A Mother All the Way

by Maggie Beyer

The care of children is what it’s about –
Nourishing, nurturing, without a doubt;

Enduring through trials, accomplishments won –
An unending resource for daughters and sons;

Constant each season, year after year –
Unmindful if gratitude falls here or there.

Who is this paragon? What name has she?
What honors, what medals, advanced degree?

Each age, caring mothers find her a source –
Symbole of giving...forgiving, of course;

Creation perfect, beyond words of worth –
Fruitful and faithful...Our Mother, The Earth.
Opening the door on years of historic restoration, the LaSalle Corridor Association has invited guests to “travel back in time” in the City of LaSalle, Illinois’ most famous inland port.

Those accepting the invitation will be able to relive the port’s mid-1800s hustle and bustle. LaSalle was the terminal point for the horse- or mule-drawn river craft that carried passengers and goods over the 96 miles of the once-thriving Illinois & Michigan Canal.

Once a “neglected ditch,” the canal at the western end of the I&M in LaSalle has been “cleared and re-watered with the help of volunteers and has taken shape as a living historical museum.” Adds Ralph Frese, vice president of the Chicago Maritime Society, “The major attraction will be a full-size replica of a canal packet boat offering short ‘people trips’ on the canal.

In a separate announcement, Kathy Thomas, board member of the Chicago Maritime Society, said reservations are now being accepted for an all-day “heritage” bus tour to LaSalle on Sunday, June 22. The CMS is sponsoring the tour to highlight the importance of the Illinois & Michigan Canal in the state’s history.
The I&M Canal opened northern Illinois to extensive settlement and the assumption by Chicago of its destiny as a great port.

Originally planned more than five years ago, the replica canal boat faces a future as a major tourist attraction at LaSalle. Additional features have been projected as phases of a regional plan designed to encourage tourism along the entire 96 miles of the 1848-launched I&M waterway.

The nonprofit Canal Corridor Association has directed the LaSalle project in cooperation with various government agencies, LaSalle city and private groups, and the Chicago Maritime Society. Earlier, the port project took shape as a concept proposed by the Illinois and Michigan Volunteers. That group's advocacy continued for more than 30 years in the 1900s.

The proposal received official recognition with establishment of the federal Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission in 1984. The late President Ronald Reagan signed the law establishing the commission.

Make Reservations Early

As programmed by prime mover Ralph Frese, the June 22 tour from Chicago to LaSalle will include brief stops and visits at historic sites along the route of the storied I&M Canal. The tour charge of $125 per person will also include a one-hour video on the history of the I&M Canal. The video will be shown during the bus trip.

As described by Frese, the video begins with the historic initiatives toward such a water link with Illinois' western rivers. In part, those initiatives date from French explorations in the 1600s.

The tour bus's full schedule will also include “a visit to the new Port of LaSalle, a ride on the canal barge, lunch at Starved Rock State Park Lodge, and visits to several historic and scenic sites in the LaSalle area,” Frese said.

“A maximum of 50 persons can be accommodated and early reservations are suggested. As a major consideration, this is a rare opportunity to acquaint yourself with one of the most fascinating and historically important chapters in Chicago's colorful maritime annals.”

The tour bus will return to its Chicago starting point, the CMS Resource Center at 310 S. Racine Ave., by “about 6:00 p.m.,” Frese said. Reservations may be made by calling Kathy Thomas at 312/720-7245.

The Missing Link

The I&M Canal represented the missing link in the chain of waterways that made water-borne traffic possible from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico in the 1800s. But the construction of the canal took 12 years, from 1836 to 1848.

With construction completed, the canal's builders looked forward to a long and profitable operational life.
With the I&M Canal operating, the City of LaSalle experienced rapid industrial growth. One example was the Matthiessen and Hegeler Zinc Works. (Photo courtesy LaSalle County Historical Society)

**Port of LaSalle** Continued from Page 3

They expected in vain. By 1853 the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad was running trains on tracks laid parallel to the canal. That development effectively terminated the I&M Canal’s useful career.

While it functioned as a channel for the movement of people and goods, the canal represented a massive improvement over earlier competitors. Dominant among the latter were stagecoaches and oxen-drawn wagons or carts. These traveled at a rate of “speed” estimated at about three miles per hour.

By contrast, the canal boats could travel at about six miles an hour.

The packet boats, however, had all the best of it in terms of comfort. Just before the canal opened a reporter took an experimental trip in a stagecoach whose route ran alongside the path of the canal. The ride, the reporter wrote, “was as uncomfortable as any enemy, if we had one, could desire.

“We made progress at the rate of less than three miles an hour; weather was intensely hot; and not a breath of air was stirring; the horses and carriage raised a quantity of dust, which...rose only high enough to fill the carriage.”

An account of a packet-boat ride appeared in the Chicago Daily Journal in April, 1848. The “writer spoke of the romance of canal travel,” reports the publication, “An Anecdotical History of LaSalle, Illinois.” In the article the author “waxed eloquent over majestic Starved Rock and the beauty of the scenery from Channahon to Joliet.

“Though I had frequently traveled the route before in stages, everything appeared new—the babble of the noisy river had a different sound, and as we came in sight of the Starved Rock, romance seemed to have loomed it to twice the olden height, so merrily did we glide.”

In 1853, with the advent of train service duplicating the route of the packet boats, travelers in their right minds went by train. Where it took 22 to 26 hours to travel the canal’s 96 miles by canal boat, the tourist, businessman, or new settler could cover the same distance by train in three hours.

Despite its obvious handicaps, the canal remained available as a mode of travel for some 75 more years. It closed for good in 1933.

**Ensuring Slow Travel**

Aside from rates of speed and similar factors, the railroads had distinct advantages of other kinds. For example, the trains could operate year-around, not merely in temperate seasons. The packet boats were fair-weather travel modes.

Contributing also to the delays involved in boat traffic were the 15 locks that dotted the nearly 100 miles of canal. The locks raised or lowered the mule- or horse-drawn boats the 140-foot difference in elevation between Chicago and LaSalle.

Illustrating how winter forced suspension of operations on the old I&M Canal, Lock 14 lies lightly buried in snow—and idle. (Edward Ranney photo from book Prairie Passage)

Each lock had a tender who lived in a permanent residence near the particular lock. But because of the dimensions of the several locks, the canal boats could not be more than 100 feet in length or 17 feet in width. Each boat could accommodate as many as 90 passengers.

Mile markers like these are parts of the I&M Canal Trail scene that identify the land route leading from Chicago to LaSalle. In summer, canoes and bikes can be rented along the trail. (CCA photo)
Despite its brief appearance in the pages of Illinois history the I&M Canal cast a long shadow. As the “Anecdotal History” notes, “The canal opened the floodgates to an influx of new commodities, new people, and new ideas. The I&M Canal, and the railroad and highway lines that soon paralleled its connection between Chicago and LaSalle, became the great passageway to the American West.

“At a stroke, the...canal gave Illinois the key to mastery of the American mid-continent.”

While Chicago also experienced hugely accelerated growth, “The results of the canal’s construction were far-reaching. Farmers now had a reliable way to get their crops to market, thus allowing them to open up new acreage for cultivation.

“The digging of limestone, coal, sand and gravel shifted into high gear, as the canal made it economically feasible to quarry and ship large quantities to fast-growing Chicago. Exploiting these natural resources...spurred new industries, especially of glass, bricks, hydraulic cement, and zinc.

“It is difficult to imagine the level of frenzied activity that once took place at locks 14 and 15, the canal-boat basin, and the steamboat basin.

“Steamboats carrying precious cargo from New Orleans unloaded molasses, sugar, coffee, and fresh oranges and lemons. Canal boats from Chicago brought lumber, stoves, wagons, and the latest clothing styles from the east. Local farmers brought corn and wheat to be shipped to Chicago and points east.

“LaSalle took on a unique character as a place where Northern and Southern culture met.”

LONG BEACH COUNTRY CLUB

Since 1924 – A History of Hospitality

There are currently opportunities for both golf and social memberships.

Ask about our golf membership initiation fee special.

Long Beach Country Club offers:

- a beautifully maintained 18 hole, par 72 golf course
- ladies 6, 9, and 18 hole golf leagues
- junior golf program
- 25 meter swimming pool and learn to swim program
- casual (indoor/outdoor) and fine dining
- social events throughout the calendar year

For membership information and a tour of the club, please contact General Manager John Dillon at 219-872-0689.

2309 Larchmont Avenue
Michigan City, IN 46360
www.longbeachcc.org
Peyton Daley Returns to Dunes Summer Theatre

“Craft liberates genius,” says Peyton Daley who has been a faculty member for 6 years at the famed Second City Training Center in Chicago where she teaches in the youth/teen education and adult improvisation programs. Come out and meet Peyton and sign-up your child for a summer acting adventure on Sat., May 10 from 3-5 p.m. at the Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Lane just off Old Grand Beach Road not far from the horse barn in Michiana Shores and but before the Grand Beach entrance. See website for map. All times given are Central Standard.

Peyton is committed to teaching her students in a nurturing, encouraging, and structured environment as they not only learn acting techniques but build self-esteem, mutual respect, creativity, and communication skills. Students should dress comfortably and bring a sense of humor.

Three exciting levels, categorized by age groups, are offered this summer:

“Introduction to the Theatre Arts” 5-7 year olds at 10-11 a.m., Monday-Friday, July 28-August 1 for $50 per student. Students will be given unparalleled instruction to learn their way around the theatre in addition to playing fun performance games to develop their confidence, imagination, and stage skills. A special performance of our Children’s Theatre show, “Once Upon A Wolf,” will be included during Friday’s class! No class presentation, but a take home gift will be a part of the program. Parents are welcome to enjoy the sunshine on our patio during class times.

“Building Character Camp” for 8-12 year olds at 10 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Monday-Friday (bring a brown-bag lunch), July 7-July 11 for $160 per student. Students will receive top-notch professional education in creative dramatics, movement, and voice to develop their own unique characters to be presented in a camp-end performance on July 11!

“Teens on the Scenes” for 13 - 18 year olds at 10 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Monday through Friday (bring a brown-bag lunch), July 14 - 25 for $350 per student. Teens will enjoy working with professional instructors to develop and refine stage skills while rehearsing selected scenes from our finest 20th Century playwrights such as Tennessee Williams, Eugene O’Neil, Arthur Miller, and more. Students will apply the techniques they have learned as they present their scenes to a live audience during our class presentation to be held at 5 p.m. on our camp-end day.

If you can’t come to the Dunes to meet with Peyton on May 10, visit the Dunes website at www.dunessummertheatre.com or phone Peyton at 773.919.1366 or send an email to info@dunessummertheatre.com or to danilane@comcast.net
Pricing to Please

2 Angle • Michiana Shores, IN
$679,000
5 bedrooms, 3 baths. Gas fireplace, large family room that leads to four season room, eat-in kitchen with breakfast bar & sliding patio doors leading to deck, Anderson windows. First floor laundry. Basement plus crawl space for extra storage with exterior access. Handicap accessible. Vacation all year long!

3315 LaSalle Trail • Duneland Beach
$379,000
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Hardwood floors throughout main level, large finished basement, sun room, new appliances in kitchen. Exterior painted '05 & interior '06. Lovely gardens in front & private fenced back yard. Short stroll to Stop 33 beach. Ready to move in condition.

Summit Drive • Long Beach
$249,000
Build your dream home on a hilltop lot. Accessible from Summit or Mount Claire Way. City water available, septic required. Survey & soil test completed. Short stroll to Stop 29 beach. Drive by & take a look.

119 Lake Hills Road • Lake Hills Area
$175,000

3500 Iroquois Trail • Duneland Beach
$499,000 - STEPS TO THE BEACH
4 bedrooms, 3 baths. Open floor plan & an incredible amount of windows that boast of natural lighting. Lower level with family room, 4th bedroom, bathroom & laundry room. Fenced rear yard, expansive front deck. Perched on a corner dune just steps to the beautiful beach at Stop 35! Motivated Seller!
“Dream Catchers*” Exhibit

The Purdue University North Central Odyssey 2007-08 Arts and Cultural Events Series continues its ongoing exhibit featuring the work of the Michiana Resources Creative Concepts artists with the new show, “Dream Catchers*”

The Creative Concepts artwork is on display in the PNC Technology Building North Study Lounge. The artists will be feted at a public reception on Wed., May 7 at 10 a.m. in Technology Building Room 134. The reception is free and open to the public. The exhibit may be viewed Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

A new Creative Concepts show will be featured each month through July. The art displayed at PNC and at Michiana Resources is for sale. Half of all sales go to the artist, the other back into the program.

“Dream Catchers*” is a collection of 19 dream catchers from Creative Concepts artists. This is Michiana Resources’ fifth, and largest, exhibit with PNC. The pieces in the collection were all done under the direction of Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel, art instructor.

Tokoly-Rothermel, has been working each month to develop a different collection of work from her students. For this exhibit, Creative Concepts artists, were able to learn about dream catchers while listening to Native American music. The majority of the pieces were made from embroidery hoops, yarn, beads and feathers. A few were made with canning lids as well. The process of wrapping the yarn around the hoops was relaxing for some.

Dream catchers were first made by the Native Americans to catch the dreams that they believe float in the night air. Native Americans make them today and believe that dreams have special meanings and that bad dreams will be caught in the webbing in the middle and destroyed by day light. The good dreams will trickle down the feathers and beads towards the dreamer.

Purdue University North Central Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series features various events throughout the year. A complete schedule of events can be found at www.pnc.edu. For more information about any event in the Odyssey series, contact Judy Jacobi, PNC director of marketing, at 872-0527, ext. 5593.

Anime Cosplay ‘08

Anime Cosplay ‘08 and “Death Note” Screening will be held at 6 p.m. on Sat., May 10 in the large meeting room at LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. Anime junkies are invited to come in their best anime costume and eat Japanese goodies, watch anime, and try for prizes.

For more information phone 219/362-6156 or your branch library. Phone 219/362-6156 48 hours in advance to request signing for the hearing impaired.
Indiana Dunes

Dune Acres. LAKEFRONT...just steps to beach. Warm woods, beamed ceilings, new chef’s kitchen, main floor master. 2 guest bedrooms, each w/bath. 2 fireplaces. Multiple decks, very private terrace. Garden. The PERFECT beach home. $1,299,000

Dune Acres. SEASONAL LAKE VIEWS from this most CHARMING vintage dunetop home just steps to staircase to beach. 4 bedrooms/3 baths, spacious living room & family room, galley kitchen, 3 fireplaces, herb garden & flagstone terrace overlooking lake. $599,000

Dune Acres. Around the corner from a 13 mile stretch of beautiful beach, this brick & cedar quad offers treetop & seasonal lake VIEWS. Formal spaces w/vaulted ceilings. 2 story brick fireplace, eat-in kitchen, private bedroom wing w/deck, rec room opens to screened porch. $495,000

Porter Beach. Small Ralph Lauren-style cabin with OUTSTANDING Lake Michigan views and privacy. Hike the path along the beach, dim the stairs to this remote little hide-away. 2 deeded parking spaces. $399,000

Beverly Shores. Going green? What better way to make your lakeside home very AFFORDABLE than to generate your own electricity from wind turbine regulated by Lake Michigan winds. This beautiful contemporary has an open floor plan w/views of Lake Michigan from every room. Steps to great beach. $1,150,000

Beverly Shores. NEW CONSTRUCTION. Location - Location - Location. Just around the corner from the beach, this warm, rustic contemporary features open great room w/stainless steel & granite in kitchen, family room, 4 bedrooms/3 baths, 2 fireplaces, decks, balcony & screened porch. $749,000

Beverly Shores. THE MOST WELL KNOWN BARTLETT MEDITERRANEAN STYLE STUCCO in Beverly Shores. Showcased in many architectural and design magazines, this absolutely lovely home is in ‘move-in’ condition. Beautifully restored and enhanced with lush landscaping, in-ground pool, outdoor bar & cabana/guest house. $789,000

Beverly Shores. LAKEFRONT. Elegant but informal offering open floor plan w/window walls, skylights, designer kitchen, luxury master suite, custom media center, rec center w/fully equipped bar. Open air kitchen alcove & hot tub overlooking lake. 2 fireplaces, outdoor shower. INCREDIBLE views & PRIVACY. $1,750,000

Open Sundays in May 2-4 p.m.

