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In a "pickle"

Sport Grows in Popularity at Long Beach Community Center

by Connie Kuzydym

It only took one game to proclaim I have found a new passion.

These days, I find myself asking others if they've played tennis, badminton or ping-pong. My next question is, have you heard of Pickleball? No? Oh my gosh, it is such a fun game, a cross between tennis and ping-pong and played on a badminton-sized court. It is easy to learn, friendly and fast-paced.

And, it's played in Long Beach Community Center's gym

Pickleball originated on Bainbridge Island, a ferryboat ride from Seattle during the summer of 1965. This year marks its 50th anniversary. The co-inventors were three dads: U.S. Congressman Joel Pritchard, William Bell and Barney McCallum. Their children were bored with the usual summer activities, so they came up with a game for the entire family.

Since the mid-1970s, Pickleball has grown from a family activity game to a net court sport with formalized rules. There are varying accounts of how the name came to be, the most common being it is named after one of the co-inventors' family cocker spaniel, "Pickles," who loved to chase stray balls.



Connie Kuzydym (right) chats about the game with Cherie LeFevre (left) and Susan Dreher.

According to the USA Pickleball Association, the sport is exploding in popularity. The number of sites to play has nearly doubled since 2010. There are more than 2,000 locations on the USAPA's Places to Play. The sport continues to grow worldwide as well, with many new international clubs forming and national governing bodies now established in Canada and India. The game has developed a passionate following due to its friendly social nature and multi-generational appeal.

Pickleball arrived in Long Beach a little more than a year ago through Jeff and Susan Dreher. They learned the game in Englewood, Fla., and

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thought it would be a great activity for the Long Beach Community Center gym.

"We both fell in love with the game immediately and we thought this would be a great activity for Long Beach," Jeff Dreher said. "It's not as rigorous as tennis, it's easier on the joints, fun to play and anybody can pick it up."

The Dreheres bought two nets, 20 paddles, 60 balls and presented the idea at a town park board meeting. The board accepted the activity. It quickly was determined the gym was too small for two courts. It even is too small for one regulation sized court, but that did not stop them from taping out the floor to create a modified court. What began as four players — Jeff Dreher, Susan Dreher, Cherie LeFevre and Tim Dry — has spread to about 16 players through word of mouth.

Watching from the stage, I realized, what a transformation this activity has brought to the old elementary gym. For those who went to, or had children attend, Long Beach School, you would be surprised at what the gym floor looks like today. Gone is the old cement floor. In its place is a new wood floor lined for Pickleball. The stage is still there; however, it's where those waiting to play watch, cheer and socialize. In the background is an eclectic mix of music.

The court layout resembles a singles tennis court without the serving boxes. It has a "kitchen area" near the net. The official Pickleball court size is 20' x 44' for doubles and singles. The net height is 36" at the ends and 34" in the middle. The "kitchen area" is the non-volley zone, which is located 7' out

from the net.

Your racket and ball are a wood or graphite paddle, which resembles a ping-pong paddle, but larger, and a perforated ball similar to a Wiffle ball. The sound of the ball hitting the paddle resembles ping-pong. It is a bit surreal to hear the ping-pong sounds while watching what looks like tennis.

The rules are simple. A few are: keep one foot behind the line when serving, the serve is done in an underhand motion and the paddle must pass below the waist. The server must hit the ball in the air when serving, no bounce then hit is allowed. At the start of each game, the first team to serve receives only one fault before the ball is given to the opponents. From there, both team members will serve and fault before the ball is given to the opposing team. There is a double bounce rule where each team must play their first shot off the bounce; thus, the receiving team must let the serve bounce, and

the serving team allows the return of the serve to bounce before playing it. After these two bounces have occurred, the ball can be played off the bounce or volleyed. Any volleying must be done with the player's feet behind the non-volley zone line.

"Anybody can spend 10 minutes and learn how the ball and paddle interact and be able to play," Jeff Dreher said. "There's not the big learning curve like tennis is. Better players can play with weaker players

because it's always doubles, so you don't have to be physically fit and strong."

Having watched hours of tennis matches, private lessons and listening to coaches stressing technique, he is right. In comparison to tennis, it is not that hard of a game to learn. Like any sport or activ-



Long Beach Community Center's gym is the site for Pickleball games five days a week. All photos by Andrew Tallackson



Jeff Dreher offers Connie a few tips.

ity, there's a learning curve, but it seems easier with Pickleball.

After watching a couple games, it was my turn.

One of the best parts of the game, to me, is serving the ball. Considering the years I have attempted to play tennis with my daughters, I have never mastered the overhand tennis serve. The moment my first underhand serve landed in the box diagonally across from where I stood, I was hooked.

I was happy it was doubles, as I enjoyed having a partner and the camaraderie. It was also easier covering only half the court. Don't get me wrong. I still managed to work up a sweat. It was great exercise, and I realized the next morning how many muscles Pickleball worked out.

One area I had difficulty with was the backhand. In Pickleball, typically a one-handed backhand is used. After years of hearing private-lesson coaches telling my daughters to use both hands on the backhand, it has stuck in my head. It will be hard to make the switch. One hit to the backhand side, and anyone can tell where my weakness is.

