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REWRITING SCHOOL HISTORY

"When that final buzzer sounded, and we knew we had won, I let out a breath I hadn't realized I was keeping in until that moment."



ship is cause for celebration.

Katie Collignon achieved something even more remarkable, guiding Marquette Catholic High School's Lady Blazers to their first state title Feb. 24. They beat Class A No. 2 Vincennes Rivet in the Indiana High School Athletic Association Class A title game at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, 38-31.

When you consider that Collignon is only in her second year as Marquette's athletic director and girls basketball head coach, well, that's quite a first two years.

"Both teams were nervous going into the game, and it was showing," Collignon told The Beacher about the championship game. "Once we got into the second half, though, we realized we needed to adjust our strategy, and so we honed in and started playing more our style - more like we would when we were practicing back home."

The two teams were tied at 31 with two minutes left in the game when Marquette came out and owned the floor. Scoring seven points in those final minutes, the girls went on to seal the Blazers' first championship

Katie Collignon is photographed by The Beacher's Paul Kemiel in the Marquette Catholic High School Scholl Center.

trophy in girls basketball.

With Marquette's school year coming to a close, Collignon spoke with *The Beacher* not only about that thrilling game, but also her first two years at the school.

"The IHSAA runs just like a Pacers game would," she said. "The atmosphere was top notch, and it was a great experience."

Indeed, Collignon has made her mark at Marquette, giving the girls basketball team the tools it needed to become state champs.



Katie Collignon with the Lady Blazers on Feb. 24 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. File photo by Bob Wellinski

"The girls were so excited just to be there," she said, "and that's just what you want walking into a state championship."

And when the game came to a victorious close?

"All of our family and friends were holding their breath with us," she said. "The girls have such a good energy about them – such a fresh air and optimism about them. They worked so hard to get to that game, and I was so proud of all the hard work and dedication they showed to the game. It was an incredible experience."

Born and raised in Woodhaven, a suburb of Detroit with a population hovering near 13,000, Collignon was always deeply involved in sports. Her mother, a teacher, and father, a probation officer, made sure Katie and her brother remained active starting at a young age. Katie, in fact, played t-ball, basketball, volleyball and eventually soccer.

"I remember always wanting to play soccer when I was younger," Collignon said. "I enjoyed playing other sports as well, but I think watching my brother get to play soccer, and being a typical sibling, I wanted to do everything my brother did.

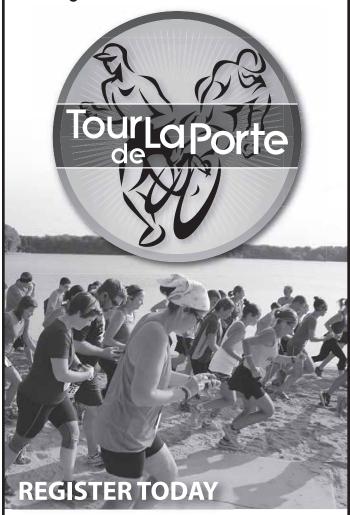
"Finally, my parents signed me up for it, and I loved it."

Collignon's love of sports grew throughout high school. She participated in soccer, basketball, volleyball and track. After graduating from high school, she earned a basketball scholarship at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich., where she received a degree in marketing. With dreams of working for a sports-marketing company and graduation ap-

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proaching, Collignon settled for a desk job in an accounting office back in her hometown.

"I was not meant to work a desk job, so on a whim and much to my mother's dismay, I moved out to New Jersey, where I had some friends," Collignon said. "I got really into health and fitness while I was out there, and even ended up on an MTV show.

"Then, one day, the head coach I had played for in college got the head coaching position at Valpo (University), and she called me up and asked me to become the assistant at Valpo," Collignon said. "She wanted



The victorious Lady Blazers participate in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. File photo by Paul Kemiel

Collignon gladly accepted the position, moving back to the Midwest, remaining in that position for four years.

"I met a lot of really great people while I was there," Collignon said. "I wasn't really looking for a change, but there are a lot of family overlaps between Valpo and Marquette, and that's how I heard about the opening at the high school for a new athletic director."

Not wanting to get pigeonholed as a basketball coach, Collignon took the position at Marquette. She was eager to learn more about coaching all kinds of sports, so she leapt into her work.

"Marquette has grown over the years," she said. "Being brand new, you have to get used to everything and everyone all over again.

"The nice thing about Marquette is that at least 50 percent of the students play some kind of sports, which gives me a unique opportunity to get to know a vast majority of the students."

As her second year comes to a close, Collignon has eased into the position with a laidback energy.

St. Patrick's Day parade. File photo by Paul Kemiel

Last year, they lost in double overtime at the semistate, so I think that was still fresh in their minds

and worked as a good motivator as well. I believe

that every day, every game and every play is very im-

portant. I feel very blessed to have such great kids."

She is not afraid to go with the flow and learn from other athletic directors who have been in the posi-

tion longer than her, especially when it comes to

credit to them and their dedication to the sport.

They weren't your average high school basketball

players," Collignon said. "I came from a Division 1

college, so I put into play the drills and practices we

used to use, and I think they really took to my style

"They had some adapting to do, but they really

"I inherited a really great group. I give all the

things like scheduling.

of coaching.

Collignon also has immersed herself in getting to know the staff, alumni and the community. She jokes that now, it feels as if her head is properly secured on her shoulders, that she's not playing catchup, running around like a "crazy person." She feels more comfortable in the position, thankful to work with what she calls a great coaching staff.

"It's really great to be able to see the kids grow and accomplish things they thought they might never be able to," she said. "Our students, our coaches and our program are growing every year, and I look forward to being a part of it.

And that coveted state basketball championship? "I think it's great to be able to put basketball on the map in this school and rewrite school history a little bit," she said. "It's been great seeing how much this has meant to the community as well."



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Big Laughs Trump Uneven Tone in "Deadpool 2"

by Andrew Tallackson



Ryan Reynolds keeps the laughs coming, even when the film itself doesn't, in "Deadpool 2."

The first 15 minutes of "Deadpool 2" are insanely funny. A priceless jab at Hugh Jackman's Wolverine. Scathing comparisons between "Yentl" and "Frozen." Swipes at "Interview With a Vampire." A shocking death. All before the 007-inspired title sequence, complete with an intentionally bombastic song by the queen of movie-song bombast, Celine Dion.

Could it get any more hysterical?

Well, that's the thing. What follows is never as gloriously absurd. Nor is it as shockingly clever as the 2016 original. Like most big-budget sequels, it emphasizes more effects. More chases. More *everything*. What you crave are more scenes of the characters riffing off each other like miscreants.

Having said that, I still enjoyed the film, largely because of the crazed energy Ryan Reynolds brings to the character, and how the filmmakers skewer everything under the sun.

The "Deadpool" pictures are the potty-mouthed pranksters of the "X-Men" franchise. Deadpool, the character, is like a meta critic of the clichés, the inconsistencies, the highs and lows of the Marvel universe, and pop culture in general, going so far in "Deadpool 2" as to compare the first film's box-office gross to, of all pictures, "The Passion of the Christ." And Reynolds is like the frenetic puppet master. How he sustains the same snarky pitch from start to finish is a feat of comic brilliance.

The actor co-wrote the screenplay with returning writers Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick, and as long as they play fast and loose with the material, "Deadpool 2" is a riot. Take, for instance, the requisite moment in any super hero tale where the hero/anti-hero assembles his ragtag team. Deadpool's entourage is insanely ill-equipped to deal with what's

before them. And their fates hysterically flip the bird to conventional wisdom. The most welcome surprise is Zazie Beetz (FX's "Atlanta") as Domino. Costumed like she tumbled out of Pam Greer's closet, and bragging about "luck" being her power, the actress storms through scenes with so much good cheer, she's a keeper.

Another plus? Returning co-stars T.J. Miller as Weasel, Deadpool's pal, and Brianna Hildebrand, as Negasonic Teenage Warhead, the two gleefully dishing out the film's gallows humor.

Sadly, the "plot" kicks in and the buoyant tone falters. It involves a young, fiery, "plus size" mutant (Julian Dennison) and the time-traveling bad guy, Cable (played by Thanos himself, Josh Brolin), who is hellbent on killing him. The plot thread is compelling, largely because Dennison has a ferocious intensity, and Brolin could make reading the back of a Wheaties box disturbing. But the weight of the story, well, it weighs the film down, with director David Leitch ("John Wick") emphasizing action over wit. Scenes at a wintry prison are devoid of laughs. The introduction of Marvel favorite "Juggernaut" is curiously lifeless. Repeated jokes about child molesters are DOA.

Only when "Deadpool 2" introduces Cable's iffy allegiances does it kick into high gear, leading not only to a satisfying finale, but also a mid-credits sequence that is laugh-out-loud outrageous.

The smutty pleasures of "Deadpool 2" are welcome. Next time, though, how about less "boom" and more "bwahaha." Big-budget action is easy to come by these days. Wicked laughs? Now *that* is a rare commodity.

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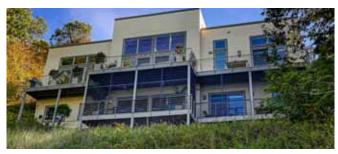
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Mainstreet Association Unveils New Swale Music Festival

Designed to foster a sense of community within the Uptown Arts District, Michigan City Mainstreet Association will host the new Swale Music Festival on Saturday, May 26.