Beverly Shores. JUST STEPS TO THE BEACH, this lovely ‘like new’ 4 level home offers an open floor plan that is so perfect for everyday living, guests & entertaining. Superb decorating, lots of sleep space, fireplace, bonus party room w/deck overlooking lake. Well equipped kitchen w/granite & SS, 2nd floor laundry, library. $850,000

Donna Hofmann
Coldwell Banker
219-926-4553 / donna@dhofmann.com
Preview these and other fine properties online at www.dhofmann.com
La Lumiere Art Students Honored

Two La Lumiere Students were awarded top honors at the juried Secondary School Showcase held at the Brauer Museum of Art, Valparaiso University, on April 2nd. Sophomore artist, Soo Bin Oh was one of two recipients of the South Shore Arts Regional Award for Young Artists. The title of her mixed media work is “The Boundary of Time.” Ryan Su, a senior, earned a Merit Award for his graphite on paper work, “Inverse Vertex with Spatial De-integration.”

The Secondary School Showcase is an annual event that includes a juried student art exhibit, an awards ceremony with judges’ comments and a reception. These events provide high school art students of Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper and Starke counties fresh opportunities to create, present and understand the visual arts. The mission of the Showcase is, “enhancing the art education of talented high school students and encouraging community support for art in the schools.”

Cruis’n For a Cure

Sun., May 18th is the date of the 5th Annual Cruis’n For A Cure, a signature event in the (Michigan City) Mayor’s Campaign Against Cancer which received Honorable Mention in the U. S. Conference of Mayors’ City Livability Awards and from USA Weekender’s Make A Difference Day program.

“Cruisin’ For A Cure is our first major event of 2008," said Laura New. “We will be cruising in cars, trucks and motorcycles-antique, new, and unique! - on a 27-mile route from the LaPorte County Fairgrounds to Washington Park in Michigan City. It costs just $10 per vehicle to participate in this event, and all the money collected will be donated to the ‘Susan G. Komen For a Cure’.”

“Cruisers are encouraged to put signs and advertising on their vehicles, a benefit which makes the $10 fee even more enticing,” said Jan Kostielney.

“The cruise, which is expected to have more than 500 participants, will be followed by a dance with tunes provided by Drop Dead Fred. Concessions will be available on site.”

A drawing will be held for prizes such as car supplies, and many more wonderful gifts which is sponsored by Brian Root of Root Funeral Home.

Sponsors for the 5th Annual Cruis’n For A Cure include the City of Michigan City, the City of LaPorte, Scotty’s Dinamic Designs, Root Funeral Home, Faith Walkers, NIPSCO, LaPorte County Sheriff Department, Michigan City Police Department, LaPorte Police Department, Top Dog Restaurant, Michigan City Senior Center Volunteers, LaPorte Fire Department, Michigan City Fire Department, and the Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department.

Lineup and Registration

Lineup and registration begins at the LaPorte County Fairground, 2851 W. State Road 2 in LaPorte at noon and ends at 2 p.m. CST. The cruise begins at 2:30 p.m. sharp, rain or shine and travels approximately 27 miles through LaPorte County to Washington Park on the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan.

The route, typically lined with cheering spectators, is: LaPorte County Fairgrounds--Lincolnway--Pine Lake Ave.--Johnson Rd.--400 North-421 North--Franklin St.--9th St.--Pine St.--Lake Shore Drive--Washington Park.

Cruise Followed by Street Dance

Get your groove on, your ‘mashed potatoes’ dance steps and your DA ready...the street dance in Washington Park begins at 3:00 and concludes at 5:00 p.m. CST. Music is provided by popular DJ Drop Dead Fred.

Concessions will be available on site, provided by Top Dog/Great Lakes Catering, from 3-5 p.m.

If you have questions about Cruis’n For A Cure, please contact Laura New at 219/878-3062.
a special place...

- in Michiana Shores
- huge loft bedroom
- lots of upgrades
- original charm
- 1/3 wooded acre!
- $299,000

sheila carlson
selling homes inc
219.874.1180
219.861.3702 cell
sellinghomesinc@sbcglobal.net
licensed in IN/MI
Arboriculture is the art and science of maintaining trees as part of a complex system in our environment. The aim is to keep a constant balance of the ecosystem in order to reduce disease and death and maintain vigor and growth.

Stephen Moss To Exhibit at the Kralsl

The Krals Art Center announces the exhibit of abstract landscape paintings by Stephen Moss from May 23-July 20 in Gallery II at the Krals Art Center in St. Joseph, Michigan. The opening reception will be on Fri., May 23, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. MI time.

For landscape artist Stephen Moss, painting landscapes is more than rendering beautiful Michiana scenes.

“Each painting encapsulates my interest in moving between three different realms – the natural, the supernatural, and the artificial, or man-made,” Moss says. “As a 21st -century human being, I am constantly engaging aspects of all three.”

What makes Moss’ paintings especially unique is the painting technique he has developed and honed over his 20-year artistic career. Moss overlays multi-faceted geometric shapes onto each canvas as a means by which to render a landscape. From a distance the geometrics blend, creating an impressionistic painting. When approaching each painting, however, the landscape fractalizes, becoming semi-abstract when viewed up close. “Every generation or two produces an outstanding artist who specializes in local dune landscape. Stephen is that artist of this generation,” says Craig Smith, owner of Craig Smith Gallery where Moss exhibits his work, and guest curator for this exhibit at the Krals Art Center.

Moss developed his style of painting nearly twenty years ago. But it was during a trip out West, “when I found a shard of Anasazi Indian pottery with geometric patterns on the piece, I had an epiphany, and began incorporating geometric shapes in my work,” he explains. Five years ago Moss switched his medium from pastel to acrylic, which allows him to better overlay geometric designs on his canvas.

Moss, a resident of Hammond, Indiana, is a graduate of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Governors State University. His work is on permanent exhibit at Craig Smith Gallery, 13648 Red Arrow Highway in Harbert, Michigan.

The Krals Art Center is open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sun., 1-4 p.m. For more information, contact the Krals Art Center at 269-983-0271, or go to www.krasl.org. Guest curator Craig Smith can be reached at 773-750-7528.

PNC - Porter County Floral Design

The Purdue North Central - Porter County Office of Continuing Education is offering a non-credit floral design course which will focus on fundamentals of floral design, design theory, application, design shapes and steps of construction.

“Floral Studio Fundamentals” will be held in at PNC - Porter County, 600 Vale Park Rd. on Tuesdays, May 13-27, 6-8:30 p.m. The registration fee is $119 with an additional flower supply fee of $75.

To register: phone 872-0527, ext. 5343.
107 West Lakefront Drive
Unobstructed panoramic views from this 3400 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 3 bath contemporary house high on the top of the dune. Hardwood floors throughout, granite countertops, stainless appliances, two dishwashers, Jacuzzi tub, family room, fireplace, vaulted ceilings plus 40 foot in ground heated pool. One of a kind home with spectacular views of the Chicago skyline and one fabulous sunset after another! $2,199,000

703 East Lakefront Drive
On the far east end of Lakefront Drive sits this custom designed 4 bedroom, 4 bath house across from a quiet stretch of beach. Floors on main level are all ceramic quarry tile. Kitchen has stainless appliances. Master bedroom has an attached bath with Jacuzzi tub and double shower. A family room is on the top level with a roof-top deck and unobstructed Lake Michigan sunset views from every level. A hot tub awaits on the flagstone patio. $1,350,000

111 West Marne Avenue
This jewel tucked away in the woods has beamed vaulted ceilings in every room some with skylights. Large living room has fireplace. Kitchen has been upgraded with new appliances. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths plus a studio/family room or bedroom 3 with a wood burning stove. Fenced in yard with kennel. Short golf cart ride to the beach. $429,000
A Concert and High Tea

Lee Meyer, director of Artistic Outreach Ministry of the First Congregational Church, is presenting ‘A Concert and High Tea’ in celebration of National Music Week. Sponsored by Monday Musicale here locally and nationally by the National Federation of Music Clubs, Music Week is in its 83rd observance May 4th-11th.

The concert will feature vocalists Howard Brenneman, Donna Mitchell and Lori Packuszewski; assisted by violinist Sara Miller and accompanist, pianist Lee Meyer. The program will include solos and ensembles, ranging from classical songs and arias to show tunes.

The concert and high tea will take place in the relaxed setting of the beautiful First Congregational Church parlor, 531 Washington St., Michigan City, on Sun., May 11, 4 p.m.

There is no admission charge. For more information, phone 874-5278.

Postal Workers Food Drive

On Sat., May 10 La Porte County letter carriers will again help Stamp Out Hunger! across America with your help. Now in its 16th year, the Stamp Out Hunger! is the nation’s largest single-day food drive, with letter carriers having collected more than 836 million pounds of food from postal customers since its inception. Thanks to the citizens of La Porte County, locally, we were able to contribute 22,000 pounds to local food banks during last year’s drive.

Supporting the drive again this year are the Campbell Soup Company, the U.S. Postal Service, America’s Second Harvest, Valpak, the AFL-CIO and the United Way of America.

To Help Stamp Out Hunger! simply leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable foods, such as canned soup, canned vegetables, pasta, rice, peanut butter or cereal next to your mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on May 10. Local letter carriers will then collect donations from homes across the cities of La Porte and Michigan City and deliver them to the sorting sites.
NEWS FLASH! INDIANA LAKEFRONT HOUSES HOLDING THEIR VALUE

THE VIEWS and BEACH are to DIE FOR with this four bedroom three bath beach house. Much thought went into its design and finishes to guarantee carefree beach living for two or sixteen. The only things that separate the home from calming blue waters and warm summer breezes are endless windows, decks, patios, dune grass and sand. Lush native landscaping with underground sprinklers add color year round. Three car garage, parking for six cars.

LAKESIDE WEEKEND RETREAT offers 80 feet of private Lake Michigan beach. Featured in CHICAGO SHELTER MAGAZINE this four bedroom five bath Traditional Cape Cod from the road presents a striking contemporary contrast from the shore. The unique combination of multi level decks, cat-walks, patios and screened gazebos is surrounded by lawns and gardens enclosed by recycled stone walls. Call today to see how classic elegance embraces a weekend retreat with playful personality.
Tour the Building That Survived One of the Area’s Greatest Earthquakes

With anxiety on the rise due to a series of area earthquakes, it may be comforting to know that there is a two-story brick home in Vincennes that survived one of the greatest North American earthquakes of them all—the New Madrid Earthquake of 1811.

Grouseland, the home of William Henry Harrison from 1803 to 1812, is available for tours, adjacent to the campus of Vincennes University, the college Harrison founded in 1801. But beyond some second-floor cracks in the plaster, visitors to the mansion today will see a home that is remarkably sturdy as well as beautiful.

“It is amazing to know that Grouseland survived one of the strongest earthquakes in American history. It remains a living testimonial to the craftsmanship and durability of Territorial builders,” said Dennis Latta, executive director of Grouseland.

Written records show that the 1811 New Madrid Earthquake made an impression on one houseguest at Grouseland. Awakened from his sleep by the quake, Colonel Miller assumed that the home of the territorial governor of Indiana was under attack. Miller sprang out of bed and ran outside with his sword drawn ready to defend Grouseland.

Colonel Miller’s reaction was not surprising given the force of the 1811 earthquake. According to the Indiana Geological Survey, shock waves “rippled through the earth with such force that buildings collapsed, trees toppled, and the Mississippi River changed course.” For two months following the December 16 earthquake, the area would be rocked by three more quakes as powerful as the first, as well as hundreds of smaller ones.

The larger quakes shook the earth with enough force to cause church bells to ring in Washington, D.C., and be felt a thousand miles away in New Hampshire.

During Harrison’s governorship of the Indiana Territory, Grouseland was the focal point of the social and official life of the Territory. The mansion includes the Council Room where Harrison met with various Indian tribes.

In fact, according to legend, following a meeting in front of Grouseland during the summer of 1811, the great chief Tecumseh predicted an earthquake would follow.

Although Grouseland survived one of the greatest North American earthquakes of all time, neglect of the mansion in the following decades took its toll, until the Francis Vigo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution saved the mansion from destruction in 1909, restoring it to its magnificent origin.

Grouseland is open for tours daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EDT) from March through December (in January and February it is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for high school and college students, and $2 for other students (free if under 5 years old).

Grouseland is located at 3 West Scott Street in Vincennes, adjacent to the VU Campus and Vincennes State Historic Sites. For more information, phone 812-882-2096 or go to www.grouselandfoundation.org
NOW THROUGH MAY 18TH, GET UP TO 70% OFF

WE MUST MAKE ROOM FOR TWO NEW 40-FOOT CONTAINERS

50% OFF PAINTINGS 30% OFF SELECT CABINETS & TABLES
20% OFF ALL TEXTILES 70% OFF SELECT INCENSE & CANDLES
60% OFF MOROCCAN RUGS 30% OFF HAND-PAINTED ARMOIRES

$5 AND UP ON OVERSTOCKS AND SCRATCH & DENTS!!

ANY PURCHASE DURING THIS SALE EARN A COUPON FOR EXCLUSIVE SAVINGS ON NEW SHIPMENTS!

430 S. WHITTAKER IN NEW BUFFALO (ACROSS THE STREET FROM TRUE VALUE) 269.469.9180 EXIT 1 OFF INTERSTATE 90
**TWIN Mattresses**
Start at $109 EACH

**PILLOWTOP QUEEN** $388

**Serta**
- **Capri Firm**
  - Twin: $219
  - Full: $279
  - Queen: $299

- **Dinah Plush**
  - Twin: $299
  - Full: $349
  - King: $599

- **Heiress Plush**
  - Twin: $339
  - Full: $409
  - King: $759

- **Perfect Sleeper Castlebury Plush**
  - Twin: $379
  - Full: $459
  - King: $799

- **Perfect Sleeper Parkfield Plush**
  - Twin: $449
  - Full: $559
  - King: $899

- **Perfect Sleeper Sandpiper Pillow Top**
  - Twin: $549
  - Full: $659
  - King: $999

- **Perfect Sleeper Misty Midnight Plush**
  - Twin: $699
  - Full: $899
  - King: $1,199

- **Perfect Sleeper Illustration Firm**
  - Twin: $729
  - Full: $829
  - King: $1,199

**FACTORY DIRECT SAVINGS**
Most sizes in stock for same or next day delivery!

**Open Sunday**
MAY 11th
12 - 4 P.M.
5th Annual “A Night in Venice”

Mystery and excitement await you at A Night in Venice V: A Masked Ball, a benefit dinner dance with live and silent auctions presented by the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, in Michigan City. Enjoy passed hors d’oeuvres and cocktails while viewing the extraordinary silent auction items. While seated for a Venetian inspired dinner offer your bids on the live auction items which feature a private get-away in a splendid new house in a Costa Rica, tickets to Milan Fashion Week, tickets to the preview and entrance to private parties at Art Basel in Miami, and other unique trips and experiences. After purchasing your dream vacation or exciting experience make your way to the tented dance floor for live music by the Absolute Music Dance Band. Win a prize for the best mask. Get into the festive spirit, dress in your best finery, and assemble your fabulous disguise!

