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Riding the Wind

by Andrew Tallackson



Scott Guhlstorf calls his love of kite surfing "an addiction to adrenaline." Andy Neal took this photo on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Washington Park beach, as well as the inside photos depicting Guhlstorf's day at the beach.

Scott Guhlstorf has broken ribs, torn ligaments, even slammed his head across a coral reef in Mexico.

In fact, the first time he attempted kite surfing, he was abruptly dragged out into the lake, all but certain he'd drown.

But for the 49-year-old self-professed "adrenaline junkie," the extreme sport has an allure like no other. Heck, he even moved his family from Oak Park, Ill., to Dunescape so the waves, the wind, the spray of Lake Michigan's cool waters across his face would be right at his back door.

"It's like the feeling you get when you read another chapter in a great book. You want more and more of it," Guhlstorf said. "With kite surfing, the more experiences you get, the better experiences you have later."

Anyone who has strolled along Lake Michigan's shores, pausing to marvel at the fearless daredevils propelled across the water by those stunning, arch-life kites above them, likely has seen Guhlstorf in action. If the conditions are right, if the wind and waves have beckoned like an impatient child, then

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he's suited up and ready to experience another great high on the lake's wildly unpredictable surface.

Kites have been used to carry ships across water since the 1800s, specifically as an alternative to horsepower. It was in the 1970s, however, that Kevlar and Spectra flying lines introduced a more suitable level of control. Leading the pack, and receiving the first kite-surfing patent, was The Netherlands in 1977. The concept involved standing on the equivalent of a surfboard and being harnessed to a parachute-like object that catches the wind. Over the next several years, various adaptations appeared, but the extreme sport finally entered the

"I adored anything that was slashing, flipping, anything extreme," he said. "I was an adrenaline junkie at heart. I wasn't into team sports, organized sports. What I did, you didn't have to be any body type or size. It allowed you to be more artistic."

And his family's reaction?

"My parents didn't



Scott has been drawn to the water since he was a child. Photo by Andrew Tallackson



The trick, Scott Guhlstorff says, is seizing on ideal weather conditions when they arise, specifically warm and windy days.

mainstream in the mid-to-late 1990s. Celebrities who've taken to it include none other than Prince William of Wales, as well as "Fight Club" co-stars Brad Pitt and Edward Norton, Ricky Martin, Richard Branson, John Kerry and Victoria's Secret model Edita Vilkeviciute.

It is the ideal exploit for someone like Guhlstorff, who has been drawn to the water since he was a child. The native of Bloomington, Ill., pursued everything from swimming to water skiing to biking.

care," he said, laughing. "They just wanted me out of the house."

When his family moved in 1990, situated directly across from Montrose Beach in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood, Guhlstorff witnessed wind surfing — a fusion of surfing and sailing — for the first time. The water sport, he said, was in its early, primitive stage, but he knew then that's what he wanted to do, that the sport's evolution was just on the horizon.

"I somehow could identify with the blowing with the wind, the pure, natural, weather-oriented propulsion," he said. "I knew it was for me. I knew it was time. I could see into the future what was coming. There was so much more to come."

At the same time, Guhlstorf was a realist. He knew practical skills to forge a life for himself were essential. He attended Illinois State University, studying fine art and emphasizing technical experience with Mac computers. The idea was to pursue a career in advertising and graphic design; however, Guhlstorf, chuckling, said he aspired to never maintain an "official" job.

"I did everything I could to stay freelance," he said. "I still say I never want to miss a single day of wind. That's how addictive this is once you take hold of it."

(Illinois State University also was where he would meet his future wife, Kelly.)



Much of the emphasis today on kite surfing, Scott says, involves reaching extreme heights.

Guhlstorf first watched someone kite surf during a trip to Maui. Upon returning home, he immediately took a crack at it. It was a cold November day, about 20 years ago. He was at Waukegan Municipal Beach. Fully dressed in street clothes, he was ill-prepared mentally and physically when strong winds carried him out to the lake. He was convinced death had come knocking.

"I didn't know it could drag you out to sea," he said. "It could pick you up the opposite way and carry you into any obstacle in its way."

"The shock factor was so quick. You can't see wind. Something happens unprovoked, and it's hard to de-

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tect. So, yeah, there was a steep learning curve.”

Guhlstorf, though, was undaunted by the challenge. No adrenaline junkie is. Kite surfing has been a journey of trial and error. What he’s learned are two truths. First, you have to be a good swimmer. Second, you must stay calm at all times, handling pressure with zero panic. Easier said than done, but Guhlstorf has discovered the less muscle applied, the better the ability to react quickly.

“If you don’t,” he says, “you could miss the opportunity to save yourself.”

Even with years of experience to his credit, Guhlstorf says he is nowhere close to mastering the extreme sport. The trick, though, is seizing on ideal weather conditions when they arise. The perfect day is warm and windy. Cold days do not deter him. He has bolted for the lake in 30-degree temperatures, flakes of snow dusting the surface, his body covered in gear and only his face exposed to the elements. His “playground,” if you will, can be anywhere from the shores by Horseshoe Casino in Hammond to the banks of South Haven, Mich. He is forever running back and forth across Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan, he says, laughing. For the best results, he continues, the goal is to head downwind. Kite surfing upwind takes a considerable amount of work and effort. Often, he begins in New Buffalo, Mich., heading down to Michigan City.

“Every beach has its day,” he said. “Each can produce conditions that rival the ocean.”

“You just ride with the wind the whole day. Wherever the wind takes you, you go. After the wind dies, the waves turn quite spectacular to go surfing. It’s just as exciting when the wind dies down as when it’s blowing.”

These days, Guhlstorf says, the mainstream thrill of the sport is its extremity. The higher you can go,



the better. Guhlstorf can do everything from double flips to 40-foot flips. He also has a GPS device that tracks jump height and air time.

Kelly supports her husband’s passion. Other than that, Scott says, laughing, “she wants nothing to do with it.” Their 9-year-old daughter, Matisse, enjoys regular surfing, but remains skeptical when it comes to kite surfing.

“It looks kind of scary,” she says.

Guhlstorf, however, believes kite surfing has a future in Michigan City. He’s been offering lessons for the past two years, and now, he is a U.S. distributor for Star Kites. Plus, the more he sees others engaged in the sport along Washington Park beach, the more he remains convinced the area could become an epicenter for kite-surfing activity.

One thing’s for sure. Guhlstorf has no intention of slowing down. Kite surfing offers too much of a rush.





"I'll go as long as I can. Absolutely, there is no stopping now," he said. "It's the addiction to adrenaline. You never sleep the night after a big day. There is nothing that will keep you up at night like that."

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Two Mini-Reviews: “The Birth of a Nation” and “The Girl on the Train”

by Andrew Tallackson

The Birth of a Nation

In “The Birth of a Nation,” Nate Parker imbues one of history’s most divisive figures with such heartbreaking humanity, the film bruises the soul like few before it.

Parker is the whole show here. He’s not only the star, but the director, co-writer and co-producer. His film debuted to rapturous applause in January at the Sundance Film Festival, with Fox Searchlight



Nate Parker as Nat Turner.

Pictures dishing out a record \$17.5 million for worldwide distribution. A deal like that carries with it subsequent Oscar hype. Parker, indeed, gives it everything he’s got, embodying the life of Nat Turner, who led a 48-hour slave uprising in 1831 Virginia, with such devastating conviction, the movie becomes an emotional assault... precisely what this material *should* do.

