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Old-Fashioned Fun

Pioneer Land Immerses Guests in History

by Andrew Tallackson

y son has unusual tastes. On second thought, atypical is a more apt description. In many respects, Will was born in the wrong era, an old soul mesmerized by the past. Presidents are of particular interest to him. Living conditions before modern ingenuity entered the fray are equally fascinating. His grandfather, a history professor at Purdue University Northwest, is cool personified, not his artsy-fartsy Beacher dad.



Save the Tunes musicians perform old-timey music on the porch of the log cabin.

At the La Porte County Fair, most children gawk at the farm animals, chow down on elephant ears and camp out on the midway.

Not Will.

My kid bolts for Pioneer Land and stays put for two to three hours. It is his Disneyland, the chance to immerse him

Rebecca watches her brother, Michael, play a game of checkers.



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self in a specific time period. Pioneer Land during Fair Week is chaos. Children become caught up in the rush and pull of the place: huge crowds, long lines, the tantalizing smell of kettle corn, carnival music trickling over from the midway.

On a Saturday afternoon courting perfection, temperatures hovering near 80, Pioneer Land opened itself to the public during "Celebrating La Porte County Agriculture: Past, Present and Future," a free event co-

sponsored with The Center for Creative Solutions. It was the first time the attraction could be savored, for me, at a leisurely pace.

Funded and operated by volunteers, Pioneer Land debuted at La Porte County Fairgrounds in 1995 as part of the fair's 150th anniversary. Celebrating life between 1800 and 1840, it includes a log cabin, blacksmith shop, post office, general store, one room schoolhouse, garden, barn and washhouse. Primarily attended during Fair Week, it also opens in December to help celebrate Christmas, as well as special events like bus tours and church groups.

It is a generous example of living history. The past on the page of a school text-book conveys only the bare bones of the story. Pioneer Land asks that its guests not be observers, but active participants of its historical treasures.

On this day, Will and I arrived at Pioneer Land with my mother, Judi, joined latPork Chop Dinner

The Pioneer Land Development Committee Pork Chop Dinner is from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 30, in the Community Building at La Porte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2.

The event includes a silent auction. Admission is \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door. Contact Carl Schultz at carlndfan@gmail.com or (219) 380-5678 for more information.

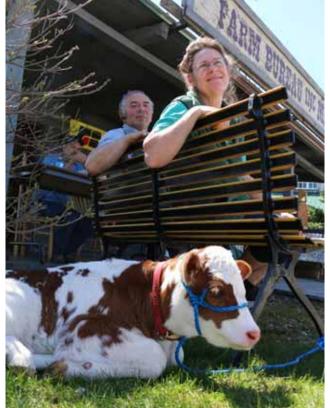
er by *Beacher* photographer Bob Wellinski, his wife, Mary, and their three children: Michael, John Paul and Rebecca.

Before the Wellinskis arrived, Will was drawn to an 11-day-old calf, a red-and-white Holstein named Peaches. There is something so fragile about the way children approach farm animals, especially newborns. Their initial hesitance may be fear, but mostly it is respect. Reverence, even. Will's hand gingerly made its way to the calf's ears, delicately stroking them. The sun beat down hard on the animal, which remained calm and docile, relaxing in the

shade of a small bush. Save the Tunes musicians, situated on the porch of a nearby log cabin, suffused the air with old-timey music, perfectly underscoring the moment.

In the nearby artisan barn, tables loaded with activities challenged youngsters to apply their creativity, their imagination, to projects they might consider routine at school. Take, for instance, painting in acrylics. Every youngster has the opportunity to craft images on paper in art class. But here, their tools of choice were not brushes...but vegdabbing carrots etables. and pressing green pepper halves into the paints. The joy of discovery in each child who tackled the project, theirs eyes wide as saucers, produced a giddy kick of adrenaline for any adult fortunate enough to experi-

By now, the Wellinskis had arrived, and Will joined them near the artisan barn as a volunteer showed them



Peaches, an 11-day-old calf, relaxes in the shade.



Children try out the "Veggie Printing" table, painting with acrylics, but using vegetables as brushes.

how to make corn husk dolls. The youngsters attentively followed her instructions as she revealed how to arrange the husks, tie the straight ends together, make trims here and there and pull layers back. The Wellinskis kept at it. The allure of Pioneer Land's other attractions, however, began their tug and pull on Will's attention span. Sure, the corn husk doll was kinda cool, but the merry music of children laughing nearby muddied his interest. That's when his grandmother stepped in, helping him complete the doll in a matter of minutes and, ultimately, much to his satisfaction.



Will, joined by Rebecca (from left), John Paul and Michael Wellinski, try their hand at corn husk doll making.

Across the way, indeed, is Pioneer Land's recreations of buildings occupied by the area's early settlers. Will's favorite is the one-room schoolhouse. Could be his mother (an elementary school teacher), paternal grandparents (college professor and retired Chicago Public School teacher) and godpar-

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ents (all teachers) have something to do with that. The idea of different grades, children of varying ages, lumped together in one room captivates him.

Thankfully, one-room schoolvolunteer house David Slater, taught who for 33 years in La Commu-Porte nity Schools, was ready for Will's barrage of questions.



Will chats with volunteer David Slater in the one-room schoolhouse about how classes were conducted in the early 1800s. All photos with this article by Bob Wellinski

"What did the third-graders do while the second-graders were learning?," Will inquired.

"Well," Slater replied, "many times, they helped each other."

"Where's the timeout chair?," Will asked, scanning the room for the modern "behavioral modification" mechanism.

"They didn't have that," Slater replied. "Sometimes, they made you stand at the blackboard ...sometimes, you got spanked."

Quiet from the children, like a muffler silencing a disruptive belch from a vehicle.

"Did they spank kids a lot?," John Paul Wellinski asked.

"Sometimes," Slater replied.

That little nugget of historical truth brought "oneroom schoolhouse time" to a close. Nothing says "conversation killer" better, among kids at least, than talk of old-school discipline. That prompted the group to leave behind the wonderful aroma of the schoolhouse's pine walls to explore elsewhere.

Indeed, there was much to experience. Michael Wellinski found a seat by the general store to challenge another youngster to a game of checkers. John Paul and Rebecca stopped by a table supervised by La Porte County Master Gardeners, the project involving creating mini-gardens with found materials, whether it be sea shells or plastic eggs.

Will made a beeline for the log cabin, captivated as usual by not only its size, but also the upper loft where pioneer children played and slept.

"Were these pioneers rich, because this cabin is really big?" Will asked of the volunteer, who smiled back in response. "Well, I don't know about rich, but this cabin is three times the size of a normal log cabin."

Will scanned the room before telling the volun-

teer, "This place definitely needs a fixer upper. Is this open concept?"

(Note to self: Persuade wife not to watch HGTV with kid.)

The day came to a close with a wagon ride courtesy of the La Porte County Draft Horse Association. The brief excursion was an amusing reminder that reality has a way of intruding on nostalgia. One young volunteer, a member of the Springfield Hoosier Rebels, wiped

sweat from her brow, then exclaimed, "Oh. My. God. I can't wait for this to be over. My parents are getting me Burger King for dinner." High unlikely La Porte County's earliest settlers craved Whoppers with cheese, but hey, the girl had made a valiant effort most of the afternoon to brave the sweltering heat.



