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The Ties That Bind

“60 Minutes” Producer Plans “Hidden Holocaust” Talk

by Connie Kuzydym

The Holocaust. One of history’s darkest chapters as Adolf Hitler set out to annihilate those he deemed undesirable. Of the six million Jewish lives that perished, half were executed before the concentration camps opened. They were killed in mass shootings in forests, ravines and fields, then buried in mass graves.

When Hitler invaded the Soviet Union in June 1941, behind the front-line troops were the *Einsatzgruppen*, mobile death squads whose job was to round up every Jew. It did not matter the age nor the sex. All were to be eliminated.

At the war’s end, a French youth named Patrick Desbois sat listening attentively to conversation at

the kitchen table. He would ask his grandfather, Claudius Desbois, a prisoner of war, what happened to him while he was held captive in the Ukrainian town of *Rava-Ruska*. Like so many, his grandfather would not speak of what happened, but with a child’s curiosity, Patrick continued to ask. One day, his grandfather finally said to him, “Patrick, it was worse outside the camps.”

Patrick eventually became a Catholic priest, but his grandfather’s comment stayed with him. He began earnestly studying the Holocaust. Part of his work, as a priest, led him to make numerous trips to *Rava-Ruska*, where he approached people with considerable sensitivity before asking what happened. Through records, he knew thousands of Jews were killed there, but the locals were unwilling to speak about what happened.



Alan Goldberg attends the Emmys when “Hidden Holocaust” was nominated for Best Feature Story in a News Magazine.



Father Patrick Desbois.

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Halfway around the world, Alan Goldberg, a producer at “60 Minutes” and a Michigan City native, sat in his office reading *The New York Times*. The back pages of the international section featured a story about a conference in Poland where Holocaust historians and scholars were looking at the mass killings that occurred outside the death camps in Eastern Europe (the former Soviet Union).

“About halfway through it mentioned that there was a French Catholic priest named Father Patrick Desbois who was actively doing field investigations into these mass shootings,” Goldberg said. “It sort of hinted that he had some sort of personal reason for doing this. It was brief. I immediately thought, wow, that’s interesting. He’s not as far as I could tell a historian

or a scholar or even a detective. He’s a priest and he’s Catholic, so why would he be doing this?”

Even though he thought there was a story, Goldberg set it aside, thinking he would delve more deeply into it one day. Several months passed before Goldberg began actively investigating the “why.” From his research, he could tell Desbois’ story was being covered in print media in the United States and Canada, but had not reached a larger audience through TV. The more he learned about Father Desbois’ work, the more Goldberg realized the need for such a piece. He pitched the idea to his executive producer, who gave him the go-ahead. He had two powerful reasons for wanting to tell this story.

“One, you have to be an idiot or Holocaust denier not to know this is a very important story. Many people don’t know about the other half of the Holocaust. I thought, here’s an opportunity to tell that story through the investigations of this Catholic priest... it automatically sounds like a great story

and it is, that was immediate.

“On the personal side, my mother was a Holocaust survivor.”

Goldberg’s mother was born in Vienna. She was but a child when the Nazis invaded Austria. Although never in the camps, she lived in military occupation. Eventually, her entire family fled — her father to the Shanghai ghetto, her mother and brothers to Mexico, her sister and her to England through Kindertransport, a rescue effort that took

Jewish children out of occupied areas.

“It was a miracle my mother and her immediate family survived and were eventually reunited,” Goldberg said. “The Holocaust was always a part of our family narrative.”

To bring Desbois’ story to TV, Goldberg and his team went to Moldova with Father Desbois, who interviewed the villagers to piece together what had happened.

From there, Goldberg traveled to Father Desbois’ headquarters in Paris and to Los Angeles to continue shooting the story. Goldberg and his team began working on the “Hidden Holocaust” piece in February 2015. It aired the following October. What Father Desbois uncovered are harrowing eyewitness accounts of truths buried for decades.

On one particular trip to *Rava-Ruska*, the village’s mayor asked Father Desbois to come with him. Driving to the edge of town, where the forest began, were 50 village elders. Each told Father Desbois what they saw all those years ago. They vividly described how the Jews of *Rava-Ruska* were rounded up, told to take their valuables and tricked into believing they were being taken somewhere safe. The Jewish villagers went, sadly to meet their fate. The accounts of what the village elders witnessed were horrifying. As he listened, it became too much for Father Desbois to hear, saying numerous times, “Enough, enough.”



Father Desbois tells his story on “60 Minutes.”

"Walking back to the car, the mayor said, 'What I do for you today, I can do in hundreds of villages,'" Goldberg said. "The light bulb went off in Father Desbois' mind. He realized the Jews had been shot and they were buried, but no one could find them. It wasn't a secret because people had witnessed it. They were children at the time, but they grew into adults. They remembered everything, but no one had asked them. That was the spark."

Returning to Paris, Father Desbois shared the stories of the atrocities he had been told with his Cardinal. With support from him and the Vatican, his work continued.

Father Desbois began a 15-year investigation of trekking to numerous villages, getting a better understanding of what happened.



Father Desbois stands with a display that documents the mass shootings.

"What he discovered was while the death camps were done in secret behind barbed wired...clothed in secrecy," Goldberg said, "this part of the Holocaust was not. It was extremely public because there were too many people involved not to know. In fact, many in the villages had actually gone to the killing sites to watch it unfold, and so he realized there were witnesses."

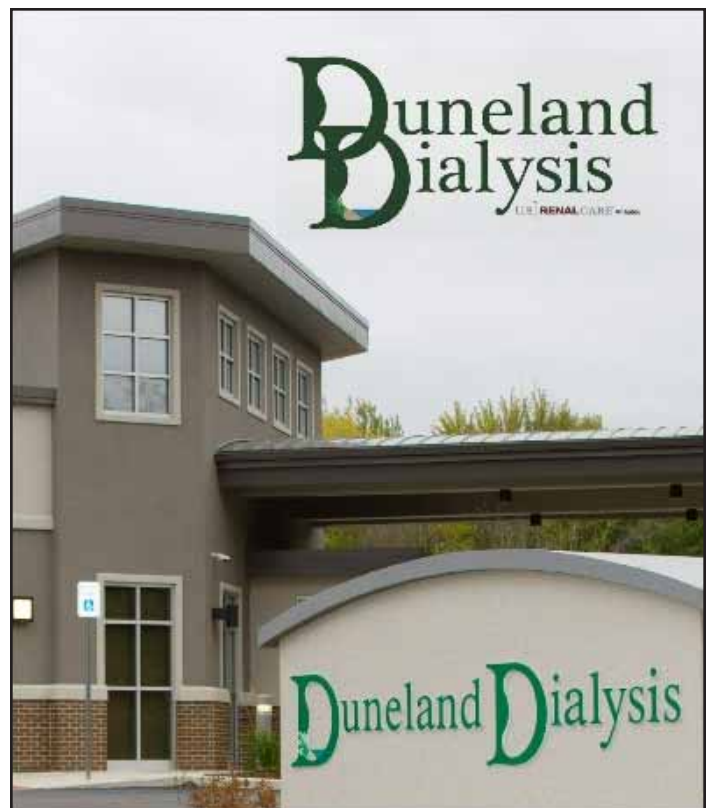
Desbois subsequently formed the group *Yahud-In Unum*, which means "together as one." Based in Paris, the small, mostly non-Jewish group starts its investigations by combing through millions of pages of German and Soviet documents.

