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Photographed on the LaPorte Little Theatre stage are (from top) Tim and Katy Gartland, Norah (left) and Natalie Gartland, and Bonnie Quigley. Photo by Andrew Tallackson

A Family Affair

by Andrew Tallackson

Tim Gartland was getting accustomed to dinners by himself, home alone, patiently awaiting his family's return. Thing is, that's not how he preferred it. He missed his wife and daughters, their evenings devoted to the latest LaPorte Little Theatre show now in rehearsals.

So, with theater competing for his family's time and affections, Tim subscribed to an age-old mantra. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

That was about four years ago. These days, Tim has no regrets. Through LaPorte Little Theatre, the family is having the time of its life.

"We're together all the time, and we want to be together all the time," Tim said, relaxing in the 200-seat theater located in the heart of LaPorte.

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It is shortly before evening rehearsals commence for "James and the Giant Peach," the final production of the latest LaPorte Little Theatre season that debuts Friday, May 11. Tim is surrounded by family: his wife, Katy, who is directing the show with Tony Thomas, daughters Norah, 13, and Natalie, who turns 11 on May 13, both of whom appear in the show, and his mother-in-law, community theater veteran Bonnie Quigley, who's working behind the scenes.

Three generations of one family, united not just by the ties that bind, but by a love of theater, and how it enriches their lives show by show.

"LaPorte Little Theatre is a home away from home filled with creative people, helpful people. This *is* our home," Katy said. "We don't watch TV. We're not up on the latest TV show because our evening hours are filled with theater, and that's a good thing."

"For me, I'm really drawn to it. It keeps my mind sharp by always having new things to learn."

How did the Quigleys first get involved with LaPorte Little Theatre? That would be the Lindgren family across the street, which told Bonnie, if she wanted to keep her children actively involved in something — and free to boot — the local theater was her best bet. Bonnie acclimated herself to the theater group by sewing costumes, running the spotlight and joining the stage crew. She had experience, having embraced theater while attending Morgan Park Academy on Chicago's South Side. Her one on-stage performance was as Ursula in "Bye Bye Birdie."

"It was great fun," Bonnie said as she recalled

her days in high school theater. "It moved fast. You never knew what would happen when the curtain goes up."

Once Bonnie became entrenched in life at LaPorte Little Theatre, *all* the Quigleys followed suit, including her husband, Dan, and her four children: Joe, Katy, Rose and Buck.

Over the years, Bonnie has become revered for having directed shows not only in LaPorte, but also at Michigan City's Footlight Theatre.

Katy vividly recalls being on stage in 1985 for the theater's 60th anniversary revue, she and her sib-

lings alternating between appearing as members of the Von Trapp family during "The Sound of Music" numbers and the "Matchmaker" sequence from "Fiddler on the Roof."

The revue was significant for another reason.

Tim had just moved with his family from Peru, Ind., to LaPorte. Best friends with Katy's older brother, Joe, he decided to get involved with the show's behind-the-scenes crew.

Was it love at first sight? Giggles emerge from Norah and Natalie as that question is posed.

"He's always known," Katy says, pointing at Tim, then adding, "I just didn't wake up to him yet," which prompts

theatrical eye rolling from Tim. The entire family erupts with laughter.

Katy continues, tongue firmly planted in cheek.

"I mean, we always liked each other. He never grossed me out, that he was some yucky boy."

Katy, in fact, became good friends with Tim's sister, Christi, now Christi Strieter, whose husband, Danny, owns Danny's Fireworks in LaPorte.

Tim and Katy both graduated from LaPorte High School. He attended Indiana State University, she Valparaiso University. They married in 2004. To-



Tim and Katy appear in a scene from "Zombie Prom."



The entire family, together for "Zombie Prom."

day, he is a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Michigan City. She is a cardiac nurse with Franciscan Health Michigan City.

Tim's first appearance on stage at LaPorte Little Theatre was in 2014, as a dwarf — the oldest, tallest dwarf, the family jokes — in the Bonnie-directed Christmas show, "Snow White and the Magnificent Seven Dwarfs."



Tim and Katy in "Snow White and the Magnificent Seven Dwarfs."

Katy also has been directed by and appeared on stage with her mother. When doing a show together, there is no familial tension. They respect what each brings to a production.

"My mom, as a director, has a vision of what she wants, and she's good at controlling

the chaos," Katy said.

Their most memorable moment together, Katy says, arrived when both acted in Mary Chase's comic classic, "Harvey." Katy played Myrtle Mae Simmons and Bonnie Myrtle Mae's mother, Veta Louise Dowd Simmons. The show was directed by another theater veteran, Susie Richter, who wanted the two to play opposite each other. Katy especially wanted to do the show because it would be Bonnie's last on-stage appearance.

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"It was surreal, being on stage together," Katy says. "There was this hilarious part in the play where she stopped me from talking by holding her hand up, and I licked her hand. It grossed her out!"

In addition to appearing in a varied assortment of shows, from "Harvey" to "Zombie Prom," Tim has become a key player behind the scenes, in particular orchestrating fundraisers.



Bonnie (from left) and Katy appear with Joe Watterson in "Harvey."

"Tim is the kind of person who gets things done," Katy said. "A lot of stuff, he pushes through with a lot of energy and likability."

Bonnie echoes that sentiment. "People enjoy being with him."

As do Tim and Katy's children. Natalie and Norah, both of whom attend Renaissance Academy, wanted to get involved with LaPorte Little Theatre after realizing how much their mother and grandmother enjoy it.

"We saw our mom in everything, and our grandma directing — it felt like we'd grown up here," Norah said.

Over the past few years, the girls appeared in numerous shows, sometimes tackling more than one role in the same production. They've also embraced life behind the stage, assisting with the stage crew.

"They could probably direct now," Katy says with a chuckle.

And by appearing on stage at early ages, the two girls encountered something every performer tackles: opening-night jitters.

"One night, on opening night, I was backstage and I didn't want to do it. I was so scared," Natalie recalled. "But I just did it anyway. It was great."

Every show, Norah said, carries with it opening-night jitters, but the payoff, once the show comes to a close each night, is the best.

"Being in front of an audience, having people clap for you when you leave the stage," Norah said, "that is great."

Katy also has been instrumental in revitalizing LaPorte Little Theatre's summer camp, which en-

tails anywhere from 35 to 50 youngsters working together to create a show performed at the end of the week-long experience. Registration for this summer, in fact, is already full.

For "James and the Giant Peach," the entire fam-



The youthful participants in the 2015 summer camp.

ily is caught up in the hectic pace that emerges shortly before a first performance. Katy is the co-director. Norah is appearing as James. Natalie is in the chorus. Tim is working on sets and programs, Bonnie on costumes.

The entire family. Together.

"I can't imagine the theater any other way, without my family, and my extended family," Katy said. "The theater is my family."

Bonnie smiles, nodding in agreement.

