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American Beauty

Filmmaker Captures Humanity Through His Lens

by M.D. Cunningham



Rick Erwin addresses the audience at Vickers Theatre. Photo by M.D. Cunningham.

Ellen Fulmer remembers stepping into Vickers Theatre a half-century ago to see “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.” Today, a historical snapshot of her hometown, Rolling Prairie, along with a glimpse into a man who’s spent his life picking apples, will flicker across the silver screen. Many folks in the audience appear in the films, including Ken Williams, for whom she packed peaches and apples at his orchard when she was 12.

“We always ask for him,” Fulmer said of visits to

*My long two-pointed ladder’s
sticking through a tree
Toward heaven still,
And there’s a barrel that I didn’t fill
Beside it, and there may be two or three
Apples I didn’t pick upon some bough.
But I am done with apple-picking now.
“After Apple Picking”
Robert Frost*

Williams’ orchard, which Ken — well into his 90s — still works at, “and he always remembers us.”

Williams no longer picks apples, by the way, but he does cut the grass on a riding mower.

Fulmer also recalls how nice the Williams family was, serving home-cooked meals to folks who worked there.

Two short documentaries by Richard Erwin, “Going Rolling” and “Looking for Apple Ken,” were shown Sept. 17 at Vickers Theatre, Three Oaks, Mich. They are chocked full of details some might dismiss as mundane, but there is a pastoral cadence that sets aim at piercing the heart.

The filmmaker, who participated in a question-and-answer period, said he had no particular expectations for the screening, which erupted with hoots and hollers of recognition, along with gentle laughter, but also long periods of absolute silence from a spellbound audience.

“If there was something within these stories that I hope people walk away from, it’s the sense of love for what you do, your community and the people around

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you,” Erwin said, echoing a line from one of the individuals featured in “Going Rolling”: *“We didn’t always like each other, but we loved each other.”*

Folks did not have to be from the area to enjoy the films. One couple, smiles stretched across their bright faces, said, “It’s the best thing we’ve done all summer, and we’re not even from there.”

For more than 25 years, Erwin, a Columbia College graduate, has directed, shot and edited broadcast material, documentaries, educational films, commercials and marketing programs. As cinematographer, he’s been involved with more than 700 projects, from videos to web-based programs. He’s also earned accolades from the Chicago International Film Festival, Chicago Emmys and U.S. International Film and Video Festival,

“Going Rolling,” which has a running time of 52 minutes, centers on the town from 1920 to around 1960, offering interviews with elders as well as historical footage. “Looking for Apple Ken,” which has a running time of 33 minutes, takes a day-in-the-life look at Williams, a third-generation apple-orchard farmer in Rolling Prairie.

Many of the stories in “Going Rolling” focus on the bizarre, or critical coming-of-age moments. One man, for example, was of the horse-and-buggy era, describing an attempt to win the affection of a young lady he would later marry by circling her home repeatedly. His plan went unnoticed by the girl...until she noticed her father in a fit of rage like none she’d seen.

Another anecdote describes a local barbecue joint where the owner’s father, after a series of robberies, camped out overnight inside the restaurant with a shotgun. In the morning, the man was found curled up — asleep — in a booth, the store robbed again and the man’s shotgun gone.

One young man saw a friend egg him on to ignore a patrolman’s warning to head home after curfew. The two snuck back out for



Ken Williams, the subject of “Looking for Apple Ken,” attended the screening. Photo by M.D. Cunningham.

another Coke, only to be discovered. The man suffered a spanking at the hands of the police officer, yet, ironically, harbored no ill will toward him, still looking up to him.

During hard times like those during the Depression, stories are particularly poignant in their description of people in adverse circumstances. One young man discussed working 10-hour days for 75 cents an hour at an onion patch. He described it as



Moviegoers packed Vickers Theatre for the screening of Rick Erwin’s films. Photo by M.D. Cunningham.

big money and remembers working happily. With his earnings, he bought school books for high school and splurged on a sharp looking sweater that made the girls go "apey."

The stories juxtaposed together speak volumes about the attitudes of their time, but also draw on the universal bonds of human experience.



A movie still from "Looking for Apple Ken" features Ken Williams with his beloved shears.



Ken Williams can still be found riding his tractor at the orchard.

In "Looking for Apple Ken," Williams delights with laid-back humor and staunch matter-of fact perspective. The first time he appears on screen, he is zipping down a country road on a tractor. One of the other individuals in the film jokes that for his age, it's as if Williams is still a 16-year-old boy on the inside.

At one point, Williams calls large shears to cut apples with his "constant companion," adding that if it they weren't so sharp, he'd sleep with them in his bed.

A conservative estimate by the filmmaker says Williams has spent 85 years of his life picking apples. He was born at the orchard in 1918 and began working at around 10.

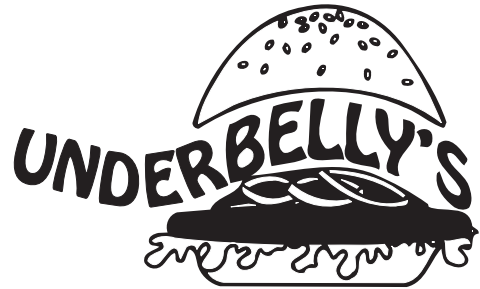
"Ken is a man of discipline, self-discipline, speed and even at the age of 95 has a solid work ethic," Erwin said. "It became clear to me that at my age of 55, and 40 years his younger, I needed to keep up with him."

There were no wasted movements during filming.

"There were no breaks," Erwin said. "It was all work. And at one point, sweat pouring off of me, I

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Stills capture specific moments in time during "Going Rolling."

asked to take a break. He smiled and said, 'Oh yes you do that,' as he continued to work."

"As we got to know each other, he began opening up and sharing what was important to him," Erwin said. "He was teaching me — not the mechanics of the job, but rather gently and lovingly his knowledge, wisdom and the meaning of it all."

Williams was often asked if he had goals for the day, at one point replying, "Just kind of monkeying

around." It is a fitting reaction from him. After all, when you put away all the distractions, what else is there to do? That salt-of-the earth reply, indeed, reflects the overall tone of Erwin's documentaries.

"I hope that a highlight from the films is that people of all ages see in Ken Williams and the people from 'Going Rolling' ... that life is rather short, filled with unknowns, and that living your passion, dreams, hopes and desires can lead to a life filled with joy, happiness and prosperity," Erwin said.

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Interviews with longtime Rolling Prairie residents help tell the story of "Going Rolling."

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Purdue Westville Campus Adds "Birdman" Sculpture

The sculpture "Birdman" by internationally known abstract artists The Zhou Brothers is on display at Purdue University Northwest's Westville campus as part of the Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series.

An abstract 14-foot sculpture painted in bright red, "Birdman" is clearly visible from U.S. 421. The brothers see it as an expression of creative emotion, liberty and freedom – an enduring theme in their work for the past 40 years.

Liberty, indeed, is precious to Da Huang and Shan Zuo Zhou. During their youth, they survived Mao Zedong's cultural revolution, during which their educator father was exiled. They, along with their educator mother and grandmother, were relocated to a rural, mountain range, where they were forced to adapt to farm life.

Able to resume their education, the Zhou brothers immersed themselves in university studies in the arts and, before coming to America, became nationally recognized contemporary artists in China. Their 40-year collaboration has earned them in-



The "Birdman" sculpture.

ternational recognition and can be found in public and private collections around the globe.

"Birdman" joins a collection of Zhou Brothers paintings, small sculptures and terragraphs on display in the James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex, and in several locations on the PNW Hammond Campus.

The sculpture initially was part of the Zhou B foundation garden in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood.

"It is an honor that they chose a spot on our highway gallery to be installed as a centerpiece and grow our partnership," said Judy Jacobi, assistant vice chancellor of University Art Collections &

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This undated photo shows The Great Hall within Barker Hall.

Two of Michigan City's most historic buildings — Barker Mansion and Barker Hall — will house the city's 180th anniversary celebration.