Turner, taught to read by his female master (Penelope Ann Miller), and resigned to the minimal existence afforded to slaves, is carted off from field to field so he can preach God’s word to fellow slaves. He says little, but the screenplay beautifully, and gradually, reveals how exposure to slave life elsewhere heightens his resolve. The turning point arrives in a scene horrifying in ways that rival anything in “Schindler’s List” as Turner witnesses a man chisel out the teeth of a slave, then funnel mashed food into his mouth. As Turner feverishly scrambles to use God’s word to inspire his fellow slaves, the actor reaches deep into his soul — despair, anger and hope pouring out of him at a harrowing crescendo. It is the single most devastating piece of acting this year.

The way Turner’s fellow slaves rally behind him, first quietly, then with steady determination, is profoundly moving, all leading to a climax of frenzied violence.

Visually and narratively, the movie is uneven. Early passages are languid in ways that almost work against it. Turner’s world should have a dire urgency: raw, stark, visceral. Instead, the muted blue hues have the dull flatness of a TV movie.

Parker, though, keeps all eyes on him. Amid the bloodshed, the actor never reduces Turner to a senseless killing machine, instead suggesting a man at conflict with himself, and with God, over his actions. As we know, there was no happy ending for Turner, but his legacy served as an impetus for change. How Parker conveys that with a single image is downright astonishing.

The Girl on the Train

Here is a rare case where Hollywood got it right.

“The Girl on the Train,” Paula Hawkins’ debut novel and last year’s literary smash, has survived the precarious journey from page to screen, its slippery psychological complexities recreated to a fault. The same conundrum, though, applies to Tate Taylor’s big-screen adaptation that befell David Fincher’s playfully sinister take on Gillian Flynn’s “Gone Girl.” When you’re that faithful, those who read the book are privy to the killer twist, hence stripping the movie’s payoff of its devious delight.



Emily Blunt as Rachel.

So what pleasures remain for those who read the novel? Watching a peerless cast burrow into the material with fearless determination.

More so than “Gone Girl,” “The Girl on the Train” may be the first cautionary tale since “The Stepford Wives” to suggest that lives lived in domestic desperation will fester, then explode, if spouses, and lovers, insist on being excessively controlling.

The story’s risky achievement, flying in the face of conventional wisdom, is making its heroine potentially unlikable. Emily Blunt (“The Devil Wears Prada”), in a courageous, tremulous performance, never softens nor sanitizes Rachel. She’s a quivering mess, an alcoholic fraying at the edges. She concocts a fantasy life about the people she observes from her commuter train. When she witnesses an ominous threat to one of her fantasy couples, she takes action, even though she’s hardly a credible witness, nor can she remember what unfolds because her excessive drinking leads to blackouts.

It’s classic Hitchcock, a twisty exploration of suburbia’s murkier inhabitants, of lives unfulfilled, seeking pleasure in dark recesses that bite back with consequence. The revelation is Haley Bennett as Megan, whose disappearance triggers Rachel’s return to her old neighborhood. White hot with “The Magnificent Seven” and now this picture, her Megan is hypnotic: dangerously sexual one minute, brittle and fragile the next.

Taylor, whose 2011 adaptation of “The Help” was perfection, is not an especially stylish storyteller. He relies too often on pointless slow motion shots, but to his credit, he knows how to spin a good yarn. He lets his cast strut its stuff, and with “The Girl on the Train,” he’s working with pros. What they’ve created is a textbook example of treating source material with the brains, and respect, it deserves.

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Hoppe is an award-winning journalist, editor and playwright whose books include "Food For Thought: An Indiana Harvest," "Personal Indianapolis" and "Where We Live: Essays About Indiana."

Vuskovich is a New Orleans native and lifelong restaurateur whose Yats restaurants have helped popularize Cajun-Creole cuisine in Indiana.

Tickets, which are \$60, can be purchased through the Special Events page at www.lubeznikcenter.org or by calling (219) 874-4900. The price includes a glass of wine.

Run for Jake 2016

Run for Jake 2016, a 5K run and health walk that supports the Play for Jake Foundation, is at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Legacy Hills Golf Course, 299 W. Johnson Road, La Porte.

Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of La Porte, registration and packet pickup are from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. The race commences at 8 a.m., followed by post-race awards and refreshments.

Awards will go to the first male and female overall, and the "Masters" first male and first female. Run categories are: 12 and younger, 13-17, 18-24, 25-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60 and 61 and older.

The entry fee is \$26. T-shirts are available while supplies last. Call (219) 363-3270 for details.

Historical Society

The La Porte County Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave.

Judge William Boklund will present the program "A Body in the Cellar," a look at some of the first days of the Belle Gunness murder investigation. He will examine some of the earliest leads, and compare some of the earliest reliable evidence to the theory that Prosecutor Ralph Smith chose to pursue. He also will try to unravel some of the little noticed, often overlooked outside influences on the direction the case would take.

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SSAA Special Events

A demonstration and workshop are two special events planned in conjunction with the "Light, Reflection and Illusion" exhibit at Southern Shore Art Association Gallery, 724 Franklin St.

SSAA members John Ryszka II, Kevin Gross and Matt Kubik united to present the multi-media exhibit that incorporates nontraditional materials, including video, plastic film, wire screen, computer-generated images and unconventional use of glass.

Ryska will present a sidewalk glass sculpture demonstration from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, in front of the SSAA gallery.

A Labyrinth Construction Workshop is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16. Indiana University Professor Emeritus Pat Ashton will discuss the mythology and mystery of the labyrinth form. Participants learn the layout procedure and, weather permitting, assist in creating a walking-size labyrinth.

Visit www.southernshoreartassociation.com for more details.

Okto-BEER-Fest

More than 15 microbreweries from across the Midwest are coming to Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12, for Okto-BEER-Fest from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16.

Visitors can sample craft brews while enjoying live performances from The Crawpuppies and Matt Gabriel, wood-fired pizza from South Shore Oven Works, burgers from Redamak's and organic cuisine from The Green Machine.

Space is limited.

Regular tickets are \$50. VIP tickets, which cost \$60, include access to the breweries one hour before the official opening time. Advance tickets can be purchased at www.friendshipgardens.org

All proceeds aid the continued revitalization of the former International Friendship Gardens. Call (219) 878 9885 or info@friendshipgardens.org for more details.

Ghost Train at Steam Museum

Hesston Steam Museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, La Porte, will celebrate fall and Halloween with events Oct. 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30.

The Hesston Ghost Train, appropriate even for small children, features a trip through the haunted forest aboard the Flying Dutchman Railroad.

The fall festival includes three real steam railroads. Hayride wagons carry visitors around the museum's 155-acre grounds. Other offerings include the blacksmith shop, turn-of-the-century steam-powered sawmill and plenty of food.

Admission and parking are free. Train fares are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12. Trains run from noon to 5 p.m. Visit www.hesston.org for more information.



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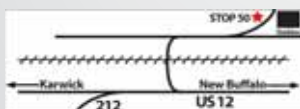
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The staff at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., seek to increase their volunteer roster by welcoming community members to donate their time.

