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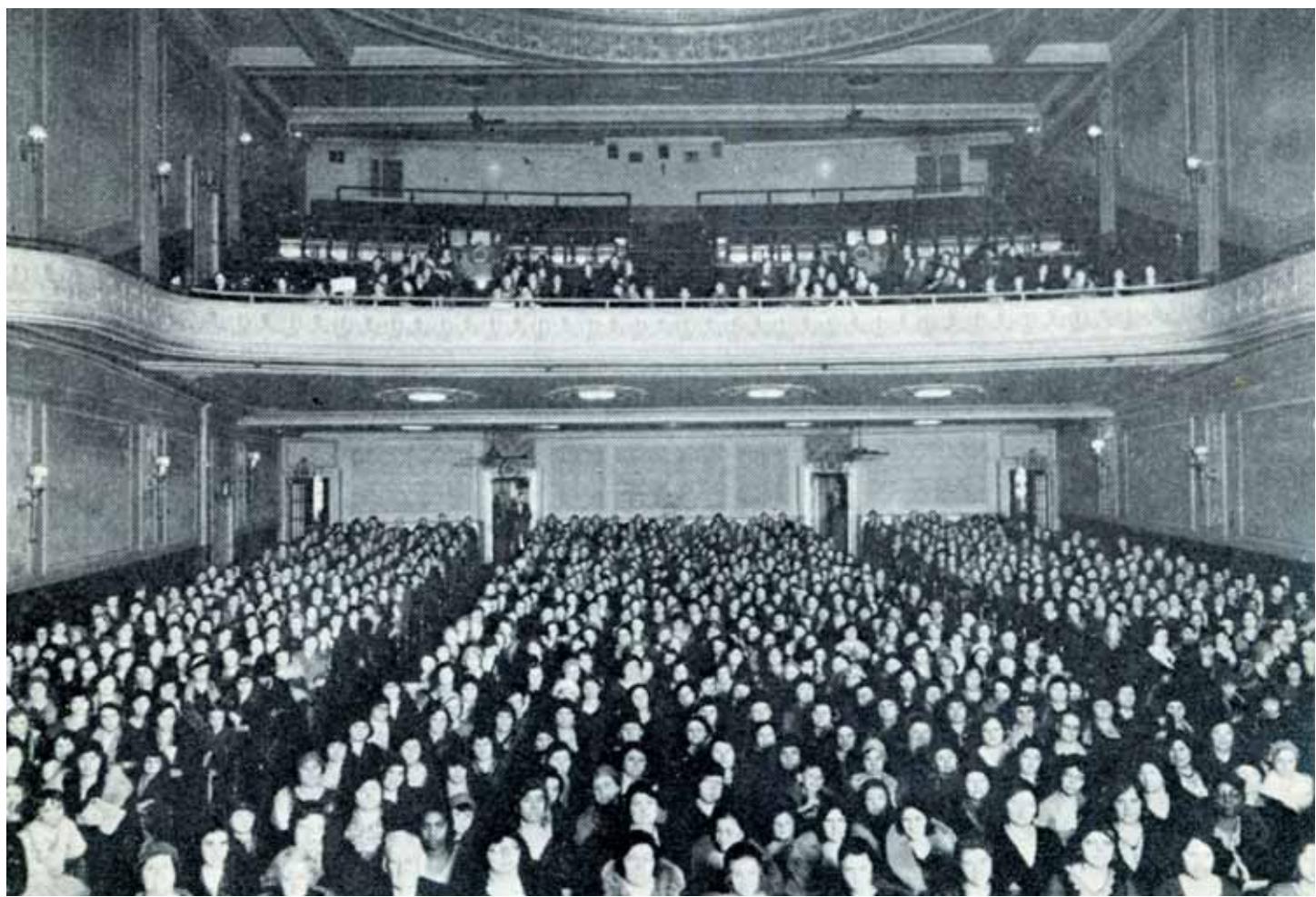


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THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

READERS SHARE MEMORIES OF FRANKLIN STREET MOVIE THEATERS

by William Halliar



A view from the stage at the Tivoli in 1937.

Editor's note — Our series exploring the history behind key locations along Michigan City's North End continues with this followup to our piece about Franklin Street movie theaters.

Memories are so ethereal, snippets of time and space, of faces and places long forgotten, all flashing past our mind's eye. They can take us back in time,

through which, as in waking dreams, we relive moments long past: happy times, sad times, times of great joy.

A word, a look, a faint wisp of perfume, even the smell of hot buttered popcorn, and the past opens up from the far recesses of our minds. Suddenly, we

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are back on that very time and day, experiencing once again all the emotions that came with it.

Today, all of our entertainment needs appear through devices small enough to rest in our pockets. Many of us, however, remember when folks would gather in a darkened room ensconced in gilded elegance. There, shoulder to shoulder, gathered as a community, we experienced the wonder of stories told in motion pictures.

In the Nov. 13 issue of *The Beacher*, our North End series recounted the history of several movie theaters that stood on the north side of Franklin Street "back in the day." We asked readers to share their memories of going to the movies in Michigan City.



Larry Lasker recalls The Uptown as being the area's oldest theater.

friendly entertainment. He remembers seeing favorites such as "Tarzan" and many westerns. The admission was just 35 or 40 cents.

After a show, Lasker's family would walk two doors north on Franklin to a little place called Chicken in the Rough, where they would enjoy a fabulous fried chicken dinner with all the "fixins" for a fair family friendly price.

La Porte County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz remembers going to the Liberty, Tivoli and Lido as a child. She has no memories, though, of going to the Uptown, but recalls that after it closed, it became a church. At one time, the admission price was 10

One establishment not featured in the article was the Uptown Theater, a fact brought to our attention by loyal *Beacher* reader Larry Lasker.

The Uptown was located at Second and Franklin streets. Lasker remembers it as being the oldest theater in town. At 300 seats, it was no small venue. It was a real family theater, he recalls, specializing in westerns, cartoons and kid-friendly



Uptown Theatre circa 1928.

cents plus a penny for tax. She always had to have a box of popcorn.

Schultz says she was "madly in love" with Gregory Peck and sometimes went a couple of times to see his movies when they played in town. She and her friends were loyal to musicals. She recalls seeing "Going My Way" several times. "The Ten Commandments" stands out in her mind because she had to wait in a long line to buy a ticket. The movie, itself, was so long, it had an intermission.

As a youngster, Norman Linsemeyer recalls going to all of Michigan City's downtown theaters with his mother and sisters. During World War II, theaters raffled baskets of food before the feature movie started. There also were scrap metal drives, with the cost to see a movie sometimes being two pounds of scrap metal to assist the war effort.

When Linsemeyer was 16, he landed a job as



Fern Eddy Schultz was a huge Gregory Peck fan, heading to local theaters whenever his movies played in town.



Norman Linsemeyer landed a job at one of the local movie theaters when he was 16.

an usher at one of the theaters. On Thursday nights, his job was to set the canopy marquee after the last show to advertise the coming attraction. He says most of the ushers and candy girls were the same age, adding that he remembers fondly quite a few romances unfolding between them.

Linsemeyer was paid 40 cents an hour, but he could see all shows at the Tivoli and Lido for free. He also could eat all of the popcorn he wanted for free. Not a bad gig for a young person.

Robert Baker, who keeps up with news of his hometown through *The Beacher* from sunny San Mateo, Calif., says his most vivid memory of days spent at the movies was seeing "The Blob" with Steve McQueen. The movie was released in September 1958, but did not make it to Michigan City theaters until December of that year.

Baker had about a 30-minute walk south on Franklin Street to get home after seeing the movie.

"As I passed Cedar Tap, I cut across Ames Field through the area where the Jewel store would eventually be built," he said. "Every mound of frozen snow or dirt looked terrifyingly like the organism from space that was devouring and dissolving every human it came in contact with. I was very glad to reach home alive!!"

Beacher reader Arnold Bass sent us recollections of 1951, the summer between his sophomore and junior year.

"That summer, I was hired at the Tivoli Theater as an usher. There were times when I was taking tickets or, with flashlight in hand, helping people who had arrived after the movie began to find a seat in a darkened auditorium.

"On occasion, during a matinee, I had to rein in a few rambunctious youngsters. Inasmuch as there were no janitors on duty, during the showing, I found myself, on occasion, sweeping up spilled popcorn from the lobby floor. If I was on duty when the featured movie changed, I was expected to carry the new movies to the projection booth and return with the previous ones.

Bass continued.



Seeing "The Blob" in Michigan City had a lasting impression on Robert Baker.

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The Tivoli in 1937 showing the biopic "Parnell" starring Clark Gable and Myrna Loy.

