A Post-Holiday Treat from the Big Macs

by Barbara Stodola

As McDonald’s Corp. sails through the recession, brewing lattes and oatmeal to get us through the winter, an art exhibit at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts shows us consumers how the corporate giant has invested some of its proceeds. Local curators made their selections from the art works (mostly paintings) that usually adorn McDonald’s offices in Oakbrook, Illinois, and made them available for our viewing pleasure here in Michigan City, Indiana, courtesy of the well-connected Lubeznik family. The exhibit, “Beyond the Arches,” continues through February 13 and produces a few appreciative smiles.
In the entry hall, you can see what happens when pop culture joins forces with fast food. Some of the best pieces in the exhibition are right here: the 1961 neon sign dramatizing “Speedy,” the plucky hamburger-headed chef who changed the dining habits of an entire generation; “Coast to Coast,” a painting by Mark McDowell showing this same figure at the center of the fast-food revolution; “LA Shoppers,” John Valdez’s perceptive drawings depicting world-weary women, one a frumpy middle-aged shopper with red hair and big bunions, the other a disheveled young Chicano carrying a dry-cleaning bag and a paper-cupped beverage.

The foyer also holds 19th century photographs by Edward Muybridge, from his often-reproduced animal locomotion series, which seem to have nothing much in common with pop art from the 1980s – except for their mutual concerns with speed.

Several pieces were commissioned by McDonald’s Corp., and these can easily be identified. “Reflections” by Jon McDonald (no relation) captures a golden arch and drive-thru reflected in the chrome bumper of a ’56 Chevy Impala, in the hyper-realistic style popularized by Richard Estes in the 1970s. Prof. McDonald teaches at Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In the center of the Jerome C. Hyndman Gallery, Steve Hansen’s “Lunch” brings us a papier mache businessman on a parkbench, trying to protect his hamburger from a curious squirrel and crows circling overhead. Hansen, a self-taught sculptor from Seattle, Wash., describes himself as “a hapless tourist, making snapshots of whatever strikes my fancy.” His sculpture appears in prominent collections, including the Midwest Museum of American Art in Elkhart, Indiana.

Sculptural pieces in various media and styles are included in this show – works by Christopher Berti, Richard Feese, Ted Gall, Rick Harney, George Mallett and Robert Winslow.

For the most part, “Beyond the Arches” consists of mid-size landscape paintings in the faintly surrealist style of the Chicago school of painting. “These are mostly works from the 1980s, done by emerging artists,” commented Carol Ann Brown, Lubeznik Center curator. “We tried to select a sampling from the thousands of pieces in the McDonald’s collection.” The work has not previously been shown outside the Oakbrook corporate headquarters.
“Down the River,” a jungle scene by Mary Lou Zelazny, employs a collage technique to suggest the natural elements of her human figures (overlaid with plants and rocks), in contrast to the machine-made and militaristic components of their tools. Zelazny teaches at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and recently had a retrospective at the Hyde Park Art Center.

A more traditional landscape, “Birch Forest,” was done by Robert Lait, a Chicago artist and Blue Grass guitarist. Robert Gadomski, a south-sider, recalls the leaf-raking chores required by his shady backyard, and entitles his painting “Every October and November.” Gadomski works at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. Dennis Netchvatal, who graduated from Indiana University, does a “Yard Scene” contrasting the uniform blue siding of a house with squiggly bits of grass and other growing things. His painting is paired with Frank Dininno’s “Red Door by the Sea.”

Other-worldly happenings also occur in the works of Kevin Sloan, Lamar Smith, Paul Sierra, and the subtly-toned paintings of Cindy Kane and Martin Facey. Sierra’s “The Other Shore” shows a sailboat grounded in his front parlor. Smith’s “Brilliant Conversationalist” is a kilted figure cuddling a fox, to the surprise of a wide-eyed doe. Sloan gives us “A Summer Wish,” i.e. a dreamy Florida-scape with assorted shells and palm trees on a field of ocean-turquoise and gold-striped beach; it could as easily be “a winter wish.”

Surrealist overtones infuse the work of New Yorker Mark Kostabi, probably the best-known artist in this show. His “Dream Factory” portrays a conveyor belt arising in a pine forest and shipping out a stream of double-pillowed beds. The action is overseen by blue-suited workmen (Blue Man Group?) playfully jumping on the bed or tucking in the sheets. Kostabi has paintings in the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Museum of Modern Art.
Two paintings by Peter Schroth are in this exhibit, both of leafless trees silhouetted against an eerily incandescent sky. Patricia Gonzalez has poured expressionist energy into one large, exhausted sunflower. Dan Ziembo relies on photography to capture the action of light dancing on water, then translates these effects into paint. Untitled pieces by Donna Pinter and Tom Savage are technically abstract, but invite conjecture; and James Waid, using bold strokes and slashes of red and white-gold paint on canvas, achieves a geologically-inspired surface that he titles “Caliche.”

