12th Annual Odyssey Sculpture Exhibition - An Asset to the Community and a Thing of Beauty for the PNC Campus

by Rick A. Richards

In its 12th season, the annual Purdue University North Central Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series has become one of the “go to” places for American sculptors.

When the series opens Saturday, Oct. 23, eight new sculptors will debut their work, joining 16 sculptors whose have 24 existing pieces. The 36 works are scattered about the 268-acre campus on U.S. 421, about four miles south of Michigan City.

“This show is one of our best, absolutely,” said Judy Jacobi, assistant vice chancellor of marketing and community relations for PNC. “It's because the sculptors really have to have the courage of imagination to create what they have, especially in a year when many works are being made out of recycled material.”

Jacobi said if she would be to label this year’s Odyssey, she would call it “The Courage of Imagination.” She described the show as “remarkably diverse.”

Over the years, Jacobi said PNC has embraced the arts, creating a reputation that hasn’t been lost on sculptors throughout the Great Lakes and Midwest.

“We never have to beat the bushes to find artists,” said Jacobi. She explained that in the current economic times, sculptors have fewer places to exhibit their art because galleries are suffering, “Virtually every artist and sculptor who knows about PNC understand its uniqueness. There are 268 acres of beautiful manicured lawns and natural environment for them to display their work.”
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Jacobi said the sculptures on display help bring new audiences to the artist, and that’s critical to an artist’s success. “And it’s a visual experience for everybody. It’s accessible, enjoyable and educational. None of the works on display is created without a context, without a story, without a history.”

Jacobi said that context is a valuable teaching tool for the many hundreds of student groups that visit PNC to experience art.

“I would say we have thousands of people view the show,” said Jacobi. “We have 4,500 students and a large staff and faculty. In the larger community, we have students and visitors from the across the region, from Chicago, and to points east, west and north.

“Probably we will have well over 1,000 students this school year come,” said Jacobi. “Understanding art and learning about art is part of a great education. To be world ready the students have to know about art and culture. It’s also one of the major diversions in America. After sports and shopping, the pursuit of art is the most sought diversion by Americans.”

Jacobi said the Odyssey series also pays dividends for PNC. “I can say without equivocation that we know of students and professors and deans who felt that the sculpture was a feature that they wanted to experience. It helped tip the scales on where they wanted to go to college or make their academic association. It’s really part of our brand.”

When Purdue University President of Prude France Cordova visited the North Central campus shortly after being installed, she stated PNC “was the most beautiful campus in the Purdue system” and “every campus in the Purdue system should look like this.”

Visitors who want to take in this year’s Odyssey at PNC can attend an opening reception from 5-6:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02. Chancellor Dr. James B. Dworkin and Jacobi will offer welcoming remarks and introduce the artists, who will comment briefly on their work.

In addition to the sculptures on display at PNC, Jacobi said there also will be works on display on the grounds of the PNC-Porter County campus at 600 Vale Park Road in Valparaiso.

S. Thomas Scarff, in his 12th year as curator of the PNC Odyssey sculpture exhibits, said, “The Odyssey series is a tremendous asset to Purdue North Central and to our community. We are fortunate to have this beautiful outdoor sculpture installation – the largest in the area. Each year we bring together beautiful, dynamic, thought-provoking pieces from notable emerging and established artists. I invite everyone to come out to enjoy this unique exhibition and get to know these breathtaking works of art.”

In addition to the sculptures, the Odyssey Cultural Series also includes a number of other events throughout the year, including exhibits of art, film showings and presentations.

Jacobi said PNC continues as the home of the artwork of noted 20th Century artist George Sugarman. His collection includes sculptures, a variety of framed paintings and a tribute wall of 35 framed works, a montage of photographs depicting the artist and his biography. They are on display in the Library Odyssey Gallery on the second floor of the LSF Building.

PNC has loaned a number of pieces from the Sugarman collection to the Porter County Visiting Nurses Association in Valparaiso. Jacobi said 64 large acrylics, collages and lithographs grace offices, hallways, meeting rooms, conference rooms and training rooms. The sculpture, Earth Bird, resides in the board room. A tour can be arranged by contacting the VNA at (219) 462-5195.

Sculptors who will debut works as part of Odyssey 2010-11 are:
Joseph Colosi. “San Pier Niceto” is a sculpture made of corten steel, tumbled granite, paint and metal halide lighting. Colosi said the piece was inspired by his recent trip to his ancestral town in Sicily, San Pier Niceto. The piece is 15 feet tall, 4 feet wide and 3 feet deep and fabricated from 1-inch corten steel. Its pattern was taken from the inside of the trunk that carried his great-grandparent’s possessions to America.

Dusty Folwarzncy. “Give” is a 14-foot by 14-foot by 5-foot sculpture made of salvaged steel and polymer. The brightly colored interactive sculpture which explores the act of giving can be described as a transfer of energy from one person to another. Viewers are welcome inside to experience its mass. Once inside visitors may interact with it and push against it. Whisper in the right spot and it is carried to the other side of the arch.

Michael L. Grucza. “BOING!,” is steel plate with catalyzed polyurethane paint. Grucza said it was inspired by his interest in using steel in unexpected structural ways with simple bends, as a child might do with a sheet of paper, and by his love of bold use of color. This 8-foot by 8-foot by 11-foot sculpture invites people to explore its visual, tactile, acoustic and architectural elements. When touched or pulled, the spirals produce a subtle ‘BOING!’ sound.

Richard Kiebdaj. “Owl and Pussycat” is an 11-foot by 5-foot by 5-foot piece is made of steel with macropoxy paint. It pays homage to Edward Lear, best known for his children’s poems and limericks and an accomplished artist as well. His cat and trusted companion, “Foss,” died in 1886, a year before Lear published “The Owl and the Pussycat.”
Michele Lanning. “Critical Mass” is a 4 foot tall sculpture made of No. 2 pencils and wood. “In working with different scales and mediums I am involved in exploring objects and our relationship with them. By exploiting and layering our associations to materials and objects, I seek to expand our conventional understandings to convey an alternative attachment,” said Lanning.

Travis Lanning. “Progression” is a bronze sculpture measuring 7 feet by 4 feet by 1.5 feet. It is a combination of the forms and textures of both bricks and LEGO pieces. It was inspired by Lanning’s impression that brick structures reminded him of the countless, childhood hours spent playing with LEGOs.

Brian Monaghan. “Haphazard” is made of painted curved steel beams standing 15 feet tall. Placement of the beams appears to give it a random design, but it’s not random at all. Haphazard represents an aspect of our time and harkens back to abstract expressionism in a three-dimensional form, said Monaghan.

Jason Verbeek. “Dragonfly,” is a 10-foot by 25-foot by 25-foot sculpture of carbon steel and polished stainless steel depicting a dragonfly chained to a 6-foot mound of dirt, pulling up the earth to reveal wetlands. By pulling it up, a pool is created around the mound. The plants used in this piece – turf grass, wetland plants like Cardinal flower, pickerel, bulrush, common arrowhead, swamp milkweed and native sedges – are recycled from Red Mill Pond, near PNC, where Verbeek is doing a job for the Army Corps of Engineers.