"The Tivoli had a beautifully appointed auditorium with a balcony. The projection booth was located at the top of the balcony. The 35 millimeter film was wound around a 12-inch steel reel and housed in a heavy steel canister. I still cringe thinking about carrying them up and back to the lobby. On many occasions, another usher and I would change the marquee and the picture posters to promote the new movies to be shown the next day."

Note that Bass mentions "movies" to be shown the next day. For the price of admission, you got a double feature, a news reel, a serial story or two and a cartoon.



Newspaper ads from the 1930s and 1940s.



The Lido in 1940.

Charlie Hanke remembers Saturday mornings when he could go to the show for a dime to watch serials with Roy Rogers and Gene Autry. Meg Howard remembers the Tivoli and especially the westerns, action movies and dramas, which she enjoyed most. Dick Kosnatka remembers the Lido as having fold-up hard seats, a slanted floor and an admission price of 25 cents. The place was packed on Saturdays. He had enjoyable times at the Lido making out in the back row with his best girl.

The Beacher's Janet Baines worked in concessions at the Tivoli when small popcorn was a dime and a large box with butter was 50 cents. At the Tivoli, she remembers a huge brass chandelier and painted mural on the wall. Of course, she was able to watch all of the latest movies as they came through, her favorites being "Valley of the Dolls" and "Cool Hand Luke."

I sat with Bob and Alice Withers, listening to them tell of their days working at the Tivoli. They met while working there in the '60s, fell in love and were married. Both get a wistful gleam in their eyes as they recall that time in their lives, saying, almost in unison, that working together at the theater was just plain "fun."

In 1966, Bob landed a job as an usher when he was 15. He had to stretch the truth a bit and claim to be 16 to get the job. Soon, he became the all-around "go-to" guy at the theater. Whatever job needed to be done, he was on it. Whatever piece of equipment broke down or malfunctioned, he was called to get it back up and running. He was made head usher and proudly wore his uniform of a red jacket with black lapels, matching black pants and a white shirt and tie.



Janet Baines worked in concessions at The Tivoli.



Bob and Alice Withers met while working at the Tivoli, eventually falling in love and getting married.

Alice worked the concession stand and eventually became the head of that operation, handling inventory and doing bookwork for concessions and the theater. She remembers having to calculate all of the transactions at the candy counter in her head. At the time, she was taking business courses in school and believes her experience at the Tivoli helped prepare her for her career later in life.

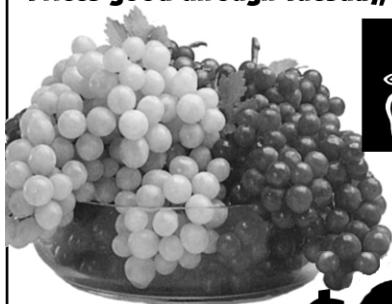
It was kismet that the dashing Bob, in his handsome red jacket, and the hardworking Alice would fall in love at the Tivoli. The theater became the center of social life for the two and their friends. They



A view from the stage at the Tivoli in the 1940s.

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came to the theater to meet, even on their off days. Their service and dedication to the theater was so appreciated by their managers, even friends who did not work there were allowed to join the two in the balcony to watch movies while eating free popcorn.

The two did whatever it took to keep the theater running efficiently. Bob, who became acquainted with every square inch of the old vaudeville house, did everything from janitorial work to shoveling the sidewalk in the winter to hanging the heavy metal letters on the marquee announcing the next week's feature films.

Alice says her favorite day at the Tivoli was Saturday when parents dropped off their children with a pocket full of change for an afternoon of entertainment. They would buy all of the candy their change would purchase, then, inspired by a sugar high, take over the theater for the afternoon. Alice says she felt like she was "babysitting for the entire town," but stresses it was always fun.

Bob talks of the grandeur and ornateness of the old theater. He mentions the orchestra pit and the spooky basement, which he said had three levels, and the many dressing rooms back stage once used by vaudevillians. He even tells of one of the dressing rooms that all of the young workers thought was haunted and avoided at all costs.

So highly valued were Bob and Alice by their manager, Dan Goldman, that for their wedding gift, as a reminder of where they met, he brought them a brick from the old Tivoli Theater as a wedding present.

So many memories of days gone by. These were the days of carefree youth, and of growing up in Michigan City, of silver screen stars larger than life and dreams of the future.

Memories that live on thanks to our readers who so willingly shared them with us.



The Starland Theatre at 428 Franklin St. circa 1930.

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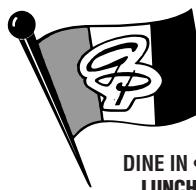
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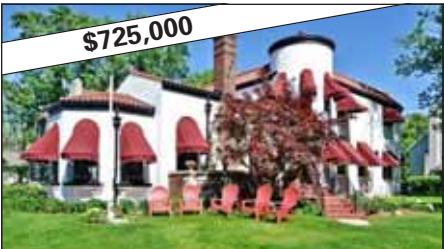
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2002 Lakeshore Drive, Long Beach



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SSAA Exhibit

This weekend marks the last chance to see the exhibit "Perspectives from Extraordinary Students" at Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St.



A collage by Kris.



A watercolor by Joe.

For the fourth year, the SSAA has exhibited young adult art students with special needs. A Michigan City Enrichment Corp. grant, along with other contributions, enabled the artists to explore an eclectic mix of techniques and media. An eight-week art program, taught by artist members of the SSAA, resulted in the exhibit of landscapes, drawings, abstract art, clay modeling, collage and photography.

Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Visit www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com for more information.

Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available through Westchester Public Library:

- **Bookmarks at the Museum at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

LuAnne DePriest and Ronnie Earley will review two Sandra Dallas books: "Tallgrass and Red Berries" and "White Clouds, Blue Sky." Refreshments will be served. It is not necessary to read the book before attending. Books are available at Thomas and Hageman libraries.

- **Launch of the Westchester Public Library Chess Club from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

All skill levels are welcome.

- **Midwinter Magic Show at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at the Westchester Public Library Service Center.**

Gary Kantor will present the magic show.

- **Saturday Movie at Hageman: "When the Game Stands Tall" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

The showing is free. The movie is rated PG.

- **"Meet the Author": Stefan Barkow from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Westchester Township History Museum.**

Barkow, a former *Beacher* correspondent, will discuss his new book, "In Sickness and in Hell: A Collection of Unusual Stories."

- **Bits and Bytes series, "Introduction to Google Apps," from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in the Serials/Automation Department on the second floor of Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Registration is required because space is limited. Visit or call the Serials Department, or register at www.wpl.lib.in.us/. Click on the Bits and Bytes link.

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Helping with the "Books in a Blanket" project are (from left) Hayley Morris, Aaron Ratigan, Jane Rose, Chrystal Ziegler and Karen Bjonback.

Headed by Jane Rose, chapter sponsor and PNC associate professor of English, the project encouraged reading and literacy by giving books to as many children in need as possible. With items purchased by members of Alpha Mu Pi and the chapter, the English honor society members prepared book and blanket combination presents for 24 families. Each package contained two books.

Students present to aid in the creation of the gifts were project organizer and chapter president Chrystal Ziegler, chapter secretary Hayley Morris and members Karen Bjonback and Aaron Ratigan.

The books wrapped in blankets are being donated to charities for distribution to families in Northwest Indiana.

Lakefront Arts Festival

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., is seeking artists for its 2015 Lakefront Arts Festival, which is Aug. 15-16 in Washington Park.

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- Photography (traditional and digital techniques).
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Artists can submit their applications online at lubeznikcenter.org until March 31. However, artists are encouraged to apply by Feb. 28 to take advantage of an early \$30 application fee. Use coupon code Early 2015 to receive the discount at checkout. The late application deadline is March 31, the cost being \$45. Artists with questions may contact LCA's resource associate, Adam Horton, at (219) 874-4900, Ext. 212, or at ahorton@lubeznikcenter.org.

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The Miller Garden Club will host its first "Wine and Cheese Soiree," featuring Chicago Radio Host Mike Nowak, at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Marshall J. Gardner Center, 540 S. Lake St., Gary.



Mike Nowak.

Nowak is the host of "The Mike Nowak Show," which airs from 9 to 11 a.m. Sundays on Chicago's Progressive Talk, WCPT 820 AM and 92.5 and 99.9 FM. His program topic is "That Ain't No Way To Treat A Tree."

Before going to WCPT, Nowak was the host of WGN's "Let's Talk Gardening." In 2012 and 2013, he and Jennifer Brennan from the Chalet Nursery in Wilmette hosted 18 TV gardening and cooking programs called "Dig in Chicago." He has appeared on WGN-TV Channel 9, CBS2 Chicago and the DIY Network. He is an Illinois master gardener and Openlands TreeKeeper.