Gale Antokal’s silvery “Pathway 1” is just that, a pathway, until she casts a ghostly shadow across the bridge. Antokal told art lecturer Joan Chesterton, “I’m interested in what’s left when the people are taken away.”

By contrast, in the upstairs gallery, photographer Jack Lane shows us where the people of his generation were hanging out – in Riccardo’s and O’Rourke’s, along with Studs Terkel, Nelson Algren, Mike Royko, and other creative Chicagoans. Lane’s show is aptly called “Saloon Society.”

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PNC Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Purdue University North Central will be the site of the 16th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration Breakfast on Mon., Jan. 17, at 7:30 a.m. in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building cafeteria. The event, sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration Committee and hosted by Purdue North Central, is free and open to the public. The event’s theme is “Preserving the Fruits of Justice: Where do You Stand?”

The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a formal welcome from PNC Chancellor Dr. James B. Dworkin. The featured keynote speaker is Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins, superintendent of Michigan City Area Schools. Gerry Jones, executive director of Stepping Stone Shelter for Women will serve as the mistress of ceremonies. The entertainment includes a steel drum performance by Kent Arnsbarger and a musical tribute by vocal soloist Dr. Sharron Jenkins, PNC associate professor of Chemistry.

Breakfast participants are asked to bring a children’s or young adult book to be donated to the annual Bring a Book to Breakfast program, sponsored by the PNC Student Education Association. All books will be donated to the Literacy Council of Healthy Communities of LaPorte County.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dr. Mary Jane Eisenhauer, assistant professor of early childhood education, Debra Pratt, continuing lecturer of education and students in the PNC Department of Education organizations Purdue Learning About Young Children in Education (PLAYCE) and Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society, will travel to the Michigan City Public Library to lead a series of activities for children.

All children are welcome to attend, but activities are intended for individuals ages 2-12. Hands-on activities will focus on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Further information about the library event may be obtained by contacting Pratt, at djpratt@pnc.edu or 872-0527, ext. 5486.

Also from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., PNC students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to join a Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Project at the LaPorte Family YMCA. Community members wishing to volunteer for this event should register by contacting Laura Weaver, PNC service learning coordinator at laweaver@pnc.edu or at 872-0527, ext. 5742.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration Committee is comprised of representatives from eight area organizations including Horizon Bank, Michigan City Housing Authority, Michigan City Human Rights Commission, Michigan City Public Library, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Northwestern Indiana Ministers Conference, Purdue University North Central and Swanson Center.
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Marquette Catholic High School Principal James G. White announced more than 30 of Marquette’s students will be spending spring break in Birmingham, Alabama building houses through Habitat for Humanity’s Collegiate Challenge program. Students will work with Habitat Birmingham from March 27, 2011 until April 4, 2011.

In addition to donating their time and energy to help build houses, students are raising funds to purchase Habitat Birmingham to build the home they are constructing, as well as future homes in the area.

Marquette senior, Olivia Haas, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tim Haas, has organized this service trip. Olivia states, “I wanted to organize this because I think that often times, teens today take things for granted. At least, I know that I take things for granted. I wanted to do something worthwhile for someone else, and I really wanted it to be something big, something that I knew would help me be a better person. I got it started through contacting Mr. Dwight Grams at the La Porte Habitat Branch. And it took off from there. With the support of the entire Marquette family – we are making this happen!”

Collegiate Challenge is a year-round school break program, coordinated through the Collegiate Challenge Team at Habitat for Humanity International in Americus, Georgia. More than 14,000 students from more than 700 colleges, universities and high schools will work at more than 200 sites nationwide for Collegiate Challenge.

Collectively, these students have pledged more than $1 million for the affiliates they are working with.

Students are helping themselves and the local community as they help others build new homes, new hope and new lives. The majority of students involved with the Collegiate Challenge program are active members of Habitat for Humanity. This program allows students the opportunity to bring back skills, experiences and enthusiasm to share with their community.
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Legos at the Library for children will be held at 6:00 p.m., on Mon., Jan. 17 in the large meeting room at La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., LaPorte.

This year’s theme is “Flying Machines.” Construct your own plane rocket, or other aircraft with Legos in the library. Then stay for games, stories, and a piece of Lego cake. Everyone can enter to win a copy of the Lego Brickmaster: Star Wars book and building kit.

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Maple City Word Crafters

The Maple City Word Crafters will meet from 5:30-8:00 p.m., on Thursdays, Jan. 13 & 27 at La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. This is a group for amateur writers who want to improve their writing of any kind such as novels, short stories, poetry, and non-fiction, and perhaps get it published.

