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# ON THE FAST TRACK

## Area Filmmaker Tre Manchester is Making a Name for Himself and His Production Company

by Kayla Weiss

**A**s an imaginative child growing up in the Midwest, Tre Manchester dreamed of breaking into the film-making business. He had no idea, though, how to make that vision succeed.

Disillusioned with the typical Hollywood route, and not wanting to fetch coffee for 10 years, Manchester chose an alternative plan, creating Cerulean Filmworks with college pal Mario Quintana. From the start, they envisioned a trustworthy, successful company that would achieve not just their dreams, but also the dreams of those who chose to trust Cerulean with their stories.

Now, Manchester and his team are on the fast track. Their short films are garnering attention and awards at film festivals. Their first feature-length film, “The Things We’ve Seen,” is scheduled for completion by the year’s end.

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Tre Manchester gives direction on the set of one of his projects.

“The Things We’ve Seen” is the first feature-length film by Cerulean Filmworks.

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All this, and Manchester's only 22 years old.

Even as a young boy, Tre Manchester was fascinated by the various aspects of filmmaking. He moved around a lot as a child, briefly living in Michigan before his family settled in Crown Point. His interest really took off when he was 8. He and his sister were always playing games. "House" was one of their favorites, and Manchester would always say his job was a director, even though he wasn't exactly sure what that meant.



Tre Manchester has aspired to be a movie director since he was a child.

His interest grew in middle school when he and his friends discovered the wonders of the camcorder, playing around and shooting little films here and there around the area.

As he grew older, Manchester became interested in writing and creating scripts, but he and his friends were too busy with other extra-curricular activities to keep up with their filmmaking. Nonetheless, he continued to write through high school and went on to study film at the Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago.

It was during his sophomore year in college that Manchester began toying with the idea of starting his own filmmaking company. He was constantly

entering his projects into area festivals. When he began winning awards for his works, he realized he could do everything he wanted in this area. It was around then that he met Quintana, who would become the co-founder to Cerulean Films.

"We found that we had similar interests and similar styles," Manchester said. "I knew that I could do it now – that I could actually start up my own filmmaking company and make it a successful and worthwhile venture, instead of trying to slowly creep my way through the Hollywood studio system route."

Cerulean Filmworks is an independent filmmaking company based in Crown Point, described on its website as taking a newfound approach to storytelling. Manchester, and the rest of his Cerulean team, see an exciting opportunity in their grasp, working with a constantly changing medium and touching a wide range of audiences. Firmly believing every concept has a narrative, Manchester

and his team bring those narratives to the surface.

"We are completely self-sufficient in all aspects of production," Manchester said. "We have the tools to complete any job to perfection and the education, track record and driving force to take any vision and exceed expectations. We are ready to bring tales to the forefront of this new world."

The Cerulean team includes Manchester as writer-director, Quintana as cinematographer/graphics, Martin Petraits as director and Justin Wolters as producer/director.

Drawing from historical and modern approaches, Manchester and his team strive to create pure narratives that embody the foundation of storytelling.

No matter the genre or classification, he focuses on the underlying character and tale of every story.

“I love the challenge of owning my own filmmaking company,” Manchester said. “We all work very hard here at Cerulean, and everything is very much a ‘learn as we go’ process, but we work hard for everything we have. A lot goes into it, but I have all of this freedom to make the choices that I feel are best for me, my team and the projects we pour our hearts and souls into.”



Tre Manchester created Cerulean Filmworks with his college friend, Mario Quintana, the two pictured here on the sets of their film projects.

Manchester is big into period pieces — anything ranging from the Civil War to World War II — but he’s starting to make the transition into modern-day drama. Currently, he and his team are working on their biggest project to date: the feature-length picture “The Things We’ve Seen,” an American drama budgeted at \$69,110 about a family living in a small town under threat from brush fires, trying to navigate the dangers of their surroundings



while rebuilding the relationships in their family unit.

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Violinist and MCCMF co-founder Nic Orbovich is presenting a free recital which will feature two of his longtime friends and colleagues (and MCCMF audience favorites!) Robert Auler and Zofia Glashauser.

The program will chart the history and development of the French school of violin playing, and promises to be enlightening, educational and fun! Works by Jean Marie LeClaire, Eugene Ysaye and exciting works by Gabriel Pierre and Henri Vieuxtemps, of which Nic has recently discovered, will be performed. Plus, some surprising R&B stylings from “Robbie”!

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Manchester describes the overall look of the film as reminiscent of the Oscar-winning “No Country for Old Men” (2007). The cast features Randy Ryan, who appeared in Johnny Depp’s John Dillinger hit “Public Enemies” (2008), Shani Salyers Stiles (“How to Survive the End of the World”), Jarrett Maier (“Your Ever After”) and John D. Carver of “Sand Castles” (2014), which was shot in the Goshen area and debuted at South Bend’s River Bend Film Festival in 2013.



Tre Manchester on the set of “The Things We’ve Seen.”

Also involved with the film is La Porte County’s Matt Kalita, a magician and owner of Kalita Magic. It marks the second project in which he has worked with Manchester, and he was thrilled to do so again.

“Tre Manchester is a real professional,” Kalita said. “I’ve worked on the set of other production companies, but working with Cerulean Filmworks was truly a wonderful experience, and a genuine pleasure to work with Tre and his team.”

For “The Things We’ve Seen,” Manchester is looking into working out a deal with local nature preserves that have scheduled controlled burnings of land, like Shirley Heinze Land Trust, so he can use that footage for the movie.



Shani Salyers Stiles appears in a scene from “The Things We’ve Seen.”

But the project doesn’t end with a completed film. Manchester is devoted to furthering himself as an artist, his projects and his company. When the films have been finished, Manchester and his team take them on the festival route around the world. In 2014 alone, Cerulean Filmworks won six dif-



Randy Ryan, who stars in “The Things We’ve Seen,” also appeared in Johnny Depp’s John Dillinger hit “Public Enemies” (2008)

ferent awards for their short films “In Divinity,” “A Land Between,” “Addiction” and “Melancholic.” “A Land Between,” alone, took home three awards from the International Broke Student Film Festival for Best Acting Runner Up, Audience Choice and Official Selection. Their short film, “Melancholic,” was entered in the Top 200 competition through HBO, winning the much coveted HBO Project Greenlight Award.

Looking towards the future, Manchester has big plans for his company. Currently, it is hard at work with “The Things We’ve Seen,” hoping to have it completed by the end of the year, and is aiming for a limited theatrical and video release. He’s also exploring other options, from iTunes, Netflix and Amazon.com to View on Demand.

“We just want to keep growing,” Manchester said. “We want to get to the point where we can do what we’re doing, while being able to pay the bills and still have the freedom to be as creative as we need or want to be. It’s only up from here.”

(Visit [www.cfilmworks.com](http://www.cfilmworks.com) for more information.)



Tre Manchester sets up a shot before filming begins on a scene.

### College Goal Sunday

Purdue University-North Central will participate in College Goal Sunday for all college-bound students and their families from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, in the Technology Building, Room 265.

The 26-year-old statewide program provides free financial-aid information and assistance to all Indiana students seeking admission to any Indiana college, university or technical institution. At 37 sites throughout Indiana, students and their parents receive help in understanding, completing and filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

College Goal Sunday is part of FAFSA Weekend at PNC. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, prospective students and their families may come to Room 265 for one-on-one assistance.

On either day, PNC financial aid staff can help students and their families file the form online.

The FAFSA is required for students to be considered for federal and state grants, loans and scholarships at most colleges, universities and vocational/technical schools nationwide, and must be filed by March 10 to be eligible for state aid.

Students should attend College Goal Sunday with their parent(s) or guardian(s) and take their



parents' completed 2014 IRS 1040 tax returns, W-2 Forms and other 2014 income and benefits information. Students who worked last year should take their income information. Students 24 or older may attend alone and take their own completed 2014 IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 Form or other 2014 income and benefits information.

Students and parents are encouraged to apply for their U.S. Department of Education Personal Identification Numbers at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) before attending the event.

Students who attend any of the College Goal Sunday sites and submit a completed evaluation form will automatically be entered in a drawing for a \$1,000 scholarship. Winners will be notified in March and the prizes sent directly to the higher education institution selected by the students.

Twenty-first Century Scholars are encouraged to attend College Goal Sunday to receive help in completing the FAFSA and other paperwork necessary to receive their scholarships.

Contact the PNC Financial Aid Office at (219) 785-5200, Ext. 5493, or at [finaid@pnc.edu](mailto:finaid@pnc.edu) for more information about College Goal Sunday event or for general financial assistance.



