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MARATHON MODE

by Kevin Scott



Kevin and Tracy, side by side, competing in the Chicago Marathon.

They say if you want to run, run a mile. If you want to experience a different life, run a marathon.

What does that mean, though, "experience a different life?" After completing the 2018 Chicago Marathon on Oct. 7, my fiancée and I can safely say, we are not the same people who signed up for the race.

Back in November 2017, Tracy and I kicked around the idea of running the Chicago Marathon. We had never done a marathon. Tracy had entered countless half-marathons, but I had yet to complete my first half-marathon, mainly sticking to 5ks and 10ks. We kept talking about it, however. One day, we decided to go for it.

When we signed up, we decided to register for the charity program and picked Ronald McDonald House Charities as the organization to support.

Before training commenced, we remained active, running 5ks, 10ks and 15ks. One such 5k was the Christmas Eve Jingle Bell Run on Christmas Eve morning in Chesterton. Little did Tracy know what was in store for her. This was part of an elaborate plan that entailed a precise playlist in her headphones, signs on the course, family and friends awaiting at the finish line with jingle bells, and balloons spelling Tracy. Weeks and weeks of planning and secret meetings with her family and friends culminated with the two of us crossing the finishing line, but instead of getting a finisher medal, I dropped to one knee and asked Tracy to marry me.

She said yes!

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It's Time To Fall Back

Sunday, November 4th

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Fast forward to June, to the start of our training plan. Since it was our first marathon, we decided to train and run the entire event together. We signed up with the Extra Mile Fitness Marathon Training Program from Extra Mile Fitness in Valparaiso. We picked a plan that entailed four days of running per week, with two of those involving groups.

Along the way, we got to know many of our teammates. It was an amazing experience to share with so many people, and with every experience level possible.

Once training officially kicked off, that quote — "If you want to run, run a mile. If you want to experience a different life, run a marathon" — kicked in. We would plan our weeks, our eating and our sleep schedules around runs. To some, this may sound like a nightmare, but to us, it was a must. We were determined to do well, and we knew we would make sacrifices along the way. We both love working out, so training and running meant more time together, too.

Our training runs varied in distances, building up weekly and daily miles every month. There were early mornings, late nights, easy runs, tough runs. Training together was our version of marriage counseling. We were running together four days a week, sometimes for 45 minutes. Near the end of training, it was for 3 1/2 hours at once. We had ups and downs. We talked during every single

run. We struggled together, laughed together, even shed tears together. But we did it all together. If we can make it through hundreds of miles, we figured, we can make it through anything.

Many people say the marathon, itself, is the easy part. The training is what's difficult. And we experienced it all, but the whole time, we knew we kept each other accountable. Knowing there was someone else getting up at 4:30 a.m. with you to run, or waiting for you after work to go out and run, helped push us through.

One of the most difficult things we experienced was learning how to run that far. We were used to running shorter runs that were faster per mile. Once we started tackling longer runs, we knew

the true meaning of the quote: "It's a marathon, not a sprint." At this point, we were in full-blown marathon mode and, as crazy as it sounds, loving every step of the way.

Our training taught us many things. Tracking our heart rates on our watches showed us how hard we were working and when we needed to slow down. We ditched headphones early on in exchange for conversation with each other.

Our training built us up to a 20-mile run. Our coaches told us the last 6.2 is all heart and head. Your body will be ready for it. Our 20-miler ended up being on a hot, muggy day. Adding to that was the hilliest route on which we trained. During this run, there were times we wondered, again, how this was going to be possible. Ultimately, we knew this wasn't easy. We knew no matter what happened, we were training not only our bodies, but our minds to handle October.

We arrived in Chicago the Saturday night before the event so we wouldn't get caught in the rush of the city now in

marathon mode. We went to the Team Ronald Mc-Donald House pasta dinner that night. If we weren't ready beforehand, the speeches there moved the ready needle past 10.

We arrived back to our hotel and laid out every single item we would wear the next day on our bed.



Christmas 2017 — Kevin surprised Tracy during a holiday marathon by proposing to her at the end of the run.

We went to sleep that night ready to run 26.2 the next day.

Once we woke up, we prepared for what seemed like a battle. We wore extra sweats to stay warm on the walk to the Ronald McDonald House pre-race tent. The city was bustling with workers, volunteers, runners and families. Once we were ready, we headed to the corrals with the rest of our 44,000 new running friends.

This was probably the most nervous and excited Tracy and I had been for a run. Scratch that, for *anything*. We had trained for months. We had worked as hard as we could. Now, it was time to prove we could do it. Just as we toed the start line, Mother Nature unveiled one last challenge: rain. It would persist on and off for the first 12 miles. But after all that training, a little rain wasn't going to hurt us!



Kevin and Tracy, staying positive to onlookers as they made their ways through the marathon route.

We were greeted by a cool 1.7 million spectators. The response and turnout are amazing. Positivity oozes everywhere. Around each corner, there is another segment of your own personal cheering section, or at least that's what we thought!

Lined throughout each neighborhood, complete strangers were holding signs cheering us on, making us laugh, even getting us to high five their sign

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for "more power." Tracy's mom and dad braved the weather, and the millions of people, to cheer us on with signs, even Reese's. Yes, some mid-race peanut buttercups! We ended up seeing them at five different spots, as well as more friends in three additional spots. Seeing them each time really did serve as a powerup, and helped us go a little further!

The first 10 or so miles seemed to fly by as we looked for her parents, taking in the sights and sounds of the city. We were enjoying each and every moment, even if it was rainy. Once we hit about mile 13-14, our bodies reminded us of what we were doing. We still felt good, but now, we were reminded of how the 20-miler feels.

Miles 13-18 included plenty of self-help.

"You can do this."

"You've got this!"

"You're really doing it."

"You're strong."

"You're amazing."

Once we hit mile 18, we *really* started to feel it. Our muscles and joints experienced the wear of all the miles. Nonetheless, we pushed through.

As I mentioned before, during training, they built us up to 20 miles because the last 6.2 unfold between your ears and your heart. And that's what we experienced. The pain, the soreness, the thoughts. Oh my, the thoughts.

As we got closer, we told each other, "Only five miles. How many times have we done five miles? We can do this." "Only four miles. How many times have we done four miles? We can do this." All the way down to one mile left. But that turned into 1200m, 800m. Finally, the sign that said 400m.



One challenge throughout the run: rain.



The sense of accomplishment Kevin and Tracy say they felt after the marathon was overwhelming.

In Chicago, your last turn of the marathon is the biggest hill of the run. Just when you think you've given all you have, you must dig deeper and make a last push up Mount Roosevelt. That feeling when you hit the top and can see the finish line. Those thoughts, oh my, the thoughts.

We crossed the finish line to spectators, cameras, our fellow runners. And, next to each other. Tears and smiles, smiles and tears. Hugs and kisses, kisses and hugs. We did it. We *really* did it. The feel-

ing of doing something you never thought possible. Months of hard work paying off. We struggled to find the words to capture the feeling.

We meet with Tracy's parents back at the Ronald McDonald House tent. More hugs, kisses, tears and, of course, smiles. As we began the short walk to the hotel, we realized, we'd earned a reprieve. So, that short walk back ended up being an Über ride — the best investment possible.

