A Real Eye-Opener

by Rick A. Richards

You might not know that La Porte County is home to one of the nation’s key suppliers of gears that move printing heads back and forth on home computers.

Or that the county is home to one of the major filter suppliers to automakers for their paint prep rooms.

Or that one of the major supplier of drain covers calls La Porte County home.

All of that and more was on display Friday, Sept. 25, at Marquette Mall at the Made in La Porte County event organized by Robert J. Schaefer, president of Community Dynamics. In all, 41 companies representing 4,000 high-paying manufacturing jobs were represented.

Schaefer said some 175 manufacturing companies call La Porte County home and all were invited to participate. He said the event, which took five months to plan and organize, had three goals.

“First, it was a company showcase for the products they make right here in the county,” said Schaefer. “Second, we invited all of the county’s high schools and universities to attend to show them what kind of jobs were available right here in the county.

“And finally, it served as a business to business event where companies could learn what each other did and who is buying from whom.”

Schaefer said students from Michigan City, Marquette, La Porte, La Crosse, and South Central high schools, as well as students from Brown Mackie College and Purdue University North Central attended.

Mario Rosa, School/Community Partnership Liaison for Michigan City Area Schools, said the goal for MCAS was to show students that La Porte County has a viable manufacturing base.

“We wanted to open their eyes to different horizons,” said Rosa. “We wanted to show them there were opportunities in La Porte County. “Many students have told me they didn’t realize so many things were made in Michigan City and La Porte County.”

“We want people to know manufacturing is alive and well in La Porte County,” said John Regetz, executive director of the Michigan City Economic Development Corp., who pointed out there are 14,000 manufacturing jobs in La Porte County.

Schaefer added one reason for inviting high school students was to show some of them who may not be attending college the kinds of skills they will need in order to get a job.

One of the companies looking to get its message out was Michigan City Economic Development Corporation.
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out to the community was GAF, 923 W. U.S. 20. Ty Dunn, a group leader for the roofing shingle manufacturer, said he was excited to see the number of young people at the event.

He also said the event gave him an opportunity to learn about other companies in La Porte County.

Thomas B. Kelly, vice president of sales administration for St. Andrews Products, said the company employs 45 people at its plant at 500 Mariner Drive in Michigan City.

Those products range from coveralls for the SouthShore Freight, to shirts for the National Hockey League's Pittsburgh Penguins to tote bags for Little Caesar's Pizza to pens, pencils, stress balls and other trinkets for companies all over the United States.

And all of those logos are put on those products in Michigan City.

For Dina Gasaway of Winn Machine, 1808 Kentucky St., Michigan City, spending the day at Marquette Mall was a way to let visitors and students learn about the 30-year-old company.

"We may be small, but an event like this shows everyone that together, we play a big role," said Gasaway. Winn machine, which manufactures both metal and plastics parts for the automotive, construction, food and orthodontic industries, has 15 employees.

Andy Laurent, manager of growth industries for SouthShore Freight, 505 N. Carroll Ave., Michigan City, said the railroad was probably the only company at the event that didn't make a product.

But, said Laurent, the 75 mile freight line from South Bend to the Illinois State line – along with a 50-mile spur line to Kingsbury Industrial Park – plays a vital role in getting many of the products made in La Porte County to their final destination.
“There are a lot of people in the county that don’t know about us. They think we’re part of the passenger service, but we’re not,” said James C. Thompson, vice president of operations.

The freight line currently has 35 customers, but as new companies locate along the South Shore corridor in Lake, Porter and La Porte counties, Thompson said the freight line hopes to pick up more.

David Lee, sales manager for B&B Manufacturing Inc., 1712 Genesis Drive, La Porte, said the company manufactures a variety of sprockets, gears, pulleys and drive belts.

“We didn’t have any expectations about coming here,” said Lee, “but it was a way to get people to learn about us and what we do. He said the 11-year-old company has 45 employees.

“Northwest Indiana has a very long history of manufacturing,” said Lee, who added that he’s glad his company is a part of that history.

“We like to say that if what we made were gone, you’d notice it right away,” said Lee. He said that without the gears and sprockets and belts B&B makes the nation’s conveyor belts, computers and machinery wouldn’t work.

Pat Lain, director of customer satisfaction for Filter Specialists, 100 Anchor Road, Michigan City, said her company viewed the Made in La Porte County event as strictly educational.

“We’ve had a lot of people stop by and tell us they didn’t know stuff like this is made right here in Michigan City,” said Lain, who’s largest market is the auto manufacturing business and agricultural sector.

Christian Jaworski, a customer service representative for Josam in Michigan City, said the company was looking for a way to get more exposure in the local community.

“We think it’s very important to showcase the products made here in La Porte County,” said Jaworski, who added that Josam’s hardware and fixtures are used in the community, but people walk right over them – literally.

“You look on the floor in Al’s or Meijer or Applebee’s, and you’ll probably see a Josam drain. You’d never know it unless you had to bend over and tie your shoe beside one.”
COMPANIES ATTENDING WERE:

Aero Metals (cast components); B&B Manufacturing (gears, sprockets and pulleys); Blocksom & Co. (roof ridge vents and filters); Chicago Faucets (faucets); SouthShore Freight (freight transport); Commercial Vehicle Group (wiper systems); Dekker Vacuum Technologies Inc. (industrial vacuum pumps and systems); Diamond Manufacturing (metal perforators); Fiber Bond Corp. (air filtration and specialty products); Filter Specialists Inc. (filtration devices); Foster Printing Service (graphic design and printing services); GAF Materials Corp. (roofing materials); Great Lakes Supply & Chemical Inc. (cleaners, dispensing systems and paper goods); Grimm Mold & Die (tooling samples); Josam Co. (drainage products); KTR Corp. (mechanical couplings for rotating equipment); MCTD Inc. (machined parts); and Michiana Resources Inc. (safety vests, sock hats and services).

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LaPorte County Symphony Season

The LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra has announced its 2009-2010 season for those who wish to purchase season tickets.

Wed., Oct. 14. “Music, Music Everywhere!” This is the Shirley Lubeznik Children’s Concert, held at the LaPorte Civic Auditorium. Join Picardy Penguin, the symphony’s animated assistant, who asks the question “What if there was no music at all?” Tickets are still available for the 12:45 p.m. concert. Sponsored by Shirley Lubeznik and family.

Sat., Nov. 14. Mezzo, Mahler and More! This is the Pops Classique concert and will take place at the LaPorte Civic Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. and will feature Sandra Maytan, mezzo-soprano, the LCSO Children’s Chorus and Grant Fitch, Narrator.

Sponsored by NIPSCO, the LaPorte County Herald Argus and WIMS AM 1420.

Sun., March 7, 2010. Symphonic Scenes: Sibelius, Pictures and Pink. This Classical Concert will take place at Elston Theater, Michigan City at 3 p.m. It will feature Gregory Maytan, violin, and Nikia Hammonds-Blakey, vocalist. Featured music will be Sibelius’ “Violin Concerto” and Mussorgsky’s “Pictures at an Exhibition.”

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Sat., April 17, 2010. State Fair: A Blue Ribbon Event. This is the April Pops Concert and will take place at the LaPorte Civic Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Featured will be the LCSO Children’s Chorus and Hoosier Star Vocalists. Experience the grand tradition of a State Fair atmosphere with activities, music and surprises around every corner.

The LCSO will highlight music from Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “State Fair” and other blockbuster themes from television and the silver screen. The LCSO Children’s Chorus will be on hand to celebrate the eclectic youthful spirit always found at the fair. Sponsored by the Robert J. Hiler Foundation.

For each season ticket purchased, a $10 gift certificate to each Sahara and Trattoria Enzo restaurants and a $25 certificate to Cannon’s Automotive will be given. Order tickets online at www.LCSO.net or phone 219/362-9020.
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Tickets on Sale for Holiday House Walk

Tickets are now on sale for Michiana Humane Society’s 6th annual Holiday Home Tour to be held Sat., Nov. 14, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sun., Nov. 15, 1-5 p.m.

The tour will feature seven Sheridan and Long Beach homes, one of which is a historic John Lloyd Wright design. The tour will also include a refreshment stop at the Old School Community Center (former Long Beach Elementary School), also a Wright designed building. Light refreshments will be served from 1-4 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Designer participating are Flowers with Jazz, Wright’s Flowers, Berg’s Floral & Gift Shop and Hattie Smith Design Group of Chesterton. Tickets for raffle packages featured in the homes will be available for purchase on tour days.

Advance tickets for $35 are available at the above florists as well as The Bookstore at Lighthouse Place, The Framing Station at 912 Franklin St., Beyond the Beach Salon, 107 Woodland Ct., and the Michiana Humane Society, 722 Hwy 212 in Michigan City.

Tickets in LaPorte may be purchased at Thaddeus Fine Art Gallery, 822 Lincolnway, and Urban Thunder, 508 State St.