The Heritage Ball is Saturday, Oct. 1, as a fundraiser to preserve the two Barker-heritage buildings. It kicks off with a champagne reception at 4 p.m. at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. The party continues at 6 p.m. at Barker Hall at Trinity Episcopal Church, Sixth and Franklin streets, with live music, dancing, food, a bar and silent auction of Michigan City historical items.

The mansion contains 38 rooms, seven fireplaces and 10 bathrooms, all decorated in the elaborate style of the turn-of-the-century wealthy. Guests can wander all three floors, viewing carved walnut and mahogany woodwork, silver door plates, coffered ceilings and the finest furnishings. Each room is decorated with tapestries, paintings and sculptures imported from Europe.

Even though Barker Hall connected to the church, Catherine Barker dedicated the site "for the use of the people." When the large, romantic Renaissance Gothic building opened, it featured sports facilities, classrooms, meeting rooms, offices, a chapel and the grand second level multipurpose room called "The Great Hall."

When arriving at Barker Hall during the ball, partygoers will enter the formal lobby with its



This undated photo shows the Barker Mansion library.

beamed ceiling and double staircase leading to The Great Hall on the second floor.

Included in the silent auction is an original 1834 survey map of the mouth of Trail Creek showing the city's layout and proposed breakwater to create a harbor. The map measures 24x 24 and clearly shows the location of the proposed city blocks, sand dunes and beachfront as it would have appeared as the first pioneers arrived in Michigan City.

Other auction items available include several from the Barker Mansion collection.

"These are historic items, but are not original to the Barker family," Barker Mansion Executive Director Jessica Rosier said. "That doesn't mean that they're not important or collectible." Items include pottery jugs, crystal and glassware.

Tickets, which are \$50 per person or \$85 per couple, are available by calling Barker Mansion at (219) 873-1520 or online at Eventbrite.com.

Relating to the ball, Mayor Ron Meer on Sept. 22 proclaimed Oct. 1 as Heritage Day in commemoration of Michigan City's 180th anniversary of incorporation. He made the announcement at Krueger Memorial Park, one of Michigan City's most historic sites once owned by another mayor, Martin Krueger. He presented the signed proclamation to Rosier in front of the marker identifying the Revolutionary War battle that took place there.



An original 1834 survey map is included with the silent auction.



Mayor Ron Meer with Barker Mansion's Jessica Rosier and the Heritage Day proclamation.

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“Magnificent Seven” Stands On Its Own as Rousing Entertainment

by Andrew Tallackson

In a perfect world, remakes would exist only to right cinematic wrongs. We do not live in a perfect world, unfortunately. Hollywood tinkers with classics simply because it is bereft of new ideas.

Where you stand on “The Magnificent Seven” (1960) – itself a remake of Akira Kurosawa’s “Seven Samurai” (1954) – is a matter of taste. Watch it today, and it’s still great fun: a no-nonsense western with that can’t-miss cast (Yul Brenner, Steve McQueen, Charles Bronson, Robert Vaughn, James Coburn) and a score by Elmer Bernstein so memorable, fans still can hum the first few bars of it.

So it came as a surprise how much I enjoyed this contemporary spin by director Antoine Fuqua (“Training Day”). At the risk of displeasing those who consider the 1960 version perfection, this film is a more rounded and satisfying experience, emotional in ways the pulpy original was not.

Fuqua and his writers, Nic Pizzolatto and Richard Wenk, shift the original’s action from Mexico to Rose Creek, a small mining community in 1879 Colorado. In the chilling opening sequence, the townsfolk congregate at the local church to plot against corrupt industrialist Bartholomew Bogue when the man, himself, invades their gathering. Fuqua could have cast an intimidating behemoth as Bogue. Instead, he chose Peter Sarsgaard (“Shattered Glass”), a chameleon-like actor who transforms himself into a venomous worm with no qualms of torching the church and slaughtering those who cross him. Fleeing to a nearby town are Emma Cullen (Haley Bennett, fierce, like the Second Coming of Jennifer Lawrence) and Teddy Q (Luke Grimes), both willing to pay a small fortune to anyone who’ll rid the town of its exceedingly vile presence.

Fuqua hasn’t skimped on star power when it comes to his idea of a magnificent seven. Leading the charge is Denzel Washington as bounty hunter Sam Chisolm, an actor who at this stage of his career has nothing to prove. He is commanding, offering a slow burn of a man with a more complex past than that of Brenner’s character in the original. As gambler

Josh Faraday, Chris Pratt pounces with go-for-broke gusto on another charismatic scoundrel role.

More compelling, though, are Ethan Hawke as sharpshooter Goodnight Robicheaux and Byung-hun Lee as Billy Rocks, his knife-throwing companion who understands better than anyone else the horrors of war that plague Goodnight. Their relationship, born out of respect, is the most richly explored, perfectly accented by quietly moving work from Vincent D’Onofrio as tracker Jack Horne, a

big bear of a man who becomes the soul and conscience of the group.

The weak links are Martin Sensmeier as Comanche warrior Red Harvest and Manuel Garcia-Rulfo as Mexican outlaw Vasquez. They exist, it seems, to create a more ethnically diverse cast. That’s fine, but we learn precious little about them, other than that they can hold their own in a fight.

Where Fuqua’s film one-ups the original is in how he depicts the people



Denzel Washington and Chris Pratt star in “The Magnificent Seven.”

of Rose Creek. This time, they are not helpless victims, but active participants in their own fate. They prepare for battle, and that permits us, as the audience, to make more of an emotional investment in the film’s sustained, invigoratingly staged climax: a tense, frightening, thrilling confrontation that does not let up for a good 30 minutes.

Will this version of “The Magnificent Seven” be remembered as a classic? Probably not. The affection people have for the Yul Brenner version remains untouched. What it is, though, is well-crafted entertainment. It looks marvelous, the big blue sky imagery courtesy of Fuqua’s longtime cinematographer, Mauro Fiore. The haunting score is partly the final work of James Horner (“Titanic”) before his untimely passing. The heroics are rousing. In fact, when the closing credits began to roll, the audience I saw the film with applauded. That, to me, speaks far more to the success of the picture than in how it stacks up against its predecessor. It sets out to create good, old-fashioned fun and, in the end, exceeds any and all expectations.

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Wonderful Cast Makes “Pump Boys and Dinettes” a Must-See

Editor's note — Val Pudlo of Merrion & Associates Realtors contributed this guest review.

I have wanted to see “Pump Boys and Dinettes” for about 15 years now, but never been able to go when it was performed anywhere nearby.

You can imagine how “pumped” I was to learn Munster's Theatre at the Center would present the show for an entire month. This well-cast production exceeded all expectations.

“Pump Boys and Dinettes” unfolds in a simpler time in a small town in North Carolina, somewhere between Frog Level and Smyrna on Highway 57. It's a hand-clapping, foot-stomping, totally entertaining tribute to life on the two lane.

The exceptional cast of four pump boys and two dinette ladies performs rousing, down-home tunes between changing tires and baking pies. Their voices blend so well, at times it is hard to tell who is singing what. The *a capella* numbers in particular are a delight, the cast easily changing keys and singing together as one.

Pump boy Jim (Shaun Whitley) introduces us to our group, leading us through the story with a flirtatious charm while singing and playing electric, acoustic and dobro guitar. His touching tribute to his grandmother in “Mamaw” will warm your heart. His romantic interest, Rhettta (Christine Mild), makes it clear she isn't going to put up with any shenanigans in “Be Good or Be Gone.” The actress has a soulful voice that would make Aretha smile.

Jackson (Matt Holzfeind) shows us his Chuck Berry side by singin' and rockin' the electric guitar in the rousing “Mona,” the dime-store queen. Prudie (Veronica Garza) is engaging as she sings of her unrequited love for L.M. (Matt Edmonds) in “The Best Man.” Who could blame her? Not only is he the brains behind the pumps, but he also plays



The cast performs one of the musical numbers in “Pump Boys and Dinettes.”

piano AND accordion. While Edmonds' rendition of “The Night Dolly Parton Was Almost Mine” is the highlight of the show, there are other numbers such as “Serve Yourself” and “Tips” that definitely make you smile.