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Wed., Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. - Westville High School
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Dr. Jan Radford Wins Rotary Award

Michigan City Rotary Club recently met to present the Paul Alinsky Award. This award is given to an individual in our community who exemplifies a dedication to community service and excellence in their career field. There were many outstanding nominees this year including Dr Lisa Hendricks, Tom Cipares, Jim Dworkin, Bruce Manner, Dr Jan Radford, Tom Ringo, and Suzy Vance.

The Rotary Club of Michigan City is proud to be part of a community with such awesome volunteers and congratulates Dr. Jan Radford on winning!

For information about Rotary, visit www.mcrorotary.org/ or contact membership Co-Chairman Ed Hugley, 219-561-3528.

Talk to a Lawyer Day at the Library

Talk to a Lawyer Day will be held on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Mon., Jan. 17, at La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., LaPorte, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is an annual day sponsored by the Indiana State Bar Association and coordinated in LaPorte County by Kevin McGrath of the La Porte County Bar Association.

Attorneys who are volunteering their time will be present to do initial short consultations with people with legal questions on a first come, first served basis. Two quiet study rooms in the adult area of the library and the downstairs small meeting room are reserved for this project. There is no charge and reservations are not taken. For more information, phone Mr. McGrath at 219-874-4100.

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The State of Michigan, French authorities, and the Great Lakes Exploration Group have signed the compact that will, hopefully, determine whether the wreck is the Griffon, the ship that sank while loaded with furs in 1679. Built by Rene-Robert, Sieur de la Salle, the Griffon (French spelling) has become known in early American history as the first European-built ship to ply the Great Lakes.

“We will be returning to the wreck again in the summer of 2011,” Mr. Libert said. “We are hoping to find articles that specialists can identify as crests or insignia contributed by King Louis XIV to indicate that La Salle was traveling on a mission for the monarchy. A metal plate bearing the image of a Griffin—a fabled creature, half lion, half eagle—would also be a critical piece of evidence. It would suggest that La Salle, the ship’s builder, was an agent of the king in 1679.

“The French representatives who signed our agreement may take part in our searches next summer,” Mr. Libert added. “To date they have found maritime archives that show La Salle had royal sponsorship for his explorations in the 1670s. In this period he was traveling extensively throughout the North American interior. Ending his journeys temporarily in 1673, he had become convinced that the Mississippi River emptied into the Gulf of Mexico.

“He returned to France in 1674. King Louis XIV gave him land in New France for his work on behalf of the crown. Establishing a trading post at Fort Frontenac, site of the present city of Kingston, La Salle became wealthy.

Visiting France again in 1677, the explorer received instructions and a royal commission to strengthen France’s control of large parts of the Great Lakes region. He built the Griffon during this period.

Many Claims, No Proof

Over the approximately 330 years since the Griffon was lost, numerous reports have surfaced to explain its fate. Uncounted claims that the Griffon has been discovered and identified have also appeared in news reports.

In no case has any claimant produced proof that a find was the Griffon. In the meantime Mr. Libert re-
Searching for the Griffin from an island in northwestern Lake Michigan, members of Steve Libert's dive team wait for word from members who are already under water. The dive team at the time was the Fairport International Exploration Group. (Image courtesy Fairport Int’l)

A diver’s air tank is about to submerge as the diver heads for the lake floor. (Image courtesy Fairport Int’l)

frains from public disclosures of details concerning the wreck. Its exact location remains confidential, for example. So does the precise depth of the lake in the area where the wreck lies.

Divers familiar with the northwestern reaches of the lake have expressed the belief that the sunken remains are to be found between Escanaba, Michigan and the St. Martin Islands, near Wisconsin.

Great Lakes Exploration Group divers have described graphically the difficulties encountered in the waters enveloping the wreck. “We’ve found these waters so full of silt and other impurities that photography is almost impossible. Visibility beyond a few inches is also difficult. Making it worse, the wreck seems to be embedded in the lake bottom,” Mr. Libert notes.

“For purposes of analysis we’ve taken one small piece of wood from the wreck. That piece of evidence is kept under lock and key in Lansing, Michigan.

“In four or five recent years we were engaged in nonstop litigation with the State of Michigan. The State wanted us to have any wreckage declared state property because the wreck is in Michigan waters.

“That whole situation changed when France entered the discussion and claimed ownership in 2009.”

With signature of the tripartite agreement signed in mid-August, 2010, an entirely new and attractive compromise has become a possibility, Mr. Libert said. “We are now at the point where, if we can prove that the wreck is the Griffin, the hulk might be salvaged and restored as a public exhibit.

“We’ve agreed among ourselves--France, the Great Lakes Exploration Group, and the State of Michigan--that it could be studied, reconditioned, and made available to museums or other public venues.

“There has already been some interest from cities. Three that have asked for information are Chicago, Milwaukee, and Niagara Falls.”