Tickets are available at Whittaker House, the Villager, and Les Tissues Colbert, all on Whittaker St. in New Buffalo, MI. Additionally, tickets can be purchased at Chesterton Feed & Garden Center and at the homes on tour day for $40.

All proceeds from the Holiday Home Tour go toward the care and feeding of homeless animals awaiting adoption at The Michiana Humane Society. For more, and Visa/MasterCard purchases, phone the shelter at 872-4499. See home descriptions at www.michianahumanesociety.org

Leadership La Porte County Open House

Leadership La Porte County invites its alumni, friends, and the community to an open house at the newly renovated Depot in La Porte on Thurs., Oct. 8 from 4:30-6 p.m. Leadership recently joined the Greater La Porte Economic Development Corporation and the Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce to share office space in the Depot at 809 Washington St.

The open house will provide an opportunity to see the renovation, for Leadership alumni to meet and share experiences, and the new adult leadership class will be introduced. Snacks and drinks will be provided. No reservations are required.

Leadership La Porte County is a non-profit educational organization which has been serving the county for 26 years, providing leadership training, information, and services to non-profits, government, communities, organizations, and individuals.

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*5888 Building - 100 Plus Birthday Party, on Saturday, October 10, 2009, Noon until?*

This undated postcard was taken looking East down what is now known as Sawyer Road. Two girls are running across the street while the horses and carriages are parked in front of the 5888 Building (the General Store) and Burwell Hinchman’s Pool Hall and Real Estate Office.

Plan on being in Sawyer Columbus Day weekend! Come and join their 100 Plus Birthday Festivities, fun for all ages and merriment of all kinds. Popcorn, Birthday Cake, Ice Cream, and Refreshments will be served.

Although they have not uncovered the exact date of their building’s beginnings, Chikaming Township identifies it as being an established Post Office in 1887. During that time Burwell Hinchman was Sawyer’s third Postmaster.

![Old postcard of Sawyer Road](image1)

![M.Z. Norton’s Sawyer General Store](image2)

Above is a copy of the hand colored image on a postcard, currently owned by Tom McCourt of Bridgman, Michigan. The back of this card is postmarked 1909 thus the reason for the celebration. During that time the 5888 Building was known as M.Z. Norton’s Sawyer General Store.

Some time later, Jas H. Wester rented/leased the building as a General Store (Pictured below.) And according to copies of various receipts, invoices and signage discovered, Wester’s General Store housed dry goods, farm goods and fresh vegetables and fruit that were in season. The store had become one of the many stops along, the trail between Chicago, Illinois and Detroit, Michigan, to acquire gasoline, ice cream and provide the community with public phone service.

Various early maps, photograph and postcards, show the front of the 5888 Buildings original wooden structure laying along a gravel road formerly known as Lake Street, which is now called Sawyer Road.

After that the 5888 Building was known as Harry Olson’s General Store. Some time in the 1970’s the property was sold to Gerald Kohn, where he humbly begin the multi-international corporation, Corvette Central, Inc. In the 1980’s the 5888 Building was the first home of Sawyer Garden Center, started by Barry and Linda Patejdl. And in 2002 the 5888 Building became the Scarlet Macaw Community Art Center. As the restoration of the 5888 Building continues the Community Art Center provides classes, workshops and special art programming for residents of the entire Harbor Country® region.

Many friends and neighbors have loaned lots of wonderful historical photographs and other memorabilia from Sawyer’s history which will be on exhibit for this special occasion only. The Sawyer Historical Exhibition will be on display from Saturday, October 10 - 18, 2009. Stop by to check out what else is known about the town history and other notable Sawyer property owners and businesses, or to add your wisdom to the journals.

As for the Scarlet Macaw CAC, Markie, their blue and gold macaw, will be back to visit during the day, along with Holiday Happenings, and other free activities for children.

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NEW LISTING
BEVERLY SHORES – As you drive along Hwy. 12, you notice the thicket of power towers crisscrossing the region and proclaiming the industrial might of northwest Indiana. Janet Bloch, an artist transplanted from Chicago to Porter County, sees the aesthetic potential of this turgid landscape.

In her current show at the The Depot Gallery, Beverly Shores (thru Oct. 11), Bloch capitalizes on what she calls “the unique personalities” of the power towers.

“I started out thinking they were really ugly,” she admits. “This whole industrial corridor seemed bleak.” But then, driving back and forth between her home in Chesterton and her job at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City, a transformation took place. “I saw their own personalities develop,” she says, “and the drama. Near the lake, there is a showdown between water and electricity.”

In “Power Shower,” stylized flowers sprinkle the industrial setting of a deer-headed dancer’s performance.

Cent-shaped dune, its open mouth threatening tiny boats in the harbor. The source of “Creative Power” is a Hindu god, Ganesh, with an elephantine head and female body. “You pray to Ganesh,” the artist explains, “to remove obstacles from your life.”

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One painting is entitled “Love is in the air.” Others, playfully, are called “Power Struggle,” “Power Play,” “Creative Power,” “Power Shower” and “Powerpalooza.”

To heighten the contrast between the intimidating structures and their benign presence on a gallery wall, Bloch uses a palette of luscious, confectionery colors: peppermint pink, baby blue, lemon yellow and goldenrod, with acid greens. She splashes an array of stylized flowers, poppies and daisies, across the skies: “symbols of nature, not realistic,” she says.

Curious animals and whimsical figures turn up in the landscape, contributing to the narrative content. A ballet dancer, with the antlered head of a deer, strikes an impossible pose in “Power Shower.” An owl peeks around the corner of “Power Wise.” In “Shoreline,” a monstrous fish emerges from a crescent-shaped dune, its open mouth threatening tiny boats in the harbor. The source of “Creative Power” is a Hindu god, Ganesh, with an elephantine head and female body. “You pray to Ganesh,” the artist explains, “to remove obstacles from your life.”

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BEVERLY SHORES – It happens once a year: the tour of World’s Fair homes at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, slowly and painstakingly being restored by individual lessees under an agreement with Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. This year the event will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11.

It is more of a pilgrimage than a typical house tour. The preservationists seem unfazed by such inconveniences as boarded-up windows and heavy equipment in the front yard. The lessees are, without fail, optimistic and enthusiastic about their projects, even as they encounter deeper and tougher problems. Problems like having to jack up a house and put a foundation under it, or inventing more durable materials to withstand the moisture and winds off Lake Michigan.

Originally the houses were intended to showcase modern styles and materials at the 1933 Century of Progress Exhibition in Chicago. They were to hold up for about eighteen months. After the fair closed, Beverly Shores developer Robert Bartlett saw their potential for attracting attention to his new community in Indiana, so he bought the model homes and had them barged across the lake. Next year, 2010, will mark the 75th anniversary of this historic voyage. Todd Zeiger, director of HLFI’s Northern Regional Office, is hopeful the houses will be restored by that time, to their original condition.

The Cypress Log Cabin is proof that it can be done. Jamie and Flint Alm completed the restoration requirements and produced a liveable home, which they have occupied happily for over a year. “The lake changes every day,” Jamie observed. “Living here is really a positive experience, even through the winter.”

Besides touring the nicely furnished Cypress Log Cabin, visitors can see the progress being made on the Florida Tropical House, the Armco-Ferris House and the Wieboldt-Rostone House. Only the House of Tomorrow, architect George Fred Keck’s masterpiece, is still waiting for someone to take it over and bring it back to life.

The World’s Fair houses are a pet project of Historic Landmarks Foundation. In addition to the usual tour, they are conducting a two-day Century of Progress Experience, which has more than forty registrants from across the state. It begins with a Friday evening reception and talk on the history of Beverly Shores by Carl Reed. Saturday morning, Zeiger will report on “The Quest to Save the Century of Progress Houses.” Other speakers include Rick Rann, who collects World’s Fair memorabilia; Jim Morrow, an authority on pre-fab housing; Steve McShane, author and curator of the Calumet Regional Archives; and Bill Latoza, a Chicago architect.
Jim Morrow, an authority on Lustron houses, is one of the speakers at the two-day Century of Progress Experience.

Participants will also visit a Lustron house being restored in the National Park.

Over the years, the World’s Fair houses have been alternately beloved and neglected. Sometimes they hosted lavish parties. Other times they were abandoned and left vacant. But always they had the power to stir the imagination of men in the building trades. Flint Alm is a plumbing contractor. William Beatty, hard at work on the Florida Tropical House for the past ten years, owns a machine shop in Hammond. Ross Gambril, a retired ironworker, is restoring the Wieboldt-Rostone House with his son Joe, and describes this endeavor as “the ultimate father-son experience.” Christoph Lichtenfeld, who took on the Armco-Ferris House, is a retired manufacturing engineer for General Motors, intrigued by the home’s potential for assembly-line production. When the project got out of hand, he enlisted the help of Northwest Indiana Ironworkers Local 395, who use it for on-the-job training of apprentices.

This is definitely a guy thing. But not entirely.