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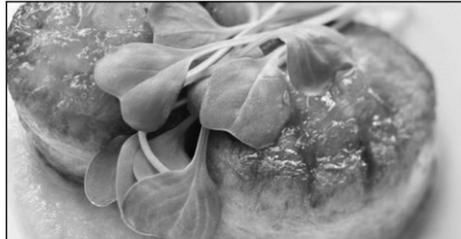
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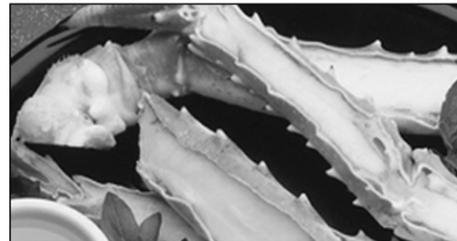
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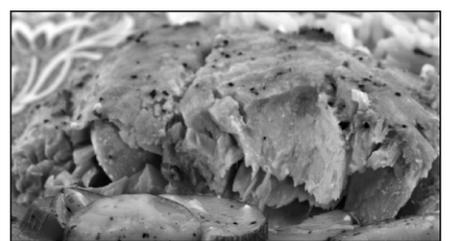
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## Buchanan Art Center to Unveil Three New Exhibits

Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., will debut three new exhibits Feb. 25 through April 18, with an opening reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. EST Friday, March 6.

The exhibits are: "Two Together," photographs and bird drawings by Todd Hoover in the Roti Roti Gallery; "Seasons of My Heart," quilts and textiles by Sandy Whitmyer in the Showplace Gallery; and "Showcases and Circles," ceramics and paintings by (Jennifer) Zona in the Hess Library.



Todd Hoover's "Five Wrongs Equal One Right."

Hoover received a bachelor of science degree in art education from Indiana University-Bloomington in 1968 and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Notre Dame in 1973. He taught drawing and photography classes at James Whitcomb Riley High School, South Bend, and photography at Indiana University-South Bend. In 1999, he received a Lilly Endowment Education Grant for the study of non-silver photography. In 2010, he switched from film photography to digital photography. At the end of 2013, he re-examined a series of bird drawings he completed in the 1980s. He started to collage strips from his paint-by-number collection in the 1950s, then re-photographed them. In 2014, he went back into the darkroom to make "Bird Photograms." Also during this period, he started a series of photographs he calls "Two Together," exploring the relationship of two visuals he makes into one photo.

Whitmyer graduated from Galien High School and attended Lake Michigan College. She returned to Southwest Michigan eight years ago after living in Virginia, Atlanta and Northwest Arkansas. While living in the Atlanta area, she joined a Deco-



An example of Sandy Whitmyer's quiltwork.

orative Artist Club and started doing woodworking and selling crafts to four shops in the Stone Mountain, Ga., area. At the same time, she learned to quilt. When she and her husband were transferred to Arkansas, she joined the local Decorative Artist Club, a quilt guild and became involved with the local "Festival of Trees." She is president of the Niles Art Association.



Part of Zona's "Circles" exhibit.

Zona was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., and grew up in Niles, where she graduated from high school. She furthered her studies at Southwestern Michigan College. After receiving her associate's degree in fine arts, which emphasized ceramics, she pursued another degree in fine arts from Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Mich. Immediately after receiving her bachelor's degree, she moved to New Mexico to further investigate ceramics and weaving, then earned her Masters in Fine Art from the University of New Mexico in 2009. She focuses on large-scale ceramic and textile installations.

Center hours are (all times Eastern) 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. It is closed Sundays. Call (269) 697-4005 or visit [www.buchananartcenter.org](http://www.buchananartcenter.org) for more information.




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Rittenhouse Senior Living, 4300 Cleveland Ave., Michigan City, raised \$2,070 for Alzheimer's & Dementia Services of Northern Indiana through its sixth annual bazaar and breakfast on Feb. 7.

The bazaar featured more than 30 vendors ranging from Tastefully Simple and Scentsy to local businesses such as Luxe Boutique and Threadbenders Quilt Shop. All donations received from breakfast, bake sale and vendor table fees went to Alzheimer's & Dementia Services of Northern Indiana. The group offers an Alzheimer's and dementia support group at 2:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Rittenhouse, a facility that offers memory care services, assisted living and independent living for anyone 55 and older.



Photos by Maureen Rice

## Youth Chamber Competition

May 5 is the application deadline for Michigan City Chamber Music Festival's fourth annual Harold A. Smith Youth Chamber Competition, which is May 16 at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St.

There are two divisions: junior (eighth grade and younger) and senior (ninth through 12th grades). First prize in the Junior Division wins a \$200 scholarship and first prize in the Senior Division a \$400 scholarship. The guidelines are:

### Junior Division

- All groups must have a minimum of two players (eight players is the suggested maximum). Conductors are not permitted.
- Groups must perform five minutes of music. Selection(s) must be in the "classical" genre only.
- Arrangements will be permitted.
- All groups must provide two copies of the score(s) to the judges. If scores are not available, two copies of each individual part must be provided.
- The winning group must be available to perform at the MCCMF's final concert of the season at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16.
- Provide an adult's contact information.

### Senior Division

- A minimum of two players is required (eight players is the suggested maximum). The MCCMF cannot provide more than one piano nor percussion instruments. Conductors are not permitted.
- Groups must perform at least two contrasting works. Performing contrasting movements of the same work is permitted. At least 15 minutes of music must be prepared. Judges may ask groups to perform any section of selected works. Selections must be from the standard classical repertoire.
- Arrangements will not be permitted.
- All groups must provide two copies of the score to the judges. Measures must be numbered.
- The winning group must be available to perform at the MCCMF's final concert of the season at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16.
- An adult contact person must be designated. A member of the ensemble may be the adult contact person if he/she is 18 years old.

### Application Information

All groups must send a letter with:

- A \$15 non-refundable registration fee per player for each ensemble.
- Names and instrumentation of the ensemble.
- Name(s) of composition(s) to be performed.
- Ensembles must present an adult contact person. Include full name, relationship to student(s), mailing address, email and phone number.

Send the information to: Michigan City Chamber Music Festival 2015 Harold A. Smith Youth Chamber Music Competition, P.O. Box 894, Michigan City, IN 46361. Direct questions to Artistic Director Nic Orbovich and the MCCMF at (219) 561-1939 or email nicsunnysophia@yahoo.com

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## “40 Years of Collecting”

Patric McCoy, who heads a non-profit group of contemporary art collectors from Chicago's black community, will present the program “40 Years of Collecting” from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

McCoy, president of Diasporal Rhythms, will discuss the influence collecting has in determining which artists and artworks become significant in art history. Lubeznik Center is hosting the free program in honor of Black History Month.



Patric McCoy discusses works of art with a group of young guests.

“The idea of one man collecting so much art by local artists intrigued me and gave me a sense of McCoy's commitment to contributing to his own spirit and culture,” LCA Education Director Janet Bloch said.

McCoy has amassed 1,000 artworks — 90 percent by Chicago artists — over several decades and will share images from his collection, as well as insight about the importance of supporting local artists.

McCoy started Diasporal Rhythms with several others to support artists who are actively producing compelling art within their community.

“Our organization of collectors was formed to be one of the first voices in the community to identify, promote, honor and validate those visual artists that we find, through our collecting activities, are producing works of exceptional artistic merit and of cultural significance,” he said. “The people that ‘acquire’ the art should become ‘collectors of the art’ and act in a manner to promote and preserve the art that has come out of our community.”

“Art appreciation is for everyone, but the art as a culturally defining concept belongs to people, in a place, at a specific point in time.”

Call the center at (219) 874-4900 or visit [www.lubeznikcenter.org](http://www.lubeznikcenter.org) for more information.

## Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available through Westchester Public Library:

- **NorthShore Health Center free blood-pressure screenings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Those interested also can receive help calculating Body Mass Index. Screenings also are offered from 1 to 4 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter. Call NorthShore Outreach Coordinator Maysha Carlson at (219) 742-8145 for more information.

- **Bookmarks at the Museum, Emily St. John Mandel's “Station Eleven,” at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Susan Swarner will review the book, a finalist for the 2014 National Book Award for Fiction.

- **“The 100 Great Books Party” from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Thomas Library.**

The event marks the opening reception for a new mini reading room in the Children's Department and featuring a bookshelf of “100 Great Books to Read before You Grow Up.”

- **Saturday Movies at Hageman, “The Box Trolls,” at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Hageman Library.**

The movie, rated PG, has a running time of 96 minutes. Popcorn will be available.

- **Trivia Night at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Westchester Township History Museum.**

No registration is necessary, but space is limited so arrive early.

- **Bits and Bytes series, “Introduction to Web Design,” from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 5, in the Serials/Automation Department at Thomas Library.**

The class is free. Make reservations by visiting or calling the Serials Department at (219) 926-7696, Ext. 1125, or register online at <http://www.wpl.lib.in.us/>. Click on the Bits and Bytes link.

