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All in the Family: Part 2

Editor's note — This is the last in a series highlighting young professionals who grew up in the beach area and came back here not only to work, but also to work with family.

by Drew Holt



Faye Stokes and Shane Harmon with Faye's mother, Kim, at their Michigan City practice. Photo by Drew Holt



Megan and Blake Applegate with their father, Paul, at their Michigan City office. Photo by Bob Wellinski

In the first part of our series, we introduced two families of Realtors: Jeff and Rick Remijas and Micky and Jordan Gallas. This week, we highlight two families with similar stories: certified public accountants Megan and Blake Applegate, who work alongside their father, Paul, at Applegate and Co., and Faye Stokes, who works with her mother, Kim, and husband, Shane Harmon, at Michigan City Dental.

Walking into Applegate and Co., I wasn't sure what to expect. I'd passed the building on Woodland Avenue many times, but never been inside it. I was greeted by a modern-looking interior and led back to a beautifully furnished and designed conference room with a large picture window in the back displaying a small forest. I admired the décor, which depicts maps of southern Germany, as well as many items related to German culture, as Megan and Blake entered and our talk began.

It turns out the German-themed adornments hinted at a connection between the Applegates of Long Beach and myself. We all graduated from Michigan City High School, where we studied the German language and culture under the same

teacher. We then moved on to the business at hand: What it's like to work with family.

My previous article mentioned that Jeff, Jordan and I agreed that when we were younger, it seemed as if Michigan City had offered all it had to offer. That is, we wanted to leave town, making our lives and livelihoods elsewhere.

Not so with the Applegates.

Megan and Blake, 28 and 27, respectively, grew up loving their town.

"I think that we always had a positive image of the community," Blake said. "I feel like when we went away to college, it seemed like there was this negative image that people started to create surrounding Michigan City."

In no uncertain terms, Blake made it clear he's always known his place is here.

"When I first went to college, I always planned on coming back here right after college and working in the family business," he said.

Despite that initial desire, life initially took Blake down a different path.

"I had an opportunity to interview with an accounting firm in Chicago," he explained. "I said, 'If

I don't take this opportunity, I'm probably never going to. I'm not going to come here, and then leave, but I'm more likely to go somewhere like Chicago, try it out for a couple of years and then come back."

"I agree," added Megan, who is active in Rotary Club of Michigan City and the Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I loved growing up here. I love Lake Michigan. That's a huge asset that we have."

Megan was quick to point out that while some youth may be eager to leave, things have only improved here.

"Our school systems have gotten a lot better since I was in school, even," she said. "There's a huge difference."

She has an incredibly bright outlook for Michigan City's future.



Megan and Blake both played tennis at Michigan City High School.

"I turned out the way I did," she told me, "and the school systems were like that back then. So with the great things that they're doing now, I can't imagine how bright the futures are for the people in high school and Michigan City Area Schools."

Not long after that, their father, Paul, joined us. He is incredibly grateful for the chance to work with his children.

"It's very rewarding," he said. "I think that Blake and Megan are my go-to people when I want something done. You don't hear a lot of complaining or whining, they just get the work done."

His confidence in his family is without waiver.

"It's nice having family in the business, and I think that they bring a level of commitment and dedication that will bring this firm forward in the next 20 to 30 years."

Born and raised in Michigan City, Paul has a great respect and pride for the area, and his other employees as well.

"I think it's a great place to live," he said. "I think it's a great place to raise a family. Eleven or 12 of our 14 employees are Michigan City High School graduates, so we certainly reinvest in the community."

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All in the Family

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I arrived at Michigan City Dental on Michigan Boulevard early one morning when the office was closed. My interviewees were Dr. Faye Stokes, her husband, Dr. Shane Harmon, and her mother, Kim Stokes.

As I entered, a cheerful, yet distinctly not-human “Hello!” was uttered from the corner of the room. I turned to see Faye working with a large parrot, trying to acquaint the bird with its large wood and metal cage in the corner. After introducing myself, I walked over to inspect the bird, named Savannah, who has become somewhat of an unofficial greeter for the practice. As I spoke with the three about her, Faye allowed her to climb up onto my shoulder, where she nuzzled me and spoke a few words. They explained to me that Savannah knows to say “hello” when people enter and “goodbye” when they leave, as well as having the added benefit of intriguing and possibly calming nervous customers. Faye offered her a peanut, which to Savannah is a “cracker,” and which she gratefully took and ate with one claw while she stood on my shoulder with the other. After she finished her peanut, Faye brought her back to her cage, which was just installed as a semi-permanent residence for Savannah when she isn’t at home with Faye. Once Savannah was comfortable in her cage, we returned



Faye and Shane with Savannah waving.

to the matter at hand.

For Faye, a Marquette High School graduate growing up in Duneland Beach, living in the area has always been a joy.

“We had a great childhood,” she said. “It was a lot of fun.”

Even at college, Faye was bringing friends home.

“Even when I was grown and went to college, I’d bring kids home, especially Fourth of July, that’s my favorite holiday here. They were always like, ‘This is the best place ever, I love this community, I want to move here.’ I heard that from several friends in college.”

Faye, who graduated from Indiana University-Bloomington, met her husband Shane, who attended Wabash College in his hometown of Crawfordsville, at the IU School of Dentistry.

Coming back home was a group decision for Faye and Shane.

“Shane and I obviously planned (the move back to Michigan City) together,” she said. “My Dad (Dr. Thomas Stokes, who also worked at Michigan City Dental until

he retired in May 2015) had kind of mentioned it before I was going into school, and I wasn’t sure exactly.

“Growing up and going through school, you do a lot of finding yourself, and I caught myself missing the area. When I brought Shane back, he thought it was a great area, too,” she continued. “We talked about it as we were going through dental school. About halfway through, we said, ‘Yeah, this is where we want to be. We like being around my family and the beach.’”

For Kim, who started out working with her husband, works as the office manager today, but also fills in when needed. Working with her daughter and son-in-law is a blessing.

“I absolutely love it,” she said. “It’s funny, because I always worked with my husband. It’s a delight to see how self-assured they are in their dentistry.”

On working with family daily, she said, “I love seeing how they interact with patients, and they have acquired their business sense quickly.”

As for what it’s like to work there, she couldn’t stop praising them, their character and their work ethic.

“We get along fabulously,” she said. “I’m enjoying myself thoroughly.”