Existent Odyssey pieces are:
- John Adduci - Running Arch, Odysseus
- Michele Goldstrom - Oh!
- Mike Helbing - Victory at Samothrace
- Preston Jackson - Haints + History, Travels of My Seven Sisters
- Kara James - Handmade Revolution, Tongue Highway
- Terry Karpowicz - Heraldic Taunt at PNC-Porter County
- Dessa Kirk - Demeter
- Rob Lorenson - First Gear, Sentinel
- David Noguchi - Rise, at PNC-Porter County
- Eric Nordgulen - Anatomy Vessel
- Jason Poteet - Rumination
- Fisher Stolz - Seduction
- S. Thomas Scarff - Geisha Rose, Rainbow Flyer, Drive-By, Windfighter; at PNC-Porter County are Light Ray, Indigo Flame
- George Sugarman - A Green Field, Two Part Folding Screen and Two Blues and a Red; Earth Bird is located at the Porter County VNA
- Zelda Werner – Alexander’s Circus
- Bruce White - Ghostship, Twin Fin Continuum

Most works are for sale.

Jacobi said the display at PNC is unique among universities but is part of a thriving art community in LaPorte County. “In general, LaPorte County and its cities and locales are filled with art and culture for anyone who wants to participate. When you look at the distance and cost of traveling to enjoy art, we have everything here to provide a rich arts and cultural experience. We have museums, music, and the opportunities are there. I think the arts are better supported in our community than many people know.

“And once the kids are here, they’re not only seeing art, they are experiencing a real college campus, many of them for the first time. I can’t express what a difference it makes in their lives.”

Odyssey is open to the public during university hours. Visitors are encouraged to come on Thursdays and Fridays when parking is ample.

Self-guided sculpture tour maps can be downloaded at www.pnc.edu/odyssey/flyer.pdf.

The Web site for the Odyssey 2010-11 sculpture exhibit is www.pnc.edu/odyssey.

Information on group tours is available by contacting Jacobi at (219) 785-5200 or 872-0527, Ext. 5593.

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The National Park Service and Indiana Landmarks Annual Architecture Open House at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore will be Saturday and Sunday, October 23 and 24, 2010. This year’s open house will feature five homes near Beverly Shores, Indiana from the “Century of Progress” 1933 Chicago World’s Fair.

Indiana Landmarks celebrates their 50th anniversary of historic restorations. This year also marks the 76th anniversary of Century of Progress homes crossing Lake Michigan to come to Indiana. The 1933 Chicago World’s Fair’s “A Century of Progress” theme focused on science and its role in industrial development. The model homes featured revolutionary materials, innovative building methods, modern home appliances, and new construction techniques. The homes were moved by barge and truck to northwest Indiana at the close of the fair, and remained in private ownership until the early 1970’s when they were purchased by the National Park Service for inclusion in Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. The homes are undergoing rehabilitation with private funds through a partnership between the National Park Service and Indiana Landmarks.

All five Century of Progress homes, located in the park on west Lake Front Drive near the Lake View overlook, will be open to the public for this annual weekend event. Three homes, the Cypress Log Cabin, Florida Tropical House, and the Armco Ferro House are either completely restored or very near completion. Major rehabilitation work continues on the House of Tomorrow and the Wieboldt-Rostone House; tours of these two houses will be limited to the first floor of each building.

Entrance to the buildings is by reservation only, and space is limited. To make a reservation, click on the “Century of Progress Tour” link at: www.historiclalandmarks.org. Parking in the area is very limited. Reservations include a $15 per person transportation fee for a shuttle to the five houses from parking areas at the St. Ann of the Dunes Church parking lot on Golfwood Road, Kemil Road beach access parking lot, and the parking lot at the Calumet Dunes Interpretive Center on corner of U.S. 12 and E. State Park Road. Reservations without a shuttle are available at no cost for those individuals walking to the house sites from remote parking areas.

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Harriet was the lighthouse keeper for the Michigan City lighthouse for more than 40 years; specifically, 1861 to 1904. Her residence was in the lighthouse itself, where she lived with her friend of many years, Ann Hartwell, a schoolteacher in Michigan City. Sailors could see the light as far as 15 miles away, and praised Miss Colfax as having one of the best kept lights on the lake.

Sandy Gleim has been involved in community theatre for many years and also collects vintage clothing. She has an avid interest in history and has performed in several Living Cemetery Tours in Door Village. Sandy is the executive director of Healthy Communities of La Porte County.

The program is free to the public; however, general museum admissions apply. The La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte, and is open Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Phone for admission prices at 219-324-6767, or visit www.laportecountyhistory.org. Children under 12 enter free. The facility is handicap accessible.

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Just like leaves changing color, the Hesston Steam Museum itself is changing over for the fall! And there’s no more relaxed, enjoyable and family-friendly place to be during October’s last two weekends: Oct. 23 & 24 and Oct. 30 & Oct. 31.

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American Red Cross Blood Drives

- Friday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at First Trust Credit Union, 950 E. Highway 20, Michigan City. Phone 877-2290 to schedule your blood donation appointment.
- Sat., Oct. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Brown Mackie College, 325 E. U.S. Highway 20, Michigan City.
- Mon., Oct. 25, noon-5 p.m., LaPorte Hospital in the Auditorium, 1007 W. Lincolnway, LaPorte. Come to donate and receive a $3 lunch coupon. Phone 219/326-1234, ext. 1518 to schedule your blood donation appointment.
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- Thurs., Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Golden Living Center, 1700 I Street, LaPorte.
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Come dressed in your costume for the Costume Contest! Be prepared for a presentation about “Historic Hauntings of La Porte County” by La Porte County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz. Other activities include a Halloween craft project, a ghostly model railroading session with engineer Ted Williams, and a chance to act out a part in a short play about Belle Gunness, La Porte’s century-old “Lady Bluebeard.” There will be a pizza party, and an eerie tale will be presented by professional storyteller Grant Fitch.

Pre-registration is required by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 28. Visit the website for more information and a registration form: www.laportecountyhistory.org

Phone the museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte, with any questions at 219-324-6767.
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Dr. Rosina Bierbaum Dinner and Lecture:
“Climate Change & Sustainability: Global & Regional Impacts” will be held on Tues., Nov. 9, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. MI time, in Fernwood’s Art Gallery.

Fernwood and the League of Women Voters of Berrien & Cass Counties, Michigan, are co-sponsoring an evening on the environment with Dr. Rosina Bierbaum, Dean of the School of Natural Resources and Environment, Professor of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, University of Michigan. Dr. Bierbaum will discuss Climate Change & Sustainability: Global & Regional Impacts. The lecture will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by a plated dinner prepared by Fernwood’s Chef Tim Carrigan. The cost is $27 per person, and Fernwood will accept reservations through noon on Wed., Nov. 3.

Mitten Knitting Class

Wednesdays, Nov. 3 & 10, 1-4 p.m. MI time

Knit a one-of-a-kind pair of mittens made in the Scandinavian tradition of two-color stranded knitting, fashioned after a pair from Tasha Tudor’s Old-Fashioned Gifts. Knitter Nan Crofoot provides the pattern and instruction for this two-part class. A materials list is provided. Fee $48 (Members $40). Registration is required by October 20.

About Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve

Fernwood is a favorite of all who love nature - flora and fauna. Fernwood is located near Buchanan, Michigan. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Sunday from noon-6:00 p.m. The Fernwood Café is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and Sunday from noon-3:00 p.m. Fernwood is closed on Mondays.

Indoor Flea Market Returns to New Troy

New Troy’s Indoor Flea Market returns to the New Troy Community Center on Saturday, October 23 and October 30. Markets will be held the last two Saturdays of every month through April.

Vendor spaces are available at $10/space. For information or to reserve a space, contact Del Thompson at 269-426-4728.

Doors will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. MI time. Admission is free and a home-cooked lunch will be available for purchase.