The Venetian Carnival is a perfect marriage of culture, tradition and wild celebration. Carnival (originally “carnevale”), comes from Latin - “farewell to meat.” This boisterous festival marks the beginning of Lent, the time before Easter when Catholics refrain from eating meat. The tradition of masquerading, for which Carnival has become known, is actually much older than Christianity - its roots in a Roman fertility festival where masks were worn by citizens and slaves alike.

View the fabulous Silent and Live Auction items online prior to the event at www.lubeznikcenter.org. Items range from original artwork and spa packages to race car driving and trips far and wide. Choose the perfect gift to bid on or gather a group of friends to bid on an item.

The fifth annual Night in Venice will take place at Pottawatomie Country Club on May 10, 2008 in Michigan City. Festivities begin with cocktails and Silent Auction at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:30, Live Auction at 8:30 and dancing at 9:15. Tickets are $130 per person. Those wishing to participate in underwriting the benefit may obtain a table of 10 for $1500. Black tie attire is welcome. To purchase tickets, visit www.lubeznikcenter.org or call 219-874-4900.

Keith Scott in Concert

Bring Mom down to the Michigan City Public Library for a free concert featuring blues musician Keith Scott on Sun., May 11 at 2 p.m. Keith is one of Chicago’s most vibrant musicians. For the past 20 years, he has built his reputation as a sizzling blues guitarist, dynamic performer, noteworthy songwriter and bandleader. He has toured the world and is currently a favorite on the college circuit. He has performed at Chicago Bulls’ basketball games, at the Chicago Blues Fest and at the Hard Rock Café.

For more information phone 873-3049.
Music Art Camp at Box Factory

“Music Art Camp in the Box,” a music, visual and performing arts camp under the direction of Randy Robinson and Anna Russo-Sieber, will be held at the Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI, on June 23-27. Hours of the camp are noon-4 p.m. (MI time). Tuition is $290 with a payment deadline of June 13.

The camp is geared to ages 10 to 17; however, exceptions will be considered. Students will be placed in groups based on age and will rotate through four classes which will be held in various classrooms and the stage area at the Box Factory.

The music portion of the camp will be under the direction of “Music in the Box” studio director Randy Robinson. All instruments, including voice, will be taught.

“Students will experience breakout ensemble groups daily to create, develop and compose,” said Robinson. “They will experience song-crafting through music theory and rehearse their compositions.”

The students will then perform on the Box Factory stage at 6 p.m. on Friday, the last day of camp.

Box Factory studio artist Anna Russo-Sieber will direct the art portion of the camp. Students will develop skills in various medium and explore possibilities in painting, designing, sculpting, as well as ceramics and printmaking. They will increase skill, technique and their understanding and appreciation of the arts.

“This is a rare opportunity to see artists working in their creative environment and become part of that energy,” said Anna Russo Sieber, “Oh, yes, and they will probably have an amazing and fun week.”

To sign up by mail, send check to Music Art Camp in the Box, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad Street, #9, St. Joseph, MI 49085. For more information, contact Anna Russo-Sieber at arsieber@sbcglobal.net or phone 269-208-4409 or 269-983-0348.

National Park Service Closes Portage Lakefront Site During Construction

The National Park Service has closed Portage Lakefront site due to construction. This fully accessible site will open to the public in October 2008. The site will include a fishing pier, river walk, trails, hike/bike paths, and an energy efficient, environmentally friendly building. The building will feature a food concession, kitchen, gallery, and meeting space.

Through a partnership with the National Park Service, the City of Portage will operate and maintain the site. The 130-acre site consisted of industrial property purchased or donated to Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore by National Steel. This land was formerly used for a waste water treatment facility and processing hazardous waste from steel making.

National Steel removed all contaminated material from the site and received a “clean closure” designation from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Indiana Department of Environmental Management prior to acquisition by the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

Portage Lakefront is located at the northwest corner of Burns Waterway on the Lake Michigan shoreline just east of Ogden Dunes. For additional information on this site, contact Eric Ehn at 219-926-7561, extension 504.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is one of 391 units of the National Park System ranging from Yellowstone to the Statue of Liberty. Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore includes 15 miles of the southern shoreline of Lake Michigan and 15,000 acres of beach, woods, marshes, and prairie in the northwest corner of Indiana. More than 2 million visitors come to this national park each year. More information can be found at www.nps.gov/INDU

Schoolhouse Shop
At Furnessville

Imaginative Gifts for Mom

278 E. 1500 N. • Chesterton, IN 46304
(219) 926-1551
Closed Tuesdays
Introducing! Classic Car Wash
On U.S. Hwy. 12
At Karwick Rd., Michigan City
Across from Al’s Market - Karwick

Token Special: $30 for $20
Call (219) 874-4357

Touchless Automatic, Self-Serve Manual Lanes,
Vacuums and Shampoo Machines

Mercedes, BMW, Volvo, Porsche,
Audi, Saab, and Jaguar Owners:
Specialized Independent Service Just For You!

The Dealership Alternative
Except for warranty work and recall, you never have to go back to the dealership for service or maintenance. We can do it all, right here.

- 100% Customer Satisfaction
- Honesty and Integrity
- Family owned and operated

18777 WEST U.S. 12 • NEW BUFFALO, MI 49117 TEL 269-469-2007 • FAX 269-469-6271
E-mail: classicimports@importcarrepair.com

Friendly, Honest,
Excellent Reputation
And Value - Just for You!
Professional Auto Service
You Can Trust

“I have always been able to count on the folks at Classic Imports to take great care of my car. Mikail and his staff are always courteous and professional. The job is done right the first time, and for the right price, too.” - Hillary Bubb

Mikail Pinette
OWNER

A BOSCH AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTER

Mercedes, BMW, Volvo, Porsche,
Audi, Saab, and Jaguar Owners: Specialized Independent Service Just For You!

The Dealership Alternative
Except for warranty work and recall, you never have to go back to the dealership for service or maintenance. We can do it all, right here.

- 100% Customer Satisfaction
- Personal Service
- Shuttle Service
- Family owned and operated

18777 WEST U.S. 12 • NEW BUFFALO, MI 49117 TEL 269-469-2007 • FAX 269-469-6271
E-mail: classicimports@importcarrepair.com

 Friendly, Honest, Excellent Reputation And Value - Just for You! Professional Auto Service You Can Trust

“I have always been able to count on the folks at Classic Imports to take great care of my car. Mikail and his staff are always courteous and professional. The job is done right the first time, and for the right price, too.” - Hillary Bubb

Mercedes, BMW, Volvo, Porsche, Audi, Saab, and Jaguar Owners: Specialized Independent Service Just For You!

The Dealership Alternative
Except for warranty work and recall, you never have to go back to the dealership for service or maintenance. We can do it all, right here.

- 100% Customer Satisfaction
- Personal Service
- Shuttle Service
- Family owned and operated

18777 WEST U.S. 12 • NEW BUFFALO, MI 49117 TEL 269-469-2007 • FAX 269-469-6271
E-mail: classicimports@importcarrepair.com
May 8, 2008

Douglas Van Putten, M.D., F.A.C.S.
OPHTHALMIC PLASTIC & COSMETIC SURGERY CENTER

Introducing new Plastic Surgery Advancements.

Woodland Surgicenter
8865 W. 400 N. - Suite 120
Michigan City, IN

Call Today to Schedule a Complimentary Cosmetic Consultation
800.653.7575
www.drvanputten.com

Michigan City Concert Association

The Michigan City Concert Association will present the Tom Milo Big Band on Sun., May 18, at 2 p.m. at the Michigan City Elston School Theatre. Single admission tickets ($20) will be available at the door.

The band was formed in 1962 and has 15 instrumentalists plus vocalists, has toured with name bands such as Sten Kenton, Les Elgart, Duke Ellington, and many others. Each is a soloist in his own right, and gives the band a unique versatility.

The group’s versatile repertoire ranges from Glenn Miller of the 40’s to contemporary hits of the 90’s.

Season tickets are available now for the new 2008-2009 series. The spring campaign will be held at the Michigan City Public Library on May 17, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Adult tickets are $40 and family tickets are $100.

More information at 872-6779 or 219/362-3665.

WNIT’s Live Auction—Everything Must Go!

WNIT Public Television will hold a live auction on Sat., May 10 beginning at 9 a.m. EST at the St. Joseph County 4-H Fairground in South Bend. Bidders may preview the items at 8 a.m.

WNIT’s 33rd annual televised Auction was held on April 17-20 and April 24-April 27. Any items not picked up and paid for or that were late additions will be sold at the live Auction. Such items include gift certificates and merchandise in the following categories: Automotive, Building Supplies, Entertainment, Furniture, Appliances, Health and Fitness, Lawn and Garden, and much more. Terms are cash, approved check or major credit/debit card. Carl and Shannon Kaser’s Auction Service will conduct the sale.

The St. Joseph County 4-H Fairground is located at the corner of South Ironwood Drive and Jackson Road in South Bend. There is no admission charge and parking is free. For more information about the live Auction, phone WNIT at 574-675-9648 or go to wnit.org

Margaret Sullivan
A Beautiful Scarf, Hat or Necklace for Mom!
Perfect Gift, Perfect Fit!

Spring Hours: Sun. & Thurs. - 12 - 5 Fri. & Sat. - 11:30 - 6
9912 Townline Road, Union Pier, MI
SHOPMARGARETS@GMAIL.COM 269 612 0280
2 BigHearts Foundation

5K Run/Walk

Saturday, May 24th, 2008
Long Beach, Indiana
9:00 AM CDT

5K Run/Walk to raise awareness of woman’s heart disease and support 2 BigHearts Foundation.

Everyone is welcome. Sign up today!

For info and registration visit www.2bighearts.org

Proceeds benefit 2 BigHearts Foundation, dedicated to increasing awareness and education of heart disease in women.
THE Historic Preservation Month in Indiana

May means more than mothers and race cars. It’s also Historic Preservation Month. This year historic part of the month comes with a new feature called “INShape in Historic Indiana.”

For this new program, the DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) is partnering with INShape Indiana, Gov. Mitch Daniels’ fitness initiative. The program is a series of walking tours that will not only teach participants about history and architecture, but also give them the chance to get some exercise.

“InShape in Historic Indiana” encourages native plants be used in any setting-from a small corner garden to a large rain garden,” Cook said. “Native gardens offer beauty and benefits to both humans and wildlife.”

Reservations are required. Contact: Carol Cook, ICRAT Project Coordinator at 219-879-3564, 219-210-8013 orcarol@savedunes.org

Funding for this project is provided in part by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Coastal Program.

Save the Dunes Workshop

Save the Dunes Conservation Fund presents Pollinator Garden, an Indiana Coastal Restoration Action Team (ICRAT) workshop. Pollinators such as bees, butterflies, moths and hummingbirds are attracted to native species that provide easily accessible pollen and nectar. Hybrid species are bred to look and/or smell nice for humans, but may not provide much or accessible pollen and nectar.

Carol Cook, ICRAT Project Coordinator, will conduct the workshop and field exercise. Participants will learn which species to plant and have hands-on experience with native plants. The workshop will be held on Sat., May 10, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Barker House, 444 Barker Road, Michigan City. Please bring gloves and a trowel.

“Save the Dunes Conservation Fund encourages native plants be used in any setting-from a small corner garden to a large rain garden,” Cook said. “Native gardens offer beauty and benefits to both humans and wildlife.”

Reservations are required. Contact: Carol Cook, ICRAT Project Coordinator at 219-879-3564, 219-210-8013 orcarol@savedunes.org

Funding for this project is provided in part by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Coastal Program.

Historic Preservation Month in Indiana

May means more than mothers and race cars. It’s also Historic Preservation Month. This year historic part of the month comes with a new feature called “INShape in Historic Indiana.”

For this new program, the DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) is partnering with INShape Indiana, Gov. Mitch Daniels’ fitness initiative. The program is a series of walking tours that will not only teach participants about history and architecture, but also give them the chance to get some exercise.

In addition to helping promote Historic Preservation Month, the series of events will boost INShape Indiana by getting Hoosiers out, about and prepared for Ready, Set, Walk!, the new 12-week walking program running April through June.

Various communities and organizations have created tours of historic buildings and neighborhoods and then registered them as official events of “INShape in Historic Indiana.”

Other Preservation Month activities include the 4th annual Preservation Month photo contest and accompanying exhibit at the Indiana Statehouse, and a later photo exhibit at the Indianapolis Artsgarden. A poster commemorating Preservation Month is also available. To get more details about Indiana Historic Preservation Month, go to dnr. IN.gov/historic

Save the Dunes Workshop

Save the Dunes Conservation Fund presents Pollinator Garden, an Indiana Coastal Restoration Action Team (ICRAT) workshop. Pollinators such as bees, butterflies, moths and hummingbirds are attracted to native species that provide easily accessible pollen and nectar. Hybrid species are bred to look and/or smell nice for humans, but may not provide much or accessible pollen and nectar.

Carol Cook, ICRAT Project Coordinator, will conduct the workshop and field exercise. Participants will learn which species to plant and have hands-on experience with native plants. The workshop will be held on Sat., May 10, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Barker House, 444 Barker Road, Michigan City. Please bring gloves and a trowel.

“Save the Dunes Conservation Fund encourages native plants be used in any setting-from a small corner garden to a large rain garden,” Cook said. “Native gardens offer beauty and benefits to both humans and wildlife.”

Reservations are required. Contact: Carol Cook, ICRAT Project Coordinator at 219-879-3564, 219-210-8013 orcarol@savedunes.org

Funding for this project is provided in part by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Coastal Program.

Historic Preservation Month in Indiana

May means more than mothers and race cars. It’s also Historic Preservation Month. This year historic part of the month comes with a new feature called “INShape in Historic Indiana.”

For this new program, the DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) is partnering with INShape Indiana, Gov. Mitch Daniels’ fitness initiative. The program is a series of walking tours that will not only teach participants about history and architecture, but also give them the chance to get some exercise.

In addition to helping promote Historic Preservation Month, the series of events will boost INShape Indiana by getting Hoosiers out, about and prepared for Ready, Set, Walk!, the new 12-week walking program running April through June.

Various communities and organizations have created tours of historic buildings and neighborhoods and then registered them as official events of “INShape in Historic Indiana.”

Other Preservation Month activities include the 4th annual Preservation Month photo contest and accompanying exhibit at the Indiana Statehouse, and a later photo exhibit at the Indianapolis Artsgarden. A poster commemorating Preservation Month is also available. To get more details about Indiana Historic Preservation Month, go to dnr. IN.gov/historic

Save the Dunes Workshop

Save the Dunes Conservation Fund presents Pollinator Garden, an Indiana Coastal Restoration Action Team (ICRAT) workshop. Pollinators such as bees, butterflies, moths and hummingbirds are attracted to native species that provide easily accessible pollen and nectar. Hybrid species are bred to look and/or smell nice for humans, but may not provide much or accessible pollen and nectar.

Carol Cook, ICRAT Project Coordinator, will conduct the workshop and field exercise. Participants will learn which species to plant and have hands-on experience with native plants. The workshop will be held on Sat., May 10, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Barker House, 444 Barker Road, Michigan City. Please bring gloves and a trowel.

