Sustaining the Earth, Sustaining Ourselves

The Healing Waters Event

by Paula McHugh

Salubrious. Now that’s a word we rarely hear today. And salutary. Both mean wholesome, healthful, beneficial, and promoting some good purpose.

Those two words describe what’s in store for kids of all ages at the first “Healing Waters Event” at Dunes State Park on Saturday, September 22.

It’s going to be big.

Organized by Marilee Snyder of Michigan City and co-sponsored by the State Park, the event is planned as a fun filled interactive day for all. Marilee, founder of Sage Spirit Terra (a retreat center), said that she is really excited about plans of keynote Speaker Bernardo Peixoto, also known as “Ipupiara, or Ipu.” The Amazon rainforest environmentalist and shaman is an anthropology consultant with the Smithsonian Institute and co-founder of the non-profit Dream Change Coalition.

Dream Change Coalition is a grass roots movement of people from many continents and cultures dedicated to creating new values and ways of living. The organization’s three main goals are to inspire earth-honoring changes in consciousness, to conserve forests and to apply indigenous wisdom in ways that foster environmental and social balance.

The focus of the Healing Waters Event activities, which happens to coincide with the autumnal equinox, is to allow people to participate in environment-friendly activities and to learn more about salutary modalities such as yoga and massage, feng shui to organic farming, and much more. Also emphasized is how each person can contribute to the sustainability of earth’s resources.

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Presenters during the day-long event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., includes speakers from Michigan City, Valparaiso, LaPorte, Chesterton, Ogden Dunes, Beverly Shores, Merrillville, Wanatah, Hobart, Rolling Prairie, and also New Buffalo, Cassopolis and Flint, Michigan as well as Chicago and Kingston, Illinois.

David White, a massage therapist in Valparaiso and a T’ai Chi Cheh teacher and storyteller, is inviting all of his former T’ai chi students to return for a reunion and session at the Dunes Park Pavilion at 9:30 a.m. After that time, David will be changing hats throughout the day, offering Native American storytelling and seated chair massage along with T’ai chi demonstrations.

Don and Marshall Wenig of Dancing Feet Yoga in Long Beach will be doing yoga and Yoga Kids demonstrations and massage, as well as presenting information about healthy raw foods.

Even more massage is on the menu for the day. In addition to David and the Wenigs, Patsy Gately, Phyllis Baker and Judy Kroczek from the Wellness Center in Michigan City will join massage therapists Mike McGrath, Karen Gossert, Dennis Headstrom, and members of the Center for Healing Arts & Midwest Massage in Valparaiso to demonstrate the latest techniques and research in this soothing modality.

Other participants include representatives from St. Mary’s Medical Center in Hobart and Dr. Rani Pargaonker of Rani Holistic Health Center in Merrillville. According to Marilee, the practitioners are excited about coming together in a noncompetitive environment to show the benefits of their chosen fields of work. Says Marilee, it’s an opportunity for the public to learn and participate in the complementary modalities, all geared toward promoting a healthier living environment.

Cheri Lundstrom, of Wanatah, will be introducing ways to simplify food preparation “the organic way.” And John Merrill Clark, owner of Roseland Organic Farms in Cassopolis, Michigan, will speak about his methods of beef production utilizing natural, rather than chemical, methods. Mylese Tucker of Nature’s Cupboard in Michigan City will also be presenting information on organic food and genetic engineering.

Marilee cited a recent Bill Moyers PBS presentation about the disastrous chemical seepage in ground-
water from traditional farming methods, and said that the Healing Waters event has been planned to bring greater awareness to the public about alternatives that emphasize sustainability over land, air, and water pollution. The Dream Change Coalition has done much work bringing to the public the issue of rainforest destruction in the Amazon, and other vulnerable places around the globe.

Shannon Schutte, who has been helping Marilee put the program together, said that people need to be thinking about the future of the earth, and what condition it will be left in for future generations. Shannon and her partner, Jakob Falatovics of Michigan City, will be presenting information on environmentally friendly building materials. Shannon and Jakob will also be building a teepee on the beach, and the day's events will conclude with a campfire and drumming circle on the beach near the pavilion.

Dunes Park staff and several area Boy Scout troops will be active too. Marram grass planting, beach and woods nature walks, face paintings, and a sand sculpture contest are on the agenda. Representatives from the Dunes Calumet Audubon Society, National Lakeshore, Environmental Learning Center, and Friends of the Kankakee Wildlife Refuge, Porter County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Lake Michigan Federation will also be on hand.

Maureen Connell of Beverly Shores will lead children in a variety of activities throughout the afternoon, including a cooperative fitness game called “Rabbit Rescue.” Maureen will also be demonstrating techniques to calm children and pets with modified T’ai chi movements, and talk about environmental estrogens. Children will also have a chance to listen to a variety of storytellers who will be located throughout the State Park.

Many more presenters will be on hand to offer information about the use of magnets, essential oils, therapeutic touch, whole-food vitamins, Akashic records, naturopathy, iridology, ear candling, and cranial sacral therapy.

Marilee, Shannon and Neva Isley have worked from Sage Spirit Terra to put together the list of presenters, which keeps growing even at this writing. And Wendy Smith, Bob Bolger, staff and volunteers at Dunes State Park are also attending to last-minute details.

The rich diversity of the individuals and groups coming together to share their knowledge during the Healing Waters Event promises to be an experience that will enlighten and inform all who attend. And what better place to spend a Saturday than the equally rich natural diversity found at Indiana Dunes State Park.

All the events are free, although cars are required to pay the usual gate admission to the State Park. For more information, contact Marilee at (219) 879-3906.

WHAT: Healing Waters Event
WHEN: Saturday, September 22, 10-6, rain or shine
WHERE: Throughout Indiana Dunes State Park
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MC Chamber Music Series

Visiting artist Rudolf Haken will present a recital of Baroque, Romantic and Contemporary viola works as part of the Michigan City Chamber Music Series. He will be assisted by Robert Auler on the piano. The event is scheduled for Wed., Sept. 19, 7 p.m., in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. 9th St., Michigan City.

Haken is Professor of Viola at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has toured Europe to critical acclaim, appearing in halls such as the Salle Gaveau in Paris, Stadthalle Heidelberg, Goethe-Institut Gottingen, and Schloss Bourglinster in Luxembourg.

Haken is active in the new music scene, both as performer and composer. He has been a featured performer at conventions of the Society of Composers, Inc., and the Society for Electro-Acoustic Music in the United States. In the spring of 1999 he was viola soloist for the mode Records Xenakis compilation. Haken premiered his Concerto for Five-String Electric Violin in September 1998 and has performed the work with several orchestras in North American and Europe.

As violist for the Houston Symphony and Houston Grand Opera, Haken has performed professionally under such renowned conductors as Christoph Eschenbach, Michael Tilson Thomas, and Neville Marriner. He is also on the faculty of the Hot Springs Music Festival and the Musikalischer Sommer in Ostfriesland. He has served as viola instructor at the Interlochen Music Camp, and as adjudicator for the Houston Symphony Young Artist, Midwest Young Artist, and Chicago Viola Society competitions.

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Four years ago a nucleus of area women came together to learn about investing. They decided to call themselves Wall Street Women of the Dunes. They put together bylaws, and began putting money in a pot. As the money grew, and as they learned, the WWDs began buying stocks. As of midsummer this year, their very first stock purchase has produced a healthy 45% total return since it was purchased. And even in the midst of the tech tidal wave that has swamped the market this past year, another early purchase...one of those misbegotten techs... has zoomed in with an annual return of 108%. That’s an eyebrow-raising, Dow beating 108%!, proving that the WWD’s have learned an early lesson well: use the right basics to select your stocks and buy at the right price, and hold on, letting stock splits and earnings drive your portfolio forward.

There are hundreds of thousands men and women in investment clubs around the country. Most of them composed, like the Wall Street Women of the Dunes, of people with a minimal knowledge of investing who want to become more knowledgeable. Most are members of the National Association of Investment Clubs, like the Wall Street Women of the Dunes, which publishes an official guide to help clubs get started. The Association also produces a monthly magazine, a training stock selection guide and software to go with it, all useful aids used by the WWDs. They also call in guest speakers from time to time, members make presentations on stocks that have caught their interest. (One member liked Starbucks’ coffee, she did the research, and the group bought and its total return since purchase has been a sound 62%) When the money that accrues from monthly contributions awaits a purchase, it is held in an investment account at Edward Jones with Darl Jarnecke as their broker and he places their order when the group agrees on a stock to buy.