I won't lie. We were in pain. But so much positivity and feelings of accomplishment poured over us for the next several days, our thoughts turned to our NEXT marathon and when it would be.

Crazy, right?

Then again, as the saying goes, if you want to experience a different life, run a marathon.





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Remembering Our Veterans Expands Goals for Upcoming Events

by Andrew Tallackson



Attendance at the annual breakfast grows with each passing year.

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es will present a fall festival from

noon to dusk in conjunction with

wagon rides, a photo booth, live

music, face painting and an

art maze. It also will serve as a

canned goods-coat drive for Step-

ping Stone Shelter for Women.

Those who donate receive a raffle

ticket for a gift basket.

the parade.

Uptown Arts District business-

The event includes free games,

The driving forces behind Remembering Our Veterans Inc. are not content to rest on the memory of past deeds. Each year, they push themselves toward a greater good.

Last year, for instance, the non-profit group's

Wreaths Across America project saw nearly 400 wreaths placed at the grave sites of military veterans. This year, says Keith Harris, Remembering Our Veterans cofounder, the goal is 600, with St. Stanislaus Cemetery now among the many sites.

The objective for the group's other event this month, LaPorte County Veterans Breakfast and Parade, is to honor Gold Star families: relatives of U.S. military who died in battle.

"They deserve just as much recognition," Harris says, "because their sacrifice is ongoing."

The breakfast is from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at Disabled American Veterans Chapter 23, 2301 Ohio St. Veterans and children 10 and younger eat for free, while a \$5 contribution is requested from everyone else.

Upwards of 375 people, Harris says, 250 of which were veterans and emergency-medical personnel, attended last year's breakfast.

This year, those who attend the breakfast can support Operation Christmas at Sea, the goal for which is to have 1,000 shoeboxes arrive before Christmas for sailors and Marines on the USS Arlington. Donations for the boxes can include everything from notebooks and pencils to socks and hard candy. A complete list is on the facebook page for "Operation Christmas at Sea."

After the breakfast is the parade, which starts at noon at 10th and Franklin streets, heading north to Fourth Street. Last year's parade was canceled due to lightning. As many as 25 to 30 entries were prepared to march in the event.

For those interested in supporting Wreaths Across America, the ongoing event culminates in a presentation ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15,

at Greenwood Cemetery's World War II Circle.

The national effort is the brainchild of Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Co. in Maine. He teamed up with Maine Sen. Olympia Snowe to place his company's excess wreaths at an older section of Arlington Cemetery. In 2007, the project received its non-profit status after garnering national attention two years earlier.

Here's how it works: For every two wreaths purchased, Wreaths Across America sends

a third one for free. One wreath costs \$15. People can place orders at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org; however, those who schedule orders through Harris can have the wreaths placed on specific graves.

The goal is to place wreaths on all veterans graves at Greenwood Cemetery, including World War I, World II and Veterans of All Wars circles, as well as at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens and now St. Stanislaus Cemetery.

Harris says 100 volunteers helped place wreaths last year, everyone involved dedicated to the cause, to honor not only those who have passed, but who continue to serve.

"Think of all the deployments these soldiers have made over the past 10 years," Harris says. "They absolutely deserve this recognition."

(Contact Keith Harris at (219) 229-2389 or kharris@rememberingourveteransinc.com, or visit www. rememberingour-veteransinc.com for details.)

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Baseball?!? In November?!? In the heart of football season?!?

I know, I know, it's turkey time as well. And the shop-'til-you-drop mentality of the holidays, but I just can't get baseball out of my head.

So, if you will kindly indulge me at the beginning of baseball's so-called off-season, I'd like to share some warm memories of ball yards that brought me immeasurable pleasure in the

past, and will continue to do so for years to come.

I speak of Four Winds Field, home to the South Bend Cubs, and Guaranteed Rate Field, which hosts the Chicago White Sox. As for Wrigley Field, sorry, Cubs fans, been there, done that. It has become too rich for my blood, but be happy knowing I cheer for the Cubs every time I attend a minor league game in South Bend.

And since the last shall be first, let's begin with the Cubs' closest minor league affiliate, those boys in blue who thrill fans of affordable baseball in the most fan-friendly ballpark anywhere. I speak,

of course, of Four Winds Field in downtown South Bend. I've been going to games there since the late 1980s, when it was named after Hall of Famer Stanley Coveleski and the team



My buddy, Pete Jacobs (left), and I hung out with Sox mascot Southpaw at SoxFest a few years back.

sported White Sox uniforms. Yes, they were the South Bend White Sox when I first reported for fan duty, but I have enjoyed watching them as they morphed into the Silver Hawks, then the Cubs.

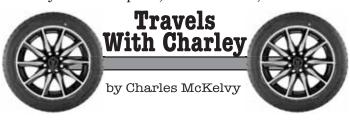
What's great about Four Winds Field is that there are no bad seats. Concessions are close at hand and as varied as you would expect of a major league ballpark. And, there's just a great vibe.

Twice now, I've

ridden to the ballpark with my birding and opera buddy, Chris Costello, who lives within bike-riding distance of Four Winds Field. Going to the game, we rode mostly along the St. Joseph River. Then, heading home, we tore through the deserted streets of downtown South Bend. We had a blast, celebrating baseball and bike rides. And during the games, we never once worried someone was going to steal our bikes. Yes, Chris always locks them to a rack just outside the center-field gate, but it's not really necessary, because South Bend Cubs fans are the friendliest, most courteous you're going to find at

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Now, it's on to Guaranteed Rate Field on da Sout' Side of Chicago, where the White Sox delivered the goods in 2005 with a World Series win over the then-National League Houston Astros, and where I predict they will win another World Series in 2020. They did considerable rebuilding in 2018, and those fruits will ripen in 2019 and be ready for harvest in 2020.



I dream sweetly of my favorite 1959 White Sox player, lefty Billy Pierce.

I actually met his wife and children at the doctor's office.

Only downside is, I don't like the park's new name. Neither do most true Sox fans. So when we go to a game, we say, "Meet me at Sox Park at 12:30. You know, by Gate 5." Something like that. I mean, I grew up on old Comiskey Park, which was right across 35th Street from the current field, so I am entitled to speak with authority. I even have a pennant from 1959 celebrating the Go-Go Sox as American League Champs. I remember when Fire Commissioner Quinn sounded the air raid sirens when they clinched the American League Championship. I remember running home from school to catch their games against Sandy Koufax and the dreaded Los Angeles Dodgers. Alas, the Sox sizzled out, losing the Series 4-2. I am looking at my 1959 White Sox pennant now as I sadly recall Game 6 of that World Series, when big Ted Kluszewski gave us Sox fans hope with a threerun homer in the fourth. But Don Sherry came back for the Dodgers and held the Sox in check for an 8-6 win, and a Dodgers World Series victory.

My 9-year-old heart was broken, but I knew the White Sox would win a World Series in my lifetime, and they did, of course, in 2005.

I wasn't so sure about the Cubs, but we all know what happened in 2016.



Stu is the official mascot of the South Bend Cubs. It's hard to keep up with him at games.

Yes, Sox fan that I am, I stayed up for the final out of that amazing game in Cleveland. The only thing missing was lake-effect snow off Lake Erie.

So, as you can see, there is much to dream about when it comes to baseball in November.