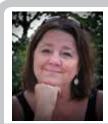
La Porte County Master Gardener Jen Kuzdas works with children to create mini gardens.

Later, during our drive home, I asked Will if he had fun. "Oh yeah," he replied, looking over a ruler he'd picked up at one of the artisan barn tables. "Can't wait till Fair Week to go again."

Indeed, Pioneer Land during Fair Week is a sight to be behold. It is crawling with children, alive with the possibility of sampling what life was like oh so many years ago.

It is, simply put, good, old-fashioned fun.

(Visit http://pioneerland.org/ for additional information.)



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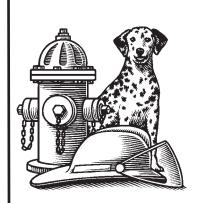
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The film showcases the natural beauty woven among the industrial presence along Lake Michigan's South Shore. It explores four key areas:

- The unique natural history of the shoreline of Indiana's three Lake Michigan counties.
- Why the region is known as the birthplace of ecological science in North America.
- The history of Indiana Dunes State Park and the controversy that resulted in the designation of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.
- The national significance of successful expanding partnerships between governments, environmental advocates and corporations to reduce pollution and restore natural areas in ways that promote possibilities for sustainability.

"So much has changed for the better since the 1960s when I first became involved in the environment here in Northwest Indiana, and I want people to recognize the changes that are happening today,"

said Lee Botts, a local environmentalist and the film's executive producer.

The movie tells the story of the early development of Northwest Indiana, from the construction of an industrial powerhouse to the environmental consequences that followed.

The documentary, which took years to make, comes a century after a national park was first proposed to safeguard the landscape of dunes, woodlands, wetlands and biological diversity.

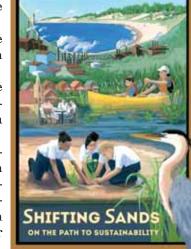
The project, which began in 2011, celebrates three significant anniversaries in 2016:

- Indiana's 200th anniversary.
- The National Park Service's 100th anniversary.
- The 50th anniversary of the Congressional authorization of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

Indiana also has designated the film as a Bicentennial Project. American

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Chamber Music Fest Concert

Michigan City Chamber Music Festival will present "Americana," a free concert of American music for violin and piano, at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St.

Featuring charter members Nic Orbovich on violin and Robert Auler on piano, the program will include Aaron Copland's "Sonata for Violin & Piano," varied arrangements of Civil War era and other American folk music, including slave spirituals, "Dixie" and other selections transcribed and edited by Fritz Kreisler, Henri Vieuxtemps and Rachel Barton Pine.



Orbovich's career spans a variety of musical styles and genres. In 1987, he received the Bronze Medal at Her Royal Majesty's International Festival Competition in Aberdeen, Scotland. He was a semi-finalist at the 1995 Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition as a member of the Amherst String Quartet. In 2001, he was featured as a soloist on the Grammy-

nominated release, "The Hot Springs Music Festival: Louis Moreau Gottschalk." That same year, he was featured in the Emmy-winning documentary, "The Sound of Dreams." In 2008, he was concertmaster on a "Top Ten of the Year" selection of *Gramophone Magazine*, "Rudolf Haken; Concertos."

Closer to home, he has been concertmaster of the South Bend Symphony, Southwest Michigan Symphony and La Porte County Symphony Orchestra.

Auler is an award-winning American concert pianist who maintains a national and international performing and recording career. He has won numerous competitions, including the Society of American Musicians First Prize. Following his success in the Young Keyboard Artists' Association Piano Competition, he was invited to perform on a 15-city tour



throughout Germany, France, the Netherlands and Denmark. He recently presented concerts in Venezuela, New Zealand, Austria and the Czech Republic. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in June 2004. He also has been on the faculty of SUNY Oswego since 2003.

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Fairy Castle Adds to Taltree Exhibit

Visitors to Taltree Arboretum & Gardens' Fairy House exhibit will have a new castle to explore thanks to a donation from Crown Miniature Society.

Darlene Deck, the group's chairwoman, said the idea emerged from a trip the 14-member group took

to Taltree in May 2015 to view the Fairy House exhibit and Railway Garden.

"At the next meeting, we talked about our tour and one member said, 'Why don't we do a fairy house for Taltree?'," Deck said.

The Crown Miniature Society makes miniatures and assembles vignettes or rooms for doll houses and other miniature displays. Deck has been involved with the group for about eight years.

Member Bob Cashman, Munster, had a 70-foot white pine tree fall in his yard during the Halloween 2014 storm. The tree stump was used as the starting point for what became a 6-foot-3-inch, five-story fairy castle.

"It just developed from there with his vision," Deck said. "Members of the group each signed up for different floors, and we gathered various items over the year."

The 1-inch scale Fairy Castle features several

handmade and recycled items. Dan Bridy, a Taltree volunteer-turned-employee, created all of the ladders and chairs on the lower level from pieces of a redbud tree at his home. The copper roof peak is a recovered piece from a former building near West

Fifth Avenue and Washington Street in downtown Garv.

"They are all creative people in their own way, and all of these different ideas and visions came together for the end product," Deck said.

Visitors should make a point to search the castle for a fairy dust dispenser, a stroller made of acorns and nut shells, a Christmas tree in storage and many tiny mice and other critters.

"It's fabulous," she said. "I'm just thrilled, and we're so happy to be able to give it to Taltree. It's been great to see Taltree evolve and grow, and we're just happy to be a part of it."

The Fairy Castle will be on display in the Railway Garden Depot through

May 31 as part of Taltree's Fairy House exhibit.

Taltree is located at 450 W. County Road 100 North near Valparaiso. Visit www.taltree.org or call (219) 742-2160 for more information.







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"View Through a Colored Prism," works in glass by April Wagner, will be featured at The Inn at Harbor Shores on April 30 through Sept. 12.



April Wagner's "L'eau D'Vie."

Wagner's specially commissioned glass sculpture, titled "L'eau D'Vie" and suspended over the lobby, is the centerpiece of the inn. work required The four weeks to blow the 550 individual glass pieces, creating her largest glass sculpture ever. Another six days, precariously balanced on a lift to precisely dangle the hand-blown pieces from the vaulted ceiling, completed the project.

Wagner owns Epiphany Glass Studio, Pon-

tiac, Mich., a 4,000 square-foot glassblowing studio and gallery. She adds a contemporary twist to the traditional fazzoletto technique, which originated in the Venini factory of Murano, Italy, during the 1930s and was later popularized by Seattle glass artists. Her work is found in many public and private collections, including those of The Four Seasons - Vail, The Hyatt Maui Regency Resort & Spa, General Motors, Pfizer, Strategic Staffing Solutions, Vladimir Putin, Goldie Hawn and Kate Hudson.

An opening reception is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. EDT Friday, May 13. A video of Wagner at work will be shown.

The inn is located at 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph, Mich. Its art program has two components: a permanent collection displayed in rooms and public areas and rotating exhibits in the gallery curated by Susan Wilczak. Contact her at susan@susanwilczak.com or (269) 449-3231 for more information.



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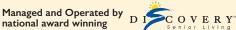
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Insider's View of Historic Area

Few people today probably know Benton Harbor's Morton Hill neighborhood once was the site of Sunnyside Sanitarium, where patients received electrical treatments for exhaustion.