Faye at Washington Park Zoo in 1992.

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About the Cover

by Andrew Tallackson

Here at *The Beacher*, we make sure every dog has its day.

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Back in November, we put *The Beacher's* mascot, Scooby Parker, on the cover of our Thanksgiving edition. It was a resounding success. Readers on our facebook page shared with us how much they enjoyed seeing the Great Dane puppy.

So began the brainstorming for his next cover. With a face like Scooby's, we agreed the Valentine's Day edition would make a great followup to his *Beacher* debut.



Scooby having a chuckle during the photo shoot.

As was the case last time, it took a united effort to capture the right image for our cover. *Beacher* co-owner Tom Montgomery and longtime friend Judith Joseph helped get Scooby "dressed." I joined the two in helping prep Scooby and the set. Scooby's "dad," *The Beacher's* Tommy Parker, stood by, offering the pooch heaps of praise and

reassurance. And when the moment of truth arrived, photographer Bob Wellinski snapped away, taking as many photos as he could before Scooby's focus began to wane.

The photo, as you can see, surpassed all of our expectations. Thanks to everyone who helped out, including Fannie May, 102 U.S. 20, for letting us borrow the huge Valentine you see carefully placed behind Scooby. It was the perfect embellishment to what turned out to be, for us, the perfect cover.

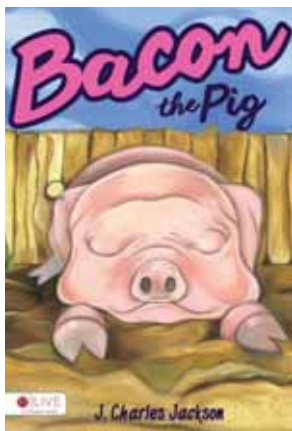


Fannie May Store Manager Joan De Avila (right) and Sales Associate Julie Robinett hold the huge Valentine used in our cover shoot.



Judith Joseph (from left), Tom Montgomery and Andrew Tallackson attempt to get Scooby Parker in his costume for the photo shoot.

Fall in Love With "Bacon the Pig"



Pigs are traditionally thought of as nothing more than meat at a barbeque, a dirty animal, with no other worth. This story hopefully will change your opinion of "the other white meat" and see that they are intelligent creatures who can react to what other animals usually can't, except dogs. Pigs really do care?

John Jackson was born in Gary, IN, in 1946 and moved to Nunica, MI, in 1949 with his parents to a farm. He loved farming, raising animals and fishing and hunting in the wooded area on the farm and in upper Michigan. Jackson became interested in police work and worked in La Porte County for two different towns and some extra work with La Porte County Sheriff's Office. He worked many years in safety and safety management in the trucking industry.

His fondest memories and passions were raising animals and studying their thought processes. He has found in his research that different animals have so much more intelligence than we give them credit for, which is why the "Bacon the Pig" story was born. His favorite truism is that if you received anything good from him, it came from God, so He gets all the glory.

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Jefferson Ballew will present the free lecture "History, Art and Culture of the Potawatomi" from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St.

Ballew is of the Bear Clan and a citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. He also is a public speaker, spiritualist and traditional dancer.

The lecture is in conjunction with the Native American exhibit "Dreamcatchers," produced by Indiana State Prison's Native American Circle.

Forty two Native American inmates, with many different tribal affiliations, meet weekly to study Native American thoughts, philosophy and spirituality, and how it relates to the intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual. Learning to help others is part of their teachings, so the inmates give back through their creating paintings, jewelry, dream catchers and other works expressive of Native American culture.

Most of the proceeds from artwork sales benefit "Camp New Happenings" in Indiana, which provides a week-long experience for boys and girls 8-11 with an incarcerated parent or parents. The youth enjoy swimming, arts and crafts, sports and evenings around the campfire. The camp often provides the only experience of this type they will have.

The exhibit runs through Feb. 28. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Visit www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com for more information.



Jefferson Ballew in traditional garb.

SSAA Call for Artists

Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St., has issued a call for artist submissions for its annual March "women as subject" exhibit, and with the opportunity for a cash award.

This is the fourth year the show, "La Femme: The Female in Image and Form," has been open to member and guest artists from the region. *The Chicago Tribune* cited the first show as its exhibition "pick of the week." This year's show will feature multimedia artworks, including painting, photography and sculpture.

"We are especially delighted that this year, this popular exhibition is sponsored by Harbour Trust Investment Management," exhibit chair Susan Block said. "Our partnership has made it possible to grant a \$200 cash gift to one of the participating artists."

Judi Jacobi, Purdue University vice chancellor of marketing and campus relations, and the driving force behind the campus' Odyssey sculpture exhibit, will serve as the judge for the Harbour Trust Art Award.

"La Femme" opens Friday, March 4, with a free hospitality reception to meet the artists. It runs through Sunday, March 27.

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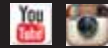


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Vote for your favorite chili to place the Top Three clubs, and find out which club wins the Karstens' Chili-Head Traveling Trophy. Participating clubs in past years include DAV 023, Elks Lodge 432, Michigan City Exchange Club, Michigan City Fish & Game Club, Moose Lodge 980 Family Center, American Legion Post 37, Guardian Riders, Veterans of Foreign Wars and St. Joseph Young Men's Society.

The Jerry Karstens' Athletic Scholarship Fund was created in 2003 in memory of Jerome Karstens, who devoted nearly 50 years to Michigan City sports. The cookoff is one of the fundraisers held each year to support the fund.

Tickets are a \$5 donation at the door. Contact Jeremy at (219) 873-1506 for more information.

Books and Coffee Series

Purdue University-North Central will continue its "Books & Coffee" discussion series with Michelle Alexander's "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness" at noon Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Steve Tallackson, PNC limited-term lecturer in history, will discuss the book in Library-Student-Faculty Building, Assembly Hall, Room 170A, adjacent to the cafeteria. The session features a review, followed by discussion.

The author is an associate professor of law at Ohio State University and the Kirwin Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity.

The program is free and open to the public. Additional information is available by contacting Jerry Holt, chair of English and Modern Language, at (219) 785-5346 or jgholt@pnc.edu

Learn How Plants Communicate

Elizabeth Larson will speak during the River Valley Garden Club meeting Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, Mich.

Open to the public, the meeting includes a Valentine-themed potluck at noon EST. A short business meeting is followed by the program at 1:30 p.m. EST. Larson, who will discuss how plants communicate, is a club member.

