. Checks should be made payable to "PNCWA" and mailed to Liz Bernel, Room S 154, Purdue University-North Central, 1401 S. U.S. 421, Westville, Ind. 46391. Include a phone number or email to receive confirmation when payment is received. Contact Bernel at (219) 785-5719 or ebernel@pnc.edu for more information.

Winter Blast 2014

The South Bend Museum of Art will offer youth classes as part of Winter Blast 2014 on Nov. 10 through Dec. 13.

The schedule is:

- Fun with Fabric Holiday Style for ages 8-10.
- Parent and Child Clay for ages 4 and older.
- Art in the Kitchen for ages 6-8.
- Discover Holiday Drawing for ages 7-11.

All youth classes are held Saturdays, with no classes the week of Thanksgiving.

The museum is located in The Century Center, 120 S. St. Joseph St. Visit southbendart.org, email info@southbendart.org or call (574) 235-9102 for more information.

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For winning the award, Bunch received a framed certificate and rose corsage with a \$100 bill folded inside. She will be honored at the yearly R.O.S.E. luncheon, held each spring along with Porter County, and will be nominated for the Hoosier Hospitality Award.

Philanthropic Initiative

The Women's Leadership Council of the United Way of La Porte County will unveil a new philanthropic initiative from 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Northern Indiana Educational Foundation, 402 Franklin St.

The brief presentation will be followed by a light breakfast.

Council membership is open to women who contribute \$1,000 annually to the United Way of La Porte County (individually or jointly) and designate their gift to the Women's Leadership Council. Women ages 30-35 may join by making annual contributions of \$500 or more.

Contact Valerie Lambert, director of development and community engagement, at Valerie@United-WayLPC.org or (219) 210-3534, Ext. 16, to register by Monday, Nov. 3.

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Shirley Heinze Land Trust will host its annual community luncheon Friday, Nov. 7, at Long Beach Country Club, 2309 Larchmont Ave.

The organization hosts the event to engage the local business and civic community with Northwest Indiana's environmental conservation community. This year's keynote speaker is new Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Superintendent Paul Labovitz.

Also on the agenda is this year's corporate/civic category of the "Bringing Nature Home" Awards. Sponsored by the Friends of Shirley Heinze, they recognize local landscaping projects that incorporate native plants, an integral part of the region's natural ecosystems. Visit www.heinzetrust.org/bringing-nature-home.html for more information.Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program at noon. Tickets and table sponsorships may be purchased through www.heinzetrust.org or by contacting Bonnie Hawksworth at (219) 242-8558, or by email atbhawksworth@heinzetrust.org. RSVPs are requested no later than Wednesday, Nov. 5.

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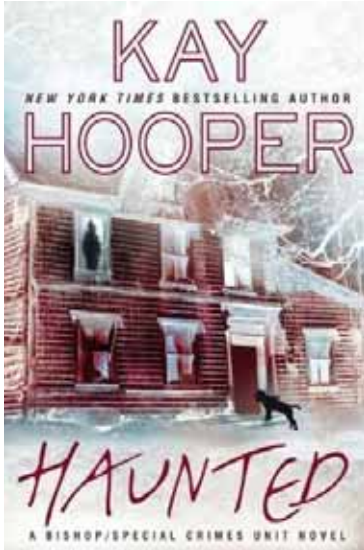
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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Here's two reading recommendations for creepy October reading — ghosts, demons and lots of paranormal happenings. One is a novel, the other a collection of short stories and a one-act play. Enjoy!



Haunted by Kay Hooper (hardcover, \$26.95 in bookstores and online; also available as an ebook)

"There were, he knew, people who had to pay.

"That was something he was certain he knew how to do.

"Get justice.

"Be the sword hand of God.

"When he realized that, all his confusion and uncertainty melted away.

"And the plan began to take shape."