"We are extremely fortunate to have a small base of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers who do everything from lead tours to plan programs to assist behind the scenes," Director Jessica Rosier said. "As we've become busier and busier, we've realized the need for more volunteers to help with our operations."



Volunteers are needed in a variety of capacities at Barker Mansion.

The mansion needs individuals to greet visitors before tours, lead tours and field trips, help with interpretive events and conduct research.

"We realize that a lot of folks are busy and may not be able to make a big time commitment," Rosier said. "We appreciate any portion of time they can give us, whether it's one day per month or one day per week."

The mansion also welcomes junior volunteers who work side-by-side with staff. Volunteer hours are tracked and incentives, such as engraved name tags, logoed apparel and invitations to special recognition events, are earned at 50, 150 and 250 hours of time.

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In a career that spans 10 Grammys, multiple platinum albums and an influence immeasurable in scope, all I can think about is “Be Bop Medley.”

It seems strange, I know. Here we are, celebrating four decades of Chaka Khan, and for whatever reason, my mind is fixated on this composition. Of course, I have a healthy respect for the classics: “Tell Me Something Good,” “I Feel For You,” “Sweet Thing”; however, “Be Bop Medley” is different. What we’re talking about is a song constructed with the building blocks of jazz, its players the architects of an entire musical tradition.

That’s bold in every sense of the word. Art+Times recently sat down with the performer to discuss her audacious journey through life and music.

Art+Times: Chicago is known for its rich cultural traditions, but more recently violence sweeping the city. What was it like growing up on the South Side?

CK: When I grew up, it wasn’t as violent. Well, it was violent in another way. There was the civil rights movement going on that brought on quite a bit of violence, but children weren’t shooting children at that time. There’s a different kind of violence going on there now that is truly disheartening. But it’s always been a tumultuous city with the racial element that’s going on, as it is in almost every city in America. But it’s also a culturally rich environment. I took a lot from that. I can truly say that I am proud to be from that city.

Art+Times: Many artists, particularly those who are black, talk about growing up in the Pentecostal or Baptist tradition. You however, were raised as a Roman Catholic. How did that influence your music?

CK: In my church, we sang a lot of Gregorian chants. And those are beautiful, beautiful pieces



Chaka Khan cites female legends such as Sarah Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald, Etta James and Billie Holiday as her musical influences.

of music. But at home, I had a very wide and rich set of genres of music that I was into at home. I listened to a lot of jazz and a lot of opera and classical music. So, I had a very diverse experience with music. The strongest I’d have to say was jazz. So, it’s not that the Catholic Church influenced me that profoundly musically, it just opened my ear to another level or another sort of place, adding to the whole experience.

Art+Times: A personal favorite of many is “Be Bop Medley,” which you recorded in 1982. What influence has jazz played in your career?

CK: A profound one (laughs). My dad was considered a beatnik or a bebopper. I was a daddy’s girl, and when I was very young, he used to take me out on The Point in Chicago – play congas, drink wine, smoke weed, you know. So, I got a lot of rich and great stuff from him. In fact, my slave or Christian name, Yvette, comes from a Stan Getz song. So jazz played a very large role in my musical background.

Art+Times: Who were some of your musical influences growing up?

CK: Sarah (Vaughan). Ella (Fitzgerald). Etta (James). Billie (Holiday), of course. You know, the girls (laughs). Many of the jazz singers. And a lot of horn players more so than singers. I loved Dizzy (Gillespie). I loved Miles (Davis). I loved Bird (Parker). For me, working with Miles was like a nun working with Jesus Christ (laughs). It’s the only analogy I can think of. So, I definitely think the horn players were my No. 1 influence, and then came the singers. Then there was Aretha (Franklin) and Gladys (Knight). Those were my main influences.

Art+Times: You mention your name change. What are the origins of that?

CK: My name change was a spiritual thing. I was practicing the Yoruba culture and religion at that time. So Chaka is my Yoruba name, one of many. Chaka means “fire,” “war,” the color red, the planet Mars – all those things. Now, Khan in India is just like Jones

Chaka Khan: The Journey to Musical Immortality

by Kim Ward



Chaka Kahn says the emphasis on a woman’s outer, rather than inner, beauty is entirely wrong these days.

or Washington (laughs). That came from my first husband’s last name. He’s half black and half Indian, born in New Delhi. So that’s how my name came about.

Art+Times: During that time, you were involved with Fred Hampton and the Black Panther Party. What was that experience like?

CK: I loved Fred Hampton to tears. I loved him deeply. I loved the party. I loved what they were about. I loved the whole ideology. I worked with the Breakfast for Children program. That was something that, as small as it may seem, was a big thing. It was something that I really could do and accomplish. I did at one time have a gun. I had to throw it away, because I was getting ulcers. Once you get a gun, you have to use it. And that just wasn’t my style...unless I was threatened, but that’s a whole other thing (laughs). But I had no reason to use it at that time. I don’t even know if I could have. I came to the conclusion that there was another way to do this. I was meant to be of service to someone, to help somebody. So that’s the road I took.

Art+Times: Growing up in that civil rights period, what was your connection to the activism found in a lot of the art during that time?

CK: A lot of people are political-minded with their music. Personally, I see it as the language of the angels and as a tool for healing, more so than taking it from the activist point of view. That certainly has its place, too. I have sung some stuff that has had some political overtones, but for the most part, I want to heal. That is my main thing. To inspire and to empower. That’s definitely where I’m coming from.

Art+Times: You’ve made a lot of changes recently, most notably your diet and overall appearance, particularly a weight loss. How has this transformation affected you internally and with the public?

CK: I think it’s sad that there’s this kind of visual thing. I much rather see a sangin’ gorilla than a non-singing Cinderella. You know what I mean? What we do is meant to be listened to. It’s

audio. It’s audio-based. Now, it’s become a carnival. It’s a circus. And that does bother me a little bit that people are so involved and so about what a person looks like. The beauty of a person is spirit, and I just think that a lot of the focus is in the wrong area.

Art+Times: Speaking of change, you’re now raising your son’s daughter. In making that commitment, how has that affected your career and personal life?

CK: I feel very blessed and lucky to practice a parenting skill that I did not possess when I was raising my own children. God and the universe have given me another chance to do a better job, and so that’s how I’m looking at it. I’m more present. My priorities have changed. And frankly, I was a different person back then. I was away from my children, because I had to be. With parenting, it’s a thing that you learn. There’s no book. I’ve gained some wisdom in that area that I did not have before. I did the best I could with what I had. And they’re alive (laughs). I can say that. But I think things maybe would have turned out differently, for the better, if I had had the wisdom I have now.

Art+Times: Why did you start the Chaka Khan Foundation? And what’s happening with that right now?

CK: Everybody wants to help somebody. Most people just don’t know how to go about it. I have obtained a status in life where I can help many people at one time. It’s just about being of service. That’s important. If you can be of service to one person, it’s just as big as being of service to 20 million, because that will pay it forward. It’s all about paying it forward. And that’s why we are here – to help one another. It’s just one of our fundamental purposes. And that is why I do what I do, because there is a need for that.

Art+Times: What is your advice for rising singers or musicians?

CK: Be sure that you have talent (laughs). That’s No. 1. Stay true to your calling. Also, stay humble and open to learning. Don’t buy into the bull---hype. Excuse my French. Because that’s not what it’s about. It ain’t about that. It’s so much more spiritual and beautiful than that. That’s the best advice I can think of right now.

