On a bright, yet brisk spring day, one not quite warm enough to suggest summer’s impending arrival, Roy Quiriconi takes a leisurely trip through New Buffalo. An artist fascinated by mobiles and free-standing sculptures, there is a bit of himself around every corner.

In the lobby at New Buffalo Public Library is “Exploration,” a piece he fashioned out of aluminum and stainless steel that resembles a meteor blazing a vapor trail through space, symbolic, he says, of the library’s potential to expand one’s knowledge beyond the horizons.

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Just a few blocks from the library, nestled close to Lake Michigan’s shores, is “Gateway,” a 40-foot stainless steel structure open to interpretation as a sundial or ship’s sail. Its charm and symbolism, however, are abundantly clear, that of New Buffalo’s unique position as the gateway to Michigan.

Down the road a ways, removed from the commerce and activity of the city, is New Buffalo Middle/High School, where for four years Quiriconi had five silver mobiles suspended from the 40-foot-high ceiling of the school’s rotunda. Holding one of the mobiles, he’s briefly aided by middle-school science teacher Vance Price, who guides him toward the superintendent’s office. Price notices the mobile in Quiriconi’s hands.

“Are you the one who made these?,” he inquires. “They’re fantastic. Do you have a gallery?” Quiriconi hands Price his card.

Later, as Quiriconi prepares to leave the school, his trademark wit — sly and sardonic — surfaces.

“You know I paid that guy to say that,” he says, a mischievous grin on his face.

Quiriconi is not one to wax sentimental. Even when, later on, he recounts his chance encounter with Price to Sue, his wife of more than 40 years, he laces the story with humor.

“It’s very rewarding when people say they’ve seen your work and they enjoy it,” he said. “That’s reward enough. Otherwise, these pieces, they’d just be sitting around in my garage or studio.”

For a man whose work has graced locations throughout the area, it would seem a logical conclusion that art was his main ambition from the start.

Not so.

His brother, Rodney, was the artist of the family, always drawing and sketching, later carving out an acclaimed career for himself as a contemporary painter and sculptor.

Roy, on the other hand, wanted to be a quarterback for the Chicago Bears. Growing up in the Little Italy neighborhood near Chicago’s West Side, he recalled a pep rally — complete with 3,000 students present — before a high school game. The coach introduced the team, jokingly telling the crowd, “When Quiriconi runs with the ball, women faint and strong men turn pale.” For the 5 foot 7, 165-pound Quiriconi, it was, he said, laughing, “the most embarrassing moment of my life.”

Quiriconi later attended Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., receiving a degree in clinical psychology. He taught in Louis University near Lochport, Ill., for a year, then embarked on a long, accomplished...
career in marketing and research. With a strong grasp of consumer behavior, his company, Q Group, specialized in helping companies create new products, reposition existing products, market analysis and management training.

Over the years, he also fostered a passion for tennis, skiing and fencing. He even earned a black belt in karate and studied martial art weapons.

Quiriconi was living in Elmhurt, Ill., when he met Sue, whom he affectionately refers to as “Suzy Q.” An artist in her own right who these days fashions jewelry from beach glass, both had children from previous marriages. It was, he said, “love at first sight.” They were married in 1973. The two eventually moved full time into their summer home in Bariboo, Wis. He’d been interested in landscape and still-life photography, but now, in 1984, retired and comfortable in Bariboo, he began toying with sculptures, particularly mobiles. His first effort was a simple mobile hung outdoors. Subsequent attempts grew in size, scope and ambition. He eventually met with the mayor of Bariboo to discuss the idea of displaying art in public places. It was around that time, though, that Roy and Sue agreed they wanted to be closer to family. So, just as efforts with Bariboo’s mayor took flight, the two moved to the New Buffalo area.

That was eight years ago.

Still intent on spurring interest to have art displayed in public places, Roy joined other area artists in contacting then New Buffalo Mayor Gary Ramberg about creating a program where artists could donate or loan their works to the community. From there sprang the Harbor Country Public Arts Initiative, whose mission is to “unite our eight Southwest Michigan communities in partnership to plan, produce and exhibit works of art in public spaces, including publicly accessible buildings.” For Quiriconi, one shining example was his “Gateway,”

Some of Roy’s artwork hangs in his home.
dedicated in May 2010 in memory of Larry Bubb, who arrived in the area in the early 1980s and was president of the Bank of Three Oaks. He founded Alliance Bank in 1991 and remained with it until his death in June 2000. Bubb was beloved for his faith in his community, helping spur growth for Harbor Country residents, businesses and developers. His widow, Hillary Bubb, also was a Harbor Country Public Arts Initiative member. Quiriconi’s desire to share his art with others, in concert with Bubb’s vision for growth, made him a perfect fit for “Gateway.” The piece, complete with 4-inch stainless steel tubes, was embedded in a base with 20 tons of concrete. It was created to withstand 90-mile-per-hour winds and tested for harmonics. A plaque at the base of the sculpture states, “The height of your accomplishments will equal the depth of your convictions.”

“Such was the life and legacy of Larry Gene Bubb,” Hillary was quoted in a local newspaper as saying when the sculpture was unveiled. The observation is a propos to Quiriconi as well. He is less concerned with praise and recognition and more focused on how he’s shared his love of art with others. True, he mentions how his work has been displayed in places such as Michigan Thyme, Heath & Co. or Red Arrow Gallery, but his eyes flicker with life when discussing his work with youth, whether it be visiting area classrooms, teaching tennis as part of summer offerings at New Buffalo High School or instilling a love of chess in youth at Renaissance Academy.

Quiriconi’s involvement in New Buffalo’s schools has been welcomed from Day One.

“His mobiles were a great addition to the school. We were so glad he was able to donate them,” New Buffalo Area Schools Superintendent Mark Westerburg said. “They were clever and interesting and unique. They really added pizazz (to the rotunda).”

New Buffalo Library Director Julie Grynwich expressed similar sentiments about Quiriconi’s artistic contributions to the library.

“Our patrons have always remarked to us about his works,” she said. “People really enjoy his pieces. His new one, ‘Exploration,’ really fits in with the theme of the library. We’re excited to have that piece here.”

Roy and Sue Quiriconi are at a crossroads. They’ve called the New Buffalo area home for the past eight years, but again, family has come calling. In the fall, they will move to River Forest, Ill., to be closer to their children.

Like Roy, Sue has a generous spirit, wrapped up in gentle smiles and laughter. That their children want them close by, to have the luxury of being close to their parents, is a blessing.

For Roy, the idea of leaving the area is bittersweet, but at the same time, he’s a realist, not to be undone by sentimentality.

“It’s sad,” he said, “but things change and we have to adapt.”

Sue enthusiastically views the next stage of their lives, refusing to say farewell to the community they’ve come to love.