Aside from making new friends, getting together for pizza parties, and picking stocks, what happens when the Wall Street Women of the Dunes gets together? Two original members, and one more recent member, and I “did lunch” like the big wheels do to talk about it.

Beacher Beret Beatty says: “We’ve learned a lot.” Beret should know. As treasurer since the group began, she was the one who tackled the first computer programs when the group was originally founded, keeping track of monthly dues, adding investments later, and printing out monthly statements for the group to ponder. “We believe in the premise of the National Association of Investment Clubs on how to invest which is to invest regularly, regardless of the market. Invest in growth companies and reinvest earnings and diversify to reduce risk. We’ve been trying to do that, and we have had a total return of 78% since the group began.” Figuring return from the date of inception is how they suggest following a portfolio. “We have more stocks showing a positive return that we have with negative returns, which considering the market, I think is great.”

Beret’s goals in joining the club echo most members’ sentiments: “I decided that if I’m going to be investing my hard-earned money in the stock market, I want to know what I am doing.” The most important thing she has learned? “Not to watch the market every day because you can go nuts doing that,” she said. “Just follow your companies on a month to month basis. That seems to be sufficient and that’s what the book recommends. We follow the NAIC way of using the stock selection guide to determine if a company is a growth company which is the way we want to go.”
Another Beacher, Carol Bulger, is a former past president of the investment club and wanted something new to do and learning about the stock market seemed a good fit. She went to the first meeting held at the Michigan City Library, liked the people she met, and thought, “this is it”. The most challenging thing she found was learning to do the SSG, the Stock Selection Guide. “Math isn’t my strong suit,” she said, “and learning to plug in the numbers was a challenge. But once you do it repeatedly, it gets easier. It really became easier when I began to learn to use the tool kit on line, a program that some of us have that does the calculations for you. It’s been an interesting experience for those of us who have been with the club since it started when the market was doing so well, to see how it can change, though we are still doing all right.”

Cathleen Pascale became a Wall Street Woman of the Dunes a year ago and said joining an existing club was a plus for her. “The patterns of organization were all down,” she explained. “I could join a structure that was already working.” Unlike some of the members of the club who would be making stock selections for the first time, Cathleen had worked with a broker, following advice she was given. “There’s been a tremendous difference in how I feel now,” she said. “Before, I knew I was getting advice but wasn’t sure why it was good advice. But you learn what to look for through the stock selection guide we use, you know what the bottom line is on whether you are going to buy a stock now, or look at it later.”

Cathleen brings a business background to the club, a background that enables her to read a balance sheet and develop plans for the companies with whom she consults, but even that background leaves gaps in her knowledge of stock market operations she said. She also gives a nod to her grandmother who was a successful businesswoman, thereby growing up with a father who expected women to be able to take care of themselves, something she feels strongly about.

There is a mix of members who join the Wall Street Women of the Dunes, some are married, some not; some work outside their homes; some, like Cathleen, have businesses of their own; some are verging on retirement, others in mid-career. But woven throughout is the unifying thread: women wanting to take more responsibility for their financial affairs and future. When Cathleen said, “Women should never delegate full responsibility for their money to someone else,” each person around our luncheon table put down their fork and said, Yes! “No matter how responsible your financial adviser, your lawyer, your CPA, your broker is, the decisions you make are the ones you have to live with, so you’d better have some knowledge of what goes into those decisions,” was Carol’s second. “It’s something that’s changing for women today,” Beret added. “My mother and mother-in-law aren’t interested in learning about this. They were told or taught that a man would take care of all that financial stuff. It was too hard for women to learn about. And that’s different for women today.”

If the Wall Street Women of the Dunes carry a banner urging women to get in the know about financial matters, they could add postscripts like these: that statistics show most women will outlive their men; that women on their own have retirement to think about; that single mothers can and should be role models of responsibility for their sons and especially, their daughters. For Beret, “I feel more secure in that I’m doing the right things in selecting stocks. For Carol, “I feel more empowered in all aspects of my life.” For Cathleen, “I’m more committed to regular investing now that I know more about what I’m doing.”

And all of the above while having fun...like sharing a chick-flick with your buds. These women also share new web sites to explore, financial and otherwise, feel a new confidence in turning to financial pages or picking up a business magazine at the doctor’s office. And the one I put on the list... that savvy feeling that you get when the flight attendant on your plane is passing out newspapers and magazines and you ask for the Wall Street Journal!

Anyone interested in learning more about the Wall Street Women of the Dunes, or getting on a waiting list (by-laws limit membership to 15) can call 872-6672. Meetings are monthly, on first Mondays of the month, with a party in December or other times when the spirit moves. (Note from Maggie: “As a former original member, I can testify these are great, stimulating women, a treat to know and number among your friends.”)
2nd Annual Regional Arts Festival

The Northern Indiana Arts Association, in partnership with over thirty area organizations, galleries and several hundred artists, will present the 2nd annual Regional Arts Festival in Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties from mid-September through mid-November.

The concept for this annual regional arts festival is reflected in its name—“Just Around the Corner, A Festival of the Arts Along the South Shore Line.”

For information, or to receive a Festival Guide, contact Jeff Casey at 866/GOT-ARTS.

This week’s activities include:


Sat., Sept. 15—7-9 p.m.: Northern Indiana Arts Association, Crown Point Community Arts Center in conjunction with tinShackstudios—“Saturday Night Slam”. Live music. For information, phone 219/663-0200. At 8 p.m. at the Memorial Theatre Company—“Lend Me a Tenor.” A hilarious madcap comedy set in the 1930s. For information, phone 219/548-9137. Runs through Sept. 30, dates and times vary.
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Arts and crafts booths and food vendors open at 8 a.m. Kiddie carnival rides will be set up on Michigan Ave. The LaPorte Rotary Club will provide draft horse wagon rides. A train trolley, sponsored by the LaPorte Noon Lions, will be traveling the streets providing transportation and fun rides to Sunflower Fair activities.

The LaPorte County American Red Cross is sponsoring a 5K Run and Walk. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall and the race begins at 9 a.m. Awards will be presented to the top three runners overall and in each age/gender division. The Health Walk is non-competitive. Phone the LaPorte American Red Cross at 219/362-6208 for details.

Live musical entertainment will be performed on stage at City Hall throughout the day. An Art Show and sale will feature professional artists and students from the LaPorte area and will be held at the Rumley Historic Apartments. People’s Choice and Guest Critics Awards will be presented. For more information, phone Kitty Wolf at 219/362-2558.

The LaPorte County Courthouse two events: The Great Pork-Rib Cook-Off will debut with setup time from 8-10 a.m. Cooking begins at 10 a.m. and judging will be held at 2:30 p.m. This event is open to amateur chefs only. Prizes will be awarded. Phone Joan Hupp at the Cookery, 219/325-3663 for more details and an application.

The second event on the courthouse lawn will be judging for the Sunflower Growing Contest. Sunflowers will be judged in five categories: tallest plant, largest fresh bloom, largest seed head, most unusual and garden with the most sunflowers (photos in this category). Phone Evelyn Lenick at 219/362-3449 for details and an application.

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Nicole Elizabeth Kilty and Wilhelm Otto Kreuzer were married on August 18, 2001, at Old Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church in Chicago.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Rosita Kilty of Plainfield, Illinois. She received her bachelor’s in social work from Indiana University and recently graduated from DePaul College of Law. Nicole will begin work at a small Chicago litigation firm in the fall.

The groom is the son of Wilhelm and Katharina Kreuzer of Michigan City. He received a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University and is currently employed as Vice President of Finance at HSA Commercial, a real estate development firm in Chicago.

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Acorn Ridge Gardens Fall Festival

This free event will take place on Sat., Sept. 15, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Acorn Ridge Nursery, Inc., LaCrosse, Indiana.

The highlight of the day will be an in-garden seminar: “Backyard Bug Control: Keeping Plants Healthy and the Kids Safe” to be presented at 10:30 a.m. by Dr. Cliff Sadof of Purdue University. He is a Professor of Entomology and a leading expert on Pest Management in Ornamental Plants and Biological Controls. Dr. Sadof will share his wit and wisdom on pest management, with a special focus on the home garden.

Throughout the day, garden experts will be on hand to answer questions and give tours of the Gardens and Nursery. There will be a special prize drawing at noon.