Gear up for this one — a suspense-filled murder mystery with an added element of the paranormal. It's new subject reading for me, maybe for you, too. This book is one of a continuing series of best sellers about Noah Bishop and his Special Crimes Unit of the FBI. "Special" because Bishop's people have psychic abilities: empathy, touch-telepathy, medium and more. Here's how they get involved in this investigation...

The Blue Ridge Mountains are beautiful. A perfect place for hikers and nature lovers alike — until young women started disappearing. First, two women hikers, then another two women who'd just stopped at one of the lookout points to take a picture. When the bodies of the first two were found, police agencies in the area were notified, including the sleepy town of Sociable, Ga.

Even towns like Sociable have their dirty little secrets, and when the body of Scott Abernathy was found there not long after the report on the hikers came in, Sheriff Trinity Nichols knew she had her hands full. Scott's apartment was locked with no sign of a break-in or even a struggle. A small handmade cross was found stuffed in his mouth. Guess what? Similar crosses were found in the mouths of the murdered hikers.

Sheriff Nichols calls on Bishop at the FBI, and he sends two of his best agents to help in the investigation. Another member of his team, Deacon James, shows up in town on his own. It seems his sister, Melanie, had a very public and loud breakup with Scott and now was the No. 1 suspect in his murder. But wait! There's more murders to come. Isn't there always?

The murders are creepy enough, not to mention

gory, but the added paranormal events make it doubly so. The violent climax comes in a church parsonage on the side of a hill high above town.

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\$1,250,000

3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Floor to ceiling fieldstone fireplace in the living room which was recently re-built & converted to gas. Sun room offering beautiful views. New bath in loft which sleeps as many as you please. Extra high two car detached garage to accommodate boat storage. Home has all the charm in the world with forever views of Lake Michigan on the hillside of Lake Shore Drive plus your very own private beach across the street. Such a rare offer comes along!



3510 Penamo Trail • Duneland Beach

\$799,000

5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Breathtaking garden room with vaulted ceiling & loads of light through skylights & walls of windows. Hardwood, tile, marble & crown molding. Stunning kitchen has island, breakfast bar & window seating to enjoy Mother Nature. Main floor master suite has bath with jetted tub, steam shower & walk-in closet. Two fireplaces, formal dining room, family room & rec room. Rear deck, lush landscaping & brick patio. Short walk to incredible beach.



3501 Iroquois Trail • Duneland Beach

\$799,000

3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Living room has fireplace & flows into kitchen boasting hardwood floors, island & stainless steel appliances. French doors off kitchen lead to all-season room. Master suite has vaulted ceilings, walk-in closet & private bath with garden tub & double sinks. Lower level with family room, full bath & storage. Music system, tandem 3-car garage, in-ground sprinklers & alarm. Quality custom built home in 2005, very close to beautiful Stop 35 beach.



2742 Floral Trail • Long Beach

\$675,000

4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Large living/dining room with fireplace. All beautiful hardwood floors on main & upper levels. New tile floor in kitchen/breakfast room. Lower level family room with new carpet, office can be used as 5th bedroom. In-ground swimming pool & tennis court surrounded by lovely gardens offers complete privacy. New roof '09 & new A/C '11. Extra lots could be two building sites or one can enjoy the ambiance of privacy & quiet. Short stroll to beach.

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50 Marine Drive, Unit E-5

If you are a water lover, then this is the place for you. Low maintenance, one-bedroom condo with a 50 foot boat slip on Trail Creek. Motor down the creek to easily access Lake Michigan. Washington Park is just over the bridge for fun and festivities all year long. Covered parking, pool and tennis courts are added features.

\$150,000



601 Lake Shore Drive

3 lots with 150 ft of frontage and 250 ft of depth on Lake Shore Drive (37,500 sq ft). Private, totally remodeled home with spectacular lake views, easy access to the beach and plenty of private parking. Home has a total of 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths. Fireplace with wrap around decks and several patios. Guest suite on lower level has a living room, kitchen, bedroom and a full bath. The property is huge and will allow for 4 more building sites. Great investment opportunity.

\$499,000



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