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# JOURNEYS TO FREEDOM

## CAFE OWNER FACED IMPOSSIBLE ODDS TO CREATE A NEW LIFE FOR HIMSELF IN AMERICA

by Andrew Tallackson



Martin Dzuris (right) appears with his best friend, Choura, on the day they fled Czechoslovakia, Jan. 21, 1989.

It would take another 16 years before events rapidly fell into place for him to escape from Czechoslovakia a second time and return to America.

Now, at 50, Dzuris admits he is not at peace, but he's come to terms with the hand life dealt him... and he's stronger for it. He has a wife of 11 years and a new business in New Buffalo, Promény Cafe. Promény in Czech means "to transform from one thing into another."

Indeed, the next chapter in Dzuris' incredible life has begun.

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Martin Dzuris has every right to be angry.

At the age of 9, he was comfortably acclimated to life in America, having fled Czechoslovakia five years earlier with his parents.

Then, life as he knew it collapsed in an instant.

The casualty of a custody dispute between his parents, he was taken back to Czechoslovakia.

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Dzuris' journey must start at the beginning.

He was born in 1964 in the city of Budweis in South Bohemia. His early years living in a small village outside Budweis, he recalls, were good, but one amid turbulent times and, to him, an eternally cold landscape.

Between evening and early morning, Aug. 20-21, 1968, the Soviet Union invaded Czechoslovakia in an operation that involved 500,000 troops. With his parents, Dzuris, an only child, fled to Vienna, Austria. A family of little means, they were not one to squander their resources, he said. Shortly before boarding the plane headed for New York, the family ate every banana it had left because the fruit was not allowed on the flight.

"It was unimaginable (for our family) to throw them out," he said. "Can you imagine that, eating all those bananas? I haven't eaten bananas in years because of that."

Upon arriving in New York, the family took a bus headed for Los Angeles to stay with an aunt who'd fled Czechoslovakia in 1949.

"I loved L.A.," Dzuris said. "It was a totally different environment. The weather was different. It was beautiful."



Martin (center, left) appears with his parents, and his aunt and cousin, in Los Angeles in 1969.

His father worked as a busser at an upscale restaurant where he met actor John Wayne.

"John Wayne spoke to my dad," Dzuris said. "My dad barely spoke English, and John Wayne gives him the time of day, to talk to a nobody."

A year later, the family moved to the Chicago area, specifically to Berwyn, which had a significant Czech population. They then moved to Seattle to stay with family for six months, then back to the Chicago area.

"Czechs have this kind of wandering nature," Dzuris said. "We're very much explorers. We want to see new things. You'll find Czechs living all over the world. When you have the opportunity, you want to explore your options and see new things."



Martin buries his father in the sand at the beach in New Buffalo in June 1970.

In the early 1970s, Dzuris' family discovered Southwest Michigan, particularly New Buffalo, was an inviting getaway haven for Chicagoans. Harbor Country's beaches and camping, he said, resulted in wonderful memories for him.

It was at about that same time, however, that his parents separated (they would later divorce and remarry). His father moved to New Buffalo, his mother stayed in Chicago. He spent time with both parents amid the custody battle. He even appeared before a judge, who called him into his chambers, asking which parent he wanted to be with. Dzuris wanted to stay in America, so he chose his father. He attended New Buffalo Elementary School. His father ran Camp Brucker-Farr near Lakeside and Maudlin roads.





Martin poses by the pool at Camp Brucker-Farr.

Then, in fall 1973, when he was 9, his mother asked him if he'd like to take a flight to Los Angeles over the weekend to visit his aunt. He agreed.

"The next morning," he said, "I woke up in Europe."

His mother was suffering from a form of cancer — the first of two battles with the disease she would beat — had no insurance and wanted to return home.

"When I was young, I didn't know what Communism meant," he said. "When we got off the plane in Prague, I realized what it meant *really* soon."

His mother and stepfather were interrogated — for hours upon hours — by police. However, with the new head of state declaring amnesty for any Czechs who had fled the country, his family was not prosecuted.

Life for Dzuris was now a haze of confusion. He spoke perfect English, but now was required to learn Russian. The absence of little things — things children love in America — were gone. The Saturday morning cartoons he enjoyed on TV were replaced by Communist propaganda.

"There was no cereal. I missed crazy things, like Twinkies and Ho Hos and bubble gum.

"Right away, I realized there was less food, less meat — less of everything. It was pretty awful. I started catching on fast."

In the meantime, Dzuris' father had obtained U.S. citizenship. Awareness of that in Czechoslovakia, he said, created problems for him throughout school, college, the Army, work. The driving force for Dzuris, however, was simple.

Get back to America.

One day, when he was working in a bar, a childhood friend now working with the secret police stopped by for a beer. Testing the waters, he told his friend he wanted to take a vacation, to spend a few weeks in Yugoslavia. Among other things, he couldn't obtain a passport for the trip.

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Martin Dzuris (left) appears with his friend, Robin, on the day he fled Czechoslovakia, Jan. 21, 1989. Robin risked his own safety to later send Martin documents to Austria.

"Do you want to go to America?," the friend asked, cutting right to the chase.

"No," Dzuris replied, his moral compass tugging at him. He did not like being dishonest with a friend. But he told him, "I will give you my word. When I come back, you owe me a bottle of vodka. If I don't come back, I will send you a bottle of vodka."

His friend asked him to give him a week, don't mention his name and apply for the passport.

"He did in one week what I'd been trying to do in four years," Dzuris said.

With no transportation of their own, Dzuris and two friends — one of whom he'd met in the Army, who later would be the Best Man at his wedding — bought a packaged trip with a youth Communist organization headed for Yugoslavia. It would be, he said, the perfect cover.

The trip never happened.

His best friend broke his leg and pleaded with him: "Don't leave me here. I will help you next time. We will apply sooner. If you leave me, I will never get out."

Dzuris honored his friend's request.

One year later, he called on his friend with the secret police. They had not spoken since he initially requested the passport.

"How was the trip?," the friend asked.

Dzuris explained it never happened, but he and his friends wanted to go skiing in Austria. Again, the friend said, "no problem," he'd help him with the paperwork.

Somehow, Dzuris said, disbelief evident in his voice, everything fell into place: all the required paperwork and approvals to make the trip. Add to the fact that he was on sick leave for a broken knee cap, which would negate approval for him of the trip, and Dzuris says there is no way everything should have worked out.

But it did.

Dzuris made the trip to Austria with a group of people — including his best friend — in a bus on

Jan. 21, 1989. He knew two men who worked at the border crossing, hoping they'd be there when he arrived. They weren't. One had just left for the day. The other was on vacation. The guards asked everyone to exit the bus.

"The guard looks at me, he looks at the passport, he looks at me again and he looks at the passport, and I'm thinking, 'This is it.'"

"He gives me back my passport, I sit back down on the bus and I can't believe it."

He and his group, however, did not celebrate once the bus left the crossing gate. Had they done so, they would have been discovered by others on the bus and arrested.

Almost immediately, Dzuris said, he noticed a change in the landscape, almost as if he had left a black-and-white movie for a color one. Life, he said, seemed more abundant around him. And as the group made its way to Vienna, more and more people turned up missing on the bus, headed in their own respective ways to freedom. He called his father from a gas station, told him he'd escaped and asked for guidance. His father told him to head for Vienna and seek out the American Fund for Czechoslovak Refugees.

He then did the toughest thing imaginable. He called his mother. Upon breaking the news to her, she broke down, sobbing. He told her he'd call back. Later, he contacted a friend to clear out his apartment so no trace of him remained.

He and his group ended up with AFRCR, which sent them to the camp Traiskirchen, where every refugee went for processing, staying there for 10 days before being sent to a site for three months to await final confirmation on his status. His father flew to Vienna, demanding to speak to officials about his son's status. Five days before the first demonstration in Prague in 20 years, Dzuris swore his allegiance to the United States, received his passport and boarded a plane. He arrived in Chicago, overcome with disbelief that he was back in America.

"You have something you strive for," he said,

"and you think it's never going to happen, but now, I'm back in America and I'm free."

His father picked him up at the airport, taking him on Interstate 94 back to New Buffalo. Physically, he was still having trouble because of his knee cap, so he worked



Martin and his wife of 11 years, Katrina.





Martin, pictured with his mother, attends school in Chicago in January 1971.

with his father at Camp Brucker-Farr. Over the years, jobs came and went, everything from working at Arby's in New Buffalo to being an operator at the Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman, Mich. He obtained his U.S. citizenship in 1999.

He and his wife, Katrina, have been married for 11 years. They opened Promény Cafe, which features wine, beer, gourmet coffee, whole leaf teas, olive oil and balsamic vinegars, in July at 910 W. Buffalo St. The name has significance for the two on several levels. It is a famous Czech love song that was the favorite song of his late brother, Adam Palus. It also was the first song Dzuris translated into English when he and Katrina first met.

He admits he's frustrated by the bureaucratic red tape that can exist in America when starting a business. But on a larger scale, he has grown from the journey on which life has taken him. His mother is now 70 and still living in the Czech Republic. He has been back home on several occasions to see her and other family. His father, 72, lives in Galien, Mich. He has a daughter, now 32, from a previous

relationship. He and Katrina live in New Buffalo.