And, I didn't even mention the 2019 SoxFest, which is Jan. 25-27 at Chicago's Hilton Hotel. Come join me and Southpaw, the official mascot of the Chicago White Sox, plus current and past players, coaches, broadcasters and who knows who else. Visit whitesox.com for more details, plus daily news of the White Sox, all year long.

So, it might be November, and football is here, but not here to stay, because there isn't a day that goes by in which I do not dream of baseball. And, you just know, somewhere in the world right now, a kid is stepping up to the plate and eyeing the pitcher with bad intent.

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2015-06 was a peak market cycle year. 2010-11 was the bottom of the market cycle. These are for reference.

Take note of the "." Placed to indicate a percent of a million. \$.925 M equals \$925,000.

Year	Units	High Price	Med Price	Total \$Vol	
05-06	9	\$1.6 M	\$.925M	\$8.8 M	
10-11	10	\$1.6 M	\$.737M	\$8.9 M	
15-16	14	\$1.7 M	\$.598M	\$9.7 M	
16-17	10	\$1.4 M	\$.702M	\$7.5 M	
17-18	12	\$3.6 M	\$1.250M	\$17.3 M	

Frankly, I thought the sales of lakefront houses in the study area had gone down in units and sale price the last 12 months. I was definitely wrong.

The number of sales peaked in 2015-16. A recovery year for most real estate in our area. But this last year has been great for lakefront.

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Live Staged Reading of "Pinocchio"

Harbor Arts will present its fall fund-raiser, a live staged reading of "Pinocchio," at 2 and 8 p.m. EDT Saturday, Nov. 3, at New Buffalo Performing Arts Center, 1112 E. Clay St.

The final selection of cast members, chosen from two days of interviews and auditions, is a blend of community members, professionals, students and former students from New Buffalo and River Vallev. The cast features Martha Cares, Chase Ehlert, Jasmine Ehlert, Cody Grzelak, Cooper Harrington, Kaitlyn Jones, Kora Kennedy, Robin McBride, Elijah Smith, Ron Spears, Hannah Tannehill and Justin Wippich.

The production team is headed by Dave Knoebber as director and David Lahm as musical director. David Patric is handling sound.

The script is based on the same story that inspired the Disney film, but it was originally written and performed as a Lux Radio play in 1934. In addition to themes of truth, bravery, respect and hope, the story also underscores the importance of conscience, a belief in fairies, a good education, persistence, love, family and the evils of a life in the theater. The music includes "When You Wish Upon A Star," "High Diddle Dee Dee (An Actor's Life for Me)," "I've Got No Strings (To Hold Me Down)" and "Give A Little Whistle."

As in past staged radio plays by Harbor Arts, there are many sound effects. For "Pinocchio," the artistic team is taking a slightly different approach: creating all the sound effects live on stage by a sound effects team. Also new for this production is the livestream radio broadcast on WNBI 107.9 of New Buffalo.

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"Disney's The Aristocats KIDS" Next YPTC Jr. Production

Young People's Theatre Co. Junior will present "Disney's The Aristocats KIDS" on Friday through Sunday, Nov. 2-4, at The Holdcraft Performing Arts Center at Elston, 1200 Spring St.

The musical, based on the 1970 Disney classic, features a cast of children ages 7-11. Set in the heart of Paris, it centers on a kind, eccentric millionairess who wills her entire estate to her high-society cat, Duchess, and her three little kittens. A greedy, bumbling butler subsequently pulls off an unexpected caper, so rough-and-tumble alley cat Thomas O'Malley and his pals must save the day.

Becky Tiedeman is the director, with musical direction by Taylor Lyles.

The cast includes:

- Duchess Ella Ryszka.
- Toulouse Cora Keith.
- Marie Bria Carlson.
- Berlioz Kaylie Hekter.
- Thomas O'Malley Chase Lowery.
- Scat Cat Gabby Tompkins.
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- Alley Cats Bryn Willes and Kaila Chavez.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students K-12. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at www.yptcinc.com. Online purchases are held at the door.

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People & Songs to Present "Turn Up the Lights"

by Andrew Tallackson

People & Songs ministry will host a two-day, liverecording worship event, "Turn Up the Lights," on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2-3, at LaPorte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St.

People & Songs, located in the former Ruth Sabin home, was founded by Jenny Riddle, a respected presence in the contemporary Christian music scene, having written hits such as "Revelation Song" and "I Got Saved."

This year's "Turn Up the Lights" benefits Frontline Foundations Inc., a certified substance abuse treatment center, LaPorte's Arts in the Park and The Emerging Sound.

The event kicks off with "Friday Night of Worship" from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Nov. 2, with doors opening at 6 p.m. The cost is

\$15, and all People & Songs artists will sing and be recorded live.

Saturday, Nov. 2, commences with a lower level artisan market, with doors opening at 10 a.m.



Jenny and Darrin Riddle

Frontline Foundations will showcase a live gallery of client artwork from its Art Recovery program, print-on-demand apparel of client artwork,

a smoothie and coffee cafe and live music performed by its Music Recovery program collaborative group, The Salt Exchange.

Arts in the Park staff will host a silent auction. Food will be available in the food court, and food trucks will be present.

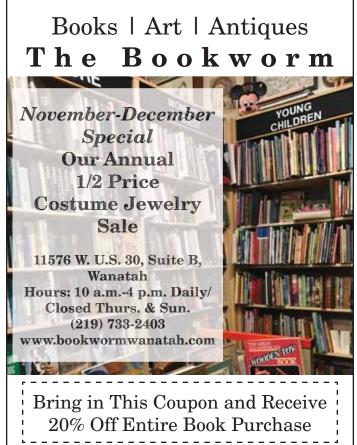
Featured performances are from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with doors opening at 10 a.m. The cost is \$15. The performers include Crystal Yates, Joshua Sherman, Sean Carter, Ryan Kennedy, Charity Gayle, Kaden Slay, Steven Musso, Melanie Tierce, May Angeles, David Gentiles and Kevin Jones.

The day comes to a close with "A Night of Ministry" from 6:30 to

9:30 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m. The event is free.

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LP Community Concert Association

Charlie Albright, a pianist hailed by *The Washington Post* as "among the most gifted musicians of his generation," performs as part of the next LaPorte Community Concert Association program.



The concert is at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at The

Presbyterian Church, 307 Kingsbury Ave., LaPorte. Albright completed a successful 48-concert tour of the Midwest in the 2013-2014 concert season.

Tickets, which are available at the door, cost \$15 for adults and \$5 for students through high school. Call (219) 362-5292 or (219) 362-8262 for details.



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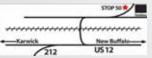
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The following programs are available:

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• Playdate in the Nature Play Zone from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at The Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.

Explore Miller Woods, build a fort, climb a tree, create nature art and feed the resident fish, turtles, snakes, toads and frogs. Dress for the weather.

• Miller Woods Hike from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, at Paul H. Douglas Center.

The ranger-led stroll explores a rare black oak savanna, and offers views of Lake Michigan and Chicago.

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.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following program is offered:

• Saw-Whet Owl Banding on Thursdays through Sundays through Nov. 18.