"We always want to put on the best show we can put on," she said. "It's always nice to be around theater people, but to have my family around, well, that is the best bonus."



Natalie (left) and Norah say LaPorte Little Theatre has been part of their lives for as long as they can remember.

"James and the Giant Peach"

LaPorte Little Theatre, 218 A St., brings its 93rd season to a close with a musical adaptation of Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach," on May 11-13 and 18-20.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students. Online reservations are encouraged at laportelittletheatreclub.com.

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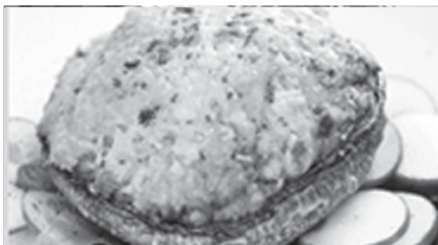
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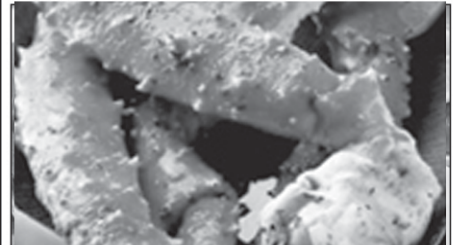
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The free show is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 11, at Washington Park's Guy Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheater.

Dance with Me kicked off in March to celebrate Disability Awareness Month. The Studio M instructor was Lexi McFerrin, the program, itself, supported by the studio's owner, Marilyn Steinhiser.

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Literary Journal Event

To celebrate the release of *Voices*, the printed literary journal from The Sandcastle Writers, an event that features readings from several *Voices* contributors is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

Sandcastle Writers has been a staple offering in the LCA class lineup since fall 2013. Jo Ellen Pilecki leads the project. Registration regularly fills to capacity within a few days after announcement. In fact, students were so motivated to publish their work in this compilation, they helped fund the project.

Pilecki has a Bachelor of Arts in history and English and a Master of Arts in English and secondary education from Indiana University. She taught English and creative writing at Rogers and Michigan City high schools.

Voices collects more than 40 writings from Mary Behr, Jean Bell, Jeanne Blumenthal, Frank Cheswick, Deborah Chubb, Laurel Izard, Daniel Kaminski, Kris Kauchak, Richard S. Kiebdaj, Cherie LeFevre, Margaret Lisle, Therese Luce, Jacky McBride, Cyndie McKinney, Kevin Murray, Sara Noë, Claudia Parish, Jo Ellen Pilecki, Sharyn Crouch Redding, Melissa Rendlen, Kristin Shepherd, Sue Spitler, Joan Spohrer, Kathleen Tompkins, Laurie Wink and Kathleen Zelkowitz. The cover art was created by Parish and the layout designed by Noë.

Copies of the journal will be sold for \$15. A cash bar and lite bites will be available.

Visit www.lubeznikcenter.org or call (219) 874-4900 for details.

Introduction to the Tallgrass Prairie

"Introduction to the Tallgrass Prairie" is from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 17, at Gabis Arboretum.

Guests learn about the history and people of the Midwestern tallgrass prairie, then explore the arboretum's grasses and wildflowers, hearing about their uses by Native Americans and early settlers.

Dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. The cost is \$34 for members and \$39 for non-members. Register by May 10.

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Offerings run June 16 through Aug. 10. Early registration is encouraged because classes fill quickly.



Six-week classes in painting and drawing are available. "Abstract Painting" highlights a broad range of concepts, strategies and processes, with "Abstract Painting II" available for advanced students. "Drawing Bootcamp" facilitates students' skills and strategies when drawing from real life and photographs. "Watercolor Plus" provides a relaxing environment for students to enhance skills in classic and contemporary techniques.

Single-session workshops are available as well.

"Wet Felted Vessel" employs wet felting techniques. "Acrylic Pour Painting" allows students to create art by pouring acrylic paint over canvas. Learn the basics of printing on cotton fabric in "Up-cycled Printed Beach Bag," while a range of wire-wrapping techniques are explored in "Beginning Wire Wrapping," "Advanced Wire Wrapping" and "Beach Glass Suncatcher."

A variety of new classes for artists 7 and older are available. Choices include "Street Art" and "Photography for Young Artists." Scholarships are available funded in part by the Michigan City Public Art Committee and The Dolly Fund. Apply online or call (219) 874-4900 for more information.

LCA also provides educational and creative summer camps for youth ages 8 to 13. Camps include "STEAM Camp," "POP! Art Camp," which coincides with the summer exhibit "Warhol: Icon & Influence," and "LET'S CELEBRATE! Festivals Around the World." All camps include new extended hours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Visit lubeznikcenter.org for details. Learn about the faculty under the "Instructor Bios" link under the "Education" drop-down menu.

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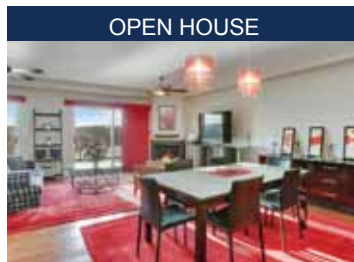


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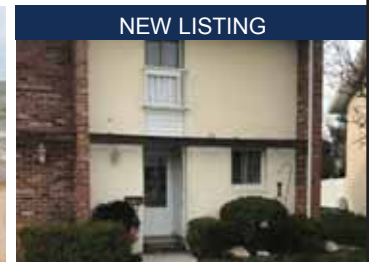


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World Creativity and Innovation Week in Northwest Indiana



Youngsters turned up to participate in the poetry contest.

A comic drawing class and young poets wrapped up Northwest Indiana's World Creativity and Innovation Week on Saturday, April 28.

These events concluded a month-long focus to "Create, Connect, Celebrate!" creativity and innovation.

Area artist William Halliar Jr. shared his techniques, tips and philosophies in a comics drawing class, "Let's Draw Super-villains with Bill." For more than 20 years, he has designed animation, comics, logos, monsters and, most recently, storyboards for TV ads.

Halliar said his storyboards save producers money because they lay out the commercial, panel by panel, before actors arrive. For example, Samuel L. Jackson earned \$8 million for shooting one of Halliar's ads. Everyone else in the production, including him, was paid much less, he joked.

At a poetry contest afterward, Cynthia Hedge, the Center for Creative Solutions CEO, congratulated winners for their creativity and courage to read their poems before other students, parents, teachers and residents.

Announcing 18 poetry winners, William Halliar Sr., Northwest Indiana's Creativity and Innovation Week chairman, said 46 entries were submitted. Students from New Prairie High School and Queen of All Saints School swept the honors:

Grades K-1, Kathy Moskovich's class

- First — Amelia Arnold.
- Second — Finnian Hendricks.
- Third — James Sherrod.

Grades 2-3, Stephanie Kush's classes

- First — Noelle Smiddy.
- Second — Myles Walker.
- Third — Keira Schroeder.