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Duneland Harvest Festival

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In honor of the silver anniversary, Brandon Scott, local amateur silversmith, will be at the Bailly Homestead crafting bracelets, crosses, earings, pen-dants and brooches using methods and tools of the 1600s and 1700s. At the end of each day of the event, three names will be drawn to win one of Mr. Scott’s pieces.

Every year, participation is encouraged at the festival, with many demonstrators inviting folks to sample a new skill. Visitors looking for a bit of a workout can join in on a game of “cricket,” or join in the fun of clogging and Nordic dancing. The Goodtime Cloggers of Valparaiso will be at the festival both days, and the Nordic Folk Dancers will perform on Sunday.

Those who like making music can learn some tips on “fingerpicking” from award-winning musicians Friendlander and Hall. An “all-fiddlers jam” on Saturday afternoon offers participants a chance to join with other musicians and cut loose.

Reenactors at the Bailly Homestead encourage questions about the lifestyles of the area’s earliest settlers. The curious can inquire about Native American food preparation or talk to voyageur reenactors about life on the wild rivers of Indiana.

Activities for children abound throughout the festival. They can try out a variety of old-fashioned toys or plow through a mound of straw in search of pennies at the Children’s Corner. At the Bailly Homestead they can try writing the old-fashioned way with plant juices and quill pens. Storytellers, performing both days also encourage kid’s involvement. And what harvest festival would be complete without hayrides? Horse and wagon will take visitors through an old field throughout the weekend. There will be a slight charge for this activity.

The Duneland Harvest Festival is located at the Chellberg Farm and Bailly Homestead on Mineral Springs Road in Porter. It is sponsored by the Friends of Indiana Dunes, Inc. Admission is free; parking is $5/cars, $10/buses. For more information, phone 219/926-7561, ext. 225.
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Tom Milo Big Band was formed in 1962. There are fifteen instrumentalists plus two vocalists. Many of the band members have toured with name bands such as Stan Kenton, Les Elgart, Duke Ellington, and many others. Each is a soloist in his own right, and gives the band a unique versatility.

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Smedley Exhibit

The paintings of artist Janet Smedley will be exhibited at 18 Artists Studio and Gallery through the month of September. An opening reception for the artist will be held on Fri., Sept. 28, from 5-8 p.m.

Smedley received a bachelor’s degree in architecture from the Rhode Island School of Design and studied art history at Brown University. In 1982 she began her painting studies at the Art Institute of Chicago where she received her MFA. During that time, Smedley also worked with Claire Zeisler, the internationally known fiber sculpture and the architect/teacher Michael Gelick.

Smedley’s artistic development was again influenced by her move to northwest Indiana where she has worked as an architect and studied painting with both Jan Sullivan and Wes Berrier. She has become involved in painting outdoors from nature and in travel on painting tours to Mexico and the Loire Canal in France.

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Interior Design Program at Library

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Susan is based in Michigan City and has spoken on interior design at the John G. Blank Center for the Arts and at Art Attack weekends. She has also taught a course on the subject at the Long Beach Community Center. The Block’s home was a cover story in a national decorating magazine. A residential designer for twenty years, Susan is also an artist whose paintings appear in Harbor Country and Hollywood homes.

A question and answer period will follow her program and a complimentary interior design consultation will be awarded to an audience member.

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Harbor Country Book Club

The club invites everyone to join in the next meeting, to be held on Tues., Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m., at the Harbor Grand Hotel, New Buffalo. There is always a brief biography of the author and a book review before the book discussion.

Selections for the month are: fiction, *We Were the Mulvaneys* by Joyce Carol Oates, and non-fiction, *A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold.

The selections for October are: fiction, *The Optimist’s Daughter* by Eudora Welty and non-fiction, *A Match to the Heart* by Gretel Ehrlich.


Singers From Germany at VU

Valparaiso University will host a concert by a group of singers from Dresden, Germany, as part of the choir’s tour of the United States. Other stops on their tour will be Washington, Baltimore, St. Louis and Dallas.

The Kornerscher Sing-Verein Dresden, a group of 25 men and women in their 20s, will perform at 7:30 p.m., Tues., Sept. 18, in the Chapel of the Resurrection on campus. The performance will include selections by Johann Sebastian Bach and Heinrich Schutz.

Admission is $15/adults, $9/senior citizens, $7/groups, $5/student/school groups. Free to VU faculty, staff and students. For more information, phone 219/464-5162; groups phone 219/464-5455.
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These two teams will demonstrate the game played according to the rules of 1858, when sliding into bases, stealing bases, and leading off bases would not be tolerated. Players would be fined by the Umpire if they broke these rules. Using a leather-covered baseball, handmade bats, and no mitts, players will be encouraged to hit the ball and "leg it" to first base. Shouts of "Huzzah!" will be heard coming from the cranks (fans) for good plays from either team.
Game time is 2 p.m. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Enjoy a hot dog, chips, and pop or sarsaparilla, the preferred drink of the Grinders.
Grinder Field is located in Deep River County Park, 9410 Old Lincoln Hwy, southeast of Hobart. (Take US 30 past Deep River Water Park to stop light, turn right).
The Grinders are charter members of the Vintage Base Ball Association, a national organization formed to preserve, perpetuate and promote the game of Base Ball as it was played in its formative years in the mid-19th century. For more information, phone 219/947-1958 or 1-800/GRISTMILL.

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The course will meet on Thursday evenings, Sept. 13-Nov. 15, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The fee is $199, and the textbook is included.
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On Sunday afternoon, August 26th, the 16th Annual Notre Dame Heritage Day and Family Picnic was held at the parish grounds on Moore Road. In the morning hours, there were some raindrops. However, the weather cleared and it was a beautiful, sunny day for the event.

This year, the picnic was a low-key event, with a delicious potluck set up inside and brats or hot dogs cooked outside on grills. There was a table of salads and main dishes or casseroles, as well as a dessert and fruit table to choose from. Picnic tables outside were in the sun or under a shady tent. Friends and families could visit while they ate and after they were finished. All the food was very good! I photographed Vic Althoff giving his daughter, Hailey, a hot dog while Tom Jankowski watched. The two men were in charge of grilling the meat for the day.

Dottie Stahoviak told me, “This is the best year ever. It's just wonderful! I ate like a trucker! It's great that everybody gets a chance to visit.” She was enjoying the day under a tent with some friends.

Informal activities included jumping rope, playing on the playground equipment, a softball game, and playing catch. Near the school, T-shirts, shorts, long pants, small desks and chairs were being sold at very moderate prices.

Father Ameling was chatting with friends Todd Tucker, and the Szymkowski family: parents Lisa and Dan with daughter, Danielle. Beverly Battle was selling 50-50 raffle tickets to those present, including Larry Wall, while Notre Dame Principal Karen Breen looked on. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Farrell were enjoying the afternoon.
Heritage Day Award Goes to Dave and Lisa Albers--"The Couple of the Year"

Finally, it was time for the Heritage Day award! Master of Ceremonies John Wall took his place behind the microphone, while Ed Farrell (Historian) assisted. Notre Dame Men’s Club judges were: Chairman Ed Farrell, and members Vic Althoff, Bill Breen, Tom Dolezal, Bud Clancy, Earl King, Bob Nagle, Lawrence Wall, and Harold Wiggins.

The couple of the year was announced to be Dave and Lisa Albers, who received a wall plaque as their award. Those present clapped at the afternoon’s presentation. The Albers family posed with Historian Ed Farrell and Father Ameling for a photograph.

Dave and Lisa Albers were married in Notre Dame Church on August 7, 1982, and have lived at 2208 Oriole Trail since 1984. Their family includes David, Ben, and Carli. Dave was born and reared in Long Beach, the son of Mary Sue and the late Ted Albers. Lisa moved here from Pittsburgh in 1965 with her parents, Mary Lou and Joe Meell.

Both of them have been very active in Notre Dame parish and the community, serving as Eucharistic Ministers.

Dave is on the Notre Dame School Board and the Finance Committee. His volunteer work covers being a volunteer fireman with the Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department and time with the administration of Marquette High School. He always remembers the “Cancer Kids” in the prayer petitions at Mass.

Lisa volunteers as a substitute school secretary and at the Open Door Health Center. She volunteered in the Parent-To-Parent Program for seven years in the Cancer Ward of Children’s Hospital in Chicago. She is President of the Marquette Parent Organization.