“We might come back and rent, who knows,” she says, smiling. “It’s an adventure, and we always love an adventure.”
La Lumiere School has announced its 2015-2016 Prefect Board. The system is designed to challenge 10 student leaders each year to serve their school through significant contributions in all areas of the school community. Pictured are (from left): Academic Prefect, Megan Gillen of La Porte; Serviam Prefect, Blair Arnell of Chesterton; Athletic Prefect, Nerissa Siwietz of Michigan City; Hospitality Prefect, Karalyn Knight of Beverly Shores; Residential Life Prefect, Ben Rhomberg of Oak Park, Ill.; Head Prefect, Mary Frances “Frannie” Eisenhauer of Beverly Shores; Admissions Prefect, Daniel “Dany” Brooks of Michigan City; Residential Life Prefect, Shan “Jenny” Xue of Qingdao, China; Sacristan Prefect, Maria Lake of La Porte; and Co-Curricular Prefect, Amelia Dudek of Chicago.
Orchestras to Highlight Masterpieces of Early 20th Century England

Guest cellist Cicely Parnas will join Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra and its Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra for a performance spotlighting masterpieces that debuted in England around the time of the two world wars.

The concert is at 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 17, at Howard Performing Arts Center.

The 2014-2015 season for Parnas, granddaughter of distinguished cellist Leslie Parnas, includes recitals and educational outreach at the National Museum for Women in the Arts, the Levine School of Music, Patrons for Young Artists, the Morgan Library and Museum, University of Florida Performing Arts, Music for Youth and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

She performs the “Haydn Concerto in C” with the Owensboro and Monroe symphonies, the “Elgar Concerto” with the Tulare County and Southwest Michigan symphonies, the “Shostakovich Concerto No. 1” with the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra and the “Saint-Saëns Concerto No. 1” with the Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle.

The program includes Mogul Emperors’ March and Warriors’ Dance from “Crown of India” (side by side with LMYO) by Elgar and “Symphony No. 5” Vaughan Williams.

Individual tickets are:
- Zone A: Adults, $37; seniors, $32; students, $5.
- Zone B: Adults, $20; seniors, $20; students, $5.

The Family 4Pack, which includes two adults and 2 children (additional child tickets are $5 each), cost $60 for Zone A and $40 for Zone B.

Pre-concert conversations, held one hour before the program, let concertgoers learn about the evening’s music from Music Director Robin Fountain and guest artists. Post-concert receptions afford the chance to mingle with the musicians.

The Howard Performing Arts Center is on the campus of Andrews University at 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs, Mich. Contact the Symphony office at (269) 982-4030 or visit www.smso.org for more information.
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**Grant Funds Celebration Reception**

Purdue University-North Central student Kate-lyn Mosher has received an Indiana Campus Compact Student Community Service Grant to fund a reception that celebrates the completion of a two-semester project headed by the Department of English and Modern Languages.

The free reception is at 6 p.m. Friday, May 15, at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., Michigan City. It will celebrate the “Preserving Oral History” project that included students in PNC English courses who interviewed residents at Rittenhouse Senior Living in Michigan City. They used information from their interviews to write poetry, creative fiction and non-fiction stories and other original texts. The bulk of these stories depict the lives of those who grew up in the Michigan City and Long Beach areas, emphasizing the difference in the region between the past and present.

The reception, a cooperative effort of PNC College of Liberal Arts and Rittenhouse Senior Living, is made possible by students and faculty volunteers from the Department of English and Modern Languages, the Communication Department and Panther News Network. The grant supports the cost of renting the Lubeznik Center for the evening and refreshments for those who attend.

Contact Bethany Lee at btlee@pnc.edu or Sarah White at sewhite@pnc.edu for more information.

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**Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff**

Be among the first to see the 2015 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff fine-art poster at a “Poster Reveal” on Thursday, May 21, at Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich.

The event — the official kickoff of the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff season — starts at 6:30 p.m., with the reveal at 7 p.m. (both times Eastern). Refreshments and musical entertainment are planned during the event.

The 2015 poster features the work of award-winning, nationally traveling art fair artist Josh Cote. His original artwork will be available for sale for $10 at booth 94 at the 2015 art fair. The image will be featured on numerous items sold at the fair, including T-shirts.

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**Bald Eagle Paddle**

Learn about recreational opportunities along the Little Calumet River’s West Branch during Northwest Indiana Paddle Association’s 2015 Little Calumet River Bald Eagle Paddle on Saturday, May 16.

Long thought to be an unusable urban ditch, the Little Calumet River has recovered and is now becoming a rich wildlife habitat, with many species of birds, fish, mammals and plants thriving.

Participants can canoe or kayak. Meet at Hammond’s Oxbow Park. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Launching in groups starts at 9:30 a.m. following a safety orientation. A shuttle bus for people only (no boats) will run from the take-out point at Grant Street back to the launch point in the afternoon. The last shuttle is at 3 p.m.

Take a canoe or kayak, or Chicago River Canoe and Kayak will provide discounted rental canoes and kayaks. The number of rental canoes and kayaks are limited, so contact Ryan Chew at ryanwc@sbcglobal.net

The event is free, but a $5 donation to NWIPA is suggested. Free shirts will be given to the first 120 participants. Paddlers should pack a lunch and take drinking water. All paddlers must wear Personal Flotation Devices during the entire paddle, and no alcohol use is allowed. Volunteers will assist people with launching and landing boats, give safety tips to novices and be on-water guides.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration and boat handling. Anyone interested can contact Gayle at gaallyn@gmail.com or (219) 793-6967. For more information, contact Mike at mike_echterling@yahoo.com or (219) 808-0457, or Erik at laivotais@yahoo.com or (219) 616-8118.
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**Shirley Heinze 12th Annual Benefit**

Shirley Heinze Land Trust will host its 12th Annual Spring Benefit at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Sand Creek Country Club, Chesterton. The event features a champagne reception, along with hors d’oeuvres and a seated dinner and live and silent auctions. A “Funding the Cause” program benefits an initiative that would connect, restore, increase accessibility and permanently protect 10 miles of riverfront along the Little Calumet River Corridor.

Benefit tickets and sponsorships may be purchased through the Spring Benefit link at www.heinzetrust.org, or by contacting Bonnie Hawksworth at (219) 242-8558, or by email at bhawksworth@heinzetrust.org. Live and silent auction items also will be available for preview through the website.

Shirley Heinze Land Trust manages approximately 1,600 acres of natural land in La Porte, Lake and Porter counties. Five of its properties – Cressmoor Prairie, Seidner Dune & Swale, John Merle Coulter Preserve, Barker Woods and Ambler Flatwoods – have been dedicated as State Nature Preserves.

**School Art Exhibit**


The exhibit is a united effort by Nido Bianco Director/Curator Heather Hanson, Lisa Van Plew-Cid, the River Valley Elementary Schools art teacher, and Scarlet Macaw Community Art Center.

The student works, which are not for sale, can be viewed (all times Eastern) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Contact Nido Bianco at (269) 820-2011 or the SMCAC at (269) 363-1832 for more information

**South Bend Comic Book Convention**

The South Bend Comic Book Convention is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 16, at Comfort Suites, 52933 U.S. 933, Cleveland and U.S. 31 in South Bend.