Told of the salvage and rehabilitation scenario if the wreck is the Griffin, Sandra Clark, director of the Michigan Historical Center, was enthusiastic.

“If the ship turns out to be the Griffin, it would be very exciting,” she said. “Then we can figure out what happens next.”
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Found on the shipwreck that Steve Libert believes is the Griffin, a piece of timber shows the wear and tear of more than 300 years under water. (Image courtesy Great Lakes Exploration Group)

Michigan would not stand in the way of France’s assuming ownership if the hulk is the Griffin, according to Mr. Libert. “In fact,” he said, “France would want to see it restored and properly exhibited in the United States.”

La Salle was one of the first great French explorers to travel through the Great Lakes region and the Mississippi River watershed. Trading extensively in furs and buffalo hides, and dealing with various Indian tribes, he consistently pursued the goal of protecting and extending France’s territorial claims against British and Spanish encroachment.

He built the Griffin in 1679, say historians, partly to supply trading posts and French encampments in the Great Lakes area.

As nearly as divers can assess the dimensions of the wreck in Lake Michigan, the partly buried hull is at least 40 feet in length, and may be as long as 60 feet.

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The Wyeths: America’s Artists

January 15 - April 17

The Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, MI - 269/349-7775

Rarely has American art spawned a family of such artistic talent and renown as the Wyeths. The Kalamazoo Institute of Arts presents an exhibition of works by three generations of artists in the Wyeth family-N.C. Wyeth (1882-1945), an illustrator and painter; Andrew Wyeth (1917-2009), known by many as “America’s Painter;” Andrew’s sisters, Henriette Wyeth-Hurd (1907-1997) and Carolyn Wyeth (1909-1994), and Andrew’s son James “Jamie” Browning Wyeth (b. 1946).

All have explored the people and landscapes around Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, where N.C. Wyeth established the family’s home, and Cushing, Maine, where N.C. purchased a summer home.

The exhibition will include approximately ninety works of art. The paintings (oils, tempera, and watercolor) and drawings are being borrowed from the Farnsworth Art Museum, Brandywine River Museum, Terra Foundation for American Art, and several private lenders.

Admission: General/$8, Students/$6, KIA Members/$4, Groups of 15+/$6-$8, Children under 10, and K-12 school groups/free. There is also free admission on Thursdays, 5-8 p.m. MI time.

Center Hours: Tues., Wed., Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thurs., Fri., 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun., noon-5 p.m.; closed on Monday.

Tickets may be purchased at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, and online by visiting www.kiarts.org/wyeths

“The Wyeths: America’s Artists” is enhanced by a varied programming lineup including lectures, films, Sunday tours, family activities and senior events. For details, visit www.kiarts.org/wyeths

Barker Mansion Holiday Display

It’s not too late to visit Barker Mansion’s holiday display “Once Upon A Time Christmas”. Stories depicted are Peter Pan, Jack and The Beanstalk, King Arthur and The Round Table, Little Red Riding Hood, Princess and The Pea, Snow Queen, Nutcracker, Gingerbread Boy, and Santa’s Surprise Story.

The decorations remain in place through January 15 and may be seen during guided tours: Monday-Friday at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., & 1 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at noon and 2 p.m. There is a museum gift shop containing many unique items.

Barker Mansion is located at 631 Franklin St., Michigan City, one block east of Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets. Barker Mansion was the home of John H. Barker, freight car industrialist, and contains original art works and furnishings and a third floor ballroom. The Mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. 219-873-1520.

“...submitted by Connie Kassal

We Get Letters...

“My aunt, Evelyn Margaret Ralston, passed away Dec. 29th in Evanston at age 111. Before her death she was documented as the oldest living person in Illinois, 17th oldest in the USA and 52nd oldest in the world! My Dad, Bill, was her youngest brother. He died at age 80, but her other two brothers died in their mid 90’s. A younger sister died of scarlett fever at age 17. When Aunt Evelyn was born, Chicago streets weren’t paved and the airplane wasn’t invented!

“The Chicago Tribune, Sun Times and NBC have more info online about Aunt Evelyn and I hear that AP has picked up the story too.

“My best personal memory of her is a Christmas one. Since all my grandparents died before I was 2 years old, I don’t remember them. But Aunt Evelyn used to drive out, or take the train out, from Chicago to stay with us for a few days on our farm in the Scotch settlement outside Rockford, Illinois. On Christmas Day we got together with the families of my Uncle Tom and Uncle Kenneth, but our family got her for Christmas Eve and Christmas morning too. She became a grandmother figure for me. My favorite memory is of the Christmas that a bad storm snowed us in. The driveway on our farm was almost a mile long and was impassable except for Dad’s Farmall tractor. And he had to put the chains on the big tires to make it. We watched for a glimpse of Aunt Evelyn’s car at the end of our driveway. Since it was more of a road, we called it the lane. As soon as we saw the car, Dad was bundled up and on the way across the corn stubbled field to get her. The lane was too deep with snow! There they came: Aunt Evelyn- the city girl- in her long mink coat, mink hat and high heels hanging onto Dad as he drove the work worn tractor across a wind sweep corn field. There were shopping bags full of gifts with a box of Fannie May peaking out of the top as the bags swung and bounced on tractor too! Those bags were an important thing for my siblings and I! That was the only time we got to eat Fanny May candy all year!