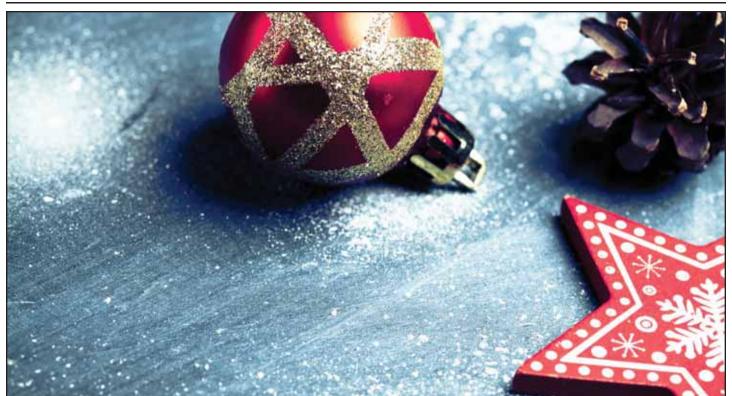
Indiana Audubon Society is partnering with the state park to sponsor the program and provide licensed banding staff for the technical research and education effort. After learning about the program, visitors wait at the nature center as banding staff check hourly special nets throughout the dunes. The Friends of the Indiana Dunes will provide hot cocoa and marshmallows.

Banding nights are weather dependent. Visitors should call ahead to confirm banding will take place. Times are 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday. After paying the standard entrance gate fees, evening presentations are free starting at 6 p.m. Nov. 4.

Special behind-the-scenes nights are Nov. 1-4. Space is limited. Visit www.indianaaudubon.org/to register.

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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Pictured celebrating the award are Shirley Heinze Land Trust staff and board members, and representatives from Land Trust Alliance and Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation.

Shirley Heinze Land Trust has received a National Excellence Award from the Land Trust Alliance, a land conservation organization that represents more than 1,000 member land trusts supported by more than five million members nationwide.

The award was presented during the welcoming dinner of Rally 2018, the organization's National Land Conservation Conference held Oct. 11-13 in Pittsburgh. The award was one of two similar honors presented during the evening. The other went to an all-volunteer land trust, Newtown Forest Association in Connecticut.

"Our work to protect and restore the rich vari-

ety of natural communities in northwestern Indiana, and to inspire people to appreciate the natural world, is truly a collaborative effort," Kristopher Krouse, Shirley Heinze Land Trust executive director, said in a press release.

Since 1981, the trust has protected, restored and maintained Northwest Indiana's natural communities, including tallgrass prairie, high dune, oak savanna, boreal flatwoods, dune and swale, woodlands, marshes, swamps, ponds, fens, bogs and riparian habitat. More than 2,400 acres in Lake, Porter, LaPorte and St. Joseph counties have been preserved for the public's benefit.



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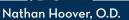
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New Lubeznik Center Exhibit

Eight contemporary artists explore the use of signage, text and iconography in "Waiting for a Sign," the new exhibit at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

A free opening reception is during First Friday Art Walk, from 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 2. The exhibit runs through Jan. 12, 2019.

Displayed in the Hyndman, Brincka/Cross and Susan Block galleries, the exhibit features work by Willie Baronet, Diana Guerrero-Maciá, Corey Hagelberg, Cheryl Pope, Kay Rosen, Joel Ross, Deb Sokolow and Bernard Williams.

In conjunction with "Waiting for Baronet a Sign" is the free film screening, "Signs of Humanity," from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

In July 2014, artist and professor Willie Baronet, along with three filmmakers, drove across the country, interviewing more than 100 people on the streets and purchasing more than 280 signs. The film, which centers on that trip, explores inter-related themes of home, homelessness, compassion and humanity. The screening is followed by Q&A.

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Harbor Country Hikers

Harbor Country Hikers will highlight the Dune Ridge Trail and its fall vistas during "Fall on the Marsh Tour" at 10 a.m. EDT Saturday, Nov. 3.

Located in Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, the drive to the trail's parking lot includes fall maple-beech forest colors. The trail, itself, offers views of wetlands and forests south of a tall, forested dune, with different habitats along the way. On the way home, a caravan will head down Beverly Drive.

The dune ridge is atop a moderate-size dune, but most of the trail is for beginners along dirt-covered, rolling sand ridges. HCH President Pat Fisher will lead the hike of moderate difficulty. Cool weather jackets, a camera and binoculars are recommended.

The group will meet in the Kemil Beach parking lot, which is about 1.5 miles west of the Beverly Shores light on U.S. 12, then north on Old Kemil Road.

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

Visit harborcountryhikers.com for details.

First Friday @ FUMC



An example of a fiber piece.

First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St., will feature Creative Fiber Arts by Suzy Vance and Marlene Woodfield during First Friday Art Walk, from 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 2.

Vance is a Beverly Shores fiber artist who "paints" using animal and other fibers, creating works

that honor the environment. Woodfield is noted for her pictorial quilts; however, she also works with wool and other fibers to create free form designs.

The Krueger Middle School Select Choir, under Shirley Allen's direction, will perform at 6:30 p.m.







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Boo at the Zoo

Washington Park's annual trick-or-treat event is one of the city's most popular Halloween attractions, and this year was no exception. *The Beacher*'s Paul Kemiel was there on Saturday, Oct. 20, to capture all the fun.



















Home Safety Checklist for Fall Hazards

This room-by-room checklist highlights possible fall hazards. If you mark "Yes" to any of these questions, consider the suggestions to help reduce your chances of falling.

Bedroom

Possible Hazard	Yes	Suggestions	
Is there a long reach from the bed to a light?		Moving the lamp closer to the bed or attaching a light to the headboard reduces the chances of falling.	
Is it necessary to get out of bed or reach far to get to the telephone?		A longer phone extension cord or a cordless phone within easy reach of the bed can reduce the chances of falling.	
Is it necessary to get out of bed or reach far to get eyeglasses?		Store glasses within reach of the bed.	
Are there telephone, light, or television cords running along the floor on the walkways?		Cords are a tripping hazard. Reroute cords so they do not cross walking paths and/or get an electrician to install additional outlets.	
Is there clutter (clothes, shoes, books, etc.) on the floor?		Remove clutter from walkways to reduce the chances of tripping over it.	
Is it common to get up many times during the night to use the bathroom?		Place a portable commode near the bed to eliminate nighttime trips to the bathroom.	

Kitchen

Possible Hazard Yes		Suggestions	
Are there floor mats or rugs in the kitchen?		Remove throw rugs or secure them to the floor with slip-resistant backing.	
Is it necessary to reach far, bend over, or climb on a stool to get commonly-used kitchen items and foods?		Rearrange cupboards and drawers so that items used most often are waist high. Use a sturdy step stool with a grab bar to reach items stored overhead. Never use a chair as a step stool.	
Is there liquid, food, grease, or other clutter on the floor?		Sweep often and wipe up liquid immediately to reduce the chances of slipping.	