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The sisters will award a $1,000 scholarship to a current student each year at Marquette’s Honors Day ceremony. The recipient, selected by a committee, will be a student with an appreciation for their Catholic education, is college-bound and has a strong academic focus (3.0 minimum cumulative grade-point average). The award will be applied to Marquette tuition for the following school year.

According to Perrin, her parents placed great importance on educating their children. Charles Mulrenan, a chief engineer for the South Shore Line, and Joan, a homemaker, took great pride in sending their children to Marquette High School and encouraged them to be lifelong learners.

Scholarship applications are available at Marquette’s academic advising office. Applications will be accepted from current freshmen, sophomores and juniors until May 20. The recipient will be announced at MQT’s Honors Day ceremony June 9.

Indigan Storyteller

Indigan Storyteller will host a free open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 16, at Three Oaks Arts & Education Center, 14 E. Maple St.

“Passion Theory” is the day’s theme, specifically helping people find their passion, and the tools to share their stories. Several storytellers and artists will discuss several modes of storytelling. Take a story to share.

Those who sign up for an upcoming storytelling workshop will receive an advance copy of the “Indigan Storyteller Workshop Manual.”

The open house schedule (all times Eastern) is:

- 10 a.m. — Meet the storytellers and get story ideas reviewed privately.
- 11 to 11:30 a.m. — “Passion Theory” presentation by Roger Batton, producer of Indigan Storyteller.
- 1 to 2 p.m. — Demonstration of sparking storytelling creativity with the “Wish Deck” created by artist Elizabeth Nuti.
- 2:30 to 4 p.m.: A demonstration by artist Kim Pruitt, “The intersection of storytelling and the visual arts.”

Garden Club Plant Sale

River Valley Garden Club’s eighth annual plant sale is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 16, at Harbert Community Park, 13300 Red Arrow Highway north of Chikaming Township Center.

Members dig up a wide variety of perennials, bushes, trees and native grasses from their gardens to sell. Prices start at $2. Gardening books, magazines and homemade baked goods will be available.

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All commercial filming/video, no matter the purpose, requires a permit and the payment of a location fee. To protect park resources from damage, the company also must pay the costs of a ranger to monitor the activity. Still photographs of weddings and graduates, as long as the equipment is limited to a camera and tripod, do not ordinarily require a permit. However, if the photographer wishes to use more elaborate equipment or bring items for staging, or the photos are used to promote a product or business, a permit is required.

Call the Chief Ranger’s Office at (219) 395-1644 for more information.

Call for Woodworkers

Center of the World Woodshop Showroom is seeking woodworkers to participate in its 12th annual Woodworkers with the Blues on Saturday, June 20.

The outdoor event features a woodworkers’ show and demonstrations, along with live music. All woodworkers are invited to participate in the show and/or give a demonstration.

Past shows have featured woodcarvings, furniture — fine and rustic — miniatures, boats, musical instruments, jewelry boxes, wooden jewelry, hand-carved flowers, bowls and other wood turnings and cutting boards. Last year’s demonstrations included wood turning, handcarving and a portable sawmill.

Participants can take their own tent or reserve space under a large one provided by Center of the World. Space under this tent is limited and going quickly, so early registration is recommended. Registration fees range from $25 to $35.

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Mara Wible is teaching jewelry projects each Tuesday in May at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The schedule is:

• May 19 — A wrist-to-ring bracelet class incorporating chains and beads.

• May 26 — Chain earrings, where students learn how to mix materials to create colorful earrings.

Visit www.chestertonart.com to see examples of the projects. Each class starts at 7 p.m. and costs $30 (members receive a $5 discount per class). No prior experience is necessary. Students should register at least one day prior to reserve a seat.

Call (219) 926-4711 for more information.

Community Garage Sale

The WLOI/WCOE Community Garage Sale is from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at La Porte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2, La Porte.

Inside/outside booth spaces are available for garage-sale and flea-market items, handicrafts, discontinued items from retail stores and antiques.

Call Norma at (219) 362-6144, Ext. 201, or stop by the Broadcast Center, 1700 Lincolnway Place, Suite 8, for more information.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

Saturday, May 16

• 10 a.m. — Blooming Biodiversity Hike.
  Join a naturalist for a moderate, one-hour hike to explore the different flowering plants in the high dunes. Meet at the campground shelter by site 113.

• 2 p.m. — Turtle Time.
  Meet at the Nature Center to explore dune terrapins.

Sunday, May 17

• 9:30 a.m. — Mid-Migration Birds.
  Take binoculars (or borrow a pair from the park) for the hour-long hike searching for late migrating warblers, flycatchers and other birds. Meet at the Nature Center.

• 2 p.m. — Native Garden Walk.
  Meet outside the Nature Center for a 30-minute tour of habitat gardens around the Nature Center, as well as native flowers blooming now or soon to come.

Indiana Dunes State Park is at 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Call (219) 926-1390 for more information.

Summer Camp Counselors

La Porte County Family YMCA will conduct group interviews for summer camp counselors at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at the La Porte Branch-Shick Gym, 901 Michigan Ave.

Come dressed for camp. Applicants must be at least 16. Contact Reece Arthur at (219) 325-9622 or rarthur@lpymca.org for more information. Applications are available at the membership-services desk at the La Porte, Long Beach and Elston branches, or online at tinyurl.com/pzcgrrh. Take the completed application to the group interviews.
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Polish Heritage Essay Contest

The Polish Heritage Committee and Polish Business & Professional Club of Michigan City are sponsoring an essay contest where the winners receive college scholarships.

The competition is open to any high school senior living in La Porte County and accepted to college next year. Applicants must present proof of high school registration and acceptance to a college, university or other post-secondary institution.

The essay theme is “Polish Heritage and What It Means to Me.” The submitted work, which should be a minimum of 1,000 words, can be based on personal experiences, researched or a combination of the two. Participants are strongly urged to do scholarly research into Polish culture and traditions. Researched material, including information obtained from the Internet, must be properly documented. Any essay containing plagiarized material will be automatically disqualified.

The judges panel is: James Pula, PNC history professor; Janusz Duzinkiewicz, PNC associate professor of history; former educator Rita Fink; and university student Paulina Jagodzinska.

First prize is $500, second prize $250 and third prize $125.

The submission deadline has been extended to Aug. 1. A Microsoft Word document is preferred. Unless having written confirmation, don't assume the essay was received.

Submissions must be sent to jduzinkiewicz@pnc.edu or Janusz Duzinkiewicz, Social Studies Department, Purdue University-North Central, Westville, IN 46391.

Polish-American Cultural Society

Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City Chapter, meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the former St. Mary’s School, 321 W. 11th St., Michigan City.

Call Theresa Child at (219) 464-1369 for more information.
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The Farmers Market Returns

The annual attraction, presented through Michigan City Main- street Association, kicked off its latest season May 2 at Eighth and Washington streets. The market continues from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 31.

Photos by Bob Wellinski
The Fitness Rebellion

Editor’s Note — “The Fitness Rebellion,” written by staff at Michigan City’s Anytime Fitness, appears every other week in The Beacher. This column was written by Manager Kevin Scott.