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Metamorphis Traveling Theatre features 14 actors, singers and dancers who are based in Michigan City, but perform throughout Southwest Michigan and Northwest Indiana.

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$10. Call (219) 879-9415 to reserve tickets, which also can be purchased at the door.

NBC Sports to Air Super Boat Event

Super Boat International recently announced its marquee event, the 35th Annual Key West World Championship, will air on NBC Sports.

Following the success of last year's one-hour program on NBC Sports, the 2016 programming is slated for three one-hour episodes. Air dates are 3 p.m. EST Sunday, Feb. 14, 6 p.m. EST Saturday, Feb. 20, and 3 p.m. EST Sunday, Feb. 28.

With the expanded programming, fans will see more race action, with in-depth coverage offering a behind-the-scenes look at the boats and teams.

Some of the same teams will appear at the 8th Annual Great Lakes Grand Prix on Aug. 5-7 in Michigan City.

Spring Fling Tickets

Tickets are available for Michiana Humane Society's 18th Annual Spring Fling, which is Saturday, March 19, at Long Beach Country Club, 2309 Larchmont Ave.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres start at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Silent and live auctions are planned, with live auction items ranging from a cooking class for eight to an evening in Chicago.

More information is available at www.michiana-humaneociety.org

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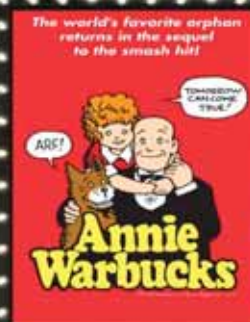
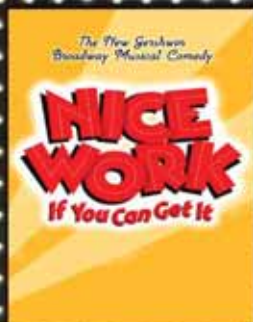


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Sugar Maple Research Volunteers

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore needs volunteers interested in assisting with a research project studying the impacts of climate change on sugar maple trees and sap production.

Joshua Rapp is expanding his study to the Midwest by including the National Lakeshore's sugar maples. He is with the Department of Environmental Conservation, University of Massachusetts Amherst and Harvard Forest at Harvard University.

Volunteers available at 3 p.m. on one or more days per week during the maple sugaring season are encouraged to participate. The season can run late January through March, and volunteers are needed as soon as possible. Data collection is planned on sugar maple trees located near Chellberg Farm. Volunteer efforts involve collecting small sap samples and weighing them, determining the sap's sugar content and recording data. No prior experience is required. Training, supplies and equipment will be provided.

Those individuals should contact Wendy Smith with the Great Lakes Research and Education Center at wendy_w_smith@nps.gov or (219) 395-1987.

"100 Words for 100 Years"

Learn about Indiana's state parks on Facebook, 100 words at a time, to celebrate 100 years of history during 2016.

In honor of Indiana State Parks' centennial, staff will write and publish weekly Facebook posts called "100 Words for 100 years" through the end of 2016. The entries will be posted each Wednesday until summer, when the number of posts per week will increase. Many will be accompanied by photos.

The posts will explore a unique aspect of state parks' history. Examples so far include Rose Island amusement park on the banks of the Ohio River, the former site of which is now part of Charlestown State Park and the construction of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood-control reservoirs, which are managed for recreation by Indiana State Parks.

The Indiana State Parks Facebook page is at facebook.com/INdnrstateparksandreservoirs.

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LaLu Student Earns Art Awards

La Lumiere School sophomore Qingyuan "Sean" Wu, Beijing, China, entered five works of art into the Scholastic Art Awards program, receiving five awards: three Silver Key and two Honorable Mention.

Of her five works, three will be displayed at South Bend Museum of Art, including: "Juice," a painting, Silver Key; "Wait," a pen and ink drawing, Silver Key; and "Round" a painting, Honorable Mention.

The 2016 Scholastic Art Awards exhibit will showcase students' art at the museum through Saturday, Feb. 27, with an opening reception from 5:30 to 9 p.m. EST Friday, Feb. 5, in the museum's Warner and Community Galleries.

"This is good because my dream is to go to an art school in the United States for college, maybe the Rhode Island School of Design," Wu said.

She has been interested in art since she was in kindergarten, and enjoys painting with acrylics and drawing.

According to the museum's website, the purpose of the program is to "encourage, foster and reward creativity in our nation's classrooms and to confer recognition on emerging talent." The Scholastic Art Awards program has representation in different regions, and the Northwest Indiana and Southwest Lower Michigan Region includes student work from the following counties: Benton, Cass, Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Kosciusko, Lake, La Porte, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Stark and White in Indiana, and Berrien, Cass and St. Joseph in Michigan.

The museum is located in The Century Center, 120 S. St. Joseph St.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

Saturday, Feb. 13

• 10 a.m. — Bird Banding Demonstrations.

Meet at the Nature Center as rangers use banding nets for a close-up investigation.

• 2 p.m. — Winter Hike into Beaver Bayou.

Meet at the campground gate for a short stroll to the newly created beaver damn, lodge and flooded area.

Sunday, Feb. 14

• 2 p.m. — "I Love the Dunes" Hike.

Meet at the Nature Center for a Valentine's Day hike that recalls how the park was created.

• 2 p.m. — Winter Alive.

Meet at the Nature Center auditorium for a look at how State Park animals survive the winter, complete with live animals present.

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Recall, if you will, the first time you experienced “Star Wars” in a movie theater. In the final scene, Luke Skywalker and company have destroyed the Death Star, and the Rebel Alliance is itching to reward everyone for their bravery.

Up until then, composer John Williams has relied heavily on strings to convey what he calls “Luke Skywalker’s Theme,” a wistful strain that embodies the character’s dreams of a life far from home. But as Luke and friends enter the ceremonial throne room, that theme emerges far more jubilant, first with horns, then a full orchestral march propelling our heroes closer to glory. Combine Williams’ music with endless rows of the Rebel Alliance stepping into formation...and you have one of the most indelible images in modern American cinema.

Whenever you have time, or if you’re bored with time to kill, go to youtube and punch in “Star Wars Minus Williams - Throne Room.” The 2 minute 15 second clip offers the aforementioned scene *before* Williams’ score and Ben Burtt’s sound effects were added into the mix. The difference between the two is astounding. The scene feels gutted, empty, stripped bare of its grandeur. Luke and his pals at first resemble not heroes, but truants summoned by the principal to answer for their misdeeds.