"The Soviet part is really interesting...up until 1989, there was no access to records, witnesses or locations in the East," Goldberg said. "Here was this whole other narrative. He made it his mission to tell that story."

With the fall of the Soviet Union, access to their records revealed that immediately after the war ended, the investigators were sent throughout their territories to take an account of what happened.

"They would go into a village," Goldberg said, "They would say what happened, how many cows

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were killed, how many homes were destroyed, how many people were killed and who was killed. Those records were taken, millions of pages of investigations, part of it was to prepare for war crimes so they could hold the Germans and anybody that was aligned with Germany accountable.”

The authenticity of these documents was questioned, as there was a distrust of anything Soviet regarding the Holocaust. Many thought it was propaganda or exaggerated.

“Here’s this priest by trade who turns himself into an investigator,” Goldberg said, “who creates this organization, looks through German documents, then compares German documents with what happened in a particular town or village, and then compares them to what the Soviet documents say...The documents point them to where these killing took place.”

Methodically and without showing emotion, Father Desbois went into the villages and asked those who were there during the war first a bit about themselves, then calmly and carefully about what had happened to the Jews. Keep in mind, there is still much anti-Semitism in those parts, so it is crucial to formulate the right tone when asking.

“People who are now in their 80s-90s, their memories are quite vivid and would give them specific details...they compare to documents,” Goldberg said. “When everything lines up, you have a fuller accounting of what really happened. You have eyewitness accounts.”

On *Yahud-In Unum*’s website, Father Desbois and his team have documented information and an

interactive map of the 1,700 killing sites his organization found that were never known prior to his investigations.



One of the informational signs placed near Belarus.

“Not to say he’s the only one who has uncovered all of this,” Goldberg said. “He’s probably the only one who has done these extensive field investigations to add to what we know from the documentation that was done after the war.”

Not only has Father Desbois uncovered and documented the mass burial sites, but he also helps families from around the world who want to know where their loved ones are buried.

What was it about this story that Goldberg felt made it a “60 Minutes” piece?

“One, you’re always looking for a story that has something new to say and some kind of a surprise so it really kind of catches you off guard,” Goldberg said. “It’s one of those things that the next day you want people to say, did you see that story on ‘60



Alan Goldberg (seated next to Michelle Obama), who produced Barbara Walters’ interview with the Obamas.

Minutes?" I didn't know that. Whether it's interviewing some newsmaker, celebrity or an investigative piece, we are always looking for a story that hasn't been told and needs to be told or has been told, but hasn't been told with this voice. Which is a new voice who brings a new perspective.

"Here's a priest...why would a priest be doing this? Why isn't he preaching and having a congregation? It's great that he's working to bridge a gap between Jews and Catholics. But why would he be investigating the Holocaust?"

"It has multiple layers," Goldberg continued. "You have his personal story. You have the narrative that basically says you think you know the Holocaust, but you don't. And then you have the detail involved, which is these eyewitnesses that saw the carnage and are still alive and are literally helping us to find these killing fields.

"And, let us not forget ultimately why are we doing this, we are doing this because in Michigan City, we have that big cemetery with the nice gates



Alan Goldberg at the White House.

around it, we have the stones and names...these are solemn places that we can remember and we honor the dead. Well, these people didn't have that. They weren't afforded that kind of dignity...It is returning that dignity to them, giving them that moment to be remembered, that their lives meant something and should continue to mean something."

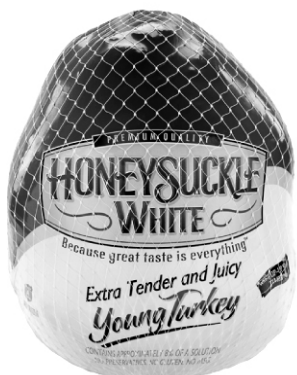
Like the stories he covers, Goldberg's own life has unfolded in ways he never expected.

Growing up Jewish in Michigan City, he belonged to Sinai Temple. Upon graduating from Elston High School, he went to Indiana University, where he received bachelor's degrees in international relations and political science. He applied and was accepted to law school. Three

days prior to leaving for law school, he listened to that voice that kept asking him, "Why do you want to do this?", and decided not to go. His parents were supportive, and while he was at home trying to fig-

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ure out his next step, his sister, Leslie, who was working in New York's fashion district, suggested he come live with her while he figured out what he wanted to do. He left for New York in June 1978 and never came back.

"I had no idea that my destiny would bring me here," he said. "I figured if I ended up in a big city, it would be Chicago..."

He held odd jobs to make money and acted a bit to fill his time while he tried to figure out if he should go to law or business school. Then one day, working as a waiter, a customer helped him.

"This is my story," Goldberg said. "This doctor... was in her mid-60s...she came in quite a bit and I would wait on her. She knew I was trying to figure out my life. She said, 'I have been thinking about you. I want you to think about this. I'm going to give you one word and you think about it. She said, 'journalism.' It never occurred to me. I never thought about a career in journalism. I went to IU. It has one of the best journalism schools in the nation. I never took a course...The more I thought about it, there's a creative side of me, and there's a serious side. Maybe this would combine those two interests."



Alan's parents, Milton and Anita Goldberg.

Applying to graduate schools, he was accepted into New York University. For his master's thesis, he produced a documentary about Soviet dissidents who made the front page of *The New York Times* for being kicked out of the Soviet Union for their activities. It was a half-hour documentary picked up by PBS. Being a young graduate student, it became a calling card for him, which led him to a job, upon graduation, at CBS News. He was hired as a broadcast researcher and in the next 10 years promoted to associate producer, then producer.

Although his interest was documentaries, due to the financial success of "60 Minutes," the networks were looking to expand, or create, news magazines.

Since then, he has worked at all three major networks, going from CBS, to NBC, where he helped create its first successful newsmagazine, "Dateline," to ABC, where for about 17 years he was Barbara Walters' principal producer.

"Four years ago, when Barbara was really starting to slow down, I started thinking about what do I want to do next," Goldberg said. "I had an opportunity to go to CBS and '60 Minutes.' It took me full circle. It took me back home, where I started my career. I thought, if I have an opportunity for a second act where I can finish my career, why wouldn't I want to do it at '60 Minutes.' That's pinnacle. I pinch myself every day. I feel incredibly lucky and privileged to work on a show like that that lets me tell stories like Father Desbois."



Recording Lara Logan's studio introduction for "Hidden Holocaust."

Within their two stories is another. One of two men, a Catholic priest, the other a Jewish producer whose paths crossed, and together told a story to many about such injustices to mankind. A horrific historical event, which touched their lives as children, years later has intertwined them forever.

If You Go

Alan Goldberg will present the free program "Hidden Holocaust" at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Sinai Temple, 2800 Franklin St. Michigan City Public Library will provide study materials in advance. After the program, the public can meet Goldberg, who will answer questions and partake in refreshments.

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Amy Adams stars as a linguist trying to communicate with aliens in "Arrival."

Complex "Arrival" All But Warrants Second Viewing

by Andrew Tallackson

Like "The Day the Earth Stood Still" and "District 9," "Arrival" is science-fiction at its purest. Nothing goes boom, no unfortunate populace zapped by alien death rays.

Instead, the story's extraterrestrials serve as the catalyst to explore something deeper within humanity, more primal — the delicate matter of choice. If we as individuals of flesh and blood are privy to information that foretells of a painful destiny, do we still proceed along the same path?