- **“Maker Mondays” at 6:30 p.m. Mondays in March in the Children's Department at Thomas Library beginning March 9.**

Children 8-11 are invited to register for each session. “Makerism” is learning-through-doing in a social environment. The first project is marble mazes, then catapults March 16, Perler bead projects March 23 and an open build March 30. Call (219) 926-7696 to register.

- **Intro to Crochet for Adults and Young Adults from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, at Thomas Library.**

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## “Pipelines & Borderlines”

“Pipelines & Borderlines,” a new exhibit that follows the tradition of Mexican political printmaking in two portfolios, runs Feb. 21 through April 6 at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

An opening reception for the show, held in the center’s NIPSCO Education Studio, is from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7.

The first portfolio focuses on the Tar Sands in Alberta, Canada, which according to climate scientists are the worst, most dangerous environmental disaster in the world. The second focuses on the other end of the pipeline, the BP Refinery in Whiting, Ind., on Lake Michigan. BP’s record includes the worst oil spill in American history. Chicago artist Beverly Keys curated both portfolios. Together, they comprise 37 prints produced by 31 North American artists, including Eveline Kolijn, Rene’ Arceo of Chicago and Nicolas de Jesus of Mexico.

Call the center at (219) 874-4900 or visit [www.lubeznikcenter.org](http://www.lubeznikcenter.org) for more information.

## Performance Based Art Installation

Walnut Ink Projects, 607 Franklin St., Michigan City, will host “Red Tape,” a conceptual, performance-based art installation, Feb. 20 through March 18.

The opening performance is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, and continues at the same time each ensuing Friday. An artist talk is at 6 p.m. Friday, March 20.

The installation, according to a press release, is based on “the awareness of bureaucracy and its unintentional formalities that digest the nourishment of our relationship with life.”

Call (219) 393-0796 for more information.

## Marquette Student Honored



Marquette Catholic High School congratulates Antonio White, who received the 10th grade drawing prize in the Indiana-Illinois High School Art Competition and Exhibition through Purdue University’s Department of Art and Design. White graduates from Marquette in 2017.

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## Indoor Flea Markets

New Troy's free Indoor Flea Market continues from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST Saturdays, Feb. 21 and 28, at New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road.

Past flea markets included tools, housewares, antiques, photography, jewelry, crafts and books. In addition to the many vendors, the center features the Homeroom Store, which sells used furniture, housewares and books.

Refreshments will be sold. Proceeds from space rentals and Homeroom sales benefit the center, an all-volunteer facility run by the non-profit Friends of New Troy.

Vendor spaces are still available at \$10 per table. Contact Janna at (773) 375-1514 or [janna@jannariley.com](mailto:janna@jannariley.com) for more information.

## Healthy Living Seminar

The Purdue University-North Central Office of Graduate and Extended Learning and Department of Nursing and Health Studies will offer a healthy eating seminar, "Healthy Delicious Smoothies," at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, in Library-Student-Faculty Building, Room 144.

Amelia Wilson, PNC continuing lecturer of Health Studies, will explain the benefits of increasing the intake of fruits and vegetables with smoothies. She will share recipes that include fresh and healthy foods. Participants will sample smoothies that can be easily, quickly and affordably replicated at home.

Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at [www.pnc.edu/gel](http://www.pnc.edu/gel) or at the door. Contact Cassandra Boehlke, Graduate and Extended Learning coordinator, at (219) 785-5200, Ext. 5343, or [cboehlke@pnc.edu](mailto:cboehlke@pnc.edu) for more information, or visit [www.pnc.edu/gel](http://www.pnc.edu/gel)

## Artist Reception

The Inn at Harbor Shores, St. Joseph, Mich., will host an artist reception featuring Ladislav Hanka's "Spawned by the Great Lakes: Etchings from the Watersheds of Michigan" and Jana Hanka's ceramic sculptures from 5 to 7 p.m. EST Friday, Feb. 20.

This is the gallery's fourth exhibit during its inaugural year.

Ladislav Hanka, Kalamazoo, Mich., examines themes of life, death and transfiguration – nature as the crucible in which man finds a reflection of his own life and meaning. Over the years, that has meant visiting old trees and drawing them from life, artist residencies at Isle Royale, circumnavigating Lake Superior and angling for the various trout and pike he's needed as models for his etchings.



Ladislav and Jana Hanka.

Hanka has a bachelor's degree of arts from Kalamazoo College, a Master of Fine Arts in printmaking from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in zoology from Colorado State University. He's also had more than 100 one-man exhibits, and his etchings can be found in more than 100 public collections, from Detroit Institute of Art and Newberry Library in Chicago to Princeton University Print Collection and Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University.

Jana Hanka, also of Kalamazoo, received her Master of Fine Arts from the Prague Academy of Fine Arts in 1980 and has been living in the USA since 1987. She began as a painter and evolved into a sculptor, employing clay and bronze.

The Inn at Harbor Shores is located at 800 Whitwam Drive. The gallery's art program has two components: a permanent collection displayed in rooms and public areas and rotating exhibitions curated by Susan Wilczak. Visit [www.innatharborshores.com](http://www.innatharborshores.com) for more information.

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## “Shape Note” Focus of Program

Music historian Suzanne Flandreau will discuss the 18th century “shape note” singing method at 6:30 p.m. EST Monday, Feb. 23, at New Buffalo Township Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Flandreau will shed light on the singing school movement that supported congregational singing. The most popular songbook today from the movement is “Sacred Harp,” last revised in 1991. The movement includes New England psalmody and fusing tunes, folk hymns, revival songs and later compositions.

Flandreau retired in 2012 as head librarian and archivist of the Center for Black Music Research at Columbia College Chicago.

The free program is through the Friends of the Library’s Community Forum. Call (269) 469-2933, follow the Friends of New Buffalo Library Facebook link at [www.newbuffalo.michlibrary.org](http://www.newbuffalo.michlibrary.org) or email [new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com](mailto:new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com) for more information.

## Taltree Seeking Artists

Artists are sought for Taltree Arboretum & Gardens’ third annual “Glow: Art After Dark” from 8 to 11 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 13-15.

The three-day family friendly event features artwork, performances and hikes that focus on the nocturnal. Artists of all ages, mediums and skill levels are welcome. Participation is free and considered in-kind support. The work must glow in some way. Each artist will be offered a 10-by-10 outdoor space to display their artwork and sell it if desired.

Registration forms can be found at [tinyurl.com/kfc36ak](http://tinyurl.com/kfc36ak). More information about artwork requirements can be found there as well. Questions or concerns regarding artwork or the event can be directed to Amanda Hedges at [ahedges@taltree.org](mailto:ahedges@taltree.org).

Taltree is located at 450 W. County Road 100 North near Valparaiso.

## Origami Class

Leslie Cefali will offer an intermediate class, “Origami for Kids and Brave Adults — Hexagons,” from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The class is designed for children 9 and older, along with any interested adults. Everyone must have some origami experience. Most origami models incorporate square pieces of paper. Students will use six-sided shapes instead, creating snowflakes, stars and other patterns. They also will transform a rectangle into a hexagon with one easy cut.

The class cost is \$40, with members receiving a \$5 discount. An additional \$5 materials fee will be collected during class. Call (219) 926-4711 for more information.

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# Shelf Ice Brew Fest

Large crowds attended the first Shelf Ice Brew Fest on Feb. 7, held on Franklin Street between Sixth and Eighth streets. The event, all proceeds from which benefitted the non-profit Michigan City Mainstreet Association, featured samples of brews and artisan foods, along with ice carvers and other entertainment.



Photos by Maureen Rice



## Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

- **The Save the Tunes Council performs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 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.

- **Join a ranger to prepare for "Maple Sugar Time" from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 21, at Chellberg Farm.**

Help "wake up the sugar bush" in preparation for the annual event, including: cleaning the sugar shack, moving equipment, preparing fire wood and tapping a few trees. Work gloves and equipment will be provided. Dress appropriately for the weather. Meet at the Chellberg parking lot, which is on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20.

- **Douglas Center Open House from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Saturday at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Explore the center and view interactive exhibits, a park video and live animal room. If there is enough snow, visitors can borrow cross-country skis or snowshoes to explore the Miller Woods Trail just outside the center. Warm up inside with a snack and hot chocolate or coffee.

Through March, hands-on exhibits feature other national parks with African-American connections, complete with an indoor scavenger hunt for prizes.

- **The free Junior Ranger Program from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the 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.

- **"Kid's Rule" from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Visitor Center.**

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

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.

## Michigan City Public Library

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

- **Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 18 and 25.**

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, Feb. 18 and 25.**

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.

- **Bookmarks: "Station Eleven" at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20.**

Emily St. John Mandel's book was a finalist for the 2014 National Book Award for Fiction.