Proceeds from space rentals benefit the Community Center, an all-volunteer facility run by the non-profit organization, Friends of New Troy. The New Troy Community Center is located at 13372 California Road, New Troy, Michigan. From I-94, take exit 12 and go east 2 miles to New Troy. See map on www.friendsofnewtroy.org
Blues Guitarist Keith Scott at Library

Sun., Oct. 24, 2 p.m.

Blues musician Keith Scott is one of Chicago’s most vibrant musicians. He will bring a concert of hot and jamming music to the Michigan City Public Library. For the past twenty years, Keith has built his reputation as a sizzling blues guitarist, dynamic performer, noteworthy songwriter and bandleader. He has toured the world and has performed at Chicago Bulls’ basketball games, at the Chicago Blues Fest and at the Hard Rock Cafe.

This program is free and open to the public.

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The Halloween tradition continues with The Witches Brew Ha! Ha! now in its 5th year at the Memorial Opera House. This show is a spooktacular, family show filled with music, dancing and fun for everyone!

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Moms and Dad’s, grandparents, aunts, and uncles bring your costumed goblins and make this your Halloween Treat! Join B. Witch, Sandee Witch and Glitch Witch for their fun filled Witches Brew Ha! Ha! and the big finale that will feature a costume parade across the stage.

Tickets are on sale now for $8 per person and are available through the Memorial Opera House Box Office, by phone at 219-548-9137, or in person. The Memorial Opera House is located at 104 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso. Box office hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Or visit www.mohlive.com

Show Dates: Friday, October 29th @ 6:30 p.m. (Following Trick Or Treating in Downtown Valparaiso) & Saturday, October 30th @ 10:00 a.m.

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Sinai Forum Features Robert Schmuhl

The 57th season of the Purdue University North Central Sinai Forum will feature noted presidential historian Robert Schmuhl, on Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. at Elston Middle School.

Schmuhl will speak to “American Politics at the Breaking Point.” With an eye on the 2010 mid-term elections, he will look at the contemporary political landscape - the partisanship, polarization and paralysis that produce what’s been called the nation’s “second civil war.” He will attempt to answer the question, “Why is there such anger and division within the body politic today and what can citizens do to reduce the nation’s democratic discontent?”

His passion to become a presidential scholar was sparked when he attended the Sinai Forum as a Michigan City High School student and heard the program presented by Max Lerner in 1970.

Schmuhl is the first occupant of the Walter H. Annenberg - Edmund P. Joyce Chair in American Studies and Journalism and director of the John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics & Democracy at the University of Notre Dame. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Notre Dame and his doctorate from Indiana University. He joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1980. He taught abroad in Australia, Ireland, South Africa and England.

He is the author or editor of eleven books, including “Statecraft and Stagecraft: American Political Life in the Age of Personality” (1990 and 1992) and “Wounded Titans: American Presidents and the Perils of Power” (1996). His writing has appeared in the Chicago Tribune, Philadelphia Inquirer, USA TODAY, Washington Post, Boston Globe, Sports Illustrated and American Journalism Review.

A book signing will follow Schmuhl’s presentation.

Forum subscription tickets are $75 for regular tickets, $125 for donor tickets and $150 for patron tickets. Any student with a valid ID will be admitted free.

Forum subscription tickets may be purchased in person at the door. For more information visit the Forum’s website at www.sinaiforum.org.

Marquette High School Open House

Marquette Catholic High School’s Open House for Prospective Families is schedule for Wed., Nov. 3rd @ 6 p.m. in the Richard & Louise Scholl Student Center. All are welcome! For more information, contact Jennifer Quinlan, Director of Advancement at 219.873.1325, ext. 229.
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Marquette Catholic High School Students Work on Environmental Stewardship Program

On Saturday, September 18th, Marquette Catholic High School students along with Mr. Bill Fariss (Marquette science teacher) and Duneland Beach residents worked together on a beach restoration project involving ridding the beaches in Duneland Beach of invasive and nonnative species. This project is funded by a grant from Save the Dunes, which Dr. David Fumo applied for and received. This will be a long-term effort that will take place over many months, and will involve a lot of hard work! The next outing was October 9th, at Stop 32 on Lake Shore Drive.

Marquette students line up at Stop 31 to participate in Adopt-a-Beach clean-up.

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Rehearsals will be held at Marquette Catholic High School from noon–1 p.m. Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Dec. 4 with a final rehearsal the afternoon of Wed., Dec. 8. The concert itself is Dec. 8 at 7:00 p.m. Those involved may be required to purchase and wear a performance shirt. If you have questions or concerns, please e-mail director Amy Crane at acrane@marquette-hs.org or phone 873-1325 ext. 253. If not, just plan on showing up Nov. 6 (please enter through side handicap door to the Marquette Auditorium/Rudy Hart theatre in between the old St. Mary’s school building and the Marquette building – parking in the 11th St. lot).

Jazz Group at Box Factory for the Arts

The Jazz group, Vibe Nation, will perform on Sat., Oct. 23 at 8 p.m. MI time at the Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI. Tickets at the door are $10 general admission and $8 for students and seniors. Children 12 and under admitted free.

The ensemble that has performed together since 1991 is comprised of Jim Catalano, vibes and percussion; Chris French, clarinet and sax; Rafael Chavez, guitar; Sean Patrick, upright bass; and Jim Bollero, drums. They have performed at the Elkhart Jazz Festival every year since 1993.

Vibe Nation plays a wide variety of jazz music that spans several eras from the 1930’s through the present. They specialize in performing jazz standards with unique instrumentation and creative improvisation. Hear jazz standards from Duke Ellington, Dave Brubeck, Dizzy Gillespie, George Gershwin, and Antonio Carlos Jobim.

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A Spectacular Afternoon at Sue Spitler’s

by Barbara Stodola

Three days after her gala event, Sue Spitler was reported to be “still on Cloud Nine” – and is it any wonder? Picture this: a concert pianist in your own living room, a programme ranging from Mendelssohn to ragtime, an audience composed of all the music-lovers that a room could hold, and afterward, your guests dispersing across the lawn for a latte, a glass of wine, or maybe an ice cream cone. The scene had all the magic that could be conjured up on a hilltop in Long Beach, one autumn afternoon.

Spitler, an author with 25+ cookbooks to her credit, has aeons of hostessing experience. But even so, this party marked a high point; and you have to wonder how it came about that Rob Auler, a New York pianist who had played at Carnegie Hall, happened to be giving a concert at Spitler’s home.

“I won the opportunity in March, at an auction,” she explains. The auction was a fund-raiser for the Michigan City Chamber Music Festival, now in its 9th year. Auler, one of the group’s original members, offered a private performance to be auctioned off; and Spitler, a former board member, took him up on it. “I think I had an edge,” she admits. “How many people have a piano?”

Auler is popular with the chamber music crowd, not just for the intensity of his performance, but for the ease with which he brings musical compositions into the realm of personal experience. Since 2010 marked the 200th birthday of Frederic Chopin, this concert centered on Chopin’s nocturnes. As Auler began, he contrasted the activity of “the left hand, which is ‘the straight man,’” and “the right hand, which is ‘the right hand, which is having all the fun.’”

Chopin, a favorite of audiences and of musicians, was a perfect choice for a private concert in a small room. Several of Spitler’s guests commented on “the intimacy” of the experience, and how it transported them to another age, a time of “grand salons and royalty enjoying music personally, in their own space. To be that close to a musician,” she said, “is what made the afternoon really special.”