And, of course, the pump boy who keeps it all together, although somewhat quietly, is Eddie (Cody Siragusa) the bass player, playing

electric and stand-up bass, and nodding his head when needed.

If you have never experienced “Pump Boys and Dinettes,” do yourself a favor and go see it. If you have seen it before, do yourself a favor. See it again.



Christine Mild stars as “Rhettta Cupp.”

If You Go

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To help owners keep their dogs and cats healthy, and comply with animal-control ordinance, Trinity Episcopal Church will offer a low-cost pet vaccination clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, which is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

A licensed veterinarian will give the vaccinations. Services are available to all pet owners. The cost for basic vaccinations is \$18 each. An additional service available at a slightly higher price includes puppy vaccinations and heartworm tests.

Vaccinations available for dogs are rabies, distemper and Bordetella. Vaccinations for cats are rabies, distemper and feline leukemia. Those attending the clinic are asked to pick up a number at the door, then wait in their cars with their pets until called. All dogs must be on leashes and all cats in carriers or secured containers.

A Blessing of the Pets by the Rev. Tanya Scheff, in honor of the Italian saint known for his love of all of God's creatures, follows the clinic at the church, Sixth and Franklin streets.

It is the law in Michigan City that "all dogs and cats older than 3 months must have shots protecting them against contracting rabies." Pets also must wear tags at all times. Owners not in compliance are subject to expensive fines.

Michigan City pet regulations are:

- A dog may not run at large and must be kept on a leash unless in a fenced area.
- No more than three dogs and/or cats are allowed in a single residential unit.
- Pet owners must remove any animal waste deposited by their pet on public or private property immediately.
- All dogs and cats older than 3 months must have shots protecting them against rabies.
- All dogs and cats must wear tags at all times.
- Animals are prohibited on school grounds while school is in session, and in city parks and cemeteries at all times.
- Owners must keep dogs and cats in a clean, sanitary area where they are adequately sheltered.
- Owners must provide veterinarian care when needed.
- Dogs barking, molesting passersby, chasing vehicles or attacking domestic animals are considered "creating a nuisance" and will result in a fine and/or impounding of the animal.
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The following programs are available:

• **Bits & Bytes series, Intro to Windows 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, 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.

• **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.

• **Make N Take Kids Craft Time on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Thomas Library.**

Children can stop by the Children's Department anytime during the day (while supplies last) and make a pumpkin wreath.

• **Knitting Together from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

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

• **Westchester Township History Museum's fifth annual Indiana Dunes History Hunt from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.**

Learn about historical sites within Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, play games, solve riddles and complete challenges to get the next clue. All participants begin the hunt at the Bailly/Chellberg parking lot on Mineral Springs Road no later than 3 p.m. The hunt will extend about four miles and cover some uneven terrain not accessible by car.

• **Popular Books at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, in Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The focus is Langston Hughes' collection of narratives of the fictional Jesse B. Semple, or "Simple," which first appeared in 1943 in Hughes' column in *The Chicago Defender* and later in *The New York Post*.

• **Organizing Your Student from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Wendy Taddeucci, certified professional organizer from Simply Organized LLC, will reveal how to

communicate with your student so he/she has the tools needed to be successful at school

• **Health Care: Part D from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Thomas Murphy leads the presentation on Medicare Part D, open enrollment for which starts Oct. 15.

• **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 instructor 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. 5, at Thomas Library.**

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Indiana Bicentennial La Porte County Torch Run

The Indiana Bicentennial La Porte County Committee has announced the list of torchbearers who will help celebrate Indiana's bicentennial Saturday, Oct. 8.

Torchbearer were recognize as Hoosiers who demonstrated exceptional public service, excellence in their profession, acts of heroism or volunteer service to their neighborhood, community, region or state. The La Porte County Bicentennial Committee appointed 33 official torchbearers from the nominations received.

Developed by the Indiana Office of Tourism Development, the relay is patterned after the Olympic Torch Relay and is designed to connect Hoosiers across the state and nation with their home state during the bicentennial year. The route will travel through Rolling Prairie, La Porte and Michigan City. A mid-day celebration is from noon to 4 p.m. at Younger Life Plaza 618 in La Porte and ends with an event from 5 to around 9 p.m. at Washington Park's North Point Pavilion.

The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay started Sept. 9 in Corydon — Indiana's first state capital — and culminates with a celebration Oct. 15 at the statehouse in Indianapolis. The relay will touch each of Indiana's 92 counties during the 2,300-mile journey.

Local torchbearers include:

- **Alan Barcus** — The La Porte native and La Porte High school graduate has been a member of the Chicago Masters basketball team (players 50 and older) and the national MVP twice. In his chosen fields of music, film and theater, he has composed the music for more than 2,400 TV and radio commercials. He also has done the film score for 11 movies, written the book, lyrics and music for five stage musicals



and released a CD of his compositions.

- **Sue Beres** — She is an educational diagnostician for La Porte Community School Corp. Other involvements include Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana as the La Porte County coordinator and fall 5K Race planner.
- **Thaddeus Cutler** — He is La Porte's Downtown director and a business owner. He serves as a liaison between the Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce, GLEDC, City of La Porte, Urban Enterprise Zone, CVB and the public.
- **Bonnie DeWolf** — Primarily an eighth-grade U.S. history teacher, she is an educator, coach and teaching colleague in La Porte County. She is actively involved in community events, historical society and other philanthropic endeavors.
- **James Dworkin** — He is chancellor emeritus of Purdue University North Central, which recently combined with Purdue University Calumet to form Purdue University Northwest. Prior to that, he served as associate dean of the School of Management and the Krannert Graduate School of Management at Purdue West Lafayette.
- **Noel Ferrell** — He is a member of the IKAN Club. Members have intellectual disabilities serviced by Parents and Friends Inc. His staff and an additional member will assist with carrying the torch for the club.
- **Joe Henning** — A New Prairie High School sophomore, he participates in extracurricular ac-




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tivities such as tennis, track and the robotics team. He is a member and camp counselor of La Porte County 4-H Club. For several years, he has been an active member of Leadership La Porte County and its youth grant-making efforts.

- **Tommy Hertges** — An eighth-grader at Kesling Middle School, La Porte, he maintains a 4.0 grade point average, which he has kept since first grade. He is active in student counsel, through which he volunteers for the concession stands and rings The Salvation Army bell. He has participated in Leadership La Porte County for youth, and is a three-sport athlete at Kesling.
- **Bruce Johnson** — For 25 years, he taught Indiana history and led the annual South Central Elementary School fourth-grade field trip to the Indiana statehouse. He has written and presented a series of seven programs on famous Hoosiers, given historical tours and written historical articles. He has served on the La Porte County Historical Society board for more than 25 years and is the current president.
- **Justin Kiel** — He is the publisher and co-owner of *The Regional News* and *The Westville Indicator*, a position he's held the last 2 1/2 years. He also is La Crosse Town Council president.
- **Russ Klosinski** — He and two of his friends rescued two anglers whose boat overturned on Lake Michigan. He also has been involved in the Lions Club, church and other community services. His new passion is Rebuilding La



Porte County, a charity that helps homeowners who cannot afford repairs to their homes.