- **Free movie showing, "The Box Trolls," at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21.**

The movie is rated PG. Refreshments will be available. Children 18 and younger are eligible to win a copy of the movie.

- **Angels Among Us at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24.**

Angie Benz leads the discussion on the presence of angels in everyday lives.

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



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## Mighty Mitre



Kai Keehn, a Notre Dame Catholic School first-grader, loved seeing Bishop Donald Hying so much at Marquette Mass, he begged his mother for his own bishop hat. Kai even knew the proper name for the hat — a mitre.

## Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:

### Saturday, Feb. 21

- **10 a.m. — Snowshoe Shuffle.**

Meet the park interpreter in the Nature Center for an introduction to the mode of winter transportation. Guests then try on a pair for a short walk through the winter woods. A short hike will be offered if there isn't enough snow.

- **2 p.m. — High Tech Scavenger Hunt.**

Meet at the Nature Center for the program that involves geocaching and GPS use.

### Sunday, Feb. 22

- **10 a.m. — Feed the Birds.**

Join a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding. Get close views of chickadees, cardinals and woodpeckers.

- **2 p.m. — Winter Reflections.**

Meet at the Nature Center auditorium for the slide-show tour of the dunes in four seasons.

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.

## PNC Students Reading Event

Purdue University-North Central Education students will celebrate Read Across America through activities from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at Westville Public Library, 153 W. Main St.

Read Across America is a national activity, promoted by the National Education Association, in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Similar reading events are planned across the country.

PNC students in the Teachers Networking Together student organization will host age-appropriate activities for children 2-12 in a casual environment that promotes reading. Youngsters must be accompanied by an adult.

Activities will include making an Oobleck, a gooey green substance that gets its name from the Dr. Seuss book "Bartholomew and the Oobleck," where Oobleck fell from the sky and wreaked havoc in the kingdom. PNC students will read at least two books an hour, while activities will include hats and Lorax shapes.

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### Edgewood Drama Club Show

More than a dozen young ladies from Edgewood Elementary School will be belles of the ballroom Feb. 19 in "Beauty is a Beast."

The play, staged by Edgewood's "Dream Big Drama Club," is a tale of reverse fortune where a beautiful, and spoiled, princess learns true beauty comes from within. Only then does she find her "happily ever after."

"This year's play raises the creative bar because of the multiple costume changes for some of the actors," said Teresa Pavloff, Drama Club director and Edgewood kindergarten teacher.

Edgewood students and their families will enjoy two private performances on Feb. 19.

The drama club formed during the 2013-2014 school year. Student members learn the process of auditioning, stage and practice etiquette and how to work as a collaborative group. All students who auditioned and were willing to abide by the club contract rules earned a role in the first production, "Peggy and Pat: The Pint-Sized Pirates." Students also participated in a Spirit Week assembly to provide motivation for the ISTEP+ tests.

Pavloff says funding for costumes, sets and props is provided through a Michigan City Education Foundation grant and donations from families.

"Parents and families also play an important role by helping us build and paint sets," she says. "Without them, it would be impossible to put on these elaborate productions."



The cast is (front row, from left) Emily Gross, Adriana Roberts, Kendra Lamberg, Gabby Garner and Dominique Fields. The back row is (from left) Caroline Vara, Katlynn Choate, Aryanna Hartsburg, Matthew Ramirez, Gwyneth Sardon, Alexis Gross, Brandon McNeal, Kimberly Duenas and Summer McGee. Not pictured are Amellia Moss, Samiyyah Agee and Keshawn Baker.



Working on the set are Aviana Garner and Mr. and Mrs. Vara.

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A hush fell over the room as the performers took their places. The audience then became involved in the action. The dancing was exquisite, Tchaikovsky's music relaxing, restful and stressful to match the story. By the end, some 50 minutes later, everyone cheered and clapped. The performance enthralled them.

About 300 people attended two performances Feb. 7 of Metamorphis Traveling Theatre's "The Annotated Swan Lake Ballet" at La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

Shortly, this fabulous ballet will be seen by local school children as Metamorphis Traveling Theatre takes its production to two Head Start classrooms in March.



Judith Joseph (right) answers questions during a work session prior to the performance.

Judith Joseph, mistress of ceremonies, said future performances will be dedicated to the memory of Sally Montgomery, her own ballet teacher.

"Sally...encouraged me throughout her life to take big steps," Joseph said. "No matter where in the world I was dancing, she always let me know she was watching with her heart and called me her 'swan.' Her inspiration has been with us all during the mounting of this production."

Joseph, who presided over the show's choreography and annotation, added, "I have over 60 years experience in the ballet field. It's all been marvel-

# Metamorphis Traveling Theatre Unveils Its Take on Classic Ballet

by Jan Van Ausdal



The cast of "The Annotated Swan Lake Ballet" during their performance at La Porte County Public Library.



The young performers playing white swans enthrall the audience.

ous. I now want others to enjoy today's four-scene performance of 'Swan Lake.' I want them to learn to love the ballet, too."

"Swan Lake," composed by Tchaikovsky around 1875-1876, was based on Russian folk tales and centers on the princess Odette, who is turned into a swan by an evil sorcerer.

In addition to rehearsals for the Metamorphis production, work sessions were held to create the beautiful costumes. Characters in the ballet are: Queen Mother (Jeanoma Babcock); her son, Prince Sigfried (Don Peiffer); her pet swan, Cygnet (Sophia Barczak); Odette, Queen of the Swan Maidens (Kim Riley); the evil magician, Baron Von Rothbart (Doug Moon); Odile, his swan maiden daughter (Tabatha Kintzele); and swan maidens at the lake (Tiffany Bowen, Dana Chartier, Maggie Evans and Helen Williams).

The audience was treated to scenes where the queen encounters characters good and evil, several scenes with the white swans, whose feathers floated to the audience, and the black swan.

When the show was over, everyone wanted more. An afternoon's performance was too short.

More, indeed, is what's on the way. Metamorphis Traveling Theatre will present "The Annotated Swan Lake Ballet" for Head Start children at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, March 9, at the Martin Luther King Center and 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the old Central School gym. It should be an unforgettable experience for them.



Those involved in work sessions for "The Annotated Swan Lake Ballet" help create costumes for cast members playing white swans.

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## Ceramics Class

Dean Hultman will offer a five-week ceramics class starting from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The class is designed for students either to work on the wheel or use a handbuilding technique. During the first four classes, participants focus on building original works. During the fifth class, they glaze their pieces.

The cost is \$135, with members receiving a \$25 discount. Students can buy 25 pounds of clay for \$25. All other supplies are included. Call the center at (219) 926-4711 to register.

## Sensory Friendly Movie Showing

La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., will present a free sensory friendly showing of "The Lego Movie" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21.

The room will be lighter, the volume lower and audience members can move about and sing or play. There will be activities for children, and the adjacent meeting room will be open for parents to visit and relax.

The program is designed for children with special needs and their families, but everyone is welcome.

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## Cleansing Yourself of Cleanses

*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 Trainer Shannon Rockstad.*

One of my favorite questions is when people ask my preferred or recommended cleanse for losing weight and "feeling better."

My answer always is: Your body is the best cleansing system around. Awesome, right? I could go into a long explanation of why cleanses are a waste of time, money and energy. Instead, I will point out why your body is the best at cleaning itself out.

We'll just go over two of my favorite body "cleaners": your kidneys and liver.

Your kidneys are responsible for cleaning the blood, which gets dirty through the process of giving nutrients to your body. When this happens, chemical reactions occur and some waste remains and is filtered through the kidneys and out through your urine. This obviously is a very simple explanation, but one that points out how well the body is at recognizing a potential problem and makes up for it.

The liver is the next "cleaner" to be a fan of. It cleanses your blood of potentially poisonous chemicals that stem from breakdowns of proteins, like meats and nuts. It processes your vitamins, or micronutrients, into something the body can use. It also creates a bile that helps with creating your bowel movement, which in itself cleanses the body of waste. Despite cleaning us up, the liver also breaks down glycogen and helps make cholesterol, but for the sake of a short explanation, we'll stick to the "cleaning" aspect.

Now that I've mentioned the two "cleaners" I love that are inside the body, I'm going to mention a somewhat external one, which is water. It not only helps keep the circulation of your body's cleansing mechanisms going, but it also keeps your muscles energized, and if they are hydrated properly, they won't fatigue as quickly. So, when you have had a bad weekend or week of anything that might throw off your system, and you're thinking a good cleanse is in order, remember to first try a week of well-balanced meals, lots of water and a good night's sleep.

Anything in excess or extreme has the potential to upset the normal rhythm of the body. Given this, remember to be aware and be kind to yourself and your body.