“Save the Dunes Conservation Fund encourages native plants be used in any setting-from a small corner garden to a large rain garden,” Cook said. “Native gardens offer beauty and benefits to both humans and wildlife.”

Reservations are required. Contact: Carol Cook, ICRAT Project Coordinator at 219-879-3564, 219-210-8013 orcarol@savedunes.org

Funding for this project is provided in part by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Coastal Program.

Historic Preservation Month in Indiana

May means more than mothers and race cars. It’s also Historic Preservation Month. This year historic part of the month comes with a new feature called “INShape in Historic Indiana.”

For this new program, the DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) is partnering with INShape Indiana, Gov. Mitch Daniels’ fitness initiative. The program is a series of walking tours that will not only teach participants about history and architecture, but also give them the chance to get some exercise.

In addition to helping promote Historic Preservation Month, the series of events will boost INShape Indiana by getting Hoosiers out, about and prepared for Ready, Set, Walk!, the new 12-week walking program running April through June.

Various communities and organizations have created tours of historic buildings and neighborhoods and then registered them as official events of “INShape in Historic Indiana.”

Other Preservation Month activities include the 4th annual Preservation Month photo contest and accompanying exhibit at the Indiana Statehouse, and a later photo exhibit at the Indianapolis Artsgarden. A poster commemorating Preservation Month is also available. To get more details about Indiana Historic Preservation Month, go to dnr. IN.gov/historic
May 8, 2008

2424 Franklin Street • Michigan City, Indiana • (219) 872-0626

ColdwellBankerOnline.com


625 Lake Shore Drive $585,000
This classic Sheridan Beach property on Lake Shore Drive sits on one of the highest dune sites in the beach area called Tower Hill, offering incredible Lake Michigan views from every room in the house. Features include sun-filled turret sitting areas in the dining room and master bedroom, open stairway with vaulted ceilings, and four porch areas. The rear entrance is off Warren Road with a driveway easement leading to a garage and plenty of parking right next to the house.

Harbor View Condominium/Hotel $325,000 to $499,500
Harbor View Luxury Condominium/Hotel is a 48 unit proposed development facing Lake Michigan situated between beautiful views within easy walking distance to the Beach, Marina, Park, Zoo and Casino. Exclusive living is designed to satisfy the tastes of discerning families looking for the ideal summer dwelling. Alternatively, rooms are available for lock-out for those who wish to rent out their residences. Select from an array of floor plans, each with its own individuality and charm.

Sheridan Beach $865,000
Versatility is a great way to describe this incredible home on Beautiful Lake Michigan. The views are breathtaking!! A short walk down a path and you are ready to enjoy the beach. This home is larger than it looks with 4480 sq. ft. and 5 bedrooms. The lower-level is a party-sized rec-room or could be a separate living space complete with kitchen and separate entrance. This is set up to be one large home or 3 separate units for income.

Open Friday-Sunday Noon to 3:00 PM


Mortgage 877-202-8618
Title Services 219-322-2257
Concierge 800-493-1181
Relocation 800-982-0909
Commercial 800-838-7922
Previews 888-572-Home

NATURALLY WOOD FURNITURE CENTER
naturallywoodfurniturecenter.com

• Beach Accessories
• Cottage Fabrics
• In-Home Consulting Services

1106 E. US Hwy 20
Michigan City, IN
219.872.6501
Cyberscribbles
by Paula McHugh

As I embark on my semiannual trip to Arizona, I have had to surf for not one, but two columns before I left. That is my excuse for presenting a mishmash of unrelated sites this week. I’m really good at rambling aimlessly around the Web looking for interesting stuff to tell you about. You have no idea how many sites I reject in the process. Meanwhile, my garden is languishing from lack of care.

Not Always Right (http://notalwaysright.com). Have you ever worked as a retail clerk, or in a service-related occupation? If so, you will appreciate the postings of employees having to deal with a clueless, or rude, or irritating customers. But you don’t have to be employed in service to enjoy this site. I became addicted to reading the stories (short enough for short attention spans) and was laughing uncontrollably at most of the postings. This is way more funny that many of the so-called humor sites.

Botany Photo of the Day (ubcbotanicalgarden.org). This is just what it says, plus much additional garden information. (See last week’s CyberScribbles for garden websites).

Everything Turquoise (www.everythingturquoise.com). Well, why not? Here is a website dedicated to things you can buy in that summery color, or close approximations, including teal, robin’s egg blue, aqua, sky blue, seafoam, and ocean blue. All in one place. Now you are going to ask me if there are similar sites dedicated to other colors, such as coral or peach. The answer is, I don’t know. I did not check. But if I were a betting person, I would say yes, probably.

Recycleholic (www.recycleholic.blogspot.com). I am writing this column on Earth Day. Is that not appropriate? And here we have a very sincere gentleman who is logging all of his efforts of keeping our planet as decluttered as possible in these complex times. This man is by no means preachy, just dedicated. So dedicated that he does the math to figure out the effectiveness of each of his recycling projects. Chances are that few people outside of his acquaintances find their way to this blog. I am glad I ran across it. This blogger deserves praise for his recycling efforts.

Etsy (www.etsy.com). Attention all artists! You need to know about this site, if you don’t already. With art fairs taking a nosedive in sales and popularity, and marketing efforts taking all of your energy, Etsy comes through with a way for you to sell your wonderful hand made pieces of art to customers around the world. Attention art buyers! You need to discover Etsy, too. First, patronize our local artists—they are among the best of the best anywhere, right here in your hometown and environs. If they don’t happen to have what you are looking for, you can place a request for a commission that Etsy artists can bid on. How cool is that? Browse through pages and pages of a variety of art mediums and learn about the individual artists. Many have links to their own web pages, too.

Scrap Album (www.scrapalbum.com). Are you a collector of ephemera? Then you will like this illustrated history of early traditions, with links to dozens of ephemera collectors and sellers.

Read CyberScribbles online at:
http://cyberscribbles.wordpress.com

Entrepreneur Center Workshops

The Entrepreneur Center Michigan City announces it will hold a series of business workshops in the Month of May. These sessions are open to anyone in the business community wishing to learn more on the following topics:

May 7th - Double Your Business in 30 Days
- Learn the key measurements for business success.
Understand how you can quickly double your business results by increasing the results from your current business activities.

May 14th - Marketing is Salesmanship in Disguise
- Business people confuse marketing skills with selling skills even though both are needed for the effective sales person. From your 30 second elevator speech to broadcasting your message through paid advertising, your marketing message is selling who you are. Learn how to emotionalize your marketing because no one wants to be sold, but everyone loves to buy.

May 21st - Customer Loyalty the Strategic Competitive Advantage
- There are only 2 key measurements in business - profits and relationships. How you build customer loyalty is all about your relationships and the overall customer experience. Learn some key concepts that will help you multiply both productivity and profitability.

May 28th - Growing Your Leadership for Results
- Being successful demands that you not only lead others, but yourself as well. What does it mean to be an effective leader? Learn how you can grow your leadership skills to secure those results that you need for business success.

The sessions will be held at the Entrepreneur Center Michigan City, at 422 Franklin St., on Wednesdays, May 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 7:30-10 a.m., and will be taught by Leanne Hoagland-Smith. Leanne is a nationally recognized business building and motivational speaker. The fee for each session is $35 and discount pricing is offered for all four sessions at $125 (Michigan City Area Chamber members--$30/session or $115 for all). The cost of the sessions includes continental breakfast and all course materials. Pre-registration is required for all seminars; phone Heather at 219.809.4200 ext. 300 or email hmelnyk@ec-mc.org
THE Really BIG Spring Flooring Sale

Cabinets _ Carpet _ Ceramic Tile _ Wood _ Countertops _ Closets _ Blinds

See Duneland Home... for all your interior remodeling needs...

Open 7 days a week... Mon-Fri 10-6   Sat 10-5   Sun 12-4
by the beach...

Store Now open... 1014 N. Karwick Rd. Karwick Plaza
Michigan City, IN 46360             Call 219-878-1720

Wood Flooring
Tarkett 1/2” x 2 1/2” red oak
5 Beautiful Colors
24 sq ft p/ ctn
Now $3.99 sq ft
1/2” x 3/12” Now $ 4.99 sq ft
See Store All Wood Flooring on Sale

Carpet
3 ROOMS, and HALLWAY Beautiful Frieze Carpeting
Padding, Basic Installation
Up to 50 yards
Now $899.00
See Store All Carpet on Sale...

Laminate Flooring
LEGACY LAMINATE 8 Beautiful Colors
8 mm Embossed
Now $1.49 sq ft
All Laminate on Sale

Ceramic Flooring
13 X 13 FLOOR TILE 30 Beautiful Patterns
Now $1.99 sq ft
All Ceramic Tile on Sale

See Duneland Home... for all your interior remodeling needs...

800-355-5845
Enter PIN 11

RM Landscaping

and Handyman Multi-Service

Landscaping _ Exterior Painting
Powerwashing _ Demolition _ Boat Powerwashing

And MUCH More!

"The All-In-One Year-Round Multi Service"

630-279-9563

Handyman Services

- Sidewalk & Lawn Maintenance
- Sidewalk Edging
- Spring and Fall Clean-up
- Leaf Removal
- Erratic Weeds
- Cutting hard to reach areas
- Tree Trimming - light
- Bush Trimming
- Weed Wacking
- Pest Control (4 step program)
- Mold Removal
- Seeding & Soil
- Seal Coating Driveways & Roofs
- Estate Cleanouts
- Carpet Cleaning
- Aluminum Siding
- Decks/Patio/Sheds
- Window Washing
- Manufactured Home Repair
- Powerwashing Skirts
- Roof Restoration
- Exterior Painting
- Decorative Stones for patios, walks, & drives
- Demolition
- Dog Walking and Dog Care

800-355-5845
Enter PIN 11

Billing Rates

Charges are based on on-site time only. Will beat any recent quote by up to 30%.

Senior Citizen Discount
May 8, 2008

Skedaddle 2008

Young and old alike gathered on this blustery Saturday morning, April 26th, for the fifth annual Skedaddle Run in support of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Michigan City. Meeting in the parking lot behind the First Presbyterian Church, the runners checked in and, new to the race this year, received an ankle bracelet with a micro chip in it which helped with the timekeeping.

Despite the chilly breeze, anticipation and spirits were high with the biggest turnout for the race yet - over 500 registered participants. It always amazes me how quickly the time passes once the race has begun.

The first male runner back across the finish line, Charlie Fox of Plymouth, clocked in a time of just over 17 minutes! The first female across the line was Michele Tucker of South Bend, clocking in at just under 21 minutes. After the race there were snacks, awards, prize drawings and, my favorite, the children’s race. Altogether it was a beautiful day.

The Skedaddle benefits the Samaritan Center to offer faith based counseling services to children and families of La Porte & Porter counties. Below is a taste of the event.

by Janet Baines

Students from Barker Middle School ready to run!

Students from Gavit High School in Hammond came to run and support their principal, Jim White, Skedaddle Race Director.

Jim White, Race Director, gives instructions and gets things under way for the start.

First runner to cross the finish line is Charlie Fox of Plymouth, Indiana with a time of 17:39.6

Swimmers from the Piranha Swim Team were well represented.

Athletes from La Lumiere School.

Ed Munson chats with Dr. Jim Callaghan. Ed! the race started 5 minutes ago!

Family and friends encourage this little one on to the end.

First runner to cross the finish line is Charlie Fox of Plymouth, Indiana with a time of 17:39.6

First Place female, Michele Tucker from South Bend crosses the finish line with a time of 20:54.1

Athletes from La Lumiere School.

Ed Munson chats with Dr. Jim Callaghan. Ed! the race started 5 minutes ago!

Family and friends encourage this little one on to the end.

In a race to beat each other these two young fellows stretch themselves to reach the line.

Suzanne Morris, in the white hat, Director of the Samaritan Center, finishes the course with friends.

2 year old Regan Krachinski of La Porte, was last off the starting block but was having the time of her life. Just a note: little as she is, she ran the race right to the end!

Students from Notre Dame & St. Stan's eager to take part.

Michigan City and Marquette Catholic High School students volunteered to help out on the day of the race.

Students from Gavit High School in Hammond came to run and support their principal, Jim White, Skedaddle Race Director.

Sue Callaghan, Race Coordinator, with husband Dr. Jim Callaghan, President of St. Anthony's, who was the official starter, and Mayor Chuck Oberlie who came to give support to the run.

The little ones line up for their race.

This young fellow worked very hard to finish.
**MCHS National Honor Society Induction**

A breakfast to recognize the inductees to the Michigan City High School Chapter of The National Honor Society was held Monday, April 21 and the formal induction ceremony took place Monday evening in the MCHS Auditorium.

Here is the list of inductees:

Jack Allgood, Lauren Andrews, Jasmine Ashford, Lauren Beck, Megan Bogart, Alicia Brewer, Courtney Brinckman, Iesha Brown, Benjamin Crozier, Joseph Debald, Margaret Deeb, Katrina Edling, Jazzmine Ellis, Christopher Engel, Robyn Falls, Gage Farless, Craig Fettig, Wesley Higdon, Zachary Holzer, Anthony Kim, Kebin Kim, Michelle Lafort, MaryKate Mellen, Elizabeth Miltenberger, Austin Morse, Derek Neal, Brandon Pawloski, Garrett Payne, Alyssa Prast, Stanley Adam Przybylinski, Meghan Quinlan, Taylor Rodriguez, Roxanne Schram, Matthew Schroll, Tara Shermak, Tyler Skibo, Spencer Stahl, Will Swedenberg, Ethan Vail, and Nektarios Vasilottos.

---

**SMSO Auction and Dinner/Dance**

Kick up your heels and dance the “Charleston” and the “Shimmy” while you bid on one of a kind items during “The Soaring 20’s”, the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra’s annual auction fundraiser Sat., May 17th to be held at the Fiskars Aviation Hangar at Southwest Michigan Regional Airport.

This event promises to recapture the brash sense of fun and nostalgia from the 1920’s, as the “Prohibition Orchestra of Chicago” performs their authentic versions of hot dance, jazz and big band standards straight from the Hit Parade. Audiences are welcome to dress in 1920’s flapper and gangster garb and get into the spirit of “The Soaring 20’s” theme of the event. In addition, vintage airplanes will be on exhibit at the location as well. The concert and silent auction begins at 5 p.m. MI time, followed by a reception, a dinner, then a live auction starting at 7 p.m.

One of the highlights of the live auction, which follows the dinner, is an original 1988 edition of Golf Magazine featuring golf legend Jack Nicklaus as “Player of the Century” personally signed and donated by Mr. Nicklaus himself. In addition, Music Director Robin Fountain and various SMSO musicians are also offering their talents in unique and surprising ways!

The “Prohibition Orchestra of Chicago” is a ten piece dance band dedicated to playing the music of the early big band era. Playing with authentic arrangements of the 20’s and 30’s, audiences will be taken back to another era. Gus Friedlander is the founder and leader of “The Prohibition Orchestra of Chicago,” the area’s preeminent reconstructionist big band.

Doors will open at 4 p.m. during which attendees may enjoy refreshments and place their bids on a myriad of silent auction items. The concert begins at 5 p.m., followed by an authentic 1920’s themed dinner at 7 p.m. catered by Classic Catering and Events. In addition, guests will be able to partake in a cash bar featuring a Martini bar, with authentic drinks of the times.