Even though Spitler has a baby grand piano in her art-filled living room, only a few friends know about her own musical achievements. She began studying piano as an adult, and, with the dedication she brings to all her enterprises, reached a college level of proficiency. This avocation had to be set aside, once Spitler started her all-consuming business as a food consultant. Now that she has retired from her business, “Incredible Edibles,” she plans to take up piano again.

Also, she has acquired an exotic tribal instrument known as a didgeridoo, which she wants to learn to play. It is a four-foot-long wind instrument made from a hollowed-out agave plant. “It is the first wind
Edwin Shelton is another local artist whose pottery Spitler collects. She appreciates the work of Shelton and his wife, Laurel Izard, for their whimsical quality. “My collection is whimsical and eclectic,” she says. “Everybody gives me cat-related stuff.” Her famous fondness for cats is demonstrated by years of foster-caring kittens born in animal shelters, and by her unending support for the Michiana Humane Society. Several artifacts made their way into her collection by way of humane society auctions, which had local artists producing eccentric bird houses.

The interaction of Spitler’s assorted interests has produced a unique environment, with some of the best things happening by surprise. One year she guest-curated a textile exhibit at the Krasl Museum of Art and included the work of Michelle Wiser, who later presented her with a textile-framed portrait, as a gift. Spitler wanted to buy another of Wiser’s paintings, the perfect size and color for over-the-mantel, and she finally talked Wiser into parting with it. “Look at the detail,” she points out, “the thought, the care, the time that went into this piece.”

All in all, it makes a perfect setting for a cultural event – the hand-stitchery, hand-molded pottery, natural wood floors, casual seating around a baby grand piano, exotic plants flourishing in their sunny spots beside wide, curtainless windows – all composing a modern-day conservatory for musicians and friends-of-musicians.

instrument known to man,” she explains, “a meditation tool used by aborigines, for transport to the underworld. It is tuned to the key of D#, which is the sound that emanates from the center of the earth.”

This fascination with the earthiness of art forms informs Spitler’s collecting habits, as well as her own art-making activities. She loves the pottery made by Jon Hook who, she said, “uses clay from his own property.” She has taken pottery classes, produced numerous large bowls and sculptures, and won awards for her clay pieces.

Above Spitler’s fireplace, Wiser’s painting of the old Josam factory is framed with a crazy-quilt border.

In Michelle Wiser’s portrait of Sue Spitler, the block-printed background spells out COOKBOOK.
The Bookmarks at MC Public Library
Fri., Oct. 22, 2 p.m.
Michigan City Public Library
Galway Bay by Mary Pat Kelly will be reviewed by Linda Wells. This family’s epic journey captures the tragedy and triumph of the Irish-American experience. In a tale that echoes the myths and legends of Ireland, young Honora Keeley and Michael Kelly wed and start a family, inhabiting a hidden Ireland where fishermen and tenant farmers find solace in their ancient faith, songs, stories, and communal celebrations. But when the blight comes and the Great Starvation begins, Honora and Michael vow their children will live. The family joins two million other Irish refugees in one of the greatest rescues in human history: the Irish Emigration to America. Danger and hardship await them there but the Kelly clan is victorious. This heroic story sheds brilliant light on the ancestors of today’s 44 million Irish-Americans. Author Mary Pat Kelly will be guest author for Writing Out Loud on Sat., Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Shawn Phillips in Concert
Friday, October 22, 8 p.m. MI time
Tickets: $20; reserve at 269/756-3879 or www.acorntheater.com

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Shawn Phillips is a rock pioneer; keeping true to his roots in folk music, he has experimented with classical, fantasy iconography, surreal verse, mysticism, and vice. The results produced the million-selling album, “Second Contribution.” Four of his 18 albums have charted on Billboard’s top 100, and four singles have charted on Billboard’s top 40. Celebrating 40 years of recording and touring, Universal Music honored Phillips with a Lifetime Achievement Award in Johannesburg, SA, in 2002.

Mississippi Heat in Concert
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Winner of the Special Jury Prize – Canadian Feature at Hot Docs, “Waterlife” follows the epic cascade of the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. From the icy cliffs of Lake Superior to the ornate fountains of Chicago to the sewers of Windsor, this feature-length documentary tells the story of the last great supply of fresh water on Earth.

Narrated by Gord Downie of the Tragically Hip, “Waterlife” features music by Sam Roberts, Sufjan Stevens, Sigur Ros, Robbie Robertson and Brian Eno. Waterlife has a running time of 109 minutes.

For more information, phone Thomas Library at 219/926-7696.

From the New Buffalo Public Library

The New Buffalo Twp. Public Library, along with Happy Feet Yoga, will host a three week long series on meditation. The sessions will start on Wednesday, Oct. 27th at 10:30 a.m. MI time and will continue on Nov. 3rd and 10th. Don Wenig will be your presenter.

The Lego Club is a huge success. The club will meet again on Oct. 23rd, from 12:30 -2:00 p.m. then every other Saturday. The library is looking for Lego donations to keep up with their builders!

Baby Laptime is held on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. and Story Hour is held on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Bring your little ones for a learning by play experience.

Library Board meetings is the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Visit www.nbtpl.org for information, events and new materials offered.

Piano Solo Recital by Ji-Young Jeoung

Ji-Young Jeoung, Director of Music for St. John’s United Church of Christ in Michigan City, will perform a piano solo recital at 2 p.m., Sun., Oct. 24, at St. John’s UCC in Michigan City. Admission is free. However, a free will offering will be received to support St. John’s Children’s Choir. For more information, phone (219)-872-9121 or visit www.stjohnsmc.org

The program will feature:
- Mozart “Sonata in B flat Major, K. 333”
- Ravel “Gaspard de la nuit”
- Prokofiev “Visions Fugitives, Op.22”
- Schumann “Symphonic Etudes, Op.13”

Ji-Young Jeoung, born in South Korea, completed a Doctoral degree and a Master’s degree in Piano Performance and Organ Performance from Ball State University studying with Robert Palmer and Kirby Koriath. Her dissertation was an analysis of the solo keyboard works of the distinguished American composer Joan Tower. In 1998, she completed a Master of Arts degree in piano performance at Ewha Woman’s University, Seoul, South Korea. In 1995, she completed her bachelor of music education in piano performance at the Chonnam National University, Gwangju, Korea. Also, she was an invited Young Pianist by the Gwangju Piano Academy and Gwangju Music Institute.

Currently she is an adjunct piano professor at Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana and an assistant director of opera ensemble at IPFW (Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne).

She is a member of the College Music Society, and the Pi Kappa Lambda, National Honor Society in Music.

Library’s Annual Halloween Event

La Porte County Public Library’s annual event “What Happens in the Library When the Lights Go Out?” will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m., on Fri., October 22. Come and see book characters come to life and play their favorite games. For example, play hide-and-seek with Clifford the Big Red Dog, solve I Spy riddles with Nate the Great, snap your fingers to help Mary Poppins clean up, play a wild board game called Jumanji, and hopscotch with Dorothy and the Scarecrow. This is fun for the whole family.

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head to Merrillville in time for the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church at 200 East 78th Avenue, just off Broadway and then stay for the chapter meeting with Father Meinrad immediately following Mass.

The weather on 10/10/10, as you all fondly recall, was heavenly, and so was the drive through the fall color show on Interstates 94 and 65.

I got to St. Joan in plenty of time for Mass, worshipped joyfully and songfully with my fellow Oblates and St. Joan parishioners, and then retired to the conference/choir room where Father Meinrad was patiently awaiting us in his black Benedictine habit. He has a habit of smiling warmly when he welcomes each and every one of us, and he certainly enlightened and encouraged us that fabulous fall day to diligently and joyfully do our duty of praying the Liturgy of the Hours “alone together.”