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## “Penguin” Pride

The curtains came down for the final time Friday, Feb. 6, ending what has become an annual tradition at Coolspring Elementary School: “Mrs. Hudson’s Penguin Presentation.”

The show has been performed for the past 12 years by Sue

Hudson’s second-graders at Coolspring. Hudson will retire at the end of the school year.

As always, this year’s performance began with a play adapted from the book, “Tacky the Penguin” by Helen Lester. Various penguin poems and penguin riddles followed.

“The presentation requires teamwork, cooperation, patience and most of all bravery,” said Hudson, who added the learning objective of the performance is to master State Standard 2.6 (Speaking and Listening). Using appropriate language, students re-



Sue Hudson’s second-graders give a performance of “Tacky the Penguin.”

cite poems and rhymes, speaking audibly in coherent sentences at the appropriate pace.

“The children have a big job,” she said. “Not only do they have to memorize their part in the play, saying it loudly, slowly and with expression, but also each student

must memorize and recite a poem.

“The penguin riddles are the most fun for them because they see how much the audience enjoys their sense of humor!”

The class gave seven performances of “Penguin” this year, inviting families and all grades at Coolspring, along with parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and neighbors. Three retired elementary teachers, as well as Coolspring Principal Kim Palmer and MCAS Superintendent Barbara Eason-Watkins, also attended the presentation.

## Instructor Led Online Courses

La Porte County Public Library has acquired Gale Courses, part of Cengage Learning, through which residents can access instructor-led online courses through the library website with the use of a library card.

Gale Courses offers access to hundreds of instructor-led online courses covering everything from health and wellness to creative writing, computer programming and GED test preparation. The classes are created by expert instructors, many of whom are working at universities around the country. The curriculum is developed for adult learners; however, students in high school also may enroll.

There is no cost to enroll. Courses run for six weeks, with two new lessons released weekly for a total of 12. New sessions begin every month. The courses are entirely web-based with comprehensive lessons, quizzes and assignments. A dedicated professional instructor coordinates every course by pacing learners, answering questions, giving feedback and facilitating discussions. At the end of each course, students earn certificates of completion.

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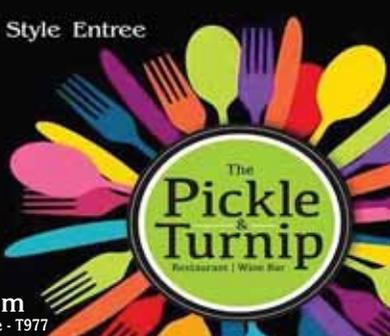
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## Duneland Historical Society

Duneland Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Historical Society members and Westchester Township History Museum staff will present Chesterton Cemetery Tour information from the October 2014 event. Local families and individuals represented in the tour include the Thomas and Morgan families, John C. Cole, the Gondring family, Dr. Hiram Greene, John Lundberg, Henry and Hannah Hageman, David Hopkins and David Tratebas.

All monthly programs are free and open to the public. Memberships are available at meetings. Call (219) 983-9715 for additional information.

## Kindergarten Roundup

Renaissance Academy, 4093 W. U.S. 20, La Porte, a prekindergarten through eighth-grade charter school, will have kindergarten roundup for the 2015-2016 school year.

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## Women in Engineering Meeting

Purdue University-North Central's Women in Engineering and Technology will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, in Technology Building, Room 015.

The event is free and open to the public. A light lunch will be provided. Guests may come and go as their schedules allow.



Sue Zahn is PNC Police dispatcher and a certified Rape Aggression Defense instructor.

The program starts at noon. Guest speaker Sue Zahn, PNC Police dispatcher and certified Rape Aggression Defense instructor, will speak about the R.A.D. program, which teaches girls and women simple, effective safety techniques to protect themselves. PNC has been offering free classes to women on campus and in the community since 2002.

The WIE&T program recruits and retains female students to enrich the engineering and technology profession, making more equitable the gender participation in engineering and technology fields. Contact Martha Garcia-Saenz at (219) 785-5522 or [mgarcia@pnc.edu](mailto:mgarcia@pnc.edu) for more information.

## Bowl for the Cure

The Michigan City U.S. Bowling Congress Women's Bowling Association will host the 14th annual Bowl for the Cure from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Lakeshore Lanes, 2820 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City.

The event raises money to benefit Franciscan St. Anthony Health and IU Health La Porte Hospital's women's cancer centers. Adults are encouraged to raise \$75 and youth bowlers \$25. Any amount raised, however, is appreciated.

Everyone will bowl three games of 9-pin no tap, where those who knock down at least nine pins are awarded a strike. Many local businesses will donate prizes to be raffled off or given away as door prizes.

Call Lakeshore Lanes at (219) 879-9445 for more information.

## La Porte County Parks



All registrations/questions go through the Red Mill County Park Administrative Office, 0185 S. Holmesville Road, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 or visit [www.la-portecountyparks.org](http://www.la-portecountyparks.org) for more information.

### Stroller, Baby and You

Aimed at toddlers and preschoolers, programs include music, dance, storytelling and a hike (weather permitting).

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, March 2, 16 and 30, and April 6, 13 and 27 at Red Mill County Park. Call at least one week in advance to register.

### Parent & Child Discovery Days

The program includes arts and crafts, games and snacks. All activities are related to the topic. Programs are appropriate for children 3 to 8, with an adult required to participate.

Programs are from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Red Mill County Park. The cost is \$5 per child/per program. Pre-registration and payment are required at least one week in advance or until full, whichever comes first. The lineup is:

- March 11 — "Insect Insight."
- April 1 — "Turtle Talk."
- April 15 — "Spring Has Sprung."

### Senior Lifestyles

Join the free 55+ Club, a social club designed for adults 55 and older to learn and explore various types of nature. Free coffee is served to participants.

The group meets from 9 to 10 a.m. at Luhr County Park Nature Center, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte. Call at least one week in advance to register. The schedule is:

- March 4 — "Sleep Disorders and Their Effects on Your Health" with Mindi Whittacker.
- April 1 — "Heart Disease Risk Factors — Know Your Numbers" with cardiovascular nurse navigator Nancy Blossom.
- May 6 — "Gardening" with Sacha Burns of Sunk-issed Organics.

### Spa Day at the Park

The free event that highlights information, sample services and/or products is from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 14, at Red Mill's Pat Smith Hall.

The first 50 present receive a goodie bag. Vendors will present everything from aromatherapy and facials to massages and make-at-home spa treatments. Those interested in being a vendor should contact Laura Moyer at (219) 324-5855.

## Earth Day Exhibitor Spots Available

Exhibitor spots are available for the 2015 Northwest Indiana Earth Day 10th Anniversary Celebration, presented through the Recycling and Waste Reduction District of Porter County on April 18.

Held in three buildings at the Porter County Expo Center in Valparaiso, the event attracted more than 3,200 people in 2013, the largest attendance in the event's nine-year history.

Organizations and businesses that provide environmental awareness, services and products are invited. More information and online registration is available on the district's website, [www.It-MeansTheWorld.org](http://www.It-MeansTheWorld.org)

## Polish-American Cultural Society

Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City Chapter, will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the former St. Mary's School, 321 W. 11th St.

The meeting includes a beginners' Polish language session, followed by a video of a solemn Polish High Mass presided last May by Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz (a former aide to Pope John Paul II) at St. Stanislaus B&M Church, Cleveland.

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## “Display Your Talent” Night

Edgewood Elementary School recently held a “Display Your Talent” family night, during which students showcased unique talents, special projects and inventions.

Many projects and inventions centered on reusing or recycling items. Families also enjoyed making ice cream sundaes, and participated in games and activities.



Dylan Gatzka presents his Tie Die Fondant cake.

A few of the projects were by:

- Saniyah Hill, who investigated the question, “Why Do Ducks Float?”
- Ashley McKinney, who created recycled wind chimes.
- Audrey Marsh, who recycling clothes into a backpack, purse and doll clothes.
- Dylan Gatzka, who presented his Tie Die Fondant cake.
- Ella Frever, who created a recycled spoon lamp.

## LaLu Decathlon Team Headed to State

La Lumiere School’s Academic Decathlon team placed first in the small school division and second overall at the state regional competition Jan. 24 at Kankakee Valley High School, Wheatfield.

The win qualified the Lakers to compete in the 30th Annual Indiana Academic Decathlon State Finals, which were Feb. 13-15 at Purdue University-West Lafayette.

Students compete in the Academic Decathlon in three divisions determined by grade point average: Honors, Scholastic and Varsity.

Lydia Costello, Chesterton, competed in the Honors Division and placed third overall. She also placed second in Economics, Language and Literature, Mathematics, Music and Speech, and third in Interview and Social Science.

Grace Dybing, La Porte, competed in the Honors Division and placed second overall. She also placed first in Economics, Essay, Language and Literature, and Music, and second in Art.