This is heavy material, sci-fi brain candy, if you will. Three friends accompanied me to see "Arrival," and it took the four of us afterward to piece its crafty jigsaw puzzle together; otherwise, we might have been lost. This is the kind of movie that warrants seeing it more than once. The first time, it stimulates the mind. What has me curious is, does the second viewing pierce the heart as profoundly as it does the intellect?

Writing a review like this is tricky. In a movie about communication between humans and otherworldly visitors, words are of utmost importance, every single one carefully chosen to gradually chip away at a piece of the mystery.

This is the third film in a row from director Denis Villeneuve that flies in the face of convention. With last year's "Sicario," what began as a standard crime thriller emerged as a scathing attack on the U.S. stand on the Mexican drug cartel. Before that was 2013's "Prisoners," a harrowing kidnapping tale shrouded in disturbing moral ambiguity.

With "Arrival," based on Ted Chiang's short story, "Story of Your Life," Villeneuve introduces alien spaceships that arrive one day with no warning.

Slender, obsidian-like monoliths, they hover quietly. No warning shots fired, no attacks. They wait, in silence.

That prompts the U.S. military to assemble a team that includes linguist Louise Banks, who might be able to establish communication. Louise is played by Amy Adams ("Doubt," "Enchanted"), an underrated actress if there ever was one. She gives a quietly commanding performance as a fragile woman emotionally guarded from others, painful truths brewing beneath the surface. There is something maternal about her, which makes her ably suited to begin the slow, arduous process of creating a dialogue between human and alien. She's joined by Jeremy Renner ("The Avengers") in a carefully controlled performance as mathematician Ian Donnelly, the two making the most significant progress.

"Arrival" isn't about effects, although there are several stunning images, but about human strengths and frailties, about the patience involved in communicating not just what we want to know, but how we feel, and how those feelings sculpt who we are.

Many passages in the film are exceptionally still, a hushed sense of awe materializing that is rare for science-fiction pictures these days. That leisurely approach may turn off some, but when the big reveal arrives at the end, "Arrival" conjures a whole host of questions and emotions. It requires a second viewing to appreciate its overall ambitions.

All I'll say is, once the movie ended, I went home and hugged my son. A little tighter than usual.

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Social Media Star/Frisbee Trick Artist Films at Dunes

Social media star and Frisbee trick shot artist Brodie Smith came to Indiana Dunes State Park on Nov. 8 to film a segment for his new action sports show.

While at the dunes, Smith received a landkiting lesson from Casey VanSanten, an instructor for Stoke Riders, a Porter Beach-based business that offers lessons in kiteboarding, landkiting and other related sports.

Smith then landkited down the beach a few times, yelling with excitement during the adventure. Landkiting involves holding on to a large kite or sail, then using wind



Brodie Smith poses with three Chesterton High School students who stopped by the video shoot to meet him. They are (from left) Eric Amling, a junior; Smith; Derek O'Dell, a senior; and Trevor Webb, a senior.

power to carry a person forward. Smith then watched as VanSanten kiteboarded, using a kite to fly over and skip across Lake Michigan.

Smith finished his dunes adventure by attempting to throw a Frisbee into the wind and have it fly back over his head to a man waiting about 20 yards behind him. People will have to watch his show, which will be available digitally, to see if the trick succeeded.

Indiana Dunes Tourism worked with Indiana Dunes State Park and Stoke Riders to host Smith's dunes visit.

"Brodie's videos attract hundreds of thousands of views, and in some cases millions of views, so having

him show the dunes in his social media and his action sports show will put the dunes on the radar of even more outdoor enthusiasts," Ken Kosky, promotions director at Indiana Dunes Tourism, said.

"While he was filming, some of his fans heard about it from social media and showed up to watch and have their picture taken with him."

Smith's producers haven't released information about when and on which digital platform the segment about the dunes will be available for viewing.

Visit www.youtube.com/user/brodiesmith21 to watch Smith's videos, or check him out on Twitter to see the landkiting video.



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The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St.

Labovitz was the former superintendent of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area in St. Paul, Minn. He is an outdoors enthusiast, turning his personal property into natural areas that support wildlife.

The Dec. 15 meeting will feature a representative of the proposed Calumet National Heritage Area explaining what the designation would mean for the region.

Green Drinks meetings are sponsored by Save the Dunes and supported by 219 GreenConnect. The suggested donation is \$5, and \$2 for students. Call (219) 874-4076 for more details.



Calumet Outdoors Series

The Calumet Outdoors Series, hikes organized by the Calumet Stewardship Initiative, continues at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, the focus being Chicago's Jackson Park.

Led by Laura Umek of Chicago Park District, meet at Clarence Darrow Memorial Bridge behind the Museum of Science and Industry. Reservations are requested. Contact Series Coordinator Eric Neagu at (773) 403-5237 or ericneagu@gmail.com

The Calumet Stewardship Initiative is a coalition of more than 40 organizations that promotes a sustainable relationship between people and nature in the Calumet region of Northwest Indiana and Northeast Illinois. Visit <http://calumetstewardship.org/events> for additional information.

"Holiday Spirit" Marketplace

The Dunes Woman's Club will hold its 59th annual "Holiday Spirit" Marketplace on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19-20, at the Community House on Service Avenue in Beverly Shores (behind the town administration building).

The times are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. The marketplace features: the Mistletoe Market — holiday gifts and decorations; Holiday Bakery and Deli — baked goods, homemade soups and quick/ready meals; Holiday Greens Sale — fresh wreaths, garlands, centerpieces and swags; Coffee Cafe — hot coffee and homemade treats.

A raffle is planned with four prizes.

Karaoke Contest

A karaoke contest is at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

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A cash bar is planned. All proceeds benefit Lubeznik's children's art programs.

Holiday Artisan Market

The seventh annual Holiday Artisan Market runs Nov. 19 through Dec. 28 at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

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To celebrate, Haken will present the free concert "Viola Pomposa" at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St.

Haken is an educator and performer known for his work with extended-range violas, appearing in concerts on four continents with his Rivinus five-string viola and Jensen six-string electric viola.

In September 2012, violinist Rachel Barton Pine unveiled his solo violin work "Faust" at Chicago's Beethoven Festival. Pine commissioned the work from him to bring heavy metal influence into solo acoustic violin music. In April 2011, Haken's "Violin Concerto" for Stefan Milenkovich debuted at the NOMUS Festival (Novi Sad, Serbia) and at Kolarac Hall in Belgrade. A Centaur CD of concertos composed by him was named a 2007 "Critics' Choice" by American Record Guide. In 2004, WTTW-Chicago produced a video featuring Haken performing his transcriptions of Van Halen and Metallica on the Jensen viola.

Haken has been a featured performer of contemporary music at conventions of the Society of Composers Inc., Society for Electro-Acoustic Music in the United States and American Composer's Alliance in New York City, as well as in recitals across the globe.