There are two challenging aspects to the game. First is the scoring system. A game is played to 11 points, but a team must win by two points. A team only scores a point when serving. The serving player calls out their score, the opponents score and whether they are the first or second server on the team for that point. Second is that the player must be aware of the "kitchen area," which is 7 feet away from the net. You cannot volley, or hit the ball "on the fly" in this space. The area was set so you can-

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not dominate the game. According to Jeff Dreher, if you hit the ball on the fly and your momentum carries you into the "kitchen area," you lose a point. The only time you can hit the ball there is when it bounces into the kitchen.



Connie forms a team with Horst Bauchrowitz.

If you are a seasoned tennis player, Pickleball will, indeed, give you a bit of a challenge as the ball doesn't bounce like a tennis ball. As my partner Horst Bauchrowitz said, "It's like playing tennis with a dead ball!"

I quickly learned the trick to winning the point is to have the ball come in low, because it does not bounce and you have to bend to get to it. And if it hits that dead space on the floor, you are definitely swinging at air.

Pickleball is played five days a week indoors at Long Beach Community Center: 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. It is free and open to the public.

And, as I quickly learned, addictive from the word go.



Susan Dreher and Tim Dry attentively watch seconds before the opposing team serves the ball.



Robert "Fireball" Cooper (left) and Walt Zmuda zero in on the ball.



Once play begins, Pickleball moves along pretty quickly.



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Men and young adults are invited. The cost is \$75 for PNCWA members and \$85 for non-members.

The day starts at 7 a.m. with breakfast in the Schwarz Hall Vending Room. The group then will board the luxury coach with restroom that leaves campus at 8 a.m. sharp.

The first stop is Trader Joe's for some shopping. Purchases can be stowed in the secure storage area under the bus. Next up is a drive to the Bridgeport Art Center, home of Project Onward, which serves more than 55 artists ranging in age from early 20s to early 70s, each with unique styles and facing challenges from autism to mental illness.

Project Onward was founded in 2004 and soon after moved to the Chicago Cultural Center, where it became a citywide resource and began serving more artists. In 2013, it moved to a professional artists' studio and gallery in the Bridgeport Art Center. The 13,000-square-foot space includes three galleries and a studio customized to the growing membership. After nine years as a city-led program, it began the transition to becoming an independent nonprofit.

For lunch, the group will move to Masada, which serves Middle Eastern cuisine. When making a reservation, note a lunch choice from the menu of chicken sumac, lamb shank or *kosheri*.

After lunch is a walk, or quick bus ride, to Susann Craig's loft. At one time, Craig rented space in her home to local students. Then, she briefly shared her space with a young architect, who recently received a master's degree from Harvard University. The former student is Jeanne Gang, now an internation-



The Henry Darger Room Collection at Intuit: The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art.

ally known architect. The firm she founded, Studio/Gang/Architects, designed Chicago's Aqua Building. Gang and Craig became lifelong friends, with Gang helping redesign Craig's loft to display her growing collections of art and jewelry.

The final visit is Intuit: The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art. Twenty-five years ago, Craig became a founding member of the Intuit Museum, the only non-profit organization in the United States dedicated

solely to self-taught and outsider art. Of note is the first Chicago retrospective for Gregory Warmack, a celebrated Chicagoan whose career spanned more than 30 years.



Examples of work completed by Project Onward artists.

To make a reservation, make checks payable to "PNCWA" and mail to Liz Bernel, Room Schwarz 154, Purdue University North Central, 1401 S. U.S. 421, Westville, Ind. 46391. Include the meal choice and contact information to receive confirmation that payment is received. Anyone canceling a reservation will receive a full refund only if the seat is resold. There usually is a waiting list of potential buyers.

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One Man's Trash... ...Is Another Man's Treasure at Annual Senior Center Sale

by William Halliar

Temperatures are beginning to moderate, birds are chirping with a little more enthusiasm, the days are getting longer, but snow still lies deep in the shadows.

Nothing, however, signals the coming of springtime in La Porte County like the first garage sale of the season.



Michigan City Senior Center, 2 on the Lake, is gearing up for its free, 12th annual Trash 'n Treasure Sale" on Saturday, March 28. This popular harbinger of the new season is open to the public and boasts 40 tables filled to brimming overflow with bargains. Wall-to-wall crafts, clothes, antiques, glassware, novelties, furniture and irresistible sale items will greet shoppers who also can rub shoulders with friends and neighbors, all in a warm and inviting atmosphere.

Senior Center director Tara Miller says the event draws hundreds of people each year. Some are so anxious to celebrate this first sure sign of spring, they brave the cold and arrive early, standing in line to have the privilege of "first dibs" on the collected treasures.

Doors open to the public promptly at 8 a.m. "No early birds," Miller says. That simply would not be fair. The event runs until 4 p.m., but Miller stresses the best buys go fast, so plan on being there early.

Baked goods will be on sale, and plenty of hot coffee and donuts will greet early shoppers. Lunchtime shoppers can purchase a hot dog or barbecue sand-

wich for a reasonable price while listening to Michigan City's own WEFM as it broadcasts live from the lakefront event.