“Aunt Evelyn was pretty quiet and very nice. Perhaps she lived so long because she worked as a secretary for the Methodist Church all her life and never had a husband or kids. Perhaps that’s why she loved to visit her brothers and their families especially at Christmas time.”
Stuffed Animal Sleepover

A Stuffed Animal Sleepover will be held at 5:00 p.m., on Sat., Jan. 15 at La Porte County Public Library. Children accompanied by an adult are invited to come in their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal or doll with them. The library will provide stories, lullabies, and milk and cookies. Then we’ll tuck the animals in and say goodnight.

Then come back on Mon., Jan. 17 at 10:00 a.m., for a good morning storytime. Pick up your stuffed pals and see pictures of the mischief they got into during their night in the library.

Each storytime will last approximately 45 minutes and is intended for children ages 2-6 years. For more information, phone 219/362-7128 or phone 219/362-6156 to request signing for the hearing impaired 48 hours in advance.
So here we all are, bright eyed and bushy-tailed, hurled head-first into the New Year. I hope everyone reading this had an enjoyable December with a little bit of down-time thrown in; because the last month of the year promises us a chance of that long, winter’s nap (which I took). The first weeks of January promise some new beginnings. The end of the month usually calls for giving up on such grandiose resolutions we made just before taking that winter nap.

The last column I wrote before The Beacher’s annual holiday break promised some surprises this year. The first one I made, grandly, was to tell you all that I had given up the fight and joined Facebook. Yes, I almost joined. While I was in Arizona I visited with a cousin who is a strong proponent of the popular social media site. He told me all the neat things he does thanks to Facebook. He has reconnected with friends from his childhood neighborhood and former elementary and high schools and has attended real mini-reunions with his Facebook friends. He made it sound like I have been missing out on way too much. And just as I was about to sign up for a Facebook page and surprise all the readers of this column, I read some stories from former or inactive Facebook users. Each said the same thing: that online site is so addictive, it eats up way too much personal time. Plus, this business about Facebook’s ability to invade one’s privacy has yet to be resolved. Meanwhile, Beacher readers will be the first to know if or when I succumb to the world’s most popular website.

In late November I mentioned my using the internet phone service Magic Jack. I asked readers to let me know if they also used it, and what they thought of it. Mike Kuzmanich sent this note:

I have used Magic Jack in New Buffalo, Michigan for over one year. I have an assigned phone number so I make incoming and outgoing calls. Outgoing calls work great.

Incoming calls are very intermittent in receiving, especially when the other person is using a VOIP phone to call you.

Another problem is that our phone books are stored on their website and their software erased my phone book twice in the last three months.

The bottom line, it’s a great value for $20 a year even if you have a Kalamazoo phone exchange number instead of New Buffalo.

Thanks, Mike. Currently I am using mine only for outgoing calls and I already have saved a bunch doing so. I guess one needs to keep their phone book info in a separate place.

LaPorte: The Movie: Finally, I know you are waiting for at least one heads up about a site I found.
I want to send you to You Tube this week [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HsYuzq1QDU], so you can see the trailer for La Porte: A Documentary. It aired on WTTW the day after Christmas, and what a delight it was! Those of you from La Porte must be mighty proud. Deservedly so, I say.

Library Film Series in Chesterton

Friday Night at the Movies will continue Fri., Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. with showing of “The Blind Side.” Join Hollywood veteran and Emmy-award winning sound editor Ascher Yates for this free series of critically acclaimed films reflecting themes and concerns of modern life. The movies will be shown at the Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

The movie is based on the true story of Michael Oher, an All-America tackle from the University of Mississippi. Sandra Bullock portrays LeighAnn Touhy, the mother who befriended the homeless young teen. The Touhy family took Michael into their home – a fact that Oher still appreciates.

“The Blind Side” is rated PG for some profanity, with a running time of 128 minutes.

Yates will introduce the film with a short commentary and will lead a discussion afterward for those who would like to linger. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, phone 219/926-7696.

Wine Tasting, Birdhouse Auction

The Harbor Country Public Arts Initiative (HCPAI) will hold its second annual wine tasting 5:30-7:30 (MI time). Fri. Jan. 14, at the Marina Grand Hotel in New Buffalo.

Seven South American wines will be available for tasting, along with South American appetizers prepared by Bentwood Tavern Chef Jenny Drilon and live entertainment by Venetia Sekema, all for $15 per person.