When I learned that Father Meinrad Brune, OSB would give us good orderly direction at the 10/10/10 meeting of the Merrillville Chapter of Benedictine Oblates of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, I emailed our chapter coordinator, Deacon Steve Zubel, and said: “I am so there!”

As Director of Benedictine Oblates for Saint Meinrad, Father Meinrad Brune wisely leads more than 1,100 Oblates nationwide in doing our level best to incorporate monastic principles into our daily lives. I am grateful to be among their number, and I gladly count Father Meinrad among the five most important figures in my life.

It was Father Meinrad who encouraged me to become an Oblate of Saint Meinrad Archabbey while I was on a retreat at Saint Meinrad in 2001, and he has been guiding me along sound spiritual lines ever since he received my Final Oblation as Charles Bede McKelvy on December 14, 2002.

Plus, October 10, 2010 was supposed to be one of those harmonically convergent days anyway, so I reckoned the best way in which to celebrate was to

By that, the monk of 54 years meant that when we Oblates pray the daily Liturgy of the Hours in our homes, or while riding the train or bus to and from work, we form a spiritual connection with the monks of Saint Meinrad and all those around the world who follow this ancient tradition of greeting and ending each day with prayer.

“This prayer,” Father Meinrad told us, “has sustained the lives of the faithful for centuries.”

Noting that Saint Benedict himself allowed for lots of latitude in his famous The Rule of Saint Benedict, Father Meinrad told us to do our daily duty as best as our individual circumstances allow. When I told him my cat Makita often joined me for Lauds in the morning and Vespers in the evening, he chuckled and said cats are perfect prayer companions. Makita would certainly agree.

And I would certainly agree that we spent a most profitable time on 10/10/10 listening to a wise monk from Saint Meinrad tell us that when we are apart

Sign of a great church in which to worship and meet in Merrillville.

St. Joan of Arc Church in Merrillville has Mass appeal.
from one another we can be joined with one another in prayer, especially when we pray for one another. Lots to think about, right?

Well, I certainly did not want to jump right back on the interstate after such a healthy helping of spiritual direction, so I turned right when I left St. Joan of Arc and headed north on Broadway.

Yes, Broadway!

As in: north on Broadway from 78th Avenue in Merrillville all the way to U.S. 12/20 in Gary.

It was a great ride on a gorgeous day, and I didn't think twice about hopping on I-94 when I passed over that congested “freeway.”

Nope, I kept on keepin' on Broadway, and I saw and heard nothing but good vibes as I headed on up into the heart of Gary. A fellow on a moped gave me a friendly wave at one intersection, and I had no qualms about alighting from the car in downtown Gary for a photo session on foot. I took all the time I needed to capture one of the classic streetlights the city has installed along Broadway, and I even went “off Broadway” to appreciate a handsome brick building with the word “ART” emblazoned on it. I don't know what that building once housed, but I certainly hope it will one day play an artistic role in a Gary renaissance that would benefit us all.

“Wouldn't that be wonderful?” I mused as I made my way back to my car on Broadway. A man passed on foot as I was so musing, and he said with his friendly smile that he shared my goodwill for Gary.

And, in just a few blocks, I saw that good things are already happening in Gary at the U. S. Steel Yard where the Gary South Shore RailCats come out to play some great Independent League baseball every season, and, yes, I am so there next summer for a Beacher baseball story. Just as Natalie and I will be so there at the Cathedral of Holy Angels in Gary on October 22 for the Chorus Angelorum concert at 8 p.m.

Gary, as one local billboard proclaimed, is overdue for a comeback, and after my trip up Broadway on 10/10/10, I think some really good artistic energy is percolating in Gary.

And, thanks to Father Meinrad, I had the peace of mind with which to pleasantly pursue such happy thoughts as I aimed my gracefully aging Honda Civic toward Michigan City and home in Harbert through the sun-dappled dunes and woodlands of our little corner of God's green earth.

Amen.
Autumn at Dunes National Lakeshore

Bright yellow, orange, red, and some green are waiting for you along the trails at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Your neighbor national park is just one hour from Chicago or South Bend. The fall colors will peek over the next couple of weekends and you can take in nature's canvas for free!

The national lakeshore is easily accessible via the South Shore train, or by car from Interstates 80/90, and 94. Indiana Highway 12 also ambles through the park. Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore charges no fees of any kind for entrance or parking and encompasses more than 15,000 acres in Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties in Indiana. With more than 12 miles of Lake Michigan shore and 40 miles of trails, this unit of the National Park System offers a colorful hike or drive.

Maple trees are showing their bright red color and can be found throughout the park. They are prevalent in the sugar bush along the trail between the Chellberg Farm and the Bailly Homestead. There is ample parking nearby on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and U.S. 20 in Porter, Indiana. Cottonwood trees shine a bright yellow along the 12 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline. Oaks and other trees are holding on to their green, and create a quiet canopy to walk or hike along a trail. A special fall treat awaits those who venture to the open house at Pinhook Bog, and meet the Rangers on the trail from noon-3:00 p.m. Saturday October 16, 2010. Pinhook bog can be found off of County Road 200 North, turn south on to Wozniak Road drive about one mile, then look for the NPS sings. Be sure to arrive by 2:00 p.m.

Hiking in the national lakeshore is an adventure, and even though it is hunting season you do not need to wear blaze orange because hunting is not allowed in the national lakeshore. Most people understand hunting includes animals, but are often unaware that it may include other organisms. In the national lakeshore, the hunting prohibition also includes mushrooms. Mushrooms perform an important function in the ecology of the forest and removing this organism slows down the production of soil.

Mushrooms do not typically grow conveniently on a trail. When people go off trail to take the mushrooms they stomp on fragile plants leaving a path that may take years to recover.

Not sure where to start your fall adventure? Stop at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Visitor Center in Porter, Indiana at the intersection of US 20 and Highway 49 to pick up self guided trail maps of several places in Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Do not forget to tell someone where you are going, and when you expect to be back. Fall is fantastic so do not forget your camera.

I don’t know about you, but I have accumulated hundreds of photos in my desktop computer. With music files already there, my machine moves slower than molasses and drives me crazy. I thought I would remedy the situation by putting my photos online for storage. What I really need is an external hard drive. But until I invest in what most people have already discovered and added to their hardware, I am using online storage. That is one of my topics for this week, so here goes.

43 Useful Sites to Store Your Files Online (http://tinyurl.com/24kbfue.) Okay, so I uploaded bunches of my photos to Flickr. Little did I know that I had reached my limit of 200 photos. The service let me know that if I wanted to keep uploading photos beyond the maximum allowed for a free account, I would have to pay a yearly $24.95 fee to do so. Yet at that price, I get unlimited photo storage. Over at Google’s Picasa, one can get 1 gigabyte of free storage and then pay $20 for an additional 6 gigs. What I like about Picasa is their terrific photo editing program, which can be downloaded separately at no cost. There are other online photo storage options besides these two, but I have not checked them out. I do have many, many photos on my jump drives, but those can be lost. One thing I do not do is save my pictures on a memory card. Those tiny little chips call out “easily lost” to me, so I avoid them. Go ahead and use the link above to find yourself some online file storage options. The link goes beyond just photo files.

Wonder How To (www.wonderhowto.com). I stumbled over this site as I was searching for instructions on how to change my vacuum cleaner belt. The one I found here was the best of the bunch that I had Googled. My instructions were in video form, so I found it easy to follow along. Maybe you, too, will find this site helpful.