Congratulations to the Couple of the Year and much luck in their future endeavors!
This weekend, Fri., Sept. 14-Sun., Sept. 16, will be the 20th Annual Wizard of Oz Festival at Chesterton sponsored by the Duneland Chamber of Commerce.

Five Chesterton businesses and the Duneland Chamber will host a variety of Oz celebrities and the actors who played Munchkins in MGM's 1939 classic, “The Wizard of Oz” on their premises from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon (Sept. 14). The hosts are providing the Friday Autograph Parties at no charge as a public service. However, there will be a charge for the photos to be autographed.

Locations for each party and the celebrity appearing there are:

- Centier Bank, 103 Broadway—hosting Karl Slover and Donna Stewart Hardway (Munchkins); The Country Loft, 135 S. Calumet Road—hosting Margaret Pellegrini and Mary Ellen St. Aubin (Munchkins); Duneland Chamber office, 220 Broadway—hosting Roger Baum (author) and Anna Mitchell (Munchkin); Fifth Third Bank, 302 Broadway—hosting Clarence Swensen and Myrna Swensen (Munchkins); Spike & Buddy’s, 325 S. Calumet Road #2—hosting Meinhardt Raabe (Munchkin) and Caren Marsh-Doll (Garland’s stand-in); Yellow Brick Road, SR 49 & Toll Road—hosting Jerry & Elizabeth Maren (Munchkins), John Fricke (author), Sarah Wiley (actress), State Fest Queen Morgan Dusch, Michael Roche, Tim Wolak (artists).

Saturday's events include the First Call for the North American Town Criers Competition at 12:30 p.m.; a Wizard of Oz Look-a-Like Contest at 2 p.m.; “The Wizard of Oz” Marionette Show featuring Stevens Puppet Co. at 3 p.m. at the Thomas Centennial Park; The Judy/Oz Exchange at 8 p.m. at Woodland Park in Portage to meet celebrity guests and swap items and bid on items donated by Oz celebrities.

Sunday's events include a 9 a.m. Breakfast with the Munchkins; Munchkinland Market Days from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; lots of “look-alike” contests; a Wicked Witch Cackling contest at 12:30 p.m.; more autograph sessions.

All weekend there will also be arts, crafts and food booths open. For more information, you can phone the Chamber at 219/926-5513 or log onto http://wpl.lib.in.us/chamber
As a woman who divides her time between Burr Ridge, Illinois and Bridgman, Michigan, Elaine Cotsirilos Thomopoulos, Ph.D. is naturally sympathetic to women who must live in two worlds. And, as a second-generation Greek-American of considerable accomplishment, she was the perfect choice to be editor of a 128-page book published late last year that details the struggles of five Greek women who immigrated to the United States between 1885 and 1923.

Thomopoulos said in a recent interview at the Bridgman Public Library that the book, *Images of America: Greek-American Pioneer Women of Illinois*, is already well known in southwest Michigan.

“There is a copy here at the Bridgman Library, and the book is for sale At Annunciation and Agia Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church in New Buffalo, and it was featured on August 20 on a ‘Chicago Stories’ program on Channel 11,” Thomopoulos said.

Thomopoulos, who received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Illinois Institute of Technology, said credit for the book really goes to the Greek Women’s University Club and its Chicago publisher, Arcadia Press.

Opening the book, which includes more than 200 historic photographs and documents, Thomopoulos stressed that it was funded in part by the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment of the Humanities, the Illinois General Assembly, and the Foundation for Hellenic Studies.

Thomopoulos explained that the book is part of an extensive project undertaken by the Greek Women’s University Club called: “Greek-American Women of Illinois: 111 Years of Courage, Struggle and Triumph.” The project also includes lectures, panel discussions, a literary reading, an oral history project and a traveling exhibit of items contained in the book.

Some 500 people came to hear Thomopoulos lecture on the subject at the Bridgman Public Library in 1998, and she is already planning other ways to tell of the difficulties Greek women (and men) faced when they arrived in the xeneetia, or strange land of America from the rural farms of Greece.

More than five years in the making, *Greek-American Pioneer Women of Illinois* was inspired by the realization that history usually focuses on men.

“We wanted to tell the stories of five immigrant women who really stood out,” Thomopoulos said, “And the five we selected for the book really do.”

To paraphrase Thomopoulos’ introduction to the book: “The five women featured in this book — Georgia Bitzis Pooley, Presbytera Stella Christoulakis Petrakis, Theano Papazoglou Margaris, Venette Tomaras Askounes Ashford, and (Illinois State) Senator Adeline J. Geo-Karis — redefined the role of women in the Greek community. They ventured outside of the traditional boundaries of nikokeeres, or housewives. Not just supporters or helpers of the men, they played major roles on their own, in some cases despite family and community opposition.”

In her chapter on Senator Geo-Karis, Thomopoulos stated: “Senator Geo-Karis blazed many trails in politics over the last half century. The first woman in the entire state to serve in a leadership role in the Senate, presently she is assistant majority leader for the Republican Party and has served in that capacity since 1992.”

The other four profiled in the book also stand as what Thomopoulos called “brave, spirited women who triumphed over adversity and embraced the adopted country to become exemplary citizens. They have a wonderful legacy.”

As does Elaine Thomopoulos who not only lectures and writes about her sister Greek-Americans, but practices as a licensed clinical psychologist, is a broker associate with Coldwell Banker, volunteers for worthy causes, and with her husband and fellow Ph.D., Nick Thomopoulos, is the proud parent of four children and two grandchildren.

While she admitted to being a bit tired after all the work she did to get the book launched late last year, Thomopoulos said she’s already contemplating her next literary project.

“I’m thinking of compiling a similar book on the Greeks who immigrated to Berrien County, Michigan. The Greeks played an important role here, particularly right after World War II when so many arrived here,” Thomopoulos said.

*Greek-American Pioneer Women of Illinois* sells for $18.99 and can be ordered by calling toll-free: 1-888-313-2665. Again, the book is also for sale at the Greek Orthodox Church in New Buffalo which is located just off I-94 at 17777 Behner Road.
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Instrumental musicians should be prepared to audition two contrasting solo works, play scales and sight read. Young musicians who wish to be considered for place in the student apprentice program are encouraged to audition at this time. Specific positions which are open this year include 2nd violin and co-concertmaster.

All positions in the orchestra are paid including student apprentices. For further information, and to schedule an appointment, contact Stephen Z. Gruoner, LPCSO Personnel Manager at 219/923-2711. He may also be reached by e-mail at stephenz_g@msn.com

For more information concerning the symphony, phone 219/325-0666 or log onto www.alco.org/symphony

7th Annual Golf Outing at La Lumiere

La Lumiere School’s 7th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner Auction will be held on Fri., Sept. 21st, at the Long Beach Country Club. Proceeds to benefit La Lumiere School.

The golf outing is a scramble format starting with lunch at noon and tee off at 1 p.m. A foursome is $750, twosome is $375, and singles $195. This includes green fees, carts, free gifts, lunch and dinner. Awards will be given that evening. You don’t have to golf to participate. Cocktails and a silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Dinner is $50 per person (if you don’t golf).

For more information, log onto www.lalumiere.org, phone Anita Moncada at 219/326-7450 or e-mail alumni@lalumiere.org

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For more information concerning the symphony, phone 219/325-0666 or log onto www.alco.org/symphony

7th Annual Golf Outing at La Lumiere

La Lumiere School’s 7th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner Auction will be held on Fri., Sept. 21st, at the Long Beach Country Club. Proceeds to benefit La Lumiere School.

The golf outing is a scramble format starting with lunch at noon and tee off at 1 p.m. A foursome is $750, twosome is $375, and singles $195. This includes green fees, carts, free gifts, lunch and dinner. Awards will be given that evening. You don’t have to golf to participate. Cocktails and a silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Dinner is $50 per person (if you don’t golf).

For more information, log onto www.lalumiere.org, phone Anita Moncada at 219/326-7450 or e-mail alumni@lalumiere.org
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
10 a.m. FISHING OLYMPICS. Meet at Tremont Shelter to compete or just practice your skills in an inland fishing event. Prizes will be awarded.
2 p.m. CREATIVE CREATURE CRAFT. Meet at the Nature Center to explore a natural wonder and afterwards, do a craft of the featured creature!
7:30 p.m. “END OF SUMMER” GUITAR CONCERT WITH ROY DUDIAK. Meet in the Nature Center and enjoy the acoustic folk and pop music of LaPorte resident Roy Dudiak.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
10:30 a.m. TREE FRISBEE. How well can you remember what you’ve learned? Play along as you learn about trees and see if you can win. Meet in the Nature Center.
1 p.m. NATURALLY FUN. You don’t have to go far to discover a stimulating world in our own unique habitat. Spend 1-1/2 hours playing games and heightening your awareness of the textures, smells and colors to be found in our Indiana Dunes. This program will begin and end at the Nature Center entrance.
For more information, phone 926-1390 or 926-1952.