At the Beverly Shores Depot Museum, the usual exhibit of World’s Fair house photos will be augmented this year by a documentary film about an extraordinary woman: Gertrude Lempp Kerbis, FAIA, a Beverly Shores resident who broke into the field of architecture in the 1940s. “Broke into” is an expression that brings a smile to her face, because that is precisely what she did. As a student at the U. of Wisconsin, she hitch-hiked to Taliesin; but then, finding that Frank Lloyd Wright and his team had left for the winter, she climbed in through a bathroom window and spent the night there. Her immersion in Wright’s architecture was what sparked her own career path, into a field at that time dominated by men.

In 2008, Kerbis was honored with the AIA Chicago Lifetime Achievement Award. She was the 10th woman to be elevated into the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows, a distinction she achieved in 1970. Four years later, she founded Chicago Women in Architecture. Kerbis was cited for creating “a legacy of design innovation that has had profound influence on younger generations.”

Tickets for the house tour, $15, can be purchased thru Jennifer Gregar at 574-232-4534, or at north@historiclandmarks.org. Also available on tour days at The Depot in Beverly Shores, open weekends at 11 a.m. Tours run Saturday from 12 noon to 2:15 p.m.; Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Enjoy height & light immediately as you enter the 20 x 14 foyer of this 6 bedroom, 3½ bath brick & vinyl 1995 two story home on ½ acre in The Woods of Concord. Dark hardwood floors oppose cathedral & vaulted ceilings in living room with 2 story windows, formal dining & open family room. Outdoor living is enhanced by decking, heated pool & spa. $398,000

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1624 Lake Shore Dr., Long Beach

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204 Childers Ln., Michigan City

Pleasant Palm boasts a great rental history. Bookings 2009 are strong. The size accommodates many friends and large families. Off street parking is a plus. An off-the-beaten-path offers a central location to pool, Lake Michigan, tennis, Lake Kia and playground. $499,000

112 Austin, Michigan City

4-5 bedrooms, 4 baths. Features guest house above 2 car garage. Amenities include: pool, tennis courts, basketball, playground, lake, putting green & more. Great corner lot across from park area. $499,000

1225 Lake Shore Dr., Michigan City
Once again, I was swallowed up in a sea of trivia as I accessed the “buzz” across the ever-expanding Internet. The term “vast wasteland” came to mind. Then I realized that I needed to hunker down and take responsibility for the time wasters that end up in this column. The places I use as jumping off points to what used to be interesting nooks and crannies will be mentioned here next week. Then, I will be doing some digging to find new jumping off points that lead to some stuff with more depth. I am open to suggestions as to where to begin. Write me with your ideas.

**Ima Let You Finish** ([http://imaletyoufinish.com/](http://imaletyoufinish.com/)). The lesson here is to not find yourself in the position of Kanye West, whose rudeness at the music awards has spawned this global running joke. Sooner or later the site will cease to be popular, as new gaffes by different celebrities will capture the world’s attention. But, you did wonder where the phrase “[he’ll] never live it down” came from, right? That was before the Internet and the power of going viral. Some of the examples here are gifts of sharp wit, and others and downright disgusting in their own right. I am not sure what will be happening by the time you read this, but right now the game is to keep coming up with fresh comedic fodder for “Ima let you finish.”

**Sexy People Blog** ([www.sexypeople-blog.com](http://www.sexypeople-blog.com)). My first reaction was that the site’s goal was to be mean and snarky. I try to avoid those kinds of sites. But then I realized that the subtitle of the site, “a celebration of the perfect portrait,” was more a commentary on the skills of certain commercial portrait photographers. There is an irony in the naming of this web blog, and as you explore it, you will be paying more attention to backdrops, poses, clothing and timing (usually bad) of the clicking of the lens. These people paid good money for their portraits. They did not get their money’s worth.

**Gary Duschl, Gum Wrapper Champ** ([www.gumwrapper.com](http://www.gumwrapper.com)). Gary holds the Guinness World Record for the longest gum wrapper chain in existence. Gary is shown on the site semi-wrapped in his creation, which, by the way, consists only of Wrigley gum wrappers. His chain is over 58,000 feet long. To put that in perspective, the chain would cover the length of 194 football fields. Gary began his chain in 1965. He has put in some twenty two thousand hours of work on it, and is not finished. I say that because he welcomes contributions of wrappers (Wrigley only), which he will mark with the donor’s name and make it easy for the donor to locate on the length of the chain. Okay, so you are wondering how much money Gary has spent on gum since beginning this enterprise. Would the figure $90,000 blow you away? It is close to that.

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A cast of colorful characters will take the stage during the entertaining comedy “Fuddy Meers,” performed in October at Valparaiso University's Center for the Arts.

In the play, the audience is taken on a harrowing and hilarious roller-coaster ride through a day in the life of an amnesiac attempting to decipher her fractured life.

“Imagine what it would be like if you woke up one day and had no memory,” said Dr. Lee Orchard, chair of Valpo's Department of Theatre and director of “Fuddy Meers.”

“You would be dependent on what other people tell you to determine your identity, and you would be left to sort through the reality of your existence.”

“Fuddy Meers” will be performed at Valpo’s Studio Theatre Oct. 7-9 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 10-11 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for senior citizens and students and may be purchased by phoning the Valpo Box Office at (219) 464-5162 or online at http://www.valpo.edu/vuca.

Valpo’s other mainstage productions during the 2009-2010 season are “Cabaret,” by Joe Masteroff, John Kander and Fred Ebb, the Valpo Dance Ensemble’s spring concert and “Twelfth Night” by William Shakespeare. Subscriptions to the season’s four mainstage theatre productions are available at a discounted rate of $51 for adults and $34 for senior citizens and students. For more information about upcoming productions or to purchase season tickets, call the Valpo Box Office at (219) 464-5162 or visit the Department of Theatre at http://www.valpo.edu/theatre.

Tickets to individual performances may be reserved by calling the Box Office. Groups of at least 10 may reserve seats together and get a $3 discount per seat by phoning at least two weeks in advance of each production’s opening.

PNC Greeting Card Making Course

Purdue University North Central Office of Continuing Education will offer a non-credit card making course that teaches how to make handmade holiday cards.

“Holiday Card Making” will meet at the PNC Westville Campus on Thursdays, Oct. 15-29, 7-9 p.m. The registration fee is $99. Card making materials are included in the registration fee and a minimal supply list will be furnished at time of registration.

Participants will learn to create handmade holiday cards during this three-session course and will have the opportunity to make 48 cards to send to family and friends.

For more information, or to register for this class, contact the Office of Continuing Education, 872-0527, ext. 5343 or visit www.pnc.edu/ce
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The 2009 Heart of Art Studio and Gallery Tour in La Porte County has been set for Oct. 17-18. The Tour will feature ten artists, three galleries, plus a gift shop and several members of the Area Artists Association. Some artists will give demonstrations of how they create their art.

**Bill Allen Photography**, Southern Shores Gallery, 722 Franklin St., Michigan City

Bill is a retired journalist who has photographed Lake Michigan and the lighthouse for the past 30 years. He has more than 20,000 images of the lake and the Michigan City Lighthouse.

**Julie Kasniunas Studio**, Shores Gallery, 722 Franklin St., Michigan City

Julie's works explode with color and energy. Local scenes done plein-air, in oil, are a favorite. She has long been known for her bright, bold flowers.

**Neil Kienitz Studio**, Shores Gallery, 722 Franklin St., Michigan City

Neil Kienitz will have his new South Shore poster “Stirring the Spirit” available as well as numerous other very affordable giclee prints, note cards and postcards. Look for the second piece in his whimsical animal series, topic: the Chicago Cubs.

**Carole Stodder and Tom Brand**, Art in the Barn at Tryon Farm, 1500 Tryon Rd., Michigan City

Two award winning artists, Tom Brand and Carole Stodder will show a selection of their paintings at Tryon Farm. Both artists have exhibited around NW Indiana for over 12 years. They will show abstract work in oil, alkyd, pastel and acrylic.

**Paul Jeselskis Ceramics**, 619 Eastwood Rd., Michigan City

Paul earned an MFA in Ceramics from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in 1987 with a minor in painting. After completing a residency at Millersville University of Pennsylvania in 1988, Paul set up a studio in Michigan City. He has taught at the Indiana University NW and has offered workshops in kiln building, glaze chemistry, and throwing and sculptural techniques.

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ND Students Have “Apple Happy Day”

Johnny Appleseed celebrated another birthday with the Notre Dame 3rd graders. Johnny (aka Andy Mason) delighted the students with stories of his travels throughout the Midwest.

In the afternoon, the students were busy learning all about the apple and reinforcing their reading and writing skills through related activities. They also created and assembled an apple mobile in art class.

Most of all the students enjoyed eating apples (in all forms) to keep the doldrums away.

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Andy Mason and his son Jack Mason.

The entire 3rd grade class.

Andrea Sells plays an apple game with a group of students.

Scotty Anderson gets the honor of the “Best Bobber of Apples for 2009.”

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IFG Seeking Fest Vendors

International Friendship Gardens Fall Fest and Trunk Sale is seeking vendors, artists and crafts people for Sat. & Sun., Oct. 17 & 18.