With the weather starting to turn, hopefully for good, we tend to come out of hibernation and enjoy the outdoors with family and friends. Days get longer, mornings and evenings become warm again. You start to see walkers, runners and bikers out and about. With summer comes cookouts, beach parties, volleyball, bags and other activities.

A number of great reasons exist to be outside.

We like to focus on three areas that wellness can be broken down into: nutrition, cardio and strength training. If you possess a weakness in one area, this not only will impact your overall health, but also most likely impede you from achieving your goals. People come to health clubs to lose weight, tone and build muscle. If you pay attention to those three categories mentioned earlier, all of the goals can and will be reached. Someone may be focused on losing weight, yet with a weakness in strength training, they are in turn losing muscle. If someone is focusing on putting on size, are they putting on the right kind of weight (i.e. muscle and not fat)? Too many times, we see people trying to lose weight by simply hopping on a treadmill or elliptical for long periods of time in hopes of shedding the pounds, when in turn those pounds are muscle, not fat.

Challenge yourself this year to get the exercise you need in one way or another to improve your overall health. Some seek out the gym early in the morning so they can savor the afternoon and evenings outside. Others set their sights on local 5Ks in which to run and walk. Others seek out bike and hiking trails, setting out on a nice scenic route.

(Check out the 3 Dune Challenge at Indiana Dunes State Park if this is your thing!)

This summer, get a good mixture of cardio and strength training. Always be aware of your nutrition as well. Know what you are putting in your body and what that food is subsequently doing, for better or for worse.

The Fitness Rebellion is not a rebellion against being fit. We are an uprising of people redefining fitness on our own terms. It’s time for a new conversation about fitness. Our credo states that we reject the notion that beauty is one size fits all, and we celebrate the little victories. This summer, set some goals. If you have never signed up for a 5K, find a local one that supports a great cause and sign up. Whether you walk, run or crawl, challenge yourself. Log your food. Download MyFitnessPal and track what you can and can’t eat based on your own individual goals. Start a weight-training program. There are an abundance of benefits to weight training. Healthy living is a lifestyle, and it is a commitment to yourself.

All May, Anytime Fitness in Michigan City will host free workouts at 9 a.m. every Saturday at the park right outside Ames Field. This is open to members, non-members and anyone and everyone who wants to start off their Saturday with a great workout. This is open to any fitness level, from beginners to advanced. Certified personal trainers will run the workouts and have progressive movements, as well as regressive movements for each exercise so anyone is capable of getting a great workout! Sign up at www.anytimefitness.com.

Be part of The Fitness Rebellion, and remember to stay active this summer!

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In Memoriam

Esther Sparks Sprague died April 3, 2015, in time to have cocktails with her dearly deceased husband, Phil Sprague.

She was born in Washington, D.C., to Aaron and Helen Millman, who preceded her in death, as did her dear sister, Sidney Margolis, and her first husband, Jack Sparks.

She is survived by her two daughters, Vicki Sparks Reinke (Don Reinke) and Amy Sparks (Todd Nesser); step-daughters Laura Richardson (Bruce Richardson) and Shelley Sprague (Steven Barasz); and her adored grandchildren, Aaron Nesser and Sienna Nesser.

Esther was a brilliant woman. Her curiosity about the world was manifested in many ways, and she shared her enthusiasm and knowledge generously throughout her life. At 16, she left Washington for the first time to become one of 12 Hutchinson Scholars in her class at the University of Chicago. Working as a volunteer in Peoria, Ill., in the 1960s, she started by doing everything from making the curtains to choosing the artwork for the opening exhibition of Peoria’s Lakeview Museum, 200 years of American Painting. She moved to Chicago in 1966 and earned a doctorate in art history in 1970. She was always grateful to her father-in-law, Harold Sparks, for supporting her graduate studies. She then joined the Prints and Drawings Department at The Art Institute of Chicago in 1985. She left her position as Associate Curator of Prints and Drawings to direct the W. Graham Arader III Gallery in Chicago. She served on the Art Advisory Panel from 1974 to 1978, where she met her beloved second husband, Phillip Sprague.

She wrote extensively, including her books: “Universal Limited Art Editions: the First 25 Years,” and “Olaf Kranz: A Prairie Vision,” published only a few months before her death. She taught at The Art Institute of Chicago, Valparaiso University, the School for Continuing Studies at Northwestern and in the art department and honors college at the University of Mississippi. She lectured throughout the country. As an adjunct professor since 1996, she truly loved teaching at the University of Mississippi. She taught until a week before her death. Her students brought her great joy and will remember her with affection as a strict grammarian and advocate for learning to write and speak with clarity and confidence. She loved teaching at the University of Mississippi and was especially attracted to the region’s folk art. She recognized that genius could occur anywhere and emphasized that in her teaching. According to her dear friend, Elizabeth Payne, “She always looked for what was good and excellent and she found so much.”

Services are private. In her memory, in lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Art Department, University of Mississippi Foundation, 406 University Ave., Oxford, MS 38655.
Boys & Girls State Delegates

Nine Michigan City High School juniors have been selected as delegates and alternates for the 2015 Hoosier Boys and Girls State Programs.

The week-long program will be held next month at Trine University, Angola, Ind.

Hoosier State programs are designed to educate young men and women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. During the programs, students work with more than 600 other high-schoolers from across Indiana, creating their own version of state, city and county governments. They also attend special sessions centered on leadership, law, media and other fields.

Michigan City’s delegates are sponsored by John Franklin Miller American Legion Post 37 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 37. Selection is made by high school faculty. Criteria includes leadership abilities, academic achievement and strong character.

Girls State delegates include Thespina Dababia, Albesa Schliephake and Cecelia Latchford. Boys State delegates include Livan Arteaga, Matthew Lockridge, Rodrigo Serrano, Ryan Solano, Noah VanGemeren and Hunter Williams.

Free Senior Classes at Taltree

Taltree Arboretum & Gardens will offer free classes for area residents 55 and older, thanks to a Porter County Community Foundation grant.

Teachers include area experts and Taltree’s education staff. Classes are open to non-seniors for a fee. Many are family friendly. Pre-registration is required. The classroom entrance is located at 71 N. County Road 500 West. For all other locations, enter at 450 W. County Road 100 North.

A list of classes free to seniors includes:

- May 16: Nature Awareness, noon to 3 p.m. Meet in the classroom.
- June 6-Oct. 3: Yoga in Nature, 9 to 10 a.m. Meets in the pavilion.
- June 7: Summer Oil Painting in Nature, 1 to 4 p.m. Meets in the pavilion.
- Aug. 8: Introduction to Model Railroading, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meets in the depot.
- Aug. 22: Wild Edibles Hike, noon to 1 p.m. Meets in the classroom.
- Aug. 29: Introduction to Model Railroading, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meets in the depot.
- June 3, June 10, Aug. 19 and 26: Night Hikes, 8 to 9 p.m. Meet at the main parking lot.