He has no ill will toward his mother, nor the detour life took because of her when he was 9.

"I was never happy about it, but I never held it against her," he said. "She loved me, and she wanted me with her."

"I have learned so much. As crazy as this sounds, I am grateful. The past is over. I've benefited from my experiences. No knowledge or experience is useless if you know what to do with it."



Martin Dzuris appears in his new business, Promény Cafe.

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## Annual Event Focuses Attention on Homelessness in Area

by Kayla Weiss

To call attention to the issue of homelessness in the area, Catholic Charities of Michigan City will present the 10th Annual Homeward Bound 5K Walk on Saturday, Sept. 27, in Washington Park.

Open to the public, families are encouraged to attend.

"Last year, we went around to the different schools in the area, distributing fliers and pledge sheets, because we've had a lot of students and their families show up in the past," Homeward Bound Walk Chairman Ed Merrion said. "St. Stan's had a great turnout last year and helped us so much, which we are so very thankful for."

Walkers can continue to seek pledges before the event. Step-off time on Sept. 27 is 10 a.m. at Washington Park's Jaycees pavilion. The walk then proceeds down Lake Shore Drive and through Beachwalk before returning to Washington Park.

A local end-of-summer tradition, the event is designed to focus attention on homelessness and related issues in the area. It also doubles as a fund-raiser to assist area agencies that provide affordable housing, shelter and supportive services so families and individuals get back on their feet. Last year's walk raised more than \$10,000.

It is estimated that in La Porte County, alone, 1,500 women, children and men are considered homeless.

"Day to day, I work with the homeless and those in danger of becoming homeless," Merrion said. "The 20-person walk committee all deals with people in this situation day to day as well, and we're the



The Stepping Stone Shelter for Women walking team at a previous Homeward Bound event.

ones putting on this walk to help the homeless, because we feel that there is always more that we can do to help.

"Homelessness is a serious situation all over, and is a growing problem across the country, so we try to bring awareness and help to those affected by it through this walk."

Participating agencies and beneficiaries for this year's Homeward Bound 5K include: Catholic Charities; Gabriel's Horn Homeless Shelter of Porter County; Housing Opportunities; Interfaith Community Men's Shelter; Citizens Concerned for the Homeless; La Porte County Habitat for Humanity; Michigan City Housing Authority; and Stepping Stone Shelter for Women.

The Unity Foundation of La Porte County has provided support for the event as well.

"I love to see people having fun at this event," Merrion said. "We try our best to make it a family oriented event: getting food for everyone to enjoy and just having fun."

"It's a fun, family event in which anyone and everyone can participate to help their community."

### IF YOU GO

Contact Ed Merrion at (219) 879-1312, or any of the participating agencies, for more information. Additional information about registration/donations is available by contacting Megan Lothamer at (219) 879-0327 or [mlothamer@uflc.net](mailto:mlothamer@uflc.net). A facebook page for this year's walk can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/HWBLPC](http://www.facebook.com/HWBLPC)



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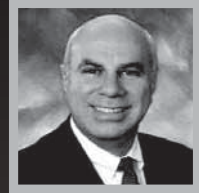


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## “Small Vistas, Big Myths”

The new exhibit “Jason Cytacki: Small Vistas, Big Myths” runs Sept. 27 through Jan. 4 in the Art League Gallery at South Bend Museum of Art.

Cytacki’s work focuses a critical eye on the romanticized period of the American frontier and its continued place in the popular imagination.



Jason Cytacki’s oil on panel, “Pike’s Peak.”

Epic western landscapes of the 19th century fed audiences’ desires for hope of an American utopia, just as the heroic cowboys riding into the sunset from 1950s cinema lured a new audience into longing for a simpler time. While inaccurate and inflated, these iconic images have become deeply entwined with the American perception of self.

Cytacki is an assistant professor of painting at the University of Oklahoma. He earned a master of fine arts from the University of Notre Dame in 2011 and now lives and works in Norman, Okla.

South Bend Museum of Art is located in The Century Center, 120 S. St. Joseph St. Call (574) 235-9102 or visit [www.southbendart.org](http://www.southbendart.org) for more information.

## “Who is a Hoosier?” Traveling Exhibit

The La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte, will host in its lower level “Who is a Hoosier?,” an Indiana Historical Society traveling exhibit, through Oct. 7.

The comings and goings of newcomers to this state — through immigration or migration — have created the Indiana that is known today. Pioneer settlers, 19th-century immigrants and modern arrivals have experienced the universal struggle to build a life in a new place while balancing traditional values with loyalty to a new country.

In the exhibit, maps and informational graphics highlight the statistical impact of changing ethnic groups, while photographs from various IHS collections and institutions all over the state spotlight personal stories of immigration.

Call (219) 324-6767 for more information. For additional information about IHS, call (317) 232-1882 or visit [www.indianahistory.org](http://www.indianahistory.org)

## Long Beach Large Item Pickup

The Town of Long Beach again will offer its large item pickup with the regular refuse pickups on Mondays, Oct. 6 and 13.

Place all items at the roadside with the toter by 6 a.m. Leaves, tires, appliances with Freon, cement, batteries, oil-based paints or household chemicals will not be accepted. Bundle any large items, such as swimming-pool liners and carpeting, to 4 feet and not to exceed 50 pounds.

Also, leaf pickup for Long Beach will resume Nov. 3 through Dec. 1. Rake often and to the street’s edge, not into the roads. Keep large twigs, rocks and other yard-waste clumps out of the leaf piles because they clog, jam and damage the leaf vacuum.

There will be no designated schedule or dates for pickups of certain areas in town. All areas will be covered in a timely manner, weather permitting. A final trip through town Dec. 1 will help assure all residents’ leaves are picked up.

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Each year, nearly 5,000 area students and youth groups participate in Fernwood's ESP programs, either on-site or through the in-school Travelling Naturalist program. All programs are based on a science curriculum that incorporates basic state guidelines and hands-on activities at age-appropriate levels.

On-site programs run 1 1/2 to 2 hours and are tai-

lored to the season. The fee is \$3 per student. Teachers and adults are free (donations are accepted).

In-school Travelling Naturalist programs are offered January through March, with limited availability during the rest of the school year. Fees start at \$40 for one class/program and increase based on the number of programs, with an additional 45 cents per mile above 20 miles round trip from Fernwood.

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Proyecto Libre (Project Freedom), a new Chicago-based quartet, draws inspiration from a range of Afro-Caribbean music traditions: the free, improvisation movement in jazz crossed with the traditions of Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and other Caribbean islands.



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For Proyecto Libre, violinist James Sanders selected musicians he has worked with in both camps. They are: Avreeayl Ra on drums and wood flute; Joshua Abrams on bass; and Jean Christophe Leroy on congas and Latin percussion. They will be joined by special guest Harrison Bankhead.

Tickets are \$20 at the door or available at [www.hothouse.net](http://www.hothouse.net). Call (269) 469-0600 for additional information.

Proyecto Libre is the final concert in the series. Oliver's Cinema, the previously announced concert on Sunday, Oct. 19, has been relocated to coincide with the Old and New Dreams Festival produced by HotHouse at the Promontory in Chicago.

## Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Basket Weaving at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.**

Margie Warner offers the one-day basket-weaving class. All materials are provided. A \$10 deposit is required.

• **Writing Out Loud: Mary Schmich at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.**

Schmich worked as a reporter at The Peninsula Times Tribune in Palo Alto, Calif., at The Orlando Sentinel and since 1985 at The Chicago Tribune. She spent five years as a Tribune national correspondent based in Atlanta. She has written a column for the Chicago Tribune since 1992, except for the year she spent at Harvard on a Nieman fellowship for journalists. She won the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary. She wrote the "Brenda Starr" comic strip for 25 years until 2010. A collection of her columns, "Even the Terrible Things Seem Beautiful to Me Now," is available in print and as an ebook.

The Friends of the Library will host a reception and book signing after the program.

• **"American Classics with Stephen Kowalczyk" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28.**

Kowalczyk will perform classical accordion music with an American classics theme. He has played in Europe and throughout the U.S.

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

Kipley is a recent graduate of Dancing Feet Yoga's Yoga Teacher Program. All levels are welcome. Take a mat and wear comfortable clothes for the one-hour class that meets Tuesdays through Aug. 12.

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One is the miniature steam train from Kiddieland in Melrose Park that carried families since the 1930s. The other is the Salt Creek & Western Railroad that meandered through Brookfield Zoo, giving a behind-the-scenes zoo tour from 1967 to 1985.

Those two trains, along with the steam museum's many other attractions, will be on display Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27-28.

The best-known pair of steam locomotives that ran at Kiddieland are "The Hudson" and "The Northern," which are art deco streamlined trains

of the 1930s. At Brookfield Zoo, three locomotives were in operation: two steam engines — one nicknamed "The Blue Goose" and the other "Granny" — and a diesel-powered locomotive fondly called "Rudy," commissioned and donated to the zoo by the

late Elliott Donnelley of RR Donnelley Printing.