Art+Times: You’ve been performing for such a long time now. Looking back, what do you want your legacy to be?

CK: That I actually leave a legacy (laughs). That would be great. Achieving musical immortality – that would be wonderful.



Chaka Kahn early in her musical career.

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Historical Society Museum Releases Curator's Report

La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., released its September report.

Visitors came from 13 counties, 19 states and The Netherlands. A new display, the "Barns of La Porte County" photo contest, runs through November. The public can vote for its favorite out of 58 entries, with a Public's Choice trophy awarded in November.

A Historical Trivia Night was held as a fundraiser for a new LED sign. Tour groups included Southlake Baptist Church from Crown Point, a ladies group from Chesterton and Indiana Historical Society members. Plum Grove Questors and Tri Kappa associates used the meeting room.

September donations included:

- Advertising ash trays, coin purse, calendar and pens, Theodora Callas.
- Armand Marseilles doll from 1911, Kathleen Lochmann.
- Two commemorative Door Prairie Auto Museum T-shirts, two button hooks, Peg Droege.
- Wooden tool carrier belonging to James Boyd, Warren Boyd Jr.



One of the September donations included the cart Angelo Bernacchi.

- Fruit cart used by Angelo Bernacchi to sell fruits and vegetables as he pushed it through the streets of La Porte in the early 1900s, Angie Prast.
- Michigan City High School friendship book, Sandra Bugg.

- Archival information, Holly Jenks, Irene Konieczny, Sandra Bugg, Marshall County Historical Society, Mary Butts, Warren and Jerry Boyd.
- Items for the sale table, George and Dewayne Harris, Eleanor Huenecke and Warren and Jerry Boyd.

August donations included:

- Marine uniform from 1984-1986, Neil Whitfield.
- New York Blower memorabilia for 125th birthday, Bernacchi travel mug, The Eagle 96.7 cookbook and jar opener, Judy Harenza.
- Reliance Drug Store playing cards, Pat and Barbara Hannon.
- La Porte Woolen Mills fabric tied comforter, Kathleen Corish Sarver.
- Wedding dress worn by Ruth Pinney, baby dresses worn by Delmar Mitzner, Mark Mitzner and Joyce Mitzner-Smith.
- Dr. Samuel Collins Opium Cure bottle, Sue Harmon.
- Army train set belonging to Donald Gene Nowell, Barbara Kay Zeman.
- World War II Marine uniform, blanket and hand-painted duffle bag, Paul Chilson.
- Elston High School 50th class reunion placemats and key ring depicting 1966 basketball tournament, Arnold Bass.
- Photos of Gene Autry and Ronald Reagan belonging to Ida Mae Perschke, Donna Perschke.
- Items for the sale table, Donald Waldrop, Fred Klinder, La Porte County Extension Office, Carol Lloyd.
- Archival information, Dottiesue Gansemer, La Porte County Extension Office, Arnie Bass and David Doss.

County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz will present the program "Dr. Mom" for Family History Month at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. The one-man-show "Ernie" will be presented as a Historical Society fundraiser Oct. 29 at La Porte Little Theatre. Reservations can be made at the museum. Call (219) 324-6767 for more information.

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The concert features La Porte County Symphony Orchestra, directed by Philip Bauman, along with special guests Kyrie Anderson, Cripple Creek, Jen-e-vieve Hayes, Tim King and the LCSO Children's Choir. Also performing is Maddi Reese Ames, winner of the 2016 Hoosier Star youth division. She is a Westville Elementary School student who has acted in roles at Chicago Street Theatre and Memorial Opera House.

Composer Rick DeJonge is creating a new score, "Ho Ho, Ho Ho," specifically for Charles Steck and North American Brass Co. to perform. This marks the debut performance of the piece.

Tickets, available at www.holidaypopslaporte.org, cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Doors open at 6 p.m. the day of the event, with the concert starting at 7 p.m.

Brats & Bulbs Sale

Miller Garden Club's annual Fall Brats & Bulbs Sale is from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Marquette Park Aquatorium, 6918 Oak Ave., Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.

More than 30 varieties of spring bulbs will be sold and ready for planting, as well as pumpkins, mums, hay bales, corn stalks, garden club T-shirts, aprons and notecards.

The event will include traditional fall fare of grilled bratwurst sandwich, sauerkraut, chips and a cold beverage for \$5. Live entertainment includes Indianapolis singer/musician James Kennedy, local musician Katie Woodard on bagpipes and All The Wild featuring Eric Roldan.

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Michigan City High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps participated in numerous events supporting the school and various La Porte County organizations.

Since July 1, cadets have logged nearly 1,000 hours of community service.

During the weekend commemorating the 15th anniversary of 9/11 terror attacks, cadets displayed a 60-by-30 foot flag for the football game between Michigan City and Valparaiso high schools during The National Anthem. They also participated in a ceremony at La Porte's Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In addition to supporting the MCHS Open House on Sept. 7, and the Sept. 23 football game, cadets participated in events supporting six organizations.

Cadets worked, and raced in, the dragon boat races at Stone Lake on Sept. 10 in support of Dunbrook, which aids victims of child abuse and their families. Later that day, they helped with The Salvation Army Stuff-a-Bus project, which provides food to 800 needy families in Michigan City.

Cadets worked the Polish Heritage Festival on Sept. 11 at Friendship Botanic Gardens and participated in a 9/11 ceremony there. They provided guides and helped at water points for the Cancer Research 10K road race at Washington Park on Sept. 17. The event raises funds for cancer research at Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis. That same morning, cadets worked the shopping cart parade for Homeward Bound, which helps the homeless. On Sept. 30, 2016, they worked the United



Cadets helped "Stuff A Bus" with food for the needy at The Salvation Army.

Way car wash.

"Our cadets are very unselfish," Master Sgt. Jeff Benak, the Marine instructor, said. "With the hundreds of hours our cadets have already performed, it shows their commitment to helping our community."

Cadets also started drill team, rifle team and Cyber Patriot team practice. For the first time, the Marine Corps will host a national drill championship in Dallas, Texas, on April 22, 2017.

"Our goal is to qualify to attend, and then go and win that meet," Maj. Tom McGrath, the senior Marine instructor, said. "It takes much dedication to be on our drill team, since we practice every school day from 5:45 to 7 a.m., as that is the only time the gym is available for us to practice. It will take a much-focused effort to make it to and win that meet, as we are competing against schools that have field houses and more gym space than we have. But I know our cadets are committed to achieving this goal."



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Michiana Clowns

Michiana Clowns members were among the nearly 100 clowns who participated in the 43rd Annual Midwest Clown Roundup/Convention that concluded Oct. 2 at Merrillville's Radisson Hotel.

Clowns from the seven Midwest states that comprise the Midwest Clowns Association — Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin — participated.



"All Around Clown" winner Pam "Snickers" Turpin.

The local group scored well with medal awards. The "All Around Clown" winner was Michiana Clowns member Pam "Snickers" Turpin. She won the honor resulting from three second places in single skit, parade-ability, plus character makeup and costume. Former Michiana Clowns member Mick "Micky" Spudic took first place in character and parade-ability.

Sarah "Hype" Smith won a gold medal for makeup and costume in the Junior Joey division. Irene "SlugbugZ" Spudic won first place in White Face makeup and costume, with Lynette "NettieBelle McDonald" receiving third place. Michelle "Shellie Belle" Lindy's entry was the second-place finisher in the "Combination Balloons" competition.