Visit http://www.taltree.org/programs/classes/ or call (219) 462-0025, Ext. 108, for more information.
Curator’s Report

La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., has released its April figures.

The museum welcomed visitors from 30 counties and 11 states. A group with World Creativity and Innovation Week passports was welcomed April 25.

Events included a program April 11 on the Maple City Four given by Leigh Morris, and a Painting Party with instructor Dori Huber on April 25.

The Photo Contest, “Abandoned Structures of La Porte County,” is on display this month. Trophies will be awarded. Visitors can pick their favorite photo for a special Public’s Choice Award to be given at May’s end.

Donations included:

- La Porte High School black and orange beanie, year unknown, Susie Jones.
- Dye Plumbing & Heating 50th anniversary baseball cap, 1989, Carole Young.
- Sketch of La Porte depot by Joyce Keane given to Howard G. Diesslin, 1983, Louise Diesslin Burchby.
- Desk ink blotter with ad for First National Bank, La Porte Hospital Patient Packet circa 1980, Michele Barber.
- Photos, Marti Pease Bearhart and Marilyn Marquardt Buerger.
- Items for the sale table, Kay Williams and Karen Piper.

Intern Kristina Heuck leaves as the semester ends, and a new intern, Rachel Taveras, will arrive for the summer. A variety show is at 7 p.m. May 23 featuring music of the Maple City Four and the WLS Barn Dance, presented in an old radio-show format.

Planning for the summer display, “The Finishing Touch,” a look at mid-century ladies accessories, has begun. A reception will be held before its opening. All ladies are asked to wear hats.

The doll collection has been relabeled, cleaned and re-decorated. The furniture and artifacts have been rearranged in the Victorian business office. A Civil War flag of the 73rd Indiana has been hung near the Civil War artifacts.

Anyone wishing to volunteer may call (219) 324-6767 and ask for Susie.

Water Safety Class

The American Red Cross and City of New Buffalo will host a water safety class at 4:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, May 19, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

The class is designed for the entire family. Register at New Buffalo Township Youth Services, call (269) 469-2933 or email newbuffalokids@gmail.com
Outstanding Efforts

The Friends of New Buffalo Library received the 2014 Outstanding Friends of Michigan Library Merit Award from the statewide Friends of Michigan Libraries. The group was cited for passing the library bond issue, creating a guest speakers program, a successful fundraising engraved brick campaign and support of the Teen Advisory Board. The plaque was shared by FOL members during their April 30 meeting, including (from left): Bob Mueller, FOL treasurer; Albin Sikora, New Buffalo Township Library board treasurer; Gary Reinmuth, FOL president; Arlene Urquhart, FOL vice president; Tom Gosh; Kathleen Reinmuth; Sandy Sporleder, library board president; Lillian Casten; Annette Van Dusen, FOL corresponding secretary; Julie Grynwich, library director, and Judie Giardina.

Pysanky Egg Class

Mary Acton will host a Pysanky egg class for children 10 and older from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 23, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Students learn the art of Pysanky egg dying using wax to control the dyes on the eggs, ending with a beautiful pattern or image. Participants may choose from a variety of patterns for their egg or design their own. By the end of the class, each child will have completed an egg or two.

Class size is limited to 10 to give each person individual attention. The cost is $45, with members receiving a $5 discount. Call (219) 926-4711 for more information.

Corporate Dodgeball Challenge

The Sixth Annual Play4Life Corporate Dodgeball Challenge is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Marquette Catholic High School Student Center, 306 W. 10th St.

Teams of eight will compete for the title down to the last player standing. The cost for teams of eight is $400, and three of the eight players must be women. General admission is free. Visit tinyurl.com/n2s8zm9 for online registration.
Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

• Mad About Mysteries at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Valparaiso resident and mystery writer Ellen Foster will discuss her new book in the Lady Apollo series, “Joseph of Arimathea’s Treasure.” Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

• Crochet Club from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave.

All skill levels, as well as knitters, are invited.

• Saturday Movie at Hageman, “Big Hero 6,” at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

The movie is rated PG and has a running time of 102 minutes.

• Backyard Beekeeping from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 18, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library.

Lifelong beekeeper George Manning will lead the informational presentation.

• “Conversations about Dementia” from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library.

The program, presented by the Alzheimer’s Association of Greater Indiana, will cover topics such as going to the doctor, deciding when to stop driving and making legal and financial plans.

‘Spring Fling’ Annual Plant Sale

The Miller Garden Club will present its annual plant sale, “Spring Fling,” from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Marquette Park Aquatorium, 6918 Oak Ave., Gary.

This year’s sale will feature plants donated by club members, flats of annuals and herbs, slightly used garden paraphernalia, books, pots and jewelry. Box lunches and baked goods will be available.

An added feature is a self-guided mini-garden tour with a peek at a few selected spring gardens — depending on the weather — for $5.

The club meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the third Saturday of the month, March through October. Meetings are open to the public and feature speakers on subjects ranging from gardening to ecology to stewardship of natural resources.
Michigan City Public Library

The following programs are available at Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.:

- **Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 13.** Children birth to age 5 accompanied by an adult/guardian can participate in stories, songs and crafts. Arrive a few minutes early to receive a name tag.

- **Knitting Club for All Ages at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 13, 20 and 27.** Take size 9 straight knitting needles, worsted yarn and tape measure (optional). Contact Joanne Hale at joeyAB1971@yahoo.com or (219) 814-4398 for more information.

- **Art à la Carte: Here Comes the Sun! at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14.** Make a sunny craft. All materials are provided. The program is designed for children 4-12, and the child must be present to receive craft supplies.

- **Duneland Stamp Club at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 14.** The club meets the second Thursday of each month. New members are invited.

- **Prime Time Health with Dr. Margie at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16.** Prime Time Health is a simple, healthy-aging program to help people understand their bodies, prevent disease, boost energy and reduce the risk of cancer, while also promoting fitness, strength and flexibility.

- **Harp Dreams with Debra Sawyer at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17.** Sawyer will offer a short workshop about harp music and the instrument before a community concert featuring her band, Ah Tu, at 3 p.m. Voices also include Randy Schermerhorn, Michigan City, Dot Pakan, Valparaiso, and Dan Moser, La Porte. They will be joined by Garth Taylor, finger style guitarist and founder of the School of American Music in Three Oaks, Mich. He will play a few tunes with SAM guitar student Abby Folsom.

- **Yoga with David Kipley at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, May 19 and 26.** Kipley is a graduate of Dancing Feet Yoga's Yoga Teacher Program. All levels are welcome. Take a mat and wear comfortable clothes.

- **Lyme Disease Awareness Month at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 20.** The documentary “Under Our Skin 2: Emergence” investigates the deepening lyme disease crisis and follows its casualties and controversies. The showing is in collaboration with the La Porte County Health Department.

Contact Robin Kohn at (219) 873-3049 for more information on library programming.

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**Hog Roast Fundraiser**

The Annual Three Oaks Flag Day Hog Roast, complete with a silent auction and live music, is from 5 to 9 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 16, at Three Oaks American Legion, 204 W. Linden St.