Club member tickets are \$5, while non-members pay \$10 at the door. Nowak's presentation starts at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served beforehand.

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Teachers, Scout groups, church or other group leaders can check out any of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's free, educational "traveling trunks."

Each of the 12 trunks covers a different topic related to the lakeshore and is adapted to serve age groups ranging from first to 12th grade. For instance, students in first or second grade can learn about Woodland Indians' communication methods using music, pictographs and bead work. Third- and fourth-graders can learn how metal tools, trade goods and treaties changed the American Indian's life. A 3-D model of the movement of water through a watershed is more suited to grades four and up.

For high-schoolers, there are trunks that explore more complex issues such as climate change, invasive species and acid rain. Still other trunks, devoted to birds, trees or the Great Lakes, can be adapted to any grade from kindergarten through 12th.

Visit www.nps.gov/indu/forteachers for traveling trunk activities and content information. Then, contact the traveling trunk coordinator, park ranger Julie Larsen, at (219) 395-1821 or julianne_larsen@nps.gov to make a reservation.

All trunks must be picked up and returned to the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education on Lake Street north of U.S. 12 in the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary.

La Porte County Historical Society

La Porte County Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

After the general meeting, the public can share historical items.

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PNC to Host Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Purdue University-North Central will host the 20th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 19, in the Library-Student-Faculty Building cafeteria.

The day's theme is "Celebrating Harmony Together: 20 Years Honoring the Vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

Sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration Committee and hosted by PNC, the event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 7:15 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., with the program starting at 8 a.m. Reservations are not required.



The featured speaker is the Rev. Dr. John Nunes, the Emil and Elfriede Jochum Chair at Valparaiso University, a professorship supporting the study of Christian values in public and professional life. He is the former president and CEO of Lutheran World Relief, an organization helping people in 17 countries to

work their way out of poverty. Jamaican-born and Canadian-raised, he has a bachelor of arts degree from Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Mich., a master of divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, and a master of theology and doctor of philosophy from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

He is the author of numerous articles, the book "Voices from the City: Issues and Images of Urban Preaching" and with his wife Monique Nunes, "Little Things Make Big Differences: A Story about Malaria."

The event emcee is the Rev. Ron Gaston, founder of The Temple Total Fitness, a Christian gym and community-based non-profit organization in Michigan City. The guest soloist is Delshawn Taylor, a psychology major on the pre-med track at Indiana Uni-

versity-South Bend. A singer since the fourth grade, he has musically directed, accompanied and vocally coached 10 musical productions at South Bend Civic Theatre and local high schools, and performed lead roles with Opera Notre Dame, St. Mary's Opera and the University of Evansville Opera.

The morning will include an excerpt from the play "Rickey," written by Jerry Holt, chair of the PNC Department of English and Modern Languages, featuring actor Steven Becker in the role of Brooklyn Dodgers baseball general manager Branch Rickey.

Breakfast participants are asked to take non-perishable food items that will be donated to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana and directed to local food pantries throughout Michigan City and La Porte. In January and February, food donations can be dropped off at PNC, Curves, 1708 E. U.S. 20 in Michigan City, Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St., and The Temple Total Fitness Gym, 1914 E. U.S. 20.

Guests at the event can view artwork by Margaret Burroughs. The art, on loan from Pines Village Retirement Communities, highlights cultural diversity while encouraging mutual respect and understanding. Burroughs founded the DuSable Museum of African-American History in her Chicago home. It was the first museum of African-American history in the United States. The artwork will be on display outside the Library-Student-Faculty Building, Room 144, through February.

Also, PNC students, faculty, staff and community members can join one of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Projects throughout the area.

From 10 a.m. to noon, students in the PNC Department of Education student organizations will lead educational activities focused on the life of Dr. King at Michigan City Public Library. All children are welcome, but activities are intended for youth ages 3-12. An Interfaith Talent Show coordinated by the NAACP and New Hope Missionary Baptist Church is from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church.

Events continue at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, with a showing of "42," about Jackie Robinson, at Michigan City Public Library.

Contact Laura Weaver, PNC service learning coordinator, at laweaver@pnc.edu or (219) 785-5742 for more information.

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I am very excited to share with you the efforts we have put into our 2015 Official Visitors Guide for La Porte County.

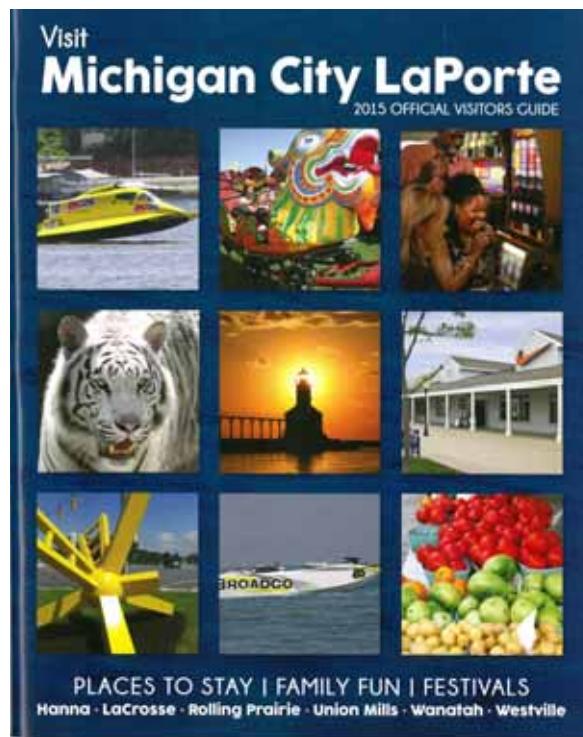
The guide features pictures of some of our events and destinations on the cover. It has a magazine-style look, with vibrant, rich colors, pullout maps and all the information you need to know about what is in La Porte County, and how you can create an itinerary to discover your desired destination.

You will find interesting and compelling stories about staying and dining on the water, the heritage of Wanatah and Westville, Spire Farm to Fork, La Porte County history, recreation activities, First Friday and Second Saturday and pet care. Plus, you will find a comprehensive county map with the Yellowstone Trail and Lincoln Highway highlighted and suggestions about the 25 places you don't want to miss.

Visit at any time during the year, and you'll find many people moving in and out of places such as Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets, Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa, Washington Park, Hesston Steam Museum, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and the historic downtowns of Michigan City and La Porte as they visit the great attractions we offer.

But the bureau is about more than high-profile events and attractions for visitors to the area. It also serves local residents looking for a prime spot to host everything from trade shows to annual conferences. There are many options for your meeting or convention. Why not choose a destination that will increase attendance, inspire your participants and make your work easier? La Porte County CVB offers meeting planners to help you plan your event.

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a good time this winter and early spring. La Porte County Convention & Visitors Bureau invites you to experience events and festivals right in your own backyard. Festivals such as the Winterfest, Maple Sugar Festival, First Friday Art Walk, Shelf Ice Brewfest, Bride Blu, Uptown Fashion Affair and a plethora of fun public events in and around the county are offered.

The free 2015 First Trimester Calendar of Events that covers January through April now is available. The brightly colored brochure offers dates, times, places, websites and phone numbers of many events and festivals in La Porte County. Make sure you get your calendar and enjoy some awesome fun.

Want to know what to do in La Porte County? Get a free visitors guide and calendar of events. We here at the LPCCVB are very proud of the new 2015 Visitors Guide and Calendar of Events. To get your copies, visit our office at 4073 Franklin St. in Michigan City, call (800) 634-2650 or visit www.michigan-citylaporte.com

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Everyone at B&E Marine had a little something extra to smile about at Christmas.

Crew members at the Michigan City-based company raised several hundred dollars since the end of October for the local Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. The company then added to the pot, bringing the grand total to \$2,500.

From October to December, crew members were allowed to wear blue jeans to work if they donated

\$1 to the Red Kettle Campaign. The crew became excited about the campaign and encouraged vendors and customers to participate as well.

Rod Bensz, B&E Marine director of sales/owner, said many B&E vendors and clients helped support the Red Kettle Campaign as well. B&E gave the \$2,500 donation to the Michigan City Salvation Army as part of the overall donation from Michigan City's Rotary Club, of which Bensz is a member.



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VU Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

For more than 20 years, Valparaiso University has celebrated the life and teachings of Martin Luther King Jr.