Lifted Bells

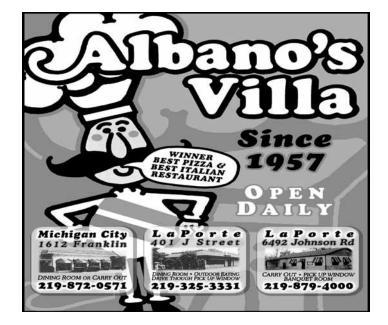
Held at Charles R. Westcott Park, 400 E. Michigan Blvd., gates open at 1 p.m., with music starting at 1:15 p.m. Open to all ages, it includes craft beer, wine and food from Smokey G's BBQ. Pre-sale tickets, which cost \$10 (plus a small service fee), can be purchased at swalemusic.com. Tickets are \$15 the day of the event. Children 12 and younger are free,

but must be accompanied by an adult.

The event will feature more than 20 local and national musical acts, highlighting a mix of indie-rock, country-punk, blues-rock and hip-hop on several stages. Local favorites include Fragile Soul, B. Starr and Uptown Artist Lofts resident Party Godd (Brandon Walker). LaPorte native James Neary will take



James Neary



the small stage at 7:05 p.m.

"I think Michigan City has been doing a great job trying to bring more art and culture into the spot-



Megan Dooley

light," Neary said in a press release, "but I never expected a full blown three-stage music festival. The lineup is diverse and full of talent, and I'm honored to be included!"

National acts include: Terror Pigeon (Nashville, Tenn.); Lung (Cincinnati); and Megan Dooley (Kalamazoo, Mich.). Lifted Bells, an emo revival band from Chicago, features members from Braid, Their/They're/

There, Coaster and Stay Ahead of The Weather. Lifted Bells performs on the main stage at 7:35 p.m.

Guests can buy art from various vendors, including Swale poster artists Olivia Jobbe and Suzanna Watson. Vendors will have jewelry, small works of art and zines. Guests also can have their face or body painted by artist Christopher Messer.

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A Bittersweet Farewell to a Mansion Teeming With Memorable Moments

by Jessica Rosier

There are moments I see shining above all others.

There are moments I wish to forget.

There are moments spent with people who will stay with me through my life.

As my three years of being director at Barker Mansion come to a close, I find myself struggling to identify one capstone moment, initiative or goal that exemplifies my time there. I can't choose one. My tenure seems so much longer than three years when I reflect on everything that's changed and how much we've grown. Moments of happiness, hilarity and sheer frustration made this growth possible.

Our "Night at the Mansion" Scout sleepovers have brought me moments of great joy. Hearing kids giggling at midnight, and chaperones reprimanding them for disregarding the quiet-time rules, have brought smiles to my face. Who would've thought Catherine Barker's childhood slumber parties would be resurrected in such a way? This program, too, has prompted sheer you've-gotto-be-kidding-me moments as the midnight flu struck groups on two separate occa-



Jessica Rosier and her husband, Nick, appear at Barker Mansion's Vintage V-Day fundraiser.

Editor's note

Upon learning Barker Mansion Director Jessica Rosier will say farewell to her post May 25, *The Beacher* asked her to share a few parting thoughts. The new director is Emily Reth, who served at Barker Mansion as a heritage interpreter before attending graduate school at Wright State University, where she studied history and public history. In the meantime, she worked at Carillon Historical Park, and for the Wright State Special Collections and Archives.

sions.

Enough said about those moments.

Otherworldly experiences, or maybe just active imaginations, made for some interesting dinner talk. Yes, I am referring to our friendly ghost. My first introduction to Tango, Catherine Barker's Boston terrier, was July 2015. Since then, staff have seen and heard his presence throughout our halls. He runs down the grand staircase, barks in the basement and takes laps around the ballroom. Rest assured, Tango has been a comforting spirit.

Hijinks and playtime happened on more than occasion. Early in my tenure, we had an entire storage room full of department mannequins circa 1980. You can imagine the goodnatured tricks we played on guests during our "Behind the Scenes" and "Blackout" tours. I am happy to report that the mannequins went to the curb with our spring cleaning the following year.

There have been moments of big growth, which did not come quickly or easily: hiring staff and cultivating interns and volunteers, building



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budgets. renovating the basement, installing Wi-Fi and buying computers, securing grant funding, digitizing the archives, creating branding and a website, and much more. The "ah ha" moments have been numerous as staff continue to dig through the mansion archives, study blueprints and look to outside sources to clarify our story. Spoiler alert: There was no tunnel, and the foyer fireplace is definitely not from a castle in France.

building.



The "oh no" moments have centered around unexpected happenings: the air conditioner failing during the hottest week last summer, an ice dam causing ceiling damage in the servants' quarters, and the temperamental HVAC unit in the Archives Room leaving us on edge with every change in outside humidity. And, of course, every construction project taking so much longer than expected and costing so much more than budgeted... because that's what happens with a 161-year-old

The other "oh no" moments come in the middle of the night. The mansion's alarm system is tied into my phone, which means I must respond each time it's tripped (it's usually just dust particles, the wind or some other explainable phenomenon). Thank goodness for the Michigan City Police Department and my husband for being on site with me to do walk-throughs each time. An are-you-kidding-me moment happened when I responded to an alarm at 4 a.m., in my pajamas, only to meet a history-loving police officer who wanted a tour as we did the walk-through. While I certainly loved sharing the Barker legacy, 4 a.m. in my bunny slippers was not

the ideal time.

The best moments, though, have been the ones shared with people. Thank you to every visitor who's attended a program, putting their time and faith into our message. Thank you to the parents who have brought their youngsters to our kids' programming, sharing moments of inquiry and learning. Thank you to the countless couples who have booked weddings at our space. Thank you to our volunteers, interns and staff who bring their

gifts, time and enthusiasm to the mansion. We would have never grown so tremendously in three years without their willingness to share ideas for programs and embrace change. Some of the best moments have been spent in my office, hashing out an idea for a new program with a staff member. I have enjoyed being their back-end support for making programs possible.

I am off to create new moments at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church. These moments will be spent mainly in the newly-constructed building: the Legacy Center. I will help manage this building, and plan programming to take place after weekend Masses. This is not something I set out to do with my life, but it is something that has been there all along. I am completely humbled and excited that God has put this in front of me. The moment I say goodbye to the mansion, though, will not mark the end. I will serve as a consultant for the new director, and I hope to sit on the Barker Civic Center Commission board one day.

I will always treasure the moments that have grown from my time at the mansion.

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Couple Takes Leap of Faith to Start Business

by Andrew Holt

This is a classic story of Northwest Indiana natives responding the way we all do when faced with adversity: buckling down, throwing it all on the line and following our dreams.

Back in 2012, Lori and Dave Kleist arrived at a critical turning point. Lori was an antiques dealer in Michigan City when Dave, who worked with a roofing company, was severely burned in an accident. The dilemma: Either Dave continued working long hours seven days a week...or pursue Lori's dream of owning an antique store.

It was in this environment of economic uncertainty and physical rehabilitation that the Chesterton

couple decided to sell their house and put everything they had into a small, empty pole barn behind The Antique Market in Michigan City, renovating it and naming it Nani's Over The Fence Antiques after it opened in March.

This not only allowed Lori to finally achieve her dream, but also let Dave have weekends off while running his own electrical business from the same building.

When Dave first decided to buy the building, Lori was understandably confused. He picked her up after work, drove her to the site and the ensuing conversation went something like this:

Dave: "See those buildings back there? We're gonna buy those."

Lori: "With what?!"

Dave: "Well, we're gonna sell the house."

Lori: "Well, if it's meant to be."



Lori and Dave Kleist, photographed by Andrew Holt in their new business, Nani's Over The Fence Antiques.

And so it was, with the house sold exactly seven days after it was listed on the market, and for the full asking price.

It takes a lot of guts to do what the Kleists did, and a lot of faith. For the Kleists, faith drives them almost as much as the necessity of helping Dave get some much-needed time off.

"Our faith was probably at the center of (deciding to go through with this)," Lori said, "and knowing that we're all here for one another. We believe we can help the LaPorte County area."

Amid their turbulent lives, the Kleists have donated to several worthy causes in Northwest Indiana,

such as the Michigan City Women's Care Center, Hoosier Burn Camp and the Underground Railroad, which assists victims of sex trafficking.

They've also encountered a welcoming community when it comes to other business owners from Michigan City's revitalized Uptown Arts District.

"We've had so many of the dealers and business owners that are down there coming into our store, welcoming us," Lori said. "It's so beautiful."

Dave and Lori often find themselves in the dual roles of teacher and learner, enlightening anyone who comes through their doors about various pieces or accourrements they have on display, while also researching pieces and learning about ones the customers bring to them.

And really, that's their end goal, to live their own American Dream while contributing to what makes Northwest Indiana great.





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• July 28: Mr. Blotto & Gato.



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Preregistration requested online at duneslearningcenter.org/public

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Michigan City In Bloom

The Michigan City in Bloom Committee has made changes to its annual contest to not only encourage more participation, but also enhance the original mission of beautifying the city.