Hannah Fogel, Manteno, Ill., competed in the Honors Division and placed first in Language and Literature, second in Social Science and third in Economics.

Angela Mofield, La Porte, competed in the Scholastic Division and placed first overall. She also placed first in Language and Literature and Social Science, second in Essay and Speech and third in Economics, Mathematics and Music.

Emily Smith, Indianapolis, competed in the Scholastic Division and placed first in Art and third in Language and Literature.

Mary Keiley, Rolling Prairie, competed in the Varsity Division and placed first in Interview, second in Science and third in Essay, Language and Literature, Mathematics, and Music.

Lenik Zaranski, Chesterton, placed second overall in the Varsity Division and received first place in Essay, Science and Speech, second in Interview, Mathematics and Music, and third in Economics.

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## Historic Resources Photo Contest

The Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology is sponsoring its 11th annual photo contest to recognize Historic Preservation Month in May.

The photo subject must be in Indiana and more than 50 years old. Images can include anything from a cemetery, to a main street to a grain silo. The contest does not place limitations on the historic resource's condition. Past entries have involved subject matter with conditions ranging from pristine to undergoing demolition.

Photos can be color or black and white, must be 8-by-10 inches and matted with white or ivory mat board so final dimensions are 11-by-14 inches. Participants should not frame their photos.

The contest deadline is April 3. It is free, and photographers can submit up to three entries. Photos will be judged by a panel of DNR representatives, preservationists and photographers.

Visit [tinyurl.com/lwzw7w8](http://tinyurl.com/lwzw7w8) for a list of contest guidelines, the mailing address and required entry form.

To celebrate Historic Preservation Month in May, selected contest photos will be on exhibit throughout the state, the closest being Elkhart County Historical Museum. Historic Preservation Month celebrations this year also will feature a new "Building of the Day" on the DHPA Facebook page: [facebook.com/INDhpa](http://facebook.com/INDhpa).

Contact DHPA architectural historian Amy Borland at [aborland@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:aborland@dnr.IN.gov) or (317) 232-1647 for more information.

## Senior Crime Prevention Seminar

Rittenhouse Senior Living of Michigan City, 4300 Cleveland Ave., will host a free Senior Crime Prevention Seminar at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26.

Sgt. Chris Yagelski of the Michigan City Police Department will discuss the latest tactics used to target seniors, and reveal ways to prevent these scams from succeeding.

The program is open to the public. Call Rittenhouse Marketing Director Stefanie Olson at (219) 872-6800 for more information.



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## JROTC 2nd in State at Event

Michigan City High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps CyberPatriot team finished second in Indiana in the national CyberPatriot competition's JROTC division

There are 44 JROTC programs of all services in Indiana. The Wolves were denied the state championship by Howe Military Academy.

CyberPatriot challenges cadets and high school students nationwide to solve problems related to all aspects of computer security. Last year was the first time MCHS fielded a team, and this year's team of Capt. Alex Wyman, Sgt. Colin Catlin and lance corporals Corey Witmer, Nathan Heim and Mason Struppa made a marked improvement.

Master Sgt. Jeff Benak, the Marine instructor, praised Engineering and Technology Instructor Ralph Gee, who is the team's faculty advisor.

"Mr. Gee really did wonders with our cadets with the way they improved this year," he said.

Gee was impressed by the cadets.

"I am proud of the hard work and dedication of these students," he said. "They were able to accomplish a lot this year. I look forward to seeing how well we do in future years. These students have a bright future ahead of them."

Maj. Tom McGrath, the Senior Marine instructor, is optimistic the cadets will continue to improve.

"Because this skill of being able to protect sensitive data via a computer network is so critical in today's world," he said, "more cadets are becoming interested in this extra-curricular activity."

This summer, McGrath will take five cadets to The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, to attend a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math camp, which will provide basic skills needed for CyberPatriot. The camp is funded by the U.S. Marine Corps, without any cost to Michigan City Area Schools or its students.

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## Fernwood Botanical Garden

Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve is offering several chances on Saturday, Feb. 28, to meet, and learn from, Ellen Ecker Ogden, professional kitchen garden designer and author of "The Complete Kitchen Garden."



Ogden writes about food and gardens for cooks who love to garden. Her articles and kitchen garden designs have appeared in The New York Times, Martha Stewart Living, Country Living, Country Gardens, Organic Gardening, Eating Well, Better Homes and Gardens and The Boston Globe. She has been a guest on HGTV's "Gardening by the Yard" as The Baroness of Basil.

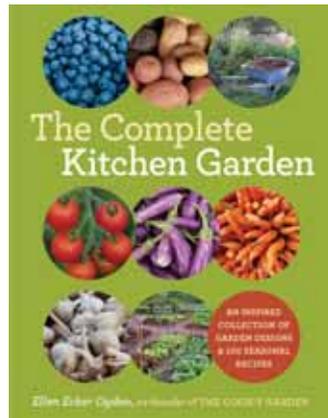
Ogden will present a lecture, "The Art of Growing Food," from 10 to 11:30 a.m. She also will be available to sign copies of her book. The lecture cost is \$20 (\$16 for members). Register by Feb. 27.

Ogden then will be present for a lunch, prepared by Fernwood Chef Tim Carrigan and featuring recipes from her book, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 (\$24 for members). Register by Feb. 25.

After lunch, Ogden will conduct a design workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. Take photos for sharing and anticipate individual attention. A prerequisite to participate is attending "The Art of Growing Food" lecture. The cost is \$40 (\$32 for members). Registration is required by Feb. 25.

All programs are Eastern time. Select individual programs or register for all three at the discounted rate of \$85 (members cost \$68). Register by Feb. 25.

Fernwood is located at 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Call (269) 695-6491 or visit [www.fernwoodbotanical.org](http://www.fernwoodbotanical.org) for more information.



## Service League of Michigan City

Service League of Michigan City met Feb. 10, with President Katherine Brennan calling the meeting to order. Seventeen members were present and four were excused. Minutes from the January meeting, delivered to the membership by email, were approved as published.

Notes addressed to members from Ray Story and Catherine Kelly were read.

Sympathy cards were sent to the family of Molly Karstens, Lois Miller for the passing of her husband and Nancy Van Gilder and Louise Pecoraro for the passing of their mothers. Memorials were made in memory of: Florence Goetz from Fred and Roberta Birnbaum, Marsha Kenney, Katherine Brennan, Beatrice Miller, Catherine Kelly, Linda Goble and Linda Novak; for Dorothy Barnett from J. Kirk and Linda Rogers, Michigan City Public Library, Louise Pecoraro; and for Brenda Kocikowski from Judy Lange. Donations were received from Larry Mitchells and George Connelly. Birthday cards were sent to Lorraine Barr and Kathy Brennan.

Members were reminded yearly dues of \$25 are due by March 1. The Collections Committee sent out 27 first cards, five second cards and five letters. Client contact, especially by phone, is helping get items returned. The Dressings Committee distributed three boxes of 4-by-4 gauze and 47.5 dozen chux. Patients served were: six new and 19 repeat.

The Equipment Committee reported that in January, 77 patients were served, 116 items loaned and 32 items taken out of inventory. Seven donations were put into inventory.

Diana Chambers was welcomed as a new member. The March schedule has been emailed to members. Twelve thank-you notes have been mailed.

The next Service League Give-Back is March 10 at Holly's Restaurant. Coupons are available at the office, 301 E. Garfield St., or from any Service League member. Carson's Community Days coupon books are available for \$5 and can be purchased from any member or at the office.

Members gave a huge "thank you" to Members Advantage Credit Union for its recent \$500 donation to the League to buy medical equipment.

The League again will award at least one \$1,000 scholarship to a student who lives in the Michigan City Area Schools district, has completed at least one year of a college program and is majoring in physical therapy, occupational therapy or related field. Applications will be available next month.

The League is a volunteer, non-profit group that loans medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs and toilet aids to residents for a three-month period and live within the MCAS boundaries. Anyone interested in volunteering can call the office at (219) 872-1144. The office is open between 9 a.m. and noon and 1 and 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is closed holidays.