Or that this geographically, historically distinct neighborhood, key to the city's founding and near the heart of its downtown, was home to Benton Harbor College, a thriving institution in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Chuck Jager knows these facts. And the fordecade-long resident of the neighborhood knows the bigger story,

Jager will give a free history presentation about Morton Hill at 2 p.m. EDT Saturday, April 30, at First Presbyterian Church, 475 Green Ave. The church is two blocks north of Territorial Road, one block north of the Morton House museum and one block northwest of Morton School.



Chuck Jager

The church began in 1892 on Morton Hill. The congregation invited Jager to speak as it prepares to renew its commitment to Morton Hill and Benton Harbor with a building renovation. Jager's presentation also comes at a time when the Morton Hill Improvement Association is working with an architect to envision possible enhancements to the neighborhood and is planning to seek grants.

Jager, 55, is a history teacher at Lakeshore High School and has been on the Morton House Museum board since 1995. Last summer, he rode a bike 200 miles from Detroit to Benton Harbor to retrace the route of the old Territorial Road, a former Indian path that pioneers took in the 1830s.

Jager will spend about 45 minutes telling the neighborhood's story and showing slides of old pictures, followed by around 15 minutes of questions and answers. He will cover the neighborhood's growth from a Morton family farm to residential neighborhood, tracing changes in major institutions, including First Presbyterian, Morton School and the Morton House, which was built in 1849 and is the oldest building in Benton Harbor. He also will cover economic, social and racial changes.

Jager will approach his presentation through several perspectives: as a historian and Morton House board member, but also as a former neighborhood resident and former First Presbyterian Church member. People are invited to stay for refreshments after the presentation.



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The garden has risen from the ashes of last fall's fire that destroyed the attraction. During the grand re-opening, six new trains will debut on rebuilt tracks. Visitors also will see rebuilt replicas of Notre Dame's Golden Dome and Buchanan's Pears Mill, which were damaged in the fire, along with the three replica structures that survived the fire.

Visitors can sample light refreshments and children's activities while exploring the Railway Garden. They also can walk the trails and view emerging wildflowers.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors 65 and older and \$4 for children 5-17. Children 5 and younger and Fernwood members are free. Admission includes access to the Railway Garden and the entire grounds.

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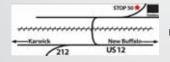
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Saturday, April 30

• 10 a.m. — Habitats of the Dunes.

Meet a naturalist by the beach pavilion for a look at varied Dunes ecosystems — all on one trail.

• 2 p.m. — Salamander Slither.

Join a naturalist for a puddle-to-puddle search for the elusive member of the animal community. Wear clothes appropriate for getting dirty.

Sunday, May 1

• 9 a.m. — Spring Birding.

Meet at the campground gate for a spring walk in search of migrating warblers, tanagers and other migrants. Take binoculars, or borrow a pair from the park.

• 2 p.m. — 100th Anniversary of State Parks.

Meet at the Nature Center auditorium for the 45-minute PBS documentary.

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 available through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

• Douglas Center Open House from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Saturday at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.

Explore the center and check out interactive exhibits, a park video and live animal room. Another option involves exploring the Miller Woods Trail.

• Find Your Park Film Series on Saturdays and Sundays.

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"The Circle" made me itch, and that's precisely the effect Dave Eggers strove to achieve.

Social media has integrated itself so vigorously into our daily rituals, life without it symbolizes one big question mark. Through it, we connect. We post mundane details of our daily existence, share photos we believe to be cute or funny, reconnect with old friends and relish the thought that, even with acquaintances, their lives are no longer mysteries.

Eggers wants us to cringe at our collective appetite for social media. He likens it to the 21st century equivalent of George Orwell's "1984," another technological means of sacrificing privacy and individuality. And, like all good thrillers, he suggests it can be deadly.

You couldn't find a timelier parable. It taps into our zeitgeist. It's John Grisham meets Big Brother. Hollywood wasted no time securing the rights to Eggers' 2013 novel, and this fall's big-screen adaptation features none other than Tom Hanks, Patton Oswalt, Bill Paxton, Emma Watson, John Boyega and, for die-hard Whovians, Karen Gillan.



Author Dave Eggers

The lingering question is, does rising indie writer-director James Ponsoldt ("The End of the Tour") have the guts to retain the bile of Eggers' tale?

With "The Circle," Eggers concocted a marvelously seductive world. The titular company is a fortress unto itself. The all-powerful company located



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theaters, live entertainment. It is a dream job for Mae Holland, relatively fresh out of college and hungry for work. She moves quickly up the ranks at The Circle, and it is through her eyes that Eggers lays out his agenda. Mae's life no longer becomes her own. She submits to frequent medical examinations so her health is monitored. If one of her customers requests something personal of her, she is required to comply. If she doesn't reply immediately, the customer's hurt feelings lead to reprimands and discipline. And, like Orwell's prophetic vision for the future,

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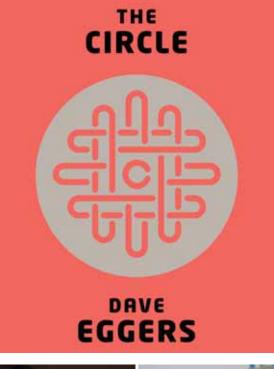
All eyes are on Mae, not just through The Circle, but on a global scale as her personal life, particu-

larly her relationship with her parents and ex-boyfriend, becomes a feeding frenzy scandal-starved watchers.

cameras are everywhere.

Eggers' message isn't subtle. What we do in our personal lives is no one else's business. Freedom of choice is what makes us human. We are under no obligation to report ourselves to oth-

To play Mae, Ponsoldt made an interesting casting deci-





Emma Watson and Oscar winner Tom Hanks have been cast in two key roles in "The Circle": she as Mae Holland and he as Bailey, one of the "Three Wise Men."

sion by selecting none other than Hermione Granger herself: Emma Watson. Of all the actors and actresses who came to fame through "Harry Potter," she has the

brightest future. In tough, complex indie fare like "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" and "The Bling Ring,' she has shown tremendous range, a strength and presence that, sorry "Potter" fans, Daniel Radcliffe does not possess.

You can't argue with the supporting cast, including Hanks as one of the company's Three Wise Men — the original founders — and perfection achieved with Gillan as Mae's longtime friend, Annie.

The trick for Ponsoldt, as writer-director, is to make the world of The Circle as believable as possible. Such a company could very well exist. Heck, it likely does. What we see on screen must seamlessly latch onto our existing desires and fears. The audience must taste the allure of The Circle, maybe even crave it, then take

> a step back to question the troubling implications of it.

> Then, there's the issue of the ending. Hollywood likes its thrillers wrapped up with neat, tiny bows. Bummer climaxes = bummer box office. Eggers, as a novelist, prefers ambiguity. With only 20 pages left to go of his 504-page tale — it reads with lickety split efficiency — I made a mental note: How is he going to wrap all this up? Spoiler alert:



Emma Watson, on the set of "The Circle."

He doesn't. The last page of "The Circle" goes down like a poisonous cocktail. And yet, it is so devious, so telling in its vision of society's downward spiral, you close the book with a wicked grin on your face.

If Ponsoldt goes for it, retaining the book's finale, then "The Circle" might be a rarity: a bold, brave popcorn movie. If he chickens out, if the company is destroyed by the end and all is right with the world, then why bother? The movie is just another thriller.