Grade 4, Tina Olson's students

- First — Trenton Moyer.
- Second — Andrew Hoang.
- Third — Mia Thompson.

Grades 5 and 6, classes of Carla Neary and Diane Gasaway

- First — Ellie Hopper.
- Second — Deia Mark.
- Third — Allyson Henrick.

Grades 7 and 8, classes of Diana Kopczyk and Maggie Gondeck

- First — Mary Kate Neary.
- Second — Nevaha Pam.
- Third — Leah Lawson.

Grades 9 and 10, Kristen Menke's class

- First — Colton Kitchen.
- Second — Logan Francis.
- Third — Hillary Alexa.

The center also sponsored competitions in art and songwriting. Winning the art contest were:

- First — Palmoa Valdes, Laura Smith's seventh-grade class at St. Stanislaus School.
- Second — Evia Vandercar, Kelly Hering's sixth-grade class at South Central Elementary School.
- Third — Dakara Galvan, Maggie Gondeck's eighth-grade class at Queen of All Saints School.

The three songwriters winners included:

- First — Ted Calvin.
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Harbor Country Hikers

Harbor Country Hikers will join botanist Peg Kohring for a spring flower walk at 10 a.m. EDT Saturday, May 12, starting at the Warren Dunes State Park Research Natural Area.

Kohring is a land conservationist with The Conservation Fund.

After discussion on sand dune succession, and the chorus frogs and marsh marigolds that fill the lowland forest, the next stop involves spring flowers in bloom at the beech-maple-hemlock forest of the back dune. A hike up and over a steep dune will reveal a dune panne, a coastal ecosystem many walk past without appreciating its rarity.

Each stop on the two-hour, 1.5 mile, relatively difficult hike will reveal the dynamic nature of the sand dunes, particularly in the current high-water cycle of Lake Michigan. Participants should be prepared for puddles on the trail and bugs.

The Research Natural Area is located on Floral Lane, which is 1.5 miles north of the main entrance. The group camp parking lot is on the right, a short trek up the road.

Although membership is encouraged, HCH events are open to everyone, including children if accompanied by an adult. Membership costs \$20 for individuals or \$30 for families.

Visit harborcountryhikers.com for more details.



Kohring

Achieve-A-Bowl

Junior Achievement of LaPorte County will host Achieve-A-Bowl on Tuesday, May 15, at City Lanes, 1901 S. Woodland Ave., and Wednesday, May 16, at Thunderbird Lanes, 1251 Pine Lake Ave., LaPorte.

Both events are from 6 to 8 p.m., with registration at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds aid Junior Achievement. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Lisa at lisa.scheller@ja.org for more details.

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, May 10.

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

• Mother's Day Craft for Kids at 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 11, in the meeting room.

Children 4 and older accompanied by an adult will make a craft together. All materials are provided, and children must be present to receive the supplies.

• Monday Musicale Celebrates National Music Week at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

"Music...An Adventure for Life" is the theme for the annual concert that celebrates National Music Week.

• Great Decisions at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, in the meeting room.

The foreign-policy discussion program continues its 20th season. The topic is South Africa's fragile democracy. Reading material is available at the circulation desk.

• Story Time Graduation at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, and 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, in the meeting room.

Children through age 5 accompanied by an adult can enjoy stories, songs, activities and crafts. Arrive a few minutes early to receive your child's name tag.

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

Monday Musicale

Monday Musicale will celebrate National Music Week when club members present a free program at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.

National Music Week is sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs, Monday Musicale's parent organization. It has been observed annually during the first full week in May (the first Sunday through the second Sunday) since 1924. This year's theme is "Music...The Universal Language."

Donations to the Monday Musicale Scholarship Fund will be accepted. Call Ange Benz at (219) 874-3754 for details.



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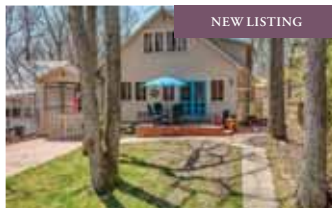


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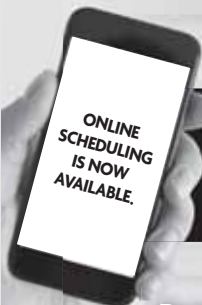
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Salvation Army Radiothon

The Salvation Army of Michigan City will hold its fifth annual Radiothon from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 11.

Ron Miller and the WEFM team will broadcast live from The Salvation Army, 1201 Franklin St. Donors can call (219) 874-6885, stop by the corps or text SAMC to 41444 to contribute.

"This is one of our most exciting events every year," Capt. Kerry Bartsch, part of the husband/wife team overseeing the local Salvation Army, said in a press release. "We get to spend five hours talking on air about the wonderful things going on here at our community center."

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Salvation Army staff, supporters and board members will discuss the ongoing mission of "Doing the Most Good" in the community.

In 2017, The Salvation Army saw 12,030 individuals visit the food pantry; 64,896 diapers were distributed to needy families with young children; 89 homeless men stayed in the overnight homeless shelter; \$48,873.50 was paid in utility assistance; and more than 14,000 meals were provided to low-income children through the weekend backpack program.

The Salvation Army also will hold its annual Hands for Hope Luncheon during the Radiothon. Special guests, supporters and friends have been invited, and several will receive awards and recognition, including Volunteer of the Year.

Guest speaker Angie Nelson-Deutch will share the story of her connection to The Salvation Army, and how it helped her become a philanthropic community leader.



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The following programs are available:

- **NorthShore Health Center free blood-pressure screenings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter, and 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 16, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Interested patrons also can receive help calculating Body Mass Index.

- **Music at the Museum from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 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 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 11, 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.

- **Tinker, Create, Invent and Have Fun! from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, at Hageman Library.**

Children 4-6 engage in classes based on science, design, engineering and art. Space is limited to 12, and registration is required by calling (219) 926-9080.

- **Minecraft Meet-up from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, 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, May 16, in the Thomas Library Young Adult Room.**

Teens in grades 6-12 will discuss Neal Shusterman's "Thunderhead." Pizza will be provided. Registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696 or visiting the library.

Little Free Library

Michiana Lions Club held a ribbon cutting ceremony and book drive for a new Little Free Library at 117 E. 10th St., between Pine and Franklin streets.

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New Buffalo DDA staff provided this information with answers to specific questions about the project:

Question: Describe what streetlight was selected.

Response: Sternberg Chateau LED on a single pole in urban silver matte.

Question: Why was this light selected?

Response: The recommendation to the DDA Board and City Council was to approve the Single Head Top of Pole Chateau Fixture because it provided enough light to allow a single fixture, different sizes, sconce and bollard applications. It also fulfilled the desired goals of LED, durability, low long-term maintenance costs, light bulb diffusion, ambient light, made in the USA, reputable manufacturer and dimmable light controls for initial settings.

Due to the fixture being single head, as opposed to two fixtures per pole, the cost savings compared to the originally specified light are estimated to be almost \$100,000 for 27 installations. We hope this will allow for a broader application of the lights, and an affordable solution for future projects to replace or add more municipal lighting.