Hence, we get to the heart of great movie music. If films, indeed, are like presents from their directors, then soundtracks are the bows atop the gift-wrapped boxes concealing them.

Williams has 50 Academy Award nominations and five wins, taking home trophies for “Fiddler on the Roof,” “Jaws,” “Star Wars,” “E.T.” and “Schindler’s List.” He is nominated again this year for “Star Wars: Episode VII The Force Awakens.”



Composer Thomas Newman.

he offered this reply: “No, I’ve failed seven, but this will be my eighth,” a premonition that proved correct when Gustavo Santaolalla took home the honor for “Babel.”

Newman is my favorite movie composer. His scores are often quiet and subtle, producing what

I call “beautiful dissonance” as notes lovingly wrap around each other. His scores stand on their own as well. Listen to them, and they evoke images, memories and emotions linked to the films they so eloquently enhance.

His latest nomination is for “Bridge of Spies”—his first collaboration with Spielberg — and like all of his scores, it’s a beaut, never more so than during the powerful closing scenes. His competition is tough, though, not just with the presence of Williams, but also the legendary Ennio Morricone, who honors his spaghetti western past (“The Good, The Bad and the Ugly”) with his operatic score for “The Hateful Eight.” It’s another unfair fight for Newman in his eternal David-and-Goliath quest to be recognized by Academy voters.

Oscars are a staple in the Newman family. His father, Alfred (“How Green Was My Valley”), was a nine-time winner. His cousin, Randy (“Toy Story”), is a two-time winner. His brother, David (“Ice Age”), is a fellow nominee.

In the 1980s, Thomas Newman was composing soundtracks for small-scale hits like “Revenge of the Nerds,” “Desperately Seeking Susan,” “Jumpin’ Jack Flash” and “The Lost Boys.”

He came into his own in 1991 with his score for “Fried Green Tomatoes.” The themes in Fannie Flagg’s southern-fried tale center on strength, courage and friendship, and Newman nailed it with his score. Never had I heard music with such a longing, an aching for the past. The characters of “Fried Green Tomatoes,” both past and present, are searching, whether it be for strength or meaning, and Newman’s music conveys that emotion time and time again in the movie, mostly

Thomas Newman — Oscar’s Susan Lucci

by Andrew Tallackson



Thomas Newman, behind the conductor’s podium.

ly so. It spends much of its energy in minor keys as it explores the dark and mysterious recesses of prison life. But when hope enters the picture, Newman, relying solely on strings, is credited with helping make grown men weep as Red and Andy reunite on a pristine beach during the film’s closing scenes. Newman’s melancholy score was nominated for an Oscar in 1994 — he was a double nominee that year, recognized as well for “Little Women” — but lost to Hans Zimmer for “The Lion King.” Nonetheless, tracks from “The Shawshank Redemption” have been used for more movie trailers (“The Hurricane,” “Brokeback Mountain”) than practically any other work of the past 20 years.

From there, Newman has created a bevy of memorable scores, ranging from adult in theme (“Unstrung Heroes,” “American Beauty,” “The Green Mile,” “Road to Perdition,” “The Help,” “Skyfall,” “The Judge”) to playfully mischievous (“Finding Nemo,” “Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events” and “Wall-E”) to haunting on the small screen (“Six Feet Under,” “Angels in America,” “The Newsroom”).

His score for “Bridge of Spies” is his most idiosyncratic. There is no music at all for the first 35 to 40 minutes of the picture. Spielberg’s film is exceptionally quiet, his camera like a fly on the wall observing

with strings, but also with instruments unusual for their presence on a movie soundtrack, such as hammered dulcimer.

Likely his most famous score came in 1994 with “The Shawshank Redemption,” Frank Darabont’s adaptation of Stephen King’s novella about the unlikely friendship between two inmates at a Maine prison. King, himself, calls the score one of his all-time favorites, and right-



Newman’s Oscar-nominated work for “The Shawshank Redemption” (1994) is his most famous.

the routines of Soviet spy Rudolf Abel (Best Supporting Actor nominee Mark Rylance). And when Newman’s score finally makes an appearance, it gurgles with dread and foreboding, then vanishes.

Where Newman’s score works its magic is in the closing scenes. SEMI SPOILER ALERT: Tom Hanks’ U.S. attorney, James Donovan, has returned home from safely brokering Rudolf’s exchange and collapses in bed, exhausted. His family, watching news of the exchange on TV, only then realizes he has achieved something heroic. Later, as James takes the train to work, Spielberg brilliantly contrasts the same type of images James viewed by train in Russia with what he’s now witnessing in America. We, as a viewer, are reminded of freedoms we take for granted. Newman’s score, combining piano and strings, has an elegaic, hymn-like feel. It is stirring in its simplicity. The end of “Bridge of Spies,” especially because of Newman’s score, got to me. I choked up. Even my wife, who teases me about being a movie nerd, tugged my arm as we left the theater, saying, “Wow, the music at the end was absolutely beautiful.”

Is that enough, though, to hand Newman the Oscar cred that for so long has eluded him? Tough to say. Again, he’s up against Williams and Morricone, the latter considered the odds-on favorite.

The man deserves an Oscar. He’s earned it, and “Bridge of Spies” ranks among his best. And should

he win, the shock on his face, alone, will be worth its weight in Oscar gold.

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Newman’s score for “Fried Green Tomatoes” (1991) has a longing, an aching for the past.

“Bridge of Spies” mark the latest Oscar nomination for Newman.

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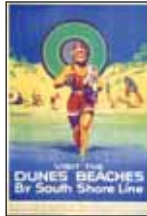
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Staff from Shirley Heinze Land Trust, The Field Museum and Indiana University-Northwest will present the workshops from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Cabela's in Hammond and 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Meadowbrook Conservation Center in Valparaiso.

By monitoring frog populations, citizen scientists can provide an important resource for land managers and herpetologists by collecting data that would otherwise be unattainable. The abundance and distribution of frogs over time is an important indicator of the health of aquatic ecosystems, as frogs are sensitive to changes in the environment. Land managers use these indicator species as an early warning sign of a declining habitat.