- **Ben Konowitz** — He founded Big Comedy at La Porte Little Theatre, which involve two sold-out standup shows, with all proceeds benefitting local charities such as The Salvation Army Backpack Program, State Street Community Church food pantry, La Porte Firefighters, CASA, PEP and La Porte Little Theatre.
- **La Porte High School Cross Country** — During the 2015 season, both teams won sectional and regional, the first time in school history both teams won in the same year. They also won numerous individual awards and qualified for the IHSAA State Finals.
- **Ken Layton** — An Army veteran, he served with the La Porte County Sheriff's Office in August 1968, was promoted to sergeant in 1974, captain in 1980 and chief deputy sheriff in 1979. He was elected sheriff in January 1987, then for a second term in January 1991. He then remained with the department until December 1996. He served two terms as La Porte County auditor, one term as La Porte County treasurer and one term as La Porte County commissioner. He retired from public office in 2013.
- **Diane Meyer** — Meyer worked at Hailmann Elementary School and was heavily involved with Girls on the Run. She lost her battle with cancer in December, right before her 65th birthday. Carrying the torch for her is her husband, the Rev. Dennis Meyer of Bethany Lutheran Church.



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- **Ana Miramontes** — A La Porte County resident for 26 years, she volunteered at St. Stanislaus Kosta Parish and School as a Girl Scout leader, field trip chaperone and other church and school activities. She has volunteered at St. Paul Lutheran Church's soup kitchen and worked for Women's Care Center as a counselor for the past eight years. 
- **Steve Moore and The Wall Gang** — Moore and the group are motorcycle enthusiasts who honor American veterans, providing funds to veterans groups and families. They ride to the Vietnam Memorial every Memorial Day, along with other riders from across the county who participate in the "Rolling Thunder Washington D.C. Inc. Ride." 
- **Rich Mrozinski** — Born in La Porte and growing up in Rolling Prairie, he went to work at NIPSCO after high school, then one year later joined the U.S. Air Force, serving four years, including two tours of duty in Vietnam. After being honorably discharged, he returned to NIPSCO, retiring after 37½ years. 
- **Mitchell Newport** — A Purdue University sophomore studying agricultural systems management, he is a lifelong La Porte County resident serving in a leadership position through FarmHourse Fraternity International as steward for the Purdue fraternity. He also is a member of the Purdue Agricultural Systems Management Club and Purdue Bass Fishing Club. He also has been involved with multiple philanthropic fundraisers. 
- **Mary Parkman** — A Westville High School junior, she is sixth in her class and was recognized by the IHSA for exemplary sportsmanship. She is active in many sports, clubs, her church and 4-H Club. 

- **Daniel Plath** — He is a principal in the environmental department at NiSource. He also is president and founder of the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, a non-profit organization of approximately 600 paddlers. He also serves on many other community boards.
- **Nathan Thode** — Born and raised in La Porte, he graduated from La Porte High School before entering the U.S. Marine Corps. He served four active and four inactive years of duty. He also has served for many years as a patrol officer, and now is a detective with, La Porte City Police Department. 
- **Michele Thompson** — Born and raised in La Porte County, she has worked in the banking industry for more than 40 years, is president of La Porte Savings Bank and serves on the Horizon Bancorp Inc. board. 
- **Myrle Weston** — Coming from a family of soldiers, he served in Vietnam in 1970-1971, receiving a Bronze Star with a V-Device for jumping in the driver's seat and driving the gun truck out of the line of fire when a soldier was killed. His second Bronze Star, also for service in Vietnam, was for his year of service. Myrle comes from a family of soldiers. He and his wife have found 21 of his Vietnam soldiers, holding a reunion every year in La Porte. 
- **Harlan Williams** — Sgt. Williams is a lifelong Indiana resident who has served as an Indiana State Police trooper, as well as a La Porte County sheriff's deputy. He now oversees the Metro Operations unit, coordinates the DUI task force and is a specialist in hostage negotiation and coordinated Project Lifesaver, which assists caregivers and law enforcement in monitoring special-need individuals who may wander from home.
- **Visit Michigan City La Porte** — The tourism bureau has been promoting La Porte County events and destinations for 37 years. For the past 15 years, it has partnered with Northern Indiana Tourism Development Association to collectively promote and market the region to visitors.

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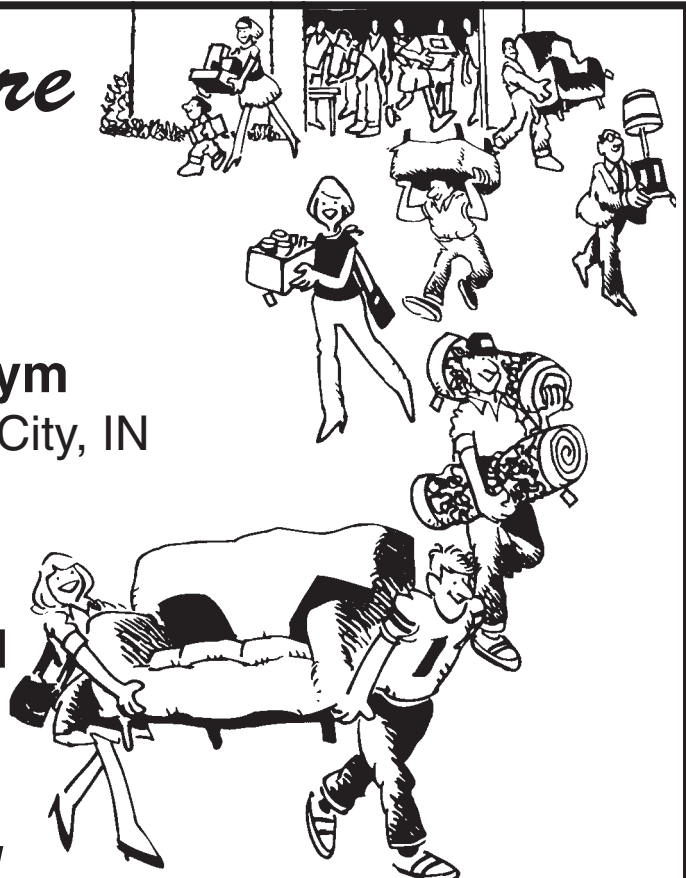
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It is one of Harry MacAfee's most memorable lines in "Bye, Bye Birdie," the iconic classic that pulses with action and drama surrounding heartthrob Conrad Birdie, who's chosen to kiss MacAfee's daughter in a public sendoff before facing the prospect of service in the Army.

In La Porte Little Theatre Club's production, which opens this weekend, Sheridan Beach resident Robert Richter plays Harry MacAfee. He strikes a larger-than-life persona, himself, that perfectly gels with the boisterous role since he loves to push buttons and gushes with a natural bravado.

The part also is a chance for the local thespian to follow in the footsteps of his father — a tremendous actor, singer and dancer in his own right who played the same role in the late '60s. Stepping into the character is an opportunity to feel and experience similar emotions his father shared.

For folks in the know, the name Paul Lynde is synonymous with the role of Harry MacAfee. However, Robert and his father brought different elements to the table, according to Susie Richter, Robert's sister, who also appears in the La Porte production.

Robert also tried not to duplicate his father's performance, she said.

"It's not the same at all," Susie Richter said, adding her brother's goal was to leave his own creative mark...sometimes, too much.

Robert Richter says his sister sometimes tells him to tone it down, but the jokester typically does the opposite.

Surprisingly, Richter, who came from a theatrical family and does a few community theater productions shows a year, didn't start acting until he was 50. His first role was as the captain in "The Sound of Music."

When I arrive to interview him during a rehearsal, he's seated on a set of stairs with two young actors practicing lines, or as he calls it, "rapping." It's clear the overarching reason he's here is that it's fun. It brings him joy — and he reciprocates that with his antics.

"It's just so much fun," he said. "It's a big family, and we all work together to get a good show."