Six Michiana Clowns members competed in the Alleys Skit competition, scoring fourth place. Those performing were James "Haw Haw" Kuhn, Pat "Tricksy" Bowers, SlugbugZ, Shellie Belle, NettieBelle and Snickers.

The next Midwest Clown Roundup will be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., in 2017.

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Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Duneland Stamp Club at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13.**

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

• **National Friends of the Library Week from Sunday, Oct. 16, through Saturday, Oct. 22.**

Stop by all week for special activities. The Friends of the Library also will have a table in the lobby all week with information about the organization and membership.



Dev Patel (right) and Jeremy Irons star in "The Man Who Knew Infinity."

• **Films on DVD Series: "The Man Who Knew Infinity" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16.**

The biopic from writer/director Matt Brown details the life of Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan (Dev Patel), who travels to England in 1913 to study. He faces prejudice from many colleagues, but also bonds with a professor (Jeremy Irons). The free showing is in conjunction with the Purdue University Northwest Odyssey Series.

• **Story Time at 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 18 and 25, and 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19.**

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

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

Chesterton Art Center

The following programs and events are offered through Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.:

• **Jane Whedbee will teach a book-binding workshop for teens and young adults 14-24 from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16.**

Artists' books are a growing medium for creative expression and taking many forms, from sketch-books and graphic journals to altered and deconstructed books and sculpture. Students will be introduced to such work through discussion, hand-outs, images and examples of finished work. They also will complete an original artwork.

The cost is \$35, with members receiving a \$5 discount.

• **Mary Ann Van Soest will exhibit her paintings, 3-D work and art quilts through October.**

Van Soest is a longtime center member who lives in DeMotte and didn't pursue art until after retiring from real estate in 2009. She has exhibited locally, statewide and nationally, most recently at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Call the center at (219) 926-4711 or visit www.chestertonart.com for reservations or more details.

Calumet Outdoors Series

The Calumet Outdoors Series, hikes organized by the Calumet Stewardship Initiative, continues at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, with Sand Ridge Nature Center.

Led by director Jim Carpenter, the center is located at 15891 Paxton Ave., South Holland, Ill.

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.

2016 Grand Prix Sets Records

This year's Great Lakes Grand Prix set records for economic impact and attendance during the three-day event.

Total dollars attributed to the August race and related events were \$9.6 million, according to a study by Certec Inc., Versailles, Ky. The study also found more than \$2.5 million of that was in tax revenue for local government units and \$2.1 million directly to wages.

Visit Michigan City La Porte conducted its own study, estimating more than 145,000 people attended the race and events. Nearly 87 percent were from Indiana, Michigan and Illinois.

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Free Habitat for Humanity Concert



La Porte County Habitat for Humanity will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a free concert by musician/storyteller Ken Medema at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at La Porte First United Methodist Church, 1225 Michigan Ave.

Medema has performed for more than 40 years in venues as diverse as churches, conventions, colleges and corporate events. He has connected with audiences in groups ranging from 50 to 50,000 people. Though blind from birth, he custom designs every musical moment through improvisation and new compositions.

La Porte County Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1986 to provide affordable, decent homes for low- to moderate-income families.

Visit www.kenmedema.com for more information on Medema.



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

- Conservation Club House, 1 Mill Pond Road, Union Mills, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16.

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The characters are:

- Det. Jake Rowan — A white male, physically fit, good-looking, visible facial hair (short and trimmed), dark hair, tall (around 6 feet tall), late 20s. He was a detective before the outbreak.
- Harper Cohan — A white female, short (5 feet 5 to 5 feet 6), red hair, skinny, tattoos (if possible), nose stud, tough, speaks her mind, mid-20s. She was a prep cook before the outbreak.
- Dr. Sarah Paulson — A white female, taller (5 feet 6 to 5 feet 7), blonde hair, wears glasses, skinny, smart, takes her work seriously, late 20s/early 30s. She is a botanist before and after the outbreak.
- Turk — A black male, smart, tall (6 feet), wears glasses, friendly, guardian type, physically fit, problem solver, early 30s. He was a teacher before the outbreak.
- Millie — A black female, short (5 feet 6, 5 feet 7), humble, tough, smart, physically fit, medical skills, also wears glasses, early 30s. She was a nurse before the outbreak.

If interested, contact Daniel at (219) 877-8523 or michaeldanielbusiness@gmail.com

La Porte Chamber Luncheon

The Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce will host a luncheon featuring La Porte sports legend Ron Reed on Thursday, Oct. 13, at Best Western Plus La Porte Hotel & Conference Center, 444 Pine Lake Ave.

Reed was born in La Porte in 1942, and had a long career in sports — including baseball and basketball — playing for La Porte High School, University of Notre Dame, Atlanta Braves, Philadelphia Phillies and Detroit Pistons. He has been honored by La Porte throughout the years, receiving a key to the city and having Ron Reed Field in Fox Park named in his honor. At the chamber event, there will be a proclamation to name the day Ron Reed Day.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. with lunch and the program at 11:30 a.m. The cost, which includes a lunch buffet, is \$31 for chamber members and \$36 for non-members. One dollar of every admittance goes to the La Porte City Parks Department.

Registration is encouraged at www.lpchamber.com or by calling (219) 362-3178. Harbour Trust & Investment Management Co. sponsored the event.

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

Purdue Northwest Open House

High school students, their parents, prospective transfers and others interested in learning about Purdue University Northwest are invited to a fall open house at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at the James B. Dworkin Student Services & Activities Complex.

The event includes a resource fair, campus tour, opportunities to meet with academic and financial aid representatives, information on student success support programs, Honors College, athletics and military veteran services. Snacks and lunch will be served. Prospective students may complete and submit an admission application and receive an application fee waiver.

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Free Public Hikes

The public is invited to join conservation experts from Shirley Heinze Land Trust and the Field Museum of Natural History to explore Gary's Ivanhoe South Nature Preserve from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15.

The day, which marks the first such partnership between the museum and land trust, includes free guided hikes, family-friendly activities and refreshments.



Hikers venture through Ivanhoe South Nature Preserve.

Ivanhoe South features globally rare dune-and-swale landscape. Characterized by sandy ridges alternating with long narrow wetland depressions, all running parallel to the Lake Michigan shoreline, the unique topography formed over the past 5,000 years as the waters receded in stages, each time leaving behind a sandy beach. The black oak savanna and interdunal wetland communities provide habitat for a wide variety of plants and animals. Over the last 20 years, restoration efforts have revived the rare habitat and its diverse flora and fauna.

The hikes depart from the trailhead about every 15 minutes. To get to the preserve, take Interstate 93 to the Cline Avenue North exit. Take Cline to Fifth Avenue (U.S. 20). Go east on U.S. 20 to the first traffic signal (Colfax Street). Follow Colfax south to the parking lot just before the railroad tracks.

Shirley Heinze Land Trust has been protecting and preserving natural land since 1981. Visit www.heinzetrust.org, call (219) 242-8558 or access its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/heinzetrust for more details.

La Porte County Parks



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

Nature's Tiny Tots

Designed for parents and grandparents, explore nature with toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy music, dancing, storytelling and, weather permitting, hiking.