The steam museum is located at 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, La Porte. Grounds open at 11:30 a.m., and trains run from noon to 5 p.m. Train fares are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3 to 12. Parking is free, and there is no admission cost. Visit [www.hesston.org](http://www.hesston.org) or call (219) 778-2783 on weekends for more information.



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## Pianist Returns for Concert



Norwegian concert pianist Knut Erik Jensen returns to La Porte to kick off the latest La Porte Community Concert Association season at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at the La Porte High School Auditorium, 602 F St.

Jensen has an unusual connection to La Porte. He grew up in Selbu, Norway, which is home to La Porte's Belle Gunness, who allegedly lured and murdered a number of Norwegian emigrant men at her La Porte farm at

the turn of the 20th century.

He has performed at universities, cultural centers, churches and concert halls from Tacoma, Wash., to Atlanta, Ga. As guest soloist with the Minot Symphony Orchestra in North Dakota, he played Grieg's "Piano Concerto in A Minor." He has worked with jazz musicians, played with rock bands and is one of the most sought-after accompanists for singers and operas.

Jensen first performed in La Porte in October 2011 during a U.S. concert piano tour. On Oct. 5, he will play selections by composers such as Norwegian Edvard Grieg and American favorite George Gershwin. After La Porte, he will travel to Stephenville, Texas, where he will be the guest artist for the Tarleton Piano Festival on Oct. 10.

Season tickets, which will be available for sale, will be honored at the Oct. 5 concert. Tickets for the public cost \$15 for adults and \$5 for students through high school. Call Bill Burger at (219) 362-5292 for more information.

## Pioneer Days

La Porte County Parks will present the 23rd annual Pioneer Days on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27-28, at Creek Ridge County Park, 7943 W. County Road 400 North, Michigan City.

As visitors enter the 96-acre park, they will encounter a taste of pioneer history, food and lifestyles, accented by the aroma of kettle corn, root beer, ham and beans and apple butter brewing.

Visitors can experience wagon rides, outdoor cooking, crafts and food, visit with historically clad vendors and engage in hands-on activities.

Native American demonstrators will highlight fur traders, wood working and quilters. Crafts include a Native American necklace or bracelets, ceramics, candle dipping and tin-punch design.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. The admission fee — \$2 for adults, \$1 for children or seniors and free for children 4 and younger — is paid at the gate. Call (219) 325-8315 or visit [www.laportecountyparks.org](http://www.laportecountyparks.org) for more information.

## Museum Day Live!

Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., will offer free admission Saturday, Sept. 27, as part of Smithsonian Magazine's 10th annual Museum Day Live!

A nationwide event, it offers free admission to visitors presenting a Museum Day Live! ticket at a participating museum or cultural institution. Tickets will be available to download at Smithsonian.com/museumdaylive

Visitors who present the ticket gain free entrance for two from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at Barker Mansion. One ticket is permitted per household, per email address. Call Barker Museum at (219) 873-1520 for more information.

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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. Monday, Oct. 6 and 20 (some in costume), Nov. 10, 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 Luhr County Park. The cost is \$5 per child/per program. Pre-registration and payment are required at least one week in advance or until full, whichever comes first.

The lineup is:

- Oct. 8 — Hopping Good Time.
- Oct. 22 — Halloween Fun (Come in Costume).
- Nov. 5 — Who, Who, Who.
- Nov. 12 — They Live Where?
- Dec. 3 — Let it Snow.

### Senior Lifestyles

Join the free 55+ Club, a social club designed for adults 55 and older to learn and explore various types of nature. Free coffee is served to participants.

The group meets from 9 to 10 a.m. at Red Mill County Park. The schedule is:

- Oct. 1 — Tips on gardening, including preparing a garden for winter, by Sacha Burns of Sunkissed Organics.
- Nov. 5 — La Porte County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz discusses Indiana historical markers in La Porte County.

### Poochapalooza Halloween Dog Social

The free event is at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Creek Ridge County Park, 7943 W. County Road 400 North, Michigan City.

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Call or stop by the Visitor Center on Friday morning to learn the hike's location.

• **Pinhook Bog Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.**

Take a self-guided tour of the bog and talk to rangers stationed along the trail. Allow about one hour to walk the trail and tour the bog.

The Pinhook Bog parking lot is located at 700 N. Wozniak Road in Michigan City.

• **National Public Lands Day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Cowles Bog parking lot.**

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, hands-on volunteer effort to improve America's public lands. Join a ranger and other volunteers to help improve the bog. Wear comfortable work clothes. Work gloves and equipment will be provided. Insect repellent and sunscreen are recommended.

Meet at the Cowles Bog South Parking Lot, which is adjacent to Dune Acres.

• **Fall Colors Hike from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at Dune Ridge Trail — Kemil Beach.**

Kemil Beach parking lot is located on East State Park Road, one mile north of U.S. 12.

• **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.*

## Harbor Country Book Club

Harbor Country Book Club will discuss Kent Haruf's "Benediction" at 7 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Sept. 30, at New Buffalo Township Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St.



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## La Porte County CROP Hunger Walk

The 29th Annual La Porte County CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, Sept. 28, and begins at 1:15 p.m. at La Porte's First United Methodist Church, 1225 Michigan Ave.

Each year, communities reach out in partnership to poor and hungry people across the globe. Organizers can elect to share up to 25 percent of the proceeds with effective, local hunger-fighting agencies. Last year saw The La Porte Salvation Army and Michigan City soup kitchens benefit from the walk.

CROP walks alternate every other year between Michigan City and La Porte. This year, participating churches and organizations are: **Union Mills** — Bethel Presbyterian Church; **La Porte** — American Heritage Girls Troop through St. John's Lutheran School, First Christian Church, Swedenborgian Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Terra Verde Garden Club, Church of the Brethren, First United Methodist Church, The Presbyterian Church; **Michigan City** — St. John's United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church, Trinity Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church and School.

The actual 5K (three mile) walk, accessible for people with disabilities, kicks off at the church at 2 p.m. Visit the La Porte Church World Service website at [www.crophungerwalk.org/laportein](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/laportein) for more information.

## "Fine Art + Fine Food"

Learn the history of Tosi's Restaurant's artists and fine art as local celebrities provide lighthearted introductions during "Fine Art + Fine Food" from 4 to 8 p.m. EDT Sunday, Oct. 5, at the restaurant, 4337 Ridge Road, Stevensville, Mich.

Presenters are Roger Harvey, Kristin Hosbein, Vincent Iannelli, Paul Mow, Rick Ott, Anna Russo-Sieber and Brittany Stecker. Cocktails and desserts will be available, and the Renaissance String Quartet will perform.

The event is part of Tosi's 75th anniversary celebration, as well as a fundraiser to benefit education and exhibit programming at Krasl Art Center.

Guests will be welcomed in the garden by Stecker, an artist and KAC staff member, then proceed indoors to a presentation by Iannelli about his father, artist Pasquale Iannelli, and the mural of Florence, Italy. Harvey and Ott from Harbor Country Public Arts Initiative will present a Baroque painting after Velasquez. Fine arts painter Hosbein will introduce guests to paintings by Madonini, Mow will provide a presentation inspired by the opera scenes and Russo-Sieber will introduce artworks by Silvano Taiuti.

Guests also will view select works from private collections, including sculptures by Taiuti, as well as a never-before-seen artwork of the flag-throwing contest prior to the famous Palio horse race in Siena, Italy, created by Iannelli for Emil Tosi in 1961.

The cost is \$75 per person, \$70 of which is a charitable donation. Guests can register at [krasl.org](http://krasl.org) or call Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich., at (269) 983-0271 by Oct. 1.

## Children's Art Classes

Students in children's art classes at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St., will study the work of Michelangelo in October.

Students will work on figure drawing, as well as create a painting on canvas.

Children 3-16 are welcome to participate and may start classes at any point during the school year. Visit [www.chestertonart.com](http://www.chestertonart.com) for additional information.

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# Polish Heritage Festival a Marvel of Sights, Sounds and Smells

by William Halliar

Sunday, Sept. 14, began with a cool, but promising morning that emerged as an absolutely perfect day for the third annual Polish Heritage Festival.

An aura of excitement filled the air as people of Polish descent, their children, grandchildren and friends began to fill the canopied enclosure of a garden dedicated to celebration. The Gardens were resplendent in late summer shades of gold, crimson and green, accented by flowering shrubs and grasses. The gates were flung open to welcome the excited guests as they were ushered down paths Native Americans might once have followed to this beautiful, serene area nestled in the mossy folds of a meandering Trail Creek.

The parking lots quickly filled, the cars being directed by the Michigan City High School JROTC. People wandered down cindered paths toward the canopy of the Wedding Garden, where a Mass in both English and Polish was to be celebrated.

The Rev. Antoni Polaniak of The Salvatorian Fathers from Merrillville led a procession of the young people from Wesoly Lud (Happy People in Polish) down the central aisle of the canopied enclosure. They were dressed in the colorful traditional garb of their forebears, and their smiling faces and enthusiastic spirits added a splash of color, energy and vibrancy of youth to the ancient tradition of the Mass.

The celebration being concluded, folks rose with anticipation and made their ways along curving paths through colorful gardens and across a bridge spanning Trail creek, drawn by the aroma of roasting smoked sausage, boiling cabbage and frying pierogies.