Living Areas

Possible Hazard	Yes	Suggestions	
Do carpets, rugs, and floor coverings have frayed corners or rolled-up edges?		Remove damaged floor coverings or secure them well with double-sided tape, nails, etc. It's important to have a flat, sturdy walkway.	
Are there throw rugs in walkways?		The best thing to do is to remove throw rugs. Put double-sided tape on them so they don't slip.	
Are chairs and couches low to the ground?		Higher chairs and armrests are helpful for easing into a sitting position.	
Is it necessary to get up to answer the phone?		Keep a phone nearby so you don't have to get up quickly if the phone rings. Cordless phones are helpful. Keep a phone close to the floor in order to call for help in the event of a fall.	
Do you have to walk over or around electrical cords orwires?		Tape cords and wires to the wall or have an electrician install additional outlets.	
Are there newspapers, boxes, shoes, etc. on the floor?		Remove clutter from walkways to avoid trippin	
Do you need to walk around furniture to get through the living area?		It's best to have a straight path, clear of furniture. Rearrange furniture to provide for obstacle-free walking.	
Do you have to reach up to pull cords to lights or ceiling fans?		Install longer cords or link ceiling lights/fans to a light switch on the wall to eliminate the need to look and reach up.	

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NB Library Community Forum

A nature program that combines trivia and folklore marks the next Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum at 6 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Nov. 6, in the library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St.

Wendy Jones, head naturalist at Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve, Niles, Mich., will discuss plants, animals, weather, skies and geographical features. Some of her questions include:

- Did you know James Bond, 007, was named for an ornithologist?
- Did you know the North Star wasn't always the North Star, and won't be forever?
- Did you know groundhogs usually are fast asleep on Groundhog Day because they hibernate until early March?

Upcoming FOL programs include: "The Tragedy of the USS Indianapolis," on Monday, Nov. 12; "The Top Five Environmental Issues in Southwest Michigan" on Monday, Dec. 3; and "Caroling at the Library" with Harbor Country Singers on Dec. 13.

The 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 details.

LCSO Presentation-Lunch

LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra will host a lunch and presentation by guest conductor Russell Ger at noon Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Patrick's Grille, 4125 Franklin St.

Ger is an Australian conductor based in New York. The winner of the 2014 Brian Stacey Memorial Trust Award for Emerging Australian Conductors, he has a broad repertoire that spans orchestral, operatic and choral music, which he has conducted across North America and his home country. In September 2016, he began his tenure as music director of the Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra in the Hudson Valley.



The \$20 cost for the program is payable at the door. A limited menu will be available. Reservations can be sent by email to executive@lcso.net



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Michigan City High School senior Zennon Wilhelm has been named a Commended Student in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship program.



Wilhelm, son Nicole Harvey and Wilhelm. taken a full load of AP, Honors and Dual Credit courses. He has excelled in physics and math at the high school level, and earned a perfect score of 5 on the AP Physics exam. He also has taken several Project Lead the Way engineering courses. This year, through a partnership with Purdue

University Northwest, he attends PNW during the day for an advanced calculus course.

Wilhelm also is a wide receiver for the football team, and has been a key contributor for the Wolves since freshman year. He has been involved in football since he was 5, and was a member of the National Championship Pop Warner squad from Michigan City. He enjoys playing league baseball, and plans to play baseball for the Wolves this spring.

In his spare time, Wilhelm is active in the youth group at River of Life, where he has participated in a number of community service activities.

In college, Wilhelm intends to study engineering, with a minor in business.

"My dream is to invent something and then make a business out of it," he said in a press release. He is considering Wabash College, Purdue University and several other universities with strong engineering programs. He also is considering playing football at the college level.

Although they will not continue in the 2019 competition for National Merit Scholarship Awards, Commended Students placed among the top 34,000 scorers out of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2019 competition by taking the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.







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In Memoriam

Deborah Sederberg, 71, longtime area journalist, loving wife and mother, passed away Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018.

Deborah was born Sept. 9, 1947, in Oakland, Calif., to Raymond and Margaret (Zerza) Kromgols. She was a longtime Northwest Indiana resident who recently had been living in Chicago. She studied English and music at Indiana University, working as a reporter for many years at *The News-Dispatch*. On Oct. 13, 1973, she married William



Sederberg, and they raised two daughters.

Deborah had a passion for music and spent many years directing the choir at St. Ann of the Dunes in Beverly Shores. She also had a passion for reading and making books accessible to all. She showed this passion through her time on the Westchester Public Library board and her annual holiday book drive, Operation Bookworm.

Her zest for wit won her columns many awards during her time at *The News-Dispatch*, and she was beloved in the Michigan City community for her reporting. One of her greatest joys, particularly after her retirement from *The News-Dispatch* in 2012, was spending time with her grandchildren.

Deborah was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, William, Chicago; two daughters, Rachael (Dustin) Ferrell, Chicago; and Joy (Haydn Bush) Sederberg, Chicago; her grandchildren, Howell Bush, Emma Ferrell, Colin Ferrell, Henry Ferrell and Amelia Ferrell; her sister, Diana Jackson, Chesterton; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at St. Ann of the Dunes in Beverly Shores, with visitation at 10 a.m. A Celebration of Life reception will follow at The Spa in Porter.

Veteran Nominees Sought

New Buffalo Township Library, to honor individuals who served their country, will award a quilt to a Berrien County veteran affected by any war.

The library invites all veterans and their families to submit his/her name, or their loved one's name, one submission per veteran.

All veterans are invited to a reception where the quilt will be drawn for and awarded. Staff member Kathy Martus has created a quilt for the event.

Submission forms are available through Friday, Nov. 9. The reception is at 1 p.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 10, in the library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St.

Contact Courtney at nbtlcreate@gmail.com or (269) 469-2933, or visit www.newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org for details.

LaPorte County Public Library

The following programs are at the main branch of LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave.:

• Fall Craftathon from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

Create crafts and gifts. Registration is required at laportelibrary.org.

• Open Makerspace Lab from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

Access will be made available to the 3-D printer, Cricut Maker, soldering, Adobe Suite products and VHS converter.

 Cricut Maker from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

The class focuses on using the new knife and rotary blades to create various projects.

• "Greetings From" Vintage Postcard Collecting from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

Harley Sheets, co-founder of the Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society and former Indianapolis Postcard Club president, will give a brief synopsis on the history of postcards, and what makes them valuable and collectable. He also will give free appraisals.

Visit www.laportelibrary.org for more details.

Fernwood Holiday Market

The annual holiday market at Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve kicks off with a preview party from 6 to 8 p.m. EDT Friday, Nov. 2.

Guests can sample food and drinks while browsing 30 vendors that include local artisans, specialty food vendors and plant-material growers. Offerings include jewelry, handmade kitchen items, ornaments, stuffed animals, pottery, hand-crafted baskets, lavender products, specialty plants, textiles, original art and cards. Also planned is gift wrapping, wreath orders, silent auction, tree lighting and live music by Dean Ulrich.

Tickets are \$40, or \$65 per couple. Register online or by phone by Nov. 2.

Market hours on Saturday, Nov. 3, are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT.

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Westchester Public Library

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• Bits & Bytes series, Smart Phones for Beginners, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, 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.

• Community Conversations, "Let's Talk About Depression," at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Ann Macker, Mental Health America of Porter County executive director, will lead a beginner's guide to understanding depression, including symptoms, treatment and prevention.

• Make N Take Kids Craft Time on Saturday, Nov. 3, at Thomas Library.

Children can stop by the Children's Department anytime during the day (while supplies last) to make colorful, fall football trees.

• Film, "Ant-Man and the Wasp," at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at The Baugher Center.