This is a movie that must sting. Audiences should leave the theater wary, cringing. If they don't, well, why bother?

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A BioBlitz is a collaborative race against the clock to discover as many species of plants and animals within a set location. Although led by scientists and other professionals, volunteers help so as many species as possible can be found. Scientists will lead groups day and night, and each will have a specialized focus. Some will look for birds, plants, amphibians and a number of other categories.

Volunteers are needed to fill a number of important positions, including welcome/registration and check-in, parking-lot assistants, photographers, data collection and entry, helping scientists collect data and staffing education stations inside the Douglas Center. No experience is necessary. Training, supplies and equipment will be provided.

Those interested should contact the National Park Service at indu_vip@nps.gov or call Hunter Moseley or Grant Smith at (219) 395-1713. Check out Volunteer.gov to discover more volunteer opportunities to in your public lands.

Clean It Up Day

Long Beach residents are invited to participate in a beach cleanup day, part of the Solid Waste District's annual Clean It Up Day, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 30.

Afterward, volunteers are invited to a free lunch at Washington Park Zoo that includes meeting a few of the animals there.

Email neuliebj@comcast.net to register and for information.

Volunteers also are sought in Michigan City. In an effort between the Michigan City Park Department and Washington Park Zoo, cleanup hours also are from 9 a.m. to noon. Free lunch at the zoo is planned as well.

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The application deadline is June 23. Judging is June 27-28 and the awards breakfast July 8.

Book Reading/Signing

Local poet and author Marci Rae Johnson will celebrate the release of her new book of poetry, "Basic Disaster Supplies Kit," from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. EDT Saturday, April 30, at the New Buffalo Township Library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St.

Johnson is a professor of English and the poetry editor for WordFarm press. Her works appear in *The Collagist, Quiddity, Hobart, Redivider, The Valparaiso Poetry Review, The Louisville Review* and 32 Poems.

"Basic Disaster Supplies Kit" was released this year by Steel Toe Books. The library program will include a short reading and books for sale.

Marquette Spring Concert

Marquette Catholic High School's music department will present its annual spring concert, "Movie Melodies," at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in the school's Rudy Hart Theatre, 306 W. 10th St.

The concert, directed by Amy Crane, features the school's Music Performance Class and Marquette Chorus. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students/seniors and \$3 for children 12 and younger.







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Community Concert Season



Link Union, which embraces the roots of American music, will perform as part of the La Porte Community Concert Association season at 7 p.m. Friday, May 6, at Kesling Middle School's auditorium, 306 E. 18th St.

Link Union's repertoire includes classic rock, bluegrass and country, pop, patriotic, spiritual, Celtic, original and mountain music. It uses 16 instruments, with members having performed more than 2,000 shows in the U.S. and Canada. The fam-

ily includes Rachel, Kyle, Benjamin, Aaron, John, Ashley, Becky and Lance Link. They travel completely self-contained in a 45-foot silver Eagle bus, and have won numerous group awards, including Vocal & Gospel Group of the Year and Bluegrass Album of the Year.

Tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students through high school age. Contact Beth LeRoy at (219) 362-8262 or Bill Burger at (219) 362-5292 for more information.



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P.E.O. Founders Day Luncheon

P.E.O. chapters BA, BR and DF met at Long Beach Country Club on Saturday, April 16, to celebrate the annual Founders' Day luncheon.

President Jeanette Tyrrell, DF, welcomed members and guests. Joyce Dalton, BR, and Sandy Cipares, BA, introduced chapter officers.

State officers attending were President Mary Mc-Farland and treasurer Karen Fritz.

Chapter BA created a spring-like atmosphere with flowers and seeds for each guest. Chapter BR presented "Badge of Honor."

P.E.O. promotes educational opportunities for women, including Cottey College and five programs for higher educational assistance.

Bark for Life

An American Cancer Society event to honor canine caregivers, "Bark for Life of La Porte County," is from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at Creek Ridge County Park, 7943 W. County Road 400 North.

Games, prizes, silent auction and demonstrations are planned. Families can take pets. The cost is \$10 per dog, while survivors — humans and dogs — are free. Email Barklaporte@gmail.com for additional information.

La Porte County Parks



All registrations/questions go through the Red Mill County Park Administrative Office, 0185 S. Holmesville Road, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 or visit www.laportecountyparks.org for more information.

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 Luhr County Park Nature Center. Call at least one week in advance to register. The schedule is:

- May 4 Organize and prepare your garden, and take home tips, with Sacha Burns, Sunkissed Organics.
- June 1 Age spots and common skin problems, Dr. Sonam Chouksey, internal medicine.
- July 6 Ways to improve balance in the older years, Becky Allwood-Wallace, physical therapist.
- Aug. 3 Eye health, cataract care and eye warning signs, Dr. Sethi Patel, ophthalmology.
- Sept. 14 What to grow in the fall with Sacha Burns, Sunkissed Organics.

Kids Fishing Fun Day

Children accompanied by an adult are invited to catch-and-release fishing from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 4, at Luhr Park Pond.

A limited amount of bait and poles will be available. The free program is co-sponsored by Northwest Indiana Steelheaders. No pre-registration is required.

Pet Fest in the Park

The free event, co-sponsored by La Porte County Small Animal Shelter, will be held rain or shine from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Luhr County Park.

No pre-registration is required. Vendors will have stations along the trail. Also planned are demonstrations, a costume contest, obedience tips, adopt a new pet and animal photography. Pets can take a dip in the pool, run an agility course and play fetch.

Each pet will receive a treat. All animals must be on a leash at all times. "Oops" bags will be provided. Aggressive or female animals in heat are not allowed.

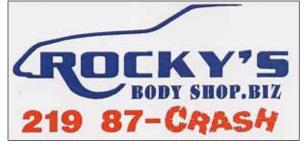
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Call (219) 325-8315 to make reservations for one of many picnic shelters at any of the four county parks, or Pat Smith Hall at Red Mill County Park for a family function.









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The Romantic Orchestra

Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra will put itself in the spotlight with its season finale, "The Romantic Orchestra," at 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 1, at Howard Performing Arts Center.

The Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra will join SMSO for two of Brahms' most beloved Hungarian dances, numbers 5 and 6. The lineup also features Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll" and Bruckner's "Symphony No. 7 in E Major." The latter will offer a rare opportunity to hear Wagner Tubas – hybrid brass instruments invented by the composer specifically for his "Der Ring des Nibelungen" cycle of operas. The instruments are played by members of the French horn section.

The Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra is an SMSO educational program, targeting students between fourth grade and senior year of college.

Individual tickets are:

- Zone A adults, \$37; seniors, \$32; students, \$5.
- Zone B adults, \$20; seniors, \$20; students, \$5.



Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra

Family packages are available. A pre-concert conversation with Music Director Robin Fountain is one hour before the concert. A post-concert reception is immediately afterward.

Howard Performing Arts Center is located at Andrews University, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs, Mich. Contact the symphony office at (269) 982-4030 or visit www.smso.org for more information.

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"Every Kid in a Park" Passes

Every fourth-grader in Indiana can visit a national park and state park for free this year.

"Every Kid in a Park" is an initiative established by the federal government and supported by a variety of partners. It allows fourth-graders to download a pass from everykidinapark.gov for free admission for them and their families to more than 2,000 federally managed lands and waters nationwide – including national parks, national forests and marine sanctuaries – for a full year.