The Fest will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Vendor spaces will be approximately 10x10 feet and will be close to the parking lot, bathrooms and refreshments. Space will rent for $10 each day.

The Gardens will be advertising and promoting the Fall Fest so you will have lots of foot traffic walking past your booth.

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A former Valparaiso University professor who is one of the world’s most acclaimed organists will perform a recital celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Chapel of the Resurrection during the University’s Homecoming and Reunion celebration.

Dr. Martin Jean will perform works by J.S. Bach, Reubke, Durufle and Bolcom at 3 p.m. Sun., Oct. 11 in the Chapel of the Resurrection on campus. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for senior citizens and students. For more information, or to purchase tickets visit www.valpo.edu/vuca or phone the Box Office at (219) 464-5162.

PNC Odyssey Presents “Rock Frenzy”

The Purdue University North Central 2009-10 Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series is presenting the exhibit, “Rock Frenzy,” by Bobby Talamine, one of the premiere rock ’n roll photographers in the country. It will run through the end of the year in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building student lounge Room 062 in the building’s lower level. The exhibit is free and is open to the public and may be viewed Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sat., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

It features photographs of rock artists that includes Paul McCartney, Bob Dylan, Billy Corgan of the Smashing Pumpkins, David Bowie, Neil Peart of Rush, Roger Waters of Pink Floyd, Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead, Madonna, Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam, Billie Jo Armstrong of Green Day and Ozzy Osbourne.

There will be an artist’s reception and talk on Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building Room 144. Guests will have the opportunity to meet Talamine and hear about his career photographing the world’s top rock bands since 1977. He will include a PowerPoint presentation of his one-of-a-kind photography. Light refreshments will be served.

By his count he has photographed at least 2,600 artists. His arty, creative, eye-popping and unusual images appear regularly in national magazines, newspapers and books.

Talamine explains his work, “I not only make them for my personal enjoyment, but for these musicians as well, many of whom have purchased the original prints. What attracts them to my work is the fact that they are in black and white. They know that I constantly experiment, take risks and always look and seek out the unusual.”

Many pieces are available for purchase. To obtain further information on Talamine visit www.Bobby-talamine.com

To obtain further information about this exhibit or the Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series, contact Judy Jacobi, PNC assistant vice chancellor of Marketing and Community Relations, at 872-0527, ext. 5593.

Oktoberfest at Senior Center

The Michigan City Senior Center in Washington Park will be the scene of this year’s Oktoberfest on Sat., Oct. 10 (11 a.m.-11 p.m.) & Sun., Oct. 11, (11 a.m.-6 p.m.).

The weekend will feature German food and beer for a charge; entertainment and admission to the fest is free. Here’s the entertainment line-up:

Sat. 12:30-4:30 p.m. Eddie Korosa & the Boys From Illinois.
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Indian Summer is hosting trunk shows for the very popular SYMPLI clothing line during two consecutive weekends.

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Saturday, October 17, Jackie Bartolini visits the Chesterton location for seatings at 11:00 and 2:00 (CST), 219.983.9994, 131 S. Calumet Road.

Phone to reserve your seat to view all the latest autumn fashions from Sympli. Refreshments will be served.

OE Marathon Team Set for Chicago Run

During the past 10 years, 2,000 runners have raised more than $1 million for individuals with disabilities through the Opportunity Enterprises Marathon Team.

And this year is proving to be the most successful ever for the annual fundraising initiative.

A record-breaking 475 runners are a part of the 2009 OE Marathon Team, which has raised $182,000 so far and is well on the way to accomplishing the $200,000 goal that was set before the running season began. The team will run in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on Oct. 11.

As the OE Marathon Team continues to grow, so does its reach. This year, 31 states are represented, along with seven countries. Runners are in the last phase of their training regimen, which began in early June.

Members the OE Marathon Team train with the knowledge that they are running for an organization that strives to impact people’s lives on a daily basis – a goal that is shared by Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director Carey Pinkowski.

“The Bank of America Chicago Marathon is an event that changes people and changes lives,” Pinkowski said. “One of the most vital ways we achieve that is by working with more than 100 charities to build teams of fundraising runners. As one of our longest-standing charity partners Opportunity Enterprises is a leader in fundraising through this event and we look forward to continuing this partnership and growing our field of charity runners through their involvement.”

About Opportunity Enterprises

Opportunity Enterprises (OE) is a non-profit organization with the mission to create sustainable life choices and opportunities for individuals with unique challenges and abilities. Since 1967, OE has provided services to challenged individuals of all ages, whether they have physical, emotional and/or developmental disabilities. The organization serves about 1,000 individuals throughout NW Indiana.

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Center for History Lecture on Lincoln

The lecture, “Looking for Lincoln: Things Learned Along the Way,” presented by Bryon Andreasen, Ph.D., will take place at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time, on Sun., Oct. 11, at the Center for History, 808 W. Washington St., South Bend, IN.

It is one of a series of lectures, theatrical events and films related to the exhibit, Lincoln: The Man You Didn’t Know, for which Dr. Andreasen served as guest curator. As part of the program, attendees may tour the exhibit before and after the lecture. Doors open at noon. The presentation is free with the purchase of a museum admission, which is $8/adults, $6.50/seniors, $5/youth 6-17 and free/members.

In “Looking for Lincoln,” Dr. Andreasen, takes the audience on a journey of cultural discovery where the unexpected becomes the expected. Using research based on his work for the “Looking for Lincoln” heritage project, he discusses several instances in Abraham Lincoln’s 19th-century experience to suggest that when it comes to American political culture, the more things change the more they stay the same.

Bryon Andreasen, Ph.D. is a Research Historian at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum in Springfield, Illinois. Dr. Andreasen earned a J.D. from Cornell University and practiced law in New York. Dr. Andreasen also earned a Ph.D. in History at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and has taught at the University of Illinois and Illinois State University. He has received several awards for research and writing.

Lincoln: The Man You Didn’t Know explores Lincoln’s boyhood in Indiana, his connections to Indiana as an adult, and Indiana’s reactions to his years as President. Visitors can also learn about the conspiracy concerning the assassination. A scale-model replica of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln’s home in Springfield, Illinois, on loan from the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, is featured in the exhibit.

Additional Presentations Scheduled

Additional presentations in the Lincoln Lecture, Theatre and Film Series are “Abraham Lincoln: A Life,” a gallery talk by Michael Burlingame, Ph.D. (October 31); “Colfax: The Radical Republican,” a lecture by Ann Leonard (November 8); “The Valley of the Shadow,” a gallery talk by Ed Ayres, Ph.D. (November 14); “Christmas in the Confederacy,” a lecture by Robert May, Ph.D. (December 13); and “An Afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln,” a theatrical performance by Donna and Max Daniels (February 14).

Related programs include films on Abraham Lincoln, which are shown each Friday at 2:30 p.m.

For information, phone (574) 235-9664 or visit www.centerforhistory.org

Groundbreaking at La Lumiere School

La Lumiere School’s campus has expanded again for the second time this year. The School’s Board of Trustees has approved plans for the construction of a 5,000 square foot state-of-the-art science facility. The official groundbreaking ceremony took place on Friday, September 18. With the fourth consecutive year of record enrollment (190), the caliber of the student body, the expansion of the athletic and arts program, and the talented teachers at La Lumiere, they are certainly excited about all aspects of their growth.

La Lumiere School is a coeducational lay Catholic boarding and day school with an enrollment of 190 students situated on a beautiful rural estate, 25 miles west of South Bend, 60 miles east of Chicago, and 8 miles from both La Porte and New Buffalo.

More information about La Lumiere School can be found at www.lalumiere.org
“Flight to Freedom” Art Lecture

Joan Chesterton, Purdue University North Central professor emerita, will offer a visual presentation, “Flight to Freedom” on Thursday, Oct 22 at 7 p.m. at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. 2nd St., Michigan City.

This event is sponsored by the Purdue North Central Odyssey 2009 - 10 Arts and Cultural Events Series, the Lubeznik Center for the Arts and the Irving Levin Jewish Cultural Fund of Sinai Temple. The lecture is presented in conjunction with the exhibition “Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album,” at the Lubeznik Center from Oct. 17 to Nov. 17.

This program will pay tribute to European artists who fled from the Holocaust and sought refuge in the United States and ultimately had a profound impact on American art.

Chesterton will include:
• Hans Hofmann, a major influence on the abstract expressionists in New York.
• Mies van der Rohe, who changed the Chicago skyline.
• Kurt Weill, the writer of “September Song” and “Mack the Knife.”
• Billy Wilder, filmmaker, writer and director of new comedy and drama: “Some Like It Hot,” “The Apartment” and “Lost Weekend.

Chesterton has extensive knowledge and experience in American Art. She worked at the Des Moines Art Center and wrote for and lectured at the Milwaukee Museum of Art. She was director of education at the Dayton Art Institute and has a Master of Arts degree in Literature and Art History from the University of Illinois.