Haken started his career as a child prodigy. At 10, he conducted his first orchestral works at the Kranert Center for the Performing Arts (University of Illinois). These days, he is on the music faculty of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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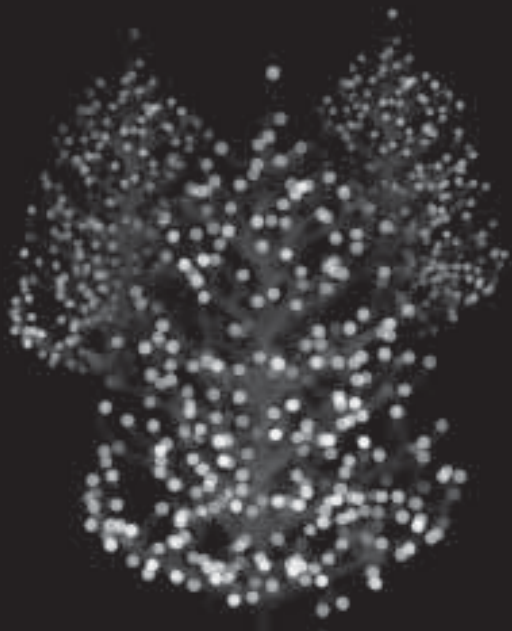
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Judith Joseph (from left), Doug Moon and Dana Chartier are among the cast of "Christmas With Guys and Dolls."

The show includes short scenes and many of the musical's popular songs, along with a big holiday finish. The schedule is:

- Nov. 18 — Rittenhouse Senior Living, 4300 Cleveland Ave., Michigan City, 2 p.m.
- Nov. 30 — River Valley Senior Center, 13321 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich., 11:30 a.m. CST
- Dec. 7 — Rittenhouse Village at Valparaiso, 1300 Vale Park Road, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 9. — Simeon Square, 1207 S. Woodland Court, Michigan City, 3 p.m.

Krasl Art Center

An opening reception for "Tuck Langland: From the Artist's Studio" is from 6 to 8 p.m. EST Friday, Nov. 18, at Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich.

Langland is a prolific figurative sculptor with pieces in private collections, museums and public plazas across the nation and throughout Europe. He has taught in universities and published books on sculptural techniques, including "From Clay to Bronze: A Studio Guide to Figurative Sculpture" (1999). He also is a founding member of Fire Arts Inc. in South Bend.

Also on display is Juan Obando's "Museum Mixtape." A top pick from ArtPrize 8, the video-album showcases up-and-coming rappers performing free-style rhymes as live critiques of U.S. museums.

The opening reception corresponds with the annual Luminary Festival in St. Joseph. An artist talk with Langland is at 6 p.m. EST in the KAC library.

At 9 a.m. EST Monday, Nov. 21, is Coffee with the Curator, in which Tami Miller discusses figurative sculpture, bronze casting and Langland's life.

Call (269) 983-0271 or visit www.krasl.org for more details.

Chesterton Art Center

George Kassal will offer a three-session Beginning Digital Photography class, with a focus on portraits and people, starting from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The class is designed for people new to digital and who primarily use "point and shoot" cameras.

Kassal, Long Beach, will cover basic operation of the cameras and use of features like scene modes, exposure compensation, white balance and use of flash. A special focus will be on how to get the best images of people in various scenarios.

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• **Hoosier Bicentennial Program: “Miss Colfax’s Light” at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17.**

Aimee Bissonette’s children’s picture book will be read, followed by making a lighthouse, complete with a real light.

• **Bookmarks: “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children” at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18.**

Dennis Norman will review Ransom Riggs’ novel, the first in his “Miss Peregrine” series.

• **Films on DVD Series: “A Hologram for the King” at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20.**

The movie, co-sponsored with Purdue University Northwest’s Odyssey Series, stars Tom Hanks and is adapted from Dave Eggers’ novel.



• **Night Time Story Time at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22.**

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She has a Bachelor of Science in biology and a Bachelor of Science in secondary education, with an emphasis in biology, from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She also has a Master of Science in natural resources and environmental sciences from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Under Johnson’s leadership, Save the Dunes will continue work to protect and restore the dunes ecosystem, and foster partnerships with various agencies, communities and organizations.

The public can meet her, and hear about the organization’s work, during the annual membership meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Save the Dunes headquarters, 444 Barker Road. Visit www.savedunes.org for details.

Thanksgiving Turkey Walk

Thanksgiving Day marks the return of an annual tradition, the free Turkey Walk celebration, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 24, at Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12.

Also celebrating Native American Heritage Month, the event allows families to embark on a turkey count scavenger hunt throughout the gardens and nature trails, searching for hidden paper turkeys to win a prize.



The Native American Heritage Garden features an example of cooking pumpkin stew over an open flame. Photo by Ronald Taylor

In the Native American Heritage Garden, get a firsthand look at indigenous cooking techniques as the garden educator demonstrates cooking traditional pumpkin stew over an open flame. Children also can experience Phase One of the ArcelorMittal Children's Garden, a newly installed arena for interactive play.

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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

• **Bits & Bytes series, Holiday Buyer's Guide, from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Registration is required by visiting or calling the IT Department at (219) 926-7696, or registering at www.wpl.lib.in.us. Click on the Bits & Bytes link.

• **Bookmarks at the Museum at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Dennis Norman will review Ransom Riggs' "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children."

• **Family Coloring Friday Nights from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

Materials are provided, but patrons can take their own. No registration is necessary.

• **Local Author Visit with Jeff Manes from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Manes will share his collection of stories from northern Indiana people he has interviewed over the past 10 years for his newspaper column, "All Worth Their Salt."

• **Battles of the American Civil War from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 19, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

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

• **Duplo Club from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Thomas Library's Children's Department.**

Geared towards preschoolers ages 2-5, registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **"Stores of Yesteryear" Exhibit Opening from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

The exhibit, which runs through February 2017, features promotional items from area stores, items purchased from those stores and advertisements from *The Chesterton Tribune*.

• **Building Renaming Ceremony from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20.**

Former Westchester Public Library Director Philip Baugher is being honored for his 37 years of service with the renaming of the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., as Baugher Center. Refreshments and cake will be served.

• **Everybody Has a Story Writing Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Nov. 21, at Thomas Library.**

Professional writer Mo Vear will present lessons, inspirations and tips on preserving memories through writing. Registration is required in person or by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **Maker Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, in the Thomas Library upstairs**



Violet and Jim DeKoker appear in their snack shop formerly located at Morgan Avenue and Chesterton Boulevard across from the old high school. Constructed in 1926 by local businessman L.P. Matson, the popular after-school hangout also was known as the Nibble Nook and Sugar Bowl. The photo is part of the "Stores of Yesteryear" exhibit.

IT classroom.

Local software engineer Adam Johnson will lead a hands-on program, appropriate for patrons 12 and older, about Arduino circuit devices.

• **Pokemon League from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays 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 in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Aimed at children in third grade and older, attendees learn beginning crochet from Sadie Steciuch. Children should take a size G crochet hook and skein of medium weight yarn. Class size is limited, and registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

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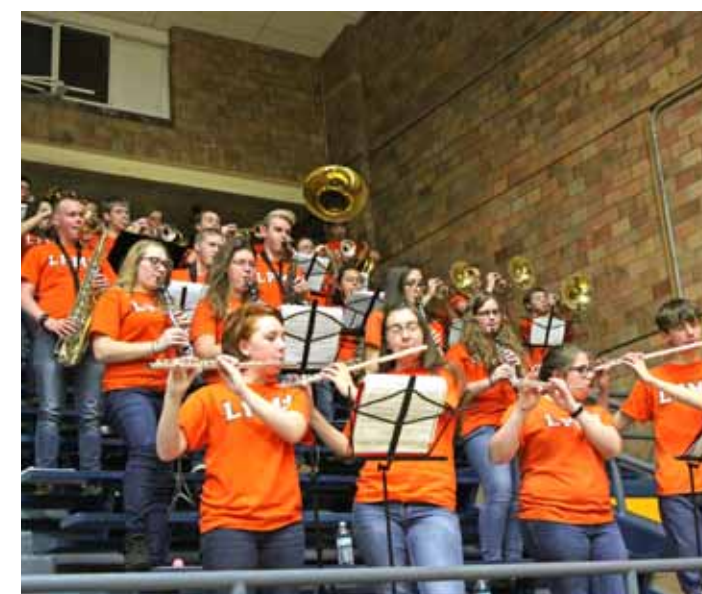
The Michigan City team, coached by Rick Commers, included Jason Ashley, Larry Ashley, Mark Darrell, Shannon Flavin, Antonio Hurt, Michael Mack, Malachi Mitchell, Victor Walker, Stephen Ward, Theo Williams and Tommy

Wilson.