That tradition continues with a week-long celebration Jan. 15–23. The 2015 events honor the theme “Hope, Action, Change.” Events include:

- Artistic works by Northwest Indiana students on display in the Harre Union. A reception and awards ceremony, featuring a performance by local folk band Shades of Gray, is from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15.
- Community Conversations focusing on Ishmael Beah’s novel “Radiance of Tomorrow” from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, throughout Valparaiso. Visit valpo.edu/mlk/conversations for a complete list of venues and to register.
- A Martin Luther King Jr. Day Convocation Service at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at the Chapel of the Resurrection. The service celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and features keynote speaker Beah, award-winning author of “A Long Way Gone.” In addition, the Martin Luther King Jr. Award will be presented to Larry Baas, professor of political science and international relations, Zahra Nwabara, Law School director of admissions, and the men’s soccer team and their coach, Mike Avery. A luncheon featuring a Q&A with Beah follows the service in the Harre Union Ballrooms. Tickets cost \$12 and are available at the Harre Union Welcome desk or at valpo.edu/union for will-call pickup.
- Focus sessions featuring a variety of topics, including a session with Richard Morrisroe, a Civil Rights activist who marched with Martin Luther King Jr. and co-founded the Voting Rights Museum in Selma, Ala. Visit valpo.edu/mlk/sessions for a complete list of focus sessions.
- A closing program featuring Joanne Bland at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, in the Christopher Center Community Room. Bland is the co-founder and former director of the National Voting Rights Museum in Selma and began her civil rights activism in the early 1960s, marching on “Bloody Sunday,” “Turn Around Tuesday” and the first leg of the successful march from Selma to Montgomery.
- The Law School will host several events at Wese-mann Hall. The annual “Talk to a Lawyer Today” event is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19. At 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Terry Smith of DePaul University College of Law will speak on “From King to Obama: Cycles of Backlash and the Fire Next Time.” The MLK Mock Congressional Debate, focusing on the riots and protestor experiences related to events in Ferguson, Mo., is from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23.

Visit valpo.edu/mlk or contact Kristen Knoerzer at kristen.knoerzer@valpo.edu or (219) 464-6270 for more information.

Stats Tell the Story Over 20 Years

Statistics are one step removed from reality. The “average child” does not exist anywhere. But sometimes, statistics can create a picture that jumps off the page.

Take the median sale price, initial list price, list price at time of sale, and number of units sold comparisons at four different time frames using data from December 1 to November 30 for each time period. We are looking back 20 years, 10 years and 4 years (versus 5 because it was the bottom of the crash) to compare with the most recent 12 months of sales.

Year	Median sold price	Median initial list Price	Median list price at time of sale	Units sold
93-94	\$100,000	\$115,000	\$109,000	194
03-04	\$312,000	\$343,000	\$329,000	287
09-10	\$331,000	\$395,000	\$353,000	144
13-14	\$337,500	\$377,000	\$349,950	230

The Harbor Country marketplace - as I am defining it - exploded between 1993-94 and 2003-04. Median sold price up 312%. Number of sales up 147%. Those numbers are stunning.

The comparison of 2003-04 to the current time is quite different. We have had fewer sales in the past twelve months than in the 2003-04 period. The median sale price has only risen by 6.1% between then and now, and the number of sales has actually declined 19.9%.

All of my previous stats indicate that the period between 2009 and 2011 was the bottom of the Harbor Country market. Number of sales for 2009-10 is down 48.8% from 2003-04 and down 25.8% from 1993-94

But all the other data tell a very different story. The simplest way to explain it is to say that sellers dropped their list prices after they started the sale process in the down period and then sold for even less. Usually 30% less than the peak in 05-06.

Jumping to the current 2013-14 data, we see that the number of sales has gone up dramatically in four years (144 to 230 is a 59.7% increase). But the actual sale prices have increased only about 2% over four years (I call 0.5% increase per year no increase). Prices are stagnant in my mind. But listing prices are more realistic (initial list 10% over sale price and last list price just 3.6% over actual sale price).

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It was a cold afternoon when we pulled up to Rittenhouse Senior Living Center. My friend, Alex, and I had volunteered, along with about 30 other Purdue University-North Central students across two different classes, to interview residents at the assisted living center, helping create a historical record of the area through the eyes of those who lived that history. We were to sit down with a resident, ask a few questions about their lives and listen to their stories.

I sat down in the warmly decorated lobby with Alex and Morgan, the third and final member of our group, and watched as the elderly filed past, offering smiles and saying hello. Each group around us was paired with a resident. We were the last group waiting. The activities coordinator approached us and asked us to follow her down a hallway lined with doors to the many apartments occupied by seniors. As we walked, she told us a little about our interviewee. "She likes to talk a lot," she said, "so be ready for that."

We looked around at each other and shared a sly smile. That is exactly the kind of interviewee we'd hoped for. Finally, we made it to a door with quaint décor off to the side: a small wooden chair with baubles and children's books on and around it. The activities coordinator opened the door and went in to get our interviewee while we waited outside patiently with our video camera. "Hey Phyllis!," we heard the coordinator say from inside the residence. "We have the kids from PNC here to interview you." "Oh great!" another voice answered. "I'm on my way." The activities coordinator walked out while she was talking. "They'll probably talk your ear off, Phyllis." "Oh no," the voice from inside answered. "It'll be the other way around."

Another sly smile. As she left her apartment, and with a chuckle in her voice, she told her husband, who we could see reclined in a chair through the door, not to run off with any ladies while she was gone.

Phyllis Nekvasil rolled out in her electric wheelchair and beckoned for us to follow her further down to the terminus of the hallway, where we could interview her in front of a window so we could have some natural light and room for us all to breathe. As we set up, and the camera started rolling, she asked us, "So what do you want to know?"

"Basically," I say, "we'd like you to tell us about your life growing up in the area, and how you've seen it change and your experiences in life."

The next hour and a half was the most life-changing moment of my entire college career.

I had often imagined whether there would be a turning point, a definite moment in time when I felt like my time at PNC would go from mundane learning any school could give me to an experience that would stick with me for the rest of my life. I wondered how it would happen, what that event would be, how it would play out. None of my wanderings included sitting down and talking with one of my elders.

As we got situated at the end of the hall, Phyllis

BRIDGING THE GENERATION GAP

PNC Student Part of Project to Record Lives of Area Seniors

by Andrew Holt

Editor's note — Andrew Holt, a Michigan City native, is a senior English major at Purdue University-North Central.



Phyllis Nekvasil and Andrew Holt pose for a picture outside her residence at Rittenhouse Senior Living Center.

gestured at her chair, explaining she has Inclusion-Body Myositis, an autoimmune disease that affects the muscles, causing them to dystrophy and wither.

Despite this, Phyllis, born in 1938, was sharp as a tack. As she spoke, you could see in her eyes that her memory was just as good as it had always been. She would act out her memories with her hands and face, living through events that happened years prior. She spoke to us about her husband, her children and Michigan City, and how it looked and functioned before development turned it into the modern town it is today.

As I listened, I watched as her hands remembered holding objects, opening doors and shaking hands. I watched as her face remembered emotions she'd felt, going through expressions of shock, happiness and countless other emotions.

The stories about her career were especially interesting. Being an aspiring journalist myself, her career as a radio journalist caught my attention immediately. Her career started at WIMS on the county line as a secretary; however, after constant badgering and an offer to work for free, she got a position

doing the morning news and interviews for the show. She interviewed many important people, including former President of Egypt Muhammad Anwar El-Sadat's daughter, as well as the late Mario Cuomo and Bobby Kennedy. She told us about her job, how she did it and how difficult it was. It was amazing to hear the story of another journalist's journey into the industry, and how her life was affected by her many experiences in pursuit of her career.

The stories about her family were equally entertaining. She grew up and raised her children in the area, which she watched evolve from a rural town to the hub of commerce and the arts Northwest Indiana is today. She would prepare her children for school in the morning and bring them to school herself, at least in the early stages of their lives. This wasn't exactly an easy task. Her five children went to four different schools, scattered around Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan. This resulted in a frantic drive across time zones, and La Porte and Berrien counties, every morning to get all of her kids to school on time.

Once, she recalls, she was driving her youngest

daughter to school in a time before seat belts — she couldn't have been older than 4 or 5 at the time — and she was headed up a hill when her daughter must've "leaned on the door handle," opened the car door and rolled out of the vehicle. Phyllis hadn't noticed until she looked in the rearview mirror, only to see her daughter in her nice Jackie Kennedy-style jacket rolling down the hill. Phyllis "stopped the car, put it in park and got out, yelling 'Get back in the car, you'll be late to school!'"