In addition, there will be a silent auction of 50 one-of-a-kind artisan decorated birdhouses to raise funds to benefit the purchase and installation of public art. Michigan City sculptor, and Purdue North Central curator S. Thomas Scarff, along with Long Beach graphic artist Paul Vilser have each donated their talents to a birdhouse.

Tickets will be available at the door; for additional information and to see photos of some of the birdhouses, visit HCPAI at www.hcpai.com, and also on facebook. Eat, drink, party and support the arts!
Upcoming Red Cross Blood Drives

- Thurs., Jan. 20, 3-7 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall, located at 1237 E. Coolspring Ave. in Michigan City. Phone 872-4419 to schedule your blood donation appointment.
- Mon., Jan. 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Purdue North Central University in the LSF Building – Room 144, located at 1401 S. U.S. 421 in Westville. There will be a drawing for a $50 gasoline gift card. Go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code “PNC11” to schedule your blood donation appointment.
- Tues., Jan. 25, 1-6 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 102 G St. in LaPorte.
- Fri., Jan. 28, 7 a.m.-noon at 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.

To donate blood, you must be 17 years of age, be 110 pounds or more, depending on your height and be in generally good health. Also bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID.

LaPorte Co. Historical Society Meeting

The first meeting of the new year of the La Porte County Historical Society, Inc. will be at 7:00 p.m., Tues., Jan. 18, at the museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. (US 35) at south entrance to La Porte. There will be an election of four board members for a 3-year term.

The program will be a film produced by Jeff Bowman, great-grandson of W. A. Jones about R. Paul Bowman whose years in La Porte County were spent as a rural mail carrier from a Model T, and who was involved in early aviation and radio, birds and other nature features and photography. He resided in Pine Lake Cemetery where his father, Abraham Bowman, was one of the early caretakers. Narration will be by Donald Bowman, R. Paul Bowman’s son and cousin of Jeff.

Membership dues are due for the year 2011. A number of events are planned for the meeting room during 2011—as a member of the society you can attend these without paying admission fee to the museum and also enjoy visiting the museum as often as you wish throughout the year free. Remember a friend or relative with a gift membership. The facility is handicapped accessible and guests are welcome. For more information about the society and its museum, visit www.laportecountyhistory.org

Friends of New Buffalo Library

The next meeting of the Friends of New Buffalo Twp. Library will take place on Thurs., Jan. 20th at 6:00 p.m. MI time. The library is located at 33 N. Thompson, New Buffalo.
Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:
January - INTERNATIONAL CREATIVITY MONTH

January 12 -- Polish-American Cultural Society meeting at Portage Public Library, 2665 Irving St., Portage, IN. Polish language at 5 pm; followed by informal discussion. $1 donation. 219-381-5929.

January 13 -- RUBBER DUCKIE DAY
January 13 -- Duneland Stamp Club. 6 pm at the MC Public Library. Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month; new members welcome.

January 14 -- Wine Tasting and Birdhouse Auction presented by Harbor Country Public Arts Initiative. 5:30-7:30 pm MI time at Marina Grand Hotel, New Buffalo. Includes South American appetizers and live entertainment. $15 per person. 50 artisan decorated birdhouses for auction. Tix at the door.

January 14 -- Friday Night at the Movies: “The Blind Side.” 7 pm at Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Free; refreshments served and hosted by Hollywood film editor Ascher Yates. 219/926-7696.

January 16-22 -- INT’L. PRINTING WEEK
January 17 -- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY. See PNC and library related activities in article elsewhere this issue.

January 17 -- Talk to a Lawyer Free. 9 am-5 pm at the MC Public Library. Volunteer attorneys will be on hand to offer advice. Info: 873-3049.

January 18 -- LaPorte Co. Historical Society meeting. 7 pm at the society museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. Guests are welcome. www.laporte-countyhistory.org

January 20 -- Awesome Gigs: Brew Master. 7-9 pm at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. 2nd. St., MC. Presented by Sam Strupeck of Shoreline Brewery. Adm. free. 874-4900.

January 23 -- Bridal Show at The Pearl Theatre, 907 Franklin St., MC. 2 pm. Free giveaways for all; sponsored by A'Paris House of Bridal & Fashions, Ryan Bolger, Professional Photographer, The Pearl Venue. 219/809-4400 or www.thepearlvenue.com

February 14 -- Valentine’s Day Weddings and Renewal of Vows at The Pearl Venue, 907 Franklin St., MC. 10 am-8 pm. Reservations req’d: 219/809-4400 or www.thepearlvenue.com

Farther Afi eld:

January 16 -- Northern Indiana Power From the Past Inc. Farm Toy Show. 9 am-3 pm Eastern time at Winamac Elementary School, S. Riverside Dr., Winamac, IN. Adm. $1/adults, free/12 yrs. & under. Info: Carl Smith 574-542-2330.