Last November, the committee decided the annual contest was not meeting intended goals. Each year, the same people applied, and many of the same people won. If a yard or garden was not entered, the committee couldn't judge it. So, many yards and landscapes were overlooked, despite fliers left at homes seeking participation.

Now, private residences, non-profits, schools and churches with clean, well-kept front yards, adding beauty through real flowers, shrubs or other landscaping, will be recognized. No backyards will be considered. All gardens/yards must be visible from the street. In addition, participants must be Civil City residents.

Anyone who receives a postcard from the Michigan City in Bloom Committee will learn their efforts have been noticed. Take the postcard to Michigan City Senior Center in Washington Park to receive a sign to place in the yard. When gardens are maintained from year to year, stickers (indicating the current year) will be given to place on the original yard sign.

Nominations are accepted. People also can nominate themselves. Send a private message on the Michigan City in Bloom Facebook page, by email at marooney@comcast.net or by calling Debbie Wilson of the city planning department at (219) 873-1419, Ext. 2027.

Footlight Open-Mic Night

"The Roaring '20s" is the theme of Footlight Players' next open-mic night from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, May 25, at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St.

The show is free to audience members and \$2 for performers. Refreshments will be available by donation, with a raffle prize awarded at about 8 p.m.

Call the theater at (219) 874-4035 or chairman Joe Blanchard at (219) 741-4417 to sign up, or visit www.FootlightPlayers.org

About the Cover

The assignment was simple. Capture the monument that greets Washington Park visitors at night. In a manner we haven't done before.

Beacher photographer James Conlin more than rose to the challenge. He framed the monument against a stark night sky, the blazing lights creating striking sights below.

We hope you like it as much as we do!

"The Spitfire Grill"

Dunes Summer Theatre will present the musical "The Spitfire Grill," directed by Goodman Theater's Steve Scott, for three weekends starting May 25 at the Michiana Shores theater, 288 Shady Oak Drive.

The play centers on a young woman who arrives in a small Maine town after a brief

stint in prison. With hopes of beginning a new life, she lands a job at The Spitfire Grill, which is owned by a woman with a gruff exterior and little tolerance for the grill's regular customers.

Scott is a 20-year Long Beach resident. He is assisted by Musical Director Jeff Otto. Performances are May 25 through June 10, with curtain at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$18 general admission and \$15 for students and seniors.



Scott

A special "Celebration of the Arts" fundraiser is planned during the June 9 show. A \$50 donation includes food catered by Fiddlehead, a drink ticket, music by Debra Sawyer from the group Ah Tu and the performance of "The Spitfire Grill." The event starts at 5:30 p.m.

Dunes Summer Theatre Artistic Director Jeffrey Baumgartner said in a press release the latest production reflects the arts organization's growth over the past few years.

"We have actors and singers coming to us this summer from all over the country and Canada," he said. "We are certain that audiences will note the level of professionalism exhibited on our stage."

Since last summer, the Dunes has undergone major renovations and capital improvements, including a new bar area, completion of the resident cabins, a new fire pit, box office upgrades, an improved parking lot and scenic shop and updated electricals and lighting. Also, the historic 1940s dance room is undergoing a major renovation.

Visit dunesartsfoundation.org or call (219) 879-7509 for tickets or more information.

Summer Baseball Camp

Purdue University Northwest will host a four-day summer baseball camp in conjunction with U.S. Baseball Academy on June 11-14.

PNW Head Coach Dave Griffin is the director. Classes are available for players in grades K-9 and limited to seven players per coach. Sessions are offered in hitting, pitching, fielding and baserunning.

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SMSO Announces 2018-2019 Mainstage Season

Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra will collaborate with a diverse roster of guest artists to achieve a balance of the familiar and the innovative during its 2018-2019 Mainstage Concert Series.

Programming will feature talent from the SMSO Chorus, local public-school choruses, the Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra and SMSO musicians. The premiere of an original piece by SMSO member Alan Palider is slated for the April 14, 2019, concert.

For a second year, SMSO and The Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College are co-presenting the season opener.

The schedule is:

 Piano Men: A Tribute to Elton John and Billy Joel," starring Craig Meyer and Donnie Kehr, at 7:30 p.m. EDT Saturday, Sept. 29, at The Mendel Center Mainstage, 1100 Yore Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich.

Special engagement tickets cost \$72, \$55, \$46 and \$38. A \$2 per ticket facility fee applies.

 "Romantic Cello" at 4 p.m. EST Sunday, Oct. 14, at Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs, Mich.

The show features Ifetayo Ali-Landing, a 14-year-old Nigerian-American cello prodigy. A pre-concert conversation is at 3 p.m. EST.



Piano Men features Craig Meyer and Donnie Kehr.



Ifetayo Ali-Landing.



The Three Divas.

• "Glad Tidings" at 7:30 p.m. EST Saturday, Dec. 8, at The Mendel Center Mainstage.

The concert features The Three Divas of Southwest Michigan, Berrien Springs, Coloma and Lakeshore high schools choirs and narrator Bill Downey.



The Dukes of Dixieland.

 "The Dukes of Dixieland" at 7:30 p.m. EST Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019, at Grand Upton Hall at The Mendel Center.

The Dukes of Dixieland hails from New Orleans, performing jazz to gospel and country.



Georgiy Boriso.



Jonathan Beyer

 "Amazing Amadeus" at 4 p.m. EST Sunday, March 17, 2019, at Howard Performing Arts Center.

The program includes the "Clarinet Concerto" and features principal clarinetist Georgiy Borisov. A pre-concert conversation is at 3 p.m. EST.

• The Margaret Beckley Upton Memorial Concert, "Belshazzar's Feast," at 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, April 14, at Howard Performing Arts Center.

The concert features Jonathan Beyer, the SMSO Chorus and Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra with the premiere of William Walton's cantata "Belshazzar's Feast." A pre-concert conversation is at 3 p.m. EST.

Robin Fountain is the music director. Series subscriptions are available by calling (269) 982-4030. Patrons can purchase a Grand Series of all five concerts for \$145 (Zone A seating) or \$85 (Zone B). Those who purchase a Grand Series before June 1 receive two Beach Concert tickets. Patrons also can choose the Pick Three series of any three concerts for \$99 (Zone A) or \$55 (Zone B).

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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

• Beach Break from 1 to 2 p.m. daily.

Stop by the beach pavilion to see what surprises the naturalist has.

• Sunset Stroll from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 25.

Join a naturalist for a look at twilight along Dunes Creek as the group heads to the beach for sunset. Meet at the campground shelter next to campsite 113.

• Awesome Amphibians from 10:30 to 11:10 a.m. Saturday, May 26.

Meet at the Nature Center to explore the differences and similarities between Dunes amphibians during a short hike to the marsh.

• It's OWL Good from 3 to 3:40 p.m. Saturday, May 26.

Meet a naturalist at the Nature Center auditorium for a look at common owls of the Dunes.

• Bat Bonanza! from 8 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 26.

Meet a naturalist at the nature center where a naturalist dispels myths about bats.

• Feed the Birds at 9:30 a.m. Saturday through Monday, May 26-28.

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

• Sssssnakes Alive! from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Sunday, May 27.

Meet at the Nature Center to view snakes and learn more about them.

• Techy Scavenger Hunt from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 27.

Meet at the Nature Center to learn about geocaching. Prizes will be awarded.

• Full Moon Hike from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday, May 27.

Meet at the Nature Center for a short presentation about the moon, followed by a hike to Lake Michigan and back.

• High Dunes Hike from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 28.

Meet a naturalist at the nature center for a hike to the summit of the state's highest sand dune. Wear hiking shoes.

• Turtle Party from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Monday, May 28.

Meet outside the nature center to learn more about turtles.

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.

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A Day Trip to Detroit From New Buffalo

I can hear it now.

"Why in the world would you want to take the train from New Buffalo to Detroit and come back the same day? In fact, why would you

want to go to Detroit in the first place? Are you nuts?"

Nonetheless, I stilled the negative vibe in my head and booked a round-trip Amtrak ticket from New Buffalo to Detroit for Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017. And, yes, I am back to tell you all about it and, even better, to say I had a terrific time from the moment Amtrak Train 350, the Wolverine, arrived at the platform in New Buffalo at the posted 9:37 a.m. time, to the exact second Train 355, the westbound Wolverine, deposited me back in New Buffalo precisely at the posted arrival time of 10:23 p.m.

I had such a good time, and the trains were on such efficient time, I began lobbying Natalie to take the same trip with me this year.

She said, and I quote: "Let's wait until spring when there is more daylight, so we can enjoy the ride back."



Natalie peruses Detroit Institute of Arts' permanent collection.





"All right," I replied. "You have a deal."

So, I waited patiently for spring to arrive and for the sun to linger longer. Then, one fine day, I said: "Let's go on Friday, April 20. From

New Buffalo to Detroit and back, with a whole afternoon to explore DIA (Detroit Institute of Arts)."



QLine Detroit is a mighty fine line.

Natalie liked the idea, but went online just the same to check Amtrak's on-time record for that line, and to see how late DIA is open on Friday. She learned Amtrak has a reasonably good record of running its Wolverine service from Chicago to Detroit and beyond on time. Best of all, DIA is open until 10 p.m. EDT on Friday.