During another visit, Phyllis told me about a time after her children began taking the bus to school. She decided to make cookies for her children's teachers, bus drivers and friends. She made them the usual way, with a little bit of sugar and vanilla, and had her kids decorate and shape the cookies to look like hands. After the kids left for school, she decided to sit down and have a cookie for herself. As she bit into the treat, she realized there was something "wrong" about the taste. Something about the cookie was off, not quite right in the taste department. She went to the cupboard to check on her vanilla, only to discover that instead of using vanilla, she had accidentally put furniture polish into 300 cookies for her children's friends and teachers. The bottles looked similar and were right next to each other, which is why furniture polish ended up in the cookies instead of vanilla. Phyllis was, understandably, upset and worried for quite some time about the people who ate these cookies. She was relieved when no one came down ill. Today, she jokes about the incident, saying, "And that's how I nearly wiped out an entire generation."

The stories about her life, and indeed every other Rittenhouse resident, could fill volumes of books. I could have sat there for years listening to her talk. Her mind is a goldmine of interesting stories and morals, not only giving me an intimate, first-person account of how Michigan City and society was like in the past, but also provided a glimpse into the life of a wonderful, glowing, funny person who I am now proud to call my friend.

Just don't eat any cookies she gives you.

More About the Project

PNC faculty Sarah White, continuing lecturer of English, and Bethany Lee, continuing lecturer of English, received an Indiana Campus Compact Scholarship of Engagement Grant for their effort, "Preserving Oral Histories: A Service-Learning Project." The students involved are enrolled in: Introduction to Creative Writing; Introduction to Professional Writing; Introduction to Poetry Writing; Introduction to Non-fiction Writing and Business Writing. A group of students, along with White and Lee, will host a community celebration to present several of the final creative pieces to Rittenhouse residents.



What's Cooking

by Jim LaRocco

Back in the 1950s and early 1960s, many companies made the rounds of grade schools, hawking their products by giving students samples to give their parents in hopes the parents would become customers.

I attended Garfield School between Elston and Ohio streets, where Michigan City Fire Department, Station One, is today. I ended my career on that same piece of property where I attended grade school.

I remember the Silvercup Bread truck stopping by school and giving all of us a sample loaf of bread to take home. The loaf was small and unsliced, but to a grade-schooler, it was pretty cool and we were excited to get it. In the bigger cities, they got to see the Silvercup Rocketship, not just a bread truck.



The Oscar Mayer Weinermobile.

On another occasion, the Oscar Mayer Weinermobile paid us a visit, and Little Oscar handed out weiner whistles. We even got an up close and personal look at the Weinermobile. I would later meet Little Oscar again years later at "The Wizard of Oz" Dinner the night before "The Wizard of Oz" parade in Chesterton.

Do you remember getting milk and cookies in grade school? The milk, usually from one of the local dairies, came in glass bottles that had a little cardboard cap with a tab you pulled off to open the milk. I have a few of the bottles from Peter's and Scholl's dairies at home thanks to a diligent search by my wife, Sue.

When I was in grade school, students took turns bringing in cookies, and we each got one with our milk every day, on rare occasions two.



Salerno Butter Cookies.

It's OK to admit you did it.

I remember building The Mayflower out of blocks in second grade for Thanksgiving. When we were finished, we sang "We Gather Together," and each of us got a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for our Thanksgiving meal. Why do I remember this? Who knows? Perhaps I stored it away for a smooth segue to a recipe?

Try this for a tasty fun snack for the kids, grandkids or the kid inside yourself. Place your favorite hazelnut cream on one slice of bread and your favorite marshmallow cream on another and put them together. You can even add some thinly sliced bananas or strawberries. Serve it up with a glass of milk or on cold winter days a cup of homemade hot cocoa. You also can use peanut butter and marshmallow cream (We prefer Chunky).

Cold winters days are great for baking cookies with the grandkids, or even teaching them how to cook. Our grandson, Cody, has been getting a few lessons lately. He learned how to make horseradish au gratin potatoes and chicken. That is a story for another day!

I want to thank you all for your kind email and facebook responses to What's Cooking. More of you have been trying the recipes and letting me know how they turned out, even asking for cooking advice. Glad I could be of assistance.

Until next time, enjoy.

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Michigan City Public Library

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

- Craft à la Carte at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15.

All materials are provided. The program is designed for children 4-10. Children must be present to receive craft supplies.

- Duneland Stamp Club at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15.

The group normally meets the second Thursday of each month, but postponed this month's meeting by a week due to inclement weather. New members are invited.

- Bookmarks: "Tall Grass and Red Berries" and "White Clouds, Blue Sky" at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16.

LuAnne DePriest and Ronnie Earley will review Sandra Dallas' stories.

- "Understanding Your Dreams" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17.

Experienced dream therapist Terese Fabbri facilitates the discussion on how to remember and understand dreams.

- Lyric Opera of Chicago: "Tannhäuser" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18.

Lyric volunteer lecturer Larry Lapidus will offer music and a behind-the-scenes discussion of the opera playing at the Lyric on Feb. 9-March 6.

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration for Kids from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Jan. 19.

Purdue University-North Central education students will lead activities for children, including games, coloring, story times and crafts, in the library lobby near Youth Services.

- Talk to a Lawyer Today Free from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19.

The Indiana State Bar Association, Northwest Indiana Volunteer Lawyers Inc., the Pro Bono Committee of the First Judicial District and local bar associations will sponsor a walk-in site at the library, open to anyone who needs legal help, but can't afford an attorney. Volunteer attorneys will be available to provide referral information if additional legal assistance or social services are needed. No appointment is necessary. The project is in its 13th year.

- Yoga with David Kipley at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 20 and 27.

Kipley is a recent graduate of Dancing Feet Yoga's Yoga Teacher Program. All levels are welcome. Take a mat and wear comfortable clothes.

- Knitting Club for All Ages at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 21 and 28.

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.

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

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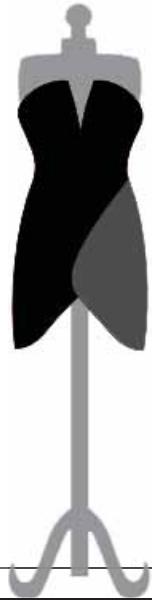


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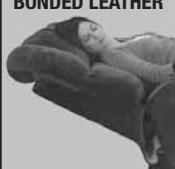
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Brauer Winter 2015 Exhibits

Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art continues to grow its permanent collection, with major acquisitions from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

These, along with prints, sculptures, paintings and other works from artists from around the world, comprise the 2015 winter season.

The exhibits, on display through April 5, include: "Inner Visions: Sacred Plants, Art and Spirituality," curated by Luis Eduardo Luna in the Wehling and McGill galleries; "Ern Koch: Everything is Possible (only how to do?)" in the Education Room and West Gallery; and "Birds Sang at Night: An Installation by Maral Hashemi" in the small Ferguson Gallery.

"Inner Visions" explores ritual use of sacred plants to achieve visionary states. A free full-color catalog accompanies the exhibit, and a symposium featuring major scholars is set for March 25.

"Ern Koch" highlights color woodcuts, etchings, sculptures and other works organized in cooperation with the artist's estate.

In "Birds Sang at Night," contemporary Chicago artist Hashemi combines video and textiles in an installation that deals with her personal heritage and favorite themes.

In April, the museum will display original artwork by VU students in the Wehling and McGill galleries. Also, students will curate an exhibit of Greek and Roman tablets from the permanent collection in the Education Room, and the Ferguson Gallery will house Andy Warhol screenprints, also from the museum's permanent collection.

During spring and summer, Gallery 1212 will feature "The Preposthumous Works of Harry Brown." The summer exhibit, on display May 15 through Aug. 9, will include selections from the permanent collection in the Wehling and McGill galleries, new acquisitions in the West Gallery and "Herman Gurfinkel: Hidden Northwest Indiana Legend" in the Ferguson Gallery.

Throughout the season, the museum will host coffee hours and gallery talks with artists, curators and art collectors. Visit valpo.edu/artmuseum for more information.

National Soup Month

Settlers Place Senior Living, 3304 Monroe St., La Porte, will serve free homemade vegetable soup and a choice of ham or turkey sandwiches in celebration of National Soup Month.

Soup and sandwiches may be picked up from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Call (219) 575-8200 by Jan. 15 with the number of single serve soup bowls and sandwich preferences.

Shakespeare at Notre Dame

Shakespeare at Notre Dame has announced its 2015 season, offering a subscription for the first time in the organization's history.

The 16th season will include one tragedy, two comedies and one romantic fairy tale, all following the theme "Love, Loss and Laughter."

The year kicks off Feb. 11 with "Macbeth" and performed by Actors From The London Stage at Notre Dame's Washington Hall. AFTLS, which features a rotating cast of five professional British actors from London stages, celebrates its 40th year of continuous touring in 2015. Previous AFTLS actors have included Patrick Stewart and Ben Kingsley. Notre Dame is the group's American home.