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 17 and 31 (come in costume), Nov. 14 and 28, and Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at Luhr County Park Nature Center, 3178 S. County Road 150 West. Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

Women Only Fishing Instruction

Women 18 and older can learn basic fishing skills during the free program from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Luhr County Park.

Poles and bait will be provided. No fishing license is needed. Pre-registration is required. Call (219) 325-8315.

Parent & Child Discovery Days

The program includes arts and crafts, games and snacks. All activities are related to the topic. Programs are appropriate for children 3 to 8, with an adult required to participate. Times are from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Luhr County Park. The cost is \$5 per child/per program. Pre-registration and payment are required at least one week in advance or until full, whichever comes first. The next program is:

- Oct. 26 — Halloween Fun (come in costume).
- Nov. 16 — Turkey Time.
- Dec. 7 — Let It Snow.

Senior Lifestyles

Join the free 55+ Club, a social club designed for adults 55 and older to learn and explore various types of nature. Free coffee is served to participants. The group meets from 9 to 10 a.m. at Luhr County Park Nature Center. Call at least one week in advance to register. The schedule is:

- Nov. 2 — Nutrition facts on food labels, clean eating and diabetes, and how it affects the body's health, Registered Dietician Stephanie Mahan.

Teachers-Groups-Scout Leaders

Free environmental education programs are offered to groups throughout the year. Programs last one hour or longer depending on the group size and age. Programs can be scheduled at Creek Ridge, Luhr, Bluhm or Red Mill parks. Call (219) 325-8315 for more information or to make a reservation.

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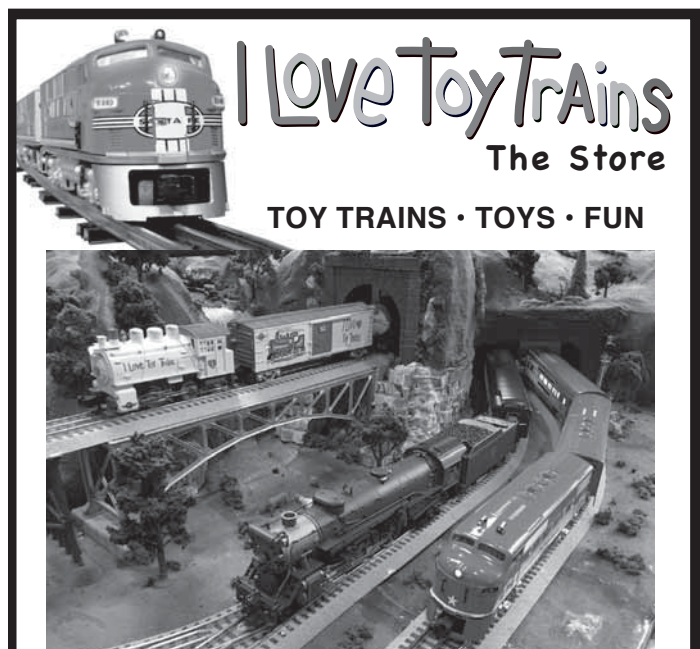


Rotary Club of Michigan City bestowed its "Service Above Self" award to Det. Cpl. Al Bush of Michigan City Police Department. Named for the Rotary Club International motto, the award recognizes police officers who go above and beyond for the community. Bush is a nearly 40-year veteran of the department. The club made a donation in his name to Michiana Humane Society, and provided lunch for police staff Sept. 29. to honor law enforcement.

Polish-American Cultural Society

Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City Chapter, meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the former St. Mary School, 321 W. 11th St.

The public is invited. Call Theresa Child at (219) 464-1369 for more details.



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Shirley Heinze Land Trust Bus Tour

Shirley Heinze Land Trust will host an educational bus tour of its nature preserves from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22.

Staff, board members and guest speakers, including author Ken Schoon and Mark Bouman, Field Museum Chicago Region program director, will provide insights on land conservation and Northwest Indiana's ecology, geology and history.

The bus will depart at 8 a.m. from Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Twelve of the organization's nature preserves are included on the route through Lake, Porter and La Porte counties. The bus will stop for brief hikes at three preserves, beginning with Seidner Dune & Swale in Hammond. The unique 46-acre preserve lies along the recently restored stretch of the Grand Calumet River between Kennedy and Cline avenues. It contains globally rare dune and swale habitat.

The bus then will travel to the Hobart Marsh project area, including a drive past Bur Oak Woods and Gordon & Faith Greiner Nature Preserve, both located along Liverpool Road in Hobart. From there, the tour will continue to nearby Cressmoor Prairie and stop for a short hike to see and hear about restoration efforts at the black-soil prairie.

The bus then will travel to Meadowbrook Conservation Center and Nature Preserve in Valparaiso for a lunch break.

The afternoon portion will focus on several preserves in Porter and La Porte counties, including a stop at Wykes-Plampin Nature Preserve in Chester-ton to hear about the Little Calumet Conservation Corridor project, and the restoration and public access improvements being performed there.

From there, the bus will drive past two recently-acquired properties: a 165-acre property on the Little Calumet River adjacent to Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's Heron Rookery, and Meer Woods, a 19-acre addition to the Ambler Flatwoods project area. There will be a stop at Ambler Flatwoods Nature Preserve for a brief hike.

On the last leg of the tour, the bus will pass through the Beverly Shores project area for a glimpse of the Great Marsh. Water birds such as herons and egrets can be seen. The tour concludes back at the Visitor Center at 3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$35 per person, or \$60 per couple. Reservations are required by calling (219) 242-8558. The deadline is Monday, Oct. 17. Seating is limited, so early reservations are advised. The bus is rest-room equipped.

CALL THE BEACHER WITH YOUR NEWS!

Friday at Noon is the deadline for the following week's issue. (219) 879-0088

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

Friday, Oct. 14

• 7 p.m. — Fun Stories, Songs and Sing Along!

Northwest Indiana Storytelling Guild will lead an hour of stories and folk songs at the campground shelter by site 113. Hot cider will be available.

Saturday, Oct. 15

27th Annual Northwest Indiana Storytelling Festival

• 10 a.m. — Dune Stories Through Time Hike.

Meet a naturalist at the Nature Center for a morning trek to Mount Tom.

• 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Northwest Indiana Storytelling Festival.

Meet at the Nature Center to experience some of Indiana's best storytellers. Special sessions include: 10:30 a.m. to noon — Stories for children of all ages; 1 to 2:30 p.m. — Storytellers' Favorite Stories; 2:30 to 3 p.m. — Stories Around the World & Open Mic.

• 5:30 to 7 p.m. — Ghost Stories.

Take a blanket and listen to Northwest Indiana Storytellers for two story sessions at Wilson Shelter. The first is for younger children and their parents, the second for older children and adults. Apple cider and snacks will be available courtesy of Friends of Indiana Dunes. The program is free, but donations are accepted.

Sunday, Oct. 16

• 10 a.m. — Spooky Feed the Birds.

Meet a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding.

• 1 p.m. — Capturing Fall Colors Workshop.

Learn how to capture the most colorful season in the dunes with Indiana Department of Natural Resources photographer Frank Oliver during the three-hour, hands-on workshop at the Nature Center. A camera is needed, and pre-registration is required. A \$5 registration fee is due upon arrival.

Indiana Dunes State Park is at 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chester-ton. Call (219) 926-1390 for more information.