Of the many ethnic sites that are part of the Gardens, the Polish garden held much charm over the strolling festivalgoers. The design was based on the old knot design



gardens of the monastery at Bielany in Krakow. Most plants found here are related to those that flourish in Poland. Of particular interest is the red poppy, which is used to commemorate the Poles who fought valiantly in the battle of Monte Cassino during World War II.

The hardworking chiefs of Cavalier Inn, Hammond, worked their magic. Arms and hands a blur, flying over hot grills and boiling pots, they did not disappoint, but prepared a feast for pallet and nostril. Cavalier Inn has been a Lake County tradition since 1949, and its unique brand of Polish cuisine adds to every festival it caters.

Booths that featured Polish wares and crafts were set up on the lawn in front of the main performance stage

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in the Celebration Garden. Theresa Child demonstrated the art of *Pisanki*, or Polish Easter egg decorating — the art she was taught by her grandmother and proudly shares with this generation. A booth with colorful Polish glassware and unique, handcrafted, painted wooden eggs garnered many an admiring perusal. Another table was decorated by gaily painted and unique Polish pottery — each a work of art unto itself — the entire scene being guarded by two friendly Polish sheep dogs.

Janusz Duzinkiewicz, a Purdue University-North Central associate professor of history, proudly told the stories of Polish history through his display of artifacts of the homeland, including clothing, ceramics and wood carvings. His passion is to pass the traditions and pride of his homeland to generations of Polish-Americans yet to come, and to all who would like to learn its history.

It would not have been a Polish festival without a raffle, so there were tables stacked with goods donated by local businesses and friends of the event. It remained until the end of the festivities for those who purchased tickets to see if they were lucky enough that day to take home a prize.

Music filled the gardens as Steve Kowalczyk began the festivities with tunes played on his piano accordion. Steve has been in love with accordion music for more than 50 years.



Eddie Sienkowski and The E-Z Tones played for most of the day between musical acts. The center stage often filled with older folks showing off their practiced polka steps, and children who could not help but jump and frolic to the lively tunes.

While festivalgoers enjoyed their tasty repast of plump *pierogi*, pots of steaming tasty *golabki* and, of course, juicy strings of snappy Polish sausage,

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Mark Kolasa (left) and Duane Parry (right) present a plaque to Evelyn Lisek.



Steve Kowalczyk entertained festivalgoers with his piano accordion.





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two groups of young people entertained them with dances and costumes depicting the history and pride of Poland.

Wesoly Lud returned to the festival for a second year. A Polish folk dance group from Chicago, they stamp and whorl to the traditional folk dances of Poland. The group is clothed in the colorful costumes of Poland's country folk and pay tribute to the history of the country through song and choreography. The group is an international ambassador of Polish culture. It has performed in Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine, Canada and China. It has participated and performed in nine international festivals. The dancers, who begin at age 13, volunteer at weekly rehearsals and many performances over the years.



Their bright smiles and cheerful attitude reflect the joy of their commitment to their heritage and are a refreshing addition to the atmosphere of the day.

The dance group Male Wici also entertained festivalgoers this year. The group strives to portray the "opulent beauty" of Polish culture through what might be called a more classical dance style. Their costumes, choreography and musical repertoire reflect a classic, almost ballet approach to all that is fine in the Polish culture. It was established in 1972 and strives for authenticity in costume and original choreography, boasting an exceptionally large store of handmade costumes imported from Poland. These colorful collec-

tions of men's and women's clothing are handmade from the finest materials. Their dances were stately, their carriage grand, heads held high in a proud example of grand Polish pride in history and culture. As a finale to their performance, they invited audience members to join them in a final grand tour around the stage.

Duane Parry, Michigan City Common Council president and a Polish Heritage Festival committee member, read a proclamation by Michigan City Mayor Ron Meer, and presented a plaque to Evelyn Lisek in celebration of her dedication to the preservation of Polish heritage in Northwest Indiana. Lisek is a longtime member of the Polish Women's Alliance and has served as the group's Indiana state president for the past 20 years. She is the vice president of the Indiana Chapter of the Polish American Congress and was former national director of the organization. Her gracious acceptance of the award exemplified the humility with which she has served the Polish community these many years.



Richard and Jeanne Houck.



Richard Houck, International Friendship Gardens board president, and his lovely wife, Jeanne, were on hand for the day, celebrating Polish history with old friends and neighbors from Michigan City and many surrounding communities.

As the afternoon waned and a cool breeze blew across the fragrant gardens, the strains of music drifting off into memory, the crew from the Gardens began collecting tables. Chairs of the Polish Heritage Festival board announced next year's celebration is Sept. 15, 2015.

This year, it is estimated the total attendance at the festival was more than 1,300 people, which is double the attendance for last year, proving the event is quickly becoming a major attraction.



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## One-Act Plays by ND students

The University of Notre Dame's Department of Film, Television and Theatre will present "ND Theatre NOW!," featuring "Out of Orbit" by Lucas García and "Beneath My Skin" by Zachary Wendeln, on Oct. 2-12 in the Philbin Studio Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The "Theatre NOW!" program annually showcases works by students in productions fully realized by student artists. The two new one-act plays focus on the struggles, consequences and rewards of coming out of the closet.

In "Out of Orbit," directed by Anthony Murphy, a college senior brings his boyfriend home for the weekend, propelling his parents into new and unexpected territory. "Beneath My Skin," directed by Joey Doyle, follows the journey of a man grappling with his sexuality over the course of 25 years, from his college days to the aftermath of his divorce.

Performances (all Eastern time) are: 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 2-3, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, Oct. 7-10, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 5 and 12.

Tickets are \$7 for students, \$12 for faculty/staff/seniors 65 and older and \$15 general admission. Additional discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Tickets may be purchased at <http://performingarts.nd.edu>, at (574) 631-2800 or at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center ticket office between noon and 6 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday.

## Free Grant Writing Workshop

The Michigan City Community Enrichment Corp., as a public service, will present a free grant-writing workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Michigan City City Hall, 100 E. Michigan Blvd.

Limited to 40 participants, the workshop is conducted by Purdue University. Make reservations by email, phone or in writing. Include your name, phone number and address with your reservation. Reservations can be made to: Michigan City Community Enrichment Corp., 100 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City, IN 46360, (219) 873-1408, Ext. 382, or [mccec@emichigancity.com](mailto:mccec@emichigancity.com). Day of registration starts at 5:30 p.m.

The 2014/2015 Michigan City Community Enrichment Corp. grant application is available at [www.emichigancity.com/cityhall/boards/mccec/index.htm](http://www.emichigancity.com/cityhall/boards/mccec/index.htm). Hard copies are available at City Hall's round information desk.

One original grant application and nine copies are required. Completed applications must be postmarked by Nov. 21. Grant money for the latest cycle will be distributed in spring 2015.

Last year, the enrichment corporation awarded more than \$800,000 to organizations that directly impact the Michigan City Area Schools district.

## Chesterton Photo Walk

Chesterton Art Center photography instructor George Kassal will lead the Chesterton Photo Walk from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 11, as part of the Scott Kelby's Worldwide Photo Walk.

Last year, the event included 900 photo walks worldwide, with more than 32,000 photographers participating. This year, the Photo Walk organization is attempting to raise \$50,000.

The free social event begins at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Participants then will take photos as they walk through historic downtown Chesterton, Thomas Park and activities surrounding the outdoor European Market.

After the walk, photographers are invited back to the art center for lunch and to share their images. They also are encouraged to submit their best photo for a prize, although it is not required.

An event T-shirt can be purchased through the website, and participants are encouraged to donate as little as \$1 to the Springs of Hope Orphanage in Kenya. All proceeds from T-shirt sales and donations assist the feeding and caring of these children.

Sign up online at <http://worldwidephotowalk.com/walk/chesterton-in-united-states/>. There is a limit of 50 people who can participate with the Chesterton group. While there is no charge, participants must register to reserve a spot.

## MQT Students Attend Workshop

Ten Marquette Catholic High School students on Sept. 10 attended the Greater South Shore Conference Student Ambassador Workshop.

The students were: freshmen Lauren McConnell, Connor Donaldson and Michaela Jennings; sophomores Emily Lazarek and Abby Andert; junior Malcolm Reed; and seniors Joe Salyer, Libbey Cook, Michelle Espar and Emily Block.

The workshop, designed to teach high school students how to engage elementary and middle-school students in fun and learning activities, was designed by Lee Lonzo, an Indiana High School Athletic Association educational consultant.

The students also learned about the IHSA's new Champions Together Initiative introduced by the IHSA Student Advisory Committee. The initiative is a partnership with Special Olympics Indiana and IHSA member schools. Schools must meet minimum requirements in the areas of: student-led servant leadership; awareness, respect and inclusion as it relates to all individuals with intellectual disabilities; volunteerism through service to the school and community; and fundraising to promote the vision and programs of Special Olympics Indiana and Champions Together partnership.



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## Indiana Dunes State Park

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

### Saturday, Sept. 27

#### • 10 a.m. — Tree ID Spree.

Explore simple ways to ID trees in the park and in your own backyard. Meet outside the Nature Center.