January 23 -- Naturally7 (a cappella group) at Howard Center on campus of Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI. 7 pm MI time. Tix $20/reserved seating, $15/faculty/staff, free/AU students. 888-467-6642 or 269-471-3560.

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- “Life Will Not Go According To Plan If You Don’t Have A Plan!”
  Tuesday, January 18th 8-9:15 a.m.
  Price $35 (MC & LP Chamber Member price: $25) and taught by Nora Akins of Strategic Management. Bring your 2011 calendar to this practical workshop and leave with a plan that builds in time for you. Spend one hour giving thought to activities and things that are important to you. Learn how goals cascade to objectives and weekly activities.
  Entrepreneur Center Michigan City, 422 Franklin St. Phone: 219.809.4200 or visit www.ec-mc.org to sign up for classes or for more information.

Upcoming Fernwood Events

Mail Order Garden Tips, Sat., Jan. 15, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. MI time
  Rita Hassett, Technical Services Librarian at The Morton Arboretum, will share great sources and tips for ordering seeds and plants including plant societies, catalogs, specialty nurseries, and internet sites. Bring your own favorite source list to share for this great winter day gathering. Fee $18 (Members $15).

Altered Books 101, Wed., Jan., 19, 1-4 p.m.
  An altered book is any book, old or new, where the cover and insides have been changed by creative means into an expression of art. The possibilities for altering are endless, using a variety of techniques and adding embellishments. Instructor Joni King leads you through exercises and gets you started on making your own special book. Snow date is Wed., Feb. 2. Fee $25 (Members $20). Register by Jan. 16.

Have Lunch in the Fernwood Cafe
  The Fernwood Cafe remains open throughout the winter, so stop in for a hot lunch prepared by Chef Tim Carrigan. Winter hours are Tues.-Sun., noon-3:00 p.m.

About Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve
  Phone 269.695.6491 to confirm status of classes. Fernwood is located at 13988 Range Line Rd., Niles, MI. Winter hours are Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., and Sun., noon-5 p.m.
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“Remixed Rapunzel”
  Listen to storyteller Alice Mathews tell the true story of Rapunzel at 6:00 p.m., on Wed., Jan. 19 at the Coolspring Branch Library, 400N & Johnson Rd., Michigan City. Then help create a fractured fairy tale version of it at this “Remixed Rapunzel” program. You will also help create a really long Rapunzel braid and eat a Rapunzel treat.
  There is no charge and registrations are not taken. For more information, phone 219-879-3272. Phone 219-362-6156 to request signing for the hearing impaired 48 hours in advance.

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Thurs., Jan. 20, 7-9 p.m. (Chicago Time)
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  Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. 2nd St., Michigan City. 874-4900. www.lubeznikcenter.org

Center for Creative Solutions Seminar

“Non-Profit Fund Raising: Securing Your Organization’s Future”
  The Center for Creative Solutions announced its sponsorship of a seminar, “Non-Profit Fund Raising: Securing Your Organization’s Future.” The day-long seminar will be held on Jan. 20, at the Northern Indiana Education Foundation, 410 Franklin Square in Michigan City.
  The day’s topics include: Today’s Funding Environment; Your Vision and Mission; The Board and Volunteers in Funding Advancement; Recruiting Solicitors and Campaign Personnel; Identifying and Evaluating Prospective Donors; Twelve Truisms of Gift Solicitations; The Annual Fund; Sustaining Campaigns; The Capital Campaign; Endowments and Special Need; The Pyramid Charts; How to Solicit Gifts; Exploration, Request and Close; Measuring Potential Feasibility Studies; and Marketing in Fund Raising.
  Dr. Paul Bartholomew and Cynthia A. Hedge will be the day’s speakers. Dr. Paul Bartholomew will share nearly 40 years of experience in the world of fund raising and Cynthia A. Hedge is the founder and CEO of The Center for Creative Solutions.
  The seminar is 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration fee is $20 per person and includes lunch, refreshments and materials. For registrations, phone 219-861-0955 or e-mail creativity52@comcast.net
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Computer Training Series Continues

“Bits and Bytes” will continue on Thurs., Jan. 20, at Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton, with Computer Basics 2. The session will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The class is free, but registration is required as computer stations are limited to 15. The program will take place in the Bertha Wood meeting room on the second floor of the library. Registrants need to be comfortable using the mouse.

To reserve your spot, phone 219/926-7696, ext. 25, visit the Serials Dept., or register online at www.wpl.lib.in.us/. Click on the Bits and Bytes link.

Computer Basics 2 will continue with basics and look further into understanding applications, storage and the control panel. Topics to be covered will include file extensions, cut-copy and paste, managing files, backing up your files, burning a CD, etc.