Tickets for “The Soaring 20’s” are $30 for the concert only, auction and dinner only $75, or concert, auction and dinner for $95. They are available through the Symphony office at 269-982-4030. For more information, visit www.smso.org

---

**American Red Cross Bloodmobile**

*When:* Sat., May 10. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
*Where:* Acme Lodge 83, 8700 Pahs Rd., Michigan City

You must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and be in good general health to donate blood. To schedule an appointment, phone 800/448-3543; walk-ins are always welcome.
Angelo Bernacchi Greenhouses

Growin' Our Own Since 1906

1010 Fox Street, LaPorte, IN
219-362-6202 • 800-759-0978
Mon.-Sat. 8:30-5:30 (CDT)
Thursday 8:30-7:00
Sunday 10:00-4:00
sales@angelo-bernacchi.com
www.angelo-bernacchi.com

The Garden Center is Open!

Visit our LaPorte location - We have all you need for Spring!

Annuals • Vegetables • Perennials
Ornamental Trees
Hanging Baskets • Combo Pots…

Welcome...

Sammi M. Dali, M.D. FSCAI FACC

Board Certifications:
• Internal Medicine
• Cardiovascular Disease
• Interventional Cardiology
• Nuclear Cardiology
• Endovascular Medicine

Internship:
Internal Medicine
William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas

Residency:
Internal Medicine
William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas

Fellowships:
• Cardiology
Alton Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans, Louisiana
• Coronary Interventional Medicine
University of Connecticut at Hartford Hospital, Hartford, Connecticut

Dr. Dali’s Office is located at 1225 East Coolspring Ave., Michigan City, Indiana.

To schedule an appointment, please call 219-879-6531.
You recently read *The Beacher's* story about a local brand-new cooking school. Did you know there's a year-old cooking school in our neighboring La Porte? Located at 810 Lincolnway, Cookery TT is rather amazing. They also offer brunch/lunch daily from 7 am to 3 pm and the food sounds divine.

Owner Yvonne Curley grew up in La Porte, spent time in her mom's kitchen at an early age and eventually attended Purdue restaurant management as a two degree student. She then moved on to Johnson & Wales in Miami – the one she calls her beloved food school. Now in her shop, she plans and designs all presentations on the menu (as well as in the cooking classes). We're told all meals include a drink and a treat. One of the finest treats is an unusual potato chip cookie. Yum.

Youngsters are taught cooking monthly, perhaps twice during the summer. Curley is a pleasant teacher indeed, her students return to even more classes. When one lady's family member passed away, Curley cooked and then delivered a complete dinner to her absent student. She is presently totally involved in the world of food. Her mom tells us that Yvonne dealt only with spices as a youngster, arranging and rearranging the spice rack containers – her only kitchen interest then. Times change.

At Cookery TT, brunch and lunch are served daily from 7 am til 3 pm and includes some fine and reasonably priced stuff. Unusual names, too, such as Breakfast Pizza – your personal size sausage gravy pizza. Also offered, French Toast and Fresh Fruit, made from homemade bread. A large plate is The Courthouse Scramble – three eggs with diced green...
peppers, onions, tomatoes, mushrooms and cheese cooked together a special way, then served with 3 slices bacon and slice of fresh bread. All that for $5. Many more offerings sound delicious as well as entertaining! The French dip sandwich is sliced roast beef with au jus sauce for dipping – served on a homemade toasted roll, melted cheese and pepperoncinis. Unusual as well as entertaining.

They ask “Late for dinner? Drop off your crock pot and we will make you a next-day dinner for five.” Also included with the crock pot entree are a house salad, dinner rolls and a fruit pie – all, at a reasonable price. A few of the selections are Yankee pot roast, chicken and dumplings, plus a garden penne ragout. Interesting food indeed.

One of the April Cookery class/dinners was a Paella Party. The menu was mango & red onion salsa, empanadas, Paella Mixta (saffron rice with chicken, shrimp, mussels and Chorizo sausage), Virgin Sangria and cheesecake with homemade caramel sauce. If that is repeated soon, 8 to 14 may attend at the cost of $25 each. Stop by at Cookery TT and find out what’s going on this month – cooking classes, weekly lunch features, homemade treats, gift items. If you’ve never been there, you will be totally charmed.

Cookery TT, 810 Lincolnway, LaPorte. www.cookerytt.net

This is not Cookery TT’s recipe – their Spaghetti Pie includes sweet fennel sausage which sounds delightful.

---

**SPAGHETTI PIE**

6 ounces spaghetti or linguine
2 eggs, beaten
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
12 ounces drained skim milk ricotta cheese or mashed tofu
10 ounces frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained
16 ounces low sodium spaghetti sauce
4 ounces skim milk mozzarella cheese, grated

Cook pasta according to package direction. Drain. Cool. In medium bowl combine pasta, eggs and Parmesan cheese. Toss well. Press mixture into bottom and up sides of 9” pie pan, forming a “shell.” Spread ricotta cheese over “shell.” Top with spinach. Pour spaghetti sauce over spinach. Top with mozzarella cheese. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven 30 minutes or until sauce is bubbly and cheese is golden. Cool 5 minutes before cutting.
May 8, 2008

**St. Mary of the Lake Family Festival 2008**

**Memorial Day Weekend**

**FEATURING SKERBECK BROS. CARNIVAL RIDES, INC.**

*Food, Live Entertainment & Fun!*

- Thurs., May 22nd 5 – 10 pm ($20 Unlimited Ride Bracelets)
- Fri., May 23rd 5 pm – Midnight ($20 Unlimited Ride Bracelets)
- Sat., May 24th Noon – Midnight
- Sun., May 25th Noon – Midnight
- Monday, May 26th Noon – 5 pm ($20 Unlimited Ride Bracelets)

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

- 1st prize $2,000
- 2nd Prize $1,000
- 3rd Prize $500
- $5 each – Available in the Hospitality Tent

**SILENT AUCTION**

- Thurs., May 24th 5 – 8:30 pm
- Fri., May 25th 5 – 8:30 pm
- Sat., May 26th 12 – 9 pm
- Sun., May 26th 12 – 5 pm

**RUMMAGE SALE**

- Friday 6-8 pm • Saturday 9-5 pm • Sunday 12-5 pm

---

**MAY EVENTS:**

**Mother’s Day Weekend at Fernwood**

**Festival of Blooms**

Second Sunday Concert 4:00 p.m. Mothers’ Day

**Annual Spring Plant Sale**

- Friday, Saturday, Sunday - May 9, 10 & 11
- New & Unusual Plants • Shrubs • Herbs
- Hardy Ferns • Prairie Plants
- Woodland Plants • Perennials
- Members receive 10% Discount

**Visit Our Gift Shop & Café**

**St. Mary of the Lake Family Festival 2008**

**Memorial Day Weekend**

**FEATURING SKERBECK BROS. CARNIVAL RIDES, INC.**

*Food, Live Entertainment & Fun!*

- Thurs., May 22nd 5 – 10 pm ($20 Unlimited Ride Bracelets)
- Fri., May 23rd 5 pm – Midnight ($20 Unlimited Ride Bracelets)
- Sat., May 24th Noon – Midnight
- Sun., May 25th Noon – Midnight
- Monday, May 26th Noon – 5 pm ($20 Unlimited Ride Bracelets)

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

- 1st prize $2,000
- 2nd Prize $1,000
- 3rd Prize $500
- $5 each – Available in the Hospitality Tent

**SILENT AUCTION**

- Thurs., May 24th 5 – 8:30 pm
- Fri., May 25th 5 – 8:30 pm
- Sat., May 26th 12 – 9 pm • Sun., May 26th 12 – 5 pm
  
  **FINAL BIDDING @ 5 pm**

**RUMMAGE SALE**

- Friday 6-8 pm • Saturday 9-5 pm • Sunday 12-5 pm

---

**Upcoming Events at Fernwood**

**Fernwood Summer hours began May 1: Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday from noon-6 p.m. MI time.**

**Fernwood Spring Plant Sale - May 9-11**

Enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the gardens while doing your spring plant shopping at Fernwood’s annual Spring Plant Sale. New plant introductions as well as many tried and true favorites will be offered. Several varieties propagated from Fernwood’s own collections are also available at bargain prices. The Lake Michigan Chapter of the Azalea Society of America is back for a second season. This year the Society is adding a line of rhododendrons to their assortment of hardy azaleas specially selected for our region of the Midwest. Remember, your Fernwood membership entitles you to 10% off your purchase. Not yet a member? Sign up on the spot to receive your membership discount! The sale is open during regular Fernwood visiting hours.

**Fernwood Café is open**

Spring Hours: 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Tuesday–Saturday, noon–3 p.m., Sunday.

**Fernwood’s Festival of Blooms, May 10 & 11**

Celebrate spring at Fernwood with food, children’s activities, and live music. **Saturday:** “Music on the Green” by Brent & Lisa Chilton 1–3 p.m. and John Tolhuizen 3–4:30 p.m. **Sunday:** The Second Sunday Concert at 4 p.m. with “Lake Effect Winds.” Both days feature a food tent (pulled pork on Saturday afternoon and shish-ka-bobs on Sunday), children’s activities 1–5 p.m., and a free plant for mom (while supplies last).

**Special Mother’s Day Buffet - Sun., May 11**

Show your Mom how special she is this Mother’s Day. Bring her to Fernwood for an elegant and scrumptious buffet prepared just for her by Executive Chef Tim Carrigan. Fresh flowers and live piano music will accompany the menu of carved roast beef, chicken with basil-mushroom sauce, vegetable medley, herb-roasted red skin potatoes, tossed salad, pasta salad, and fresh fruit and a luscious sweet treat from the dessert station. Celtic women’s group “Maeven” performs on harp, dulcimer, and guitar from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and pianist Rebecca Barrows performs from 1–3 p.m.

Prices are $14.95/adults, $7.95/children 6–12, and children five and under are free. Phone ahead to reserve seating (269/695-6491) on the half hour beginning at 11 a.m. Last seating is at 2:30 p.m.

**Fernwood’s New Garden Shop**

Fernwood’s Garden Shop features an array of accents for your outdoor living room. Find unique trellises, topiary plants, troughs and other hypertufa containers, bird houses, small garden antiques, and other specialty items tucked in among pockets of colorful accent plants. Get a Fernwood membership and enjoy discounts on specially marked items.
UPCOMING CLASSES - Phone 269-695-6491 to register and for more information.

Photographing the Flowers of Fernwood - Sat., May 17 (rain date May 18); 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Nationally known photographer Danny Burk presents an informative workshop on flower photography. Learn how to choose good subjects, create attractive compositions, use a light meter properly, and much more. Bring a tripod and camera (either digital or film) with interchangeable lenses or close-up settings and user-adjustable settings. Instruction is tailored to your individual level, whether beginner or advanced. Lunch is available in the Fernwood Café or bring your own for a picnic in the gardens. Class size is limited; please call ahead.
Members $85, Public $100. Advance registration is required by noon on Wed., May 14.

Back By Popular Demand: Hypertufa Trough Class - May 17 from 10 a.m. until noon
Once treasured and hard to find carved stone containers or ‘alpine troughs’ were a gardening sensation in the 1920s. The limited supplies of these containers were soon exhausted. English alpine enthusiasts, not to be without their beloved containers, developed a concrete-like mixture called Hypertufa. Hypertufa could easily be formed into durable stone-like planting containers. Hypertufa containers are well-suited to the climate of the Midwest because the container can withstand the freeze and thaw of Midwestern winters. Nancy Clifton, Horticulture Program Specialist at Chicago Botanic Garden, teaches this workshop. She also gives us ideas on how to plant them and shows some of her creations. There is a 24 to 36 hour delay from molding the trough to unmolding and weathering it, and Nancy shows us how to finish it at home. The price is $60 for members and $75 for non-members and includes all materials.

Niles Train Depot: History of the Gardens - Sat., May 17; 1 p.m.
Do you know why Niles is called “The Garden City?” Beginning in 1891, the massive gardens at the historic Niles Train Depot, managed by skilled Master Gardener John Gipner, grew and supplied all of the flowers for lady passengers, the dining cars, and train station restaurants on the Michigan Central Railroad line between Detroit and Chicago. Elaine Metzger from the Four Flags Garden Club digs into the history of the gardens at the train station and explains the garden club’s involvement in maintaining the gardens today. Members free, public free with admission.
It is recommended to call Fernwood to confirm status of classes beforehand. Contact Fernwood for registration and information at (269) 695-6491.
Fernwood is located near Buchanan, Michigan. Take US 31 to Walton Road, exit 7. Go west 1.7 miles, then north on Range Line Road.
Fernwood is a non-profit organization.
PREFERRED CONTRACTORS
SERVICES
Shop & Field Sandblasting & Painting
Paint Removal for Masonry, Concrete & Fiberglass
Damage Free / Dust Free

SPRING SPECIAL
• Lawn Furniture • Boat bottoms
• Inground Pool Paint Removal

FREE ESTIMATES!
Welding, Fabricating, Ornamental Iron
Wet Blasting, Graffiti Removal
219-873-1801
1649 N 625 E, Michigan City, IN

GUSE CONSTRUCTION
Specializing in Custom Decks
Designed to your Specifications
also Decks - Windows - Siding & More
Call now for your free consultation:
219-861-7868  219-878-1567

Wellness Visits
Spays/Neuter/Pre-Op Blood Work
Physical Exam
Canine Vaccinal Titer
Intestinal Parasite Check
Blood Work (Major & Super)
Unanalysis
Wellness Radiographs (Chest & Ab)
ECG
Blood Pressure Measurement

Animal Clinic
of Michigan City
1943 S. Woodland Ave.
Michigan City, IN 46360
219-879-0249

Bring in this Ad and receive
10% off Wellness Visits!
Expires 5/31/08

Pint Sized Heroes
Buddy the Blood Drop stopped by Edgewood Elementary School earlier this month to thank student council members for their efforts in organizing a “Pint-Size Heroes” blood drive at the school. More than 40 adults - parents, relatives and friends of Edgewood students - donated a total of 30 pints of blood as part of the Red Cross program. Edgewood students also took part in an assembly where Buddy explained how donating blood can help save lives.

Artists Sought for Umbrellas of Harbert
The Harbert Business Association is seeking additional artists interested in participating in the summer long “Umbrellas of Harbert” event. Artists will receive one 9 ft. market umbrella, on which to design an original work of art. The umbrellas will be displayed by sponsoring businesses along Red Arrow Hwy. throughout the summer.

On August 16th, the umbrellas will be sold at a charity auction that will take place at the Center of the Word Showroom located at 13400 Red Arrow Hwy. The event will feature live music, wine tasting, and hors d’oeuvres. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on their favorite umbrella. At the end of the evening the auction results will be revealed, and the top bidders will redeem their purchase.

The event is an opportunity for artist to create in an interesting medium, gain exposure in a well-publicized event and best of all, it’s for a great cause! For more information, phone 269.876.7879.

Friends of the Symphony Luncheon
The next Friends of the (LaPorte County) Symphony luncheon will be Tues., May 13, noon, at Sahara’s, 1701 Franklin (across from Albano’s Pizza), Michigan City. Cost is $13.00. The menu will be hot and cold Tapas served directly at your table.

Featured Speaker will be Maestro Philip Bauman who will give a vision for next year’s concert season. RSVP by May 8, to the symphony office, 219/362-9020.
**Renowned Artist Presents Gallery Talk**

Internationally known artist Mohamed Drisi will present a gallery talk at the Chesterton Art Center on Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m.

Drisi will follow a question and answer format, and he invites everyone to come prepared with questions about technique or art in general. The presentation is free and open to anyone interested in the visual arts.