Workshop participants will learn about characteristics of each species, their preferred habitat and how to identify their calls. They will receive a data collection protocol, survey sheet and CD with audio frog calls of the various species in the region. Newcomers will be assigned a preserve or natural area close to their home, or they can attend the session just to learn about the issue.

Call Shirley Heinze Land Trust at (219) 242-8558 and ask for Jim. or email jerdelac@heinzetrust.org, to RSVP or for more information.

La Porte County Park Awards

La Porte County Parks staff, the park board and foundation bestowed their annual community awards during the Feb. 2 park board meeting at Red Mill County Park.

"Outstanding Park Service Award" went to Chief Naturalist Niki Schmutte. She served as interim superintendent for three months while maintaining her daily tasks as chief naturalist. She has been a parks employee for 21 years.

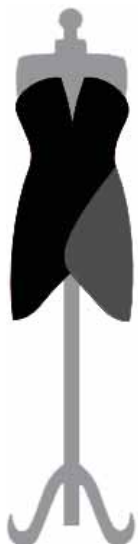
"Volunteer of the Year" went to Gena Steigely. She has volunteered countless hours helping with Pioneer Days. She not only works behind the scenes, but also works several stations at the event. She's even grooming her children to become the next generation of volunteers.

Duneland Weavers Guild

Duneland Weavers Guild will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Westchester Public Library Annex, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

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Harbor Shores Winter Art Exhibit



One of Mary Brodbeck's works.

Mary Brodbeck's woodblock prints will be featured in The Gallery at Harbor Shores through April 25, with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. EST Friday, Feb. 12.

A feature of the reception is Brodbeck's 35-minute documentary, "Becoming Made." It looks at how an artist makes, and is made by, her environment and art. Alongside a demonstration of making a woodblock print in the Japanese tradition, the artist is shown observing and interpreting Michigan's coastal landscapes and Great Lakes seascapes.

Finished in 2014, "Becoming Made" earned the "Award of Merit Special Mention" from The Best Shorts Film Competition.

A Michigan native, Brodbeck began her formal training in industrial design at Michigan State University. After several years in the West Michigan furniture industry, she left the corporate environment to become a full-time artist, subsequently traveling to Japan to learn woodblock printmaking.

The Gallery at Harbor Shores celebrates exclusively Michigan artists in rotating exhibits located on the second floor of The Inn. The art program has two components: a permanent collection displayed in rooms and public area, and rotating gallery exhibits curated by Susan Wilczak.

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Cadets work diligently in deciphering images during the CyberPatriot competition.

This was the third round of CyberPatriot — the state qualifying round — in which the cadets competed. Scores to determine if they will advance to the regionals will be announced soon. Regional winners receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national finals.

Cadets on MCHS' CyberPatriot team attended a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math camp last summer at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C. The purpose was to provide skills to compete in CyberPatriot. Maj. Tom McGrath, the senior Marine instructor who brought the cadets and cadets from six other schools, said the experience was beneficial.

The camp was funded by the U.S. Marine Corps, costing Michigan City Area Schools and the cadets nothing.

"Your Wishes-Your Way" Program

Unity Foundation of La Porte County will present the educational seminar "Your Wishes-Your Way" from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Newhard Funeral Home, 58 W. Walnut St., Westville.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., with light refreshments served.

Unity President Maggi Spartz and Newhard Preplanning Consultant Alice Kyle will discuss:

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Call (219) 613-6481 to RSVP. In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled to March 1. That phone number will be available to check for cancellation.

Monday Night Ceramics

Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St., will start a new session of Monday Night Ceramics from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 22.

During the six-week class, beginning students will develop fundamental wheel-throwing techniques, while returning students refine techniques to create more complex forms. Instructor Tom Cernius will perform short demonstrations while assisting students individually to improve their throwing skills. Hand-building and sculpture also are encouraged. Students can try slab-building, pinch-pot hand-building and basic sculptural techniques, including figurine/small statue construction. All pieces will be glazed during the final class.

The cost is \$135, with members receiving a \$25 discount. The cost of clay is \$15. All other supplies are included. Call the center at (219) 926-4711 to register. Visit www.chestertonart.com for additional information.

Cat Society Sweetheart Contest

Independent Cat Society's 2016 annual Sweetheart Contest is under way, with voting continuing through the end of February.

Pictures and bios of the nine candidates are available, along with voting, at www.catsociety.org and www.facebook.com/indcatsociety.

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Help celebrate Indiana's bicentennial this year by participating in the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology's annual photo contest to recognize Historic Preservation Month in May.

The subject of the photo must be in Indiana and more than 50 years old. Images can include anything from a cemetery, to a main street to a grain silo. The contest does not place limitations on the condition of the historic resource.

Photos can be color or black and white, must be 8x10 inches and matted with a 2-inch white or ivory mat board. Participants should not frame their photos. The contest deadline is April 16. It's free, and photographers can submit up to three entries. Photos will be judged by a panel of DNR representatives, preservationists and photographers.

Visit dnr.IN.gov/historic/3994.htm for a list of contest guidelines, the mailing address and required entry form.

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Museum Curator's Report

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

Visitors came from 10 states and 12 counties. Groups were: The Ford V-8 Club, Door Prairie Adventist School, the Heritage Girls and Lake Hills STEM Magnet School.

The Vintage Valentine display continues through February, confined mostly to the Period Rooms, especially the Victorian Valentines on the Victorian Dining Room table.

The Bicentennial project, "Prominent People of La Porte County," is on display in the lower level throughout 2016. A reception is April 16 for the public to meet some of the exhibit's featured people. A "Prominent People of La Porte County" calendar is on sale at the museum.

Donations included:

- Two Pine Lake Cemetery ledgers, Sue Culberson.
- Medicine bottle from La Porte doctor R.W. Kepler, silver-plated fork marked "Oberreich & Arnold" of La Porte, Beth Boardman.
- Door Prairie Barn cookie jar, three paper napkins from Citizen's Bank (1986) showing sketches of landmarks, Karen Piper.
- Ruler from La Porte Auto Supply, Door Prairie Museum baseball cap, three local cookbooks, Marian Fleming.
- Two vintage Valentines, Eric Pressel.
- Three vintage Valentines, Suzanne Kamont.
- Archival information, Beth Boardman.
- Items for the sale table, Don Bowman and Marian Fleming.



A medicine bottle with the name R.W. Kepler, who had an office on Harrison Street in La Porte.