Antique & Collectible Show

St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Cool-spring Ave., will host an Antique & Collectible Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15.

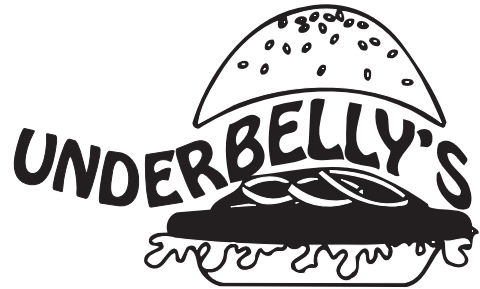
A food and bake sale also are planned. A few vendor spaces remain. Call (219) 879-9415 if interested.

Depot Friday

The Beverly Shores Museum and Art Gallery, 525 Broadway, will host Depot Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14.

The focus is nature photography by Susan Kirt of Shirley Heinze Land Trust.

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Oct. 13 — Music at the Museum, 2-3:30 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Oct. 13 — Berrien County 4-H Foundation Autumn Theater Event, "Pump Boys & Dinettes," The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Doors open/6 p.m. EDT, show/7:15 p.m. EDT. Tickets: \$35. Reservations: www.acorntheater.com

Oct. 14 — Depot Friday, 5-7 p.m., Beverly Shores Museum and Art Gallery, 525 Broadway.

Oct. 14 — Glass sculpture demonstration, 6-8 p.m., Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. Info: www.southernshoreartassociation.com

Oct. 14-16, 20-23 — "Clue: The Musical," Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fri./Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15 (2 for \$25 with coupon from website), children 12 & younger/\$10. Reservations: footlightplayers.org, (219) 874-4035.

Oct. 14-17 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Now showing: "Southside With You." Rated PG-13. Times: 6:15 p.m. Fri.-Mon. Also: "Equity." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

Oct. 14 — Fun Stories, Songs and Sing Along!, 7 p.m., campground shelter by site 113 @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 14-16 — Fall Friends of the Library Book Sale, Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Friends Only Preview Sale: 4-8 p.m. Fri. Public sale: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat./Sun.

Oct. 15 — St. Stanislaus Catholic Church farmers market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., parking lot next to tennis courts. Info: ssmcfarmersmarket@gmail.com, (219) 851-1785.

Oct. 15 — Run for Jake 2016, 8 a.m., Legacy Hills Golf Course, 299 W. Johnson Road, La Porte. Entry fee: \$26. Info: (219) 363-3270.

Oct. 15 — Antique & Collectible Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave.

Oct. 15 — New Buffalo Service League Arts and Crafts Show, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo High School gymnasium, 1112 E. Clay St. Admission: \$1. Info: (269) 469-1364.

Oct. 15 — Northwest Indiana Storytelling Festival, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Nature Center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 15 — County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz Family History Month program, "Dr. Mom," 1 p.m., La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Info: (219) 324-6767.

Oct. 15 — Watercolorist Dave Knoebber exhibit, "Remembering New Buffalo," 1-4 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Oct. 15 — Ghost Stories, 5:30-7 p.m., Wilson

Shelter @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 15 — La Porte County Habitat for Humanity 30th anniversary concert, musician/storyteller Ken Medema, 6 p.m., La Porte First United Methodist Church, 1225 Michigan Ave. Free.

Oct. 15, 19 — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat./4-8 p.m. Wed., Eighth and Washington streets. Info: tinyurl.com/hhaajz2

Oct. 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30 — Ghost Train, noon-5 p.m., Hesston Steam Museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, La Porte. Train fares: \$5/adults, \$3/children 3-12. Info: www.hesston.org

Oct. 16 — Okto-BEER-Fest, 1-5 p.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens (formerly International Friendship Gardens), 2055 E. U.S. 12. Tickets: \$50. VIP tickets: \$60. Reservations: www.friendshipgardens.org

Oct. 16 — Films on DVD Series: "The Man Who Knew Infinity," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Oct. 17 — NATIONAL BOSS DAY.

Oct. 17 — Friends of the Library Community Forum, master gardener Annette Van Dusen, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Pokagon Room @ New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Cost: \$20 materials. Info: (269) 469-2933.

Oct. 18 — The La Porte County Historical Society, Judge William Boklund's "A Body in the Cellar," 7 p.m., La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave.

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

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

Through December — Michael Koscielniak's "Collages in Dimension," Purdue University Northwest Technology Building first-floor, north-study area. Building hours: 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Info: (219) 785-5593, jnjacobi@pnw.edu

Farther Afield:

Oct. 15 — New Troy (Mich.) Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m. EDT, New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road. Info: (773) 803-9773.

Oct. 15 — Free guided hikes through Shirley Heinze Land Trust/Field Museum of Natural History, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Gary's Ivanhoe South Nature Preserve. Info: www.heinzetrust.org, (219) 242-8558.

Oct. 15 — Miller Garden Club annual Fall Brats & Bulbs Sale, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Marquette Park Aquatorium, 6918 Oak Ave., Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Info: Millergardenclub.org

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Interested patrons also can receive help calculating Body Mass Index.

• **Bits & Bytes series, Intro to Word Processing, from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department.**

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.

• **Music at the Museum from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, 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.

• **Lego Club from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, 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.

• **Fall Friends of the Library Book Sale on Friday through Sunday, Oct. 14-16, at Thomas Library.**

The event begins with a Friends Only Preview Sale from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, during which Friends of the Library memberships will be sold for \$5 and allow entrance to the event. The public sale is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday, all items will be sold for \$3 a bag. Prices for newer and special books will be individually marked. A large selection of hardcover books will be sold for \$1 each and paperback books for 50 cents each. Children's and Young Adult books cost 25 cents.

• **Creative Writing for Teens from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, in the Emily Peterson Meeting Room at Hageman Library.**

Professional writer and published author Heather Augustyn will lead an introduction to creative writing with a spooky theme.

• **Family Coloring Friday Nights from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at Hageman Library.**

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

• **Duplo Club from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Thomas Library's Children's Department.**

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

• **Mad About Mysteries at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Pat Klewer will review mysteries by Diane Chamberlain. Light refreshments will be served.

• **Kid's Book Club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, in the Thomas Library Children's Department.**

The focus is Jack Chabert and Sam Ricks' "Eerie Elementary: The School Is Alive!" Space is limited, and registration must be done in person.

• **Maker Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, in the Thomas Library upstairs IT classroom.**

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

• **Dementia Conversations from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Sponsored by the library and Alzheimer's Association, the program is designed to help people talk with their entire family about some challenging and often uncomfortable topics related to Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

• **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 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.

• **Minecraft Meet-up from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Thomas Library.**

Registration is required and must be done in person. The WPL Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct must be signed upon registration as well. Parents are welcome to attend, but required for youth 10 and younger.

• **Pizza Pajama Book Club for Teens from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, in the Thomas Library Young Adult Room.**

Teens in grades 6-12 can discuss books they have read or are reading. Pizza will be provided. Registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696 or visiting the library.

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Autumn Bacchus Festival

Wine Sellers Inc. will present its 17th annual Autumn Bacchus Festival from 7:30 to 10 p.m. EDT Friday, Oct. 21, at Marina Grand Resort, 600 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich.

Guests can sample more than 90 wines from across the globe. The cost is \$65 per person. Reservations are required, and limited, by calling (888) 824-WINE.