PNC Earns U.S. News Honors
For the second consecutive year, Purdue University North Central has been ranked in the “America’s Best Colleges” list published annually by U.S. News & World Report. According to the report, in the magazine’s Sept. 10 issue, PNC earned a second place ranking its graduating students with the least amount of debt among bachelor’s degree granting colleges and universities in the Midwest.

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When the warm and joyous season of summer makes its stop in our year, no one feels more anxious and excited than the children of Long Beach, who enjoy a long and grand break from the stress of their schoolwork. However, the absence of school tends to leave a rather large time-slot to be filled in their daily activities. Thus, many of the kids turn to a place that brings the children of ages 6-12 together to share in a hearty serving of laughter, and sportsmanship, a place where culture and harmony flourish like the sunflowers of summer. Thy name is the Long Beach Summer Park Program. This “all-you-can-eat buffet” of fun, friendship, and entertainment still employs its traditional format of the children partaking in a variety of enjoyable games, sports, and artistic activities, ranging from painting and creating colorful t-shirts, water balloon tosses and “Kick the Can”, to soccer, baseball and tennis. Park Director Linda Bar, who hand picked the choices of activities herself said, “I decided the format and schedule for the program based upon two factors: Which is the demand the children had for certain sports in the past, as well as the amount of equipment present to satisfy the playing of these sports.” The LBSP epitomized the “Life gives you potatoes, make potato salad” slogan. Year after year the program gets the most out of what they have, however, since the LBSP is a community-based program with only one sponsor, which is hard work, it tends to be difficult to continually keep the children on their toes with new games and activities. As a result, some people, including myself, questioned at one time or another, whether or not she (LBSP) has lost some of her appeal and entertaining edge.

Well, rather than passing judgement without an experience to back it up, I decided to take a visit to the summer program in order to witness the daily activities on a first-hand basis. I was able to make arrangements the day of, to visit the program and observe the activities and its participants, as well as the program director and her adherents, known as the program leaders; which, are all the main ingredients that provide the flavor in the Long Beach Summer Program. Now, other people have requested visits in the past and were denied by the powers that be, however, due to the fact that the program director is my mother, I was able to work myself into the day’s agenda.

At the duration of the day, I gathered with the rest of the kids, who were about to set off to play a competitive game of baseball. My shoddy undercover attempt to pass myself off as an 8 year-old boy visiting a cousin of mine, who would not tell me his name, but rather would simply say repeatedly, “I have a bellybutton,” failed, due to the developed proportion of my body, my facial hair, and the announcement from the program director who told the children that I was her 19 year-old son. Although I didn’t ask for the role, I decided to play myself for the rest of the day, which was not the worst of fates, considering I had the pleasure of viewing the children’s wonderful competitive nature and delightful sportsmanship—two things that are not exactly devalued currencies around the Park Program. While the gamesmanship and enjoyment flourished, I also happened to notice how badly each child wanted to perform well for his or her team, which I thought complimented the kid’s attitudes and home-training even more. No matter what developed throughout the game, every child received their fair share of cheers, high-fives, “Good hit,” “Nice job,” “Can you buy me a pop,” and “Do you want to come over and play at my house after this?”

When taking a gander out in the field, I noticed that everybody was wearing a smile except for me, but only because I was on the bench and not out there with the team. It is funny how things tend to work out because in the last inning of the baseball game, to my sheer amazement, one of the players suggested that I pinch-hit for their team. After a while of persistent prodding, the other team agreed to let me take the plate. When I walked up to the plate, more came out of me than just a smile. The 7 year-old that lives inside of me, who I almost never let out, broke free, grabbed a bat, and stood over the plate. I tried to remain focused on my
task, however, it was somewhat difficult with the excitement I felt, as well as the loud shouts of “Hey tenderfoot” and “C’mon chicken wings” that flooded the outfield. My mind was like a tornado of emotions and feelings all fighting to be released in the swing of the bat, and after watching the pitcher from the bench the entire game, I deducted that he lacked a certain amount of arm strength and ball rotation to pose a huge threat to me. Therefore, the first pitch registered right in my “tow zone” and was bombarded into the trees overlooking left field, and to be honest, given that the size of the bat barrel was about the same as my neck, greatly assisted in my home run. I walked away from their game after my at-bat, but not after we accomplished an even trade-off, they gave me a smile and I gave them a run.

I made my way over to the sheltered patio area where the children took part in making artistic pictures, while others played tennis. Talking to the counselors helped me discover that painting, tennis, basketball and baseball were done daily at the program, non-stop for three straight hours. If this wasn’t enough excitement, I learned that the entire cast took a trip to Cascade Mountain, where they rode go-carts, played putt-putt golf, and got to bring the traditional and underrated sack lunch. However, the Cascade Mountain trip had some company from the Beach Castle Contest in the bid for Favorite Park program day. The trip to the beach entailed the children getting together in teams, and trying to create the most appealing and creative beach castle. After hearing about all the activities that went on at the park program, I felt a tad nauseous, and had to sit down. A few minutes went by before I gathered myself to hear the rest of the activities of the program’s last day, which were a water-balloon toss, a pie-eating contest, and lunch provided by famous Little Giant Pizza.

I decided to leave at this moment in order to avoid fainting from excitement and jealousy, but as I walked away with a new found respect for this “all-you-can-eat buffet of memories, laughter, and fun”, I could hear the voice of the 7 year-old boy inside of me mutter, “May we go back for seconds?”

Maybe next year, buddy....maybe next year.

———submitted by Kevin Bar
Marianne Olsaker a Ribbon Winner


A knife with an ebony handle and inlay of bone and brass earned Marianne the Red Ribbon; and a knife with cocobolo handle and inlay of buffalo horn and aluminum earned her the White Ribbon.

With a main complex of 16 historic buildings in downtown Decorah, Iowa, a farmstead and country church about 7 miles outside the city; and the Vesterheim Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library in Madison, Wisconsin, Vesterheim is the largest, most comprehensive museum in the United States dedicated to a single immigrant group.

Notre Dame Girls' Volleyball

September 6, 2001

4-5th grade Blue Team vs. Queen of All Saints
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2nd match: ND-15, Queens-13
3rd match: ND-1, Queens-15
The next game will be played Mon., Sept. 17, at home against Saint Mary's.

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4th Annual Chamber Symposium

The Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 4th Annual Symposium on Thurs., Sept. 27th, at the Blue Chip Hotel and Casino. The event will begin with a networking exercise at 11:30 a.m. conducted by Can Do! Success. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by concurrent breakout sessions from 1-3:30 p.m.

Various speakers will cover the following topics: Women’s Health, Career Development, and Personal Development.

Cost for attendance is $30 per person for the Chamber’s Women in Management group members and $35 per person for all other attendees. Phone the Chamber at 874-6221 for reservations and more information.

Archaeology Day At Indiana Dunes Park

On Sun., Sept. 23rd, Bill Mangold, an archaeologist for the State of Indiana, will present “Unraveling the Mysteries of the Mounds,” a short presentation on the Native American mounds in Northwest Indiana. The program will be held in the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center at 2 p.m.

Visitors are encouraged to bring in any artifacts they have found before or after the program and Mangold will help identify the time period and region these artifacts were from. This program is part of Indiana’s Archeology Week celebrations and information and literature will be available and t-shirts will be for sale.

The program is free of charge, although the usual park entrance fee of $3/in-state or $5/out-of-state vehicle will be charged.
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Salubrious Sites

Notice that the word from page one has popped up again here? That's because the topic of this week's column is about wholesome family sites.

About 95% of the websites that I have talked about in previous columns would fit into the wholesome category, yet I've not mentioned much about websites that cover the age ranges from preschool through the teen years. Until now.

I found Worldvillage (www.worldvillage.com) via a “Cool Site of the Week” rating at www.coolcentral.com. Turns out that Worldvillage offers a great stand-alone as well as jumping off site for parents who care about how their children use the Internet. Worldvillage offers families fun stuff, free stuff, software downloads and reviews, and best of all (in my opinion), site reviews and links to dozens of other wholesome sites for children and parents. All the linked sites are preceded by a synopsis of what each offers. Each is ranked by its quality content, appropriate for family viewing and participation.