Writers Austin Tichenor and Reed Martin, stars of the PBS film "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)" and authors of "The Complete History of America (abridged)," will create a new madcap comedy inspired by The Bard. Performances of "William Shakespeare's Long Lost Play (abridged)" begin Aug. 4 in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Regis Philbin Studio Theatre.

The second NDSF Professional Company production is "The Winter's Tale" beginning Aug. 18 in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Patricia George Decio Theatre.

During the summer months, the NDSF also will stage two free productions: "ShakeScenes," performed by community actors of all ages, and the annual Young Company production featuring college and university students from Notre Dame, St. Mary's, Holy Cross and schools across the nation. This year, the Young Company will produce the comedy "Love's Labor's Lost."

Audiences can save 30 percent off full-price adult ticket prices when buying a season subscription to Shakespeare at Notre Dame's three ticketed productions through Jan. 30. Visit shakespeare.nd.edu or call the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Ticket Office at (574) 631-2800 for more information.

Independent Cat Society

Independent Cat Society, 4061 S. County Line Road, Westville, will offer in January an adoption special of any cat older than 1 for \$50 or any kitten younger than 1 for \$75.

A companion of any age costs \$25. The adoption fee includes spay or neuter, current vaccinations, nail trim, flea treatment, microchip and a free initial vet visit with a participating veterinarian within two weeks of the adoption.

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Book Discussion at Sinai Temple

Sinai Temple, 2800 Franklin St., will host South Bend author Gabrielle Robinson, who will discuss her memoir, "The Reluctant Nazi: Searching for My Grandfather," at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25.

The book offers the perspective of Robinson's grandfather, of what it was like to live in Berlin at the end of the war, as well as her own story of life with her grandfather.

Robinson was born in Berlin at the end of 1942. She has a master's degree from Columbia University and a doctorate in modern drama from the University of London. She taught in English departments of U.S. universities until her retirement. This is her first venture into memoir writing.

It is recommended, to improve the experience of attending the program, that people read the book in advance. Michigan City Public Library has several copies available. The book also is available at Amazon. Call the temple at (219) 874-4477 if planning to attend.

Northwest Indiana Green Drinks

To celebrate Green Drinks in Michigan City's second anniversary, Save the Dunes Executive Director Nicole Barker will discuss various projects under way at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St., Michigan City.

The discussion will include managing and protecting natural resources of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, critical buffer areas, supporting the National Lakeshore and State Park and protecting Northwest Indiana water quality.

The group meets the third Thursday of every month at Shoreline Brewery. Events are sponsored by Save the Dunes and supported by 219 GreenConnect. The suggested donation is \$5, or \$2 for students. Call (219) 874-4076 for more information.

Tuesday Night Jewelry Classes

Mara Wible will offer Tuesday Night Jewelry Classes in January at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The offerings are:

- "Framed Ombre Earrings" on Jan. 20, where students create earrings in any number of colorful combinations.
- "Beginning Wire Loop Bracelet" on Jan. 27, where Wible will teach the wire loop technique used in many jewelry 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 by calling (219) 926-4711. Visit www.chestertonart.com for additional information.

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, Jan. 16, at the 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.

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

- "Park in Focus" from 1 to 3 p.m. every Saturday at the Paul H. Douglas Center.

Park staff will host special programs focusing on park resources, hot topics in research, new environmental films or guest speakers.

- "Kid's Rule" from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday 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.

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.

Tutors Needed

READ La Porte County Inc. is accepting applications from those wishing to join its team of tutors.

READ's mission is to increase reading, math, English and digital literacy skills in the community through tutoring and advocacy. It provides free tutoring to children and adults at the library, in local schools and at the Community Corrections Center.

Applicants don't need prior teaching nor tutoring experience. However, to help prepare tutors, READ has four different events scheduled. An initial Tutor Roundtable is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17. Tutor trainings will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, and 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8. An additional Tutor Roundtable is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13.

Current and potential tutors are invited to the free training sessions, all held at La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

Contact READ at (219) 325-0875 or readlaporte-county@gmail.com to register for the Jan. 17 session. Tutor and student applications are available at www.readlaportecounty.org.



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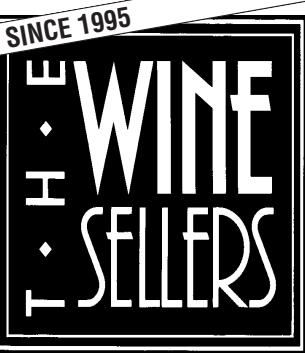
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Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

The Theta Alpha Omega Chapter of Phi Beta Psi Sorority will present a cancer-awareness Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament Saturday, Jan. 17, at Moose Family Center Lodge 980, 1108 Franklin St., Michigan City.

Registration starts at 1:30 p.m., with cards starting at 3 p.m. There is a \$50 entry fee, and no rebuys. Eighty percent of the entry fee goes to the prize pool. Players may purchase a \$10 optional add-on to get 33 percent more starting chips. Players must be 21 or older.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to cancer research grants and medical technology scholarships (various technologies that aid in cancer diagnosis and treatments). Phi Beta Psi has funded and awarded more than \$8 million in cancer research grants through the years and awards several scholarships yearly to Indiana students. The sorority awarded \$324,810 in research grants in 2014.

Although participants must be 21 to play in the tournament, the Moose Lodge will offer a cash bar and food service for participants and guests in the Moose family room. The public is welcome to visit the Moose that day.

Call (219) 210-3062 or email taophibetapsi@gmail.com for more information.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Saturday, Jan. 17

• 10 a.m. — Winter Beach Walk.

Join a naturalist to explore recent storm damage and possible ice-shelf formations. Meet at the Beach Pavilion.

• 11:30 a.m. — Indiana Dunes Geocache Adventure: Crumbly Cookie Tour.

The annual event lets geocachers in the tri-state area compete and have fun. The day ends with a chili-dump at the Nature Center. Visit geocaching.com and search zip code 46304 to register or for more information.

Sunday, Jan. 18

• 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. — Snowshoe Shuffle.

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

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.



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HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAMES

	SCORE
1. Mary Lou McFadden	184
2. Nancy Kubath	181
3. Nancy Klausner	176
4. Tammy Vouri	172
5. June Salmon	162
6. Tammy Nelmar	161
7. Lenore Hadaway	158

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Nancy Klausner.

SPLITS

Ellie Parkerson	5-6-10
Tina Sonderby	4-5-7

Beach Garden Club

Beach Garden Club members and guests recently met at Long Beach Country Club for lunch, marking the final 2014 meeting and celebrating 81 years of continuous service to the beach community.

Members and guests welcomed James Musial, executive director of Sand Castle Shelter for Homeless Families. Musial discussed goals and success stories. Club members collected single-use toiletries and presented personal donations in the amount of \$400 to be used for shelter residents.

The next club meeting is in April.

Book Launch

Thaddeus C. Gallery, 822 Lincolnway, La Porte, will host a launch party/book signing for R.F. Cutler's "Forever Red" from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16.

The plot, according to a press release, unravels as "family secrets unfold, passions ignite and murder plots thicken when the sudden death of Richard Barr Sr. brings his oldest son, Richard Jr., back to his hometown of Gas City, Ind., for his father's funeral. Cutler is a fourth-generation funeral director and former deputy coroner for La Porte.

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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.



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

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Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:

January 15 — Green Drinks in Michigan City, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St., Michigan City. Suggested donation: \$5/\$2 for students. Info: (219) 874-4076.

January 16 — Bookmarks: "Tall Grass and Red Berries" and "White Clouds, Blue Sky," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

January 16 — Midwinter Magic Show, 7 p.m., Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

January 16 — Save the Tunes Council, 7:30-9 p.m., Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

January 16 — Launch party/book signing, R.F. Cutler's "Forever Red," 4-8 p.m., Thaddeus C. Gallery, 822 Lincolnway, La Porte. Info: www.thaddeusc.com

January 16-18 — "Perspectives from Extraordinary Students," Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. Gallery hours: noon-4 p.m. Info: www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com

January 17 — Cancer-awareness Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament, Moose Family Center Lodge 980, 1108 Franklin St., Michigan City. Registration/1:30 p.m., cards/3 p.m. \$50 entry fee. Info: (219) 210-3062, taophibetapsi@gmail.com

January 17 — Indiana Dunes Geocache Adventure: Crumbly Cookie Tour, 11:30 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center, 600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Registration: geocaching.com, search zip code 46304.

January 17 — Saturday Movie at Hageman: "When the Game Stands Tall," 2 p.m., Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

January 18 — Lyric Opera of Chicago: "Tannhäuser," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

January 18 — "Meet the Author": Stefan Barlow, 2-3 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

January 18 — Meet-the-artist reception, Desire'e Simpson, 1:30 p.m., The Village Gallery @ Pines Village Retirement Communities, off Calumet Avenue north of Cumberland Crossing in Valparaiso. Info: (219) 465-1591.