The light's design was determined by many, but not all, designers and the DDA board to reflect our community's maritime heritage. The craftsman style, combined with the lantern look, is a nod to lighthouses, lighted buoys and much of the architecture in our community. The simple, clean fixture and pole will allow maximum views down Whittaker Street of Lake Michigan.



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- ✓ It can ruin your travel plans...
- ✓ And it can take away your ability to live life...having to rely on others...or to wait for you to sit down for a minute.

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Oh!

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Why Kalamazoo?

Well, we were attracted to the so-called Celery City from the moment we moved here because it is the home of Western Mich-

igan University, Kalamazoo College, The State Theater, The Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, numerous bookstores and theaters, and just opportunities for fun and adventure.

So, we decided to skip Interstate 94 and hop on down the Red Arrow through towns such as Sawyer, Bridgman, Stevensville, St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Coloma, Watervliet, Hartford, Lawrence, Paw Paw, Mattawan, Oshtemo and, finally, Kalamazoo itself.

What a ride we had! Relaxing?

You bet, and the return westbound trip was even more scenic than the outbound eastward voyage, because we returned when the sun was



Stopping for dinner with friends in Kalamazoo.

sinking below the yardarm and dappling the verdant Michigan countryside with sublime light. Who knew the descent into Lawrence from Paw Paw could be a Hollywood moment? We certainly did not, but we have come back for more and more and more.

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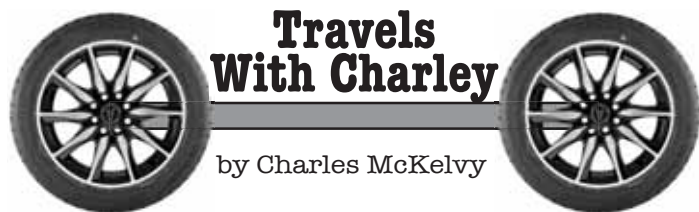
Passing through Paw Paw at dusk.

And since we began visiting the Transformations Spirituality Center (www.TransformationsCenter.org) in the bucolic Kalamazoo suburb of Nazareth on a regular basis some years back, we make it a point of returning on the Red Arrow for the pure pleasure of it.

Take a recent trip as an example:

We concluded our delightful and uplifting visit with my spiritual director at Transformations, Sister Betsy Meagher, CSJ, and headed west through downtown Kalamazoo to an eatery on Stadium Drive where we dined with our good friends, Randy and Mary Lober.

Then, we headed west on Stadium on a cloudy afternoon and were soon free of Celery City traffic and just whizzing along Red Arrow Highway. I wanted to take pictures as we traveled, so we switched seats at a gas station in Mattawan, and Natalie guided



us through the fields and farmstands between Mattawan and Paw Paw.

Traffic?

What traffic?

We encountered an occasional eastbound car, but that was about it along the meandering two-lane highway with the sensible speed limit of 55 mph.

Passing through Paw Paw, we remembered our many birding and dining adventures there, and then we were enjoying that marvelous descent into Lawrence. It was so beautiful, I had Natalie pull over so I could capture the view on my digital camera.

We breezed through Lawrence and Hartford, and when we reached Watervliet, I reminded Natalie of the time we spotted an enchanting miniature golf course there with a "Wizard of Oz" theme. One of us said we would play the course another time and, of course, the course was gone next time we passed through Watervliet.

So the moral of this story is, take a relaxing ride on Red Arrow Highway between New Buffalo and Kalamazoo, or even Detroit if you are feeling particularly adventure-some, but do stop to enjoy whatever roadside attraction catches your eye.

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Good Citizen Awards Reception

Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter, held its Good Citizens reception April 29 at Three Oaks United Methodist Church.

The Good Citizens program recognizes teens who exhibit good citizenship in their homes, schools and communities, with a scholarship contest rewarding those qualities. The program is open to all high school seniors enrolled in public or private schools accredited by their state board of education. Each school may honor only one senior per year. The students must write a patriotic essay and have the following qualities: dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.



Pictured are (from left) Good Citizen Chairwoman Meri French-Lowe Harris, Nicole Gibson, Hannah McIntyre, Kelly Bickel and Jarvis Tarnowski.

This year, four students qualified:

- Hannah McIntyre, Bridgman High School, who will attend Southwest Michigan College.
- Nicole Gibson, River Valley High School, who will attend Central Michigan University.
- Kelly Bickel, Niles High School, who will attend the University of Michigan.
- Jarvis Tarnowski, New Buffalo High School, will enlist with the U.S. Marine Corp. He is the top winner, and his essay heads to the state DAR.



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• **The photography exhibit "The View As We See It" runs through May 26.**

The exhibit includes color and black-and-white works from local photographers.

• **A new session of Monday Night Ceramics starts from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 14.**

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

The cost is \$135, with members receiving a \$25 discount. The cost of clay is an additional \$15, payable to the instructor the first day of class. All other supplies are included.

• **Mary Acton will host Pysanky egg classes for adults and children 10 and older.**

The classes are from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 19. The cost is \$65, with members receiving a \$20 discount.

Students learn the art of Pysanky egg dyeing, using wax to control the dyes and ending with a beautiful pattern or image. Participants may choose from a variety of patterns or design their own. By the end of class, each person will have completed an egg or two. Class sizes are limited to 10 to give each student individual attention.

• **Dick Church will offer a six-week Beginning/Intermediate Watercolor Class starting from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, May 18.**

Church will lead students through a variety of watercolor techniques. The cost is \$95, with members receiving a \$20 discount. Supplies are not included. Church will discuss supplies with all beginners to start the class.



Call (219) 926-4711 or visit www.chestertonart.com for details.

LaPorte County Public Library

The following program is at the Coolspring Branch Library, 6925 W. County Road 400 North:

• **Beauty in the Hoosier Landscape from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15.**

Painter Dan Annarino will discuss how the changing agricultural landscape inspires his paintings. Four of his works will be on permanent display at the Coolspring Branch.

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Fairy House Gardens Exhibit

The annual Fairy House Garden exhibit can be viewed through June 30 at Gabis Arboretum (formerly Taltree). Along the quarter-mile Heron Trail, the exhibit features more than a dozen houses created from natural and recycled material. Also, visitors can create their own fairy house garden May 19 and June 9. Gabis Arboretum is offering classes where participants learn how to plan and care for a fairy garden. Guests can view the fairy garden train display in the Depot area. Visit taltree.org for more information.



American Red Cross

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

- A.K. Smith Career Center, 817 Lafayette St., 7:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Thursday, May 10.
- Franciscan St. Anthony Health, 301 W. Homer St., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 11.
- First Church of God, 2020 E. Lincolnway, LaPorte, noon to 6 p.m. Monday, May 14.

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Area High School Students Attend Leadership Program



Leadership LaPorte County recently completed its 23rd annual leadership program with more than 50 LaPorte County high-schoolers.