Born in Morocco, Drisi graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago and the University of Chicago. He also studied at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Madrid, Spain. In 1958, the artist was commissioned by HSH Princess Grace of Monaco to paint her official portrait. HSH Princess Grace described Drisi as “a rare rose” in a garden of good painters.

As president of the Municipal Art League of Chicago, Drisi helps organize the prestigious Juried Biennial Exhibit at the Beverly Art Center. Other works of the artist hang in the Quincy (IL) Art Museum, the U.S. Treasury in Washington, DC, and the Options Exchange in Chicago.

Drisi is also one of the founders of Oil Painters of America, and a member of the Allied Artists of America and the Chicago Society of Artists. He is the founder of Drisi Studio of Fine Art in Glenwood, IL and co-founder of the Professional Artists Alliance. His work can be viewed online at www.drisistudio.com.

The Chesterton Art Center is located at 115 South Fourth St., one-half block south of the stoplight at Broadway & Fourth. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, and 1-4 p.m. weekends. (219) 926-4711.

**Purdue University North Central Office of Continuing Education**

Purdue University North Central Office of Continuing Education will offer the “Real Estate Licensing for Salespersons” course that will prepare students to take the Indiana Real Estate Licensing Examination and become licensed real estate salespeople.

Tim McColly, a licensed real estate broker, will teach the course that will meet from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 15-July 17 at PNC-Porter County, 600 Vale Park Road in Valparaiso. The course fee is $399 and there is an additional $35 book fee.

To register, contact 872-0527, ext. 5343, or visit http://www.pnc.edu/ce. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact ext. 5343.

**Middle of the Month Craft**

The Michigan City Public Library will present the Middle of the Month Craft program on Wed., May 14, at 4 p.m. Join the fun and make your own bird house. For all ages. For information phone 873-3045.
Celebrate Graduates and Budding Stars

Graduates will be honored as well as up and coming talent from the young musicians of the Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra (LMYO) during their Spring Concert Sun., May 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Mendel Mainstage at Lake Michigan College, Naper Ave., Benton Harbor, MI.

Students in the Lake Michigan Youth Symphony come from 18 different Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana schools, including home schooled, Lake Michigan College and Andrews University. Steven L. Reed conducts the symphony, and also serves as Orchestra Conductor at St. Joseph Public Schools.

The Prep Strings are conducted by Ms. Rachel Cabanilla, a strings specialist for the St. Joseph Public Schools. The group features primarily 7th and 8th grade string players, some of which do not have string programs in their schools.

The Junior Prep Strings, conducted by Ms. Beth Oeseburg, features students from all over Southwest Michigan ranging in age from 8 to 12 years old.

There will be a post-concert reception in the lobby. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students and are available at the box office one hour before the concert. Info: 269/982-4030.

American Red Cross Classes

The LaPorte County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the following CPR and First Aid Classes:

- **Thurs., May 15, 4 p.m.**: Adult and Child CPR to be held at the Michigan City Chapter, 113 Warren Rd., Michigan City. Cost $20.
- **Thurs., May 22, 6 p.m.**: CPR for the Professional Rescuer offered at Michigan City Chapter. Cost $40.
- **Thurs., May 29, 5 p.m.**: Adult, Child and Infant CPR recertification class to be held at the Michigan City Chapter. Cost $25.
- **Sat., May 31, 8 a.m.**: Adult, Child and Infant CPR and First Aid Class at Michigan City Chapter. Cost $40.

Register at 874-4247.

A.J.A Manga Discussion Group

The “A.J.A.” (Anime Junkies Anonymous) Manga Discussion Group will meet from 5-6 p.m. on Wed., May 14 in the large meeting room at LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. This is a group for teens. They will discuss Getbackers by Yuyu Aoki. Free refreshments will be included. There is no charge and reservations are not taken. Phone 219/362-6156 48 hours in advance to request signing for the hearing impaired or for more information.
LaPorte Kiwanis Golf Outing

The La Porte Kiwanis Club is holding its 5th Annual Golf Outing on Fri., June 6th at Legacy Hills Golf Course, LaPorte. Lunch and registration start at 11 a.m. Shot gun start at noon using a Scramble format.

The Hole in One Challenge is Sponsored by Sau-er’s Buick-Pontiac. Cost is $75 per person/ $300 per team. Hole sponsorships are available for $75. Registration forms are available at the following La Porte locations: La Porte Savings Bank, National City Bank, 1st Source Bank, Horizon Bank, The Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce and the La Porte Family YMCA.

Deadline for entry is June 2. Questions? Phone Mark Schreiber at (219) 608-4755.

Proceeds from this event fund many children’s initiatives in the La Porte area: Little League & Babe Ruth Baseball teams, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, La Porte Pre-school Project, Young Children-Priority One, 4-H Leader Camp and Save Our Youth (SOY).

The La Porte Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday, noon, at The First Church of God, 2020 East Lincolnway, LaPorte.

I.F.G. Plant Sale

Hand selected annuals and perennials from area greenhouses are featured at the Friendship Gardens Plant Sale. The sale will take place Sat. and Sun., May 17 and 18.

“These plants are really different from what you can get at most retail shops,” says Dennis Brittain, Master Gardener and event chair. “Our plants are from local greenhouse such as Stonehouse Nursery in Michigan, Perennials Galore and Vicini Farms and Greenhouses. We go to these greenhouses and select each plant. They are in peak condition and are unusual specimens that one does not ordinarily see.”

Gates will open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on both days. Master Gardeners will be on hand to advise about purchases and to answer gardening questions. There is no admission.

Films on DVD Series

Due to technical difficulties during the February showing of In the Shadow of the Moon, the film will be shown on Sat., May 10, at 2 p.m. in its entirety at the Michigan City Public Library. The surviving crew members from NASA’s Apollo missions tell their stories in their own words. Rated PG.

Sponsored with Purdue University North Central and the LaPorte County Public Library. For more information phone 873-3049. Free and open to the public.
Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:


May 8 -- “Icons with Nikons” talk by Joan Chesterton at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. 2nd St., MC. 7 pm. Co-hosted by PNC's Odyssey Arts & Cultural series.

May 10 -- Michigan City Farmer's Market, 8th & Washington Streets. 8 am-noon or sell-out. Also weekly bake sales.

May 10 -- Postal Workers Food Drive in LaPorte County. Leave a bag of non-perishable foods next to your mailbox to help fill the food pantries.


May 10 -- Sign up for Dunes Summer Theatre children's acting camps. 3-5 pm at the Theatre, 288 Shady Oaks Dr., Michiana Shores, IN. Story this issue. Info: Peyton Daly, 773-919-1366.

May 11 -- HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

May 11 -- Father's Day at the MC Zoo. Mothers & grandmothers get in free with a paying child.

May 11 -- Keith Scott (blues guitarist) in concert at the MC Public Library. 2 pm. Free & open to public. Info: 873-3049.

May 11 -- A Concert and High Tea by the Artistic Outreach Ministry of First Congregational Church. Featuring vocalists Howard Brenneman, Donna Mitchell and Lori Packuszewski, violinist Sara Miller and pianist Lee Meyer. 4 pm in the church parlor, 531 Washington St., MC. Free & open to public. Info: 874-5278.

May 13 -- Friends of the (LaP. Co.) Symphony Luncheon. Noon at Sahara's, 1701 Franklin St., MC. $13. Speaker will be Maestro Philip Bauman. RSVP to symphony office, 219/362-9020.

May 15 -- Duneland Historical Society meeting. 7:30 pm at Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Program: “The Regional Vision of Alfred Meyer, Map Maker.” Public invited; refreshments will be served.

May 24 -- Opera at the Acorn Theater featuring Metropolitan Opera Mezzo-Soprano Isola Jones. 8 pm MI time. 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks, MI.
Tix $25; reserve at 219-778-8513.

**Every Monday** -- New Buffalo Chess Club. 6 pm (MI time) at the New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson, New Buffalo. Open to all ages and skill levels. John Calo, 269/469-6507 or email jscalo@localnet.com

**Places to Visit:**

* Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., Michigan City. Adm. $4/adults, $2/kids 18 & under, free/kids under 3. Guided tours: Mon-Fri. 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm; Sat/Sun. noon, 2 pm. 219-873-1520.

* Great Lakes Museum of Military History, 360 Dunes Plaza, Michigan City. Open 9 am-4 pm, Tues-Fri; 10 am-4 pm Sat; closed Sun & Mon. Adm. $3/adults, $2/vets & senior citizens, $1/ages 8-18, and free to under 8 and active military personnel. Info 872-2702 or www.militaryhistorymuseum.org

* LaPorte County Historical Museum. 2405 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. Adm. $3/LaP. Co. resident; $5/out-of-county; $3/kids 12-17; free/under 12 yrs. 219/324-6767 or www.laportecountyhistory.org

* Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. 2nd St., Michigan City. Tues.-Fri., 10 am-5 pm; Sat-Sun, 11 am-4 pm. Closed Mon. Phone 874-4900.

* New Buffalo Railroad Museum, 530 S. Whittaker St., New Buffalo, MI. Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm; Sat, 10 am-3 pm, (MI time) Closed Sun. 269/469-5409.

* Old Lighthouse Museum, Washington Park, LaPorte. Opens for the season 1-4 pm, Tues.-Sun. Closed Mon. & holidays. Adm. $3/adults, $1/grades 9-12. 50¢/grade school; free/under 5 yrs. Groups of 10 or more must make appointment at 872-6133.


* Southern Shore Art Association Gallery, 724 Franklin St., Michigan City. Fri., 4-7 pm; Sat., noon-5 pm; Sun., 1-5 pm. 219-861-0186. http://southernshoreart.org

* Washington Park Zoo, Lakefront, Michigan City. Open 7 days, 10 am-5 pm (gates close 4 pm). Adm. MC resident (with ID); $4.50/adult, $3/seniors (62+) & kids 3-11 yrs. Non resident: $5.50/adult, $4/seniors & kids 3-11 yrs. Children under 12 yrs. not admitted without adult. Groups & special events, phone ahead 873-1510.

**Farther Afield:**

* May 10 -- WNIT's live auction of everything not sold during the TV auction. 9 am EST at St. Joseph Co. Fairgrounds, S. Ironwood Dr. & Jackson Rd., South Bend. Info: 574/675-9648.

* May 11 -- “Winning Combinations” with the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra. 3:30 pm MI time at Lake Michigan College’s Mendel Center, Benton Harbor, MI. Tix $7/students, $30/seniors, $35/adults; reserve at 269/982-4030.
National Carriage Driving Month

In celebration of National Carriage Driving month, on May 18 members of the Carriage & Sleigh Association of Northwest Indiana will be driving many horse drawn vehicles throughout Buckley Homestead, Lowell, IN, during the day. Horses and ponies will be put to a variety of vehicles from an all-but-forgotten time in history. During the lunch hour visitors will be able to view the assorted vehicles up close, while horses are rested and drivers enjoy a picnic lunch. Drivers will be there to answer your many questions about their turnouts and equine friends. (Rain date June 1.)

The Carriage Association of America was founded in 1960 and is the oldest and largest international organization devoted to the preservation and restoration of horse-drawn carriages and sleighs. The CAA serves its thousands of members (in all 50 states and in 40 other countries) through the publication of the award-winning Carriage Journal; its conferences and learning weekends; educational trips; and many publications on safety, turnout, and traditional driving.

For more information on the Carriage Association of America or to join, visit www.caaonline.com, send an e-mail to info@caaonline.com, or phone 859/231-0971.

Directions to Buckley Homestead: Exit Interstate 65 at Route 2 in Lowell for about 4 miles to Hendricks Road. Travel south for 1/4 mile to the visitor center parking lot. The farmstead is located at the intersection of Belshaw and Hendricks Roads. Following the walking path through the orchard to the homestead.

Page Turners

The Page Turners book discussion group will discuss The Secret by Rhonda Byrne from 12-1 p.m. on Tues., May 13 at the LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. It is the current #1 non-fiction bestseller about the law of attraction. It can be checked out in print and on CD and DVD. There is no charge or registration for the discussion. Refreshments will be served, compliments of Friends of the Library. For more information or to request signing for the hearing impaired 48 hours in advance, phone 219/362-6156.
Young Adult Writer’s Workshop

On Sat., May 31, come meet local author Karen Day who will present her new book, No Cream Puffs, a story set along the shores of Lake Michigan, at the Marquette Mall in Michigan City.

A Young Adult Writer’s Workshop for ages 11-14 will be presented by the author from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. This workshop is presented free of charge by Marquette Mall in the Community Room. For reservations, phone 872-1882.

Following the workshop, an autograph session will take place from 1:30-3 p.m. at Readers World Bookstore in the mall.

AARP Driver’s Safety Course

The AARP Driver Safety Program is an 8-hour refresher course that can help you learn the effects of aging on driving and how to adjust. The Michigan City Public Library is now taking reservations for the course to be held on Thurs. and Fri., May 15th and 16th from 9:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Earn an insurance rate discount (check with your insurance company) by taking this refresher course for drivers age 55 and over. A $10 fee covers materials. You must attend both 4-hour session in their entirety. Phone 873-3049 to register.

RVHS Baccalaureate Service

The River Valley High School Baccalaureate Service for the graduating class of 2008 will be held Sun., May 18 at 4:00 p.m. MI time, in the High School Auditorium. This service is sponsored by the River Valley Ministerial Association and Pastor Dave Heyn will speak. A worship team of graduating seniors will lead congregational singing of both hymns and contemporary songs of worship. Refreshments will be served following the service. The public is welcome to attend.

Grand Opening Party

Whittaker House and Urban Thunder boutiques announce a Grand Opening Party at Urban Thunder, 508 State St., LaPorte, on Sat., May 10, 6-10 p.m. There will be food, drinks, fun, DJ Action Jackson and the live music of Midwest Hype.

Free of charge and open to the public. For more information phone 269/469-0220.
THE St. Mary of the Lake Registration

St. Mary of the Lake School, New Buffalo, will be holding Open Registration for Fall Enrollment for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. Open Registration will be Thurs., May 8, from 8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (MI time). Contact the school office at 269/469-1515 to schedule an appointment or any questions.

St. Mary of the Lake Registration

Duneland Historical Society

The Duneland Historical Society will meet Thurs., May 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton, Indiana.

The program, “The Regional Vision of Alfred Meyer, Map Maker,” will be presented by Micheal Longan, Valparaiso University and Mark Bouman, Chicago State University. They will discuss the life and work of Alfred Meyer, Valparaiso University geography professor and creator of the famous regional map of our area. Copies of the map will be available for sale from the Westchester Twp. History Museum.

The public is invited to DHS meetings and refreshments will be provided. There will be no DHS meeting in June, but a tour is being planned for June 21.

New Art Exhibit at Vickers Theatre

Through the month of May the Vickers Theatre Gallery will have the graphite drawings of Bonnie Davis on exhibit.

“The force that through the green fuse drives the flower.” -- Bonnie says, “The green fuse in this Dylan Thomas quotation speaks to the natural elements that inspire my work. Unexpressed feelings and emotions are my creative force.”

Bonnie graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a BFA and says she has been fortunate to pursue her art full-time since retirement and move to Michigan in 2004.

This exhibit continues through June 2. For more information, phone 269-756-3522 or www.vickertstheatre.com. The Gallery at the Vickers Theatre is located at 6 N. Elm Street, Three Oaks, MI.

Paint Black-Eyed Susans in Watercolor

Jacqueline Gnott will return on Sat., May 17 to teach a watercolor class from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St., Chesterton, IN. Students will be shown how to render and paint a Black-Eyed Susan.