Upcoming events include a "Prominent People of La Porte County" program highlighting those not included in the Bicentennial display, presented by Fern Eddy Schultz, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20.

A major move is under way. Period Rooms will change places and a new permanent exhibit focusing on county schools and sports will take shape on the lower level.

Visit www.laportecountyhistory.org for additional information.

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Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Angels Among Us at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11.**

Ange Benz leads the discussion on the presence of angels in everyday lives.

• **Art à la Carte: Valentine Craft at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11.**

Plenty of materials will be available to create a Valentine project. Children 4-10 with an adult must be present to receive craft supplies.

• **Duneland Stamp Club at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11.**

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

• **No School Movie Fun: "Minions" at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15.**

The movie is rated PG. Light refreshments will be served. Children 18 and younger are eligible to win a DVD of the movie.



• **No School Movie Fun: "Ant-Man" at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15.**

The movie is rated PG-13. Light refreshments will be served. Children 18 and younger are eligible to win a DVD of the movie.

• **Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 17 and 24.**

Children birth to age 5 and adults will enjoy stories, songs and crafts. Arrive a few minutes early to receive a name tag.

• **Knitting Club for All Ages at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 17 and 24.**

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

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



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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

• **Knit Wits and Pearls of Wisdom at 9 a.m. Thursdays, Feb. 11, 18 and 25, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

The weekly meeting is open to the skilled and novices, with no registration required.

• **Slips, Trips and Falls Winter Safety Tips from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at Hageman Library.**

Dr. Scott Curran will discuss ways to avoid winter injuries or lessen their effects.

• **Music at the Museum from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at Westchester Township Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

The Flashbacks will perform. Members are: Suzanne Keldsen, playing guitar, recorders and fiddle; Julietta Raby, playing fiddle, mandolin and guitar; Nancy Cairns on dulcimer and ukulele; Paul Mache playing guitar and banjo; and Marti Pizzini on autoharp, dulcimer and guitar.

• **Graphic Novel Book Club from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The focus is "Hellboy Volume 1: Seed of Destruction." Register in person with the IT department or by phone at (219) 926-7696.

• **Lego Club from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the Thomas Library Children's Department.**

Children build around a different theme using the library's Legos. Registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **Make N Take Kids Craft Time on Saturday, Feb. 13, at Thomas Library.**

Children can stop by the Children's Department anytime during the day (while supplies last) and make a Valentine bug bookmark craft.

• **Mad About Mysteries at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Phil Brockington will discuss the works of Jane Cleland, writer of the Josie Prescott Antiques Mystery series. Light refreshments will be served.

• **Un-Valentine's Day for Teens from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Make anti-Valentines, decorate broken heart cookies, smash the heart piñata and watch "Jurassic World." Registration is required by contacting the Thomas Library's Reference Department.

• **Holiday closings.**

Both branches of Westchester Public Library, Westchester Township History Museum and the Library Service Center will be closed Monday, Feb. 15, for President's Day. Buildings resume regular hours Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Also, the Chesterton Adult Learning Center and

Westchester Township Trustee office will be closed President's Day.

• **Alzheimer's Association program, "Healthy Habits for a Healthier You," from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The program is designed to help people develop proper habits for living a healthy lifestyle.

• **NorthShore Health Center free blood-pressure screening from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 17, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Interested patrons also can receive help calculating Body Mass Index.

• **Battles of the American Civil War from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, and 10 am to noon Saturday, Feb. 20, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

History buff and Civil War enthusiast Thomas Murphy will discuss the Battle of Shiloh.

• **Clifford The Big Red Dog Storytime & Craft at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, in the Thomas Library Children's Department.**

The program is for children 4-10, with registration required by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **Intro to Crochet from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 22 and 29, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Registration is required at the Thomas Reference Desk or by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **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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PNC Construction Club Networking Luncheon a Success

Through its recent networking luncheon, the Purdue University-North Central Construction Club introduced regional general contractors, engineers, architects and builders to students majoring in fields such as Construction Engineering, Management Technology and Civil Engineering.

The event included a career fair, with several companies actively recruiting interns and employees. Students could present resumes, speak to company representatives and gather information.

Participating companies included: Berglund Construction Inc.; Burling Builders Inc.; Career Center at PNC; Construction Advancement Foundation; D.A. Dodd Inc.; Haas & Associates; Larson-Danielson Construction Co. Inc.; NIES Engineering Inc.; Old Veteran Construction Inc.; Powers and Sons Construction; Tonn & Blank Construction; and Ziolkowski Construction Inc.

Students sat with the professionals during lunch, chatting and getting to know one another. Conversations did not necessarily center on academics or work. The professionals were happy to share their insights into what employers look for when hiring, and offer insight into the market and the skills required for the jobs their companies offer.

Tony Oss, a Larson-Danielson project development manager, is a Purdue graduate. The company owners are Purdue alumni, as are most employees.

"I am here to support the program and to find new employees," he said. "This is a great event."

PNC student Justin Rhinefield, a Construction Engineering and Management Technology major, attended the event to network, hoping to get some leads on a job.



Purdue University-North Central Construction Club President Robert Kennedy (from left), Chancellor Jim Dworkin, Bob Long, La Porte County Habitat for Humanity executive director, and Construction Club Vice President Jeremy Booker present a signed wooden plank to Habitat for Humanity signed by attendees of a recent Construction Club networking luncheon at PNC.

"It's much easier to connect with someone with a face-to-face conversation, rather than sending in a resume," he said.

Jeremy Smith, also a Construction Engineering and Management Technology major, will graduate in May.

"I'm ready to get started with my career," he said. "I made a few connections. This was really helpful."

Students visiting the Powers and Sons table were greeted by PNC alumna Cassie Carlson. She earned her degree in communication and serves as Powers and Sons marketing coordinator. During the luncheon, she welcomed PNC students, spoke about opportunities offered by the company and collected resumes.

The Construction Club has a close relationship with La Porte County Habitat for Humanity. The luncheon raised more than \$3,500 that will help fund the cost of its next Habitat home.

Bob Long, La Porte County Habitat for Humanity executive director, was the keynote speaker, revealing how Habitat helps make home ownership possible for area families, and the role the community plays in the organization's success.

The PNC Construction Club has been a campus fixture for more than 25 years. It helps out in the community and connects students to industry professionals. Members participate in the Regional Construction Management Competition at the International Builders Show and the National Association of Home Builders Regional Construction Management Competition. They also volunteer to help with Habitat and other community projects that aid those in need rebuild, repair and restore their homes and properties.