The La Porte team, coached by Joe Otis, included Kyle Antos, Todd Dermody, Tom Dermody, Matt Dunfee, Josh Fleming, Jeremy McCelos, Nate Mrozinski, Nick Otis, Bill Spence, Ian Stewart and Jerome Vann.

The two teams duked it out on the Elston branch court. La Porte won, 67-62.

All photos by Paul Kemiell



Your Guide to the Ongoing Pokemon Go Phenomenon

by Kayla Weiss

Not even six months after it debuted, Pokemon Go remains all the craze.

You can't take more than a few steps without running into someone playing it...and it's not just teens. Adults are swept up by it as well. Even as I stand at my register at Book Warehouse, customers walk around the store playing Pokemon Go. In all fairness to them, we have a lot of Drowzees that pop up.

Based on the Pokemon TV show that first debuted in the U.S. in 1998, the franchise was created three years earlier by Satoshi Tajiri. It centers on fictional creatures called Pokemon

and the Pokemon Trainers that try to catch them to battle for sport. Starting off as a pair of video games for the original Game Boy, it has grown into a huge dynasty that includes video games, trading cards, animated TV shows and movies, comic books and toys. It also is the second most successful and lucrative video game-based media franchise in the world, behind only Nintendo's Mario.

Whether it's playing video games or online shopping, we have become a generation that stays inside more than going out into the world. Pokemon Go, however, is a free-play, locations-based reality game developed and published by Niantic Inc. The first-round release happened in select countries, including the U.S., in early July. It relies on GPS from your mobile device to locate, capture, battle and train the virtual Pokemon who pop up on your screen as if they were in the same real world location as you.

True, there were technical hiccups when the game debuted. However, I must commend its creators because it forces you to get up and go. The only way to level up your character in the game is to go out, capture Pokemon and battle them at training gyms all over your city. The means to collect items needed to capture your Pokemon and heal ones you've



Kayla Weiss holds her cell phone to reveal the Pokemon Go image that pops up when she plays the game. Photo by Andrew Tallackson

sent to battle is to head to a PokeStop, also located all over your city. Found an egg you need to hatch? Better get up and start walking. That's the only way to hatch the eggs and get some rare or powerful Pokemon. I have hatched a Shellder, Voltorb, Sandshrew — I've never even come across one of these in good-old Michigan City — and a Tentacool.

Each Pokemon I've hatched either is one I wouldn't find in the area, or is rarely found in the area. Each required me to walk 5 kilometers for it to hatch... that's at least 20 kilometers of walking for just those four

Pokemon, not to mention all the walking to capture the other 70 I have in my inventory, and the couple hundred I found and traded.

The game recently made an important update to help out players. Now, you can select a "buddy" to walk with you who will be one of the Pokemon you have captured along your journeys. I picked Magikarp as mine.

The point of the update is that whenever you walk, you earn candies for your buddy that will help you level up or evolve it. I chose Magikarp because every time I walk a kilometer with the app open, I'm awarded a candy, and it takes 400 candies to evolve Magikarp into something even remotely useful. You are allowed to change up which Pokemon is your buddy, based off your needs within the game. Right now, I'm planning on picking Pokemon that either take a lot of candies to level up, like the Magikarp, or ones I have hatched and would never normally find in Michigan City, like Sandshrew — a sand/desert type Pokemon — or Scyther and Exeggcute, who are typically difficult to find.

Once someone has created an account, I link mine through my Google Play store account to make it easier on myself. You create an avatar to serve as



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your character on the virtual map on your phone. This will show you where you are in relation to Pokemon, PokeStops and gyms. As you move through your real-world surroundings, the avatar moves within your map, showing you when you are within reach of a certain Pokemon or PokeStop.

Once you start playing, it's pretty easy to catch on to things, and pick up a few tips on the way. Just last night, I taught someone how to throw a curveball with a Pokeball to gain experience points when catching a Pokemon. In exchange, he told me that if you try to battle at the same gym as a friend nearly at the same time, you can gain experience points that way and level up a lot faster as well.

Always be willing to help a fellow Pokemon Goer out, but always be aware of your surroundings. That is why the following tips or tricks come in handy:

- At the beginning, when choosing your first Pokemon (either Charmander, Squirtle or Bulbasaur), you actually have a fourth option. Keep running away from those three, and Pikachu will appear.
- Catching a Pokemon with a curveball gains more experience points. Good luck!
- Try to level up your Pokemon as much as possible before evolving them.
- When a PokeStop has strange, pink, heart-shaped confetti around it, someone put a lure on it. There will be more people wandering around that spot, but there will be more Pokemon there, too, some rare, some high level.
- Want to pick Eevee's evolved form? Click on the Eevee you want to evolve, edit the name from "Eevee" to one of these three: 1) Rainer, which will guarantee you a Vaporeon; 2) Pyro, which will guarantee you a Flareon; and 3) Sparky, which will guarantee you a Jolteon.
- Catch any Magikarp you can find. You need 400



Pokemon Go images that appear at the bookstore where Kayla works.

candies to evolve him into something useful. In his original form, he's pretty useless.

- JigglyPuff is just as devilish as it was in the show. It taunts, it teases and sometimes, it runs away.
- Use lucky eggs and incense together. You'll get more Pokemon coming to your spot, including rare and high-level ones, and you'll gain twice as much experience points when you catch them.
- Going Pokemon hunting with friends? Get them to battle at the same gym at the same time to gain extra experience points and beat the gym faster so you can take it over.

Speaking of friends, I spoke with two of mine, Russell Thomas and Lander Cofield, who offered some interesting perspective on the game.

"I've been a fan of the Pokemon games since they were released in the '90s and had been keeping tabs on Pokemon Go since they first announced that it was in the works, so of course, I was going to play it," Thomas said.

"I like the camaraderie behind it, and the attempt to get people out and about to explore different areas and meet people with similar interests, so I definitely plan to stick with it to see how it develops."

The same holds true for Cofield.

"I had decided to start playing it, because I kept hearing so many people talk about it and figured I should give it a go, and I've grown pretty fond of the game," he said. "Normally, I don't find myself talking to people I don't know, but I have found myself visiting the local campus on my days off, talking to people about the game, learning to tips and tricks."

"What's really different about this game is that it requires you to get up and get out," Lander continued. "It's a fun way to get out and be social, sharing common interests and making friends, and that's what I think is pretty cool about it."



An example of characters that appear on Kayla's cell phone while out and about in the area.



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The group preserves folk songs in the traditional way, using guitar, autoharp, dulcimer, banjo, harmonica, bagpipe, penny whistle, hurdy gurdy and other obscure instruments.

• **Stewardship Day — Clearing the Way from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 19, at Dunes Learning Center.**

The focus is transforming the old tennis courts into space for the center's new raised garden beds. Activities will include cutting brush, removing soil, fixing gates and clearing trails.