New Resource Management Chief

Dan Plath, Westville, has been selected as Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's new chief of resource management.

Plath, who begins work in mid-October, will oversee the park's natural, cultural and fire management branches. He replaces Robert Daum, who retired in November 2015.

While Plath is new to the National Park Service, he has been a principal at NiSource's environmental department for the last eight years and, prior to that, spent 10 years with Indiana Department of Environmental Management. He is the president and founder of Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, and serves on the advisory council of Shirley Heinze Land Trust, the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Indiana, the Trail Creek Watershed board and the East Branch of the Little Calumet River Watershed Steering Committee, the Purdue Water Institute Advisory Board and the Indiana University Northwest SPEA Board of Advisers. He is chair of the Indiana DNR Coastal Advisory Board and Northwest Indiana Forum Environmental Committee.

Plath helped spearhead a successful effort to designate a section of the Lake Michigan Water Trail a National Recreation Trail, headed an effort that helped create the Kankakee River National Water Trail and is leading efforts that include developing water trails on the Little Calumet River, installation of ADA-compliant canoe and kayak launches throughout Northwest Indiana and completion of the 1,600-mile Lake Michigan Water Trail National Recreation Trail. This year, he co-founded Team River Runner Northwest Indiana, which uses kayaking to improve the lives of disabled veterans.

FOL Community Forum

Master gardener Annette Van Dusen will lead a workshop on terrariums, disk gardens and fairy gardens at 6:30 p.m. EDT Monday, Oct. 17, in the Pokagon Room at New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

The hands-on learning session involves the basics of creating an indoor or outdoor garden. Van Dusen also is an FOL member.

Attendance is limited to 15, and registration is required at the library's front desk by Thursday, Oct. 13. There is a \$20 materials fee due at registration by cash or check made out to Friends of New Buffalo Library. Fees will be refunded if cancellation is received by Oct. 13.

The next program is "Public Gardens – Why They Matter" by Fernwood Botanical Garden Executive Director Carol Line on Oct. 24. Call the library at (269) 469-2933, follow the facebook link at newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org or email new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com for more details.



Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Guilty Minds by Joseph Finder
(hardcover, \$28, in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

"I get lied to all the time. It's my business."

"That must get depressing."

"Not really. You can learn a lot from a lie. Sometimes more than from the truth."

That's Nick Heller explaining what it is to be a "private intelligence operative." OK, he spies on people for lawyers, politicians and others for a living. And, he's good at what he does because it can get complicated working for the rich, famous and powerful, not to mention dangerous. Like now, when he is summoned to the office of John Epsworth Malkin, a high-profile lawyer who directs him to another high-profile lawyer, Gideon Parnell, an African American and former civil rights leader. Nick is intrigued. What could Parnell possibly want from him?

Stick around. It only gets better from here.

Parnell wants help with clearing the name of a friend whose spotless reputation is about to be smeared by a gossip Internet site called the Slander Sheet. His friend? None other than a Supreme Court justice, Jeremiah Claflin. Wow, very high profile.

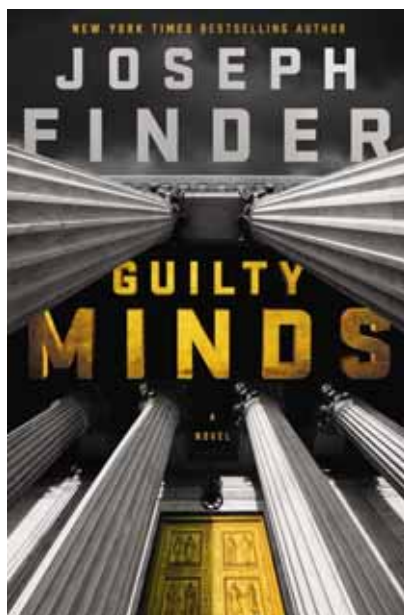
Parnell insists the story is false, but will have credibility because it will be written by former *Washington Post* journalist Mandy Seeger, and reinforced by the story given by Heidi L'Amour, a high-priced "escort."

The justice is in his 70s, and with a spotless reputation. Nick insists on seeing Claflin in person before taking the case. See, there's something off here, and Nick subscribes to the "where there's smoke there's fire" theory. That's why he wants to see Claflin in person, see what his instincts tell him.

After meeting the justice, Nick takes the case. So what's the scandal? Here's what the justice tells him: Claflin helped decide a major case against Tom Wyden, CEO of Wyden Desert Resorts, Las Vegas. The case was decided in Wyden's favor and, wonder of wonders, he is now named as the person who paid for expensive visits by Ms L'Amour to Claflin at the ritzy Monroe Hotel in D.C.

First things first. What, if any, is Claflin's alibi for the three nights in question? Can't use because the good justice has been...oops, can't say. That piece of information, plus another damning item, leaves him looking very guilty. Next...

Nick and his assistant, Dorothy, start digging on



L'Amour, uncovering some interesting facts. She is really Kayla Pitts, 22 years old. She has a sister in prison for meth arrests and a mother in a nursing home; father dead. Nick decides to call on Heidi/Kayla, but she proves elusive. Need I remind you that Nick is very persistent?

Next step: Find out more about Slander Sheet — who really owns it and what's the beef the owner has with Claflin? Almost a dead end here. Almost. And, finally, why is a retired police officer tailing Heidi/Kayla?

Nick has an interesting visit with Mandy Seeger. She's either a very good liar, or she's being used and doesn't realize it.

Even though Slander Sheet has said it won't go online with the story for 48 hours, it puts out the story in 24. No surprise there!

Proof is finally found that clears Claflin, and Slander Sheet is forced to rescind the story about him...and we're only halfway through the book! Nick should be happy, but something is nagging at him... The proof was found almost too easily. Maybe Justice Claflin is only the tip of a much larger iceberg.

Nick's instincts prove right when he soon gets a frantic call from Heidi/Kayla saying she's been kidnapped. Before she can say more, the phone goes dead. You just know things are going south real fast now. Slander Sheet was made a fool of — will someone be made to pay? But is it Slander Sheet that wants revenge? Nick is now convinced there is a story yet to be told, hopefully before someone gets killed, but that proves to be an empty wish.

Guilty Minds has all the twists and turns you expect from a political thriller, along with sharply defined characters. The story is all about today — how websites send out the news, or what passes as news, in the flash of a keystroke. The subject resonates: Today, anyone can be utterly destroyed, or at least branded, according to some unknown entity. It's a complicated world we live in.

Finder shows his staying power in this, his third novel about Nick Heller.

"[A] tight plot, sharp dialogue, and a cast of intriguing characters keep the story a cut above the genre pack." — *Publishers Weekly*

Finder is the bestselling author of 12 novels, two of which were made into films: *Paranoia* and *High Crimes*. His *Killer Instinct* won the International Thriller Writer's Thriller Award for Best Novel of 2006. Visit www.josephfinder.com

Till next time, happy reading!



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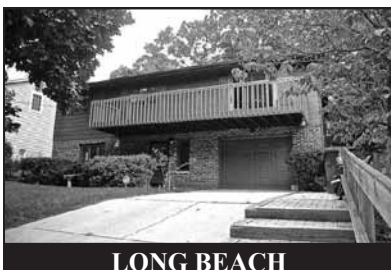


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