Based on their reviews, I clicked on a few links that had been recommended in order to get a sampling to share with you readers. History, hobbies, games, recommended software, parent support, teen advice, science, and so many more topic sites with links are listed and reviewed. It was difficult to make a choice as to where to start.

For a bit of history, www.thefreedomtrail.org takes you to Philadelphia's historic sites. Each website is linked in a fun way to take you, say, from the Liberty Bell to information about Paul Revere. What a fun way to learn history! Back in our day when we walked ten miles uphill in snowstorms we only had dry textbooks to teach us history (a subject I hated at the time, by the way). Even teachers will enjoy discovering the listings at worldvillage.com.

Did You Know

That all Supplemental Insurance for Medicare is controlled by the Government. That all 10 plans are identical no matter what insurance company you buy the policy from. The difference is that insurance companies can charge any premium they want. I learned that the hard way.

My Medi-Gap Supplemental Insurance premiums went down from $138.00 per month to $68.00 per month, a savings of $840.00 per year. My wife’s went from $122.00 per month to $66.00 per month, a savings of $552.00 per year. A combined total savings of $1392.00 per year for both of us. I liked it so much I went to work for the agency that helped me get these lower rates: American Benefits Concepts, Inc. They represent only A-rated Insurance Companies. Let me help you save.

Call Paul Dunne 872-7644 – 601 Franklin Sq.
Allworldtrains.com offers you everything you ever wanted to know about trains, from life-size locomotives to model trains, local clubs, and more. If they haven’t already, the people upstairs at the Duneland Model Railroad Club would enjoy knowing about allworldtrains. They even have model layout plans. Find it at www.allworldtrains.com.

Funology.com is the place to point the mouse when your child starts the “I’m bored” mantra. The website promotes the science of having fun by offering games, puzzles, science experiments, crafts to make and more. Much of the information can be copied so that the fun stuff can be done offline. Find it at www.funology.com.

Now, to shift gears a little, the next site, “For all the babies and kids in the world,” is a homepage e-zine written by a mom. What you’ll find here is a mother’s thoughts and philosophy about childrearing, both the entertaining and serious sides. The URL is long, but here goes: http://hometown.aol.com/Rexanne3/parents.html.

Homeschool fun is a website that says exactly what it’s all about—an online magazine designed to aid anyone interested in or already involved in homeschooling. It provides curriculum suggestions, current state laws about homeschooling, projects, and a message board for and by homeschool practitioners. (www.homeschool.fun.com)

And lastly but not leastly, a site for dads who want to better understand their teenage daughters, by the “8 Simple Rules Guy.” A man named Bruce Cameron, who also happens to have written several books that he pitches at the website, has archived many of his columns dealing with fatherhood. Cameron writes for Time magazine, so you can be assured that the reading will be crisp and informative. Find it at www.brucecameron.com.

By all means go to www.worldvillage.com and explore all the offerings. If you are mainly interested in the site reviews, the URL is www.worldvillage.com/sitereviews/family.html.

Have a comment or website to recommend? Mail the information to me at left2write@hotmail.com.
LBCC Women’s Golf
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September 4, 2001

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Low Gross: Donna Hennard
Low Putts: Jeanette Tyrrell

“B” Flight
Event: Nancy Henry
Low Gross: Nancy Pavletic
Low Putts: Joan Lincke

“C” Flight
Event: Eve Wolff
Low Gross: Bobbi Blank
Low Putts: Marianne Gosswiller

Birdies: Jeanette Tyrrell #16
Sunken Approaches: Jeanette Tyrrell #1
Nancy Henry #5

Pioneer Days--Sept. 22 & 23

The LaPorte County Parks Department will be conducting its 10th annual Pioneer Days program at Creek Ridge County Park on Sat. & Sun., Sept. 22 & 23, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day.

There will be plenty of hands-on activities, demonstrations, and entertainment for children and adults alike. Expect to see copper punch art, a 1890s Medicine Man Show, candle dipping, dulcimer making, Native American art, horse drawn wagon rides, spinning, food preparation and much more.

The entrance fee is $2/adults and $1/children and senior citizens; children under four admitted free. Most activities are free, although some have a small fee: wagon rides 50 cents, and candle dipping 25 cents a wick.

Creek Ridge County Park is located at 7943 W 400 N, Michigan City. Information, phone 219/324-5855.

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3rd Annual Pumpkin Fest Run/Walk

This event is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 29th. Registration is at 7 a.m. at the Westville High School parking lot with the run and walk set to begin at 8 a.m. Youth events are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. and 8:40 a.m. There will be a 5 mile run and 5K walk for adults. Youth events include 100 and 400 meter dashes. Applications may be picked up at LaPorte Sporting Goods; Powerhouse Gym (LaPorte Maple Lane Mall); MC Sports; Northwest Athletic Club; Mike’s Sporting Goods; Chesterton YMCA; The Fitness Barn (US 6, Portage), or by phoning Cashy Bartels at 219/785-2814 or Jan Buchanan at 219/785-2943.

AAUW Book Sale

The Michigan City branch of the American Association of University Women will be holding a book sale on Sept. 21-22 at Marquette Mall. Donations of books for the sale are welcome; phone 872-3730 to learn where donations may be made.

AAUW is a group advocating education and equity for women and girls, lifelong learning and positive societal change. Any person who is a graduate of an accredited four-year college or university is eligible for membership. Phone Gail Renaldo, 219/926-2874 to learn more.

Real Estate Sales Course

Prepare for the Indiana Real Estate Licensing Examination by taking the course, Real Estate Licensing-Salesperson offered through Purdue University North Central’s Office of Continuing Education.

Tim McColly, licensed real estate broker, will teach the course which will meet from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 18 through Nov. 15. The fee is $169 which includes the textbook.

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3-Club Golf Outing

The Lake County Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual 3-Club Golf Outing fundraiser for the junior golf programs. The shotgun start will be at noon on Sun., Sept. 23rd, at Turkey Creek Golf Course, 6400 Harrison Street in Merrillville.

The 3-Club Best Ball Scramble challenges even the best golfers by using solely the 3-Wood, 6-Iron, and Putter. The $25 fee includes food tickets, golf cart rental, greens fee, and door prizes. You may register as a foursome or as individuals. Family foursomes must have at least two golfers under 15 years of age.

Prizes will be awarded in three divisions: male, female, children, for longest putt, longest drive, and drive closest to the pin. New to the outing is the Oasis Video and Video Escapades “Impossible Putt Competition.” Anyone making the near-impossible putt will win a DVD player package. There is an additional fee for this competition that begins at 11:30 a.m.

Registration will be taken as long as room is available. For more information, phone 219/769-PARK.

Spaces Left for Preschool

The Michigan City Public Library Youth Services Department has a limited number of openings left for the Toddler Time and Preschool Story Hours this fall. Toddler Time is a 1/2 hour program for 2-3 year-olds and a parent. Preschool Story Hour is an hour long program designed for 3-5 year-olds.

Openings available for Toddler Times are Tuesdays 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Preschool Story Hour on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. also has openings available.

For more information, or to sign up, phone 873-3045 or stop by the Youth Services Department.

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http://www.bbpnet.com/Beacher/
Fall Plant Sale at Friendship Gardens

International Friendship Gardens invites all to celebrate the season with a Fall Plant Sale to be held on Sat. & Sun., Sept. 22 & 23, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

Pick out the perfect plants for your home garden from many varieties, and then check out the decorative gourds, pumpkins and cornstalks to compliment your fall decorating.

A Plant Divide/Exchange will take place on Saturday at 10 a.m.

For more information, phone 878-9885.

“Visualizing the Text”

The acrylic works of artist Shari Smith LeMonnier will be exhibited at 18 Artists Studio and Gallery through the month of September. The series of paintings titled “Visualizing the Text” represent greater and lesser subjects from the book of Genesis through Revelation. An opening reception will be held for the artist on Sat., Sept. 8 from 1-4 p.m.

18 Artists Studio and Gallery is located in the Shoppes of Indian Oaks at 540 Indian Boundary Road, Chesterton. For more information, phone 219/926-6306.

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Travels with Charley:

There is Lots of Life After Labor Day in South Haven

by Charles McKelvy

South Haven, Michigan has become such a popular summer destination that it is often hard to get around town in July and August.