USA Home Raffles (www.usahomeraffle.com). You may or may not be aware that the women’s shelter in Crown Point hosts a home raffle annually. For just $100 a ticket, it is a pretty big deal, and a very nice fundraiser for the nonprofit. But it is not the only one offering a house as a major prize. USA Home Raffles lists those that are occurring across the USA. If you are wanting to donate to a good cause and have a very nice prize as a possibility, look into this option. Remember, though: you will pay taxes on that home if you are the winner. Make sure you can afford it.

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Community Center
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Attention: Long Beach residents--large item pick-up last day will be next Monday, Oct. 25th--place items next to your toter!!

Leaf Pick-up also starts on Mon., Oct. 25th and runs to Nov. 24th.

Duplicate Bridge--Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. If interested, call Glenn 219-872-9386.

Long Beach Fitness Center - Cardio Mix Class Mon, Wed & Fri 8-9 a.m. $5 class open to the public - NEW 8 Week Session - starts Oct. 28, Get in Beach Shape Tues, Thurs, Sat-8-9 a.m. $50 session or $5 class open to the public. NEW 8 Week Session - starts Nov. 1 Night Pilates Mon & Wed 5-6 p.m. $80 session for Member $128 session for non-member open to the public. Call the fitness center at (219) 879-1395 for more information.

Chakra Bliss Massage Therapy - with Julie Sosa, a licensed massage therapist, offering relaxation massage for 1 hour at $60. Her treatments incorporate neuromuscular, trigger point, Swedish myofascial and deep tissue techniques. Call 219-561-3522 to schedule an appointment. Suite #3.

Amy's Boot Camp – Make sure you check out the NEW FALL/WINTER HOURS!! (no babysitting available) Boot Camp is now offered 5 days a week Monday – Friday (Tues. & Thurs. class strictly cardio and abs!!) Hours are 8:30a.m. – 9:30a.m. Get the best inner and outer shape of your life. Suite #9.

Yoga — New to yoga? Curious but not sure if it is for you? Try your first yoga class free, yoga mats and props are provided. Lauralee offers private yoga lesson and Yoga Deep sessions are available by appt. Lauralee Sikorski CYT. Lauralee has been teaching yoga since her Yoga Alliance Certification in 2004. All new students need to call in advance to assure the schedule is the same. Wed, & Fri morning at 10 a.m., Tues night Intermediate class at 6 p.m. and Thursday night Gentle yoga with restorative postures at 6pm and on Sunday a mixed level class at 10 a.m. Contact Lauralee at lauralseeikorski@yahoo.com or 219-861-7394. Suite #8.

Save Moon Valley will be holding a meeting on Sat., Oct. 30th at 10 a.m. in the gym. Open to the public!

Long Beach Community Center has space for rent. For more information, phone Anne Heywood at the Long Beach Town Hall at 219-874-6616.

----submitted by Anne Heywood

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http://www.thebeacher.com/
Hog Roast for Little Wish Foundation

The Little Wish Foundation, which provides small gifts to sick children suffering from cancer, will have a fund-raising hog roast from 4-9 p.m. on Sat. Oct. 23, at the Moose Lodge in LaPorte.

The foundation, organized by Michigan City High School junior Liz Niemiec in honor of the late 7-year-old Max Olson of LaPorte, was set up to help children suffering from cancer and other diseases receive a small gift to brighten their day.

Recently, Niemiec made a presentation of an iPod to a sick girl at Memorial Hospital.

Tickets are $10/adults and $5/children 5-9 years old. Children 4 and younger are admitted free. There will be a cash bar, a bonfire, raffles and a bake sale. The event will be held, rain or shine, at the LaPorte Moose Lodge, 925 Boyd Blvd.

For more information, phone 872-8037, (219) 363-5166 or e-mail littlewish@comcast.net. The foundation’s Web site is www.littlewishfoundation.org
Author and Artists Exhibit at Buchanan

The Buchanan Art Center will feature the paintings of Gijsbert (Nick) van Frankenhuysen and photographs of Jan Ferris from October 12 through November 27. A reception and book signing for the public will be held on Sat., Nov. 6, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. MI time at 117 W. Front Street, Buchanan. Both artists will be present, as will the book author, Robbyn Smith.

Van Frankenhuysen’s exhibition includes Farm Paintings in the Roti Roti Gallery and Itsy Bitsy and Teeny Weeny, illustrations from his children’s book, in the Show Place Gallery. Photographs of Isle Royale Images by Ferris will be shown in the Hess Gallery.

Born in the Netherlands, Gijsbert is a widely published artist. He has illustrated the four “Great Lakes Regions” series of books. His five different habitat posters commissioned by the DNR are used throughout the state as a popular tool to educate the public on Michigan’s diverse resources. His children’s book, The Legend of Sleeping Bear, was honored as Michigan’s Official State Children’s book. The Legend of Mackinac Island received the 1999 Great Lakes Book Award. There are now seven titles in the Legend series.

You can visit Gijsbert, his family and their animals on their web site at www.hazelridgefarm.com.

Jan Ferris is a freelance outdoor writer and member of the Michigan Outdoor Writers Association. Her work has appeared in various Michigan and national outdoor publications. Jan works as a special projects manager at Fernwood Botanical Garden in Niles.

The Buchanan Art Center, 117 West Front St., Buchanan, Michigan. The Center features three galleries with rotating exhibits of regional artists’ work, a program of educational art classes to all ages, and a gift shop featuring the work of local artists. More information including a schedule of upcoming classes can be found on their web site at www.buchananartcenter.org

American Idol Winner in Concert at VU

The winner of “American Idol” Season 8, Kris Allen, will perform at Valparaiso University on Saturday, Nov. 6, in the Harre Union Ballroom.

The concert will begin at 10 p.m. with doors opening at 9:30 p.m. Tickets for the general public will go on sale at 11 a.m. Oct. 15 and are $15. Tickets for Valpo students are $5. All tickets may be purchased at the Harre Union Welcome Desk or online at www.valpo.edu/union/tickets/.

Allen is currently on tour promoting his self-titled debut album, and his first single, “Live Like We’re Dying,” has sold more than 1.5 million copies to date. His second single, “The Truth,” featuring Pat Monahan of Train, is climbing the Billboard charts.

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Canadian Brass to Perform Nov. 5

One of the world’s most popular brass ensembles, the Canadian Brass, will bring its distinctive blend of virtuosity, spontaneity and humor to Valparaiso University during a Nov. 5 concert. The program will include works by classical masters Bach and Monteverdi, American composer George Gershwin’s “Porgy and Bess” and a tribute to the Beatles.

The Canadian Brass will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Resurrection. Tickets are $40 for reserved seating, $25 for adults and $15 for senior citizens, non-Valpo students and Valpo faculty, staff and students. To purchase tickets, phone the Valpo Box Office at 219-464-5162 or purchase them online at www.valpo.edu/vuca/ticket.php

The Canadian Brass (www.canadianbrass.com) is recognized throughout the world for its exceptional performances and recordings, in particular its affinity for Baroque music. During the ensemble’s 40 seasons, the quintet has recorded more than 90 albums featuring the works of Bach, Vivaldi, Beethoven, Purcell, Pachelbel and other classical masters. The ensemble’s repertoire also includes marches, holiday favorites, ragtime, Dixieland, Latin, jazz, big band, Broadway and Christian music, as well as popular songs and standards.

An important pioneer in bringing brass music to mass audiences everywhere, the Canadian Brass has been seen by millions of television viewers on shows including “The Tonight Show,” “Today” and “Entertainment Tonight.” The ensemble has performed to packed concert halls throughout and sold more than 2 million albums worldwide.