January 19 — 20th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration Breakfast, Purdue University-North Central Library-Student-Faculty Building cafeteria. Doors open 7:15 a.m., breakfast @ 7:30 a.m., program @ 8 a.m. Info: laweaver@pnc.edu, (219) 785-5742.

January 19 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration for Kids, 10 a.m.-noon, Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

January 20 — Women in Leadership La Porte County's "Connect and Conquer Your Image on the Web," 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., La Porte County Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Cost: \$17/members, \$22/non-members. Reservations: tinyurl.com/oxp8prp

January 22 — "Thursday Night Noir!," "Stranger on the Third Floor" (1940), 7 p.m., Valparaiso University Brauer Museum of Art. Free. Info: (219) 464-5761, Gregg.Hertzlieb@valpo.edu

January 25 — Book discussion, "The Reluctant Nazi: Searching for My Grandfather," 2 p.m., Sinai Temple, 2800 Franklin St. Reservations: (219) 874-4477.

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

Wednesdays — Al-Anon meetings, 7-8 p.m., Long Beach Old School Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail. Info: (219) 716-2690.

Farther Afield:

January 16-25 — Crown Point Community Theatre, "Anatomy of a Murder," Old Lake County Courthouse, downtown Crown Point. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fri./Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15/general admission, \$12/seniors, students and military personnel with valid ID. Tickets: CPCT.biz, (219) 805-4255.

January 16-18 — "The Odd Couple," Elkhart Civic Theatre at Bristol Opera House, 210 E. Vista St. Times (Eastern): 7:30 p.m. Fri./Sat., 3 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$17/adults, \$15/students & seniors. Reservations: (574) 848-4116, www.elkhartcivictheatre.org

January 17 — Miller Garden Club "Wine and Cheese Soiree," 6 p.m., Marshall J. Gardner Center, 540 S. Lake St., Gary. Cost: Club members/\$5, non-members/\$10.

January 17 — "Snowflake Saturday," Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Info: (269) 695-6491, www.fernwoodbotanical.org

January 17 — Full Moon Ski or Snowshoe Adventure, 6-8 p.m. EST, Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich. Cost: \$5. Registration: (269) 927-4832.

January 17 — The Bucktown Ramblers, 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

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



On January 15, 1844, the University of Notre Dame received its charter from Indiana.

On January 15, 1870, the Democratic Party was represented as a donkey for the first time in a cartoon by Thomas Nast in *Harper's Weekly*.

On January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King, who would become a preeminent black civil rights leader, was born in Atlanta.

On January 15, 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the NFL defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the AFL in the first Super Bowl, 35-10.

On January 15, 1974, “Happy Days” (which was to become one of the longest running sitcoms on TV) premiered on ABC.

On January 16, 1967, a fire destroyed Chicago's McCormick Place.

On January 16, 1982, Chicago temperatures dropped to a record tying 26 degrees below zero.

On January 16, 2006, “Brokeback Mountain” won four Golden Globes, including best motion picture drama; “Lost” won best dramatic television series while “Desperate Housewives” won for best musical or comedy series.

On January 17, 1706, Benjamin Franklin, elder statesman of the American Revolution, was born in Boston. During his long life, he achieved fame in 21 lines of endeavor: He was a philosopher, statesman, man of letters, journalist, author, essayist, printer, publisher, economist, scientist, linguist, inventor, politician, capitalist, engineer, educator, diplomat, abolitionist, humanitarian, historian, and mathematician. Franklin had only two years of formal schooling.

On January 17, 1955, the *USS Nautilus* made its first nuclear-powered run from its submarine berth in Groton, CT.

On January 17, 1984, the Supreme Court ruled that the private use of home VCRs to tape TV programs didn't violate federal copyright laws.

On January 18, 1882, English author Alan Alexander Milne, who would write such famous children's books as “Winnie-the-Pooh,” “Christopher Robin,” and “Piglet,” was born in London.

On January 18, 1975, the situation comedy “The Jeffersons,” a spin-off from “All in the Family,” premiered on CBS.

On January 18, 1996, Lisa Marie Presley filed for divorce from Michael Jackson.

On January 19, 1809, Edgar Allan Poe, “Master Teller of Tales,” who is recognized throughout the world as one of America's greatest authors, was

born in Boston.

On January 19, 1853, *Il Torvatore*, an opera by Verdi, premiered in Rome.

On January 19, 1937, Howard Hughes set a trans-continental air record when he flew across the United States in slightly more than 7 hours and 28 minutes.

On January 19, 2005, the American Cancer Society reported that cancer had passed heart disease as the top killer of Americans age 85 and younger.

On January 19, 2006, an unmanned NASA space-craft blasted off to Pluto.

On January 20, 1896, comedian George Burns was born Nathan Birnbaum in New York.

On January 20, 1929, the first sound movie to be filmed outdoors, "In Old Arizona," was released.

On January 20, 1954, "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial," a play by Herman Wouk based on part of his novel "The Caine Mutiny" opened on Broadway.

On January 20, 1961, John F. Kennedy took office as the 35th president of the United States.

On January 20, 1982, George Hallas named Mike Ditka to be the new head coach of the Chicago Bears.

On January 20, 1986, Martin Luther King Day was observed as a federal holiday for the first time.

On January 20, 1993, Audrey Hepburn, who was beloved for her charm, elegance and aristocratic bearing in such films as "Roman Holiday," "Breakfast at Tiffany's," and "My Fair Lady," died at 63.

On January 20, 2008, Barack Obama was sworn in as president of the United States, becoming the first African-American to be elected commander in chief.

On January 21, 1908, New York passed an ordinance prohibiting women from smoking in public. The penalty was a fine of \$5 to \$25, or imprisonment for up to 10 days.

On January 21, 1915, the Kiwanis Club was founded in Detroit.

On January 21, 1954, the *Nautilus*, the world's first atomic-powered submarine, was launched at New London, CT.

On January 21, 1979, in the highest scoring game in the Super Bowl's brief history, the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Dallas Cowboys 35 to 31.

On January 21, 1993, baseball great Charlie Gehring (the oldest living member of the Baseball Hall of Fame), who had a career batting average of .320 during nineteen seasons with the Detroit Tigers, died at the age of 89.

On January 21, 1996, at the 53rd annual Golden Globes, "Sense and Sensibility" won best dramatic picture; "Babe" won best comedy.

On January 21, 2003, the Census Bureau announced that Hispanics had surpassed blacks as America's largest minority group.



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November R.O.S.E. Winner

Patricia Grams, a member of the wait staff at William B's Restaurant at Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa in Michigan City, was named Visit Michigan City La Porte's November Recognition of Service Excellence winner.



Patricia Grams holds her framed R.O.S.E. certificate.

This is what the customer wrote about the exceptional service: *"This restaurant always has excellent food as well as service. Staff is friendly and always welcoming. We frequent the restaurant often and enjoy every meal. She (Grams) is an excellent server and we request her at every visit. She adds to our meal with friendliness and conversation. She always adds the special touch to make our meal amazing. Other*

servers do an excellent job also but she is the tops and we know she is the most requested. We love this restaurant."

Grams, who has been at William B's for eight years, said, "I always want my guests to feel happy and relaxed. I look forward to coming to work every day. I was very surprised to receive this award."

Grams received a framed certificate and rose corsage with a \$100 bill folded inside. She will be invited to the annual R.O.S.E. luncheon in the spring, where she will be considered for additional awards and be nominated for Indiana's annual Hoosier Hospitality Award.

"Thursday Night Noir!"

Valparaiso University will present a new film/lecture series, "Thursday Night Noir!," at its Brauer Museum of Art.

The series will feature four iconic films representing distinct themes and eras of film noir:

- Jan. 22: "Stranger on the Third Floor" (1940).
- Feb. 19: "Murder, My Sweet" (1944).
- March 19: "The Big Combo" (1955).
- April 16: "Odds Against Tomorrow" (1959).

Each screening will be followed by a presentation/discussion by Peter Aglinskas, Indiana University-Northwest Department of Fine and Performing Arts faculty member and creator of the lecture series "The Noir Style in Image, Word and Sound."

Each screening starts at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Call (219) 464-5761 or email Gregg.Hertzlieb@valpo.edu for more information.

Snowflake Saturday

Families can have fun with snowflake-related activities during "Snowflake Saturday" on Jan. 17 at Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich.

Compete for the title of "Most Amazing Snow-creation" in a Snowman Invitational in the garden. Pieces will be judged at 3 p.m. EST.