Preregistration is necessary; phone the Art Center at (219) 926-4711. Fees for the class are $30 for members and $35 for nonmembers.

Send a Copy of THE Beacher to a Friend or Relative

BEACHER SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Six Months ............ $21.00
One Year ............... $38.00

THE Beacher
911 Franklin Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

Phone: 219/879-0088
Fax: 219/879-8070
E-mail: classads@thebeacher.com
Just in Time to Order –
GRADUATION
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Come See The New
Designs For 2008

the Beacher Business Printers
911 Franklin Street
Michigan City, Indiana
219 879-0088 • fax 219-879-8070
e-mail: beacher@thebeacher.com
Veteran railroad consultant Norman Carlson had a timely message for the Michigan City Rotary Club at their April 24 meeting when he said of the South Shore we all ride: “An electric railroad is a green solution. You have a green solution here that others do not have.”

Carlson, who is a retired Worldwide Managing Partner of the Transportation Industry Practice of Arthur Andersen & Co., predicted that ridership would increase on the South Shore as gas prices continue to climb, and he was bullish on the future of South Shore Freight.

First & Fastest, Norman Carlson was well qualified to outline the history of a railroad that, he said, “traces its beginning to the Chicago & Indiana Air Line whose charter envisioned a railroad between East Chicago and South Bend. “The line was incorporated on December 2, 1901 with Samuel Insull as one of the incorporators and opened for business as a 3.4-mile streetcar line connecting East Chicago with the industries of Indiana Harbor in September 1903.”

Norman Carlson noted that “Air Line” was a term at that time for a railroad with straight track and slight grades for fast operation. He noted that the name of the company was changed to Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend in 1904, and that a railroad was constructed between South Bend and the Illinois-Indiana state line at Hammond between 1906 and June 1908.

Employing iconic images of the South Shore, Carlson conducted his audience past the major mile markers of South Shore history including that seminal moment on June 30, 1908 when the first passenger train operated from South Bend to Michigan City. He showed a car with a number of people standing outside it and noted with a chuckle: “The curve was so tight that they had to grease the rails.”

So, yes, it might have been a case of Norman Carlson preaching to the choir on April 24, but he certainly did a grand job of it as he illustrated “100 Years of Enduring Tradition (on the) South Shore Line” with a powerful power point presentation that prompted a lively post-presentation discussion of the benefits of having an environmentally friendly railroad in our backyard.
Carlson said he traces his first recollections of the South Shore to 1947 when his father was the traffic manager for a coal mining company. “The mines were in Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky and most of the coal came north on the Illinois Central. If the coal was headed for eastern railroad, the South Shore would deliver the car within 24 hours. If the rail went through the Chicago Terminal, it would be days in getting to the eastern carrier. So if I wanted something from the South Shore like a ride on a freight train, or an employee timetable, I got it very quickly.”

And Norman Carlson’s audience was quick to share his appreciation for such defenders of the South Shore as Charley Jones, who as General Manager during the Great Depression, decided to forego complete abandonment of the railroad. “Charley Jones rallied the troops and started to build the freight service.”

Way to go, Charley!

For, as Norman Carlson has stated: “Freight is the reason that the South Shore Line has survived. Over the decades the South Shore Line has become vital to the people and economy of that part of Northwest Indiana that is know as ‘the Region.’”

Carlson noted that our region grew from sand ridges and swampland into an industrial center serving the nation with numerous steel-making facilities, a large refinery, electric generating stations, and many other significant industries.

And among the significant players in South Shore history were the three 273-ton, 89-foot long locomotives that the railroad purchased from General Electric in 1949. These “800 Series” locomotives were known on other lines as “Little Joes,” because the engines were built for use by Josef Stalin’s Russia when they were our allies during World War II. But then the Cold War started almost immediately after the German surrender in 1945, and the State Department banned the shipment, and the South Shore made good use of these behemoths by having them haul lumber produced in the Pacific Northwest. “They handled trains like they were toys,” Norman Carlson said.

He went on to describe the devastating effect the opening of the Indiana Toll Road had on the South Shore’s ridership, and he explored in considerable detail how the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, or NICTD, fought to save passenger service on the South Shore.

“It is remarkable what NICTD has accomplished,” Norman Carlson said.

He said so much more that a believer in green railroads really needs to spend some personal time with this consummate railroader. The best way to do that would be to accept his invitation and attend a three-day “South Shore Line Centennial Conference” sponsored by the Midwest Railroad Research Center of the Indiana Historical Society at the end of June.

Organized to celebrate the centennial of the historical Shore Shore Line, the conference will begin at 7 p.m. (EDT) on Friday, June 26 with a reception in the Atrium at the South Bend Regional Airport and the unveiling of a poster by Mitch Markowitz commemorating the centennial.

Activities continue all day Friday, June 27 at the South Bend Regional Airport Atrium with presentations on various aspects of South Shore history, and there will be a round-trip train ride between South Bend and Michigan City on Saturday, June 28 with a visit at the famous Shops.

Cost is $45 per person and reservations can be made by calling: 800/477-1830, or by e-mail: wel come@indianahistory.org.

Hope to see you there, and remember: Safety first!
May 8, 1541, at a point near the present city of Memphis, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto discovered the Mississippi River.

May 8, 1846, at Palo Alto, TX, American troops, led by General Zachary Taylor, won the first battle of the Mexican War.

May 8, 1879, George Selden, of Rochester, NY, filed for the first automobile patent.

May 8, 1886, an Atlanta pharmacist, John Styth Pemberton, invented a syrup for a beverage that was to become known as “Coca-Cola.”

May 9, 1502, Christopher Columbus sailed from Spain on his fourth, and final, voyage to the New World.

May 9, 1657, William Bradford, leader of the Pilgrims on the Mayflower, died in present day Plymouth, MA; he was 67. The first Plymouth Colony governor, he was re-elected 30 times.

May 9, 1754, the first cartoon appeared in an American newspaper. Benjamin Franklin’s Pennsylvania Gazette carried an illustration of a divided snake, each section symbolizing one of the colonies. The caption read, “Join or Die.”

May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Mothers Day to be a public holiday.

May 9, 1926, U.S. Navy Commander Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first people to fly over the North Pole.

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

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

May 10, 1894, two 10-foot bronze lions were unveiled at the west entrance to the Chicago Art Museum.

May 10, 1899, Frederick Austerlitz, who became famous as dancer Fred Astaire, was born in Omaha.

May 10, 1930, the first planetarium in the United States was opened in Chicago.

May 11, 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state to join the Union.

May 11, 1888, American songwriter Israel Balsline (who later changed his name to Irving Berlin) was born in present day Belarus.

On May 11, 1928, in Schenectady, NY, Station WGY began the first regularly scheduled television programs.

On May 11, 1949, the Kingdom of Siam changed its name to Thailand.

On May 12, 1820, Italian Florence Nightengale, the patron saint of modern nursing, was born in Florence, Italy.

On May 12, 1949, because of the effectiveness of the “Berlin Airlift,” the Soviet Union ended its 328-day blockade of West Berlin.

On May 12, 1997, Australian Susie Maroney became the first woman to swim all the way from Cuba to Florida, covering the 118 mile distance in 24½ hours.

On May 12, 2002, Jimmy Carter arrived in Cuba, becoming the first U.S. president—in or out of office—to visit since the 1959 revolution that put Fidel Castro in power.

On May 13, 1494, Christopher Columbus, on his second voyage to the new world, discovered the island of Jamaica.

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

On May 13, 1940, Winston Churchill, in his first speech before the House of Commons as British Prime Minister, said: “I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat.”

On May 13, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill authorizing construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

On May 13, 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition left St. Louis to explore the Louisiana Territory.

On May 13, 1904, St. Louis hosted the first Olympic Games to be held in the United States.

On May 13, 1942, Congress established the “Women’s Auxiliary Army Corps.”

On May 14, 1948, British rule in Palestine ended, and the independent state of Israel came into being.

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


On May 11, 1928, in Schenectady, NY, Station WGY began the first regularly scheduled television programs.

On May 11, 1949, the Kingdom of Siam changed its name to Thailand.

On May 12, 1820, Italian Florence Nightengale, the patron saint of modern nursing, was born in Florence, Italy.

On May 12, 1949, because of the effectiveness of the “Berlin Airlift,” the Soviet Union ended its 328-day blockade of West Berlin.

On May 12, 1997, Australian Susie Maroney became the first woman to swim all the way from Cuba to Florida, covering the 118 mile distance in 24½ hours.

On May 12, 2002, Jimmy Carter arrived in Cuba, becoming the first U.S. president—in or out of office—to visit since the 1959 revolution that put Fidel Castro in power.

On May 13, 1494, Christopher Columbus, on his second voyage to the new world, discovered the island of Jamaica.

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

On May 13, 1940, Winston Churchill, in his first speech before the House of Commons as British Prime Minister, said: “I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat.”

On May 13, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill authorizing construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

On May 13, 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition left St. Louis to explore the Louisiana Territory.

On May 13, 1904, St. Louis hosted the first Olympic Games to be held in the United States.

On May 13, 1942, Congress established the “Women’s Auxiliary Army Corps.”

On May 14, 1948, British rule in Palestine ended, and the independent state of Israel came into being.

On May 14, 1973 Skylab, the first United States Space Station, was launched from Florida.
Fine Artist Dana Dabagia is accepting student registration for a 6-week class in oil painting to start in June on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9 p.m. The class will focus on techniques, color mixing, with individual instruction in a group setting. The cost for all six sessions is $160 and space is limited. Dana is known for her figurative and floral work and just closed a one person show at the Southern Shore Gallery. For more information, a supply list and to register, phone Dana at 219-871-1590.

Rossanna Massey, D.C., EFT-ADV is offering weekly sessions on weight loss using the newest, most powerful, cutting-edge techniques for literally changing the way your brain processes the signals from your body to your mind. Topics such as stopping sabotaging your sincere desire to live the rest of your live thinner and healthier, food cravings, negative emotions, as well as specific techniques for reaching your goals will be presented over a 4-8 week period. For registration and information phone Rossanna at 269-449-0491.

The Long Beach Fitness Center Membership Sale continues now through May 31st. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to purchase a 3 month membership for only $100. The three months must be consecutive, however the start date can be deferred.

Sunday afternoon Scrabble group will meet at 4 p.m. in room #10 starting May 18th. If you are interested in participating, please call the center at 879-3845 and leave a message with your name and phone number so we can add your name to our list of players.

Anyone interested in the Long Beach Book Club may contact the coordinator at 219-878-1772.

-----submitted by Susan Visssing

Is your list of household repair & maintenance projects growing? Small jobs welcome. — Quality Work. — Call Ed Berent @ 219/879-8200.

H & H HOME REPAIR

We specialize in: • Carpentry • Finished Basements • New Baths • Electrical • Plumbing • Flooring • Drywall/Painting.

Family owned 45 years.


BILL SMART — Carpentry • Electrical • Plumbing
Winter watch service and sump pump replacement.

Serving Harbor Country since 2001 • 269-469-4407.

HALE'S MASONRY, Brick, Block, Cultural Stone, Screen Porch, Tuckpointing, Retaining Walls, Glass Block, Chimney, new and repair.

32 years experience. Call 219-879-8029.

CLOTHES DRYER & VENT CLEANING.

Prevent fires, save money on energy bills, and have shorter drying times.

FREE ESTIMATES. INSURED. Call Darold at 219-898-1529.

PAINTING—DRYWALL—WALLPAPER

WISTHOFF PAINTING — REFERENCES
Small Jobs Welcome — Call 219/874-5279

JEFFERY J. HUMAN INTERIOR/EXTERIOR PAINTING & STAINING
Custom Decorating - Custom Woodwork - Hang/Finish Drywall
Power Washing — Deck Services — Wallpaper Removal


THE A & L PAINTING COMPANY — INTERIOR & EXTERIOR
20-YEARS EXPERIENCE. Also Power Wash, Seal & Paint Decks.
Seniors (65+) 10% off labor. References. Reasonable. Phone or fax 219/778-4145. Cell phone days 219/363-5450

LAKE SHORE PAINTING & PRESSURE CLEANING.

Free estimates. To ask for toy.

WAYNE’S PAINTING. From top to bottom, interior/exterior. Painting, staining, decks, pressure washing. Fee: $150. Fully insured. 13 yrs. exp.
Save 30% on exteriors March through May.


ROBERT ALLEN & ASSOCIATES, INC. — Painting & Decorating

PETERSEN PREMIUM FINISHES

Int/Ext painting, drywall finishing & repair, wallpaper removal.

20 yrs. exp. Insured. ph. 219-363-9151.

DUNIVAN PAINTING & PRESSURE WASHING
Interior/Exterior Painting • Deck Staining.

PREMIER POWER WASH.


TIM’S PAINTING

Interior & exterior painting, pressure washing and/or hand washing, gutter cleaning, exterior window washing. Free estimates.

Call Tim at 219-861-7865.

LANDSCAPE-Lawns-Clean Up, Etc.

H & D TREE SERVICE and LANDSCAPING, INC. — Full service tree and shrub care. Trimming, planting, removal. Firewood, snowplowing, excavating. — Call 872-7290.

FREE ESTIMATES

HEALY’S LANDSCAPE & STONE
219/879-5150 — FAX 219/879-5344
http://www.healyland.com - d.healy@comcast.net

Voted: BEST LANDSCAPE SUPPLY YARD IN N.W. INDIANA!

15+ Types of Flagstone, 30+ Types of Stone, Granite boulders, River Rock, Decorative gravel, Mulch, Mushroom Compost, Sand, Topsoil

Landscaping, Stonescaping, Ponds, Patios, Walls, Pavers, Bricks

Complete Landscape Design & Installation! Dunegrass, Perennials, Evergreens, Grasses, Groundcovers

Annually all sold at below RETAIL Cost!


Is your list of household repair & maintenance projects growing? Small jobs welcome. — Quality Work. — Call Ed Berent @ 219/879-8200.

H & H HOME REPAIR

We specialize in: • Carpentry • Finished Basements • New Baths • Electrical • Plumbing • Flooring • Drywall/Painting.

Family owned 45 years.


BILL SMART — Carpentry • Electrical • Plumbing
Winter watch service and sump pump replacement.

Serving Harbor Country since 2001 • 269-469-4407.

HALE’S MASONRY, Brick, Block, Cultural Stone, Screen Porch, Tuckpointing, Retaining Walls, Glass Block, Chimney, new and repair.

32 years experience. Call 219-879-8029.

CLOTHES DRYER & VENT CLEANING.

Prevent fires, save money on energy bills, and have shorter drying times.

FREE ESTIMATES. INSURED. Call Darold at 219-898-1529.

PAINTING—DRYWALL—WALLPAPER

WISTHOFF PAINTING — REFERENCES
Small Jobs Welcome — Call 219/874-5279

JEFFERY J. HUMAN INTERIOR/EXTERIOR PAINTING & STAINING
Custom Decorating - Custom Woodwork - Hang/Finish Drywall
Power Washing — Deck Services — Wallpaper Removal


THE A & L PAINTING COMPANY — INTERIOR & EXTERIOR
20-YEARS EXPERIENCE. Also Power Wash, Seal & Paint Decks.
Seniors (65+) 10% off labor. References. Reasonable. Phone or fax 219/778-4145. Cell phone days 219/363-5450

LAKE SHORE PAINTING & PRESSURE CLEANING.

Free estimates. To ask for toy.