Information about the club is available at pnc-constructionclub.weebly.com

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Feb. 11 — Music at the Museum, The Flashbacks, 2-3:30 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Feb. 11 — Art à la Carte: Valentine Craft, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Feb. 11-14 — "The Glass Menagerie," Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Curtain: 7:30 p.m. Thurs.-Sat./2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$12/adults, 2 for \$20 with coupon from www.footlightplayers.org, \$10/children 12 & younger, Thursday shows. Info: (219) 874-4035.

Feb. 13 — Duneland Weavers Guild, 10 a.m., Westchester Public Library Annex, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Info: www.dunelandweaversguild.org

Feb. 13 — Jerry Karstens' Athletic Scholarship Board 12th Annual Karstens' Club Challenge Chili Cook Off, noon-3 p.m., Michigan City Fish & Game Club, 3091 E. Michigan Blvd. Tickets: \$5 donation @ door. Info: (219) 873-1506.

Feb. 13 — Free lecture, "History, Art and Culture of the Potawatomi," 1 p.m., Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. Info: www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com

Feb. 13 — Un-Valentine's Day for Teens, 1-4 p.m., Westchester Public Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Feb. 13 — Metamorphis Traveling Theatre, "The Assisi Rest Home Follies," 2 p.m., St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave., Michigan City. Tickets: \$10. Reservations: (219) 879-9415.

Feb. 13 — Mad About Mysteries, 2 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Feb. 13 — Barker Romance Ball, 4 p.m./Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., 7 p.m./Barker Hall @ Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 Franklin Square. Tickets: tinyurl.com/j6hkpvt

Feb. 13 — Emmet Cahill, 8 p.m. EST, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

Feb. 13 — Winter Hike into Beaver Bayou, 2 p.m., campground gate @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Feb. 14 — VALENTINE'S DAY.

Feb. 14 — "I Love the Dunes" Hike, 2 p.m., Nature Center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Feb. 15 — PRESIDENTS DAY.

Feb. 15 — No School Movie Fun: "Minions," 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Feb. 15 — No School Movie Fun: "Ant-Man," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth

St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Feb. 16 — Purdue University-North Central “Books & Coffee” discussion series, noon, Library-Student-Faculty Building, Assembly Hall, Room 170A. Info: (219) 785-5346.

Feb. 17 — Battles of the American Civil War, 6-8 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Through February — “Vintage Valentines,” La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Museum hours: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tue.-Sat. Info: www.laportecountyhistory.org, (219) 324-6767.

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.

Farther Afield:

Feb. 12 — Opening reception, Mary Brodbeck exhibit, 5:30-7:30 p.m. EST, The Gallery at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St Joseph, Mich. Info: susan@susanwilczak.com, (269) 449-3231, www.in-natharborshores.com

Feb. 13 — Michigan bats program/workshop, 2 p.m. EST, Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich. Cost: presentation — \$3/adults, \$1/children; building bat house/additional \$35 per house. Registration: (269) 927-4832.

Feb. 16 — River Valley Garden Club, noon EST, Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, Mich. Info: www.rivervalleygardenclub.org, (269) 426-3513.

Feb. 18-March 20 — “The 39 Steps,” The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster. Times: 2 p.m. Wed. & Thur, 7:30 p.m. Fri. & Sat., 2:30 p.m. Sun., select Thursday and Sunday nights and Saturday matinees. Tickets: \$40-\$44. Tickets: (219) 836-3255, Tickets.com

New Kevin Firme Exhibit



Kevin Firme has a new exhibit that runs through March 8, with an opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at The Ellen Firme Gallery, 92 W. U.S. 12, Beverly Shores. The work here depicts a wetland plant that grows in the dunes called Aroid Arumm. It's part of Firme's study of the movement of the stems and the depth created in the network of these stems and leaves. The exhibit's sculptures are inspired by the drawings.

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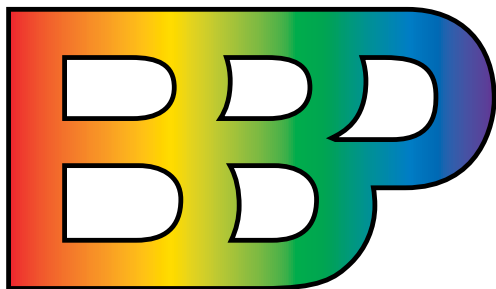
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



On February 11, 1752, America's first hospital, the Pennsylvania Hospital, opened in Philadelphia.

On February 11, 1808, in the Pennsylvania town of Wilkes Barre, hard coal was used for the first time as fuel for heating.

On February 11, 1869, Chicago was host to the Midwest's first women's suffrage convention.

On February 11, 1989, in a Boston ceremony, Barbara Harris became the first woman to be installed as a bishop in the Episcopal Church.

On February 11, 1996, a day after losing to an IBM computer dubbed Deep Blue, world chess champion Garry Kasparov rebounded to defeat the machine and even their six-game series in Philadelphia at one victory apiece.

On February 12, 1849, the Chicago Gas Light and Coke Company (Chicago's first gas company) received its charter from the Illinois legislature.

On February 12, 1870, women in the Utah Territory were given the right to vote.

On February 12, 1914, ground was broken for Washington's Lincoln Memorial.

On February 12, 1924, in New York's Aeolian Hall, Paul Whiteman conducted a program in which the highlight was the first public performance of *Rhapsody in Blue*, with George Gershwin at the piano. The audience included such luminaries as John Philip Sousa, Walter Damrosch, Leopold Godowsky, Jascha Heifetz, Fritz Kreisler, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Leopold Stokowski, Mischa Elman, and Igor Stravinsky.

On February 12, 1938, author Judy Blume was born in Elizabeth, NJ.

On February 12, 1940, the radio play "The Adventures of Superman" made its debut on the Mutual network with Bud Collyer as the Man of Steel.

On February 13, 1633, Italian astronomer Galileo was arrested in Rome and charged with heresy.

On February 13, 1914, *Joseph in the Land of Egypt* opened with a new high for admission to a movie — 50 cents per person. Most of the nation's major newspapers headlined moviegoers complaints about such exorbitantly high prices.

On February 14, 1778, the *U.S.S. Ranger* arrived in France, marking the first time that the Stars and Stripes had been carried to a foreign port.