Schools were asked to nominate five students. Participating high schools included: LaCrosse, La Lumiere, LaPorte, Marquette Catholic, Michigan City, New Prairie, South Central and Westville, along with three home-schoolers.

Four all-day sessions were held at Purdue University Northwest, La Porte County Complex, Red Mill County Park and Cummings Lodge. Seminar facilitators were: Leadership Executive Director Monica Komaskinski; Youth Service Bureau staff member Alliegra Hand; and Jim Jessup.

Nine students from last year's class served as student leaders. They were: Austin Casto and Abigail Roberts (LaPorte); Jessica Griffin (Westville); Jordan Clemons (South Central); Buddy Jaffee (Marquette); Garrett Gangloff (New Prairie); Jaye Mitzner (La Crosse); Farrah Goodall (Michigan City); and Drake Ott (home-school).

Beacher-area students participating in the experience included:

La Lumiere School

Sabrina Ali, Trevor Cary, Nicholas Gnaedinger, Haley Harkness and Annabelle Lake.

Marquette Catholic High School

Morgan Crook, Emmerly Joseph, Michael Sakich, Corey Simms and Kate Zientarski. Student leader — Buddy Jaffee.

Michigan City High School

Julia Miller, Sara Poulin, Sydney Starks, Kaitlyn Saylor and Dawson VanBuskirk Student leader — Farrah Goodall.

A Unity Foundation community grant funded the program.

The students practiced leadership skills such as communication, problem-solving, team-building, collaboration and decision-making. At the opening session, they did a personality assessment to better understand group dynamics and individual personality traits. At the County Complex, the group toured the county jail and heard from Sheriff John Boyd. They also interviewed a panel of offenders.

The student leaders facilitated many discussions on current youth issues. Dion Campbell, Michigan City Area Schools school resource officer, spoke to the group on the qualities of authentic leadership.

The final session featured "graduation" speaker Gerrie Grott, who shared her perspective on overcoming any odds to become a community leader. A panel of young professionals, including Bert Cook, Carrie Campbell, Justin Kiel and Nate Loucks, held a question-and-answer session with students. They discussed their leadership journey and gave advice to students. The students also reported on their team community service projects. Each graduate received a certificate and a commemorative T-shirt.

Next year's student leaders were chosen. They are: Andréa Franklin (LaPorte); Peyton Rodgers (Westville); Logan Notaro (South Central); Kate Zientarski (Marquette); Sydney Moody (New Prairie); Mya Morrow (LaCrosse); Julia Miller (Michigan City); Trevor Cary (La Lumiere); and Maggie Moore (home-school).

Contact Komaskinski at (219) 325-8223 or email info@leadershiplaportecounty.com for more details.

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La Porte County Parks



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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. May 21, June 4 and 18, July 9 and 23, and Aug. 6 and 20 at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

Joyful Movement, "Shake, Rattle and Move"

The 45-minute, low-impact mindfulness program starts at 7:45 a.m. and meets at Luhr County Park Nature Center. Dates are:

- May 21, 23 and 30.
- June 4, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 and 27.
- July 9, 16, 18, 23, 25 and 30.

The free program is self-paced and ideal for all ages. Participants can sit or stand. The emphasis is stretching, meditation, heart pumping and balance.

Call one week in advance of each date.

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 schedule is:

- June 13 — Water, Water, Everywhere.
- June 20 — Sweet as Honey.
- June 27 — Creepy Crawlers.

Tuesday Treasures

The program aimed at 6- to 13-year-olds meets from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at Luhr County Park.

All programs include arts and crafts. Parents are not required to participate or stay. The cost is \$8 per person per program. Pre-registration and payment are required one week before each program. The schedule is:

- June 12 — "A Drop Around the World," water cycle.
- June 19 — "Sweet As Honey," bees.
- June 26 — "What's Under The Canopy?," forest animals.
- July 17 — "Connecting Habitats," effects on animal homes.

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NB Library Community Forum

The role of women during World War II is the topic of the Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum at 6:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, May 15, in the library's Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St.

Barb Deane, author of "Beyond Rosie the Riveter and the Atomic Girls," will discuss the new roles assumed by American women in military and civilian life during World War II. Included in her discussion is the American Red Cross Clubmobile program, essentially a mobile club featuring doughnuts, coffee and girl-next-door friendliness brought to the frontlines in Europe, Asia, India and Australia.



Dean also is the author of "On the Homefront" and "Killing Her Softly."

Upcoming programs include: a private guided tour of Purdue University Northwest's sculpture collection Tuesday, May 22; "Backyard Birds," Tuesday, June 5; "Come for to Sing – A Summer Solstice Hootenanny," Thursday, June 21; and "Andrew Jackson by Tim Moore," Monday, June 25.

The free series is underwritten in part by The Pokagon Fund. Call the library at (269) 469-2933, follow the Facebook link at newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org or email new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com for more details.

Hike Features History, Beer

Barker Mansion will continue its popular walking tours by incorporating a new aspect of Michigan City's history: beer.

In partnership with Zorn Brew Works, a May 19 "Brewed in History Hike" will depart from the mansion at 11 a.m. The walk will cover sites en route to Zorn, including the factory workers' homes, the old YMCA, library and post office sites.

The tour ends at Zorn Brew Works, with a featured display on the history of its operation. Participants can order beer and lunch from the menu. Afterward, they can elect to walk the .7 miles back to the mansion, or return with mansion staff later in the afternoon.

The cost is \$10 per adult 21 and older. Any food or drink purchased at Zorn is extra. Tickets are available on Eventbrite or by calling the mansion at (219) 873-1520, Ext. 5.

The Bridge Yard Sale

An indoor/outdoor yard sale is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 11-12, at The Bridge Transition Housing, 501 Springland Ave. It includes furniture and clothes.

Sips, Suds and Songs

Several performers will unite for the benefit "Sips, Suds and Songs: In the Garden at Barker Mansion" from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 18, at the mansion, 631 Washington St.

The entertainment includes Steve and Mary E., harpist Debra Sawyer, guitarist-singer Sandy Rubenstein, guitarist-singer Ron Spears and bassist Garrett Kessler. Wine will be from Shady Creek Winery and beer from Zorn Brew Works.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$30 per person. That cost includes music, the first beverage of choice or four tastings, light bites by local restaurants, live music, dancing and tours of the museum. Additional beer, wine and food will be sold. One dollar of every \$5 glass of beer or wine goes directly to Save the Dunes Foundation. Twenty percent of all ticket sales directly benefit Barker Mansion.

In case of bad weather, the event moves indoors. Visit bbpnet.com/x18c for reservations or additional information.

Living & Creating in the Dunes

A free program on the area's native plant species, and preserving its landscape, is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

Save the Dunes is the program co-sponsor. Save the Dunes Program Coordinator Victoria Wittig will present resources to encourage native plant species and avoid invasive species. Afterward, artist-designer Melissa Washburn will discuss a trio of prints she created, while at the Calumet Artist Residency, to honor the environment's plants and pollinators. Prints are for sale, and proceeds benefit Save the Dunes and LCA. Washburn will be available to sign prints.