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1. Striking Beauties	17.5	6.5
2. Wine-ettes	15	9
3. IncrediBowls	14	10

<b>HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAMES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
1. Lenore Hadaway	179
1. Tammy Vouri	179
2. Nancy Kubath	175
3. Ann Bogart	174
4. Tammy Nelmar	169
5. Barb McCorkel	165
6. Sue Labovitz	160
7. Dottie Brinkman	157
8. Jill Mellen	155
8. MaryLou McFadden	155
9. Margie Midkiff	151

### THREE STRIKES IN A ROW

Lenore Hadaway, Mary Lou McFadden and Ann Bogart

### SPLITS

1. MaryLou McFadden	5-10
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Feb. 3, 2015

<b>TEAM STANDING</b>	<b>WON</b>	<b>LOST</b>
1. Striking Beauties	14.5	5.5
2. Gutter Golfers	12	8
2. Wine-ettes	12	8
2. Pin-ettes	12	8
2. Pin Ball Wizards	12	8

<b>HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAMES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
1. Liz Lutterbach	186
2. Pam Dwight	182
3. Jill Mellen	166
4. Pat Shikany	163
5. Ann Klosinski	157
5. Tammy Vouri	157
6. Carrie Alexander	154
7. Sue Labovitz	150
7. Barb McCorkel	150



Nancy Kubath 406

### THREE STRIKES IN A ROW

Liz Lutterbach and Lenore Hadaway

### SPLITS

1. Carolyn Wiggins	3-10
2. Pam Dwight	5-7
3. Debra Smith	3-10
4. Tammy Vouri	5-7
5. Linda Neulieb	3-10

## "Tiny Tunes Trivia Night"

La Porte County Symphony Orchestra will host its Children's Chorus fundraiser, "Tiny Tunes Trivia Night," at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at The Silver Palace, 1719 State St., La Porte.

Participants will compete in the adults-only event for hundreds of dollars in raffles and prizes donated by local businesses. A cash bar will be provided. Teams can take their own snacks.

Register individually for \$25 or as a team of eight for \$100 at [www.lcso.net](http://www.lcso.net). To sponsor a child in the chorus, click on the Contribute tab, Children's Chorus.

Formed in 2011 as a community engagement program through LCSO, the Children's Chorus, led by Matthew Nelson, is composed of about 40 children and open to all second- through fifth-grade students who love to sing. Participants are taught group and solo singing fundamentals. The chorus is accepting students for the 2015 season. Register online at [www.lcso.net](http://www.lcso.net). Contact Interim Executive Director Tim King at (219) 362-9020 or [executive@lcso.net](mailto:executive@lcso.net) for more information.

## Taltree Summer Day Camp

Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 450 W. County Road 100 North near Valparaiso, is accepting 2015 summer science day camp registrations.

Taltree will offer five science-themed weeks June 22 through July 24. Camps are open to children entering second, third, fourth or fifth grades, and feature experiences such as scientific experiments, learning about ecosystems and animals, hikes, water games and field trips. Programming is mirrored after state science standards and STEM learning.

Scholarships are available thanks to a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Coastal Program.

Children can be signed up for one or all five weeks of camps with themes such as Wacky Water Week, Science Quest and CSI:Taltree. Four of the sessions run Monday through Friday and cost \$165 per week. The fifth session is only four days due to the July 4 holiday and costs \$145. An early bird discount runs through May 1, with a multiple child discount available for all registrants.

Visit [Taltree.org](http://Taltree.org) or call (219) 462-0025 to register or for more information.



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## Activities to Explore

### In the Local Area:

**February 19** — Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St. Suggested donation: \$5, \$2/students. Info: (219) 874-4076.

**February 19** — Patric McCoy's "40 Years of Collecting," 6-7:30 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Free. Info: (219) 874-4900, [www.lubeznikcenter.org](http://www.lubeznikcenter.org)

**February 19** — Bookmarks at the Museum, Emily St. John Mandel's "Station Eleven," 2 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

**February 19** — "Thursday Night Noir!" "Murder, My Sweet" (1944), 7 p.m., Valparaiso University Brauer Museum of Art. Free. Info: (219) 464-5761, [Gregg.Hertzlieb@valpo.edu](mailto:Gregg.Hertzlieb@valpo.edu)

**February 20** — Opening performance, "Red Tape," 5-8 p.m., Walnut Ink Projects, 607 Franklin St., Michigan City. Info: (219) 393-0796.

**February 20** — La Porte County Symphony Orchestra Children's Chorus fundraiser, "Tiny Tunes Trivia Night," 7 p.m., The Silver Palace, 1719 State St., La Porte. Cost: \$25/person, \$100/team of 8. Registration: [www.lcso.net](http://www.lcso.net)

**February 20** — Bookmarks: "Station Eleven," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**February 20** — Save the Tunes Council, 7:30-9 p.m., Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

**February 20-23** — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "Still Alice." Rated PG-13. Times: 6:15 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Mon., 4 p.m. Sun. *Also:* "Oscar Nominated Short Films — Animation." Not rated. Times: 9 p.m. Fri./12:30 p.m. Sat. *Also:* "Oscar Nominated Short Films — Live Action." Not rated. Times: 3 & 9 p.m. Sat. *Also:* "Oscar Nominated Short Films — Documentary." Not rated. Time: noon Sat. All times Eastern. Info: [vickerstheatre.com](http://vickerstheatre.com)

**February 21** — 14th annual Bowl for the Cure, 6-9 p.m., Lakeshore Lanes, 2820 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City. Info: (219) 879-9445.

**February 21** — Free movie showing, "The Box Trolls," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**February 21** — Free sensory friendly showing, "The Lego Movie," 10 a.m., La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave.

**February 21** — "Maple Sugar Time" preparations, 9 a.m.-noon, Chellberg Farm, Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20. Info: (219) 395-1882.

**February 21** — Snowshoe Shuffle, 10 a.m., Nature Center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**February 21** — High Tech Scavenger Hunt, 2



### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail.)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the 'Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in

this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.



### Novena to St. Jude

Holy Saint Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, Faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly

beg to whom God has given such great power To come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition, In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to come to my assistance. Say 3 Our Fathers, 3 Hail Mary's and 3 Glory Be's. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena has never been known to fail. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days.

p.m., Nature Center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**February 21 through April 6** — Exhibit, "Pipelines & Borderlines," Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: (219) 874-4900, [www.lubeznikcenter.org](http://www.lubeznikcenter.org)

**February 23** — "Shape note" program, 6:30 p.m. EST, New Buffalo Township Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Free. Info: (269) 469-2933.

**February 23** — Healthy eating seminar, "Healthy Delicious Smoothies," 5 p.m., Purdue University-North Central Library-Student-Faculty Building, Room 144. Cost: \$15. Tickets at [www.pnc.edu/gel](http://www.pnc.edu/gel) or at door.

**February 24** — Angels Among Us, 3 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**February 24** — Trivia Night, 7 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

**February 26** — Read Across America activities, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Westville Public Library, 153 W. Main St.

**Through February 28** — Vintage valentine display, La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Hours: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tues.-Sat. Info: (219) 324-6767, [www.laportecountyhistory.org](http://www.laportecountyhistory.org)

**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:**

**February 20** — Artist reception, Ladislav and Jana Hank, 5-7 p.m. EST, The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph, Mich. Info: [www.innatharborshores.com](http://www.innatharborshores.com)

**February 20-22** — The 2015 Southwestern Michigan Home, Garden and Leisure Show, Lake Michigan College Eagan Mendel Center, Benton Harbor, Mich. Hours (Eastern): 5-8 p.m. Fri., 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Admission: \$5, free/children 12 & younger. Info: [www.SWMHomeShow.com](http://www.SWMHomeShow.com)

**February 21** — Danny Dine and Phil Anderson, 7:30 p.m. EST, 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](mailto:info@boxfactoryforthearts.org), [www.boxfactoryforthearts.org](http://www.boxfactoryforthearts.org)

**February 21, 28** — Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EST, New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road. Vendor spaces: \$10/table. Info: (773) 375-1514, [janna@jannariley.com](mailto:janna@jannariley.com)

**February 25-April 18** — New exhibits, "Two Together," "Seasons of My Heart" & "Showcases and Circles," Buchanan (Mich.) Art Center, 117 W. Front St. Info: (269) 697-4005, [www.buchananartcenter.org](http://www.buchananartcenter.org)



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**On February 19, 1878**, Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his invention of the phonograph. His assistant, John Kreusi, who constructed the first working model from Edison's drawings, received \$18.00 for his efforts.

**On February 19, 1910**, the famous “Diamond Jim” Brady appetite was in rare form. At a New York dinner party it was reported that he ate seven dozen oysters, five servings of roast beef, two gallons of stewed fruit, and three gallons of orange juice.

**On February 19, 2002**, in Salt Lake City, a win by bobsledders Jill Bakken and Vonetta Flowers gave the United States 21 medals in the Winter Games. Flowers became the first black athlete ever to strike gold at the Winter Olympics.

**On February 20, 1962**, John Glenn, in his *Mercury* space capsule, became the first American to orbit the earth, circling the globe three times before landing in the Atlantic.

**On February 20, 1999**, *Tribune* movie columnist Gene Siskel, 53, died in Evanston of brain cancer.

**On February 20, 2005**, Jeff Gordon won his third Daytona 500.

**On February 21, 1838**, Samuel Morse gave the first public demonstration of the telegraph.

**On February 21, 1846**, Sarah Bagley became the first female telegrapher, taking charge at the newly opened telegraph office in Lowell, MA.