Current fourth-graders can download and use their fourth-grade passes through Aug. 31, and current third-graders can get their fourth-grade passes starting Sept. 1.

Indiana State Parks will honor these fourthgrade passes in 2016 as a way to celebrate its centennial this year, which coincides with the National Park Service centennial.

Most state parks charge admission per vehicle, meaning an Every Kid in a Park pass will admit everyone in the same vehicle as the fourth-grader. The youngster must be in the vehicle for free admission to apply. For those who enter on bicycle, the pass admits all children in the group age 15 and younger, and up to three visitors age 16 or older.

Home-school equivalents will be accepted. Students can't transfer the pass to anyone else. The pass can be used for multiple visits, and if it is lost, another one can be printed. The pass does not apply to additional fee-based activities available inside a state park, such as camping, pool entry and horse-back riding. Visitors must have a printed version of the pass to show at the state park gatehouse. Electronic versions on a smartphone or other device will not be accepted. More information is available at everykidinapark.gov







STEM Day

Lake Hills STEM Elementary School fifth-graders traveled to Michigan City High School on Friday, April 15, for a "STEM Day" with high school science students.



Fifth-graders had the opportunity to dissect and compare preserved specimens.

Twenty-four MCHS science students ran the program held in the library media center and including stations for biology, chemistry, human body systems, physics, anatomy and physiology. Working with the older students, the fifth-graders dissected and compared preserved specimens, made "slime," looked at cells through a microscope and learned to take vitals. They also pretended to be red blood cells, racing each other through a heart and circulatory system mapped out with tape on the floor. The "shock" of the day, however, was playing with the Van der Graaf generator.

The project was coordinated by MCHS teacher Angie Gresham and Lake Hills STEM specialist Shelley Deutscher. Other collaborating teachers included Stephanie Dege, Mark Marz, Andy Jasicki and Ashley Zahrt.

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Michigan City Public Library

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

• Art à la Carte at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28.

Children 4-10 accompanied by an adult can make a frog doorknob hanger. Children must be present to receive craft materials.

• Basket Weaving at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, April 30.

Margie Warner offers the one-day class, which includes all materials, that involves making a "Sew What" basket, complete with a handle and 9x base. Embellishments include buttons, mini-thread spools and tape measure. The cost is \$28. Registration and a \$10 deposit are required. Stop by circulation to see the basket and register.

• Intro to the Magic of the Folk Harp at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1.

Local harpist Debra Sawyer will present an introduction to the instrument, also known as the lever harp or Celtic harp. She will explain simple ways of learning music by ear, as well as simple music structure and technique. She will perform a number of traditional and contemporary pieces as well. Several small harps will be on hand to try out.

• Monday Musicale at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 4.

Monday Musicale will perform as part of National Music Month.

• Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesdays, May 4 and 11.

Children birth to age 5 and adults will enjoy stories, songs and crafts. Arrive a few minutes early to receive a name tag. The programs mark the final Spring Story Times. Summer Story Times begin in mid-June.

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

Business After Hours

Etropal Restaurant and Lounge, 701 Lincolnway, will host a Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 5.

Registration is encouraged by visiting www.lp-chamber.com or calling (219) 362-3178.



Box Factory Gallery Shows

Three new shows are set to debut at The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich.

An opening reception is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. EDT Friday, April 29, with light refreshments served and craft beer and wine available for purchase.

Also, in conjunction with Krasl Art Center, six new sculptures by various artists will be installed in The Box Factory's Sculpture Garden in celebration of the 2016 Biennial Sculpture Invitational.

"Tim's Studio" is a tribute to artist Tim MacDonald, who died in October in a traffic accident. He was a much admired professional artist from St. Joseph who made The Box Factory his artist home for more than 15 years. The exhibit, held in the Robert Williams Gallery, includes paintings that were in his studio, as well as memorabilia and artifacts. Select paintings by MacDonald will be for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting The Box Factory. A video loop showing his artwork will be shown.

Kaylee Dalton, Elkhart, will show her collection of abstract paintings in the exhibit "A Momentary Flourish," which will be shown in the Heartha Whitlow Gallery. Her paintings are a repeated process of building encaustic wax layers, while carving away to expose buried surfaces and creating highly textural, abstracted landscapes.

Berrien Artist Guild members will present work in various mediums in the "Berrien Artist Guild Spring Show," shown in the Riverwalk Gallery.

Contact The Box Factory at (269) 983-3688, visit boxfactoryforthearts.org or facebook for additional information.

China Trip Informational Meeting

Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce, 200 E. Michigan Blvd., will host a free informational meeting on its upcoming trip to China from 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, May 9.

The chamber is offering an all-inclusive trip to China to members and the public on Oct. 8. Cities and attractions included in the nine-day tour, costs and travel documentation required will be covered.

Refreshments will be served at the meeting. Registration is appreciated by calling (219) 874-6221 or visiting MichiganCityChamber.com



Public Speaking Contest Winners

Purdue University Northwest student Jenna Diehl, La Porte, won the North Central campus 33rd Hyde Park Forum and Speak Off public-speaking contest.

The forum unites students to present short speeches on topics of current interest. Topics range from commentary on current news, observations of the social or cultural climate or a subject of interest to the speaker.



Associate Professor of Communication Daniel Wilbur (from left) appears with Hyde Park Forum Speak Off winners Jenna Diehl, first place; Kimberly Childress, third place; Zachary Jakubowski, second place; and Allen Murray, fourth place.

Students who earned first-place recognition in the Hyde Park Forum competed in the Speak Off competition. Earning second place was Zachary Jakubowski, Chesterton; third place, Kimberly Childress, La Porte; and fourth place, Allen Murray, Michigan City. Overall second place winners were: Teagan Nelson, Valparaiso; Kristen Wozniak, La Porte; Connor Lindsey, Hobart; and Dominique Arrington, Westville. Overall third place winners were: Rebecca Blankenship, Valparaiso; Jeremy Burnette, Hebron; Brittany Hnida, St. John; and Elycia Delgado, Hobart.



Assisting the Art Center



Linda Downey (right), Women of the Moose 846 Chesterton, Junior Region, presented Wendy Marciniak with a \$300 check April 21 for Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Marciniak is the center's executive director. The money will benefit art education programs.





Land Trust Acquires 165 Acres

Shirley Heinze Land Trust has acquired a 165-acre property along the Little Calumet River in Porter County.

The area is located south of, and contiguous to, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's approximately 460-acre Heron Rookery Unit, creating a block of preserved land of some 625 acres on the Little Calumet River.

"This is the single largest acquisition in our 35-year history, and it nearly doubles our total holdings in the Little Calumet River corridor, bringing them to 320 acres," Executive Director Kristopher Krouse said. "The Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelly Foundation, Save the Dunes, the Indiana Bicentennial Nature Trust and other partners were integral to this achievement."

At the end of 2014, the Indiana Bicentennial Nature Trust designated the Little Calumet River Corridor as a special conservation area for land acquisition funding. Since then, Shirley Heinze Land Trust and other partner organizations have focused acquisition efforts there. The Porter County Izaak Walton League also has acquired land east of the Heron Rookery, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources has established the 1,250-acre Reynolds Creek Game Bird Habitat Area on land transferred from the Department of Corrections.