Krasl Art Center Winter & Spring Classes

Krasl Art Center (KAC) is launching their 2011 Winter and Spring Class schedule. Classes include professional instruction in the mediums of ceramics, photography, drawing, sculpture, painting, jewelry, metals, and felting. Classes and workshops are available for families, children ages 3 and up and adults. Classes and workshops are available January 24 through May 29, 2011. Class schedules are available by phoning 269-983-0271, visiting www.krasl.org, in person at 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, MI or sending an e-mail to education@krasl.org.

Oooops!

It’s always hard to change the numbers for the new year in January, and The Beacher is no exception. Please excuse the incorrect year on the cover! The typesetter promises to remember what year it is...

Members Advantage Credit Union Offering Two Scholarships

Members Advantage Credit Union is offering two scholarships in 2011 for graduating high school seniors and college freshman and sophomores enrolled in a college, university, or trade school.

Members Advantage will once again offer The Gail Walker Memorial Scholarship created in memory of former board member, Gail Walker, who passed away in 2008. Members Advantage will also be awarding The Leona Bruno Scholarship in memory of the first manager of Members Advantage Credit Union.

Scholarships will be given to candidates who demonstrate scholastic achievement, personal integrity, and who are involved in their community. For more information and to download the applications, visit www.macuonline.org. Applications will also be available at both offices.

The applications will not be accepted via email. Each application must be mailed in or dropped off in its entirety. All walk-in applications must be received by March 31, 2011 and all mail-in applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2011.

More info: 877.874.6943 or www.macuonline.org

Mad About Mysteries: Senior Sleuths

Westchester Township History Museum’s mystery lovers’ series, “Mad About Mysteries,” will continue with Sue Helm presenting senior sleuths. The program, which is free of charge, will take place on Sat., Jan. 15, 2 p.m. The museum, an educational and cultural service of Westchester Public Library, is located at 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton. Refreshments will be served. Info: 219/983-9715.

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The Convent by Panos Karnezis

“The sun already stood above the mountain ridges. She had never before watched the moment after sunrise from the windows of the convent: she had always been in the chapel getting ready for prayer. She thought that there is a multitude of worlds one is not aware of -- worlds that are as elusive as the spirit world. Then, one day, something happens...”

Sister Maria Ines is Mother Superior of the convent of Our Lady of Mercy, located high in the mountains of Spain. The year is 1921. There are only five other nuns living there at the convent besides Mother Maria Ines. The convent is hundreds of years old, and as the years passed, the population of the convent declined, as did the buildings, suffering from neglect and the pangs of old age.

“Time had given the convent of Our Lady of Mercy a mystical appearance. Built in the sixteenth century as a place of calm and contemplation, it stood on top of a hill in an otherwise uninhabited part of the sierra among dense pine forest.”

The nuns lived a very quiet life of study and prayer, making a modest income by baking bread sold in the nearby city--nearby by today’s standards, but several hours away by a Model T Ford. The donkey formerly used for travel was replaced due to the generosity of Bishop Estrada who visited the convent once a month to hear confession and say mass.

A very calm and peaceful way of life, don’t you think? Until one day...

Sister Lucia came to the Mother Superior with some startling news--she found a baby in a suitcase placed on the convent steps. No one saw or heard anything and the baby was in good shape and obviously born recently. The convent was thirty miles from the city, so where did the baby come from?

Sister Maria Ines had no doubt that the baby was sent to her from God to take care of. Why? Ahh, dear readers, that’s the crux of the situation!

Sister Ana, who feels she should be given a higher position within her order, wants the baby gone immediately. She feels it has no place in the convent and puzzles over Sister Maria Ines’ instant connection to the baby boy. Then, when she finds damning evidence of devil worship (her conclusion) she keeps the information to herself and goes in secret to the bishop, thinking her revelation will not only get Sister Maria Ines in trouble, but elevate her in the eyes of the bishop.

When the bishop finally finds out about the baby, he decides that Sister Maria Ines can keep the child at the convent and raise him. Some of the nuns wonder at the decision, but show no objection while Sister Ana has other ideas...

No one knows, or could imagine, what Sister Maria Ines’ life was before entering the convent, and, for that matter, what did any of them know of each other? Turns out, not much.

What follows is an emotional story line mixed with mysticism, a chance for atonement, and a lot of psychological implication which bring up the question: What is the path to madness? Can a person have too much isolation and too much time to dwell on past sins? perhaps especially in the strict environment of a convent. Whatever the reason, the convent will never be the same again...

While only 212 pages long, this story is full of atmosphere and prose that will amaze you with its ability to convey its message so simply yet so eloquently.

Panos Karnezis is the author of three previous books including The Maze which was shortlisted for the Whitbread First Novel Award. The New York Times described the author’s work as “spry and playful, sly and macabre.” He was born in Greece and now lives in London.

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