All proceeds support the Three Oaks Flag Day Parade, which is produced by grants, sponsorships and the hog roast. Donations from surrounding businesses fill the silent auction, which includes gift baskets, sporting tickets, gift certificates, trinkets and baking items.

Tickets, available through committee members, cost $15, while children 6 and younger are free. Participation in the silent auction is on an individual basis, with only cash and checks accepted. Anyone who would like to donate to the auction should contact Tom at (773) 259-8737.

The Fourth Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament is open to all ages. Teams will include five people. The cost is a $60 entry fee, with all proceeds aiding Harbor Country Food Pantry. Call John at (269) 369-7687 for more information.

Visit www.threeoaksflagday.com for additional information.

**CASA Training**

Court Appointed Special Advocate will start its spring training session Tuesday, May 19.

The sessions continue every Tuesday night through Tuesday, June 16, with the last session from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 20.

CASA volunteers accompany abused and neglected children as they sort through the experience of being removed from home, becoming a ward of the state and being placed in foster homes. They spend time with the children, getting to know them well enough to speak on their behalf in court and make recommendations about what would be in their best interest.

There now are 150 children making use of CASA services, with 40 active volunteers advocating for 70 of those children. This means 80 children are waiting for assistance.

Call (219) 324-3385, email takhigbe@lpcasa.com or visit www.lpcasa.com for more information or to register.

**Coast Guard Open House**

The U.S. Coast Guard will have an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Coast Guard station, 10 on the Lake.

The event will feature the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, New Buffalo Police Department and local Marine agencies. Food and children’s activities are planned.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will inspect boats brought by those attending the event.
Hoops for Heart

Barker Middle School students raised more than $1,850 for the American Heart Association on April 2 during the annual “Hoops for Heart” event.

Students who brought in donations for the AHA could participate in gym activities, including dodgeball and giant Omnikin volleyball. Top fundraisers included Dakota Chlebowski ($328), Jazmiriah Careero ($150), Michael Wroblewski ($100) and Dalton Frazee ($100).

Calumet Outdoors Series

The Calumet Outdoors Series, hikes organized by the Calumet Stewardship Initiative, continues at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 16, with “Ivanhoe Dune and Swale.”

Led by nature conservancy staff, the hike is located in Gary. RSVP to Smhalo@tnc.org to receive meeting location details.

The Calumet Stewardship Initiative is a coalition of more than 40 organizations that promotes a sustainable relationship between people and nature in the Calumet region of Northwest Indiana and Northeast Illinois. Visit http://calumetstewardship.org/events for additional information.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are available:

- The Save the Tunes Council performs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.

  The group preserves folk songs in the traditional way, using guitar, autoharp, dulcimer, banjo, harmonica, bagpipe, penny whistle, hurdy gurdy and other obscure instruments.

- Junior Wildland Firefighter Program from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at the campground amphitheater.

  Meet the park’s fire crew and learn about their jobs and equipment. Children receive a Junior Wildland Firefighter activity book and patch. The campground is at U.S. 12 and Broadway in Beverly Shores.

- Swimming Safety — Understanding the Great Lakes Surf from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the visitor center.

  Dave Benjamin and Bob Pratt of the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project will discuss how to safely enjoy Lake Michigan.

- Stewardship Day — Planting an Heirloom Garden from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16, at Chellberg Farm.

  Help with everything from pulling weeds to planting seeds. The Chellberg/Bailly parking lot is on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 20 and 12 in Porter.

- Garden Tea at Chellberg Farm from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 16.

  Learn how to plant and care for an heirloom flower garden.

- Douglas Center Open House from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.

  Explore the center and view interactive exhibits, a park video and live animal room.

- “Kid’s Rule” from 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.

  Join a ranger in the Visitor Center’s activity room for stories and activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

- Parents and toddlers can participate in the Nature Tots program from 10 a.m. to noon the second Wednesday of each month at the Paul H. Douglas Center.

  Children 2-4 will learn about nature through a ranger-led story time, crafts and outdoor play.

- The free Junior Ranger Program from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center and Paul H. Douglas Center.

  A variety of Junior Ranger programs exist, from a short Beachcombers Activity Page to an extensive Junior Rangers Booklet. Complete a program and earn a prize. Stop by the Visitor Center or Douglas Center to pick up a free program booklet.

  The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is on Lake Street north of U.S. 12 in the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

The American Red Cross La Porte County Chapter will sponsor the following bloodmobiles:

- St. John Kanty, 7012 N. County Road 600 East, Rolling Prairie, 1 to 6 p.m. Monday, May 18.

- La Porte High School, 602 F St., La Porte, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21. Students must sign up through the school; permission slip required.

  Donors must be in good general health and feeling well, at least 17 (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Call (800) 733-2767 for more information.

The American Red Cross
Sarett Nature Center

The following programs are available at Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich.:  

**Friday, May 15**  
The Butterfly House reopens for the season. Admission is $6 for adults and $2 for children, which includes admission to the nature center.

**Saturday, May 16**  
Join Restoration Rangers for a workday and cookout at 10 a.m. EDT. Call (269) 927-4832 to register.
Emerging Entrepreneurs Workshop

The Northwest ISBDC, in cooperation with Michigan City Economic Development Corp., will present “Launch Your Own Business: A Sound and Proven Path” from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, in the EOC Room at City Hall, 100 E. Michigan Blvd.

The workshop aims to help entrepreneurs evaluate their business ideas, prepare a sound business plan, manage expectations and increase chances of accessing capital. Topics include: identifying personal objectives; skills and resources; describing a business idea and requirements; developing a sales forecast; identifying start-up expenses; estimating a operating budget; and analyzing feasibility results.

The workshop is based on the Indiana Small Business Development Center’s “A Sound and Proven Path Towards Launching Your Own Business Workbook,” available at all ISBDC offices. A free copy of the 60-page step-by-step workbook will be distributed to participants and used during the class.

The cost is $10, and pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Visit www.nwisbdc.org, click on “Workshops and Events,” the workshop and follow the instructions, or call (219) 644-3513.

Monday Musicale

Members and guests of Monday Musicale gathered May 3 at Barker Mansion to hear music inspired by American literature.

Originally scheduled for late March, when weather conditions forced its postponement, the early May program instead marked the beginning of National Music Week (May 3-10).

Chairwoman Felicia Thomas crafted a program designed to make the listener feel as if he/she was curled up with a good book in the mansion’s drawing room. She read quotes from classic novels such as “Tom Sawyer,” “Charlotte’s Web” and “Gone With the Wind.” Musical selections included poems set to music, songs from movies and stage plays based on literature, and songs that tell a story.


Thomas played the trumpet solo “I Love You, Porgy” (Gershwin’s “Porgy and Bess”). She was joined by guest performer Carl Coan in the duet “Moon River” from “Breakfast at Tiffany’s.” Coan brought his Electronic Wind Instrument (EWI), a novelty to some audience members. He also shared a jazzy rendition of “Over the Rainbow.”