#### • 2 p.m. — Secret Love Life of Birds.

Meet at the Nature Center for the special presentation by John Schaust, Wild Birds Unlimited chief naturalist, and Will Schaust, McCormick's Creek State Park naturalist.

#### • 8 p.m. — Insects Alive.

Meet at Wilson Shelter for a look at fall insects, with Purdue researchers available with special sheets and lighting.

### Sunday, Sept. 28

#### • 10 a.m. — Bird Banding Demonstrations.

Explore the science of bird banding and get close views of resident and migrating birds. Meet at the Nature Center front deck.

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

Meet at the Nature Center auditorium for the 50-minute documentary that captures 100 years of the 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.*

## "Little Buddies and Me"

First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St., again will present "Little Buddies and Me" from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturdays.

While the summer program involved movement and music, the fall session is called "Move, Sing, Create." Sunny Gardner Orbovich, a longtime Michigan City Area Schools art teacher, will lead children 6 months to 7 years old and their parents in art-making activities. Together, they will learn how to use art supplies correctly and safely in the home setting.

Classes run Oct. 4 through Nov. 8. The cost is \$10 per first child and \$1 for each additional child.

Contact 879-4501 or email [eslavey@fpcmicity.org](mailto:eslavey@fpcmicity.org) if interested.



Children and their parents enjoy making music with rhythm instruments during the summer "Little Buddies and Me" session.

## Annual Oktoberfest

St. Ann of the Dunes, 433 E. Golfwood Road, Beverly Shores, will hold its annual Oktoberfest from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28.

The event, held under three large tents, includes bratwurst, potato salad and sauerkraut, as well as music, beer, wine and soda. Children's activities are planned.

Call (219) 879-7565 for information.

## Floral Design Class

Bernie Scott, owner of The Joy of Flowers, and designer Erica Scott will offer an eight-week floral design class this fall.

The hands-on training is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 14 through Dec. 2.

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• **Preparing roses for winter from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 27.**

Sponsored by the Duneland Rose Society, participants learn what to plant in greenhouses, how to overwinter roses and how to prune to reduce pest damage. Indiana Accredited Horticulturist CEUs are available. The cost is \$17 for non-members and \$15 for members.

• **A night hike from 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 1, 8 and 15.**

The cost is \$7 for adults (13 and older), and \$5 for seniors (55 and older) and children (12 and younger). Taltree member discounts are available.

• **Haunted Railroad & Fall Festival on Oct. 1-31.**

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

The festival is free with general admission, which is: \$10 for adults (13 and older), \$8 for seniors (55 and older), \$5 for children (5-12) and free for children 4 and younger, as well as members.

Visit [Taltree.org](http://Taltree.org) or call (219) 462-0025 to register for programs or more information.

## "Blazer Trivia Night"

Marquette Catholic High School, 306 W. 10th St., will present "Blazer Trivia Night" at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the Scholl Center across the street from the school.

The cost is \$10 per person, with teams requested of four to eight people. Participants 21 and older are invited.

A cash bar, 50/50 raffle and team prizes for the winner of each round and overall winner are planned. Contact Dani Haydell by Sept. 27 at [dhaydell@marquette-hs.org](mailto:dhaydell@marquette-hs.org) or (219) 210-4506 to register or for more information.

## Chamber Membership Luncheon

The Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce will host a chamber membership luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Spire Farm-to-Fork, 299 W. Johnson Road, La Porte.

The sponsor is Frontier Communications. The cost is \$18 for chamber members and \$23 for non-members. Registration begins at 11:15 a.m., with lunch and the presentation at 11:30 a.m.

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**Day of Mindful Meditation**

The public is invited to the 12th annual Day of Mindful Meditation from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at La Prairie Museum and Park, 2215 E. County Road 350 North, La Porte.

The event is presented by the Peacemakers' Sangha, a non-religious group dedicated to meditation inspired by Vietnamese Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh. He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Martin Luther King Jr. and was a friend of Trappist monk Thomas Merton.

Take a chair or meditation cushion. Participants will be guided into sitting and walking meditations, creative expressions, gentle exercises and a silent lunch.

Take a brown bag lunch. Bottled water is provided. A \$15 donation is suggested. Email Lee Malizia at leemalizia@gmail.com or call (219) 779-7923, or call Ange Benz at (219) 874-3754 to register or for more information.

**Business After Hours**

The Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce will present Business After Hours from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the event sponsor, Worthy Women Recovery Home, 1001 Maple Ave., La Porte.

The program is free to chamber members. WWRH, now under construction, is a Christian home that provides recently incarcerated women with re-entry programs and the tools necessary to reduce recidivism rates, substance abuse and addictions. It also empowers them to live as positive role models for their children and in their community.

Registration for Business After Hours is encouraged at <http://lpchamber.chambermaster.com/events/>

**PNC Book Club**

The Purdue University-North Central Alpha Mu Pi English Club book club will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3, in the Library-Student Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02.

The group will discuss Emily Bronte's "Wuthering Heights."

The club will meet regularly during the academic year. Its second fall semester meeting is Dec. 5.

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## Historical Society Museum Releases August Figures

The La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte, has released its August curator's report.

Visitors came from 16 counties, 17 states, Canada, Norway and Germany. On Aug. 9, the third annual Memorial Gardens were held. Six people from La Porte County's past were portrayed. The second Family Fun Day was held Aug. 16. A special admission rate for families was offered. Offerings included face painting, Hula hoops, a magic show, sidewalk chalk and Odie's Hot Dog Truck. The traveling Indiana Historical Society exhibit on Indiana cartoonists ran through Sept. 9.

August donations include:

- La Porte Slicer baseball T-shirts from 1987 and 1990, Roger and Rae Ann Brown.
- One men's bathing suit circa 1930, two women's bathing suits circa 1930 and 1950, cotton knit hose circa 1920, early 1900s nursing gown and nightgown, girl's uniform, circa 1920, all belonging to Helen Canfield, auction sale poster, 1936 La Porte High School class reunion poster, Barbara Herrold and Carolyn Dadlow.
- Painting of Soldiers Park by Matzie Stipanovich, Susie Richter.
- "Ultratone" record player made in Michigan City, David Wiegand.
- "Ice-o-Mat" ice crusher circa 1930, Sue Smith.
- Collection of silver napkin rings, German beer steins, Christmas display items, velvet settee, originally from the Rumely family, all from the estate of Wilbur Deiters, Becky Larson.
- Baby dresses circa 1940-1950, ladies' hats, Door Prairie Museum sweatshirt, booklets by Dr. Peter Kesling, Peggy Droege.
- KOP license plate, 45-star flag, Charles Herrold.
- Wedding dress circa 1969, ladies dresses, skirt,

jodhpurs, hat, 1965 Union Township yearbook, Barbara Herrold.

- Metronome, baby clothes, scrapbook, necklace, KOP ID badge belonging to Alma Hinton Anderson, report cards, Jody Jimerson.
- Friendship quilt, made by Naomi Circle, First United Methodist Church, 1980, Marian Heath.
- Archival information, George Callas.
- Items and books for the sale table, Sue Smith, Jean Chlupacek and Don Bowman.

The fall display is called "Whatzit-Deux?" A return of the popular "Whatzit?" display from several years ago, visitors can guess what certain items were used for in the past. The displays runs through November. Oct. 4 is the grand re-opening of the Belle Gunness exhibit. Starting at 1 p.m., events include a program by Knut Jensen of Norway, a showing of "The Gunness Mystery" and a reception.

Anyone wishing to volunteer at the museum may call (219) 324-6767 and ask for Curator Susie Richter.



A portion of the collection of German beer steins given to the Historical Society by the estate of Wilbur Deiters.



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## Poetry, Photography Contest

The Writers Studio at The Box Factory for the Arts will have a poetry and photography contest that features the St. Joseph (Mich.) Lighthouse.

The deadline for both contests, open to the public, is midnight Oct. 7. Entry rules are detailed at [boxfactoryforthearts.org](http://boxfactoryforthearts.org)

The best 25 poems will be published in a chapbook and the winning photograph used as the cover. The winning poet and photographer each will receive \$50.

The Writers Studio will publish the chapbook during a fundraising event at 7 p.m. EDT Friday, Nov. 7, at The Box Factory, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph. All proceeds benefit The Writers Studio and First Friday Film programs at The Box Factory, as well as the Lighthouse Forever Fund, which raises money to renovate the St. Joseph Lighthouse.

Call (269) 983-3688 for more information.

## Library Brick Sale Sells Out

The Friends of New Buffalo Library has sold out the second phase of its commemorative brick offering and ended the fundraising project prior to the Oct. 15 deadline.

The bricks form the entranceway, and will provide a border around, the Dewey sculpture at the recently opened New Buffalo Township Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Installation of Phase II is scheduled to begin in mid-October. The bricks are engraved with the purchasers' own or family members' names, favorite saying, in memory of a loved one, to a fellow book lover, their business name or favorite organization.

Brick sales raised about \$15,000, which Friends of New Buffalo Library will use for enhancements to the new facility, special programs and equipment.