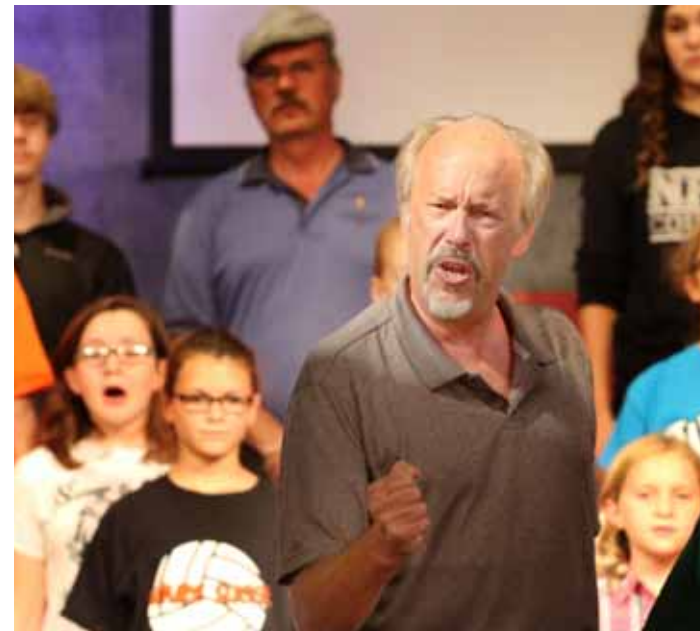
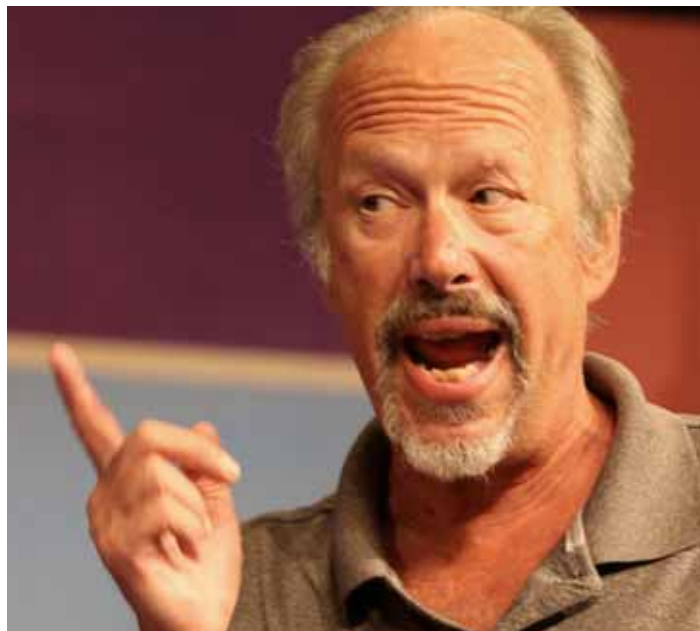
Richter is wearing a Chicago Bears polo, pleated khakis and a megawatt grin that doesn't hide, so much as boast, his joy for mischief. His energy seems perfectly suited for the stage. In addition to being a family, Richter says the atmosphere of performing also has an athletic element. Rather than chasing baskets or touchdowns, actors feed on the laughter — or tears — of the crowd.

"Emotion — that's what you're after," he said. "You want that rush that people are right there with you. You drag them into the show, so they're right there with you. That's a good feeling. That's a

Beach Resident Follows in Father's Footsteps in "Bye, Bye Birdie"

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"Gentleman, the democracy is over! Parliament has been dissolved — the Magna Carta is revoked and Nero is back in town!"



good feeling. You're touching parts of their lives, and they're empathizing with what you're going through."

Richter recently suffered a heart attack, which briefly sidelined him. Rather than slow down, though, it appears he is, if anything, picking up speed.

During the rehearsal of "Hymn for a Sunday Evening (Ed Sullivan)," he repeatedly pumps his fist triumphantly as he harmonizes with his fellow actors. He later mentions his dad loved the song for its gospel tones.

Despite Richter's playful persona, typically marked by a smirk, he becomes taciturn as the director bellows out directions to the performers from the balcony. It may be mostly fun and games, but you sense that for Richter's antics, he is intent on delivering a very special performance.

(All rehearsal photos are by Bob Wellinski.)



Robert and Susie Richter tried to find a picture of their father in "Bye Bye Birdie," but were unsuccessful. However, they did uncover this photo of him as Fagin in a 1969 Dunes Summer Theatre production of "Oliver!"

If You Go

La Porte Little Theatre Club, 218 A St., La Porte, will present "Bye Bye Birdie!" on Oct. 1-2 and 7-9. Times are 2 and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1, 2 p.m. Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7-8 and 2 p.m. Oct. 9. Tickets are \$15, or \$12 for students. Visit www.laportelittletheatreclub.com for reservations or more details.

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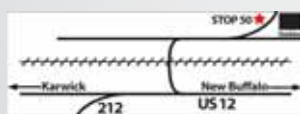
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Century of Progress Homes Tour

Tickets are selling quickly for the Oct. 15 Century of Progress Homes Tour, which explores the Florida Tropical, Cypress Log Cabin, Armco Ferro, Rostone and work-in-progress House of Tomorrow.



The Florida Tropical House.

Families that restored the homes open their doors for the annual event, which unites them with the Dunes National Park Association and National Park Service. Each ranger-guided tour takes about two hours. The \$35 per-person cost includes transportation to and from Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Proceeds support the protection and preservation of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

Reservations are required. Visit www.dunesnationalpark.org for reservations or more details.

"Light, Reflection and Illusion"

Southern Shore Art Association members John Ryszka, Kevin Gross and Matt Kubik will present a multi-media exhibit that will transform the gallery into an experience of light, shadow and color explosion.

A preview for "Light, Reflection and Illusion" is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at the SSAA gallery, 724 Franklin St.

Included are Ryszka's manipulated glass sculptures of faces, figures and creatures. Gross' computer-generated fractal images feature swirling light, while Kubik offers molded wire screen and reflective mylar sculptures.

The First Friday reception is from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 7. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Visit www.southernshoreartassociation.com for more details.



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WILL Scholarship Recipient

Women in Leadership La Porte County has awarded a \$500 college scholarship to Layni Sprouse, a 2016 La Porte High School graduate.

Sprouse maintained a 3.78 grade-point average and showed exemplary leadership skills in her extra-curricular activities, including: the La Porte High School Marching Band, Winter Guard, Girl Scouts, 4-H Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Dance, National Honor Society, FYI Club and Postponing Sexual Involvement.



Although her grades were an important asset for her selection, her essay distinguished her from the other applicants. WILL requires a 500-word essay regarding the applicant's leadership skills, and how those skills will benefit future educational experiences, career goals and the community.

In her essay, titled "A Woman of Leadership," Sprouse eloquently wrote of her dreams and plans for success, problem solving and leadership skills, and how she will incorporate that knowledge into future endeavors.

"I keep the bigger picture of where I want to be in sight at all times," she wrote. "It is the greatest form of motivation."

Sprouse will attend Purdue University-West Lafayette, majoring in political science. Her long-term goal is to attend law school and become a corporate lawyer.

"It was during my junior year in Mrs. Wireman's current events class that really sparked my interests," Layni wrote. "We discussed and debated various issues such as capital punishment, gay rights, the news, etc. It triggered something in me; it was exciting, really. And I loved government class... learning how our country was born."

Layni wrote she is grateful for the belief to which her parents held her and her siblings, that during their school years, their education was top priority.

"Mom always said that school was our 'job,'" she wrote. "It was never said that we had to go to college, but we had to do our best and fulfill any commitments we made."

Layni's parents are John and Dawn Sprouse, La Porte.

Visit www.women-in-leadership.com or email board@women-in-leadership.com for more details.

Third Annual Arts & Crafts Show

United Methodist Women board members from La Porte's First United Methodist Church will present the third annual Arts & Crafts Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at La Porte's National Guard Armory, 2391 Indiana 2.

More than 60 crafters and artists from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan will feature hand-crafted items for homes and gardens. That includes turned wood items, carved gourds, original paintings, birdbaths, stepping stones, glassware, floral arrangements, pottery, repurposed furniture and hand-sewn kitchen accessories.

There also will be wearable items for infants to adults, as well as pets, along with jewelry, purses, fashion items, scarves and hats. Vendors representing Tupperware, Scentsy, Thirty-one and Gold Canyon Candles will be present.