"The total amount of land protected by Shirley Heinze Land Trust is now 1,925 acres," Krouse said. "Our goal is to bring that number up to 3,000 acres within the next five years. We also look to make them accessible to the public for education and recreational enjoyment."

Shirley Heinze Land Trust has been protecting natural land in the southern Lake Michigan watershed of Indiana since 1981. Visit www.heinzetrust. org, call (219) 242-8558 or facebook at www.facebook.com/heinzetrust for more information.

Long Beach Historical Society

Long Beach Historical Society will meet from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, in the Long Beach Community Center auditorium, 2501 Oriole Trail.

The agenda includes an update on the group's legal status and a review of the society's collection and donations.

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Biennial Sculpture Invitational

Krasl Art Center will celebrate the opening of its 2016 Biennial Sculpture Invitational throughout the Twin Cities on Friday, April 29.

The exhibit series, begun in 1996, showcases new and contemporary sculpture throughout the community. Varying styles, techniques and genres inhabit St. Joseph and Benton Harbor for 18 months. New sculptures will debut on the KAC grounds, at the Margaret B. Upton Arboretum, Lookout Park, in the Arts District and outside The Box Factory for the Arts.

The event supports KAC's mission to unite people and art. It also complements the KAC's sculpture collection and supports the careers of local and national sculptors. As part of the exhibit, one artist will receive a \$15,000 Purchase Award, their sculpture entered into the center's permanent collection. The 2014 winner, Ray Katz, will select the recipient of the 1,000 Best of Show Award.

The community-wide party is at three locations:

- KAC, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph.
- 210 Water Street Studios, Benton Harbor.
- The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St Joseph.

The schedule is (all times Eastern):

- 6 to 8 p.m. All venues open to the public.
- 6:30 p.m. 210 Water Street welcome and artist introductions.
- 7:30 p.m. Box Factory for the Arts welcome and artist introductions.
- 8 to 10 p.m. Finale at KAC with live music. Call (269) 983-0271 or visit www.krasl.org for more information.

Environmental Party

Elle Salon will host "Environmental Party," a fundraiser for Alliance for the Great Lakes, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at Shady Creek Winery, 2030 Tryon Road.

Tickets, which are \$20, include a pizza bar and automatic entry into a gift basket drawing. They are available at Elle Salon, 113 W. Eighth St., or at the door the day of the event.

The alliance works with volunteers, advocates and supporters to protect the lakes. Visit www. greatlakes.org for more information.







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St. Stanislaus 5K

St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, with cooperation from the Town of Trail Creek, will host the Fourth Annual St. Stanislaus 5K (3.1 mile) run at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 4, at Trail Creek's Nelson Park.

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

Plaque awards will be given in eight different age divisions for women, men and children, and the top three overall female and male runners and top female and male walkers.

Forms are available at St. Stanislaus School, Trail Creek Town Hall and Robert Tylisz Appliance. It can be downloaded at ststanstc5Krunwalk.com, or enter at RunSignUp.com, then enter the key word "St Stanislaus." If submitting the application by mail, send it with payment to St. Stanislaus Parish, 1506 Washington St., Michigan City, IN 46360.

Participants also can register in person:

- St. Stanislaus Church Hall from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 3. The \$20 cost includes a T-shirt. Children 13 and younger cost \$15.
- Day of Event, Saturday, June 4, from 6 to 7:30 a.m. at Nelson Park. The cost is \$25, but a T-shirt is not guaranteed because of limited quantities.

Contact St. Stanislaus School at (219) 879-9281 or Race Director Patrick Kroehler at pjk226@yahoo. com for more information.



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March R.O.S.E. Winner

Travis Danford of La Porte's Shaffner Tire Service Inc. is Visit Michigan City La Porte's March Recognition of Service Excellence winner.

Danford always has lived and worked in Northwest Indiana, spending time in San Pierre and Wanatah. He went to school in North Judson and now owns Shaffner Tire.



Travis Danford holds his

"I have owned this business since January, and the business is doing very well," he said. "I attribute that success to my customers. The best thing about La Porte is the people, and they are just so nice.

"My favorite restaurant is Grandma's House of Pancakes," he continued. "Also, I am looking forward to taking my son to Hesston Steam Museum this year. And I just want to thank the person who nominated me. framed R.O.S.E. certificate. I appreciate their vote of confidence."

This is what the nominator wrote about the exceptional service received: "He always goes way above expectations! He is super friendly and treats everyone as if they were a family member. He really does everything in his power to take care of his customers. He used to be at a shop in La Crosse and now he is in La Porte. I came in to get some tires. I explained my financial situation and just asked if he could do anything for me on the price or whatever. Not only did he take great care of me, but truly made me proud to be from La Porte County. He brings back the Mayberry feel to real life. Thank you!"

Danford received a framed certificate, rose corsage and \$100 bill. He will be invited to the annual R.O.S.E. luncheon May 5 at La Porte Civic Auditorium and will be nominated for Indiana's Hoosier Hospitality Award.

Visit http://bit.ly/RoseNomination to make a nomination.

Young Eagles Day

Free airplane rides over the area, sponsored by a local group of flying enthusiasts, is from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 30, at Michigan City Municipal Airport, 1300 Indiana 212.

The flights are open to youth 8-18. Call the airport in advance at (219) 872-0121 to schedule a flight time. A short ground school is included. A parent or guardian must accompany the student to sign a waiver. Pictures may be taken during the flight.

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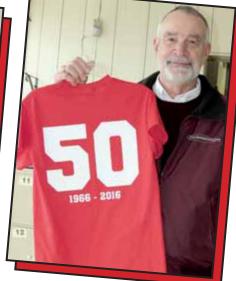
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Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:

April 28 — Art à la Carte, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

April 28 — Comedian Natalie Jose, 8 p.m., The Nest, 803 Franklin St. Cost: \$10. Info: (219) 262-5200.

April 29-May 3 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing*: "Marguerite." Rated R. In French with English subtitles. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also*: "Remember." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. *Also*: "Dream On." Not Rated. Free community screening, followed by discussion. Co-sponsored by Harbor Country Progress. Time: 7 p.m. May 3. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

April 30 — Young Eagles Day (free airplane rides), 8 a.m.-noon, Michigan City Municipal Airport, 1300 Indiana 212. Info: (219) 872-0121.

April 30 — Habitats of the Dunes, 10 a.m., beach pavilion @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

April 30 — Children's Movie: "The Good Dinosaur," 10 a.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

April 30 — "Bark for Life of La Porte County," 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Creek Ridge County Park, 7943 W. County Road 400 North. Info: Barklaporte@gmail.com

April 30 — Local Author Series, Nancy N. Sullivan & "The Last Cadillac," 2 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

April 30 — Book reading/signing, Marci Rae Johnson's "Basic Disaster Supplies Kit," 2:30-3:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St.

April 30— "Environmental Party," fundraiser for Alliance for the Great Lakes, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Shady Creek Winery, 2030 Tryon Road. Tickets: \$20/available @ Elle Salon, 113 W. Eighth St., or at door.

April 30-May 1 — Hoosier Coho Club Classic, Washington Park Marina. Registration form: www. hoosiercohoclub.org

May 1 — Spring Birding, 9 a.m., campground gate @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

May 1 — Intro to the Magic of the Folk Harp, 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 1 — Free Michigan City Chamber Music Festival concert, "Americana," 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. Info: www.mccmf. org, (219) 561-1939.