Further information about this event and the Odyssey Arts and Cultural Series can be obtained by contacting Judy Jacobi, PNC assistant vice chancellor of Marketing and Community Relations, at 219/785-5200, ext. 5593. Contact the Lubeznik Center by phone 219-874-4900, email artinfo@lubeznikcenter.org or online at www.lubeznikcenter.org

Busy Weekend at The Acorn Theater

Thursday, October 8: Michael Holmes “The Judy Show” 8 p.m. MI time (tickets are $10).
www.thejudyshow.com/

Friday October 9: Extreme Beer Fest. 6:00-9:00 MI time. $20 ticket includes a commemorative beer glass.

Saturday, October 10: The Spew. Improv/comedy satire of “The View.” Tickets $20 8 p.m. MI time.

Sunday, October 11: The Acorn Theater and the Vickers Theatre present silent film “The Black Pirate” with Dennis Scott at the Acorn Theater Barton pipe organ. The show starts at 2 p.m. MI time and tickets are $15.

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Michigan City now has a grand winery. It's a fabulous winery with many porches and balconies plus a large tasting room. Tim Anderson tells us his family of three brothers and one sister, plus their spouses, are all working hard on the family-owned business. Their wines are produced with grapes from the Lake Michigan Shore as well as Napa Valley. All of their wines are vented and bottled on-site at the winery and have custom designed labels by a local artist.

The winery has created a nice range of wines with something for everyone and pleasing to the palate, including dry, semi-dry, and a sweet desert style ice wine.

The building is beautiful, with soaring ceilings and large open spaces and is situated on nearly twenty acres with wide covered porches, screened patios and private tasting rooms. Thus, customers can spend a few minutes or a few hours enjoying wine by the glass or sharing a bottle with friends. Visitors can find gifts and wine accessories, cheeses, local art and enjoy the tasting room with a large stone fireplace, plus a tasting bar made from exotic woods. And there's a barn and silo that has been on that Michigan City property since the year 1880.

The facility is well suited for private parties and events.

Their white wines are Beach Glass, Sandy Feet, Sauvignon Blanc, Passion Ice wine. The reds: Rip Tide, Red Horizon, Red Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon. We're told: Beach Glass is dry white wine blend that makes for a crisp delicious wine with hints of citrus and fruit. This wine is perfect to be enjoyed with your favorite fish or chicken dish, or by itself while you relax. Serve slightly chilled. Sandy Feet is a wonderful blend that is light and refreshing with a touch of sweetness, served cold at refrigerator temperature or right out of the ice chest, perfect for a warm summer day. The Cabernet Sauvignon has a smooth beginning and a wonderful long-lasting finish along with a beautiful color that is golden yellow with tremendous clarity.
The Red Zinfandel is a medium bodied wine with tremendous fruit flavors and is somewhat less spicy than the usual bold Zinfandels, making it perfect to be enjoyed with pork tenderloin grilled with your favorite rub or marinade.

Unless otherwise specified, wine refers to the naturally fermented juice of grapes. Wine has a rich history reaching back almost 12,000 years. Still (nonsparkling) wines include red, white and rosé – which can be dry (non-sweet), semisweet and sweet. Wine storage locations should be dark, vibration free and at an even temperature. The ideal temperature is 55 degree F, however, anywhere from 45 to 70 degrees F is acceptable, providing the temperature is consistent. The higher the temp, the faster a wine will age. Wine bottles should be stored on their sides to prevent the cork from drying and shrinking which would allow air to enter the bottle and disrupt the wine’s flavor.

This recipe is from a library book, not from Shady Creek Winery.

### WHITE SANGRIA

- 3 qts. Rhine or Chablis wine
- 1/4 c. Curacao
- 1/2 c. brandy
- 10 oz. frozen strawberries, thawed
- 10 oz. frozen mixed fruit, thawed
- 2 oranges, quartered
- 1 lime, quartered
- 1 lemon, quartered
- sugar to taste
- fresh fruit of choice, optional

Winners in Sculpture Title Search

Fritz Olsen Sculpturers, Sawyer, Michigan is pleased to announce the winners have been selected for the 2009 A Sculpture in Search of a Title Competition. This is an annual event in which visitors to the gallery are invited to submit an original title for a newly unveiled work of art.

Judges sifted through a record number of entries this year and have announced the 2009 Competition has resulted in a tie. Kristin Skinner of Sawyer, Michigan and Kris Kanchak of Bridgman, Michigan each take top honors for their identical submission “Capitalist Pig”.

Honorable mentions have been awarded to David Naunton of Chicago for his title “Porkloan,” Alice Maguire of Chicago for “Savings and Loin,” Howard Seidwill of St. Charles, IL for “Porkfolio,” and Jon Foley of Chicago for “Swine Flew.”

Fritz says congratulations to the 2009 winners and thank you to all who entered!

Dates Extended for Corn Maze at Buckley

The corn maze at Buckley Homestead will be open for one additional weekend this year since the maze will not be offered in 2010. Park visitors will be able to make their way through a ten acre life sized puzzle of a cornucopia.

Park manager, Becky Crabb, will extend the non-reserved hayrides to include the extra weekend.

Open to the public: Weekends thru Nov. 1, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Season Specials: Ask about a money savings combo package available weekends through Nov. 1 that includes the corn maze, farm visit, and hayride.

Admission: $5 per person; $4 for children ages 5-12 yrs.; free for children under age 5 yrs. 2009 maze map: www.lakecountyparks.com/Corn

The Corn Maze is located east of the picnic shelters at the parking lot on Hendricks St. Information at 219/769-PARK or www.lakecountyparks.com

Buckley Homestead is located east of Lowell, Indiana on Hendricks Rd. Exit I-65 at the Lowell Rte 2 west, travel 4.5 miles to Hendricks Rd, then south 1/4 mile.

PNC Books and Coffee Series Begins

Purdue University North Central is again hosting the “Books & Coffee” discussion series during the coming months. The programs, which are free and open to the public, will meet from noon to about 12:45 p.m.

Each session will feature a review of the book, followed by a discussion period. The books being reviewed are available for purchase from the PNC Bookstore. This year’s selections include:

Oct. 21 in Technology Building Room 134 - Inconceivable by Julia Indichova, will be presented by Angela Schooley, assistant professor of Nursing

Nov. 18 in Library-Student-Faculty Building, Assembly Hall, Room 02 - Evening Education in Colombia will be discussed by its author Martha Garcia-Saenz, associate professor of Building Construction Management Technology and program coordinator.

Feb. 17 in Library-Student-Faculty Building, Assembly Hall, Room 02 - The Culture of Fear by Barry Glassner, will be reviewed by Dr. Jeff Shires, associate professor of Communication.

March 17 in Technology Building Room 134 - Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking by Malcolm Gladwell, will be presented by Dr. Elizabeth Anne Christo-Baker, assistant professor of Organizational Leadership and Supervision.

April 21 in Library-Student-Faculty Building, Assembly Hall, Room 02 - Homeland Insecurity: the Arab American and Muslim American Experience after 9/11 will be discussed by its author Dr. Louise Cainkar, of Marquette University.

Additional information about Books and Coffee may be obtained by contacting Dr. Deepa Majumdar, associate professor of Philosophy at 872-0527, 5693 or dmajumda@pnc.edu

Orchestra, Choir to Perform at Concert

The works of composers Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Liszt, George Gershwin, Ernest Bloch, Leonard Bernstein and Duke Ellington will be performed in two Sat., Oct. 10 concerts featuring the Valparaiso University Chorale, Men’s and Women’s Choirs and Symphony Orchestra.

“An Afternoon of Choral Music: A Celebration of American Composers” will feature the Valpo Chorale and Men’s and Women’s Choirs and begin at 4 p.m. in the Chapel of the Resurrection.

A performance of the Valpo Symphony Orchestra, exploring the theme “Got Rhythm?” will follow the choral concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Resurrection.

Tickets for each event are $15 for adults and $10 for senior citizens and students and may be purchased by calling the Valpo Box Office (219) 464-5162 or online at http://www.valpo.edu/vuca
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Although many books are already sorted and boxed for the sale, the Friends still have hundreds of volumes to categorize and many boxes of books to move and to arrange on the sale tables. Books are typically sorted by type of binding, condition and subject.

Volunteers are asked to come to the second floor of the Thomas Library, 200 West Indiana Ave., Chesterton to help. You do not need to be a member of the Friends.

Volunteers are also needed throughout the week of October 12, to help sort last minute donations, and also during the hours of the sale.

The sale will begin with the Friends Only Preview Sale from 4-8 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 16. The Public Sale will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sat. and Sun., Oct. 17 and 18.

Donations for the sale may be brought to the collection box in the lobby of the Thomas Library. Donations are collected year round and donated items are reviewed for possible addition to the library's collection before being placed in the sale.

“Cameo” and “The Feldmans” in Concert

Riversong Music Society will present an evening of traditional and contemporary folk music, with a sprinkling of pop classics, Sat., Oct. 10th, 8 p.m. MI time, at the Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph. Cameo and The Feldmans, two local groups who have performed at a variety of venues in Southwest Michigan, will be joining together for a number of ensemble selections, as well as performing separately in their own unique styles.