Hot dogs and Sloppy Joes will be sold, and a bake sale is scheduled.

Admission is free, and the facility is accessible for people with disabilities. Call (219) 393-4093 or email ddev48@hotmail.com for more details.

Superhero Farm Fest

Family Advocates and Tryon Farm Institute will host Superhero Farm Fest, a family friendly 5K/10K Trail Run and Kids Fun Run, on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Tryon Farm, 1500 Tryon Road.

The event benefits the volunteer advocacy services that CASA provides to local children in foster care. Participants are invited to dress as their favorite super hero and enter the races, costume contest and pumpkin decorating contest. A Family Fun Zone, food, music and other festivities are planned.

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. in the barn. The schedule then is:

- 9 a.m. — Kids Fun Run.
- 9:30 a.m. — 10K Trail Run.
- 10 a.m. — 5K Trail Run.
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Decorating is from 9 to 11 a.m., with judging at 11:30 a.m. The Superhero Costume Contest is at 11 a.m. Arrive by 10:45 a.m. to participate.

Visit tinyurl.com/h5zx6o5 for more details.

Westville Pumpkin Festival

Celebrating the pumpkin harvest, the annual Westville Pumpkin Festival is Friday through Sunday, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, at Prairie Meadow Park, U.S. 6 and 421.

The family celebration includes pumpkin pie and baked goods, craft and food booths, rides, a tractor pull, parade, 5K walk/run, kids run, games and entertainment. Visit westvillepumpkinfestival.com for more details.

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- St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road, Michigan City, noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Donors must be in good general health and feeling well, at least 17 (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org for more details.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Walk to End Alzheimer's, the largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research, is from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, in Washington Park.

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. The opening ceremony and one- and three-mile walk routes kick off at 1:45 p.m.

In 2015, the Michigan City walk included more than 300 attendees and raised more than \$40,000. Contact Stephanie Arevalo at sarevalo@alz.org or (219) 472-0855 for more details.

St. Luke Oktoberfest

St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Cool-spring Ave., will host Oktoberfest from 1 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.

The event includes German food, local beer and wine, live music, an obstacle course, volleyball and a cornhole tournament, practice for which starts at 2 p.m., with throwing at 3 p.m. The price per team is \$20. Payout and format will be determined by the amount of entries.

Call (219) 879-9415 for details or to register for the tournament.

St. Mary's Fall Festival

The annual St. Mary's Family Fall Festival is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at Michigan City Elks Lodge 432, 416 E. U.S. 20.

The event includes food, a silent auction and a cash raffle with a \$1,500 grand prize. An old-fashioned chicken dinner includes mashed potatoes and gravy, noodles, green beans and bread. Homemade desserts will be available. Drinks include beer or wine, soda or bottled water.

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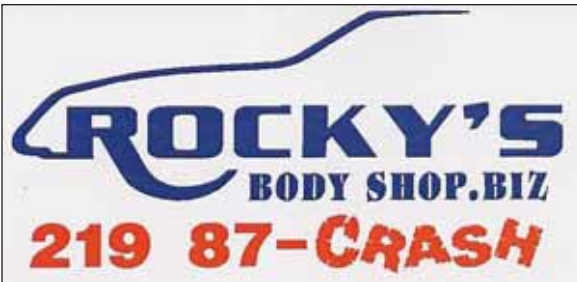
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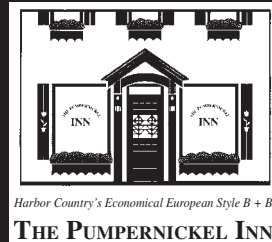
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• **Free Gentle Flow Yoga at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.**

Certified yoga instructor Lauralee Sikorski emphasizes deep breathing and releasing stress. Take a mat and wear comfortable attire, and come on an empty stomach.

• **Writing Out Loud: Indiana Mystery Writers at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.**

The series will celebrate Indiana's bicentennial by featuring Hoosier mystery writers Lori Radar-Day, Tony Perona and Liz Dombrosky.



The members of Ah Tu.

• **Ah Tu Jams! at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2.**

The music ensemble will present its annual community concert with a special guest, St. Joseph, Mich., based singer-songwriter Chris Kang. Radio personality Gregg Fraley, host of Indigan Story Hour on Radio Harbor Country, will make a special appearance as "Elvis."

Ah Tu members are Garth Taylor on guitar, Debra Sawyer on Celtic harp, bass and percussion, Dot Pakan on accordion and melodica and Dan Moser on double bass and banjo. Their international repertoire covers music from the 1940s to the present.

• **Story Time at 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25, and 10 a.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5, 12 and 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.

Radio Noir Double Feature

Purdue University Northwest will present a Radio Noir Double Feature of two classic radio dramas, "The War of the Worlds" and "The 39 Steps," as reimagined for the stage, and with a cast and crew of PNW students, faculty and alumni.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St. A fourth performance is at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at PNW's Library-Student-Faculty Building, Room 02.

Both radio dramas will be staged in vintage format, as if the actors are in a 1940s radio station performing before a live studio audience.

"The War of the Worlds" whipped listeners into a state of panic in 1938 as its tale of alien invasion and mass extinction unfolded. "The 39 Steps," popularized by Alfred Hitchcock and written for the stage by Joe Landry, is based on the 1935 Hitchcock film of the same name.

The cast and crew include PNW students Angela Barreto, New Carlisle, Donovan Barrier, La Porte, Joseph Ellison, Valparaiso, Cody Hendershott, North Judson, Caitlyn Heim, Michigan City, Niel Jacoby, Lafayette, and Rodney Thornton, Michigan City. In addition, Scott Bayer, Valparaiso, assistant professor of English at Ivy Tech-Michigan City, Kevin Biertzer, La Porte, a Purdue University North Central alumnus, Donna Rowland, Michigan City, PNW limited term lecturer of communication and Ivy Tech instructor, and Cindy Sullivan, La Porte, Ivy Tech-Michigan City student, are part of the cast and crew.

Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for students with a valid student ID from any school. The Oct. 6 PNW performance is a "pay-what-you-can" admission, with all proceeds aiding future PNW theatrical productions.

FOL Community Forum

Chriss Lyon will share her experiences chasing storms with Friends of New Buffalo Library at 6:30 p.m. EDT Monday, Oct. 3, in the library's Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St.

Lyon chased storms across the Great Plains for three years and has photos and videos to illustrate her adventures. She will narrate her visuals with a non-technical talk on the power and scope of some of nature's most violent weather.

The author previously spoke to FOL's Community Forum about her book, "A Killing in Al Capone's Playground."

Upcoming programs include: "Dish Gardens, Terrariums and Fairy Gardens" on Oct. 17, and "Public Gardens – Why They Matter" by Fernwood Botanical Garden Executive Director Carol Line on Oct. 24.

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Benefit Dressage Shows

Reins of Life will celebrate the sixth year for its Benefit Dressage Shows from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1-2, at the Michigan City facility, 9375 W. County Road 300 North.

The competition is recognized by the Michiana Dressage Club and Indiana Dressage Society. Dressage trainer and MDC President Elizabeth Grainger volunteered to organize the event at the South Bend facility in 2011 and now serves as show secretary.

In addition to all proceeds benefitting ROL, area dressage riders participate and learn more about the organization. Members of the Reins of Life Para Equestrian Dressage Team will compete, and the public can watch for free either day.

The Heart of the Horse Award, revealed Sunday afternoon, is presented annually to a horse that embodies a kind, gentle spirit. This year's winner is Prairie Elinor, a Connemara mare.

Dressage — a French term most commonly translated to mean “training” — is a competitive equestrian sport. Events are held at all levels, from amateur to the Olympics and World Equestrian Games. Its purpose is to develop, through standardized, progressive training methods, a horse's natural athletic ability and willingness to perform. Dressage is occasionally referred to as “Horse Ballet.”

Reins of Life is a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship Premier Accredited therapeutic riding center serving children and adults with disabilities.