Dan Moser’s guitar and vocals invited audience participation as he performed story songs “M.T.A.” (Steiner and Hawes) and Johnny Cash’s “Michigan City Howdy Do.”

Two of Monday Musicale’s 2015 youth scholarship winners were on the program. Moriah Carmel, a New Prairie High School senior, won the Stockwell Memorial Scholarship for the trumpet solo she shared: Clarke’s “Carnival of Venice.” Violinist Lena Levi earned the Roy Hibner Memorial Award. The Chesterton High School junior played her winning selection, “Violin Concerto Op. 14” by Samuel Barber. At the program’s conclusion, Dorothy Kelly and her committee hosted a social hour.

The final meeting of the season, “Music Influenced by Architecture,” is open to the public at 7 p.m. Monday, June 1, at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. Call Ange Benz at (219) 874-3754 or Sue Cassler at (219) 362-1421 for information.

LBCC Women’s Golf Leagues

9-Hole League
May 7, 2015
Event: Regular Golf
Championship Flight
Event: Eunie Nondorf
Low Net: Rima Binder
Low Putts: Vangie Kuhn, Bonnie Reese
Sunken Approach Kathy Chlystun Hole 6
Clean It Up Day Proves Successful

La Porte County Solid Waste District’s “Clean It Up Day” on May 2 was a huge success, with more than 400 volunteers participating in 35 cleanups countywide.

Half the cleanups were completed in Michigan City alone, involving volunteers of all ages. Litter also was removed from La Porte’s downtown, parks and neighborhoods, as well as county roads in surrounding areas.

Participants included:
- Willie Milsap’s City/County Resource Center, which again hosted Michigan City’s thank-you luncheon, along with volunteers who once again cleaned up around the Fifth Ward.
- The Michigan City Refuse Department, which year after year picks up all the litter collected in Michigan City.
- La Porte and surrounding area volunteer groups — Friends of Blair Milo, Drew Gesse and Tabb Napier, The La Porte Service League, JJ Asphalt Maintenance, Agape Christian Church, Alcoa, American Licorice, Northwest Chapter of the Indiana Environmental Health Association, Rolling Prairie Business and Community Association, LC Sacred Heart Apostolic School, Debra LeRoy’s Girl Scout troop, Sean McKiel and family, Blake McKiel and family, Tim Vaughan and the Stock family, Anne Thode and friends, Ashley Wisnieski and friends, Lora and Paul Brooks, Donna and Byron Marben, Phil Liverman and Nina Rogowski, and Hanna Lions Club.
- La Porte Fire Station No. 1, which again hosted La Porte’s thank-you luncheon this year.
- The La Porte Park and Recreation Department, which picks up litter, leaves and other items collected from La Porte’s parks.
- Local individuals and businesses that made donations — Wana Pizza, Hearthside Food Solutions, Sharon Carnes for Fifth Ward-Michigan City, Lewis Bakeries, Family Express, Waste Management, Republic Services, Burnham Glove Company and AIM Water.

Volunteers from Michigan City’s Fifth Ward, Evergreen Baptist Church and elsewhere celebrated at a thank-you luncheon held May 2 at the City/County Resource Center.
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Scholarship Fundraising Campaign
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Tickets: $65 per person (includes dinner) Available at all branches and from dancers. For ticket information or to sponsor a table see our website at www.lpymca.org under the events tab or contact Dana Hayes at (219)325-9622 or email admin@lpymca.org.

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Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:


May 14 — Art à la Carte: Here Comes the Sun!, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 14 — Duneland Stamp Club, 6 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 15 — “Preserving Oral History” free reception/celebration, 6 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: btlee@pnc.edu, sewhite@pnc.edu

May 15 — Save the Tunes Council, 7:30-9 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.


May 16 — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Eighth and Washington streets, through Oct. 31. Info: www.michigancyfarmersmarket.com

May 16 — U.S. Coast Guard open house, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Coast Guard station, 10 on the Lake.


May 16 — Stewardship Day — Planting an Heirloom Garden, 9 a.m.-noon, Chellberg Farm, Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 20/12, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

May 16 — Blooming Biodiversity Hike, 10 a.m., campground shelter by site 113 @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

May 16 — The Annual Three Oaks Flag Day Hog Roast, 5-9 p.m. EDT, Three Oaks American Legion, 204 W. Linden St. Tickets: www.threeroaksflagday.com

May 16 — Sixth Annual Play4Life Corporate Dodgeball Challenge, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Marquette Catholic High School Student Center, 306 W. 10th St. Teams of 8/$400. General admission/free. Online registration: tinyurl.com/n2s8zm9

May 16 — The WLOI/WCOE Community Garage
Sale, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., La Porte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2, La Porte.

**May 16** — Harbor Country Home & Garden Show, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. EDT, Four Winds Casino Silver Creek Event Center, New Buffalo, Mich. Admission: $5. Info: www.harborcountry.org

**May 16** — Saturday Movie at Hageman, “Big Hero 6,” 2 p.m., Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

**May 16** — South Bend Comic Book Convention, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. EDT, Comfort Suites, 52933 U.S. 933. Info: www.epguides.com/comics, (309) 657-1599.

**May 16** — Indigan Storyteller free open house, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. EDT, Three Oaks Arts & Education Center, 14 E. Maple St.

**May 17** — Ah Tu concert, 3 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.


**Mondays** — Codependents Anonymous (CoDA), 6 p.m., Franciscan Alliance-St. Anthony Health. Info: (219) 879-3817.

**Wednesdays** — Al-Anon meetings, 6-7 p.m., Franciscan Alliance-St. Anthony Health. Info: (708) 927-5287.

**Farther Afield:**


**May 16** — River Valley Garden Club eighth annual plant sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. EDT, Harbert Community Park, 13300 Red Arrow Highway north of Chikaming Township Center. Info: www.rivervalleygardenclub.org

**May 16** — 2015 Little Calumet River Bald Eagle Paddle, Hammond’s Oxbow Park. Registration: 9 a.m. Info: (219) 808-0457, (219) 616-8118.

**May 16** — The Boulevard Billies, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: $10/general admission, $8/students and seniors, free/children 12 and younger. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688, info@boxfactoryforthearts.org, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

**May 17** — Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra concert, 4 p.m. EDT, Howard Performing Arts Center, Berrien Springs, Mich. Tickets/info: (269) 982-4030, www.smso.org

**May 21** — “Poster Reveal” (2015 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff fine-art poster), 6:30 p.m. EDT, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich.
On May 14, 1607, the first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Va.

On May 14, 1771, American social reformer Robert Owen, who was one of the first to preach to businessmen that it was good business to think of the employees’ welfare, was born in Newtown, Wales.

On May 14, 1787, delegates convened in Philadelphia for the purpose of drawing up a Constitution for the United States.

On May 14, 1853, Brooklyn’s Gale Borden — founder of the Borden Milk Company — applied for a patent for condensed milk.

On May 14, 1904, St. Louis hosted the first Olympic Games to be held in the United States.

On May 14, 1988, Sol Polk, cofounder of Polk Brothers, one of Chicago’s oldest and largest appliance and furniture discount retailers, died at 71.