The group Cameo consists of Mary Czarnecki, Gary Tope, and Greg Ladewski, each accomplished musicians in their own right who combine their talents to produce compelling song stylings and arrangements. Mary and Gary are talented singers and guitarists. Greg’s warm and expressive accompaniments on cello and keyboards add a unique and powerful dimension to the group.

Larry and Sandy Feldman offer a wide variety of folk and topical songs, accompanied by banjo, guitar, and hand-held percussion instruments. Their performances are energetic, inspiring, and often humorous. They are the founders and coordinators of the All God’s Children Community Choir.

Tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for students over age 12 and seniors over age 60. For more on this and other Box Factory events, visit www.boxfactoryforthearts.org or phone 269-983-3688 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Sat or Sun., 1-4 p.m.
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**Yoga Classes**

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**Autumn Air Returns October 10 & 11**

Fernwood and WNIT Public Television present the fourth annual Autumn Air celebration at Fernwood on October 10 & 11. Both days feature delicious food prepared by Chef Tim Carrigan available for purchase, and a BBQ rib cook-off on Sunday. Those wishing to enter the competition may contact Chef Tim for more information and contest rules.

Enjoy musical entertainment from 2-4 p.m. each day, with Mister Edd appearing Saturday and the Van Dyke Review performing on Sunday. Families can enjoy a walk along the trails and fun children’s activities.

The Indiana Gourd Society plans an exhibit and sale of their artfully designed dried gourds. Visit the Garden Shop for decorated pumpkin and gourd creations and garden items. See the exhibit in the gallery by the Lakeshore Rug Hookers, and watch them demonstrate rug hooking on Sunday from 1-3 p.m.

**About Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve**

A favorite of all who love nature – flora and fauna, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve is situated on the St. Joseph River near Buchanan in picturesque Berrien County. The garden opened its gates to the public in 1964 and has grown to comprise 105 acres. The preserve protects at least 10 ecosystems and is a birder’s paradise. Visitors may enjoy natural areas with miles of walking and hiking trails.

Phone Fernwood at 269.695.6491 to confirm status of classes. Fernwood is located near Buchanan, Michigan, at 13988 Range Line Road, Niles. Take US 31 to Walton Road, exit 7, and go west 1.7 miles, then north on Range Line Road. Fernwood's green season hours (May 1 to October 31) are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday from noon-6 p.m. MI time. Fernwood is closed on Mondays.

**The Fernwood Café**

The Fernwood Café serves soups, sandwiches, salads, and fine desserts. Café hours are Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday from noon-4 p.m.

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We Get Letters…and Photos

Since the National Lakeshore decided to take away the animals from Chellberg Farm, a small but persistent group from Save the Dunes Council has been waging a battle to return the animals and the volunteers who helped run the living history farm to Chellberg for the education and enjoyment of the general public.

Jeanette Neagu, Coordinator, Save Chellberg Farm Taskforce, Save the Dunes Council, who sent in this photo, had this to say,

“The farm animals have all been removed from the Farm and it is no longer a “Living” History Farm. For over thirty years school students and the larger public were able to visit the farm and see what a family farm looked like in 1900.”

This photo shows the Save Chellberg Farm float that was in the Wizard of Oz parade on Sept. 19th.

For more information, phone Save the Dunes Council at (219) 879-3937

Fall Fundraiser for WRHC-LP

Radio Harbor Country (WRHC-LP 106.7FM) holds its fall fundraiser bazaar, Psychedelic Daze, on Sat., Oct. 10 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (EDT).

The bazaar will be held at Customs Imports parking lot at 430 So. Whittaker St., New Buffalo.

“Go back in time and release your inner flower child at the farmer’s market. Enjoy the food, music, silent auction, even have pictures taken of your dog wearing a hippy bandana,” said Patty Panozzo, Fundraiser Chairperson.

“This will be a perfect time to start your holiday shopping as various vendors offer jewelry, books, candles, tools and bargains,” added Panozzo.

Proceeds from the bazaar will help the operational expenses of WRHC, which is a not-for profit 501(c)(3) community radio station. For more information, visit www.radioharborcountry.org
Michiana Resources Presents Play

Michiana Resources Creative Concepts will present the play “Cinderella” on Thurs., Oct. 15, in the Michiana Resources gym, 4315 East Michigan Blvd. in Michigan City. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the performance will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are $3 each. Tickets will be available at the door, or may be reserved in advance. All proceeds will benefit the Creative Concepts Program.

Hot dogs, soft drinks, chips and popcorn will be available for purchase.

The Creative Concepts program uses the arts to provide therapeutic services for Michiana Resources consumers and helps them expand their imaginations, enhance their artistic abilities and provide a means of expression.

Creative Concepts previously presented productions of “The Wizard of Oz” and “Snow White.”

A new art studio and gallery allows artists to create pieces of art, jewelry, figurines, collages and greeting cards.

To reserve a ticket, phone Michiana Resources at 219-874-4288.

LaPorte Co. Genealogical Society

“Wives of Important La Porte Co. People,” the program to be presented at the next La Porte County (IN) Genealogical Society, will include Catherine Barker and Nellie Fedder. Catherine was well known in the area as the daughter of John H. Barker, of Haskell & Barker Car Co. and wife of Charles V. Hickox. Nellie Fedder was the wife of Rhinehart C. “Hemp” Fedder and mother of Francis G. Fedder, both former mayors of Michigan City and grandmother of Tom Fedder, current city clerk.

The program will be presented respectively by Gloria Arndt and Dorothy Palmer following the 7:00 p.m. meeting on Tues., Oct. 13, at the Swanson Center for Older Adults, 910 State St., La Porte. The public is welcome. There will be a board meeting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit the website http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~inlcigs/
Boo at the Zoo at Washington Park

Afraid that you don’t have plans for Halloween this year? Put the kids on the back of your broomstick and come on down to Washington Park Zoo on Saturday, October 24th for the annual Boo at the Zoo. Great decorations, family fun, photo opportunities, trick-or-treating and Ronald McDonald make Boo at the Zoo a family favorite. Boo at the Zoo starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Washington Park Zoo.

Special admission pricing is in effect. Adult zoo members are free and member’s children who are trick-or-treating are $1.00. Non-member admission is $3.00 for adults and $2.00 for children. It is recommended to avoid the long lines that start forming early by purchasing your tickets prior to the event. Tickets are now available Monday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Zoo admission gate. Tickets will also be available the day of the event. There will be an express pre-paid advance ticket admission line on the 24th.

The bewitching hours will offer children trick-or-treating in a safe environment where they can pick up their favorite treat at the numerous candy stations scattered throughout the Zoo. And don’t forget about costumes! Zookeepers and Society members will also be dressed for the occasion, so expect to see all of your Halloween favorites.

So dig out your trick-or-treat bag, dust off your costume and fire up your broomstick and head down to Washington Park for an evening of fun with your family.

For more information contact the Zoo Society office at 219.873.1425 or email wpzoosociety@hotmail.com

FFH Returns to the Stage

After a two year hiatus, the widely popular Christian group FFH is performing at the Howard Performing Arts Center, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI, Sat., Oct.17, 8 p.m. MI time.

Tickets for FFH are $20/community, $10/Andrews students and $15/Andrews faculty/staff. Tickets are available for purchase at 888-467-6442.
The Fall Girlfriend Sale bonus 2nd chance 1/2 price day is this Saturday, October 10th from 10-2PM. It’s the perfect opportunity to pick up all those fabulous items you missed the first time around. Rethink what you may need such as a great denim shirt to garden in, a spectacular beaded top to complement your basic black skirt or pant for the holidays, or a few business outfits for that new job. Call all your girlfriends and relatives and come shop for that one special item or bags full all at super bargain prices starting at just $2.50.

Amy Shinn and her Mother Tina Pliske are teaming up to offer a Mother and Daughter Morning Out exercise class starting on Mon., Nov. 2nd at 8:30 a.m. sharp! Amy’s Boot Camp program is fast paced and a great cardio workout with core and full body strength training. Tina’s program or “get togethers” is a more gentle approach with the focus on balance, strength and stretching. Both mothers and daughters, teens to seniors can enjoy this time together and scheduled perfectly for just after you drop the kids at school. For more information and to register phone Amy at 219-210-9385. Classes will also take advantage of the gymnasium and circular hallway for jogging and walking out of the winter elements.

Sirilak Daffinee, a native of Bangkok Thailand, is offering a one day seminar on creating Batik Paintings on October 20th, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Class will focus on the origins and traditions of East Asia, symbols and folklore, traditional and modern techniques, and common and unconventional presentation and styles. The workshop is limited to 6-10 participants, class cost is $50 and materials may be ordered and purchased through Sirilak prior to class for your convenience. To register or for more information e-mail Daffinee@sbcglobal.net

Fall is a great time to come get physical at the Long Beach Fitness Center. The Back to School Membership Sale will continue through October 17th with a $46 monthly membership reduced to $36 and a yearly membership regularly $450 now available for just $360 plus you get a 13th month free. For more information phone the Fitness Center at 219-879-1395. Daily, weekly and multi visit passes are also available.