## Dancing Feet Yoga

Lama Lobsang Palden & Gong Lab with Oliver Seay is from 6 to 9 p.m. EDT Saturday, Oct. 4, at Dancing Feet Yoga, 19135 U.S. 12, New Buffalo, Mich.

The program will include:

- Medicine Buddha sound healing.
- Tsa Lung breath work.
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Palden is a Tibetan lama (a tulku), a teacher of Yantra Yoga and Buddhist meditation and a practitioner of holistic energy medicine. He trained at Tashi Kyil and Kaja To Monasteries in the Tibetan region of Amdo. He was initiated as a Ngakpa lama in 2011 at Lhabrang Monastery in eastern Tibet. He has taught Tibetan Buddhist meditation and Yantra Yoga all over the world.

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## Movie, Garden Program

Family Movie Sunday, complete with popcorn, is at 1 p.m. EDT Sunday, Sept. 28, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Courtesy of Friends of New Buffalo Township Library, the movie is "The Croods" (2013).

Also, La Porte County Master Gardener and New Buffalo resident Annette Van Dusen will present "Getting Your Garden Ready for Winter" from noon to 1 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Oct. 1. The session will include research-based tips for putting a garden to bed for the winter, and ideas for ending the season with a healthy garden.

Both programs, which are free, will be in the library's Pokagon Community Room. Popcorn orders and registration are suggested by calling the library at (269) 469-2933. Follow the facebook link at [www.newbuffalo.michlibrary.org](http://www.newbuffalo.michlibrary.org) or email [new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com](mailto:new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com) for more information.

## One Region Award Winners

Donald Babcock and Sheryl Edwards were among the honorees during the One Region 2014 Annual Awards Luncheon on Sept. 10 at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville.

The event, which included keynote speaker Sen. Evan Bayh, celebrated the 2014 Achievement Award recipients.

Babcock, NIPSCO's director of economic development, is active not only in Michigan City, but also throughout the region, including the Northwest Indiana Forum, Dunes National Park Association and Society of Northwest Indiana Innovators.

Edwards was praised for supporting, and participating in, community arts programs. Her efforts have included La Porte Service League, La Porte County Symphony Orchestra, La Porte Little Theatre and Arts in the Park.

## Critique Night

Local painter Mark VanderVenne will host Critique Night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

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

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

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## Marquette Questers

The Marquette Chapter 139 Questers met Sept. 10 at Michigan City Christian Church/Michigan City Christian Academy, with Maryanne Garon serving as host.

Coffee and tea, along with homemade cupcakes from a locally owned bakery, were served. Sandy Thayer present the program on aprons. The following is a small portion from the presentation:

*"In the early 1900s aprons were 'pinned' to the neckline of clothes. Aprons had and still have both industrial as well as domestic uses. All most everyone has fond memories of mom or grandma in a favorite apron. Aprons would cover the entire outfit, or they could cover just the front or just from the waist to the knees. Aprons were used on almost all occasions, from cleaning house, to gardening, to cocktail hour. The collectability now is not only the diverse styles, but the vintage fabrics. Some of the everyday uses included pot holder, tear wiper, egg carrier, fruit/veggie collector, last minute furniture duster and dinner caller."*

Thayer had many different styles to show off.

The business meeting was held.

Michigan City Public Library sent a notification that the Questers purchased Martin P. Johnson's "Writing the Gettysburg Address" to be placed in its collection in memory of Virginia Bushong, a long-time Quaker who passed away this spring.

Soup and crackers were collected for donation to the Sacred Heart Church food pantry in Michigan City.

The next meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the MCCC/MCCA building. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome. Those seeking more information, or who would like to make a presentation, should call Maryanne Garon at 872-3905 or Joyce Dalton at 874-5832.

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## What's Cooking

by Jim LaRocco

This time of year always makes me think of my father.

My father and I always watched sports on TV, especially the Yankees whenever they were on. He was a Bears fan. He played college football with his pal, Abe Gibron, at Valparaiso University, where they both were on the first Conference winning team. When Abe coached with the Bears, we would go to Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind., to the Bears training camp. Abe always saw to it that we got the red carpet treatment.

Me? I was a Colts fan.

My father and I watched so many records fall on TV. I remember watching Roger Maris hit his 60th home run, then No. 61 to break Babe Ruth's home-run record. Sometime later, we watched Henry Aaron break The Babe's all-time home-run record. The Bears Super Bowl XX championship. I remember everyone thought it was all over when Walter Payton fumbled the ball. It wasn't. There was Payton's rushing record, as well as the home-run race between Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire. We watched the Yankees, Celtics and IU win championships, the great 49ers and Joe Montana's Super Bowl wins.

(We had season tickets when Joe played at Notre Dame.)

We spent many hours together talking politics and Michigan City history. He was a virtual encyclopedia. Somehow, I managed to absorb most of it.

My father always saw to it that we had a baseball, bat, gloves, a basketball and a football. I competed with my brother, Dave, and his friends growing up, even though they were a lot older. They would never let you win. You had to beat them. When I got older, Dave and I played softball and basketball together until he moved to Florida.

Not all of my memories with my father were sports-related.

My father taught me to take people for what they are, not what you want them to be. He encouraged me to work hard, be a man of my word and be honest. He taught me these things more through his actions than his words. He told me he gave me a good name. Don't mess it up.

So in honor of the new football season and my father, I am sharing my easy and quick recipe for one of his favorite football treats, Chili-Mac.

Take one pound of ground meat, place it in a bowl and mix in one tablespoon of chili powder (more if you like) and a little water to help mix in the chili powder, a chopped sweet onion and peppers.

(My family prefers just chili powder.)

Brown the meat in a large skillet. You will see



why in a minute. Once the meat is browned, take two 15-ounce cans of tomato sauce, two 15-ounce cans of diced tomatoes (I use fresh whenever available) and place them in the skillet. Mix thoroughly and add another tablespoon of chili powder and stir. Add more chili powder if you like it spicy.


Let the meat sauce simmer on low heat while placing one pound of pasta in boiling water and cook to desired tenderness. I usually use cavatappi (cork screw), campanelle (cone shaped) or cappelletti (folded and twisted) shells or any type of pasta that will hold the sauce.

Drain the pasta and fold into the meat sauce until coated. Serve in a bowl topped with shredded cheddar cheese and a dollop of sour cream. Have a nice glass of apple cider or your favorite football-watching beverage and some salted rye bread with butter.

In closing, thank you for the emails. Until next time, enjoy.

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## Service League

Service League of Michigan City held its monthly meeting Tuesday, Sept. 9.

President Katherine Brennan called the meeting to order. Fourteen members were in attendance. Minutes from the August meeting were approved as published. The league received a thank you note for services from Scott and Joan Shelton, along with a \$100 donation.

The Collections Committee reported sending out 24 first-card reminders, three second cards and five letters to clients who have not returned overdue equipment. Members were reminded to check the "Do Not Loan" list for names of those no longer eligible to receive equipment because they never returned previously loaned equipment.

Loan activity for August included 100 patients served, 146 pieces of equipment loaned with three items taken out of inventory. There were four donations of equipment. New arm rests were purchased to update some of the wheelchairs. Members were cautioned to be careful when loading and unloading equipment from the washer so it is not damaged.

Dressings distributed in August were 15 packages of 4-by-4 gauze, four boxes of 5 by 9 pads and 50 dozen Chux. Twenty four patients were served, including four new patients and 20 repeats.

The Training Committee reported the League needs additional members. If members know of any women willing to make a commitment, have them fill out an application and invite them to visit during hours of operation.

The Ways and Means Committee reported the bake sale was a success, showing a \$782 profit. A give-back is Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Hacienda restaurant. Coupons are available in the League office. Active members were reminded to contact sustaining members to remind them of the date.

The October schedule has been emailed to all volunteers. The next meeting is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14.

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

## Art Center Board Meeting

Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St., will have its Year-in-Review board meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28.

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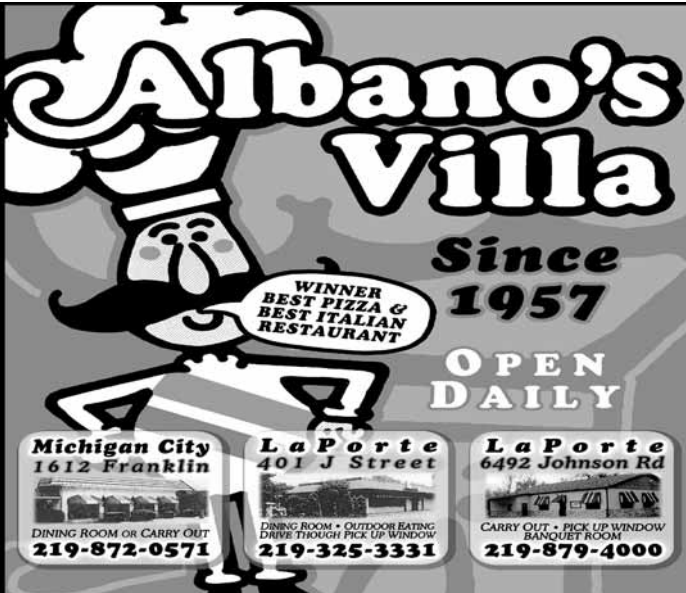
## CAC Children's Art Classes

Danielle Volkman will offer a series of children's art classes from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The schedule is:

- Oct. 11 — "Sketching and Sketches," which is designed to highlight the importance of capturing an image using a minimal number of lines.
- Oct. 18 — A watercolor class where students learn basic techniques.
- Oct. 25 — An Acrylic on Panel Class, where participants receive a plywood panel and acrylic, taking different approaches with the acrylic paint to create art.