Meet at the gravel parking lot across the street from Camp Good Fellow Lodge. Dunes Learning Center is located at 700 Howe Road in Porter, between U.S. 12 and 20.

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is on Lake Street in Gary. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

Saturday, Nov. 19 (Dunes Tellabration)

• **10 a.m. — Storytelling Workshop.**

Join Northwest Indiana Storytelling Guild members to learn the art of storytelling. The program is free, but registration is required by calling the Nature Center.

• **1:30 to 3:30 p.m. — Tellabration Time.**

Join guild members for storytelling at the Nature Center. Open mic is from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 20

• **10 a.m. — High Dunes after Leaf Drop.**

Enjoy panoramic views from atop high dunes during the 60-minute hike that meets at the Nature Center.

• **2 p.m. — Dear Oh Deer.**

Visit the Nature Center Auditorium to explore one of the dunes' largest mammals.

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.

ASL Coffeehouse

Purdue University Northwest's American Sign Language Club will host an ASL Coffeehouse from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at Uptown Café, 1400 Lincolnway, Valparaiso.

Activities begin at about 6 p.m., but attendees can arrive early for socializing.

Contact Karen Donah, PNW continuing lecturer and American Sign Language coordinator, at (219) 785-5432 or kdonah@pnw.edu for details.

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Trivia Night

St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Cool-spring Ave., will host Trivia Night hosted by Mark Kline on Friday, Nov. 18.

Doors open at 6 p.m., and the trivia starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person, with a maximum of 12 teams. Food and beverages will be sold, and a 50/50 raffle is planned. Call (219) 879-9415 to reserve a space or for more details.

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More than 130 volunteers from Franciscan St. Anthony Health and Woodland Healthcare Surgi-center packaged 41,036 meals Nov. 5 to donate to local food pantries.

Pack Away Hunger is an Indianapolis-based non-profit. Local volunteers made the effort a family affair, bringing children, spouses and other relatives to Marquette High School's Scholl Center. They created 10 assembly lines, carefully filling, sealing and packing the meals in boxes.

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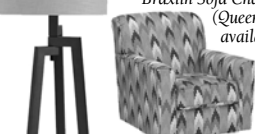
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Divisions compete only against those in the same age group. The 10 divisions are: kindergarten and younger; Grade 1; Grade 2; Grade 3; Grade 4; Grade 5; Grade 6; Grade 7; Grade 8; and Grades 9-12.

(Pre-school chess players may enter in the K division. Other divisions, such as seventh and eighth, may combine if there are fewer players.)

Trophies are awarded to the top five places in each division.

The cost is \$8 per participant. The early deadline has passed. However, late entries may be accepted if time and space permit. That fee is \$15. There is no on-site registration.

Doors open at 8:45 a.m., with an all-players meeting at 9 a.m. Rounds are from 9:10 a.m. to 1:10 p.m., with the awards ceremony at 1:15 p.m.

Visit www.rschool.net for details.

Salute to Business Luncheon

The Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce will host the Salute to Business Luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 17, at La Porte's Silver Palace, 1719 State St., La Porte.

The event begins with registration at 11 a.m., followed by lunch and the presentation at 11:30 a.m.

The luncheon recognizes organizations that have made a significant contribution to the community based on longevity, growth in employment, physical expansion and economic impact.

The chamber also will select and honor the 13th annual Corporate Citizen Award recipient

The cost is \$30 for chamber members. Registration is encouraged by contacting the chamber at (219) 362-3178.

Youth Group Fundraiser

The youth group at First Presbyterian Church in Benton Harbor, Mich., will host a fundraising dinner after the church's 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Funds raised will assist the church's campaign to enlarge and enhance its building as the congregation prepares to mark 125 years on Morton Hill in 2017. The suggested donation is \$8, either at the door or in advance. That includes a choice of four homemade soups, including vegetarian and vegan options. Desserts are \$1 extra.

Julie Brien, First Presbyterian's youth director, is in charge of ticket sales. Call her at (248) 931-2402 or email godspecialkid@gmail.com.

Holidaze Craft Fair

The Holidaze Sell-A-Bration Arts and Crafts Show is Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19-20, at Porter County Expo Center, 215 Division Road, Valparaiso.

More than 200 vendors will attend the show, which runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2, while children 12 and younger are free. Vendors will sell items such as ceramics, candles, florals, art and wreaths. Food includes pumpkin rolls, cakes, dips and summer sausage. Hundreds of door prizes are planned, with vendors having the chance to win free booth space in 2017.



Santa, Mrs. Claus and elves will attend, with children receiving candy canes.

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

- Evergreen Baptist Church, 2005 E. Coolspring Ave., Michigan City, 2:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17.
- La Porte High School, 602 F St., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18.
- Bethany Lutheran Church, 102 G St., La Porte, 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22.

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Ellie Parkerson	4-5-7	
Liz Lutterbach	3-10	



More bowlers are invited when teams meet at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays at City Lanes.

Genealogical Society

Patricia Harris presented the program "Thanks-giving: Days of Thanks and Despair in Wartime" at the Nov. 8 La Porte County Genealogical Society meeting.

Harris is a charter member of the society, author and historian.

The society will meet for a Christmas program at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Round the Clock, 219 Pine Lake Ave., La Porte. Members and guests must contact Harris by Dec. 1 at pagharris@sbcglobal.net or (219) 872-3273.

Winter Glo

Visit Michigan City La Porte's 16th Annual Winter Glo is from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, with reservations due before Nov. 21.

The event is combined with the annual legislative Idea & Information Exchange, with Blue Chip Casino hosting the event. Hors d'oeuvres and a host bar are planned.

RSVP to Jane Daley by calling (219) 872-5055 or by email at jane@michigancitylaporte.com

Gallery Features LaLu Student

La Lumiere School Senior Julia Goodman, La Porte, was invited by Chicago artist and gallery owner Ian Sherwin to feature one of her works in his gallery.

Goodman's portrait, "Brendon Urie" (lead singer of Panic! at the Disco), is one of 13 other works displayed with the group show. She is the only teen featured.



Julia Goodman appears with her work, "Brendon Urie."

"I'm going to be in the front room of the gallery, which is really exciting, but I am a little nervous about all the attention being on me," she said. "This is a very exciting opportunity, though, and I would really like to start doing commissioned work now."

In addition to taking advanced art and art portfolio classes at La Lumiere, Goodman also is a member of the choir, plays the ukulele and guitar and is a member of an all-girls rock band with other La Lumiere classmates. She has plans to apply to Columbia College Chicago, San Francisco Art Institute and Savannah College of Art and Design to major in art and music after graduating from La Lumiere.

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Curator's Report

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

Visitors came from 11 counties, 14 states, Germany and Mexico. Tour groups came from Oakwood Manor and New Buffalo, Mich. Events included the genealogy program, "Dr. Mom," presented by County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz. A fundraiser for a new LED sign was held Oct. 29. The presentation was a one-man play called "Ernie" about the life of Ernie Pyle, portrayed by Steve Becker and written by Purdue University Northwest Professor Jerry Holt. Susie Richter and Fern Eddy Schultz traveled to Chesterton to present a program on La Porte County history to Duneland Historical Society.