Fundraising Yoga Fridays with all proceeds to benefit the Community Center will continue for just 1 more week. New comers are welcome and are needed to continue the class for another 5 week session. The instruction is gentle yet challenging.
There is a continued reminder of the mind and body connection with the most delightful guided meditation. For more information or to register phone Laura Lee at 219-861-7394.

Professional dance instructor and choreographer Larry Payne is offering classes in Tap and Jazz Dance this Fall on Thursday evenings. Tuition is by the month and can be prorated. All ability levels are welcome. Phone Larry at 219 707-7391.

Lake Shore Group, closed, step, AA meeting is held on Monday evenings. There is an open speaker meeting every 4th Monday. Our Side of the Beach Al-Anon Family Group meeting is held every Wednesday evening. Both groups meet at 7 p.m. in room #10 and use the Fitness Center entrance.

Keep in mind we have space for rent by the hour, day, month and year for your party, event, class, or business.

----submitted by Susan Vissing

PNCWA Just For Kids Food Drive

The Purdue North Central Women’s Association is hosting a campus and community-wide food drive to collect food “just for kids” for Salvation Army pantries in LaPorte and Porter counties.

Carol Kurmis, PNCWA Community Services Chairperson, noted, “Children suffer a great deal when families are in distress. Our goal is to minimize some of that distress by providing food for these children-in-need.”

During October, the PNCWA will collect nutritious foods that kids love to eat, including peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, pudding cups, cereal, granola bars and snack items such as mini bags of cookies and crackers, fruit boxes and juice boxes. Baby food is needed and will be collected as part of this drive.

The PNCWA is doing this as part of Make A Difference Day which celebrates extraordinary deeds performed by ordinary people. The power of this day is in individuals making small changes for the better.

On Oct. 30, PNCWA members will deliver the food to the Salvation Army Corps in Michigan City, LaPorte, and Porter County.

Donated food items may be delivered to either the PNC Westville campus in the Bursar’s Office in Schwarz Hall or the Dean of Students Office in the Library-Student-faculty Building and PNC - Porter County at 600 Vale Park Drive in Valparaiso. Monetary donations will be used to purchase groceries.

A guest book acknowledging donations will be available for donors to sign when they deliver their items. Prizes will be awarded to the donor or group of donors donating the most items. Make a Difference Day t-shirts, tote bags and backpacks will be given as prizes.

More information at 219-531-4200, ext. 4209.
Travels with Charley:

Half-way to Saint Paddy’s Day at the Cell with the Sox

by Charles McKeley

We all hoped that Sox starter Mark Buehrle would reprise his recent perfect performance by downing 27 batters in a row, but Buehrle hit a wild streak on the mound and had granted the royal blue-clad Royals 5 runs by the time he headed for the showers in six-plus innings.

At least the Sox were wearin’ o’ the green for the occasion, and at least one of my nephews was bravely sipping from his green beer and pronouncing it “not half bad,” and there was certainly the 2010 season to look forward to, especially Opening Day at the “Cell” on Monday, April 5, 2010 when the Sox are scheduled to face the Cleveland Indians at a time yet to be announced.

But we had all the time we needed on September 18, 2009 to express our gratitude to Ozzie Guillen and Company for giving us the goods in October 2005 when they won the World Series in our lifetimes. What a time that was!!!

After watching the Kansas City Royals pummel our Chicago White Sox 11-0 on September 18, we South Side Irish kinsmen decided it was good that we were half-way to Saint Patrick’s Day.

Otherwise, we would have thrown the green-and-white Sox hats they gave us at the gate on the field in disgust for a totally lackluster home team that had utterly failed to respond to Ozzie Guillen’s 25-minute pregame rant.

As Ozzie told the Tribune after that sorry excuse for a baseball game: “My motivational speech before the game didn’t work at all. I wasted 25 minutes of my time.”

But the Royals and White Sox didn’t really waste any of our time, because we members of the McKelvy/Wright/Carroll Clan had hours of fun sitting high above right field watching the Irish dancers cavort atop the Royals’ dugout between innings and listening to all the great Celtic tunes broadcast when the players weren’t playing.

The best fans in baseball: (from left to right) Tom Carroll, Sara Wright, and Abby and Jake Mc Kelvy. Jake is the one who secured the tickets for us all, and Tom Carroll is still a confirmed Cubs fan.
Sorry, Cubs fans, you will probably never get that thrill in your lifetimes, even if you live as long as Moses and all the Prophets combined. But let me tell you, it’s something to write home about.

Okay, so the Sox-Royals game we saw on September 18 was not one for the books, but we sure had a grand old time eating hotdogs, and pizza, and peanuts, and pretzels, and sipping on soft drinks and suds and just hoping against hope that the Sox would rebound from their 14-inning loss in Seattle the night before.

As my brother-in-law Stu Wright said, “The Sox absolutely have to win this game tonight, if they want to be contenders this year.”

Well, they didn’t hear Stu.

And they sure didn’t hear a whole lot of cheering from my niece Sara Wright’s friend Tom Carroll, because Tom readily admitted at the outset of the proceedings that he was a confirmed Cubs fan. So much so, that he even gave yours truly his complimentary green-and-white Sox hat.

“You can have it,” Tom said.

“You sure?” I said.

“Absolutely.”

“Okay.” I gladly accepted the treasured hat, because I had arrived too late to get one myself, and because I had fully intended to buy such a hat for myself from a vendor during the game. Gotta have a green, or green-and-white Sox hat, right?

Right!

Well not so right for Tom Carroll, who remained a confirmed Cubs fan through all nine innings of Sox suffering.

Still, Sox Captain Paul Konerko was heard to say after the game to the Tribune’s Dave van Dyck: “The intent and the effort is no different than the playoff teams we had. I believe that. It’s just sometimes baseball doesn’t go your way. I don’t think badly of anyone. You don’t judge people’s characters on wins and losses.”

We would have judged Mark Buehrle our hero for life had he deigned to pitch a perfect game for us, but we were happy he had one for the 2009 season, and so, as the hopes for a Subway Series derailed once again, we left the Cell happy that we had a nice long walk back through the bright and friendly Bridgeport neighborhood before us.

We needed to walk off our frustrations and hotdogs and pizza and pretzels, and we did. And the Wright family van was ready and waiting to whisk us all back to Beverly where we all dreamed of how the White Sox would be new, fresh, and wonderful come opening day on April 5, 2010.

Go Sox, and do call 312-674-1000 for 2010 Season Tickets and information.

University of Illinois sophomore Jim Wright came home from college to be with his big sister Annie at the Cell to see the Sox. Too bad they lost.

Jake McKelvy took this parting shot of his fantastic family of Sox fans.

A lingering look at the Cell from the parking lot.

The author was all smiles after getting his green-and-white Sox hat.
Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:

**October 8** -- Michael Holmes “The July Show” at The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks, MI. 8 pm MI time. Tix $10; reserve at 269/756-3879 or www.acorntheater.com

**October 8-11** -- “Fuddy Meers” opening play of the Valparaiso University Dept. of Theatre season. Center for the Arts on campus. Thurs-Fri 8 pm; Sat/Sun at 2 pm. Tix $15/adults, $10/seniors & students. Reserve at 219/464-5162 or www.valpo.edu/vuca

**October 8-11** -- Riverside Marketplace. Indoor/Outdoor vendors on the waterway at Pioneer Pier, (116 Taylor St), corner Hwy 12 & Michigan Blvd., MC.


**October 9** -- 112th Birthday Party for the MC Public Library. Come celebrate with cake and cider at 11 am.

**October 9** -- Extreme Beer Fest at The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks, MI. 6-9 pm MI time. $20 ticket includes commemorative beer glass. 269/756-3879 or www.acorntheater.com

**October 9-11, 16-18** -- “Godspell” at Memorial Opera House, 104 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso. Fri/Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. Tix $17/adults, $14/seniors & students. Reserve at 219/548-9137 or www.mohlive.com

**October 10** -- Farmer’s Market at Schoolhouse Shop, 278 E 1500 N, Chesterton, IN. Fri/Sat 10am-4pm. Info: 219/926-1551. Dependent on weather conditions.

**October 10** -- Mainstreet Farmer’s Market, 8th & Washington streets, Michigan City. 8 am-noon.

**October 10** -- LB Community Center Fall Girlfriend Sale, 2501 Oriole Trail, LB. 10 am-2 pm-2nd chance 1/2 price sale. Prices start at $5.

**October 10** -- The Spew. Improv/comedy satire of “The View” at The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks, MI. 8 pm MI time. Tix $20; reserve at 269/756-3879 or www.acorntheater.com

**October 10-11** -- Oktoberfest at MC Senior Center, Washington Park. Sat 11 am-11 pm; Sun 11 am-6 pm. German food and lots of entertainment. Info: 873-1510.