The film is Rated PG-13. Free popcorn is served.

• Knitting Together from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

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

• Intro to the Ukulele from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 9 at the Thomas Bertha Wood Meeting Room.

Learn basic chords, rhythm and ukulele history. Ukuleles will be provided, although participants can take their own and should indicate so during registration. No experience is necessary, and space is limited. Register at the Thomas Branch Reference Department or by calling (219) 926-7696.

• Popular Books at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, at the Thomas Bertha Wood Meeting Room.

The focus is Susan Rivers' "The Second Mrs. Hockaday."

• Minecraft Meet-up at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, 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.

• DIY Wrap Necklaces from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, in the Thomas Branch Bertha Wood Meeting Room.

A variety of thread colors will be available. Aimed at youth 11 and older, registration is required by calling the reference department at (219) 926-7696.

Have a story idea? Call (219) 879-0088



All Smiles

Mark Weyermuller, a regular contributor to *The Beacher* over the years, submitted this photo of Halloween decorations around Michiana Drive and El Portal Drive, at the Indiana/ Michigan state line.

Michigan City Public Library

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

• Needle Arts League at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 29.

Membership to the group, formerly known as the Knit Club, is open to anyone interested in needle arts such as crochet, needlepoint, cross-stitch, crewel, tatting and other hand stitching. All skill levels and ages are welcome.

• Dia de los Muertos: "Coco" at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, in the meeting room.

The Pixar film is appropriate for families.

• Free Gentle Flow Yoga at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

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

• Story Time at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the LAC, 101 W. Second St.

The Story Time Crew entertains families with stories and songs, and guides a craft project. The interactive program is appropriate for infants through age 5 and their parents or guardians.

• Story Time at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, 13 and 20, and 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, 14 and 21.

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

• STEAM Ahead Kids: Ozobots! at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Registration is required at the Youth Services Desk or call (219) 873-3045 and ask for Dave or Lori. The program is appropriate for children 7 and older accompanied by an adult

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

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

Lunch & Learn Series

"Legal Considerations for Caregivers" is the topic of the next Lunch & Learn program from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Silver Birch of Michigan City, 4400 E. Michigan Blvd.

The program is sponsored by REAL Services Inc. and Alzheimer's & Dementia Services of Northern Indiana. A free lunch is provided to informal caregivers who call for reservations at (574) 284-7132 or (800) 552-7928, Ext. 7132.

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JROTC Takes Honor at Event

Michigan City High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps earned a first-place finish in the orienteering event Oct. 20 at the Hobart Army JROTC Raider competition.

Fifteen teams representing schools from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan participated. Other physically demanding events were the tire carry, rope bridge, fitness challenge, buddy carry, stretcher carry, pullups and 2.5-mile run.



Gunnery Sgt. Conner Gressor knocks out his pull-ups as the rest of the Raider Team offers encouragement.

"Our kids gave it everything they had," Master Sgt. Jeff Benak said in a press release. "There were some pretty fit schools, particularly the Army JROTCs, as the Raider comp is one of their primary focuses."

The military drill team has been preparing to host and compete in the MCJROTC Midwest Sectional Drill Meet on Nov. 17. If finishing in the top four teams, it will advance to the regional meet in Reading, Pa., on March 2, 2019. The objective is to advance and win the National MCJROTC meet in Washington, D.C., on April 13. Last year, MCHS did qualify for the national meet and earned first place in one event.

Cadets also are preparing for the Veterans Day ceremony, open to the public, at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 9 in the MCHS gym. The ceremony also features the MCHS band and choir. The guest speaker is State Sen. Mike Bohacek. Veterans from all services are encouraged to attend, as they will be recognized during the ceremony.



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- Franciscan Health Michigan City, 301 W. Homer St., 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1.
- Midwest Warehousing Co., 3999 Hupp Road, Building R-5-2, Kingsbury, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5.
- St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road, noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6.

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.



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Chamber Educator Awards

The Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce "Educators of the Year" awards dinner and program is Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Blue Chip Casino's Stardust Event Center.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner and the program from 6 to 8 p.m.

The event recognizes individuals for contributions to education in the community. Chamber Board President Charlie Keene said in a press release that nominations were received for Outstanding Educator, Lifetime Achievement and Shining Light, which recognizes an innovative program or class.

The 2018 winners are:

- Teresa Pavloff, Edgewood Elementary School kindergarten teacher.
- Bob Eghbali, Marsh Elementary School counselor.
- Daisy Lee, Krueger Middle School environmental-science teacher.
- Sheri Tuesberg, Edgewood Elementary School third-grade teacher.
- Mike Maesch, Knapp Elementary School sixthgrade teacher.

Edgewood Principal Peggy Thomas and Dan Ruth, Michigan City High School German teacher, will be honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards. The Barker Middle School STEM Program and MCHS Early College Program will receive the Shining Light Award.

Tickets cost \$35, and tables of eight are available, as well as sponsorship opportunities. Visit MichiganCityChamber.com to purchase a table, sponsorship or individual tickets, or call (219) 874-6221.

Chess Tournament

The Regional K-12 Chess Tournament, hosted by Renaissance Academy and Barker Middle School, is from 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Barker Middle School, 319 E. Barker Road.

The event is open to students in Pre-K through 12th grade. It is not a United States Chess Federation-rated tournament; however, USCF rules apply. It is an individual event, with students competing in 10 divisions: kindergarten & under; Grade 1; Grade 2; Grade 3; Grade 4; Grade 5; Grade 6; Grade 7; Grade 8; Grades 9-12. Pre-school chess players may enter the K division. Other divisions, such as 7/8, may combine if there are fewer players.

Doors open at 9 a.m. An all-players meeting is at 9:15 a.m. Rounds are from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony at 2:45 p.m. Trophies are awarded per division. Pizza, hot dogs, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$8 if received by Nov. 9. Late entries, which cost \$15, are accepted if time and space permit. There is no onsite registration.

Call (219) 878-8711 for more details.

Students to Perform with Honor Bands

Seven Michigan City Area Schools instrumental music students have been selected to participate in area honor bands.



Jameer Nelson and Kyra Krachinski

Barker Middle School students Kyra Krachinski (flute) and Jameer Nelson (bass clarinet), and Michigan City High School student Autumn Reynolds (alto saxophone) will participate in the Indiana Bandmasters Association All Region Band on Nov. 10-11 at Portage High School.



Adam Howard (from left), Mia Taylor, Trinity Clayton, Autumn Revnolds and William Mansfield.

Michigan City High School students Adam Howard (trumpet), Mia Taylor (clarinet), Trinity Clayton (oboe) and William Mansfield (tuba) will participate in the IBA All District Honor Band on Nov. 17-18 at Kankakee Valley High School.

Fall Arts & Crafts Fair

The Ogden Dunes Women's Club will sponsor its annual Arts & Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at Ogden Dunes Community Church, 116 Hillcrest Road.

Admission is free. More than 20 booths feature handcrafted jewelry, soaps and lotions, shibori wall hangings, recyclable gift wrap and items for children and adults. Also planned are a bake sale, soups and chilis. Patrons can dine in or do carryout.

Proceeds benefit many Porter County nonprofits. Visit www.odwclub.com for more details.