**On February 21, 1885**, the Washington Monument was officially dedicated.

**On February 21, 1925**, *The New Yorker Magazine* made its debut.

**On February 21, 1947**, the Polaroid Land Camera, which produced black and white photographs in 60-seconds, was introduced by Edwin H. Land.

**On February 21, 1995**, Chicago investment millionaire Steve Fossett became the first person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean in a balloon, landing in Leader, Saskatchewan.

**On February 21, 1996**, the Space Telescope Science Institute announced that photographs from the Hubble Space Telescope confirmed the existence of a black hole equal to the mass of 2 billion suns in a galaxy some 30 million light years away.

**On February 21, 2003**, Michael Jordan became the first 40-year-old in NBA history to score 40 or more points in a game. He scored 43 for the Washington Wizards in their 89-86 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

**On February 22, 1810**, Polish composer Frederic

Chopin was born near Warsaw.

**On February 22, 1857**, Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement, was born in London.

**On February 22, 1879**, in Utica, NY, Frank W. Woolworth opened the first "five-cent store," forerunner of the modern "five-and-dime."

**On February 22, 1879**, the first women registered for longshore work on the piers of New York.

**On February 22, 1924**, Calvin Coolidge delivered the first presidential radio broadcast from the White House.

**On February 22, 1934**, the romantic comedy "It Happened One Night," starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert, opened at New York's Radio City Music Hall.

**On February 22, 1935**, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House.

**On February 23, 1685**, composer George Frederick Handel was born in the German city of Halle.

**On February 23, 1861**, President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived in Washington to take the oath of office.

**On February 23, 1905**, Chicago's Paul Percy Harris, along with three friends, founded the Rotary Club.

**On February 23, 1997**, scientists in Scotland announced they had succeeded in cloning an adult mammal, producing a lamb named Dolly.

**On February 23, 2001**, Dale Landsman, creative ad genius who gave Parkay margarine a voice and personality, died, of cancer at his Michigan City home.

**On February 24, 1771**, American revolutionary James Otis, in protest against the English habit of "search and seizure," coined the phrase "A man's home is his castle."

**On February 24, 1942**, the "Voice of America" went on the air for the first time.

**On February 24, 1955**, the Cole Porter musical "Silk Stockings" opened on Broadway.

**On February 25, 1836**, Samuel Colt received a patent for his famous Colt six-shooter revolver.

**On February 25, 1919**, Oregon became the first state to levy a tax on gasoline.

**On February 25, 1964**, Cassius Clay (who later changed his name to Muhammad Ali) defeated Sonny Liston to become the world heavyweight boxing champion.

**On February 25, 1988**, the Chicago City Council passed an ordinance permitting limited night baseball at Wrigley Field.

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The controlled hunts were Nov. 17-18 and Dec. 1-2 at Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Clifty Falls, Fort Harrison, Harmonie, Indiana Dunes, Lincoln, McCormick's Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River and Whitewater Memorial state parks and at Cave River Valley State Natural Area.

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## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

**Revival** by Stephen King (*hard-cover, \$30, available online and in bookstores; also available as an eBook*)

Beware! If you're not paying attention, Stephen King will fool you every time. Just like in this week's recommendation. Oh, it starts out mild enough--family of six in rural Maine, devout Methodists, the usual small-town America story. Yeah, that's what he wants you to think it's about. Think again...

Six-year-old Jamie Morton is playing with his toy soldiers by the road when a shadow comes over him. It belongs to the Rev. Charles Jacobs, the new Methodist pastor. He's a personable young man with a pretty wife, Patsy, and a toddler named Morrie.

Jamie, the story's narrator, is the first to visit the pastor's house, where he has set up a tabletop landscape that even includes a water-walking Jesus run by electricity. In fact, electricity seems to fascinate the good man a great deal...hold that thought! And, for whatever reason, the reverend shares his obsession with Jamie. Hold that thought, too.

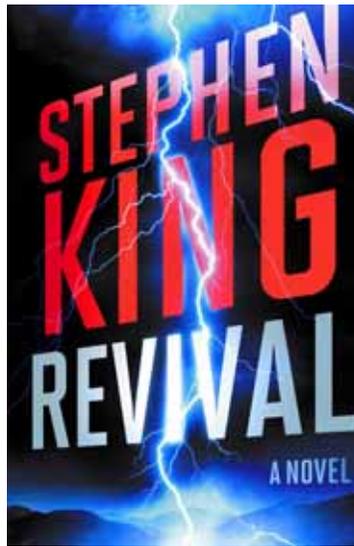
Any way, the church expands with the Jacobs' growing popularity. All the teenage boys are in love with Patsy Jacobs, and the girls feel the same about Charles.

All is going well until tragedy strikes the Jacobs family and Charles becomes a shadow...until he retakes the pulpit some weeks later. Known to Jamie and the family as The Terrible Sermon, it ends Charles' career as a pastor. He leaves soon after.

As Jamie muses, *"Once upon a time, I would have said we choose our paths at random: this happened, then that, hence the other. Now I know better. There are forces."*

The years pass. Jamie finds he has a talent with the guitar when in high school and starts playing with various local rock groups. Although he promised his mother he would not drink or take drugs, Jamie finally succumbs to temptation and starts out by smoking marijuana. This leads to heroin and, after leaving college, Jamie becomes a drifter, traveling from town to town and band to band. His erratic behavior gets him kicked out of every band until one day he wakes up in a motel in Oklahoma all alone, no money. He wanders onto the state fair grounds and finds none other than Charles Jacobs with an interesting side show of his own called "Portraits in Lightning."

Jacobs persuades Jamie to become his assistant and even cures him of his addiction with his electri-



cal device. Jamie is finally free from the monkey on his back, but suspicious of the cure. Jacobs' obsession with electricity seems to have taken a bend in the road...a road that could lead where? Jamie isn't sure, but he sticks around, and as he says, *"Curiosity is a terrible thing, but it's human."*

The pair split again. Jacobs gives Jamie the name of a record producer, Hugh, in Colorado who owes him a favor. Jamie meets Hugh and finds out the reason for the favor owed Jacobs: he cured Hugh of his arthritis. Any side effects, Hugh? More years go by, Jamie is still clean, but the cure resulted in some strange side effects that left him wondering about the di-

rection Jacobs' electricity is taking him.

The next time Jamie finds Jacobs, it's at a tent revival, with him the star of the show and healing people by the score! Jacobs, who had renounced Christianity, now calling on the Almighty to help him heal? Not strangely enough, he is still using electrical devices for his "cures."

It can only go downhill from here, right? Well, it does, of course, but I can go no further in the telling of Jamie's tale. As the old proverb goes: "He who takes a tiger by the tail dare not let go." Jamie is drawn to Jacobs' obsession like a moth to a flame, and the climax occurs on a mountain top in Colorado that will make the hair on your arm stand up! It's pure Stephen King, pure magical storytelling.

For myself, I enjoyed Revival as much as The Stand, both of which I think are some of King's finest works.

*People* wrote: "A fresh adrenaline rush of terror from Stephen King...Maine, rock and roll, engaging characters and a pounding build to a grisly end--this is vintage King."

*USA Today* wrote: "Say hallelujah, for the King has risen to the occasion once again."

*Publishers Weekly* gave *Revival* a starred review: "The novel's ending--one of King's best--stuns like lightning."

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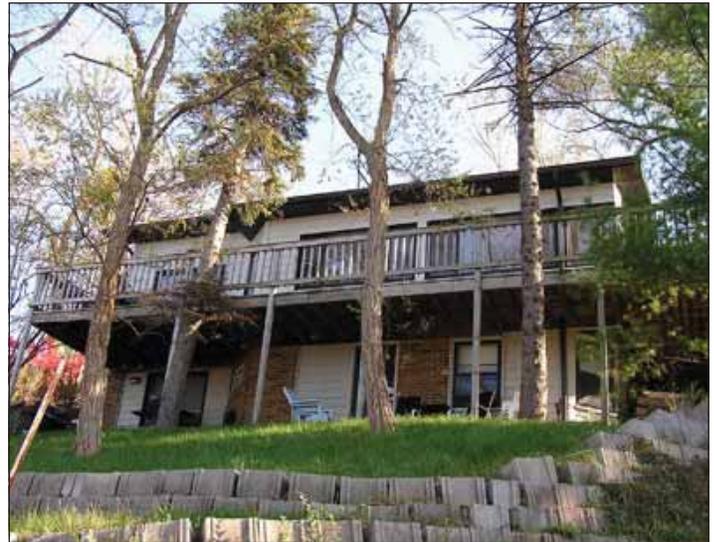
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