Brewster’s Give Back Day

The New Buffalo Missions Team invites you to a give-back fund raiser at Brewster’s on Thurs., Oct. 21. Brewster’s will graciously donate 20 percent of all its sales that day (including take out orders) to the Team. You don’t need a coupon, just mention the New Buffalo Missions Team to your server and the donation will be made.

The Team is a group of students and adults from the New Buffalo, Michigan area that is traveling to the Dominican Republic December 18-22, 2010 with SCORE International. The purpose of their trip is to present Christ, love, goodwill and needed supplies to the children of an orphanage in Santo Domingo.

Brewster’s is located at the corner of Whittaker and Merchant Streets. For more information, phone 269-469-3005 or visit their website at www.brewstersitaliancafe.com If you have questions or would like to learn more about the New Buffalo Missions Team, contact the team leader, Karla Madison at 269-612-0239.
Announcing an Exciting Photo Contest

The Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce and Local Color Gallery of Union Pier, MI. are excited to announce the “Harbor Country as Seen through YOUR Lens” photo contest and are encouraging all photographers who have captured the many charms of Harbor Country to share your special shots of Harbor Country. The deadline for photography submissions is Mon., Nov. 8, at 5 p.m. No more than 5 images per photographer, so be choosy.

From all the photos received, a distinguished jury will select the winners that will present their matted & framed photos in the “Art of Giving” Holiday Show opening on Dec. 4, at Local Color Gallery, 16187 Red Arrow Highway, Union Pier, Michigan. The show runs for the entire month of December.

The jury will then choose 5 photographers who will be featured in the April, 2011 Art Attack event at Local Color Gallery.

And for the first time ever, one of those lucky five winners’ photographs will be selected as the cover for the 2011 Harbor Country Guide. For rules and regulations, go to www.localcolorartgallery.com

Other winning contest shots will be highlighted in the various sections of the 2011 Harbor Country Guide. And each chosen photographer featured in the pages of the guide will receive a byline. Please avoid using photographs with people or recognizable businesses.

Family Fun Halloween!

A Family Fun Halloween will be held at 6:00 p.m., on Fri., Oct. 29 at the Coolspring Branch Library, corner of 400N & Johnson Rd., Michigan City.

People can come in costume if they wish and join in on some family friendly, slightly scary fun. They will be able to play ghostly games, dip into a creepy cauldron, make (and eat!) spooky spiders, and meet a friendly ghost!

There is no charge or registration. More information at 879-3272. Phone 219/362-6156 to request signing for the hearing impaired 48 hrs.in advance.

“Taste of Poland” at St. Stan’s

5 to 7 p.m. - Thurs., November 4th
St. Stanislaus Kostka Church Hall
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The menu includes pierogi, Polish sausage and kroat, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, golubki, baked barley, noodles, pickled beets, dinner roll and butter, applesauce, dessert and coffee. Czarnina is available a la carte.
Tickets are $12 for adults and $6 for children; advance ticket purchases available by phoning the parish office at 219-879-9281.
Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:

**October 21** -- “Awesome Gigs.” Bobby Talamine talks on being a rock n’ roll photographer. 7 pm at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. 2nd St., MC. Free adm. Info: 874-4900.

**October 21** -- Flying Carpet Travelogue Series: “Burma and Cambodia, Lands of Conflict” presented by Buddy Hatton. 7 pm at Elston Performing Arts Theater, Detroit & Spring streets, MC. Tix $5 at the door.


**October 22** -- Bookmarks at MC Public Library. Galway Bay by Mary Pat Kelly will be reviewed by Linda Wells. 2 pm. Free, open to the public. The author will be guest at Writing Out Loud on Nov. 6, 7:30 pm at the library; also a free program.

**October 22** -- Halloween Dance at The Pearl, 907 Franklin St., MC. 7-11 p.m. BBQ Bat sandwiches, Fall Boo Stew & more! Tix at the door $25; in advance $20; reserve at 219-680-9261 or email lamblittle@comcast.net

**October 22** -- Shawn Phillips in concert 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 22-24, 29-31** -- “The Hilarious Hillbilly Massacre.” Comedy stage play at LaPorte Little Theatre, 218 “A” St., LaPorte. Fri/Sat 7:30 pm; Sun/2 pm. Phone 219/362-5113 for ticket cost.

**October 22-24, 29-31** -- “The Rocky Horror Show” musical production at Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Dr., MC. Fri 8 pm; Sun 7 pm; Oct 23/11 pm; Oct 30/7 & 11 pm (no one under 17 at late show). Tix $15/adults, $12/seniors & students. 879-7509 or e-mail reservations@dunessummertheatre.com

**October 23-24** -- Riverside Market Place, Pioneer Pier Development, 234 E. 2nd St., MC. Sat 9 am-2 pm; Sun 10 am-2 pm.

**October 23** -- Mainstreet Farmer’s Market, 8th & Washington streets, MC. 8 am-noon.

**October 23** -- Odyssey 12 Opening Reception at PNC campus, Library-Student-Faculty Bldg., Assembly Hall 02. 5-6:30 pm. Public debut of works of new sculptures. Refreshments will be served; open to the public.

**October 23** -- Hog Roast fundraiser for Little Wish Foundation. 4-9 pm at Moose Lodge, 925 Boyd Blvd., LaPorte. Tix $10/adults, $5/kids 5-9 yrs. Cash bar, bonfire, raffles and bake sale. Info: 872-8037 or www.littlewishfoundation.org

**October 23** -- Boo at the Zoo, Washington Park Zoo, MC. 5-8 pm. Come in costume: great decora-
tions for photo ops, trick-or-treating and Ronald McDonald. Adm. $3/adults, $2/children. Tix now avail. at zoo gate in adv. Info: 873-1425.

**October 23 --** Table for 5 in concert featuring songs of the 60s. Presented by the New Buffalo Fine Arts Council at New Buffalo Performing Arts Center. 7:30 pm MI time. Tix $15/adults, free/students with ID. 269-231-5168 or www.nbfac.org

**October 23 --** Mississippi Heat CD release party 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 23-24, 30-31 --** Hesston Ghost Train and Fall Festival at Hesston Steam Museum grounds. Trains run noon-5 pm. Adm. & parking free. Train fares $5/adults, $3/kids. Maps and more at www.hesston.org

**October 24 --** Blues Guitarist Keith Scott will present a concert of hot and jamming music at 2 pm at the MC Public Library. Free, open to the public.

**October 24 --** Piano Solo Recital by Ji-Young Jeoung, Director of Music for St. John’s United Church of Christ, MC. 2 pm at the church, corner St. John Rd. & Franklin St., MC. Adm. free, goodwill offering will be taken to benefit St. John’s Children’s Choir. Info: 872-9121.

**October 24 --** PNC Presents Sinai Forum: Dr. Robert Schmuhl will speak on “American Politics at the Breaking Point.” 3 pm at Eleven Middle School, 317 Detroit St., MC. www.sinaiforum.org for ticket information.