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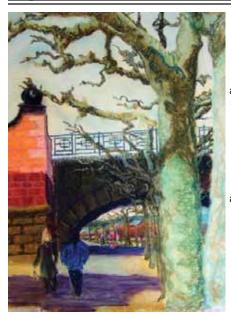


Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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

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



The Gift of Art

'The Gift of Art," Southern Shore Art Association's annual holiday celebration, runs through Dec. 30, with an opening reception during First Friday Art Walk, from 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 2 at the gallery, 724 Franklin St. The exhibit includes paintings, sculpture, photography, prints, jewelry and art. Barely used books also are available. Gallery hours are from noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. The pastel image here is by Phillip Falcone. Visit www.SouthernShore-ArtAssociation.com or the SSAA Facebook page for more details.

Small Business Marketing Workshop

A free small business workshop, "Marketing Your Small Business," is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, at First Trust Credit Union, 950 E. U.S. 20.

The presenters are JM2 Marketing President John Marx and Kyle Hovanec, JM2 Marketing digital marketing specialist.

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SMSO Cultural Program

Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra will cohost a community cultural event, "Celebrando el Dia de los Muertos," at 6 p.m. EDT Friday, Nov. 2, at The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich.

El Dia de los Muertos is a traditional Mexican holiday honoring, and festively celebrating, family members who died. Friday's event includes authentic Mexican cuisine, specialty beverages, live mariachi music, "pop-up" markets, dancing and raffle prizes. A limited number of raffle tickets are sold for \$50 each. A cash bar is planned. An on-site "cemetery" allows patrons to display photos of loved ones who have passed.

The event is family friendly with crafts, face painting and a screening of Pixar's "Coco."

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Tickets are available at smso.org, or by calling the SMSO at (269) 982-4030 or The Heritage Museum at (269) 983-1191.

New Buffalo Public Library

The following programs are offered at New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St. All times are Eastern:

Thursday, Nov. 1

- 4:30 p.m. Teen STEAM, November Technology, with signup for ages 11-18.
- 6 p.m. Hungry for Harbor Country: author talk and tasting.

Friday, Nov. 2

- 11:30 a.m. Story Time.
- 1:30 p.m. Yoga.

Monday, Nov. 5

- 11 a.m. Read with Newdle the therapy dog.
- 3-7 p.m. Lego Club.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

- 4:30 p.m. Story Time.
- 6 p.m. Trivia, Folklore and Fun Facts: An Unusual Exploration of Nature.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

 10 a.m.-2 p.m. — Stitches, Needles, Threads and More.

Call (269) 469-2933 for details.

South Shore Military Special

All veterans can ride the South Shore Line for free through Nov. 9-11 and on Veterans Day (Nov. 11), observed Nov. 12.

As train personnel walk through the train, riders should let them know he/she is a veteran or active military personnel. No identification is required. On Nov. 12, trains follow the regular weekday train schedule. Up to three children 13 and younger can ride free with each veteran on off-peak weekday and all weekend trains.

La Porte County Parks



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

Essentially Well

Learn about the health and lifestyle benefits of essential oils from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at Luhr Park Nature Center, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte.

Pam Harmon of Earthside Living will show how to make six roller balls to prepare for the cold season, and how to use the oils through reflexology. The six essential oils to be made are: Defense, Head, Respiratory, Seasonal, Stomach and Throat.

The program is for people 18 and older, with the requirement being a minimum of four and a maximum of 20. The cost is \$22 for six roller balls.

Pre-registration and payment are required.

Beginner Meditation

The program for individuals 18 and older is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Luhr County Park.

Instructor Stacy Coar will show how to quiet the mind with breathing techniques, along with multiple ways to meditate.

The cost is \$20. The minimum number of participants required is four and the maximum is 12. Preregistration and payment are due no later than Nov. 7 or until full, whichever comes first.

Senior Lifestyles

Join the free 55+ Club, a social club designed for adults 55 and older to learn and explore various types of nature. Free coffee is served to participants.

The group meets from 9 to 10 a.m. at Luhr County Park Nature Center. Call at least one week in advance to register. The schedule is:

 Nov. 7 — LaPorte Hospital improvements, CEO Ashley Dickinson.

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:

- Nov. 7 Who's Scat is that?
- Nov. 28 Where Did the Leaves Go?
- Dec. 5 Sensory Sensations.
- Dec. 19 Let it Snow!

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Activities to Explore

In the Area:

Nov. 1 — Washington Park Zoo closes for season.

Nov. 1-4 — Saw-Whet Owl Banding, nature center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Times: 7-8 p.m./Thur.-Sat., 6-7 p.m. Sun. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Nov. 2 — *Dia de los Muertos*: "Coco," 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Nov. 2 — First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m., Uptown Arts District (downtown Michigan City).

Nov. 2 — Opening reception, "Waiting for a Sign," 5-8 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: www.lubeznikcenter.org, (219) 874-4900.

Nov. 2 — "Playing in the Mud Ceramics," 5-8 p.m., The Rising Phoenix Gallery, 2803 Franklin St.

Nov. 2 — First Friday at Old Lighthouse Museum (Washington Park), 5-8 p.m.

Nov. 2 — Creative Fiber Arts, 5-8 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St.

Nov. 2 — Opening reception, "The Gift of Art," 5-8 p.m., Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. Info: www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com

Nov. 2 — LaPorte Community Concert Association, Charlie Albright, 7 p.m., The Presbyterian Church, 307 Kingsbury Ave., LaPorte. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$5/students through high school. Info: (219) 362-5292, (219) 362-8262.

Nov. 2-3 — "Wonder of the World," 7:30 p.m., Canterbury Theater, 807 Franklin St. Tickets: \$12/general admission, \$6/K-12 & college students with ID. Reservations: info@canterburytheatre.org, (219) 874-4269.

Nov. 2-4 — Young People's Theatre Co. Junior, "Disney's The Aristocats KIDS," The Holdcraft Performing Arts Center at Elston, 1200 Spring St. Times: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/students K-12. Reservations: www.yptcinc.com. Tickets also available @ door.

Nov. 2-5 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing*: "Lizzie." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also*: "Fahrenheit 11/9." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2:45 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

Nov. 3 — LaPorte County Veterans Breakfast and Parade. Breakfast: 8-11 a.m., DAV Chapter 23, 2301 Ohio St. Cost: public/\$5 contribution, veterans & children 10 & younger/free. Parade: noon/Uptown Arts District. Fall festival: noon/Uptown Arts District.

Nov. 3 — Harbor Country Hikers "Fall on the Marsh Tour," 10 a.m. EDT, Dune Ridge Trail. Info: harborcountryhikers.com

Nov. 3 — Fall Craftathon, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: laportelibrary.org

Nov. 3 — Free film screening, "Signs of Human-

ity," 12:30-2:30 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: www.lubeznikcenter.org, (219) 874-4900.

Nov. 3 — "Greetings From" Vintage Postcard Collecting, 1-2:30 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: laportelibrary.org

Nov. 3 — Gales of November Shipwreck Program, 1-3 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

Nov. 3 — Film screening, "Ant-Man and the Wasp," 3 p.m., The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Nov. 3 — Bridal Fair, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Free. Registration: Eventbrite, (219) 873-1520, Ext. 5.