That meant if our morning train from New Buffalo was close to arriving on time in Detroit at 1:40 p.m., we would have plenty of time to prowl the endless galleries before catching the 6:03 p.m. train for New Buffalo.

Oh, and Natalie thoroughly vetted Detroit's new streetcar line, the QLine, to be sure its service up and down Woodward Avenue was reliable. Turns out, it is.



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So, if you connect the dots you will note the following:

- We arrived in Detroit almost on time at 2 p.m.
- We quickly mastered the Motor City's brandspanking-new QLine Detroit by shelling out a mere \$3 a piece for two day passes.
- We took said QLine to the world-class DIA, 4200 Woodward Ave., where we spent all of \$18 for two senior admissions, then proceeded to see as many of DIA's amazing treasures as we could before skedaddling at 5:20 p.m. to catch our return train at Baltimore and Woodward.
- We hopped a northbound QLine train at Warren and were clipping right along when it stopped and stayed stopped at the Ferry Street station for reasons unclear to the operator. We thought we might have to bolt from the trolley and make a run for our train back to New Buffalo, but then the good folks at QLine got it all sorted out, and we were at Baltimore Street in plenty of time to catch the westbound Wolverine, which was running about five minutes late.
- We particularly enjoyed the return trip to New Buffalo because our smoothly gliding train seemed to be hotly pursuing the setting sun as it slipped behind trees and buildings. We enjoyed the fare served in the café car and watched as a happy mob of University of Michigan students boarded in Ann Arbor. In no time flat, we were back in New Buffalo and heading home to Harbert, well before the witching hour.

We spent the aforementioned \$6 in Detroit for two QLine day passes and were feeling so flush, we tipped the coat-check guy at DIA. Plus, he liked my hat.

Would we do it again?

In a heartbeat!

Will you read more about our other amazing adventures in Detroit?

For sure.

Until then, here are a couple of numbers to call on your old rotary-dial phone:

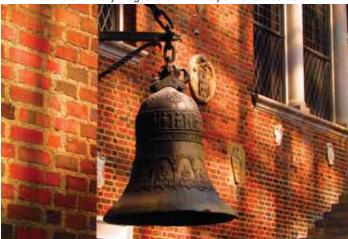
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If you ask someone what the most important thing in life is, you might typically get the following answers: family, health, friends, religion, career, and happiness. For most, all of these things tie in together.

In fitness, we talk about achieving goals by having a good balance of the four pillars of wellness: strength training, cardio, nutrition and motivation. Most people have at least one weakness in these areas. Once they focus on that one and improve it,

naturally, the other areas also improve.

This goes the same for what is most important to us in life. If you were instead to ask what the top three important things in your life are as opposed to the top one, you will still get a trio of the above an-



The Fitness Rebellion

by Kevin Scott

the top one, you will still get a trio of the above answers. Health is and always will be one of the most important things in your life. Whether it makes your top three or not, it still is a factor in the others. For example, if you list family, friends and career, the health of your family is vital, the health of your

friends is important, and your health to stay on top of your career path is key.

Health and wellness truly are the backbone of a happy life. Whether it is yours or your family and friends, being healthy or unhealthy affects your life positively or negatively, whether you like it or not. Being healthy not only will make you feel better day to day, but also improve your mental health and outlook on life. The problem is that the unhealthy population typically doesn't know how great it feels to be healthy, as well as the improvement in everyday lives.

We as a society tend to be more reactive to health than proactive. People wait until they're coughing and sneezing before they start taking care of themselves. They wait until they're sick to see a doctor. They wait until a tooth hurts to go to the dentist. They are reactive. The opposite side of the equation



has someone who focuses on health by exercising daily, eating healthy, taking vitamins and staying active. Granted, these people can still get sick, but they are doing preventative maintenance on their bodies to stay healthy.

We have a sticker in our cars that tells us to take it in for an oil change, tire rotation and checkup. If we don't, things could get worse, and we would have to pay much more to get them fixed. Our bodies are no different, except for the fact that we don't have a

> windshield to put a reminder sticker on. Our well-being is in our own hands, but why do some take it seriously and others don't?

An annual study by Gallup and Sharecare put numbers to some of these questions. Based in clinical research and health-care

leadership, these companies have surveyed 2.5 million Americans. Their goal is to create a healthier world through knowledge, information and action. It captures how people feel about and experience their daily lives. They break down well-being into five elements and weigh them to determine their numbers. The five elements are:

- Purpose: liking what you do each day.
- Social: having supportive relationships and love.
- Financial: managing your economic life to reduce stress and increase security.
- Community: liking where you live, feeling safe and pride in your community.
- Physical: having good health and enough energy to get things done.

So what does it say, and more importantly, where are we on this? Out of all 50 states in the 2017 study, Indiana ranked 42nd. No matter where we fall on this or what it means, the learning point is that we are in control of our fate. There are a million factors that can lead to unfortunate circumstances and situations, but it is how we react and handle these that determine our path afterwards. One of the best practices from Gallup and Sharecare to improve our well-being is to create an active living environment and make the healthy choice the easy choice. This is one area we can all improve on from business owners to active citizens. Taking advantage of already active living benefits like the bike trails, walking paths and healthy options at restaurants.

And honestly, what more of an active living environment do we need than the one we currently have in the beauty of the beaches and dunes of Lake Michigan? This summer, get active. Get out for walks, get to the gym, eat healthy, ride your bike, go for a swim, hike the dunes and make the healthy choice.

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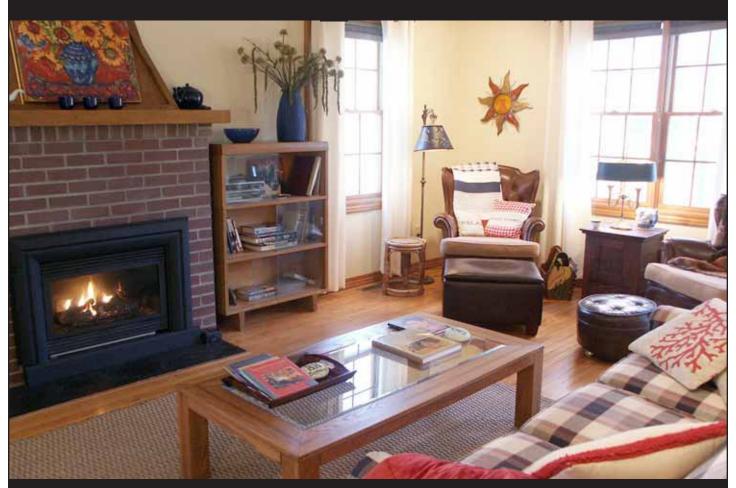


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PÍZZAS HEESE Only)	<i>py thin!</i> 14" serves 2-3 \$13.25	r favorite! 14" serves 4 \$14.65	a pie! 14" serves 4 \$15.75		\$9.50	\$1.50	Pesto • BBQ Sa sza Sauce (Standc	\$1.50	ئ	\$3.00 \$3.9 Chicken Artichokes
The Miller Pizzas (all pizza prices are \overline{CHEESE} Only)	rolled and cris	thick. Custome 12" serves 2-3 \$12.85	Authentic pizz 12" serves 2-3 \$13.95	- Med. 12" (on	lzone w/ I topping)	\$1.25	• Homemade Alfredo Sauce • Pesto • BBQ Sauce Our Very Own Homemade Pizza Sauce (Standard)	<i>ppings:</i> \$1.25	Mushrooms Green Peppers Onion Green Olives Giardiniera	\$2.50 Italian Beef Anchovies
III (all piz	Thin Crust - Hand rolled and crispy thin! 10" serves 1 12" serves 1-2 14" serve \$10.00 \$11.50	Deep Dish - Extra thick. Customer favorite! 10" serves 2 12" serves 2-3 14" serves \$11.50 \$\$11.50 \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$	Chicago Stuffed - Authentic pizza pie! 10" serves 2 12" serves 2-3 14" s \$12.60 \$13.95 \$1	Gluten Free Crust - Med. 12" (One Size Only)	$oldsymbol{\it Beach Blanket}$ (Calzone w / I topping)	Choose Your Sauce: \$0.95	Olive Oil • Homemade Alfredo Sauce • Pesto • BBQ Sauce • Ranch Our Very Ovon Homemade Pizza Sauce (Standard)	Add your Favorite Toppings: \$0.95	Sausage Pepperoni Ham Ground Beef Black Olives Fresh Spinach	Specialty Toppings: \$1.90 Bacon Canadian Bacon

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	Small Pan	Med. Pan	Large Pan
	Serves 6-8	Serves 12-15	Serves 20-25
Mostaccioli	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$60.00
w/ Ground Beef	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
w/ Sausage	\$5.00	\$7.00	\$9.00
w/ Meatballs	(6) \$5.70	(8) \$7.60	(12) \$11.40
Alfredo	\$36.00	\$49.00	\$64.00
$w\c Chicken$	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$16.00
Lasagna (ALLOW 24 HOUR NOTICE)	R NOTICE)	\$80.00	\$147.00
House Salad	\$22.00	\$28.00	\$37.00
Spinach Salad	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$49.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$27.00	\$33.00	\$44.00
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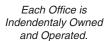
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4100 CHICKAGAMI TRAIL

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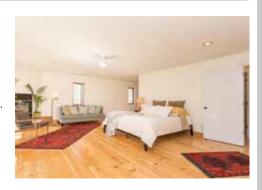




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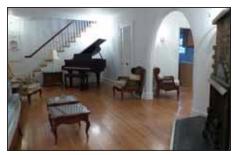
3307 Marquette Trail \$539,500 • OPEN HOUSE- Sunday, May 27- 1-3 p.m.