When my wife Natalie and I go to South Haven in the summer, we plan our driving so we only take right turns. The old port at the mouth of the Black River is a happening place in July and August, and you can always count on long lines at Clementine's Restaurant downtown and Sherman's Dairy Bar east of town on Phoenix Road.

Even our beloved Kal-Haven Trail can become congested with cyclists on summer weekends.

None of this is to say that South Haven should be avoided in the summer. On the contrary, it complements summer with a delightful Blueberry Festival in August, fabulous beaches, great restaurants and galleries, boating, bicycling, and plenty of blueberry picking. But you won’t be alone in your enjoyment of the harbor town during “the season.”

If solitude, serenity, and soothing sunsets are more your scene, please consider a visit to South Haven between the days of Labor and Memorial.

Fall would be an excellent time, in fact, because such celebrated South Haven attractions as the Michigan Maritime Museum at 260 Dyckman Avenue is open for perusal of their collection and offering a full fall calendar of events as well. On October 23, you can learn the basic skills of kayaking from Lee’s Sporting Goods for $35, or $30 for museum members. To register, contact the museum at 1-800/747-3810.

Or, you can go when you like and view the Herbert Van Oort U.S. Coast Guard Boathouse which contains the nation’s only complete and restored collection of wooden rescue craft. Inside, the museum you’ll find the Marialyce Canonie Great Lakes Library which has enough books, periodicals, maps and charts to keep a Ph.D. candidate busy for months.

Perhaps you visited the Michigan Maritime Museum a few summers back when the “Tall Ships” called there as part of their Lake Michigan tour. The swelling crowds defied everyone’s expectations, and one simply could not take a lingering look at any of the sailing vessels for fear of being jostled off the pier.

Now you take a leisurely, self-guided stroll through South Haven’s maritime history along the South Haven Harborwalk.

Natalie and I walked part of it recently and most especially enjoyed a lazy look-out over the harbor from the Dyckman Avenue Bridge. Completed in 1968, the current structure was Michigan’s first hydraulic bridge, and it replaced an iron swing bridge built in 1889.
We also learned on our walk that South Haven was a major commercial fishing harbor from the 1860s until the 1970s. Today, as we saw, it’s mainly sports fishing that fuels the South Haven economy, but we were glad to know that the lake is still kind to the town.

We were glad to learn that the Michigan Maritime Museum and the City of South Haven are working together to complete the Harborwalk project, and that when in place, the 11 interpretative historical markers will help us better understand the town’s colorful maritime past.

The museum is open year-round from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Michigan Time) Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. (Note to teachers: bus parking is available, and that number again is: 1-800-747-3810.)

In past, post-Labor Day visits to South Haven, we’ve often walked across town from the Maritime Museum to the South Haven Center for the Arts at the corner of Broadway and Phoenix to see what they’re showing. And, almost always, they’re showing some really great art by local and regional artists, plus their year-round year-round classes and workshops for all ages, and poetry readings and concerts.

Housed in the old Carnegie Library, the center is open year-round. Phone 616/637-1041 for current hours and information.

Lodging this time of year is no problem with such cozy bed and breakfasts as the Carriage House (616/639-1776), Arundel House (616/637-4790), and Yelton Manor (616/637-5220) remaining open for weekend guests. All three are nestled in a rustic neighborhood north of the Black River and are all a short walk away from the beach, river, and downtown South Haven.

Walking and running, in fact, are popular activities in South Haven, and the city is well equipped with sidewalks, and a stunning walkway from downtown along the Black River to the beach at Lake Michigan.

South Haven sunsets, of course, are offered year-round, and the locals claim they’re even more spectacular off-season. What makes them so spectacular is the city’s famous lighthouse which sits out at the end of a pier open to pedestrians.

South Haven Continued on Page 52
South Haven sunsets are also quite a sight from the bluff on the south side of the mouth of the Black River.

Then, of course, there’s downtown to explore before or after dark, and I can say from experience that the Michigan Theatre is one totally fun place in which to watch a first-run movie. Especially now that they’ve remodeled the old gem of a movie house.

And no sweet tooth will go unrewarded at Sherman’s Dairy Bar just east of downtown on Phoenix Road. As Natalie will tell you, my favorite time of the year to go to Sherman’s is fall because that’s when they roll out such seasonal delights as their apple crisp sundae and pumpkin ice cream. The latter, when served in a waffle cone with whipped cream, tastes better than any pumpkin pie ever served on Thanksgiving.

No visit to South Haven is complete without a treat at Sherman’s Dairy Bar.

So, if you’re looking for a quick and easy get-a-way this fall, motor up to South Haven by taking I-94 east to I-196 and then north to town. Better yet, get off I-196 and motor on up along the breathtakingly beautiful Blue Star Highway.

And, for the very latest on what’s happening in South Haven, call the South Haven Visitors Bureau at 1-800-SO-HAVEN or stop in and see them in town at 415 Phoenix Street. They’ll load you up with enough ideas to turn your day-trip into a weekend getaway.

From Michigan City, allow about 90 minutes to get to South Haven, and please be advised that the area does attract lots of lake effect snow come winter. But then, of course, that means great cross-country skiing at Van Buren State Park and along portions of the Kal-Haven Trail.
Multicultural Program Series at VU

A Hispanic heritage dinner and dance kicks off the fall schedule of events sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Programs at Valparaiso University.

The event will begin at 7 p.m., Sat., Sept. 15, in the Union Great Hall. General admission tickets are $2 and are available at the Union information desk.

The dinner and dance will include performances by Ballet Folklorico and the band Mariachi Acero.

Other events this fall, all open to the public are:

--8 p.m., Thurs., Sept. 20, Mueller Refectory. Identify and Culture Series presents guest lecturer Karen Brown, social worker and manager for student retention at Clark College in Vancouver, Washington: “Why are All the Black Students Sitting Together--A Look at Racial Identity.”

--Noon-7 p.m., Sat., Sept. 22, Union Great Hall. Native American festival, featuring food, music, art and culture. General admission is $2, tickets available at the Union information desk.

--7 p.m., Sat., Sept. 22, Union Great Hall. Identify and Culture Series presents flutist Joseph Fire Crow.

--7 p.m., Wed., Sept. 26, Union Great Hall. Identify and Culture series presents guest lecturer Lori Claudio, associate director for Latino Evangelism and Discipleship for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, speaking on “Jesus, Make Me a Witness: The Mandate and Promise of the Gospel.”

--5 p.m.-midnight, Fri., Oct. 5, Martin Luther King Cultural Center. OcSober Fest includes a Bacchus garden, food, music and games.

--9 p.m., Sat., Oct. 6, Mueller Refectory. La Vida Loca Talent Show, a student talent show sponsored by Latinos in Valparaiso for Excellence.


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September 14 — Farmer's Market. 10 am-4 pm. At the Schoolhouse Shop & Antiques, Furnessville. 219/926-1551.

September 14-16 — Wizard of Oz Festival. Downtown Chesterton. Info 219/926-5513 or www.wpl.lib.in.us/chamber

September 14-17 — “Divided We Fall.” Rated PG-13. Academy Award nominee for Best Foreign Language Film. Czech language with Eng. subtitles. Fri & Sat 6:30 & 9:15 pm; Sun 3:45 & 6:30 pm; Mon 7 pm. Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Michigan. 616/756-3522 or www.vickerstheatre.com

September 15 — Farmer's Market. 8:30 am. 8th & Washington Streets, Michigan City.

September 15 — Friends of the Library Collector's Breakfast. 9 am. Held at Pottawattomie Country Club. Tix $25 at library circulation desk or phone 872-8953.

September 15 — The MC Chamber Music Series. Noon. MC Public Library plaza. Held in the meeting room if it rains.

September 15 -- Nature Cupboard's 2nd Annual Customer Appreciation Day. 10 am-4 pm. 1806 E. US 20, Evergreen Plaza, Michigan City.


September 15 — 3rd Annual Sunflower Fair, downtown LaPorte. Events start at 8 am. See story this issue. Also — Book sale at the County Library from 10 am-3 pm, 904 Indiana Ave.


September 15-16 — 12th Annual Celebration of the Arts. Held on the grounds of the Schoolhouse Gift Shop in Furnessville. Sat. 10 am-5 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. 926-1551.

September 16 — “At Home by Design.” 2 pm. Interior designer Susan Block to speak at the Michigan City Public Library. Free. Refreshments will be served.