Donations included:

- La Porte County Home Extension Clubs Kitchen Kin scrapbook, the organization.
- Service roll poster, model of steeple, confirmation class photos, service flag and other items, St. Paul's.
- CD, record album, posters, Alan Barcus.
- Certificate for Frank Coffeen, hat pins and holder, Margaret Coffeen Unger.
- La Porte business board game, Robert Bernth.
- Archival information, Joel Pelis, Karen Piper, Shelia Kolar.
- Items for the sale table, Monty Pugh, Teri Weisner, Karen Piper and Margaret Unger.



One of the donations included a model of the steeple for St. Paul's church.

A book signing for "Honest Eats" is at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, in the meeting room. The "Barns of La Porte County" photo display ends this month, and there is still time to vote on a favorite.

The museum will be closed Thanksgiving Day. There is still time to purchase chances on the American Girl Doll raffle. The holiday theme for 2016 is "Season's Greetings," highlighting antique Christmas Cards in the Historical Society's collection.

Monday Musicale

As Indiana observes its 200th anniversary, Monday Musicale looks ethnic groups that settled in the state and the music they brought with them.

When the group met Oct. 24 at Barker Mansion, the focus was on French and English music dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries.

The program, chaired by Sue Cassler, began with music by one of England's greatest composers, Henry Purcell. A string quartet with members Sara Miller (Violin I), John Crayton (Violin II), Stan Shepard (viola) and Judith Sawyier (cello) performed selections from two of Purcell's "semi-operas": "The Fairy Queen" and "King Arthur." Cassler described a semi-opera as a hybrid, a cross between an opera and a stage play, with spoken passages framing a series of elaborate musical numbers. Lee Meyer provided keyboard accompaniment. New member Candace Archer sang Purcell's "Nymphs and Shepherds."

Meyer joined Elaine Hornyak and Merry Johnson in presenting Jean-Baptiste Loeillet's "Sonata in G Minor" for two flutes and piano.

The remainder of the program was devoted to folk music. Cassler quoted folk singer/songwriter Jean Ritchie as saying *"Our country's rich musical tradition is certainly one of her most valuable cultural resources.... (Old songs) provide us with a tangible link to our shared past... (taking us) back to the lives of the early settlers who brought their precious music with them across an ocean to a new world."*

Vocalists Deb Campanella, Lisa Schwingendorf, Archer and Cassler, along with new member Beverly Griffith on piano, shared a number of French and English folk songs. Solos included "Auprès de Ma Blonde," "Barbara Allen," "English Country Garden," "Lavender's Blue" and "Scarborough Fair." Coming together as a quartet, they sang "Le Coucou," "The Water Is Wide," "Mother, Please Explain" and "I Gave My Love a Cherry."

Griffith and Schwingendorf, on piano and flute, performed an instrumental arrangement of the English ballad "Greensleeves." The program concluded with the vocal quartet singing the French lullaby "Fais Dodo."

The hosting committee, chaired by Deb and Marty Campanella, served refreshments during a social hour in the mansion's dining room.

An open meeting is at 7 p.m. Nov. 28 at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St., Michigan City.

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Nov. 17 — Hoosier Bicentennial Program: “Miss Colfax’s Light,” 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Nov. 17 — Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St. Donation: \$5/\$2 students. Info: (219) 874-4076.

Nov. 18 — Bookmarks: “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children,” 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Nov. 18 — Local Author Visit with Jeff Manes, 6-8 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Nov. 18 — Trivia Night, St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave. Doors open @ 6 p.m., trivia @ 7 p.m. Cost: \$10. Reservations: (219) 879-9415.

Nov. 18 — Save the Tunes Council, 7:30-9 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

Nov. 18 — Carrie Newcomer & pianist Gary Walters, 8 p.m. EST, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$20. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

Nov. 18-21 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “A Man Called Ove.” Rated PG-13. In Swedish with English subtitles. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* “Denial.” Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

Nov. 19 — “Hidden Holocaust,” 1 p.m., Sinai Temple, 2800 Franklin St. Free.

Nov. 19 — La Porte County Historical Society book signing, Keith Elchert and Laura Weston-Elchert’s “Honest Eats: Celebrating the Rich Food History of Indiana’s Historic Lincoln Highway,” 1 p.m., Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Info: (219) 324-6767.

Nov. 19 — Wreath fundraising silent auction, 1:30-3 p.m. EST, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Nov. 19 — Tellabration Time, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Nature Center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Nov. 19 — “Stores of Yesteryear” Exhibit Opening, 2-4 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Nov. 19 — Michigan City Chamber Music Festival, Rudolf Haken’s “Viola Pomposa,” 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. Free. Info: www.mccmf.org

Nov. 19 — Karaoke contest fundraiser, 7 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: mike.green@sevenoks.com

Nov. 19-20 — Dunes Woman’s Club “Holiday Spirit” Marketplace, Community House on Service

Avenue in Beverly Shores. Times: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat./10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sun.

Nov. 19-Dec. 28 — Holiday Artisan Market, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: lubeznikcenter.org, (219) 874-4900.

Nov. 20 — High Dunes after Leaf Drop, 10 a.m., Nature Center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Nov. 20 — Films on DVD Series: "A Hologram for the King," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Nov. 22 — Night Time Story Time, 5:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Nov. 22 — Harbor Country Book Club, Barbara Tuchman's "March of Folly," 6:30 p.m. EST, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Through Nov. 20 — "Into the Woods," 4th Street Theater, 125 N. Fourth St. Chesterton. Times: 8 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$18. Reservations: (219) 926-7875, 4thstreetncca.org.

Through Jan. 6, 2017 — Exhibit, Dorothy Graden, Laurel Izard & Edwin Shelton, Visit Michigan City La Porte. Opening reception: 5-8 p.m. Nov. 18.

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.

In the Region

Nov. 18 — Purdue University Northwest American Sign Language Club ASL Coffeehouse, 5-7:30 p.m., Uptown Café, 1400 Lincolnway, Valparaiso. Info: (219) 785-5432, kdonah@pnw.edu

Nov. 18 — Opening reception, "Tuck Langland: From the Artist's Studio," 6-8 p.m. EST, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: (269) 983-0271, www.krasl.org

Nov. 18-19 — "Irving Berlin's White Christmas," Elkhart Civic Theatre @ Bristol (Ind.) Opera House, 210 E. Vistula St. Times (Eastern): 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18-19. Tickets: \$19/adults, \$17/students & seniors 62+. Reservations: (574) 848-4116, www.elkhartcivictheatre.org

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On November 17, 1926, the Chicago Blackhawks played their first hockey game, beating Toronto 4-0.

On November 17, 1968, NBC outraged football fans by cutting away from the end of a New York Jets-Oakland Raiders game to begin a TV special "Heidi." The Raiders beat the Jets, 43-32.

On November 18, 1805, in Wiscasset, ME, 30 women gathered at the home of Mrs. Silas Lee to organize the Female Charitable Society, supposed to have been the first women's club in America.

On November 18, 1865, in New York, Samuel Clemens, using the pen name "Mark Twain," published his famous story, The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County, in New York's Saturday Press.

On November 18, 1883, to eliminate local time regions across the continent, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time Zones.

On November 18, 1928, Walt Disney's *Steamboat Willie*, the first animated-cartoon talking picture, appeared on the screen of New York City's Colony Theatre. This was the show that marked the debut of Mickey Mouse.

On November 19, 1863, in one of history's most memorable speeches, President Abraham Lincoln, at the dedication of the Gettysburg battlefield as a national cemetery, spoke for only two minutes, and limited his remarks to 10 sentences: "...we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

On November 19, 1893, The New York World became the first newspaper to issue a color supplement, four pages printed in five colors.