Light refreshments will be served. Visit www.lubeznikcenter.org for details.



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Lions Clubs Golf Tournament

Six area Lions clubs from District 25A are sponsoring a golf tournament May 25 — the Friday before Memorial Day — at LaPorte's Beechwood Golf Course.

The cost is \$75 per player or \$300 per four-person team, which includes a light lunch, golf, cart, dinner, team and individual awards. Registration and lunch begin at 10:30 a.m., with chipping and putting contests at 11:30 a.m., followed by the shotgun start with a scramble format at noon. Dinner, team awards and cash bar begin at 4:30 p.m. There is no rain date.

The entry deadline is May 11, and the event is limited to 144 golfers. To enter, download the form at www.rollingprairielions.org, get one at Beechwood Golf Course, 2222 Woodlawn Drive, or from any Lion member. Make payments to Lions LaPorte County Golf and mail to 7128 N. County Road 300 West, Michigan City, IN 46360

Sponsoring Lions Clubs are LaPorte, Maple City, Michiana, Mill Creek Community, Michigan City and Rolling Prairie. Projects supported by these clubs include Campaign First Sight, Cancer Research, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Eye and Tissue Bank, Diabetes Awareness, Lions Alert, Eyeglass Assistance Program, Reins of Life, Food Baskets, Food Pantry, Deserving Childrens Shopping Tour, Senior Luncheons, Scholarships and Community Cleanups.

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Registration is under way for Marquette Catholic High School's 2018 Marquette Mulligan, a four-person scramble Monday, May 21, at Long Beach Country Club.

The event commences with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$145 per player, or \$580 for a foursome. Entry fees include a continental breakfast, green fees, cart fees, welcome gift, lunch, complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

Also planned are a skins game and longest drive/closest to the pin contest.

Golfers can register online at marquette-hs.org. Checks or cash will be accepted on the day of the tournament. Contact Luanne Fettig at lfettig@marquettehs.org or call (219) 873-1325 for more details.

Michigan City AAUW

The Michigan City AAUW chapter will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 11, at The Sugar Bowl, 402 W. U.S. 20

Speaker Gail Ludwig who present the program "Adventures in Alaska."

Call Ludwig at (219) 926-2874 for details.

Paintings on Display at Inn

Paintings by Deborah Hoover will be featured May 11-Sept. 3 at the Inn at Harbor Shores, with an opening reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. EDT Thursday, June 21.



Deborah Hoover's acrylic on canvas, "Sand Dunes and Sky."

Hoover has exhibited across the country, including the Western Colorado Watercolor Society, Elmhurst Art Museum and Art Prize, Grand Rapids, Mich. Her work has been included in numerous collections, including Spectrum Health, Herman Miller, Marriott and the Wharton Center.

The gallery at the inn exclusively celebrates Michigan artists through rotating exhibits on the second floor. The inn is located at 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph, Mich. Visit www.innatharborshores.com or contact Curator Susan Wilczak at susan@susanwilczak.com or (269) 449-3231 for details.

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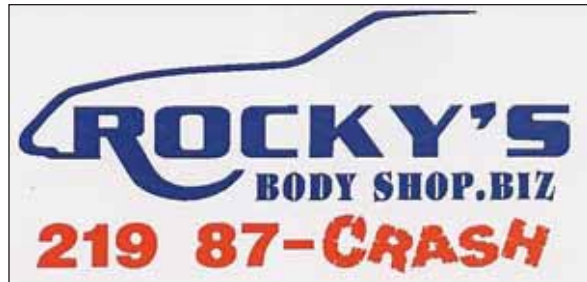
• **Stargazing on Saturday, May 12, at the Kemil Beach parking area.**

Members from Chicago Astronomical Society, Michiana Astronomical Society and Calumet Astronomical Society will attend. Dress for the weather. Take binoculars. Call the Visitor Center for the time. The Kemil Beach parking lot is located at 27 N. East State Park Road, Chesterton.

• **A ranger will lead a two-hour tour in one of the park's 16-passenger buses at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, May 13.**

The tours meet at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center. After a brief introduction, participants board for the tour. Tours are free, but reservations are required by calling (219) 395-1882.

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is at 100 N. Lake St. in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.



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In the Area:

May 10 — “Living & Creating in the Dunes,” 5:30-7 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Free. Info: www.lubeznikcenter.org

May 10 — Music at the Museum, 2-3:30 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

May 11 — Mother’s Day Craft for Kids, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 11 — Dance with Me free show, 5-6:30 p.m., Washington Park’s Guy Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheater. Info: bbpnet.com/x18a

May 11 — Heidi Burson -School of American Music Scholarship Fund Benefit, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Info: www.acorntheater.org, (269) 756-3879.

May 11-12 — Premier Performance, “Aladdin Jr.,” Duneland Community Church, 1552 Pioneer Trail, Chesterton. Times: 7 p.m. May 11, 2 & 6 p.m. May 12. Tickets sold @ door. Discounted advance tickets: seealaddin.brownpapertickets.com. Info: (219) 841-2266.

May 11-13 — “Greater Tuna,” Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. Times: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat./2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15-\$18. Reservations: www.dunesartsfoundation.org/boxoffice, (219) 879-7509.

May 11-14 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “The Leisure Seeker.” Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also Showing:* “The Death of Stalin.” Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

May 11-13, 18-20 — “James and the Giant Peach,” LaPorte Little Theatre, 218 A St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat./2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$12/students. Reservations: laportelittletheatre-club.com.

May 12 — Mother’s Day Painting in the Garden, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Reservations: bbpnet.com/x18b

May 12 — Harbor Country Hikers, 10 a.m. EDT, Warren Dunes State Park Research Natural Area. Info: harborcountryhikers.com

May 12 — Monday Musicale Celebrates National Music Week, 3 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 12 — Stargazing, Kemil Beach parking area, 27 N. East State Park Road, Chesterton. Call (219) 395-1882 for time.

May 13 — MOTHER’S DAY.

May 13 — Mother’s Day @ Washington Park Zoo. Free admission for mothers/grandmothers with a paid admission. Info: www.washingtonparkzoo.com

May 15 — Beauty in the Hoosier Landscape, 6-7 p.m., Coolspring Branch Library, 6925 W. County

Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

May 15 — Junior Achievement Achieve-A-Bowl, 6-8 p.m., City Lanes, 1901 S. Woodland Ave. Info: lisa.scheller@ja.org

May 15 — Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum, 6:30 p.m. EDT, library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St. Free. Info: (269) 469-2933, newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org

Saturdays — St. Stanislaus of Michigan City farmers market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. May 5-Oct. 27, parking lot next to tennis courts. Info: ssmcfarmersmarket@gmail.com, (219) 851-1785.