Steps to Stop 33 beach and renovated from top to bottom. 3-bed 2.5-bath home features custom finishes and a main-floor master suite. Kitchen opens to the dining area and living room with

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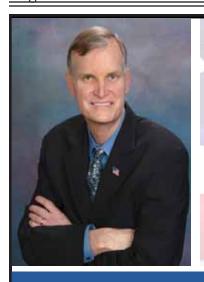


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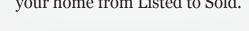
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18590 Forest Beach Drive, Forest Beach

This 5 bedroom, 4 full bath classic cottage in Forest Beach has been impeccably designed. The residence includes a finished lower level, second floor ensuite guest room, and three porches. Forest Beach has private beaches, a pool, beach houses and tennis courts to enjoy. \$599,000













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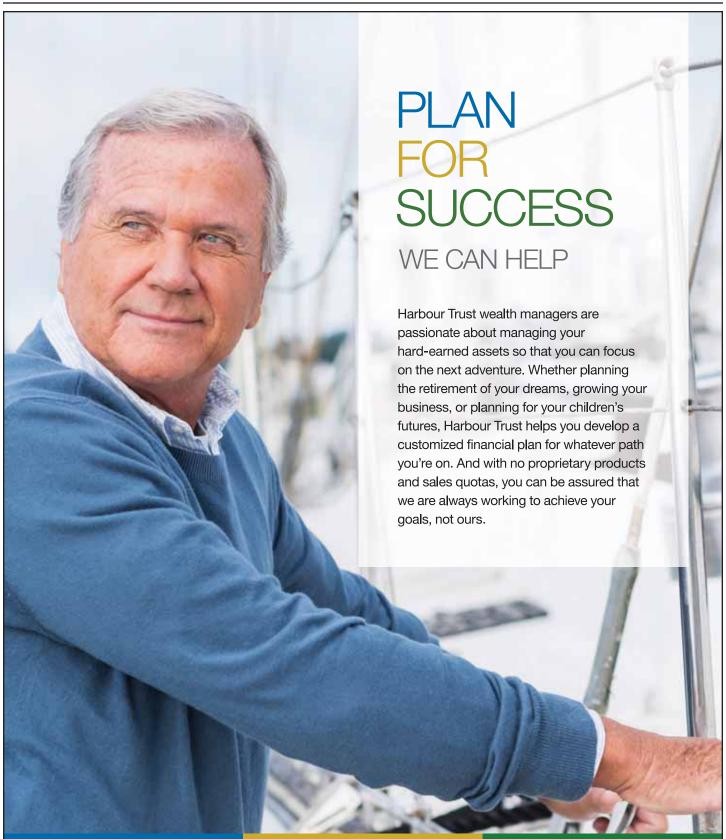




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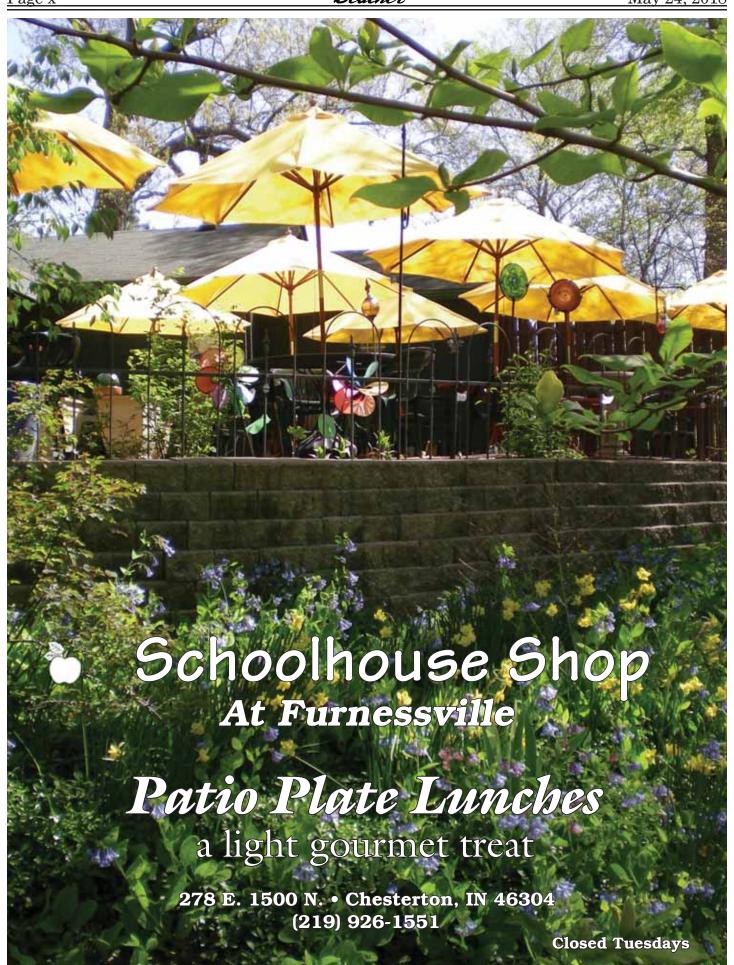
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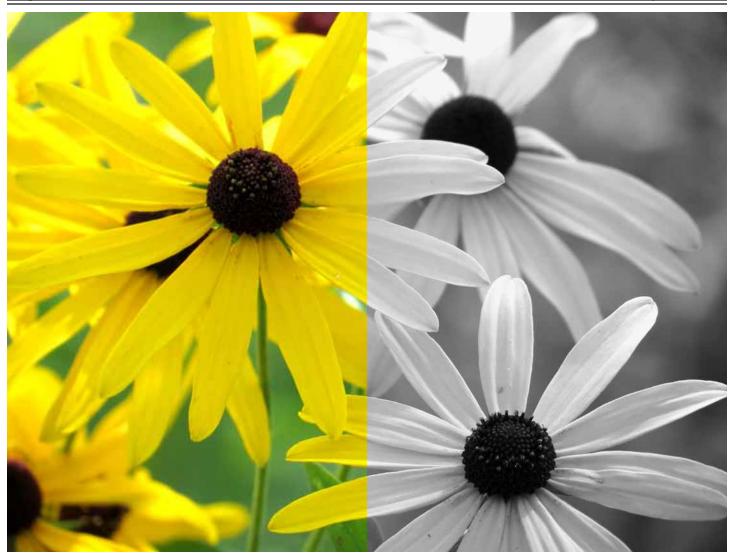
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Top 5 Core Strengthening Exercises



1. Basic Crunch

- Lie on your back with your feet on the floor, knees up.
- 2. Cross your arms over your chest.
- Tuck your chin up slightly, as if you're gently holding an orange between your chin and your chest.
- Exhale as you press your navel toward your spine and lift your shoulders off the floor. Hold while you finish the exhale.
- Inhale to lower your shoulders to the floor, without completely relaxing your abdominal muscles.

Top Tips

- You can put your hands behind your head, but take care not to pull on your neck.
- · Keep the movement slow and controlled.
- Remember that it's not a huge movement. Your shoulders will only be lifting a couple of inches off the floor.
- Keep your low back flat against the floor, and keep squeezing your navel down.



Spinal Balance

- Start on your hands and knees, with your knees below your hips, wrists below your shoulders.
- 2. Lift your navel slightly to support your low back.
- 3. Inhale as you stretch your right arm forward and your left leg backward.
- 4. Exhale as you bring them back to the floor.
- 5. Repeat on the other side, alternating between right and left for the entire set.

Top Tips

- · Lift your leg and arm to the level of your hips.
- · Keep your hips even.
- Keep your back strong. Don't arch your back when you lift your limbs.



Side Plank

- 1. Lie on your side, and bring your elbow to the floor below your shoulder.
- 2. Straighten your legs and press into the bottom leg to lift your hips off the ground.
- 3. Hold, then repeat on the other side for the same amount of time.

Top Tips

- Keep your hips directly between your feet and your head, or slightly above.
- You can stack your feet, or bring your top foot to the floor in front of your bottom foot to make it easier to balance.
- For added difficulty, you can lower your hip toward the floor (without letting it touch) as you inhale, and lift the hip on the exhale. Remember to perform this movement slowly and with control.



Bridge

- 1. Lie on your back with your feet on the floor, knees up.
- 2. Inhale as you press into your feet to lift your hips off the floor.
- 3. Exhale to gently lower your hips.

Top Tips

- Keep your toes pointing forward and press the entire foot into the floor.
- · When the hips are lifting, your knees should be above your ankles.
- Keep your hips, knees, and ankles in line, so your knees aren't falling open or squeezing toward each other.
- For an extra challenge, you can do the bridge on one leg. Remember to keep your hips even.