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**September 26-28** — Wanatah Scarecrow Festival, downtown Wanatah, U.S. 30 and U.S. 421. Info: [www.scarecrowfest.org/](http://www.scarecrowfest.org/)

**September 27** — 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.

**September 27** — La Porte Urban Enterprise Association Farmers Market, Lincolnway and Monroe Street, through October. Info: (219) 362-8260.

**September 27** — Pinhook Bog Open House, noon-3 p.m. Meet at Pinhook bog parking lot, 700 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City. Info: (219) 395-1882.

**September 27** — Fifth Annual Chain of Lakes Paddling and Potluck Event, 9 a.m., Stone Lake Beach near Cummings Lodge. Free. Info: [nwipa@nwipa.org](mailto:nwipa@nwipa.org), (219) 873-6753.

**September 27** — The 1970s pop cover band Expo 76, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$20. Info: [www.acorntheater.com](http://www.acorntheater.com), (269) 756-3879.

**September 27** — Writing Out Loud: Mary Schmich, 7:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**September 27** — 10th Annual Homeward Bound 5K Walk, Washington Park. Step-off time: 10 a.m. Info: (219) 879-1312, (219) 879-0327.

**September 27-28** — 23rd annual Pioneer Days, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Creek Ridge County Park, 7943 W. County Road 400 North, Michigan City.

**September 28** — 29th Annual La Porte County CROP Hunger Walk, 1:15 p.m., La Porte's First United Methodist Church, 1225 Michigan Ave. Info: [www.crophungerwalk.org/laportein](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/laportein)

**September 28** — "American Classics with Stephen Kowalczyk," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**September 28** — Annual Oktoberfest, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Ann of the Dunes, 433 E. Golfwood Road, Beverly Shores. Info: (219) 879-7565.

**September 28** — Purdue University-North Central Sinai Forum, George Will, 4 p.m., Blue Chip Casino Stardust Event Center. Season tickets: \$100/ regular passes, \$200/patron-level passes. Info: [www.sinaiforum.org](http://www.sinaiforum.org), (219) 531-4200.

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**September 28** — “100 Years of Indiana State Parks,” 2 p.m., Nature Center auditorium at Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**September 30** — Harbor Country Book Club, Kent Haruf’s “Benediction,” 7 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

**October 1** — “Blazer Trivia Night,” 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, Marquette Catholic High School Scholl Center, 300 block of West 10th Street. Cost: \$10. Info/registration: dhaydell@marquette-hs.org, (219) 210-4506.

**October 3** — The Purdue University-North Central Alpha Mu Pi English Club book club, 10 a.m., Library-Student Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02. Topic: Emily Bronte’s “Wuthering Heights.”

**October 5** — La Porte Community Concert Association concert, Norwegian concert pianist Knut Erik Jensen, 3 p.m., La Porte High School Auditorium, 602 F St. Season tickets honored. Public tickets: \$15/adults, \$5/students through high school. Info: (219) 362-5292.

**Through October 12** — “ND Theatre NOW!,” Philbin Studio Theatre at the University of Notre Dame DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Times (eastern): 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2-3, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7-10, 2:30 p.m. Oct. 5 and 12. Tickets: \$7/students, \$12 for faculty/staff/seniors 65 and older, \$15/general admission. Info/reservations: <http://performingarts.nd.edu>, (574) 631-2800.

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

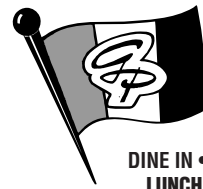
**Wednesdays** — Al-Anon meetings, 7-8 p.m., Long Beach Old School Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail. Info: (219) 716-2690.

#### **Farther Afield:**

**September 27** — Weko Beach Brewers Festival, 1-7 p.m. EDT, Bridgman, Mich. Tickets/info: [weko-beachbrewersfest.com](http://weko-beachbrewersfest.com), (269) 925-6301.

**September 27** — Gemini and All God’s Children Choir, 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](mailto:info@boxfactoryforthearts.org), [www.boxfactoryforthearts.org](http://www.boxfactoryforthearts.org)

**September 28** — Jazz on a Summer’s Day, Proyecto Libre (Project Freedom), 4 p.m. EDT, Lakeside Inn, 15251 Lakeshore Road, Lakeside Mich. Tickets: \$20 at door or [www.hothouse.net](http://www.hothouse.net). Info: (269) 469-0600.



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beg to whom God has given such great power To come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition, In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to come to my assistance. Say 3 Our Fathers, 3 Hail Mary's and 3 Glory Be's. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena has never been known to fail. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days.



## Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail.)

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.



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**On September 25, 1513**, Spanish conquistador Vasco Nunez de Balboa became the first known European to set eyes on the Pacific Ocean. He walked across the Isthmus of Panama and waded in the Pacific with drawn sword, taking possession (symbolically) for Spain.

**On September 25, 1690**, the first American newspaper, *Publick Occurrences*, was published in Boston. The Royal Governor was not happy with the first edition; so a second one never appeared.

**On September 25, 1789**, the first United States Congress, meeting in New York, adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. Ten of the amendments became known as the "Bill of Rights."

**On September 25, 1912**, the Ford Motor Co. established an eight-hour working day and five-day week.

**On September 25, 1919**, President Woodrow Wilson collapsed after a speech in Pueblo, Colo., during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles. He returned to Washington, where he suffered a stroke Oct. 2, leaving him partly paralyzed.

**On September 25, 1956**, the first trans-Atlantic telephone cable went into service.

**On September 25, 1979**, the musical "Evita" opened on Broadway.

**On September 25, 1981**, Judge Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first woman justice of the United States Supreme Court.

**On September 26, 1774**, legendary folk hero Johnny "Appleseed" Chapman was born in the Massachusetts town of Leonminster.

**On September 26, 1898**, American composer George Gershwin was born in Brooklyn, NY.

**On September 26, 1957**, the long-running musical, "West Side Story," opened on Broadway.

**On September 26, 1960**, the first of four televised debates between presidential candidates Richard Nixon and John Kennedy was held in Chicago.

**On September 26, 1969**, the album "Abbey Road" was released by The Beatles.

**On September 26, 1990**, the Motion Picture Association of America announced it had created a new rating, NC-17, designed to bar moviegoers under age 17 from certain films without the commercial stigma of the old X rating.

**On September 26, 1991**, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed glass-dome structure in Oracle, Arizona, called Biosphere 2.

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**On September 27, 1904**, in New York, a policeman, saying "You can't do that on Fifth Avenue," arrested a woman he had observed smoking a cigarette in the rear seat of an automobile.

**On September 27, 1942**, Glenn Miller and his orchestra performed together for the last time, in Passaic, N.J., prior to Miller's entry into the Army. He died in December 1944 when his plane vanished over the English Channel.

**On September 27, 1954**, "The Tonight Show," with Steve Allen as the host, made its television debut on NBC.

**On September 27, 1993**, the Chicago White Sox, on the strength of Bo Jackson's three-run homer, defeated Seattle 4 to 2 for their first divisional title in 10 years.

**On September 28, 1920**, in what became known as the "Black Sox Scandal," eight members of the Chicago White Sox baseball team were indicted for allegedly "throwing" the 1919 World Series against the Cincinnati Reds.

**On September 29, 1906**, with a gala party, attended by almost everyone in the city who was anyone, Chicago's South Shore Country Club officially opened its doors.

**On September 29, 1953**, Chicago's Carson Pirie Scott & Co. became the first department store to sell insurance.

**On September 29, 1975**, baseball legend Casey Stengel died (of cancer) at the age of 85.

**On September 29, 1988**, the space shuttle *Discovery* blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, marking America's return to manned space flight following the *Challenger* disaster.

**On September 29, 1989**, actress Zsa Zsa Gabor was convicted of battery for slapping a Beverly Hills police officer after he had pulled over her Rolls Royce for expired license plates. Gabor eventually would serve 3 days in jail.