Saturdays — La Porte Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Lincolnway & Monroe. Info: www.facebook.com/laportefarmersmarket

Through May 26 — Photography exhibit, "The View As We See It," Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Info: (219) 926-4711.

Through May — "Up Up and Away!: A Look at Aerial Photography from La Porte County!," La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportecountyhistory.org, (219) 324-6767.

In the Region

May 11-20 — "I Hate Hamlet," Elkhart Civic Theatre @ Bristol (Ind.) Opera House, 210 E. Vista St. Times (Eastern): 7:30 p.m. May 11-12, 18-19, 3 p.m. May 13 & 20. Tickets: \$21/adults; \$19/students & seniors (62+). Reservations: (574) 848-4116, elkhartcivictheatre.org.

Support Groups

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

Mondays, Fridays — Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m. Mon./Franciscan St. Anthony Health, 301 W. Homer St., 9 a.m. Fri./First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St. Info: <https://oa.org>, (219) 879-0300.

Wednesdays — Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group for Caregivers, 2 p.m., third Wednesday of each month, Rittenhouse Senior Living, 4300 Cleveland Ave. Info: (888) 303-0180.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



On May 10, 1775, during the Revolutionary War, Americans gained one of their first important victories over the British when the Ethan Allen's "Green Mountain Boys" captured Fort Ticonderoga.

On May 10, 1869, the first transcontinental railway was completed when the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific railways met at Utah's Promontory Point.

On May 10, 1908, the nation's first official Mothers Day was celebrated in Philadelphia and Grafton, W.Va.

On May 10, 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was named director of the FBI. He held the post until his death in 1972.

On May 10, 1940, Neville Chamberlain resigned as the British Prime Minister. King George promptly asked Winston Churchill to form a new government.

On May 11, 1894, workers began a strike at the Pullman Palace Car Co., on the South Side of Chicago, prompting Eugene Debs' American Railway Union to boycott Pullman blocking freight traffic in and out of Chicago.

On May 11, 1910, an act of Congress established Montana's Glacier National Park.

On May 11, 1947, the B.F. Goodrich Co. of Akron announced development of a tubeless tire.

On May 11, 1981, Bob Marley, Jamaican singer and song writer, died, of cancer, at 36.

On May 12, 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous is founded in Akron, Ohio, by "Bill W.," a stockbroker, and "Dr. Bob S.," a heart surgeon.

On May 12, 1969, General Motors announced it was halting production of the much criticized rear-engine Corvair.

On May 12, 1971, New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art announced that it had paid \$5.5 million for a painting by Spanish artist Velasquez.

On May 12, 1985, Amy Eilberg was ordained in New York as the first female rabbi in the Conservative Jewish movement.

On May 13, 1846, Congress declared that a state of war existed between the United States and Mexico.

On May 13, 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of an airplane, were introduced. On some of the stamps, the airplane was printed upside-down, making them collector's items.

On May 13, 1940, Winston Churchill, in his first speech before the House of Commons as British Prime Minister, said: "I have nothing to offer but

blood, toil, tears and sweat.”

On May 14, 1607, the first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Va.

On May 14, 1853, Brooklyn's Gale Borden — founder of the Borden Milk Co. — applied for a patent for condensed milk.

On May 14, 1904, St. Louis hosted the first Olympic Games to be held in the United States.

On May 14, 1973, Skylab, the first United States Space Station, was launched from Florida.

On May 14, 1998, the hit sitcom “Seinfeld” aired its final episode after nine years on NBC.

On May 14, 2000, tens of thousands of mothers rallied in Washington D.C. to demand strict control of handguns.

On May 15, 1868, the Senate failed by one vote to impeach President Andrew Johnson on one of eleven articles of impeachment against him.

On May 15, 1902, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley was born in Chicago.

On May 15, 1918, the first United States airmail route, serving New York, Philadelphia and Washington, was inaugurated.

On May 15, 1930, Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, was assigned to a United Airlines flight between San Francisco and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

On May 15, 1940, in New York City, nylon stockings first went on sale in the city's stores. Women bought up 4 million pair in the first few hours, and the Japanese silk industry went into a permanent tailspin.

On May 15, 1942, gasoline rationing went into effect in 17 states, limiting sales to 3 gallons a week for non-essential vehicles.

On May 15, 1957, Britain exploded its first thermonuclear bomb.

On May 15, 2001, a runaway freight train rolled about 70 miles through Ohio with no one aboard before a railroad employee jumped onto the locomotive and brought it to a stop.

On May 16, 1866, Congress authorized the Treasury Department to manufacture and circulate the first 5-cent piece. Referred to as the “nickel,” it contained 25 percent nickel and 75 percent copper.

On May 16, 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized in Rome.

On May 16, 1929, the Academy Awards were given out for the first time. Wings won the award for the best movie, Emil Jennings for best actor and Janet Gaynor for best actress.

On May 16, 1946, the musical “Annie Get Your Gun” opened on Broadway.

On May 16, 1991, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the U.S. Congress.

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Comment Sought on Great Marsh



The National Park Service is proposing to restore wetland hydrology and native plant assemblages in Eastern Great Marsh, a historic and extensive wetland in Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

A public meeting on the project is at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, in the Park Meeting Room at IDNL's headquarters, 1100 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter.

Great Marsh is located in a dune-beach complex less than one mile from Lake Michigan, situated between two large dune systems. The eastern section is approximately 500 acres, and the proposed restoration is bounded on the north by Beverly Drive and on the south by the Calumet Trail. Historically, Eastern Great Marsh was comprised of a variety of wetland types, including a tamarack swamp, sedge meadow, wet-mesic prairie, shallow and deep

marsh, and a shallow lake called Fish Lake. Human activities at the site over the last century have resulted in significant alteration to hydrology, plant assemblages and ecosystem services.

The NPS is preparing an environmental assessment for the proposed action. Public input is being sought to fully consider the impacts and thoroughly evaluate alternatives.

At the May 17 meeting, NPS staff will present information on the history of the site, the current conditions and desired future conditions. In addition, NPS will discuss alternatives being considered for achieving the project's goals. The meeting is expected to last approximately 1½ hours.

Contact Dan Mason at Daniel_Mason@nps.gov for more information.

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House for Sale – Long Beach Stop 28
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House for sale in New Buffalo. 4BR/3BA, walkable to beach.
Hardwood floors throughout. \$399,000. Call (219) 301-0808.

Flying WILD Workshop

“Flying WILD/Bird Sleuth Educators Workshop” is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.

The workshop highlights new activities to teach about birds, their migration and actions to help birds and their habitats, including participation in citizen science. Those completing the workshop receive “Flying Wild: An Educators Guide to Celebrating Birds,” a set of “Feathered Friends” activities, and a free bird feeder.

The \$30 cost includes lunch and materials. The center is located at 100 N. Lake St. in Gary’s Miller Beach neighborhood.

Visit bbpnet.com/x11d to register.