On May 15, 1902, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley was born in Chicago.

On May 15, 1918, the first United States airmail route, serving New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, was inaugurated.

On May 15, 1930, Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, was assigned to a United Airlines flight between San Francisco and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

On May 15, 1940, in New York City, nylon stockings first went on sale in the city’s stores. Women bought up 4 million pair in the first few hours, and the Japanese silk industry went into a permanent tailspin.

On May 15, 1963, astronaut L. Gordon Cooper blasted off on the final mission of the Mercury space program. He circled the Earth 22 times an 34 hours.

On May 15, 2001, a runaway freight train rolled about 70 miles through Ohio with no one aboard before a railroad employee jumped onto the locomotive and brought it to a stop.

On May 16, 1868, the Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first vote, on one of eleven articles of impeachment, against him.

On May 16, 1929, the Academy Awards were given out for the first time. Wings won the award for the best movie, Emil Jennings for best actor, and Janet Gaynor for best actress.

On May 16, 1946, the musical “Annie Get Your
On May 16, 1988, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop released a report stating that nicotine was as addictive as heroin and cocaine.

On May 17, 1792, the New York Stock Exchange was founded by brokers meeting under a tree located on what is now Wall Street.

On May 17, 1875, in the first running of the Kentucky Derby, Astrides won by two lengths.

On May 17, 1973, a special Senate committee opened the Watergate hearings.

On May 17, 1998, NY Yankees pitcher David Wells became the 13th player in modern major league baseball history to throw a perfect game as he retired all 27 batters he faced in a 4-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

On May 18, 1860, at its convention in Chicago, the Republican party nominated Abraham Lincoln as its presidential candidate.

On May 18, 1910, Halley's comet disappeared from earthly view as it moved across the face of the sun.

On May 18, 1930, playwright Lorraine Hansberry (“A Raisin in the Sun”) was born in Chicago.

On May 18, 1992, Vice President Dan Quayle criticized the sitcom “Murphy Brown” for having its title character decide to bear a child out of wedlock.

On May 19, 1536, England’s Queen Anne Boleyn, second of King Henry VIII’s many wives, and mother of Queen Elizabeth I, was beheaded after being convicted of the crime of adultery.

On May 19, 1930, playwright Lorraine Hansberry (“A Raisin in the Sun”) was born in Chicago.

On May 19, 1999, the much anticipated movie prequel “Star Wars: Episode One – The Phantom Menace” opened.

On May 20, 1868, the Republican National Convention opened in Chicago’s Crosby Opera House.

On May 20, 1927, Charles Lindberg, flying the Spirit of St. Louis, took off from New York’s Long Island for his non-stop flight to Paris.


On May 20, 1993, 93 million people tuned in for the final first-run episode of the sitcom “Cheers” on NBC.
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The Button Man by Mark Pryor (oversize paperback $15.95; in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

This week’s recommendation is a prequel to a thoroughly enjoyable series I discovered a few years ago. In three previous novels, the reader was introduced to Hugo Marston, chief of security at the American Embassy in Paris. In this book, we meet Hugo at the American Embassy in London, where his European adventures began.

The wonderful thing about The Button Man is, you don’t have to read the previous novels to appreciate it. However, it will be a treat to those who’ve read and enjoyed The Bookseller, The Crypt Thief and The Blood Promise, highlighting his later adventures in Paris.

Marston is an interesting, no-nonsense, tall, rangy, cowboy boot-wearing Texan. Mature enough to know better, but a long way from the porch rocking chair. His first career was as an FBI profiler. No children, but married to the beautiful Christine, who spends most of her time in her native Texas. His first wife, Ellie, was killed in an auto accident.

Rule 1 of a good mystery is that nothing is as it seems. That’s the rule that keeps us glued to the pages chapter after chapter, as if putting down the book would cause us to miss an important clue or happening. That’s the guiding rule in this story of celebrity, murder and madness...

F.Y.I.: In the world of organized crime, the button man is the low-ranking hood who “does the don’s bidding, shaking down businessmen and whacking rivals.” Hmm...can’t go any further with that one—you’ll have to read the book to get the connection! And getting to that connection is a long and winding, albeit interesting, road.

Hugo is called in to baby-sit a husband and wife, Dayton Harper and Ginny Ferro, who are Hollywood stars and well-known in England. Problem is, they were involved in a countryside accident that resulted in the death of a farmer’s son. So now, the couple needs to stay in the safety of the embassy until the whole thing is sorted out and it’s determined if charges will be filed against them.

In the way of all screwups, Ginny is released since she wasn’t driving the car, only no one is called to pick her up. Now, the game’s afoot...

Ginny is later found hanging from a tree in a cemetery—murder or suicide? When Harper is released on bail and Marston tells him the news about his wife, he gives Marston the slip. The chase is on to find him before there is another death.

To Marston’s surprise, Graham Stopford-Pendrith, an MP (Member of Parliament), shows up, claiming to want to help. Why? Why indeed.

Then along comes a journalist, Harry Walton, who bullies his way into the search for Harper. Does he want more than just a story? Could be.

Then there’s Merlyn — a woman, actually — who seems to know a lot more about Harper and his wife, especially their sexual activities.

What a diverse group! Pryor is more than adept at inserting these characters into the story and leaving you wondering where this is headed.

Then the body count piles up. Hugo and an English constable find themselves racing around the English countryside following clues and putting together a story that get curiouser and curiouser.

As the story builds to a climax, more and more you feel the urgency of Marston and Upton to nail this person down. The fear is palpable, and I found myself reading faster as if that would help!

Author Pryor has a winner in Hugo Marston. He’s a down-to-earth guy, methodical in his assessments and with all the instincts of a bloodhound. I enjoy Pryor’s descriptions of the English countryside and the city of London. It puts you right in the middle of the action.

I have enjoyed all the Hugo Marston books, giving them two enthusiastic thumbs up! A new Marston mystery is due out this summer.

Author Jamie Mason wrote: “The Button Man is well-written with a snappy pace. In short, it’s everything that makes us love mysteries in the first place.”

Author Elizabeth L. Silver wrote: “…Mark Pryor is at his finest, spinning a tale of intrigue and deception so thrilling you’ll stay up all night to finish it.”

Pryor is a native of Hertfordshire, England, but now calls Austin, Texas, his home, where he is assistant district attorney.

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It’s cliché, but you really do have to see it to believe it. This comfy home is much larger than it appears from the outside. The basement has been finished and is currently used as office space. It could easily be transformed into a recreation area or additional living space. Curl up on the couch in the sitting room and relax, or adjourn to the screened porch to refresh and recharge. Three bedrooms, including a large loft on the upper level.

$339,000

222 El Portal Drive

Be close to the beach, yet still secluded in your own little natural setting on this corner lot in Michiana Shores. Three floors of living space give everyone room to work or play. Four bedrooms and four full bathrooms give each resident their own privacy. Gorgeous hardwood floors throughout. Vaulted ceilings extend the open concept.

$430,000

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