**Thru October 31 --** “Harboring Big Ships: A Pictorial History of the Michigan City Lakefront” exhibit at LaPorte Co. Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. Open Tues-Sat 10 am-4:30 pm. 219/324-6767 for more inf and adm. prices. www.laportecountyhistory.org

**Thru December 12 --** The Rudd Family Country Jamboree at The Pearl Theatre, 907 Franklin St., MC. Every Sat (6 pm). Tix $12/in adv. or $15/at the door. 219-763-4915 or www.ruddfamilycountryjam-boree.com. Email: pearlvenue@comcast.net

**Farther Afield:**

**October 22-24, 27-31 --** Niles Haunted House Scream Park, 855 Mayflower Rd., Niles MI. Thurs & Sun 7-10 pm; Fri/Sat 7-11 pm MI time. 269-687-FEAR. www.haunted.org

**October 23 --** Indoor Flea Market to benefit, and held at, New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Rd., New Troy, MI. 9 am-3 pm MI time. Home cooked lunch will be avail. for purchase. www.friendsofnewtroy.org

**October 24 --** Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra All Viennese Concert: “Strauss & Strauss.” 3:30 pm at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, MI. This concert free if you’ve never attended an SMSO concert. 219/982-4030 or www.smso.org for more information.
The text contains historical events that took place on October 21st of various years. It discusses key moments such as the discovery of the passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific by Ferdinand Magellan, the invention of the workable electric light by Thomas Edison, the last run of Chicago's cable car, the first American soldiers to see action in World War I, the opening of New York's Guggenheim Museum, and more. There are also advertisements for various services including marble and granite restoration, massage therapy, and landscaping. The text spans a wide range of topics from history to local services, with a focus on notable events and achievements.
tacular finale to the era of luxury supersonic jet travel.

On October 25, 1415, during the “Hundred Year War,” England’s King Henry V defeated the French at Agincourt.

On October 25, 1701, Philadelphia was granted a city charter.

On October 25, 1854, during the Crimean War, two-thirds of approximately 670 men of the English light calvary brigade were killed when they charged a heavily fortified Russian position. This ill-designed attack was the inspiration for Alfred Lord Tennyson’s poem *The Charge of the Light Brigade*.

On October 25, 1940, bushy-browed John L. Lewis, president of the Congress of Industrial Organization, vowed to resign if his archenemy Franklin Roosevelt should be elected president for a third term. Roosevelt was, and Lewis did.

On October 25, 1954, a meeting of the President’s Cabinet was televised for the first time.

On October 25, 1955, the Tappan Stove Company introduced the first electronic range designed for home use. It was priced at $1,200, and could cook bacon in 90 seconds.

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THE Dedication of New PNC Sundial

Purdue University North Central will host a dedication ceremony for its new sundial on Oct. 23, at 4 p.m. The sundial is located in the University quad, directly behind Schwarz Hall on the Westville campus.

The dedication will be part of the day’s celebration of the 12th opening of its Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series. The Odyssey sculpture opening will get underway at 5 p.m. in the Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02. Formal remarks will follow at 5:30 p.m.

The sundial was designed by Dr. John Davis, of Flowton Dials, in the United Kingdom, as a direct result of his being awarded the 2009 Sawyer Dialing Prize by the North American Sundial Society (NASS). It has become a tradition for the prize money to be used to support the commissioning of a public sundial. PNC was selected for this honor by the NASS President, Frederick W. Sawyer III in consultation with Dr. Aaron Warren, PNC assistant professor of Physics.

Sawyer and Warren will be present for the dedication ceremony and will lead a variety of activities, including instruction on how to check the day’s time by consulting the sundial.

Warren describes this to be a “double-horizontal sundial.” It is so-named because it combines two forms of dial, one being the standard horizontal garden sundial, the other indicating the position of the sun relative to the stars.

The PNC dial is in the shape of an unconventional nine-sided polygon, in recognition of 2009, the year the sundial was awarded the Sawyer Dialing Prize. The dial is made of marine brass construction.

Warren noted this was custom designed for the PNC latitude and longitude, so it may tell local solar time very precisely. “It will be more accurate than most people’s watches,” he said.

There are instructions on a plaque on how to read solar time and convert it to clock time. It is capable of telling the time, the position of the sun in the sky, the position of the sun along the ecliptic - the annual path of the sun relative to the stars and the time of sunrise and sunset of any day.

Warren explained that this type of dial was invented in the 1600’s by Rev. William Oughtred. For more than a century one of the final tests for an apprentice sundialist, particularly in England, was to design a double-horizontal dial, as it was then considered state-of-the-art.

The motto engraved on the dial is “I mark my hours by shadow; Mayest thou mark thine by sunshine” from Carol Brevoort Hilton-Turvey. Another motto in classical Greek, distributed in the corners of the dial, is spelled Zeta-Eta-Theta-Iota and is the imperative “Live!” and is the motto of the Sawyer Dialing Prize.
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The open house will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by information sessions at 6:15 p.m. in the Library-Student-Faculty Building. The event is appropriate for high school students, community college graduates and adults thinking about attending college. This is an ideal opportunity to explore academic programs with faculty and advisors. Guests will have the opportunity to learn more about student support programs, campus activities and athletics in a casual, fun atmosphere. Families are welcome to attend. The event is free and light refreshments will be served.

Breakout sessions will include: “Taking the Fear out of Paying for College,” “Undecided...No Problem,” and “You’re Admitted...What’s Next?” Participants may visit the University Park apartment model before and after the event. University Park apartments, located across U.S. 421 from the PNC campus, are owned and operated by South Coast LLC.

Pre-registration is encouraged - but not required - by Nov. 2 and can be completed by phoning 872-0257, ext. 5505. Further information may be obtained via instant messaging at IM pncadmissions4 through AOL; by email at jwhisler@pnc.edu or by visiting www.pnc.edu/admissions/openhouse.html. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Janice Whisler at 872-0257, ext. 5415 by Oct. 28.

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THE Dewey's Nine Lives by Vicki Myron

A year ago I told you about an amazing story from Iowa involving a library cat named Dewey. Dewey was found in the overnight drop box at the Spencer, Iowa, town library, half dead. With a lot of care from librarian Vicki Myron, Dewey soon found a place in the library, in the hearts of the library staff, and, the hearts of the town people as well.

Dewey's fame spread far and wide due to newspaper and tv coverage and soon people from all over the country and the world were stopping off in Spencer to visit Dewey.

After Dewey's death, Vicki wrote a heartwarming story about him and the small town that embraced the little bundle of fur that left a legacy of love, laughter and generosity of spirit. Traveling the country, Vicki discovered that Dewey's story made people want to share their cat stories with her. This is truly a book to savor over and over again, whether you're a cat lover or not. Anyone who loves animals will find a connection in one of the stories told here.

Off the Book Shelf

just might be afraid of humans! This is a nonfrightening story for the younger set.

Alpha Oops! H is for Halloween by Alethea Kontis, illustrated by Bob Kolar (Candlewick Press; $15.99)

This oversize hardback book would be a beautiful addition to your children's library shelf. Walking alphabet letters (yes, dressed, too) make an interesting way to teach the alphabet--but don't expect these crazy letter people to parade out A-Z! They just might make you little one want to learn more about reading!

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Biblio Vampiro: A Vampire Handbook by Dr. Robert Curran (Barron's; $14.99)

This book, for the older teen and adult crowd, is a small padded hardback appropriately printed with gold lettering and an old book look about it. The inside pages too look old and creepy, but the information is interesting and readable. Like--what do vampires look like? How many different kinds are there? And the most important, how to avoid them! Old movie photos and paintings adorn the glossy pages and make the whole thing come together. An interesting book, no doubt.

Haunted Cemeteries: Creepy Crypts, Spine Tingling Spirits, and Midnight Mayhem retold by Tom Ogden (Globe Pequot Press; $14.95)

This oversize paperback starts out with stories of haunted Chicago cemeteries and moves on across the country. At the back of the book, each chapter is listed with the name, address and some information about the cemeteries mentioned there, in case you want to go and see the ghosts for yourselves, I guess! All in all, an interesting book written intelligently.

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