New Friday Hours at The Beacher

The Beacher office now closes at 2 p.m. Fridays. Anyone who needs to pick up print orders, but may be late, should contact the office in advance at (219) 879-0088.



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 will be published after the favor is granted.

Pokagon Fund Scholarships

The Pokagon Fund awarded just under \$100,000 to 19 Harbor Country residents to attend a post-secondary institution of their choice for the 2018-2019 school year.

While some recipients are heading to college later in life to seek better career and work opportunities, others will transition directly from high school to a four-year institution or vocational/trade school.

Including this year’s awards, The Pokagon Fund has granted just under \$700,000 in scholarship funds, based on academic merit and financial need, to support residents in the past seven years.

Of the total recipients in 2018, six are adults who received a total of \$30,000, part of the Adult Students in Scholastic Transition program launched in 2012. Traditional high school scholarships represented the remaining \$69,000 distributed.

This year’s adult recipients are:

- Courtney Kliss, \$4,000, Bachelor of Arts in Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.
- Brandi Cardwell, \$2,000, Master’s in Business Administration, Western Governor’s University.
- Cassandra Standifer, \$8,000, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Western Michigan University.
- Kristen Standifer, \$6,000, B.S. in Nursing, Oakland University.
- Candy Van Buskirk, \$5,000, doctorate, Education Administration, Indiana State University.
- Jacob Zapor, \$5,000, Master of Fine Arts, Maine College of Art.

This year’s high school recipients are:

- Jasmine D’Arcangelis, \$5,500, Alma College.
- Felix De Simone, \$5,500, Oberlin College.
- Annette Donner, \$5,500, Davenport University.
- Sophia Giannetti, \$5,500, Western Michigan University.
- Teya Haughey, \$5,500, Florida SouthWestern State College.
- Sylvia Dohner, \$8,000, Douglas J. Aveda Institute.
- Emily Keller, \$5,500, Michigan State University.
- Hannah Korbel, \$5,500, Western Michigan University.
- Ava Marie Mendoza, \$5,500, Michigan State University.
- Abigail Randall, \$5,500, Michigan State University.
- Peter Brown, \$500, University of Michigan.
- Anonymous, \$11,000, various universities.

The Pokagon Fund is a non-profit, private foundation supported by revenue from Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, Mich. Since its inception in 2007, the fund has provided more than \$25 million in grant awards and scholarships.

Classifieds do the trick! Call (219) 879-0088



Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Girls in the Picture by Melanie Benjamin (hardcover, \$28 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

Hollywood! Glitz! Glamour! A place where careers are built and destroyed, and memorable movies delight insatiable audiences. We see the monster studios and incredible movies being put out today without giving a thought to how it all began. How a small group of people discovered that moving images on a reel of film could bring such joy and emotion to the world.

From D.W. Griffith's "Birth of a Nation" to "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," the film industry has moved along at an astounding pace. Looking at the old silent movies of the early 20th century, we laugh at the flimsy sets and overdone makeup. But what about the people working behind those reels? They gave their all not knowing whether any of it would last.

This is a historical novel about two of the most important women of their era, from 1912 through the 1940s: Mary Pickford and Frances Marion. It is a story about two exceptional women and their lifelong friendship — through careers, husbands and children. This story shows how friendship can begin, grow and become something more than the individuals, more precious as the years go by.

Mary Pickford was "America's Sweetheart" and the first real movie royalty. Frances, her best friend, was one of the first female, and highest paid, screenwriters who would eventually win two Oscars.

Mary's story is a real rags-to-riches one. She was born Gladys Smith in Toronto, Canada, in 1892. Her mother put Mary on the stage at 8 after her father's death. Someone had to support them, plus Mary's younger brother and sister. City to city, one small theater to another...until at 17 she landed a job on Broadway. Producer David Belasco saw Mary's potential and was the one who renamed her Mary Pickford. Off season, she got a job in movies at the Biograph Studio making \$5 a day. Her blond curls and cute looks made her perfect for the screen's short stories. Time to say goodbye to the stage and hello to motion pictures!

In 1912, Frances Marion, born in San Francisco, arrives in Los Angeles to start a career. After two failed marriages, she wants to be on her own, at first as an artist, later as a writer. At a party one night, she meets Owen Moore, Mary's husband — actor and womanizer. He says he will introduce her to Mary Pickford — maybe she could draw pictures for her movie posters — with movies beginning to cement her career.

Mary and Frances immediately hit it off. They commiserate about men, love, life in general and, of course, their excitement about the new movie industry. Mary hires Frances as a scenarist, and it isn't long before she helps Mary pick out stories for her films, even acting in several of them.

It also isn't long before the pair moves out to the new town of Hollywood, where a growing film industry is taking over. Mary talks endlessly about the inequalities between men and women in the business. *"This is why she needed Fran! Because there was no one else she could speak so frankly to about being a woman in a man's world."*

They live through bouts of men treating the pair like they are meat set out in a butcher's window, to fighting for control of Mary's movies and commiserating that combining love and business will never work for them.

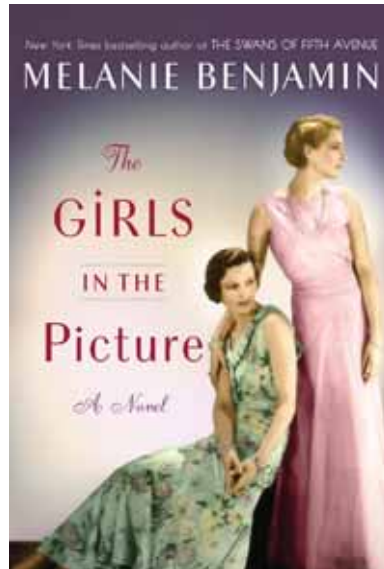
There's so much about the movie business here — Mary's rise to be America's first real queen of the motion pictures, making more money than most men in the business, and always with Fran at her side — her best friend and confidante.

We see their progress through the years — the struggling years, the successful years, like starting up United Artists with Douglas Fairbanks and Charlie Chaplin in 1918 — to their eventual retirement. All the time, Mary never forgets her mother, sister and brother, still taking on the responsibility of caring for them, even though her siblings take total advantage of that.

This is an amazing story told with compassion and understanding of two women in a man's world, making their mark, never backing down, never settling for second best. Many interesting tidbits about Mary come out in this meticulously researched book — like Mary's fear of marrying Douglas Fairbanks after her divorce from Owen because of her Catholic upbringing and whether fans would desert her. Of course, they didn't.

Benjamin has written a book to linger over, savoring the story and celebrating what true friendship really means. She is *The New York Times* bestselling author of *The Swans of Fifth Avenue*, *The Aviator's Wife*, *The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb* and *Alice I Have Been*. She lives in Chicago and is working on her next historical novel. Website: melaniebenjamin.com; Twitter: @MelanieBen; FB: Melanie Benjamin

Till next time, Happy Mother's Day and happy reading!




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