September 17 — Meditation Group. 7 pm. MC Public Library. New members invited.

September 18 — Coffee with Mayor Brillson. 9:30 am. MC Senior Center, Washington Park. 873-1504.

September 19 — Blood Pressure Screening. 11:30 am. Premier Hospice conducts free blood pressure screenings on the 3rd Wed. of the month at the MC Public Library. Bring your list of medications.

Places to Visit:

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Mall. Wed-Fri 1-5 pm; Sat 10 am-4 pm. Info 874-8222.

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Great Lakes Museum of Military History, 360 Dunes Plaza, Michigan City. Info 872-2702 or on the web at www.militaryhistorymuseum.org


LaPorte County Historical Museum, county complex in downtown LaPorte, Indiana. Hours 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Sat. Adm. free; donations welcome. 219/326-6808, ext. 276 or www.lapcohistsoc.org

New Buffalo Railroad Museum, 530 S. Whittaker St., New Buffalo, MI. Open Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm; Sat-Sun, 10 am-3 pm (MI time). Info 616/469-5409.

John G. Blank Center for the Arts, 312 E. 8th St., Michigan City. Gallery hours Mon-Fri, 10 am-4 pm; Sat, 10 am-2 pm. 874-4900. On exhibit through Sept. 23: “Crosscurrents”, the 15th annual juried art exhibit.

Farther Afield:


September 16 — Deep River Grinders vs. Ludington Michigan Mariners in a vintage baseball game. 2 pm. Deep River County Park, bwt. Valparaiso & Merrillville. 1-800/GRISTMILL.

Through November 18 — “Rembrandt Prints: Rembrandt’s Personal Vision of the Bible.” O’Shaughnessy Gallery at the Snite Museum of Art, Notre Dame University campus. An exhibition of 70 Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669) etchings of narrative subjects from the Bible. Hours: Tues/Wed 10 am-4 pm; Thurs/Sat 10 am-5 pm; Sun 1-5 pm. Closed Mondays and holidays. 219/631-5466 or www.nd.edu/~sniteart

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On September 13, 1860, General John J. “Blackjack” Pershing, who led the American Expeditionary Force in World War I, was born in Linn County, Missouri. General Pershing was the first officer to be honored with the title of “General of the Armies of the United States.”

On September 14, 1741, George Fredrick Handel, having worked without interruption for 23 days, finished his composition of The Messiah.

On September 14, 1752, Great Britain, along with her American Colonies, adopted the Gregorian calendar.

On September 14, 1778, Benjamin Franklin was appointed as the first American minister to France.

On September 14, 1812, retreating Russians set fire to Moscow as Napoleon Bonaparte’s troops laid siege to the city.

On September 14, 1814, at the bombardment of Fort McHenry (in the war of 1812), Baltimore lawyer Francis Scott Key wrote the words to “The Star Spangled Banner.”

On September 14, 1886, George K. Anderson, of Memphis, Tennessee, patented the typewriter ribbon.

On September 14, 1901, President William McKinley died, in Buffalo, of gunshot wounds inflicted eight days earlier.

On September 14, 1959, a Soviet space probe, the Lunik-2, became the first vehicle to land on the moon.

On September 15, 1789, American novelist James Fenimore Cooper was born in Burlington, New Jersey.

On September 15, 1857, Ohio’s William Howard Taft, 27th president of the United States, was born in Cincinnati.

On September 15, 1916, during World War I, units of the British army became the first to use military tanks.

On September 15, 1966, Gemini 2, after a record 3-day space flight, splashed down in the Atlantic Ocean.

On September 16, 1620, after two previous false starts — 74 men and 28 women — along with a small crew, set sail from Plymouth, England aboard HMS Mayflower. The “Mayflower,” originally designed as a wine ship, reached Provincetown, Massachusetts, on December 26, 1620.

On September 16, 1630, the Massachusetts village of Shawmut changed its name to Boston.
On September 16, 1810, Mexicans began a revolt against Spanish rule, a day now celebrated as Mexican Independence Day.

On September 16, 1926, air mail pilot Charles Lindbergh, short of fuel and unable to land at Maywood Airport, parachuted to safety near Ottawa, Illinois.

On September 16, 1991, Russian ballerina Olga Spessivtzeva, who was acclaimed by critics in the 1920s and ‘30s as one of this century’s most expressive interpreters of “Giselle,” died at the age of 96.

On September 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States was signed by the majority of the 55 delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. Delegates were sent from 12 of the original 13 colonies. Only Rhode Island failed to send a representative.

On September 17, 1796, President George Washington, in his farewell address, said: “Tis our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world . . . . Harmony, and a liberal intercourse with all nations, are recommended by policy, humanity, and interest.”

On September 18, 1769, the Boston Gazette reported that the first piano made in this country was a spinet, with a three-to-four-octave range, manufactured by one John Harris.

On September 18, 1793, President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the Capitol Building in Washington.

On September 18, 1927, the United Independent Broadcasters (which later became the Columbia Broadcasting System), with a radio network of 12 stations, began broadcasting.

On September 18, 1977, off the Rhode Island coast of Newport, the United States yacht Courageous, skippered by Ted Turner, won the “America’s Cup” in a four to zero sweep of Australia.

On September 18, 1983, British adventurer George Meegan completed a 19,021 mile walk from the southern tip of South America to the Arctic Ocean. The trip, which took 6-years, ended at Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.

On September 19, 1881, President James A. Garfield died from the effects of an assassin’s bullet.

On September 19, 1928, Americans were introduced to Mickey Mouse when Walt Disney’s “Steamboat Willie” opened at New York’s Colony Theater.

On September 19, 1957, in the desert of Nevada, the United States conducted its first underground nuclear test.

On September 19, 1984, Great Britain and China announced their agreement on a 1997 transfer of Hong Kong from British to Chinese rule.

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So, what’s with that? I’m sure a psychiatrist could give us many deep, technical reasons, but the plain truth is we love having the pants scared off us! I just think that as we grow older and more worldly the fun of fear recedes from our psyche. And that’s too bad, because we need to escape once in awhile and let our brain cells relax and rejuvenate. Okay, that’s enough Psych 101 for now. I just want to make the point that even though this book is for kids, I had a lot of fun reading it, too.

Author Darren Shan tells us that “everything’s true in this book, except for the names.” To protect the innocent? He says you will understand after you finish the book. He also warns that real life’s “cruel...evil often wins.” As the 12 year-old narrator of the book, Darren is just your average kid with a best friend, Steve, and two others comrades, Tommy and Alan. He loves to play soccer and he loves spiders. He used to catch them and turn them loose in his bedroom, something his mom frowned on, but, one day, his parents bought him a tarantula (I’m assuming with a cage). However, Darren got this bright idea from a cartoon he (Steve) wants to become a vampire, too!

One day Steve comes to school with a flier advertising a traveling freak show called “Cirque Du Freak,” promising a snake-boy, a wolf-man and Larten Crepsley and his giant spider. Only Steve and Darren get to go because two tickets is all the money they could come up with. They go to the show and aren’t disappointed by all the amazing things they see. After the show, Steve stays behind, ordering Darren home without him, but Darren hides in the balcony and sees Steve confront Mr. Crepsley with the fact that he knows that he is, in fact, a vampire! And, what’s more, that he (Steve) wants to become a vampire, too!

Oops, I really can’t go any farther...but there’s the theft of something, the bite to someone, the pact made by several, and the really weird finale! (That’s the 50 cent tour...)

Darren Shan is English, just like Harry Potter’s J.K. Rowling, who endorses the book by saying it is “fast-paced and compelling, full of satisfying macabre touches.”

If your kids liked the Goosebumps series by R.L. Stine, or Harry Potter, or Artemis Fowl, they are sure to enjoy this one, which, by the way, is just the first in a series. The second book, The Vampire's Assistant (Cirque Du Freak: The Darren Shan Saga, Book 2) is due out later in the fall. And that’s not all--Warner Brothers will be making it into a movie.

One more thing---I have seen this book advertised as for 9-12 year-olds, 10-13 year-olds, or 10 and up. With any children’s or young adult’s book that I review, I would recommend that you, as the parent, look the book over for content and reading level.

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VACATION HIDEAWAY that lasts all year round describes this raised ranch nestled on wooded lots. Rear deck off dining room & overlooks woods is perfect outdoor dining area. Large family room on lower level. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, double garage. Sewer is connected. $130,000

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