Aunt Kitty's Fall Yard Sale

Independent Cat Society, 4061 S. County Line Road, Westville, will host Aunt Kitty's Fall Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1-2.

People can donate gently used items — no clothing or large furniture — between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30. Food will be served. Call (219) 785-4936 for more information.

Raise the “WOOF” Gala

The second Raise the “WOOF” Gala for Giant Paw Prints Rescue is from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Long Beach Country Club, 2309 Larchmont Ave.

Open bar starts at 6 p.m., with the meal at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$125. Proceeds help buy land and build a facility to hold incoming and overflow dogs, and support current needs such as vet fees, food and other expenses.

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Open to seniors 55 and older, all proceeds benefit the Senior Center, United Way RSVP and Meals on Wheels. Contact Tara Miller at (219) 873-1504 or tmiller@emichigancity.com for more details.

St. Andrew's Pet Blessing

St. Andrew's By-The-Lake Episcopal Church, U.S. 12 and Moore Road, will present a Blessing of the Animals at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.

The event celebrates the Feast of St. Francis. Treats for pets and their owners will be served after a short service, which moves into the parish hall if it rains. Call (219) 872-6984 for more information.

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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

Saturday, Oct. 1

• 10 a.m. — Fall Color Along Dunes Creek.

Learn about the creek that runs through the park while viewing early fall color. Meet at the campground shelter for the 45-minute program.

• 2 p.m. — Fall Turtles!

Explore what turtles are up to as they prepare for the long winter. Meet at the Nature Center for the 45-minute program.

• 2 to 4:30 p.m. — Pokémon Go Party!

Meet at the Nature Center for a chance to win prizes, then join a naturalist for a hike to see the "real Pokémon of the dunes" at 3 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 2

• 10 a.m. — Feed the Birds.

Meet a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding. Get close views of chickadees, cardinals and woodpeckers.

• 2 p.m. — Tree ID Trek.

Explore simple ways to ID trees in the park and in backyards, as well as different colors being produced now. Meet outside the Nature Center.

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

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are available:

• Monthly Stargazing Program on Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Kemil Beach parking area.

Chicago Astronomical Society members will take telescopes so visitors can get a closer look at the night sky. Guests can take binoculars, and should dress appropriately for the weather. Times vary, so call (219) 395-1821 for details. The parking lot is at 27 N. East State Park Road, Chesterton.

• In a Pickle or a Jam from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Chellberg Farm.

Join Chellberg Farm cooks to learn how to preserve the "vegetable garden's bounty" for future use. The parking lot is on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20, Porter.

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.

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The two-day workshop is geared toward those who work or volunteer for nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, community clubs and local government units and departments. Participants will learn how to develop ideas for winning grant proposals, identify and work with funding sources and understand the proposal development, submission and review process. Professional review of a draft proposal is included.

Registration is \$175 per person and includes a workbook, reference materials and lunch both days. Contact Mary Foell, community development extension educator, at (219) 324-9407 or mfoell@purdue.edu for more details.

Envision Party

Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich., will host "Envision Party," an avant garde fundraiser, on Saturday, Oct. 1.

Entertainment begins at 6 p.m. EDT with a VIP cocktail reception, complete with painted bodies and music, inside KAC.

The Under the Tent celebration begins at 7 p.m. EDT with food trucks, craft beer, local wines, silent disco, dancing and painted bodies.

The event will launch, and financially support, the "Sculpting Community" project, an outdoor destination at the center, complete with a new sculpture by Richard Hunt.

Reservations, which cost \$200, include all outdoor festivities under the tent. Under the Tent reservations are \$30. Visit krasl.org/engage/envision or call (269) 983-0271 for more details.

Heritage Month Celebration

The 21st Annual Polish-American Heritage Month Celebration in the Calumet Region is Sunday, Oct. 2.

Highlights include a wreath-laying ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at Pulaski Park in Calumet City, Ill.; a field Mass at 11:30 a.m., followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at 12:30 p.m., at Pulaski Park in Hammond; and a family-style Polish luncheon at 1:30 p.m. at Cavalier Inn, Hammond.

The official proclamation and program follow lunch, with entertainment by "Gennie 'O' & The Next Step" from 3 to 6 p.m.

Advance reservation is \$20 per person; no tickets will be sold at the door. No carry-outs are available. A cash bar is planned.

Call Gerry Tarka at (708) 935-1222 or email PolishAmericanHeritage@gmail.com for more information or to buy tickets.

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most despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly – *(Here make your request)* and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.



Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail.)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the 'Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in

this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

"Childhood Conversations" at PNW

The Purdue University Northwest Center for Early Learning, part of the Early Childhood Education program, will host the five-night "Childhood Conversations."

The free event is part of a national conversation that involves the documentary "The Raising of America." Individual segments will be shown from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 4 and 18 and Nov. 1, 15 and 29, in the James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex.

No registration is necessary. The program is intended for early childhood professionals, policy makers, business leaders, students, parents and community members with an interest in supporting children ages birth to 8. Upon completion, Early Learning Connections will provide certification to those seeking accreditation for hours attended.

The videos are:

- **Oct. 4: "The Raising of America."** The 58-minute opening segment examines why child well-being in the United States lags behind other nations. Noting that neuroscience has shown family stress caused by lack of time, money and resources can alter a child's brain, the video explores the investment needed to help children and families thrive.
- **Oct. 18: "Once Upon a Time: When Child Care for All Wasn't Just a Fairy Tale."** The 32-minute video looks at the consequences of President Nixon's 1971 veto of a Congressional bill that would have provided high-quality, universal child care and services from birth to 5 for every family.
- **Nov. 1: "Are We Crazy About Our Kids?"** The 32-minute feature explores studies of Perry Pre-school and initiatives conducted by Nobel laureate James Heckman, former Federal Reserve economist Arthur Rolnick and others that illustrate the benefits of high-quality early care and education, and the repercussions of its failure.
- **Nov. 15: "Wounded Places: Confronting Childhood PTSD in America's Shell-Shocked Cities."** With many children living in neighborhoods of concentrated poverty experiencing adversity, violence, neglect and other trauma showing symptoms similar to PTSD, the 42-minute segment examines how children and neighborhoods can heal.
- **Nov. 29: "DNA Is Not Destiny: How the Outside Gets Under the Skin."** A 32-minute segment that details how science has revealed that fetal and early childhood environment can alter a baby's epigenetic "volume controls" that turn genes on and off to influence the self-regulation of emotions, behaviors, cognitive function and the susceptibility to chronic diseases.

Contact Mary Jane Eisenhauer, associate professor of Early Childhood Education and Center for Early Learning director, at (219) 785-5637 or email mjeisenh@pnw.edu for more details.



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HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAMES

| | SCORE |
|----------------------|-------|
| 1. Mary Lou McFadden | 161 |
| 2. Cindy Beck | 156 |
| 3. Nancy Klausner | 154 |
| 4. Nancy Kubath | 149 |
| 4. Sue Luegers | 149 |
| 5. June Salmon | 146 |
| 6. Dottie Brinkman | 145 |
| 7. Bina Gupta | 144 |

SPLITS

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| 1. Janet Miernicki | 1-7 |
| 2. Susie Lutz | 3-10 |

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

Parks & Recreation Survey

The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department is updating its Five-Year Master Plan, with community input sought by Friday, Sept. 30.

The survey was created to gather information from residents and park patrons to learn more about recreational interests, and express opinions on programs, activities and quality of parks. The results are used to apply for federal and state grants to help improve the parks.

The survey is available at www.michigancityparks.com. A hard copy is available at Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department, Michigan City Senior Center, Washington Park Zoo, Michigan City Municipal Golf Course, Michigan City Public Library, La Porte County Convention & Visitors Bureau or Mayor Ron Meer's office at City Hall.

Surveys can be returned to: Michigan City Parks and Recreation, Attention: Master Plan Survey, 100 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City, IN 46360, or by fax to (219) 873-1540. Call (219) 873-1506 for more details.