Adults can take a snowshoe hike from 10 to 11:30 a.m. EST. Take snowshoes and bundle up for a guided trek to look for, and discuss, different kinds of snowflakes. The fee is \$10 (members cost \$8).

Children 5 and older can take a walk through the gardens from 1 to 2 p.m. EST to hunt for snowflakes, then make a snowflake craft. The fee is \$5 (members cost \$4). Register by Jan. 15.

"The Science of Snowflakes" is a more advanced adult class from 1 to 2 p.m. EST that delves into snowflake creation. It includes an adult snowflake craft. The cost is \$10 (members are \$8). Register by Jan. 15.

If weather conditions require it, programs will move to Jan. 24. Call (269) 695-6491 or visit www.fernwoodbotanical.org for more information.

Sarett Nature Center

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

- The first monthly meeting of the Beginning Naturalist Club from 10 to 11:30 a.m. EST Saturday, Jan. 17.

The club is aimed at youth ages 5-6. The program continues through May. The fee is \$25.

- Enjoy a Full Moon Ski or Snowshoe Adventure from 6 to 8 p.m. EST Saturday, Jan. 17.

The trail is lit, but taking a headlamp will be helpful. The fee is \$5. Equipment rentals will be available.

- Adults can take a guided snowshoe walk through the center's wilder marsh areas at 2 p.m. EST Sunday, Jan. 18.

The fee is \$3.

Call (269) 927-4832 to register for the programs or for additional information.

Beginning Origami Class

Leslie Cefali will offer the "Very Beginner, Absolute Beginner, Very Basic Paper/Origami Class" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The class includes basic, beginning origami folds, glue and scissors.

The cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. Students should take a package of origami paper to class. Call (219) 926-4711 to register.

Museum Curator's Report

La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte, has released its December curator's report.

Visitors in December came from seven counties, 13 states and Switzerland. The museum was decorated for the holidays, the theme being "Santa's Special Trees." Museum volunteers decorated 13 trees. Events included "A Visit with Santa Claus" on Dec. 6. Visitors enjoyed cookies and punch in the meeting room. The Giese Church, now in its 68th year, continues to draw visitors.

Donations included:

- Pink shoe horn from Smith Shoes from the 1950s, Rae Ann Brown.
- B-K Root Beer gallon jug, Michigan City, Ralph Coursel.
- Child's pool set, including balls, cues and rack, from the 1940s, Joyce Blint.
- Man's Arrow dress shirt in original plastic, 1950s, in a shirt box from Stanley & Peck of Michigan City, Loretta Sikorski.
- Painted portrait of Mayor Carl Krentz by Jan Zabilski, scrapbooks from Krentz's term of office, 1996-2000, Viola Krentz.
- Photos, Rae Ann Brown.
- Archival information, Kathy Calvin and Charles Carpentier.
- Items for the sale table, anonymous.

Valentines will be on display starting in mid-January. Plans are gearing up for the spring display, and programs are being planned for February and March. Anyone with photos is encouraged to bring them to the museum. Copies can be made so the owner does not have to give up the original. Anyone wishing to volunteer can call (219) 324-6767 and ask for Susie Richter, or stop by the museum and fill out an application. Visit www.laportecountyhistory.org for more information.



A portrait of former La Porte Mayor Carl Krentz given to the historical society by his wife, Viola.

Citizens Advisory Committee

The La Porte County Solid Waste District is seeking environmentally minded citizens to volunteer for its Citizens Advisory Committee, which allows residents to have direct input in the county's solid waste planning and management process.

The committee serves the district's board in a variety of ways, including commenting on proposed district budgets, conducting studies of waste management and diversion programs, acting as a study committee for identified problems and providing volunteer assistance with district efforts. Committee members also can work with staff to create new community outreach events and enhance existing ones. Experience in recycling, waste reduction and waste management is helpful, but anyone with the interest and willingness to learn is welcome.

The committee meets at 1:30 p.m. a minimum of four times a year (more if needed) at the Solid Waste District office in La Porte. Two of those meetings are joint meetings with the board of directors.

Anyone who would like to apply should send a letter of interest by Jan. 19 to Lisa Woodson, executive secretary, at 2857 W. Indiana 2, Suite E, La Porte, IN 46350. Call (219) 326-0014 for more information. All applications will be considered at the Solid Waste District board's Jan. 21 meeting.

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Charlie Chaplin by Peter Ackroyd (*hardcover, \$25.95 online and in bookstores; also available as an ebook*)

He was The Little Tramp. He was the first Hollywood celebrity recognized not only in America, but around the world. He was Charlie Chaplin, the genius both in front of, and behind, the camera. Here I give you probably the best bio of him you will ever read.

Biographies can be predictable and not always well researched. I chose this one because of the author, Peter Ackroyd, a well-respected biographer and winner of many prestigious writing awards, including the Whitbread Book Award for Biography. He starts out by giving the reader a clear view of the South London that Chaplin was born into: a cruel, unforgiving, lonely time and place.

His mother, Hannah, was a mildly popular singer, known on the music hall stages as Lily Harley. She met Charles Chaplin Sr. when she was already pregnant. She gave birth to a son, Sydney Chaplin, after which she and Chaplin Sr. were married. Four years later came Charles Chaplin Jr.

It was April 1889 when Chaplin Jr. made his appearance in the world he would someday dominate until his death in 1977. His life, however, would not be without unbelievable highs and mind-bending lows.

Like Hannah, Chaplin Sr. was a singer on music hall stages, but alcoholism and infidelity — on both sides — soon found Hannah and her boys on their own. It was during this crucial time, with many moves and many hungry days and nights, the young Charles really began his career.

Ackroyd gives a solid base of documented and personal remembrances of Chaplin's early life. I found it interesting that throughout the book, Ackroyd refers to the man as Charles Chaplin and the actor as Charlie, although you will see that separating the man and the actor is hard to do.

As Hannah's career spiraled downward, Charles and Sydney found themselves living off the meager money Hannah made by sewing, as well as church charity, and stealing from food booths. The boys even found themselves in an orphanage when Hannah was admitted into an insane asylum, a place she would be sent to many times.

As the young Charles grew, he began dancing outside pubs for a few pennies and eventually joined a dance troupe: professional clog-dancers called "The Eight Lancashire Lads." This early stage of his career shows how careful Chaplin was with money. He saved every penny and stayed in the cheapest hotels when on the road. His fear and hatred of pover-

ty would also show up later in his Hollywood films.

Chaplin never lost sight of his theatrical aspirations and made a study of people and their eccentricities while honing his singing, dancing and acting skills. Finally, he was spotted for a role in a stage play, which lead to other roles and finally, a meeting with Fred Karno, a former gymnast and acrobat who had a successful company performing music hall pantomime. Chaplin was hired and gained a lot from this experience.

By 1910, he was on a ship bound to work the American circuit for the Karno Company; 1913 was the last time Chaplin was on stage. It was at this time the New York Motion Pictures Co. showed interest in him. One of their companies was the Keystone Comedy Co. From now on, it would be motion pictures and the birth of The Little Tramp.

Each film was more popular than the last. The Little Tramp played to the average man's sympathies, as well as his sense of humor and kinship with the Tramp's troubles.

It was inevitable that one day Chaplin would be making his own films, and here the moody and eccentric man really emerges. Ackroyd does a magnificent job of building Chaplin's persona, both on and off the screen. Much has been documented about his temper tantrums and obsession with redoing scenes dozens of times to get it just to his liking.

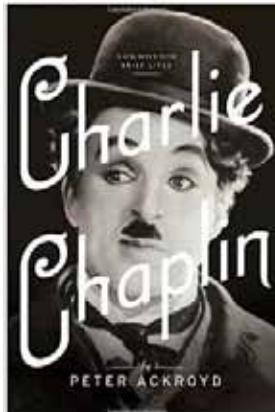
As his popularity, and his wallet, grew bigger and bigger, so did his womanizing. Many paramours and four wives lead to abortions, forced marriages (in one case), alimony, and finally, to Oona O'Neill, the love of his life, and constant companion until his death in 1977. She was only 18, and he was in his 50s when they met. She eventually would give him eight children.

It's a fascinating tale of a man known from America to Europe to Japan. He made millions laugh, gave the tabloids plenty of fodder with his off-screen antics, yet remained aloof through it all. This is a biography you won't want to miss. The history of the film industry is woven into the story, giving an insider's view of the changing times from vaudeville to silent movies to the talkies, and from the slums of London to the drawing rooms of the rich and famous of the world.

The Telegraph (London) wrote: "Ackroyd acknowledges Chaplin's many human failings, while at the same time giving us a vivid sense of what made the man a genius."

The Sunday Times (London) wrote: "Compact, engrossing, intelligent." Succinct and oh so true.

Till next time, happy reading!





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