Nov. 3 — Harbor Arts live staged reading, "Pinocchio," 2 & 8 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Performing Arts Center, 1112 E. Clay St. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$10/students, free/pre-schoolers. Reservations: www.harborarts.com

Nov. 3 — "Let's Spend The Night Together: A Celebration of the Stones," 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$15. Info: www.acorntheater.org, (269) 756-3879.

Nov. 6 — LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra presentation-lunch, guest conductor Russell Ger, noon, Patrick's Grille, 4125 Franklin St. Cost: \$20. Info: executive@lcso.net

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

In the Region

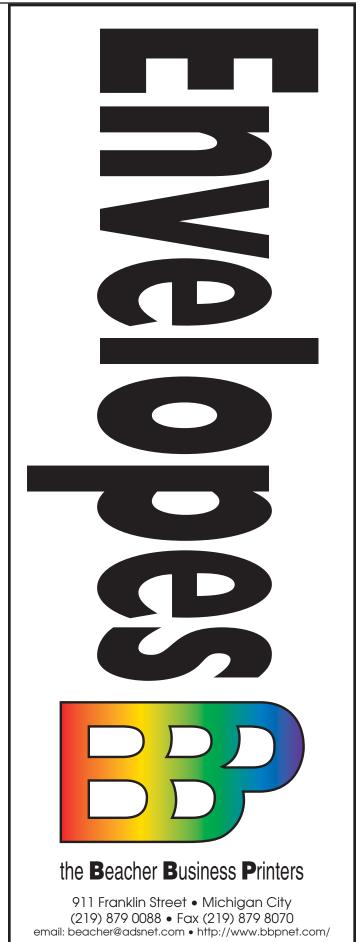
Nov. 2 — Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, "Celebrando el Dia de los Muertos," 6 p.m. EDT, The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$40/adults, \$5/children 12 & younger. Reservations: (269) 982-4030, (269) 983-1191.

Nov. 2 — Unwrapped at the Box concert, The Backups, 8-10 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10/general admission, \$2 off if attending glassblowing demo from 5:30-7 p.m. EDT. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

Nov. 2-3 — Annual holiday market, Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Preview party: 6-8 p.m. EDT Nov. 2. Tickets: \$40, \$65/couple. Nov. 3 hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT. Info: www.fernwoodbotanical. org, (269) 695-6491.

Nov. 3 — Ogden Dunes Women's Club Arts & Crafts Fair, 9 a.m., Ogden Dunes Community Church, 116 Hillcrest Road. Free admission. Info: www.odwclub.com

Nov. 3 — Concert, Gemini/All God's Children Community Choir, 7-9 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10/general admission, \$5/children 12 & younger. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688.



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 - Toys: Metal Matchbox cars, puzzles, board games
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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

<u>Wild Fire</u> by Ann Cleeves (hardcover, \$26.99 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook. 398 pages)

It's always sad when a series you really enjoy comes to an end. This week's review is a fond farewell to the Jimmy Perez Shetland Island mysteries. This popular group of eight books has been a delight. And, for those who will miss reading the exploits of this island policeman, there is the PBS series based on the books — also available on DVD — simply titled "Shetland." Of course, I encourage you to read the books first!

Fans of Cleeves' writing style can still look forward to her tales of Vera Stanhope, police inspector in Northumberland, England, another series heavy on atmosphere and characterizations.

Both Vera and Perez are exciting and tightly written stories about areas of Great Britain that are a little off the beaten path. Both TV series are filmed partly on location. Cleeves' stories are as wild and unpredictable as the beautifully described land on which they take place. In fact, I think she picks the locations because they have a brooding atmosphere that lends itself to murder-mysteries.

Let me tell you a bit about the closing chapters of the final Jimmy Perez story...

Jimmy heads up a small police force on Shetland Island located

northeast of Scotland. He lives alone since his girlfriend, Fran, was murdered, leaving him her house and joint custody of her 9-year-old daughter, Cassie, with her biological father, Duncan. He's a quiet, introspective man who takes things one step at a time — no leaping off tall buildings. It's intriguing to follow his methodical approach to an investigation.

Perez is approached one day by Helena Fleming, her family recent newcomers from England. I'll get back to that meeting in a minute...

Helena and her husband, Daniel, have two children: teenage Christopher, who is autistic, and younger daughter Ellie. The boy seems to have an obsession with fire and is the object of gossip among the other school mothers. The Flemings bought a house from local Dennis Gear, who went bankrupt and was forced to sell. He committed suicide in the barn on the property not long after the Flemings moved in, but to the tight-knit community, somehow the Flemings were to blame. Welcome to Shetland...

The Flemings make friends with another family new to the island, the Moncrieffs: Dr. Robert and wife Belle who works in P.R. Belle is helping Helena with selling her haute couture knitwear made from wool and island patterns so prized by mainlanders. The Moncrieffs have four children: teenagers Martha and Charlie, and younger children Sam and Kate. But is their perfect family so perfect? Mom and Dad are indifferent parents at best.

It's important to understand the dynamics of each family and their relationship to each other. Cleeves doesn't rush the story. She builds up interest, making the reader wonder where this is going. Where it's going is murder, plain and simple...well, maybe not so simple.

The Moncrieffs also have another member of

the household — Emma Shearer, a young and pretty girl not much older than the family's teenagers. She is the nanny and came highly recommended by a local doctor. She is the product of a broken family: dad in prison for almost killing his wife, mother now dead from cancer.

Emma's a strange one. She's a loner and makes her own '50s-style clothing. Magnie Riddell would like to be her boyfriend, but she doesn't seem interested. Magnie's mother, one of the town's gossips, makes no secret of her dislike of Emma — keep that in mind...

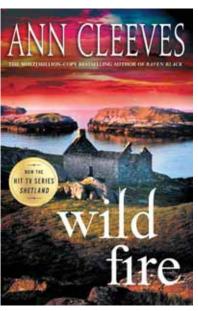
Back to Helena's visit to Perez: She shows him crudely drawn pictures of a hangman she received anonymously. A reference to Dennis' death? Or a por-

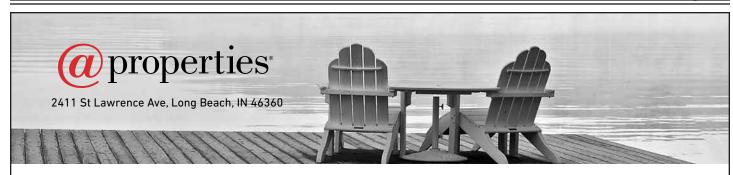
tent of something to come? And come soon is exactly what happens when another body shows up hanging in the Flemings' barn. This person shows signs of being strangled before being strung up — murder, for sure. The death proves to be a real mystery, but don't spend too much time contemplating, because someone else will die soon and another will go missing.

Shetland is fast becoming a dangerous place to live. Since this is a major crime, Perez is joined by Chief Inspector Willow Reeves from the mainland. She will head up the investigation. She and Perez have a history, a sort of on-again, off-again romance. But can Perez ever get over his love for Fran? He's about to find out as Willow steps off the plane. He gives her the information he's gathered about the murders, and she gives him an unexpected piece of information, too.

There are many twists and turns that make the story an intense, clever, well-thought-out plot. It proves, too, that readers will regret this is the last in the series.

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