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Sept. 30 — Opening preview, “Light, Reflection and Illusion,” 5-8 p.m., Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. Info: www.southernshore-artassociation.com

Sept. 30 — Kates at the Acorn (all-female comedy showcase), 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$15. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

Sept. 30-Oct. 2 — Purdue University Northwest Radio Noir Double Feature, Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 3 p.m. Oct. 2. Tickets: \$10, \$5/students with valid ID from any school. Fourth show: 5:30 p.m. Oct. 6 @ PNW’s Library-Student-Faculty Building, Room 02. “Pay-what-you-can” admission.

Sept. 30-Oct. 2 — Westville Pumpkin Festival, Prairie Meadow Park, U.S. 6 & 421. Info: westvillepumpkinfestival.com

Sept. 30-Oct. 3 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “Don’t Think Twice.” Rated PG. Times: 6:15 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* “Little Men.” Rated PG. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 3:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun. *Also:* Documentary — “Code: Debugging the Gender Gap,” 7 p.m., Oct. 4. Free, with discussion afterward. All times Eastern. Info: vickers-theatre.com

Oct. 1 — 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. 1 — Footlight Players garage sale fundraiser, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St.

Oct. 1 — La Porte First United Methodist Church United Methodist Women Arts & Crafts Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., La Porte’s National Guard Armory, 2391 Indiana 2. Free admission. Info: (219) 393-4093, ddev48@hotmail.com

Oct. 1 — Fall Color Along Dunes Creek, 10 a.m., campground shelter @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 1 — Walk to End Alzheimer’s, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Washington Park. Info: sarevalo@alz.org, (219) 472-0855.

Oct. 1 — Oktoberfest, 1-7 p.m., St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave. Info: (219) 879-9415.

Oct. 1 — Indiana Dunes History Hunt, 1-5 p.m. Start @ Bailly/Chellberg parking lot, Mineral Springs Road, no later than 3 p.m.

Oct. 1 — Pokémon Go Party, 2-4:30 p.m., Nature Center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 1 — Raise the “WOOF” Gala for Giant Paw Prints Rescue, 6-11 p.m., Long Beach Country Club, 2309 Larchmont Ave. Cost: \$125. Info: www.giant-pawprints.com

Oct. 1 — The Heritage Ball, 4 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., then @ 6 p.m. at Barker Hall at Trinity Episcopal Church, Sixth and Franklin streets. Tickets: \$50/\$85 per couple. Reservations: (219) 873-1520, Eventbrite.com

Oct. 1 — Writing Out Loud: Indiana Mystery Writers, 7:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Oct. 1 — Monthly Stargazing Program, Kemil Beach parking area, 27 N. East State Park Road, Chesterton. Time: (219) 395-1882.

Oct. 1-2 — Reins of Life Benefit Dressage Shows, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Michigan City facility, 9375 W. County Road 300 North. Free.

Oct. 1-2 — Aunt Kitty's Fall Yard Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Independent Cat Society, 4061 S. County Line Road, Westville. Info: (219) 785-4936.

Oct. 1-2, 7-9 — "Bye Bye Birdie!," La Porte Little Theatre Club, 218 A St., La Porte. Times: 2 & 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1, 2 p.m. Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7-8, 2 p.m. Oct. 9. Tickets: \$15, students/\$12. Info: www.laportelittletheatreclub.com

Oct. 1, 5 — 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. 2 — St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish annual chicken dinner/raffle, noon, Elks Lodge 432, 416 E. U.S. 20, Michigan City. Tickets: \$15/child's ticket: \$9. Info: (219) 878-1835, (219) 871-2725.

Oct. 2 — Ah Tu Jams!, 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Oct. 3 — **ROSH HASHANAH.**

Oct. 3 — Friends of the Library Community Forum, storm chaser Chriss Lyon, 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Public Library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

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. 1 — "Envision Party" fundraiser, 6 p.m. EDT, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Reservations: \$200. Under the Tent reservations only: \$30. Info: krasl.org/engage/envision, (269) 983-0271.



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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Paris Librarian by Mark Pryor (oversize paperback, \$15.95, retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

April in Paris — trees in bloom, birds singing, love is in the air. August in Paris — hot, steamy, murder is in the air. Time for crime, ladies and gentlemen!

It's August in Paris, when many leave the hot city for the cool countryside. Hugo Marston, head of security at the U.S. Embassy, is mostly working from his apartment during this period. Not much to do at the office. He shares his digs with good friend Tom Green, a former associate at the CIA.

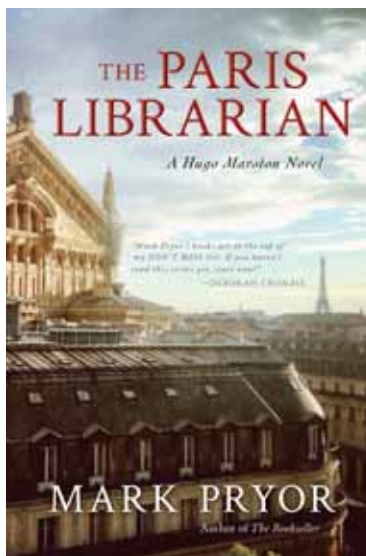
One day, a friend, Merlyn, shows up with a journalist friend, Mikaela Harrison, to ask a favor of Hugo. It seems the American Library in Paris has been given personal papers of Isabelle Severin, and Mikaela would love to get access to them for research on a possible book. So who is Isabelle? Now in her 90s, she was a famous American actress in the 1940s and rumored to have been a spy for the French Resistance during World War II. She might even have killed a Gestapo officer with a knife. What would these papers show? Hopefully, the truth. No one will know until she dies. The papers — and maybe the knife? — cannot be accessed until then. However, neither Mikaela nor Hugo know that.

What is Hugo's connection to the American Library? He is friends with the library's director, Paul Rogers. So, naturally, Merlyn calls on their friendship to get Hugo to persuade Paul to give Mikaela access to these papers.

Lucky for Mikaela, Hugo intends to see Paul the next day at a book sale at the library. Hugo is a collector of first editions of classic literature, and Paul is holding one for him before the sale.

Problem One: The next day, Paul is found in his basement office in the library, slumped over his desk, very dead. No sign of foul play, the door is locked and the area is off limits to all but library personnel. So, the initial ruling is heart attack. An open book on the desk is about poisons. A clue? Maybe, because Hugo has a bad feeling about the scene — can't put his finger on it, but something is off. The next day, a worker at the library falls off a ladder while stacking books. Fortunately, he lives, doctor calls it a heart attack. Who knew a library could be such a dangerous place!

Next problem: Another person comes up dead — looks like a suicide — wrists slit in the bathtub.



Then, just when the coroner thinks he can get a break, a man is fished out of the Seine River, alive, but dies later in the hospital. Paul and the other two deaths are connected; they all knew each other.

Funny thing about people — they don't always tell you the truth. Remember the old Dragnet theme — “*The names have been changed to protect the innocent*”? In this case, maybe a name, or two, has been changed to protect the guilty. It's all a matter of digging deep enough and maybe back a decade or so for Hugo to get to the bottom of a crime no one sees connected to the American Library.

You're probably wondering why Hugo, an American, is working on what is French jurisdiction. Well, all the deceased are either American or have dual citizenship of French/American, so he has the authority to work with Paris police. Points like that can kill a story for me if they're not explained, but Pryor carefully researches his material and makes all parts of the story work and pull together for an ending you won't see coming.

Hugo Marston is one of my favorite characters in fiction. He is of an age to have seen a lot courtesy the CIA and, wonder of wonders, he also has a moral compass, something missing in many characters in today's literature and movies. That's not to say he isn't a fun guy! With Hugo, the reader enters the finest Parisian restaurants, bakeries and cafes. You will drool at the wine list and picture yourself sitting next to this cosmopolitan man and his friend Tom — a man who revels in life and especially, women.

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