May 1 — Loudon Wainwright III, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: floor & stadium sections/\$40, side sections/\$30. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

May 2 — Popular Books, Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," 2 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

May 4 — Monday Musicale, 6 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 5 — Marquette Catholic High School music department spring concert, "Movie Melodies," 7 p.m., MQT Rudy Hart Theatre, 306 W. 10th St. Tickets: \$8/adults, \$5/students & seniors, \$3/children 12 & younger.

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

Wednesdays — Al-Anon meetings, 6-7 p.m., Franciscan Alliance-St. Anthony Health. Info: (708) 927-5287.

Through April — Duneland Weavers Guild, Fiber Art 2016, Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Info: www.dunelandweavers.org

Through May — "Bits of Time" display, La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Hours: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tues.-Sat. Info: www.laportecountyhistory.org, (219) 324-6767.

Farther Afield:

April 29 — Opening reception, new exhibits, 5:30-8 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: (269) 983-3688, info@boxfactoryforthearts.org, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

April 29 — 2016 Biennial Sculpture Invitational community-wide party, 6 p.m. EDT. Locations/info: www.krasl.org

April 30 — Free history presentation on Morton Hill, 2 p.m. EDT, First Presbyterian Church, 475 Green Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich.

April 30 — The Boulevard Billies, 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

April 30-Sept. 12 — "View Through a Colored Prism," The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph, Mich. Opening reception: 5:30-7:30 p.m. EDT May 13. Info: (269) 449-3231.

May 1 — Grand re-opening, Railway Garden, noon-6 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Info: www.fernwoodbotanical.org, (269) 695-6491.

Wake Up the Gardens

The volunteer work days "Wake Up the Gardens" are from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 30-May 1, at Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 U.S. 12.

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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 must be published after the favor is granted.





On April 28, 1789, while sailing in the South Pacific, the crew of *HMS Bounty* took over the ship, casting Captain Bligh and 18 sailors adrift in a lifeboat.

On April 28, 1947, a six-man expedition sailed from Peru aboard a balsa wood raft named the Kon-Tiki, the beginning of a 101-day journey that would take them across the Pacific Ocean to Polynesia.

On April 28, 1990, after 6,137 performances, the musical, A Chorus Line, closed on New York's Broadway.

On April 28, 1992, the Agriculture Department unveiled its pyramid-shaped recommended diet chart that had cost nearly \$1 million to develop.

On April 28, 1993, the first "Take Our Daughters to Work Day," promoted by the New York based Ms. Foundation, was held to boost the self-esteem of girls by having them visit a parent's place of work.

On April 29, 1492, Joan of Arc entered the besieged city of Orleans to lead the French to victory over the English.

On April 29, 1980, film director Sir Alfred Hitchcock ("the Master of Suspense") died at 80.

On April 29, 1983, Harold Washington took the oath of office as Chicago's first black mayor.

On April 29, 1986, an arson fire destroyed more than 1 million books at the Los Angeles Central Li-

On April 29, 1997, Mike Royko, Chicago columnist for 34 years whose work had appeared in the Tribune and was syndicated to 800 newspapers, died at 64.

On April 30, 1789, George Washington was inaugurated as the first president of the United States.

On April 30, 1889, America celebrated its first national holiday, marking the centennial of George Washington's inauguration as President of the United States.

On April 30, 1939, television was first publicly broadcast from New York's Empire State Building.

On April 30, 1945, during World War II, Adolf Hilter committed suicide in his Berlin Bunker along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

On April 30, 1945, "Arthur Godfrey Time" made its debut on the CBS radio network.

On April 30, 1947, President Harry Truman signed a measure changing the name of Boulder Dam to Hoover Dam.

On April 30, 1997, ABC aired the "coming out" episode of the sitcom "Ellen," in which the title character, played by Ellen DeGeneres, admitted she is a lesbian.

On May 1, 1786, "The Marriage of Figaro," an opera by Mozart, premiered in Vienna.

On May 1, 1863, the First National Bank of Chicago, with capital just in excess of 100,000, was issued a charter by the State of Illinois.

On May 1, 1873, United States post offices began selling the first penny postcards.

On May 1, 1884, construction began in Chicago on the first "skyscraper." It was a ten-story structure (on the corner of La Salle and Adams Streets) built by New York's Home Insurance Company.

On May 1, 1893, President Grover Cleveland opened the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

On May 1, 1941, Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane" opened in New York.

On May 1, 1960, American pilot Francis Gary Powers was captured by the Soviets after his U-2 reconnaissance plane was shot down near Sverdlovsk.

On May 2, 1885, *Good Housekeeping*, published by Clark W. Bryan, made its first appearance in Holyoke, MA.

On May 2, 1917, in a baseball game in Chicago, pitchers Jim "Hippo" Vaughn of the Chicago Cubs, and Fred Toney of the Cincinnati Reds, each pitched nine no-hit innings. The Reds scored a run in the top of the tenth inning, winning 1 to 0. Toney held the Cubs hitless in the bottom of the tenth.

On May 2, 1936, "Peter and the Wolf," a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.

On May 2, 1965, the "Early Bird" satellite was used to transmit TV pictures across the Atlantic.

On May 2, 1994, Nelson Mandela claimed victory in the wake of South Africa's first democratic elections; President F.W. de Klerk acknowledged defeat.

On May 2, 1995, actor Sir Michael Hordern, who portrayed roles from Shakespeare's King Lear to the voice for TV cartoon bear "Paddington," died at 83.

On May 3, 1765, the first recognized American medical school was opened at the College of Philadelphia, now the University of Pennsylvania.

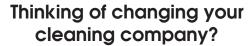
On May 3, 1937, Margaret Mitchell won a Pulitzer Prize for "Gone With The Wind."

On May 4, 1776, Rhode Island declared its independence from England — two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress.

On May 4, 1855, "Women's Hospital," the first hospital designated exclusively for women, opened in New York City.

On May 4, 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered Atlanta's federal penitentiary.





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• Game On from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

A different game is featured each month, with snacks provided.

• Children's Movie: "The Good Dinosaur" at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 30, at Thomas Library Children's Department.

The movie is Rated PG. Attendees can take a pillow and enjoy free popcorn.

• Battles of the American Civil War from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 30, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room.

History buff and Civil War enthusiast Thomas Murphy will discuss the Battle of Little Big Horn.

• Local Author Series at 2 p.m. Saturdays in April.

The next program is Nancy N. Sullivan, author of "The Last Cadillac," on April 30 at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton. A Q&A session follows a brief reading from the book.



• Knitting Together from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at Westchester Township History Museum.

Area knitters, and those who crochet or do needlework, are invited.

• Popular Books at 2 p.m. Monday, May 2, at Thomas Library.

This month's focus is Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

• Scan photos from the 1940s-1960s from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, at Westchester Township History Museum.

The community can bring personal photos from

that time period for *The Times* to use in a photobook about Northwest Indiana. All photos will be scanned at that time, owners will keep their pictures, but give permission to *The Times* and the publishing company to use the images in the book

• Adult Coloring Program from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

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• Cootie Bug Study Buddy Craft for Grades 4-8 at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, at Hageman Library.

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• Minecraft Meet-up from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, at Thomas Library.

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• Pokemon League from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through May 24 at Thomas Library.