On February 14, 1849, James Polk became the first president to be photographed while in office.

On February 14, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell

and Elisha Gray both applied for patents relating to the telephone. The United States Supreme Court eventually ruled in favor of Bell.

On February 14, 1895, Oscar Wilde's final play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opened in London.

On February 14, 1920, the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago; its first president was Maude Wood Park.

On February 14, 1929, in what became known as Chicago's "St. Valentine's Day Massacre," seven rivals to the Al Capone gang were gunned down in a garage on North Clark Street.

On February 14, 1931, Bela Lugosi's first "Dracula" movie was released. Dracula's rather unusual drinking problem was the basis for more than 100 vampire films that were to follow.

On February 14, 1962, First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House.

On February 15, 1842, the first United States postage stamps with adhesive on the back were introduced by a private mail service in New York.

pointed to the position of Soviet Foreign Minister.

On February 15, 1958, Michigan City was "clobbered" by the biggest recorded snowfall in history. A slow breeze, picking up moisture over the length of Lake Michigan, dumped its entire load on just a few square miles of land. Three to five feet of snow (depending on who did the measuring), paralyzed the area for several days.

On February 16, 1868, members of "The Jolly Corks," a social and benevolent society, organized themselves into "The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks." The purpose of this new organization — as it is today — was to practice charity, justice, brotherly love, and faithfulness.

On February 16, 1923, in Egypt's "Valley of the Kings," the treasure-laden tomb of Tutankhamen ("King Tut") was opened by archaeologists.

On February 16, 1948, the first daily television news was broadcast on NBC.

On February 17, 1876, Maine's newspapers reported that the first sardine was canned at Eastport. While not specifically mentioned, it is safe to assume that the second and third were canned on the same day.

On February 17, 1897, the PTA was founded in the United States as the "National Congress of Mothers." It later expanded to include fathers, teachers, and other citizens. Today, the official name of the organization is: "The National Congress of Parents and Teachers."

On February 17, 1933, *Newsweek* was first published.

On February 17, 1985, the cost of mailing a first-class letter rose to the unheard price of 22 cents.



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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Bull Mountain by Brian Panowich (hardcover; \$26.95 in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

"When the swords flash, let no idea of love, piety, or even the face of your fathers move you."

Julius Caesar

Nowhere do those words ring truer than in this novel, which I am calling a "consideration" rather than a "recommendation." It is not for everyone. The gut-wrenching decisions made by the characters, their wild, almost medieval lives, make for storytelling written in dust and blood...

One mountain top in northern Georgia called Bull Mountain was owned by the Burroughs clan. Old-fashioned, family-comes-first, die-before-you give-up, hardened mountain men...and the over-burdened, subservient, barefoot and pregnant women who are their wives.

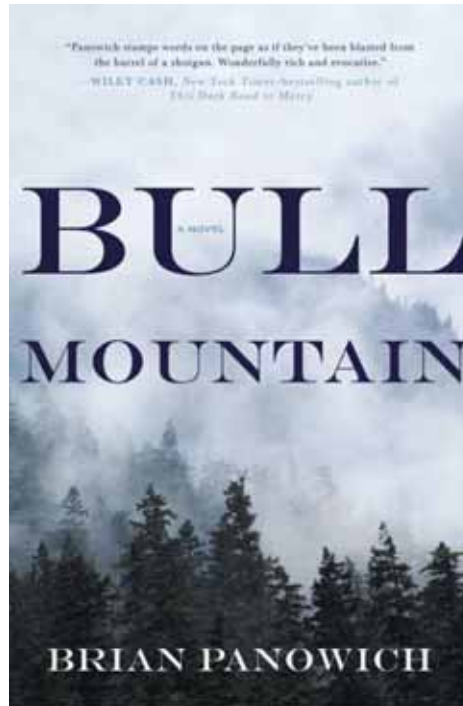
The family would rather die than give up the mountain. Over the years, starting in Prohibition, they made their money running illegal stills and selling their corn whiskey to people and back street businesses down in the valley towns.

By 1949, brothers Rye and Cooper were at odds with what direction Bull Mountain should go. Rye wanted to sell timber rights to a local company so the family could get out of the illegal booze trade, while Cooper wanted no strangers on their land tearing up the beauty of the mountain. What Cooper's boy, Gareth, heard and saw between his father and uncle one day would profoundly shape his life and his personality.

Fast forward to 2015 and Gareth is now head of the Burroughs clan. His daddy — senile, his mind somewhere in the past — has died in a fire. Now married, Gareth is the father of three sons: Halford, Clayton and Buckley.

The boys grew up surrounded by armed men stationed all over the mountain, thinking that was the norm. This small army kept strangers at bay, especially the lawmen who wanted to shut down their operations. And these "extended family" members proved to be very successful at their job.

As Prohibition was repealed and the need for their corn whiskey diminished, they looked elsewhere for money-making ventures. That soon led to growing marijuana, a very profitable business,



and later, turning old stills into meth labs, which proved to be even more profitable.

Clayton Burroughs fools everyone on the mountain by not following the family business, instead running for sheriff. He wins. He's seen enough of the mountain lifestyle and wants something else—something safer. His goal is to get his family out of the illegal businesses and keep them alive. That didn't work out so well as brother Buckley was gunned down by the Georgia FBI in a failed raid. That doesn't stop Clayton from thinking that someday, he could still save the Burroughs from themselves.

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On a not so well thought out hunch, Clayton goes up to see his brother and discuss Simon's plan. Bad idea. Of course, Clayton and Gareth get into a knock-down, drag-out fight, with Clayton taking the worst of it without ever getting to finish Simon's plan.

Clayton realizes there is no going back with his brother now. He's still not sure about Agent Simon, but ignores his inner feelings because he still wants so desperately to help his family.

Never have I read such a multi-generational novel that captures a way of life so well or so emotionally. Chapters go back and forth between present day and 1973, when Gareth disfigured and almost killed a prostitute in a motel room. What's she got to do with anything? Oh, you'll be so surprised. It's a twist I didn't see coming, but all the hatred, jealousy and misplaced trust comes out in the end, and what an ending!

Panowich was a touring musician before moving to East Georgia, where he works full time as a firefighter. This is his first novel. Follow him on Twitter at twitter.com/bpanowich or his website at brianpanowich.com or on facebook at facebook.com/brianpanowich

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