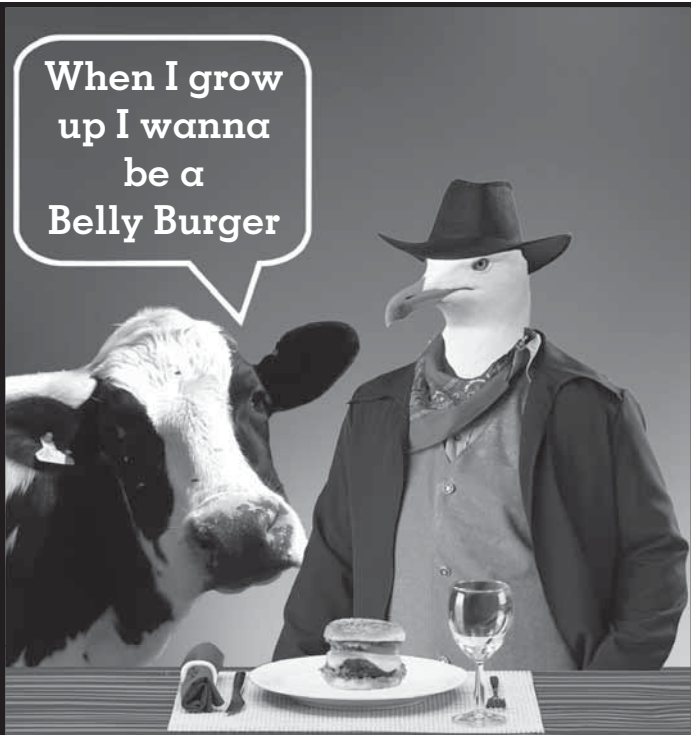
**On September 30, 1791**, "The Magic Flute," an opera by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, premiered in Vienna.


**On September 30, 1955**, near Cholame, CA, 24-year old James Dean, star of the movies "Rebel Without a Cause," "East of Eden," and "Giant," was killed when his sports car collided with another car.

**On September 30, 1999**, the San Francisco Giants played the Los Angeles Dodgers in the final baseball game at Candlestick Park; the Dodgers won 9-4.

**On October 1, 1932**, in Chicago's Wrigley Field, Babe Ruth hit his famous World Series "called shot" home run against the Chicago Cubs.

**On October 1, 1961**, in New York's Yankee Stadium, Roger Maris became the first major league baseball player to hit 61 home runs in one season.



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## In Memoriam

George R. Hanson, 87, Michigan City, passed away Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014, at Franciscan St. Anthony Health, Michigan City.

George was born July 15, 1927, in Duluth, Minn., to George and May (Olson) Hanson, who preceded him in death.

George is survived by beloved children: Alan (Denise) Hanson, Kathy Perkins and Steven Hanson; beloved companion: Julie Morley; brother: Wallace (Joan) Hanson; and sister: Ruth Ann Vick. He was preceded in death by sisters: Phyllis Akert, Lois Nakken, Dorothy Lombard and grandson T.J. Perkins.



George was a World War II Navy veteran in the Western Pacific, involved with the initial occupation of Japan. He was an extraordinarily hard-working and dedicated employee, climbing the ladder of career success in the railroad industry. George began as a brakeman and retired as vice president of operations for the C&NW RR. During his decades of retirement, he dedicated himself to public service through his association with the Lion's Club and Salvation Army. George was a world traveler whose culinary passion found him working with the Culinary Institute of America in countless kitchens around the globe.

Final resting place will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Memoriams may be made to Make a Wish, [www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org), or Salvation Army of Michigan City.

The following is a eulogy by Alan Hanson:

*My sister and I sometimes liken our Dad's life to some of the great Roman generals in history. Julius Caesar's war years and rise to power are sort of like our Dad's railroad career. Both brought great intensity to their ambitions.*

*The Roman Empire's capital was in Rome. For my Dad, the corporate railroad center of power and decision making was Chicago.*

*His victories were the proper administration of all the railroad properties within his assigned domain. His battlefields were the countless fields of overturned train cars, spilled cargo, twisted metal and uprooted ties and earth. These he promptly returned to good imperial order. Like Caesar, he was rewarded with ever greater challenges to bring this good order to new domains.*

*Our family was like the obliged and dutiful camp followers of Caesar's campaigns. Six different times while we were children, we struck our tents and cut ties with the communities and the friends we had made there.*

*In 1978, my Dad finally crossed his Rubicon and found himself in his corporate version of Rome. He*

*thrived there and rose in power and responsibility.*

*In 1989, at the age of 62, my Dad followed the path of a different Roman general. Cincinnatus left Rome after his great string of victories and retired to become a gentleman farmer.*

*My Dad eventually settled in Michigan City. Instead of tending vines and orchards like the general Cincinnatus, my Dad cultivated an ever growing fellowship of friends. He helped nurture the well-being of this community through work with The Salvation Army and Lions Club.*

*Dad also traveled the world with the CIA (that's the Culinary Institute of America). He savored the best of food and drink in kitchens around the globe.*

*My dad was a lot of things, to many different people. We've all lost something important. All his loved ones have lost a steadfast partner. We children have lost a loving father. His friends have lost a comrade. The community of Michigan City has lost an honorable advocate. This loss is crushing, but I take comfort in a few things that I know: My father lived fully, he loved freely and he laughed every chance he got. He provided for and raised a family. He fought for what he believed. He can rest now. Most importantly of all, I know that he is at peace.*



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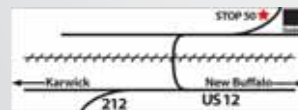
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this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who 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

**Bridie's Boy** by Sean Brennan  
(available through Amazon.com in paperback and Kindle editions)

It's not often a book makes you sigh, smile, laugh out loud, cry and shake your head in complete understanding, all in the confines of 285 pages. This book can, and did, for me.

Here's why.

Sean Brennan is a local writer and the 10th child and fifth boy of the Brennan clan. His book pays homage to the whole family — all 13 of them! — but especially to the relationship of Sean with the woman who molded, scolded and loved him.

His mother, Bridie.

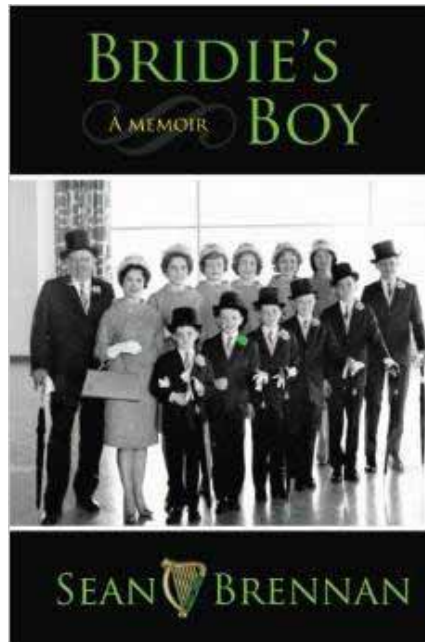
Bridie came to America from Ireland at the tender age of 17. Only problem was, it was October 1929 and the start of a very bleak time in America, but Bridie persevered and one day met Tom Brennan, the man she would — and did — marry.

The pair, being a typical Irish-American Catholic couple, went on to produce 11 children, not an unusual feat in itself, but what I found interesting was the order in which they were born: first came five girls, Anne, Bantry, Riley, Kaitlin and Megan, then six boys, Tom, Padraig, Boroimhe, Michael, Sean and Phelim.

When Tom was asked how they accomplished that, he replied, *"I remember flipping the mattress once."*

When life on Chicago's West Side got too dangerous, Tom Brennan took his family to the suburb of Oak Park, to an old Victorian house they named Cloonmore, after Bridie's home in Ireland. While the home provided more space than the family ever had, it was in need of repair, but never in need of love. Mismatched furniture and mismatched socks were the norm for their family, but what they lacked in "things," the Brennans made up for in ingenuity and learning. When the children wanted a TV set badly, Tom's response was, *"TV is passive, doing is doing."*

Sean recalls: *"There were two worlds at Cloonmore: the strict Catholic teachings that Daddy espoused and the pragmatic approach of Bridie."* And from what Sean tells in these pages, the system worked...well, most of the time. What the parents didn't see the children do, they could always count



The cover photo shows the Brennan clan, Easter 1961, in matching outfits all sewn by Tom Brennan. The Chicago Tribune photographed them every Easter. The top hats were a nod to the newly elected President Kennedy.

on the nuns and priests to apprehend the mischief maker. After all, their Catholic upbringing may have put the fear of hell and damnation in their hearts, but it didn't stop them from trying to bend the rules occasionally, and get away with some childish transgression that seemed terribly clever at the time.

Sean's stories are told with warmth and humor, reminding us all of those exciting and terrifying years of growing up and trying to find our place in the world.

Mornings would start for Sean with a paper route at 5 a.m., followed by a breakfast of oatmeal and tea. Before leaving the house, Bridie would read the tea leaves. They usually gave a positive reading, but sometimes the leaves read murky, and Sean would wonder if his mother knew in advance what he would be up to that day! There are plenty of funny stories of playing softball

in the alley, trying out for the basketball team when you're the smallest guy in your class and the time Sean snuck into the empty house and found a box of "dirty pictures." Being caught by the priest after that caper was nothing compared to the wrath of Bridie, whom Sean had mightily let down.

But, she also stood up for her children when right was on her side, like the time Sean was picked to be an altar boy in the fifth grade, and the all-day picnic the following spring that was the highlight of the past year's service to the church. Imagine Sean's pain when the day of the picnic, he was told he couldn't go by Sister Anna Lee because he missed church twice during the past year. Bridie strode into school like an avenging angel that day and took Sean to the park for a picnic of their own. With Bridie, you got punished for being wrong, but you also got a staunch ally when wrong was done to you.

Today, Sean can look back on his formative years and see just what his parents gave him: A world of learning and love. And the best part, you don't have to be Irish or Catholic to appreciate this loving tribute to one man's mother.

Till next time, happy reading!

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