WAYNE’S PAINTING. From top to bottom, interior/exterior. Painting, staining, decks, pressure washing. Fee: $150. Fully insured. 13 yrs. exp.
Save 30% on exteriors March through May.


ROBERT ALLEN & ASSOCIATES, INC. — Painting & Decorating

PETERSEN PREMIUM FINISHES

Int/Ext painting, drywall finishing & repair, wallpaper removal.

20 yrs. exp. Insured. ph. 219-363-9151.

DUNIVAN PAINTING & PRESSURE WASHING
Interior/Exterior Painting • Deck Staining.

PREMIER POWER WASH.


TIM’S PAINTING

Interior & exterior painting, pressure washing and/or hand washing, gutter cleaning, exterior window washing. Free estimates.

Call Tim at 219-861-7865.

LANDSCAPE-Lawns-Clean Up, Etc.

H & D TREE SERVICE and LANDSCAPING, INC. — Full service tree and shrub care. Trimming, planting, removal. Firewood, snowplowing, excavating. — Call 872-7290.

FREE ESTIMATES

HEALY’S LANDSCAPE & STONE
219/879-5150 — FAX 219/879-5344
http://www.healyland.com - d.healy@comcast.net

Voted: BEST LANDSCAPE SUPPLY YARD IN N.W. INDIANA!

15+ Types of Flagstone, 30+ Types of Stone, Granite boulders, River Rock, Decorative gravel, Mulch, Mushroom Compost, Sand, Topsoil

Landscaping, Stonescaping, Ponds, Patios, Walls, Pavers, Bricks

Complete Landscape Design & Installation! Dunegrass, Perennials, Evergreens, Grasses, Groundcovers

Annually all sold at below RETAIL Cost!
Now accepting new maintenance customers
Colored Mulch - Topsoil - River Rock
Retaining Wall Blocks - Natural Stone

It's not a job, it's a future! FOR CDL Training through Commercial
Excellent earning potential and still be OFF WEEKENDS!
Guaranteed weekly earnings. Premium equipment and benefits.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! TMC Transportation needs drivers.
ATTENTION DRIVERS willing to train to obtain CDL!

GREEN ROASTED TO ORDER! SEE US AT THE FARMER'S MARKET.

**SHERIDAN BEACH SUMMER RENTAL.** Cozy knotty pine cottage. 4BR, 2BA, cable, C/A. 1/2 blk. from beach. Close to outlet, park and zoo. $1000/wk. Contact Pam 708-383-2635.

**LONG BEACH HOUSE FOR RENT** - Great location, very close to beach and park. 4BR, 2Bath, A/C, W/D. Deck w/BBQ.

Avail. now to 6/28 or after 7/26 for short/long term rental. 312-953-9570.

**LONG BEACH SUMMER RENTAL** - Beachfront house at Stop 29. 3BR, 2.5BA, A/C, modern appliances. By week or month. Call Jim at 773-405-9879.

**NICE 2BR APARTMENT.** Over 1200 sq. ft. Near Trail Creek Marina. 1 yr. lease. Rent $550/mo. + util. Call Dave 312-771-6044.

**Unique Seasonal Rental** - Relax in the country, relax on the farm. Spend a leisurely weekend or week or month or a barn rehabbed into a spacious living loft style located on a real working farm. Be inspired by the SHERIDAN BEACH. The barn has 3BR, a loft-style great room, full kitchen, and bathroom. This seasonal rental is in Rolling Prairie, IN, located just 70 mi. from Chicago and 15 mins. from Lake Michigan. Visit LaPorte antique shops, New Buffalo boutiques, and Union Pier restaurants. The barn has 3BR, a loft-style great room, full kitchen, and bathroom. Well-behaved, leashed pets are very welcome. Please inquire about an additional pet deposit. 219-778-9144 or email: wolfeld@csinet.net

**SHERIDAN BEACH.** Contemporary, spacious, furn. 3BR, 2-1/2BA home. 2-car garage. Outstanding lake vistas. Short or long term. Call 630-852-5414 or 630-699-1010 or e-mail mess6008@msn.com

**SUMMER RENTAL–HOUSE ON STOP 16**

3BR, Fam. Rm., 2-1/2BA, A/C, W/D, BBQ

**APRIL, MAY, JUNE & SEPTEMBER.** Yearly rental, 2BR, 2BA apt. All appliances, parking, Credit check, no pets. $700 mo. Broker/owner. 219-363-6818.

**RENTALS MICHIGAN**

**MICHIGAN, New Buffalo, Village of Grand Beach.** Lake front home, just 42 steps down to this private beach on Lake Michigan. Enjoy magnificent sunsets from this lakeside deck and living room. This cozy 3BR is completely furn. Available in July & Aug. for $2,000/week. For more info call 708-212-1637.

**APRIL, MAY, JUNE & SEPTEMBER.** Yearly rental, 2BR, 2BA apt. All appliances, parking. Credit check, no pets. $700 mo. Broker/owner. 219-363-6818.

**UNION PIER** 3BR 2BA cottage on lake side of Red Arrow Hwy. Lg. screened porch, fenced yard. C/A, W/D.

Walk to beach or use golf cart. $1600/wk. Call Mike 312-969-3994.


**VACATION RENTALS**

4BR, 2BA house, 1.5BA condo, 1 BR, 1BA apt. Summer and winter rentals available. All within walking distance of the beach. New Buffalo, MI Call 269-469-4970.

**FURN, 2BR, 2BA, Formal DR, vaulted LR w/frpl. 3 season porch w/ wdstove. Master Suite w/Jacuzzi tub. W/D, Dishwasher, Central A/C. One mi. from lake on wooded landscaped acre. Avail. for 1+ yr. lease or “timeshare.” (i.e. – 1 wk. ea. month). Union Pier. 651-343-1488.

**REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

**INDIANA-LaPorte on Pine Lake in Shore Acres.** 1/2 blk. to the beach. Totally rehabbed spacious ranch on 3 lots, $199,000. Call 708-212-1637.

**MICHIANA SHORES AREA, IN,** wooded blgd. sites. City sewer & water, 80 ft. x 130 ft. Elmwood Drive. $129,000. Broker/owner 229-283-2437.

**HOME FOR SALE.** Spacious, stick-built home, 3800 sq.ft., open floor plan. 3BR, 2BA, finished family room downstairs. On 2 acs. 2 mi. south of Hesston Supper Club at 1576 E S 800 N. LaPorte, IN Call (219) 778-9370.


**2 LARGE ADJOINING BUILDING SITES:** Duneridge Dr., Stop 40, Village of Michiana, MI. Will sell separately or together. Call 219-872-3611.

**THE SHORES CONDOMINIUMS** – 2 bedrooms + den, 2 full baths, all appliances, deck overlooking Lake Clare. $299,900. Call 219-874-1571.

**2BR, 1BA MOBILE HOME** in quiet park. Very clean. New flooring. All appliances stay. $12,000. Call 219-879-4893.

**35 KARWICK GLEN, MC.** Year round seasonal loft town home. Immaculate 2BR, 1.75BA. Fireplace, C/A, all appliances. Private patio, new wood flooring in main level. 1 car garage. $148,000. Call 708-479-0356 or 708-204-1975.

**LONG BEACH POINTE CONDO – 1BR.** Includes garage, W/D. $99,500. Call 219-878-8130.

**PRICE REDUCED!!!** $295,000. Beautiful BRICK RANCH HOME located on 8 park-like acres in Heston, IN. 1600 sq.ft. Plus full basement that was Everdry™ waterproofed 2006 and doubles potential living area. 3BR, 2.5BA, 2 car garage. Less than 10 mins. to New Buffalo, MI and the I-94 interchange. 60 mins. to Chicago. Move-in condition. Exceptional investment for this highly valued LaPorte County location. For pictures and more details go to www.brickranchforsale.com

**or call 219-872-0038.

**MICHIGAN CITY –** Lovely Beach Club townhouse, 3BR, 2.5BA, has HW flrs., nice kitchen, 2 car garage. Close to marina, Washington Park & band shell. Access to Lake Michigan, pool and fitness center, too. Just $345,000. Call Brenda Miley @ 219-629-1860.

**Prudential Partners Real Estate.**

**2BR, 1BA CONDO AT LONG BEACH POINTE, Michigan City with garage. Renovated, new kitchen and bath, new windows and doors, 1st floor. Beautiful outdoor pool. Short walk to beach. Call owner 773-929-0898.

Support those who advertise in the Beacher! Tell them you saw their Ad!

The Beverly Shores Depot Art Gallery

Photographs by Herbert George

On Exhibit May 16 – June 15

Opening Reception Sun., May 18, 11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Primarily a sculptor George will be showing his photography. “On my almost daily walks along the beach...I became increasingly interested in the tangled, small bits of flotsam and jetsam that...littered the beach...I came to understand that these knotted, snarled, discarded bits...as being emblematic of what I wish my sculpture to be...This exhibition of photographs is an effort to share a small number of these beautiful ‘natural’ objects with the viewer.”

George's background includes degrees in sculpture from the University of Pennsylvania, a degree from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and a Fulbright Scholarship in London. He has received many honors and awards, including a Mellon Foundation Grant for a “Sculptural Portrait” exhibit at the University of Chicago and a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship for sculpture. Individual exhibits have been as far away as the L’Isola Gallery in Rome. His work is in museum collections including the Yorkshire Sculpture Park in Yorkshire, England and a national collection in Austria (Burgenland).

The Beverly Shores Depot Museum and Art Gallery is located at 525 Broadway, Beverly Shores, just north of Highway #12. Admission is free, donations are welcome. The Depot is open every Friday through Sunday from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., April through November. For more information contact Larry Jensen at 219-874-7871.
Hold Tight by Harlan Coben

Hold tight -- to your dreams, to your children, to your secrets...

This week's book recommendation explodes off its pages with raw emotion that makes you understand the term "page turner."

Adam Baye is a troubled teenager. Maybe because his best friend, Spencer, just committed suicide. Maybe that's why he has become so withdrawn and uninterested in the things that used to give him such pleasure. Maybe that's why his parents reluctantly put the spyware on his computer. Adam is not a child of the ghetto. His father is a surgeon and mom is a lawyer...

Meanwhile, neighbors Dante and Susan Loriman are desperately seeking a donor for a life saving kidney operation for their son Lucas. The doctors can't figure out why Dante is not a match for his son. Maybe Susan knows why. Then there are Betsy and Ron Hill, parents of Spencer the boy who quietly took his own life. Instead of bringing them closer together, the tragedy seems to have caused a deep separation between them. Guy Novak is a single father raising his daughter, Yasmin, whose teacher made a terrible mistake, making Yasmin the laughing stock of her class and changing the little girl into someone who scared her best friend.

Then a woman is killed, scarred beyond recognition, and another, the perfect suburban housewife, is missing, her car found at a local motel.

What do all these people have in common? You'll be surprised! Did you see the Academy Award winning movie, "Crash?" Like the characters in that movie, the characters in Hold Tight find their lives intersecting and interacting in ways none of them thought possible.

The catalyst for our cast of characters is Nash, a wreck of a man whose wife, Cassandra, died a slow and lingering death by cancer. What causes a man to snap? Was he evil to begin with? Was there always something inside him, waiting for the right trigger to set him off? Whatever the reason, Nash's grief sends him on a path of self-destruction that will eventually effect a number of people and families.

The issues brought up in this book are all current and of interest to many of us. Issues like spying on your child's computer and cell phone--do parents want to go down that road? If your child exhibits signs of suicidal behavior--how do you intervene? There's also the problems of being a single parent and balancing career and family; one of the story's characters will have to make the decision to choose which means more to her.

All in all, this is a fascinating look at how the choices we make cause a ripple effect on those around us.

Publishers Weekly gave Hold Tight a starred review. So do I.

My Momma Likes to Say by Denise Brennan-Nelson

As mothers we tend to hand down sayings from our mothers to our children, like "you're the apple of my eye" or "time flies when you're having fun," or my personal favorite, "money doesn't grow on trees."

Author Denise Brennan-Nelson has taken a number of these sayings and coupled them together with a poem spoken by a child along with a lovely illustration that is colorful and as much fun as the saying. Here's an example --

"Hold Your Horses" my momma likes to say
I'm not sure what she means
but I like it anyway,

Momma must think I'm really strong,
Horses weigh a ton!
I'd rather have the horse hold me,
It seems a lot more fun.

At the bottom of the page is a simple explanation of where that saying came from. What fun! Whether you read aloud to your youngster, or if they read it themselves, this is a book to go back to again and again. You have to check out the raining cats and dogs and the friendly bed bugs! There's even a page in the back of the book for your child to write down the special sayings you have for them. What a great holiday gift for both of you.

Till next time, happy reading and Happy Mother's Day!!
101 Wayne
BEACH FIXER-UPPER! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 story is located close to the Beachwalk cut-through to Lake Michigan. Double lot can be split for an extra building site. Features beautiful hardwood floors, 2 car garage, & fenced lot. Call Debbie for details! $169,500

50 Marine #2
SMARTLY DECORATED 1 bedroom furnished condo is located at the east end of Marina Park. Both kitchen & bath have been updated; master bedroom has its own dressing room. Unit includes storage room w/laundry hookups and 40’ boat slip on Trail Creek. $229,000

2205 Bayview
ONE LEVEL LIVING has never been so convenient as at The Shores. Beautifully renovated 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit has a newer kitchen w/cathedral ceiling, ceramic tile floor, cherry cabinetry & updated appliances. Both baths are updated, as is the carpeting, roof, & central air. A must see! $249,000

49112 Knob Hill
ALL BRICK SUMMER SPLIT LEVEL will provide you with year-round views of Lake Michigan! The Sun Valley neighborhood of Grand Beach is the setting for this 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. Located just 1.5 blocks from a fabulous beach. Ask Jim McGah to take you there! $725,000

305 Overhill
OWN YOUR OWN DUNE!!! 3 bedroom, 3 full bath architect-designed contemporary offers tree-top views, open living areas & soaring ceilings. Private deck off the master bedroom holds the hot tub, with a heated swimming pool just around the corner. Call Debbie Burke. $799,000

708 Colfax
HALF ACRE OF LAKEFRONT LAND with 100’ frontage comes with a 4 bedroom, 2 bath cottage & an indoor pool house w/guest quarters. The Chicago skyline is the only give-away to your location when you sit in the lake-side deck's hot tub & relax. Call Ed Merrion for pricing & location!!
212 Twilight

A BEAUTIFUL RANCH on three lots in Michiana with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. New hardwood floors, new roof, fenced yard. Completely furnished basement has ceramic tiled floor and 20’ antique wet bar - the scene of many tall tales.

$299,000

10 Marine Drive

PRISTINE MARINA CONDO with 50’ boat slip. One bedroom with huge walk-in closet, fireplace. Perfect for weekend getaways. Deck with magnificent views.

$239,000

2207 Lake Shore Drive

“MARY HILL” situated on 2 lots overlooking Lake Shore Drive exudes all the charm and grace of yesteryear. Sunsets over the lake, from the ‘grande porch’, are spectacular as are the many moods of the lake viewed from this 4 season retreat. A 2-car detached garage and a darling guest cottage/workshop completes this estate.

$990,000

107 Hoosier Drive

BEAUTIFUL SETTING for this 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath Cape Cod home in the Woods. This home features a screen porch, fireplace in living room. Laundry room is on main floor. Year round or vacation home.

$318,250

VACATION RENTALS BY THE WEEK OR THE MONTH.

See All of Our Listings at www.c21longbeachrealty.com