**October 10-11** -- Kids’ Fall Funfest at Indiana Dunes State Park (north end of Hwy 49). Noon-4 pm at the Wilson and Duneside Shelters. Multiple activities. NW Indiana Storytellers 10:30 am-3 pm in the Nature Center. Also hayrides, live music,
games for the kids. Entrance fees: $5/IN residents, $10/non-residents.

**October 11** -- LaPorte County Antique Show. Final show of the season. 8 am-4 pm at LaPorte County fairgrounds, LaPorte. Adm. $4; kids under 12 free. Dealers from 5 states; homestyle cooking available. Free parking.


**October 11** -- Bold Plans-Big Dreams: Burnham’s Plan for Chicago. 2 p.m. at MC Public Library. Professor Barbara Geiger of the Illinois Institute of Technology will discuss Daniel Burnham and his visions. Free, open to public.

**October 11** -- “The Black Pirate” silent film at The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks, MI. With Dennis Scott at the Barton pipe organ. In conjunction with Vickers Theatre. 2 pm MI time. Tix $15; reserve at 269/756-3879 or www.acorntheater.com

**October 11** -- Interwoven Expressions. 9 am-3 pm at Aberdeen Manor Ballroom, 126 Ballantrae, Valpaiaiso. Free adm., free parking. On Rt. 2, 4 miles south of Rt. 30. www.interwovenexpressions.com

**October 16-18** -- Elvis Fantasy Fest, Woodland Park, 2100 Willowcreek, Portage, IN. Fr. SUN Sessions/Sock Hop; Sat. Concerts 1-3 & 4-6 pm; Sun. Tribute Artist Finals. Tix info: 317/844-7354 or www.elvisfantasyfest.com

**October 17** -- Interwoven Expressions. 9 am-3 pm at Aberdeen Manor Ballroom, 126 Ballantrae, Valpaiaiso. Free adm., free parking. On Rt. 2, 4 miles south of Rt. 30. www.interwovenexpressions.com


**October 17-18** -- Heart of Art Studio and Gallery Tour in LaPorte County. Featuring 10 artists, 3 galleries, a gift shop and Area Artists’ Assoc. members.

**October 18** -- Taste of LaPorte County at the MC Senior Center, Washington Park. 11 am-3 pm. $15 admission includes samplings from over 10 restaurants. Hosted by LaP. Co. Coalition of Youth Serving Agencies.

**Farther Afield:**

**October 10** -- “Cameo” and “The Feldmans” in Concert at Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI. 8 pm MI time. Tix $8/adults, $6/students over 12 yrs. and seniors over age 60.

**Weekends thru Halloween** -- Niles Haunted House, Niles, MI. On Mayflower Rd., south of Niles-Buchanan Rd just off Exit 5 of the US 31 Bypass

**Through January 24, 2010** -- Appeal to Patriots: The Lincoln Highway on display at Center for History, 808 W. Washington St., South Bend, IN. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm; Sun noon-5pm. Eastern time. Adm. $8/adults, $6.50/seniors, $5/ages 6-17. 574/235-9664 or www.centerforhistory.org
October 8, 2009

Farther Afield...

Covered Bridge Festival - October 9-18, 2009

It’s time again for one of Indiana’s largest events, The Parke County Covered Bridge Festival. This 10-day countywide event always starts on the second Friday in October and this year’s dates are Oct 9-18. The festival offers you activities and events countywide and the shining stars are Parke County’s 31 historic Covered Bridges.

Headquartered on the courthouse lawn in Rockville, Indiana, since 1957, you will find food, shopping, demonstrations, and entertainment. A large tent and streets around the courthouse filled with even more crafters and vendors than previous years for your shopping delight are open daily from 9 am to 6pm. A new addition this year is the Jefferson Tent which will house additional vendors for all to enjoy. Free entertainment is scheduled on the south side of the courthouse throughout each day. Bus Tours leave daily at scheduled times from the Courthouse Square giving visitors the option of three different routes.

The Parke Players Melodrama this year is “The Face on the Barroom Floor” presented nightly at the Ritz Theater In Rockville. Billie Creek Village home of 3 covered bridges is open daily. Bloomington Friends make apple butter at the Friends Meeting House. Bridgeton offers many crafters and vendors along with a mill and the Bridgeon Bridge. Mansfield is another great place to shop along with the opportunity to visit the roller mill and the Mansfield Bridge. Visit the Mecca Bridge with a tent alongside full of handmade and homemade items. Montezuma has a complete schedule of daily events including a Hog Roast. Florida Twp. Civic Center in Rosedale offers a great variety of treasures. Tangier is known for the famous “Buried Beef” and is a delicacy you just won’t want to miss.

Free maps and information is available at the Tourist Information Center located in the Train Depot at 401 E Ohio in Rockville or call 765-569-5226. You can also visit www.coveredbridges.com for schedules of bus tours and more information. Let us help you plan your visit to Indiana’s largest festival in the “Covered Bridge Capital of the World”.

AAUW Meeting Oct. 12

The Michigan City Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet at 7 p.m. on Mon., Oct. 12, at the Barker Mansion. Joanne Hardacker of the LaPorte City Health Department will present a program on “The Swine Flu and You.”

Anyone with an associate’s or bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university is eligible to join AAUW. This organization has been active in the cause of equal rights for women and girls for more than 100 years. To learn more about AAUW, please phone Melinda Nagle at 872-1217.


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3rd Annual Harvest & Wine Festival

The New Buffalo Business Association in Southwest Michigan and Four Winds Casino are playing host to the 3rd annual “New Buffalo Harvest & Wine Fest” on Sat., Oct. 10th, noon-10 p.m. MI time. The festival will take place in Lion’s Park (101 Marquette Dr. New Buffalo, MI) adjacent to the boat launch and beach parking lot in downtown New Buffalo.

The Harvest & Wine Festival will offer everything local from awesome live music to world-class wines from Southwest Michigan, tasty fare from area restaurants to a copious farmer’s market, and hayrides to a pumpkin patch. Suggested donation at the gate is $5 per person-- children 12 and under, free.

Harvest Market

The Annual Harvest Market at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church will be held on Sat., Oct. 10th. It will be held in the church parking lot at 1506 Washington St., Michigan City, from 9 a.m.-noon. It will be held in the Convention if there is rain.

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Our setting is Lake City, American metropolis that is home to the Lake City Marathon, now on its 72 hour countdown before the 50,000 runners who paid their $110 entry fee take to the streets on a pre-marked 26 mile, 385 yard course. Each chapter is a countdown clock, adding to the excitement and energy of the coming event. But our story actually starts far away in Rome, where a mysterious man, flanked by body guards, steps aboard a private jet headed for Lake City. He is going to run the marathon but no one in the race will know that until the start of the race on Sunday morning. No one knows except for Peter McDonald, race director, who has dubbed the mysterious runner Celebrity X. All we know about him is that he is head of a very large worldwide organization. Would his life be in danger if word got out that he was running in a race in which his safety could not be completely assured? Apparently so. But the author keeps us guessing for awhile, leaving all kinds of speculation as to his identity. And wait till you find out who he is!

Fade back to Lake City and Peter McDonald has a lot more on his mind than just keeping Celebrity X’s coming a secret. It’s the 72 hour countdown to the marathon and there is much to do. I loved the reading in real time feeling of following Peter around to all the last minute details: the opening of the trade show for the marathon, all the press conferences, meetings with police, making sure medical help is available and more. His greatest fear about the race is that the race might not continue next year because an Irish conglomerate has purchased the bank that is the marathon’s major contributor. A contingency from Ireland is in town to meet with Peter and see the marathon first hand. They don’t seem too impressed with it except for the arrival of a red haired Irish lass named Fiona Flynn, who will be entering the race. Could she be their deciding factor?

And to add to all the last minute preparations, Peter has met the new girl at TV3 news--Christine Ferrara. It’s been a year since his wife died--is it time to open his heart to someone new?

Then we meet some of the others who are entered in the race: Meghan Allison, DPM, who has taken a year off her medical career to train for this marathon; Bob Veldman, air traffic controller by career, runner by choice. Then there’s Aba Andersson, the current Swedish record holder. She’s Fiona’s main competitor, but she’s harboring a secret...

Each chapter is numbered by the clock counting down the hours and minutes to the marathon. As time winds down, other problems erupt, like the weather. Race day is looking to be in the 80s, not good weather for setting a world’s record or even a personal best. But that’s one thing Peter McDonald can’t control.

We meet reporters looking for some hot news, and they get it when a leak from the police conference lets it be known that a celebrity will be running on Sunday. Could it be the international super model, Nani? She’s arrived in town amid lots of speculation...

This book is the real deal. It has three-dimensional characters, an interesting subject, and I like the fact I learned about the running of a marathon from the inside out. Watch the Chicago Marathon on Sunday, then read this book. You’ll appreciate its honesty and clarity all the more.

Till next time, happy reading!
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