Plank

- 1. Start on your hands and knees.
- 2. Straighten your legs behind you and lift your knees off the ground.
- 3. Hold, and keep breathing!

Top Tips

- Keep your hips in line with your ankles and head. A common mistake here is letting the back arch and the hips dip toward the floor.
- · Focus on squeezing your navel toward your spine.
- · You can also do this exercise on your elbows.

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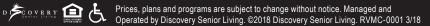
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Museum Curator's Report

Susie Richter, LaPorte County Historical Society Museum curator, released her April report.

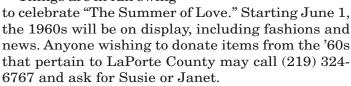
Visitors came from seven counties and 13 states. Tours included third-graders from Kingsford Heights and Pierce Arrow Car Club. Museum staff and volunteers attended the April 18 volunteer expo at LaPorte Civic Auditorium. A luncheon honored volunteers for National Volunteer Month.

The current display, "Up, Up & Away: A Look at Aerial Photography from La Porte County," runs through the end of May.

April donations included:

- Navigation star chart from World War II that belonged to Robert Mann, David Mann.
- Wedding gown worn by Anna Mae Jones, granddaughter of W.A. Jones, wedding gowns worn by Carol Pickering and Patti Pickering, great-granddaughters of W.A. Jones, Patti Grover and Carol Bucholz.
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• Unsanctioned from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 26.

Stop by Fernwood's tent outside SL Consignment Gallery in downtown Buchanan, Mich., to learn how to make Kokedamas and seed bombs.

• Curious Coyotes: Raptors from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 27.

Children 6-10 can learn about raptors and their adaptations. Dress for walking the trails. The cost is \$10, or \$8 for members.

• Spring Yoga from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday, May 30.

Build strength and cardiovascular capacity by linking hatha yoga postures with flowing vinyasas. Variations are offered for all levels. The cost is \$12, or \$10 for members.

 Volunteer Educators Spring Training from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Wednesday, May 30.

The program is for people interested in joining the Volunteer Educators Corps, which helps teach the Environmental Studies Program to local students. Also planned is information on summer nature camps, then a trek to the prairie.

- In the Clark Art Gallery: "Pastel Pathways: Northern Indiana Pastel Society" through May 27.
- In the Curator's Gallery: Handmade pottery and stoneware ceramics, created as functional, organic modern works by Steve Skinner, through Sunday, June 3.
- In Trillium Hall: Laurie Rousseau's collages through Sunday, June 3.

Call (269) 695-6491 or visit www.fernwoodbotanical.org for more information and to confirm the status of classes.

Mindfulness Workshop for Teens

"Listen With Your Heart: Using Mindfulness, Art & Journaling for Self-Discovery," a workshop for teens ages 12-16, is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, June 4, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Jane Lump, Wendy Marciniak and Lisa Joesten will lead the workshop, which includes:

- Mindfulness practices to live in the present, and with kindness and curiosity.
- Painting techniques to express feelings through color, texture and technique.
- Journal-writing exercises.

The cost is \$65, with members receiving a \$20 discount. All supplies and a pizza lunch are included. The maximum number of students is 12.

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The event officially starts at 8 a.m. Proceeds fund repairs to St. Stanislaus, one of LaPorte County's oldest Catholic churches.

Plaque awards are given in eight different age divisions for women, men and children, the top three overall female and male runners, and the top female and male walkers.

Entry forms are available at St. Stanislaus School, Trail Creek Town Hall and Robert Tylisz Appliance. Download one at ststanstc5Krunwalk.com, or enter online at RunSignUp.com, then enter key word "St. Stans 5k."

Mail the completed entry form, if choosing that option, with payment to St. Stanislaus Parish, 109 Ann St., Michigan City, IN 46360.

Options to register in person are:

- St. Stanislaus Church Hall from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 1. The \$20 cost includes a T-shirt. The cost for children 13 and younger is \$15.
- Day of event, June 2, from 6 to 7:30 a.m. at Nelson Park. The cost is \$25, but due to limited quantities, a T-shirt is not guaranteed.

Contact St. Stanislaus School at (219) 879-9281 or Race Director Patrick K. by email at pjk226@yahoo.com

"Wizard of Oz" Auditions

Footlight Players will host auditions for its August production, "The Wizard of Oz," from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 2, and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St.

The show, which contains all the songs from the MGM classic, will be presented the first three weekends in August. All ages 6 and older are encouraged to audition. Take a musical selection that best showcases vocal abilities and wear comfortable shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Cold readings from the script are possible.

Laura Meyer is the director, Emma Blanchard the assistant director and Lee Meyer the music director. Call Laura at (219) 874-5278 or the theater at (219) 874-4035 for details, or visit www.footlight-players.org

Harbor Country Book Club

Harbor Country Book Club will discuss Mary Kubica's "The Good Girl" at 6:30 p.m. EDT Thursday, May 31, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

The June 28 selection is Amor Towles' "Gentleman in Moscow." Meetings are open to the public.



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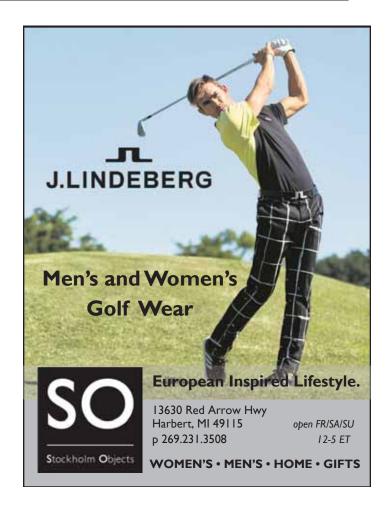
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• Poetry SlamCamp 2018 on Monday through Friday, June 18-22.

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• Library Hours.

The library will close Monday, May 28, for Memorial Day. The library then will be closed Sundays through Sept. 2.

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

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following program is available:

• Mount Baldy Sunset Hike from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 25.

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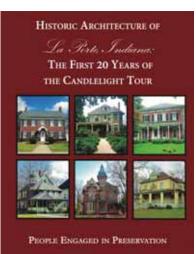
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"Historic Architecture" Book

People Engaged in Preservation, LaPorte's nonprofit historic preservation organization, announced the release of "Historic Architecture of LaPorte Indiana: The First 20 Years of the Candlelight Tour."

The book, which costs \$30, is a 400+page softcover that includes the 106 histories of every historic home, church and commercial building included on PEP's Christmas Candlelight Tour of Historic Homes. PEP started the tour as a fundraiser in 1996, with the event, over time, becoming a regional tourist draw. The most recent tour was in 2016.

PEP President Dottie Rosenbaum said the book is the culmination of more than a vear's work from the group's membership, the editor, Michele Sirugo Barber, and a committee of PEP members: Elzbieta Bilderback, Robert Boklund, Don Christa Bowman, Lazarz, Bethany Mieczkowski. Dottie Rosenbaum, Michael



Rosenbaum, Tom Rosenbaum, Pam Ruminski, Timothy Stabosz, Peter Steele and Lizz Ward. County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz also provided support. Primary funding came from a \$10,000 Indiana Historical Society grant, along with required local matching funds raised by PEP, including a tourism grant obtained through the City of LaPorte Mayor's Office.

In addition to being comprehensive research of the histories of all structures on the tour's first 20 years, the book includes the original pen-and-ink renderings of all 106 structures by local artist and charter PEP member Don Bowman.

PEP has donated copies of the book to numerous regional libraries, schools, museums and repositories to make the information as widely available as possible.

PEP printed only 500 copies. The following La-Porte-area outlets will sell it: Coachman Antique Mall, CO-OP Shoppes, Judee's, LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, Plain & Fancy Antiques, Temple News Agency, Town & Country Florist and Up Towne Shoppes. In Michigan City, the book will be available at The Antique Market and LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

For those living outside LaPorte County, mail orders can be placed by sending a check or money order for \$40 (includes \$10 for shipping and handling), payable to People Engaged in Preservation, P.O. Box 853, La Porte, IN 46352.







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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

• Bits & Bytes series, Intro to Computers/ Windows, from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 24, 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.

• Children's Summer Reading Open House: Ready To Rock! from 2 p.m. to close Friday, May 25, at Thomas and Hageman branches, 100 Francis St., Porter.

The event will celebrate the summer theme, "Libraries Rock!," with a rockstar photo booth, free popcorn, karaoke at the Thomas branch and Wii Rock Band at the Hageman branch. Parents also can register children through age 11 for the summer reading program, which runs through July 15.

 The Unnamed Guild of Gamers from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 27, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room.

Events include a fifth edition "Dungeons & Dragons" campaign, "Legendary," "Munchkin," "Ultimate Werewolf," "Settlers of Catan" and "Pandemic."

• The Messier The Better for 9-30 Months at 10 a.m. Tuesdays starting May 29 at Hageman

The May 29 program focuses on sponge painting. Dress to get messy and head outside.

• "Breaking Bad" Trivia Night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Teams of 1-4 vie for the prize. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and remain open until the space is full. Refreshments will be served.

• Holiday hours.