On November 19, 1959, Ford Motor Co. announced a halt to production of the "Edsel," a medium-priced car that had proven to be a marketing disaster.

On November 19, 1969, *Apollo 12* astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made man's second landing on the moon.

On November 20, 1620, Peregrine White became

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the first child born to English parents in the New World. He was born aboard the *Mayflower*, the day after it arrived off Cape Cod.

On November 20, 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

On November 20, 1914, a regulation requiring photographs on passports took effect.

On November 20, 1992, fire seriously damaged the northwest side of Windsor Castle, the favorite weekend home of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II.

On November 20, 1995, BBC Television broadcast an interview with Princess Diana, who admitted being unfaithful to Prince Charles.

On November 21, 1766, the first permanent theater building in the United States, Philadelphia's Southwark, opened with a production of "The Gamester."

On November 21, 1871, New York's Moses Gale was granted the first patent for a cigar lighter.

On November 21, 1877, Thomas Edison announced the invention of the phonograph, which he described as a "talking machine."

On November 21, 1934, the Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes," starring Ethel Merman as Reno Sweeney, opened in New York.

On November 21, 1980, on the CBS soap opera, *Dallas*, 83 million TV viewers found out it was Kristin Shephard who had shot J.R. Ewing.

On November 22, 1899, pianist-composer Hoagy Carmichael was born Howard Hoagland Carmichael in Bloomington, Ind.

On November 22, 1935, the "China Clipper," a huge flying boat, left San Francisco on the first official trans-Pacific air-mail service.

On November 22, 1963, President John Kennedy was assassinated as he rode in a Dallas motorcade. Texas Gov. John Connolly, riding in the same car as the president, was seriously wounded.

On November 23, 1876, three eastern colleges, Columbia, Princeton, and Harvard, joined to form the first intercollegiate football association.

On November 23, 1889, the jukebox made its debut in San Francisco, at the Palais Royale saloon.

On November 23, 1911, Earl Ovington was sworn in as the first airmail pilot of the U.S. Post Office. His first assignment was to deliver mail, handed to him by the postmaster at Garden City, Long Island, to the postmaster of Mineola, six miles away. He flew a Bleriot monoplane, the *Dragon Fly*, in the first authorized airmail service.

On November 23, 1936, the first issue of *Life*, the picture magazine created by Henry Luce, was published in Chicago.

On November 23, 1969, the world's first earth-to-space news conference was held on board the *Apollo 12* space ship.




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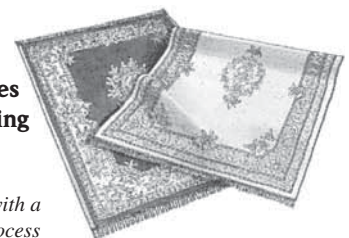
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this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show
me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for
us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your
hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that
I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget
all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I
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by Sally Carpenter

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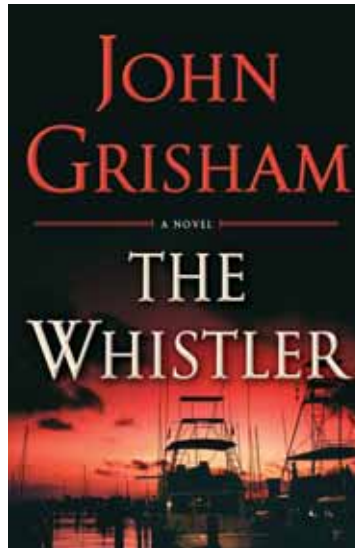
His latest takes us to the Sunshine State for a different look at the judicial system. This time, he introduces us to the Board on Judicial. This small group investigates complaints against judges. What? Aren’t they supposed to be above reproach? We expect them to be honest and fair in their decisions, and certainly don’t think of them as dishonest or taking bribes...or do they?

Grisham looks at a judge under scrutiny that will blow the lid off a lot more corruption than originally thought. See, this isn’t just judicial shenanigans! More as in bribery, money laundering, murder and, well, here’s what happens...

Lacy Stoltz. Never married, no children, 36 and an agent for the BJC. Hugo Hatch. Married, four children and Lacy’s partner. The pair has worked together for nine years and 12 cases. They are lawyers, not lawmen. No guns, no authority to arrest. They investigate and report. Their office is small. Budget cuts have eliminated company cars and trimmed the office staff to six investigators and their supervisor. “*Seven, in a state of twenty million people, with a thousand judges sitting in six hundred courtrooms and processing a half million cases a year.*” Lacy is certainly glad most judges are honest and committed to justice!

The story opens with the pair heading for St. Augustine to meet “Randy,” code name for he who wants not to be known. He says he wants to file a complaint against a judge, the Honorable Claudia McDover. He spins a tale of corruption that begins with an Indian reservation on the Panhandle and moves on to more sordid goings-on.

Lacy: “*So, your story involves organized criminals, Indians who own casinos, and a crooked judge, all in bed together?*” Randy: “*That’s a fair summary.*” Wow. The BJC has seen nothing like this before.



Sounds more like a job for the FBI, but Randy doesn’t trust them. He’s actually a lawyer who was disbarred and sent to jail some years back. He’s out now and has his license back, but still refuses to talk to the Feds.

While Lacy and Hugo are intrigued by Randy’s story, they take a step back when he says the real person who knows all about this judge is someone he communicates with through a middleman! So now, there are three unknown people in this loop. Thing is, there will be a lot of money for the whistleblowers to share under Florida law.

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The whole situation smacks of a Dubose setup and just might be his mistake No. 1.

Meanwhile, Lacy and Hugo think they have enough to present to their governing board, given all the information Randy provided. The board isn’t interested. They think it is a case for the FBI. Lacy and Hugo simply aren’t going to let go. They believe there is enough corruption there, just with the judge, to start an investigation no matter what. And that is the beginning of something neither of them could possibly imagine might happen.

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805 Birch Tree Lane, Michigan City \$179,500

Best of both worlds! Enjoy low-maintenance 3-bedroom, 3-bath condo living within a beach community! Only one of four units this size. Wonderful amenities include garage, private patio and pool area. Beautiful common area. Association fee includes gas, trash, water, grass, snow removal and all of the pool maintenance.



2919 Loma Portal Way, Long Beach \$360,000

So many updates have taken place at this home recently. All you need to do is add your personal touch! Additions include electrical, insulation, furnace, humidifier, A/C, water heater, siding, soffits, fascia, gutters, roof, garage door, interior painting, and more! All appliances included.



3008 Northmoor Trail, Long Beach \$450,000

Hidden Treasure with lake views and total privacy! This retreat is just steps to Stop 31 beach and features 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms and two fireplaces.



2017 Lake Shore Drive, Long Beach \$629,000

If you are looking for views, then this is it. MOVE-IN READY! Beautiful 4-bedroom, 3-bath home on Lake Shore Drive. Living room with wood floors, woodburning fireplace & sliders to enclosed porch. Huge master bedroom suite with gas fireplace, French doors opening to balcony & private bath. Lower level rec room, three-car garage and driveway parking. Beautiful Stop 20 beach is ready to enjoy.



2968 Lake Shore Drive, Long Beach \$1,750,000

Remarkable Casa Rosa 5-bedroom, 4.5-bath lakefront home. Great architectural detail, gorgeous three-state view. Screen porch & walk-out lower level. Plenty of parking including a two-car attached garage. This is a must see! Unlimited potential.



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