The program is aimed at children in first grade and older. Attendees learn to make decks of 60 cards. They don't need to take anything unless wanting to take a starter pack of cards.

• Children's Crochet Club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays through June 29 in the Children's Department at Thomas Library.

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The American Red Cross La Porte County Chapter will sponsor the following bloodmobiles:

- La Porte High School, 602 F St., La Porte, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, April 29.
- IBEW 531, 2751 N. Old Indiana 39, La Porte, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30.
- St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road, Michigan City, noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, May 3. Donors must be in good general health and feeling well, at least 17 (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org for more information.

Comcast Cares Day

The Michigan City YMCA — Elston Branch, 317 Detroit St., has been selected as this year's Comcast Cares Day.

Volunteers are needed from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 30, to help paint Meer Gym. No experience is necessary. Call the YMCA at (219) 221-4055 if interested or for more information.

Boxcar Buffet Benefit

Now in its fifth year, New Buffalo Railroad Museum will present its Boxcar Buffet Benefit from 6 to 10 p.m. EDT Friday, May 13, at American Hellenic Cultural Center, 17760 Behner Road.

The all-you-can-eat buffet features Skip's Restaurant's prime rib and sides donated by area restaurants. A donation yields a selection from the Dessert Car prepared by Jackie's Café. A cash bar is planned. Local "Celebrity Hobos" will humorously hawk their wares for donations. Live music, and live and silent auctions, round out the evening.

The museum, free to visitors, retells the area's history, with special emphasis on its railroad heritage. Free guided tours of the train depot, children's activities and a miniature New Buffalo train layout are highlighted.

All proceeds from the fundraiser aid the non-profit organization. Seating sells out quickly. Advance tickets are \$35, or \$300 for a table of 10. Tickets at the door, if available, cost \$50. Credit cards are accepted. Reservations can be made at www.newbuffalorailroadmuseum.org, or stop by the museum, 530 S. Whittaker St., Suite B. Call (269) 469-8010 for more information.

Master Gardener Hotline

La Porte County Master Gardeners are available to help with home-gardening questions on their free Garden Hotline.

The service is available from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through Sept. 30.

Master Gardeners will answer questions on house plants, landscaping, flowers, fruit trees, vegetables, trees, shrubs, lawns, insects and garden pests. They also provide research-based materials produced by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service or other regional land-grant universities.

The phone number is (219) 324-9407. Michigan City area residents can call 874-5611, Ext. 2655. Ask to speak with a Master Gardener. Questions also can be emailed to lpmastergardener@purdue.edu

Additional information is available at www.extension.purdue.edu/laporte

Wine and Canvas

St. Paul Lutheran Church's Wine and Canvas is from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 1, in the school gym, 818 Franklin St.

Wine and snacks will be available for the 21-andolder event. The cost is \$35. Advance registration is required at www.wineandcanvas.com/south-bendin. Click on Private Events calendar, go to May 1, then click on St. Paul Lutheran Fundraiser.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Notorious Nineteen by Janet Evanovich (paperback, \$8.99 in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

Sometimes, we need a book for diversion. We've had a bad day, feeling down in the dumps. No one provides a better one than Janet Evanovich. She's written a ton of books, including the Stephanie Plum series, Lizzy and Diesel series, a dozen romance novels, the Alexandra Barnaby novels and Troublemaker graphic novels. And if that's not enough, she's also written a book about writing books!

While this is not the latest in the Stephanie Plum series, I came across it in a local dollar store. To my amazed eyes, they had several shelves of brand new books — hardcover and paperback — all for \$1 each! I was in book heaven. Not a great selection in titles, I admit, but finding this book in hardcover--well, I couldn't walk away from a bargain like that!

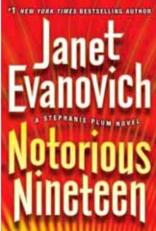
Stephanie Plum is delightful in a shake your head in amazement or sheer pleasure kind of way. She's a bounty hunter, or, as she calls it, a fugitive apprehension agent, for her cousin, Vinny, who runs a bail bond agency in Trenton, N.J. There's Connie, who mans the reception desk and ferrets out information on bond skips, and Lula, the most bodacious African-American plus-size sidekick you will meet! She's also a former prostitute. Lula is as much interested in the next meal or snack as she is accompanying Stephanie on her wild chases after those who skip their bonds by not showing up for court.

Stephanie, meanwhile, is torn between two lovers (remember that song?). She has a difficult decision to make here because the way both men are described, well, it got my imagination running wild...

There's Morelli, the Trenton cop whom she's leaning toward possibly a permanent relationship with. Then there's Ranger, the former Special Forces guy who now runs a private security system. He's also super sexy, and any woman would be hard pressed to decide between these two! "Morelli was an amazing lover, but Ranger was magic."

There's also Stephanie's family: Dad, who lets life flow around him; Mom, who's always going to the kitchen to refill her "water" glass that smells a lot like Jim Beam; and Grandma—the free spirit. Grandma likes to visit the local hospital because they usually have a nice lunch spread, and "sometimes you can score a date." She also likes to help Stephanie because she envisions herself a detective. "I'm real nosy, and I've been thinking about turning professional."

The story starts out on a sour note as work has



not been busy and Stephanie's rent is due. She only makes money on the bond skips she catches, not a regular salary. She gets a lead on Melvin Barrel, accused of possession with intent to sell, and now in the wind. Instead of Melvin, they find themselves caught in the middle of a gun fight between two big SUVs. A rocket launcher is fired from one and blows up Stephanie's car. Good thing they were across the street—Lula needed a soda.

Stephanie's chance for a big payday will come if she can apprehend Geoffrey Cubbin, who embezzled \$5 million from

Cranberry Manor, an assisted living facility. While awaiting trial, Cubbin got sick and sent to the hospital, where they removed his appendix. Then, he disappeared in the night. No Cubbin, no money, only a very angry wife Cubbin left behind. Hospital security tape shows no sign of the man leaving. So, did Cubbin have help sneaking out? Or did he never make it out? Stephanie is suspicious of one nurse and one doctor, and further snooping leads her and Lula to another facility called The Clinic. Then, another felon goes missing from the hospital! Doesn't look good for the dwarf who's supposed to be head of security. Yes, I said dwarf. He and Stephanie have no love for each other, but he agrees to help herbut did he think he would end up stuffed down a mail chute to break into The Clinic?

Stephanie is approached by Ranger to accompany him to a former army mate's wedding. He needs backup because he and his friend have been receiving threatening notes from a former member of their team. He sounds over-the-edge crazy, and soon, Ranger's SUV is bombed, and an attempt is made on Stephanie's life.

There's a lot of humor in a Stephanie Plum novel, but there's also exciting adventure as you see what a bounty hunter goes through to catch his/her man or woman. And did I mention the 123 bars of pure gold? Wait till you find out where they come from! They prove to be as much trouble as a pink taffeta gown with a really big bow in the back—where does she put her Baretta?

You gotta love Stephanie and company!

The Stephanie Plum novels have been called "irresistible" by *The Houston Chronicle*, "stunning" by *Booklist*, "outrageous" by *Publishers Weekly* and "making trouble and winning hearts" by *USA Today*.

Her website is <u>www.evanovich.com</u>, and she is the first writer I've come across who also gives a mailing address on her book cover: P.O. Box 2829, Naples, FL 34106

Till next time, happy reading!



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