Both branches, Westchester Township History Museum, The Baugher Center, Westchester Township Trustee office and Chesterton Adult Learning Center will close Monday, Memorial Day, May 28. Regular hours resume Tuesday, May 29.

Harbor Country Hikers

Harbor Country Hikers will join a park ranger for a sunset hike to the top of Mount Baldy at 8 p.m. EDT Friday, May 25.

Hikers will explore the Summit Trail, a short, steep climb up loose sand to reach the top of Mount Baldy for a view of the sunset over Lake Michigan and surrounding area. Hikers should take cameras. The trek will last about 90 minutes and is consider hard due to the dune climb.

The parking lot is located off U.S. 12 just east of Michigan City. Visit harborcountryhikers.com for more details.

MCHS Grad Becomes Marine Officer

Paul Tobalt, a 2014 Michigan City High School graduate and four-year Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet, was sworn in as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.



Paul Tobalt returns his first salute.

The ceremony was May 11 at Purdue University West Lafayette. Tobalt attended Purdue on the Navy/Marine ROTC scholarship, which is worth \$180,000 in educational benefits. The starting salary for a second lieutenant is \$36,418, plus \$254 per month for food. Housing, health, dental and eye care are provided at no cost.

Maj. Tom McGrath,

the senior Marine instructor, participated in the oath of commission ceremony.

"It was very gratifying to see the progress that Paul made," he said, "from being an introverted high school freshman to becoming our cadet commanding officer his senior year, earning the ROTC scholarship, and now becoming a lieutenant of Marines."

Tobalt has fond memories of MCHS, holding the school in high regard.

"Michigan City High School provides opportunities for students to become leaders, no matter what their passion may be," he said in a press release. "I've had the fortune to attend a prestigious university because of the opportunities I found at MCHS."

Tobalt's first duty station is Quantico, Va., 40 miles south of Washington, D.C. He will attend The Basic School there, which is where all Marine officers, regardless of their military occupational specialty or job, attend. He will learn how to lead a rifle platoon in combat. Upon graduating from TBS, he will attend his MOS school.

Tobalt hopes to become a combat engineer.



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Hesston Steam Museum



Volunteers are excited to kick off the 2018 season at Hesston Steam Museum where trains, including the 67-ton 1929 Shay logging locomotive, depart from a replica 1900s-era depot.

It's all part of the Memorial Day festivities Saturday through Monday at the beloved attraction, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North.

Continuing every weekend throughout the summer, visitors can choose from three different trains, from miniature to full-sized. Each train heads along a different route through a beautiful wooded land-scape, the longest being 2 1/2 miles.

The museum also showcases a working steampowered sawmill with a 60-inch blade, LaPorte's first electric generator and a blacksmith shop where iron is turned into handcrafted works of art.

Hand-scooped ice cream treats and sodas made from traditional recipes are for sale in the restored

vintage soda fountain and ice cream parlor, Doc's Soda Fountain. Breakfast also is served at Doc's from 9 to 11 a.m.

The museum officially opens at 11:30 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m. Train fares are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12.

Visit www.hesston.org or call (219) 778-2783 (weekends) for more information.



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LaPorte County Public Library

LaPorte County Public Library will offer Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) camps for youth in grades three through eight.

Campers in grades three through five explore chemistry with magnetic slime, robotics and coding challenges using Lego WeDo and Microbits. They also find creative electronic solutions using Squishy Circuits, MaKey MaKey and littleBits.

The camps are from 1 to 4 p.m. June 4-7 at the main branch, 904 Indiana Ave., and 1 to 4 p.m. June 11-14 at the Coolspring branch, 6925 W. County Road 400 North.

Campers in grades six through eight engage in hands-on projects, interactive challenges and collaborative creations. Dates are noon to 3 p.m. July 16-19 at the main branch.

Registration is required through laportelibrary. org.

Writer's Day Camp

Gabis Arboretum and Indiana Writers' Consortium will present a day of writing workshops Saturday, June 9.

In sessions facilitated by IWC members, attendees will focus on character, setting, plot and poetry. Each session includes a short presentation and time to write. As participants move from one session to another, they will embark on a guided tour of the grounds.

The cost is \$29 for arboretum and IWC members and \$35 for nonmembers. An optional box lunch can be provided for an additional fee. Register by June 2 by calling (219) 462-0025, emailing ekapitan@pnw. edu or visiting Taltree.org.

The arboretum is located at 71 N. County Road 500 West near Valparaiso.

Trunk Sale

Michigan City Community Wide Vacation Bible School will have a trunk sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 26, at St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road.

Vendors sell from the trunks of their cars for \$10 per parking space. Shoppers are welcome.

LB Police to Dedicate Memorial

Long Beach Police Department will dedicate the new police memorial on the department's front lawn at 1 p.m. Monday, Memorial Day, May 28.

The ceremony also will honor three officers who died in the line of duty.

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American Red Cross

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

- Pine Elementary School, 1660 County Line Road, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 24. Students who recruit one presenting donor receive a Red Cross medal while supplies last.
- LaPorte Hospital, 1007 W. Lincolnway, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 25.

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.

Photography Exhibit Winners

Winners have been announced in the photography exhibit "The View As We See It" at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

They are:

- Best in Show Loralei Brown, "Sunset in an Indiana Sunflower Field."
- First Place Melissa Adcock, "Strength."
- Second Place Lindsey E. Davis, "Porthole."
- Third Place Mylinda Cane, "Dancing Cosmos."
- Honorable Mentions Susan Kirt ("Chesterton White Trillium"); Joyce Scully ("Gary Past & Present"); and Sandra Teutemacher ("Absence of Sound").

Local photographers submitted 49 entries for the exhibit, which continues through May. Visit www. chestertonart.com for details.

Polish-American Cultural Society

Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City Chapter, meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at the former St. Mary's School, 321 W. 11th St.

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Activities to Explore

In the Area:

May 25 — Dancing Like a Star 2018 (LaPorte County Family YMCA fundraiser), 6-10 p.m., Blue Chip Casino. General admission: \$75 (dinner included)/\$25 (without dinner). Votes: \$5 each. Tickets: app.mobilecause.com/vf/DLAS

May 25 — Footlight Players open-mic night, 7-10 p.m., Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. Cost: \$2/performers, free/audience. Signup/info: (219) 874-4035, (219) 741-4417.

May 25 — Mount Baldy Sunset Hike, 7-8:30 p.m., parking lot of U.S. 12. Joint effort in conjunction with Harbor Country Hikers. Info: (219) 395-1882.

May 25 — Sunset Stroll, 7:30-9 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

May 25-26 — Eric Clapton tributes, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. May 25: Journeyman — The Best of CREAM/Eric Clapton Hits with Shun Ng, 8 p.m. EDT. Tickets: \$30. May 26: Eric Clapton Unplugged/Clapton Hits with Shun Ng, 8 p.m. EDT. Tickets: \$30. Info: www. acorntheater.org, (269) 756-3879.

May 25-28 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing*: "Finding Your Feet." Rated PG-13. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also Showing*: "Lean on Pete." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

May 25-June 10 — "The Spitfire Grill," Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. Times: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$18/general admission, \$15/students & seniors. Info/tickets: dunesartsfoundation.org, (219) 879-7509.

May 26 — Michigan City Community Wide Vacation Bible School trunk sale, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road.

May 26 — Swale Music Festival, 1 p.m., Charles R. Westcott Park, 400 E. Michigan Blvd. Pre-sale tickets/\$10, day-of/\$15. Info/tickets: swalemusic.com

May 26-28 — Opening weekend, Hesston Steam Museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North. Hours: 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Fares: \$5/adults, \$3/children 3-12. Info: www.hesston.org, (219) 778-2783 (weekends).

May 27 — Full Moon Hike, 7:30-9 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

May 28 — MEMORIAL DAY.

May 28 — Military Members Day at Washington Park Zoo, 115 Lake Shore Drive. Free admission with proper ID for active duty, retired military, DOD civilians, reserve/guard members. Info: http://www.washingtonparkzoo.com

May 29 — "Breaking Bad" Trivia Night, 7-8:30 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Saturdays — St. Stanislaus of Michigan City

farmers market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. through Oct. 27, parking lot next to tennis courts. Info: ssmcfarmersmarket@gmail.com, (219) 851-1785.

Saturdays — Michigan City Farmers Market, 8 a.m-1 p.m., Eighth and Washington streets. Through October.

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 27 — Curious Coyotes: Raptors, 2-4 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Cost: \$10, \$8/members. Info: www.fernwoodbotanical.org, (269) 695-6491.

Through May 27 — "Pastel Pathways: Northern Indiana Pastel Society," Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Info: www.fernwoodbotanical.org, (269) 695-6491.

Through Aug. 5 — "New Acquisitions: Selections from the Permanent Collection," Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art. Summer hours: noon-5 p.m. Tues.-Sun. Info: (219) 464-5276.

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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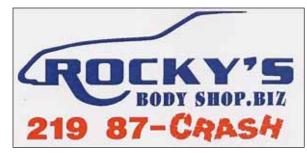
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On May 24, 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, a masterpiece of engineering linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, was opened.

On May 24, 1935, the National League's Cincinnati Reds hosted the Philadelphia Phillies in the major league's first night baseball game.

On May 24, 1962, Scott Carpenter became the second U.S. astronaut launched into orbit.

On May 25, 1844, a reporter for the Baltimore Patriot became the first newsman to transmit a story by telegraph, reporting on a vote by the House of Representatives.

On May 25, 1878, Gilbert and Sullivan's "HMS Pinafore" premiered in London.

On May 25, 1935, while playing for the Boston Braves, Babe Ruth hit his 714th (and last) home run as he ended a spectacular career. The game was played in Pittsburg's Forbes Field.

On May 25, 1935, Jesse Owens, competing in four events in 45 minutes, sets three world records and ties a fourth.

On May 26, 1521, Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms because of his religious beliefs and writings.

On May 26, 1865, the Civil War ended as the last Confederate troops surrendered at Shreveport, La.

On May 26, 1940, the evacuation of Allied troops from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II.

On May 27, 1703, Peter the Great founded the city of St. Petersburg, which would later become the new capital of Russia.

On May 27, 1933, the "Century of Progress Exposition" opened on Chicago's lakefront.

On May 27, 1936, the ocean-liner Queen Mary, flying the flag of the Cunard Line, left England on her maiden voyage.

On May 27, 1937, California's Golden Gate Bridge, connecting San Francisco with Marin County, was officially opened.

On May 27, 1995, actor Christopher Reeve was paralyzed when he was thrown from his horse during a jumping event in Charlottesville, VA.

On May 28, 1892, the Sierra Club was organized.

On May 28, 1929, in New York, the first all-color talking movie, "On With the Show," made its debut.

On May 28, 1934, in Callender, Ontario, Canada, the world famous Dionne Quintuplets: Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Marie, and Yvonne; the first known quintuplets to survive early infancy, were born to Elzire Dionne.

On May 28, 1937, Neville Chamberlain became prime minister of Great Britain.

On May 28, 1957, baseball became more of a "national game" when permission was given for the Brooklyn Dodgers to move to Los Angeles, and the New York Giant to San Francisco.

On May 28, 1962, the New York Stock Exchange lost \$20.5 billion, the biggest downturn since the October crash of 1929.

On May 29, 1736, American statesman and orator Patrick Henry, best remembered for the words, "... give me liberty or give me death...," was born in Virginia's Hanover County.

On May 29, 1917, John F. Kennedy, who would become the 35th President of the United States, was born in the Massachusetts town of Brookline.

On May 29, 1942, Bing Crosby, the Ken Darby Singers and the John Scott Trotter Orchestra recorded Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" in Los Angeles for Decca Records.

On May 29, 1943, Norman Rockwell's portrait of "Rosie the Riveter" appeared on the cover of The Saturday Evening Post.

On May 29, 1953, Sir Edmund Hillary, along with a tribesman from Nepal, Tenzing Norgay, became the first to reach the top of Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain peak.

On May 30, 1431, 19-year old Joan of Arc, condemned as a witch, was burned at the stake in the market place at Rouen, France.

On May 30, 1868, Memorial Day — a day set aside in memory of those who died in the Civil War - was first observed.

On May 30, 1901, the Baseball Hall of Fame opened in Cooperstown, N.Y.

On May 30, 1909, bandleader Benny Goodman was born in Chicago.

On May 30, 1922, Washington's Lincoln Memorial was officially dedicated.

On May 30, 1935, Babe Ruth played his final major league game, finishing his baseball career in a Boston Braves uniform.

On May 30, 1996, television drama producer William F. Storke (winner of two Peabody awards) who supervised the production of such acclaimed shows as "Search for the Nile," Arthur Miller's "Price" and Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," died, in New York at 73.

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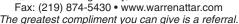
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Contact Liz Bernel at (219) 785-5719 or ebernel@pnw.edu if interested.

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Museum admission is free, with donations welcome. Summer hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. Call (219) 464-5276 to schedule a tour. Visit valpo.edu/brauer-museum-of-art for more details.

Chamber Coffee Talk

Greater LaPorte Chamber of Commerce will host its Coffee Talk networking event at 8 a.m. Thursday, May 24, at State Street Community Church, 209 State St., LaPorte.

During the free event, each business person/company representative makes a brief introduction, with time afterward for networking.

Family Advocates is the highlighted nonprofit, with a representative speaking briefly about its programs and services.

Call (219) 362-3178 to register.

Food Vendors Sought for Concert

The National Park Service is seeking food trucks or other self-contained food-service vendors for the Northwest Indiana Symphony Concert on Friday, Aug. 3, at West Beach.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Saga of Pappy Gunn by George C. Kenney (paperback, \$10.99 (Barnes & Noble) or \$3.99 (Amazon); also available as an eBook)

This is the biography of a heroic World War II Army Air Forces fighter pilot, Col. Paul "Pappy" Irving Gunn. It was written by his friend and commander, George Churchill Kenney, a U.S. Army Air Forces 4-star general.

Gunn certainly was not the only World War II, but he is indicative of the many men and women who served so bravely, many paying the ultimate price. They are all worthy of the title "America's Greatest Generation," as penned by Tom Brokaw.

Gunn was born in Arkansas in 1900. In 1908, he saw, and took a ride in, his first automobile. He just knew he had to drive one himself one day, that is, until age 10 when he saw his first airplane and his future was decided then and there.

By 1917, he knew he had to enlist in the army. All those stories about flying aces shooting down the enemy made up his mind that this was his destiny. When he went to sign up, he put down he was born in 1899. It

didn't matter to him, it was just a year, but it made him 18, so he didn't need that pesky parental OK!

He signed up with the Navy requesting "Naval Aviation." He started out at the naval air base in Pensacola, Fla., then went to the aviation mechanics course at Great Lakes Training School near Chicago, soon becoming a machinist's mate first class.

All this learning, and a few shenanigans along the way, set Gunn on what was to be his lifelong work. At the end of World War I, Paul re-upped. Always the eager beaver, he took flying lessons on his own and by 1922 had purchased his own airplane. Not a plane you nor I would feel safe in, but Gunn paid \$250 for it, somehow getting the spare parts and readying the plane for flight.

It wasn't until 1925 that Gunn was able to get his gold wings and the rating of chief airplane pilot. Along the way, he got married and had four children.

The years passed by, and in 1933, Gunn became part of the famous Top Hat Squadron at the naval air base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Word was, you had to be the best to be part of this group, and Gunn by then had built his reputation as a top mechanic and pilot. In 1937, his squadron was pressed into duty to find the missing Amelia Earhart who was on an around-the-world flight. Of course, no one was ever found.

Gunn soon reached 20 years of service and re-

tired as a pilot with the rank of chief petty officer. His retirement check — drum roll, please! — was a whooping \$110 per month.

By the time the Japanese hit Pearl Harbor in 1941, Gunn was operating Philippine Air Lines out of Manila. Gen. Brereton "mobilized him and his planes" and ordered him to Fort McKinley, where he was sworn in as a captain in the Army Air Forces. Problem is, the paperwork to D.C. got lost and a

second request for Gunn's promotion was turned down by a pencil pusher who wanted to sign Gunn up for pilot training school! Bet he got a good laugh out of that one.

When noted by his friend, Dan Stickle, that their allegiance had been transferred from Navy to Army Air Forces, Pappy said, "What the hell difference does it make? We're in the war."

Their assignment was transporting equipment, military personnel, drugs, food, dispatches, etc. — anything that had to be moved in a hurry. Gunn's way was to fly under 500 feet, to "keep from leaving even a shadow." One time, a Japanese Zero got lucky and caught glimpse of him and shot

up the plane. Limping back to base with no radio, Gunn then was shot at by his own men, thinking him the enemy.

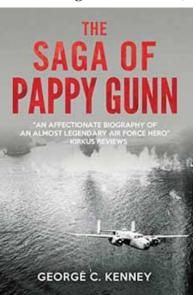
Gunn's achievements, his sometimes foolhardy methods and his famous jokes and tall tales were all remembered by those who served with him, for him or over him — all have nothing bad to say about the man.

For example, in the South Pacific where, at the time, there were no good maps available, the men said Gunn was "a human homing pigeon," finding his way almost by ESP. As well as being a top pilot, Kenney reminds us that Gunn also was a "genius at installing gun combinations and making them work better than anyone else." And, of course, Gunn's idea of testing was to simply try it out against the enemy!

At only 114 pages, this book is succinct, but written with the sincerity and obvious respect of the author for his subject.

"Pappy" Gunn's many exploits are too many for this review, but the point here is that while Gunn was only one of millions among our fighting military, he personifies what is good, brave, loyal and ingenious in the finest fighting force the world has ever seen.

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LONG BEACH, IN 4 BED / 2.5 BATH • 3,305 SF



3733 MICHIANA DRIVE

MICHIANA SHORES, IN 4 BED / 4 BATH • 3,539 SF



2726 FLORAL TRAIL

LONG BEACH, IN 4 BED / 3 BATH • 3,096 SF



2025 JUNEWAY DRIVE

LONG BEACH, IN 4 BED / 3 BATH • 2,981 SF



330 MAPLEWOOD DRIVE

MICHIGAN CITY, IN 3 BED / 3.5 BATH • 1,937 SF



2012 MELROSE DRIVE

LONG BEACH, IN 4 BED / 1.5 BATH • 1,899 SF



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