Representatives of the Michigan City Parks Department will be on hand to issue parking stickers until noon, so be prepared and take your registrations with you.

Miller, Senior Center staff and vendors invite everyone to kick off the spring season on a positive note, adding, "Bring the whole family and enjoy a morning of shopping and fun."

Washington Park Stickers

The Michigan City Park Department will begin issuing the annual Washington Park parking stickers Wednesday, April 1.

The cost is:

- Free — Civil city residents.
- \$25 — La Porte County residents.
- \$40 — Indiana residents.
- \$100 — Out-of-state residents.
- \$23 — Senior Center members, who must show a current membership card.

Stickers will be distributed in the Clerk's Office in City Hall, 100 E. Michigan Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

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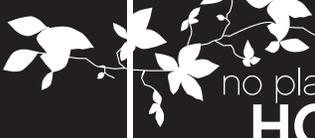
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- Beach Series, “Hollywood’s Greatest Melodies,” 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 20, at Shadowland Pavilion, St. Joseph, Mich. Guest artists are Diane Penning and Paul Langford.

Selections include “Love is an Open Door” from “Frozen,” “Over the Rainbow” and “The Sound of Music.” The rain location is Lake Michigan College Mendel Mainstage, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich.

- Independence Day Concert, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 4, at Shadowland Pavilion.

Patriotic favorites will include Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture,” with a thunderous fireworks display overhead. The evening will include food and drinks. Take blankets and lawn chairs, or gather around a picnic table.

The rain location is St. Joseph High School Auditorium, 2521 Stadium Drive, St. Joseph.

- “The Baseball Music Project,” 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at Jean Klock Park, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Highlights include “The Baseball Polka,” John Philip Sousa’s “The National Game” and “Did You See Jackie Robinson Hit That Ball.”

The rain location is St. Joseph High School Auditorium.



The Independence Day concert closes with a thunderous fireworks display overhead.

- Rodgers & Hammerstein’s “Oklahoma!,” 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Shadowland Pavilion.

The concert features stage direction by Paul Mow. The rain location is St. Joseph High School Auditorium.

Another offering is Summerfest Music & Microbrews, which combines craft breweries and cuisine with live music. The event is from 4 to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Shadowland Pavilion in Silver Beach County Park, St. Joseph.

The entertainment lineup is:

- 4 p.m. — Blue Shoes. Playing mostly jazz and modern music, improvisation is one of the group’s main focus points. It is directed by Dale Reuss, Southshore Concert

Band director and former music director for Bridgman public schools. Members are: Reuss — conductor, trumpet; Mindy Burns — trumpet; Andrea Gentry — saxophone; Brenda Totzke — saxophone and clarinet; Tammy Finch — saxophone; Tom Farrant — trombone; Jim Schueneman — electric bass; Doug Wegscheid — string bass; Jack Totzke — drums; and Kim Mekavit — piano.

- 5:30 p.m. — Libido Funk Circus. The group, which features male and female lead vocalists, has hundreds of songs under its belt.

- 8 p.m. — Mega ’80s. The group emerged from the Detroit music scene and has proven popular in Southeast Michigan.

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Lubeznik Center Director: Artspace Tremendous Opportunity for City

by Kayla Weiss



Artists and local officials pose for photos during the March 13 groundbreaking ceremony for Artspace behind its future home in the Warren Building.

From the perspective of Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Artspace Uptown Artist Lofts symbolizes a tremendous opportunity for Michigan City.

“Having this concentration of artists in the heart of the Uptown Arts District, being a part of that artsy hustle and bustle, will be so dynamic and exciting and will add so much to this city,” says Erika Hanner, the Lubeznik Center’s executive director.

Work began Jan. 13 to convert the historic Warren Building in the 700 block of Franklin Street — right in the heart of the city’s Uptown Arts District — into the lofts. City and community leaders have spent the past several years working to make Artspace a reality. March 13 marked the official groundbreaking ceremony. After plenty of photo opportunities for local officials, and for artists to proudly display their talents with hand-painted shovels, everyone headed to the Lubeznik Center, 101 W. Second St., for a brief program and reception.

The end result for Artspace will be an affordable live/work facility containing 44 units of housing for artists and their families, with choices of studio, one-bedroom or two-bedroom units. Also planned is exhibit and commercial space for creative businesses and arts organizations.

“Something I find really important for the public is that this won’t only be a housing opportunity for a group of artists,” Hanner said. “There are going to be public spaces, storefronts, even a coffee shop, all on that first floor. The building will have numerous features that the public can use as well, so it will be



Mayor Ron Meer (right) and former Mayor Chuck Oberlie pose with shovels created by local artists. Photos by Andrew Tallackson

beneficial to all.”

Since January, crews have worked tirelessly on the building to stay on schedule, with an estimated completion date of spring 2016.

“There are so many things to look forward to with this project,” Hanner said. “Not only will the completion of this project mark a turning point for the Arts District and the city, but it is just the beginning of continued growth, continued economic stimulation and the continued support of new life and opportunities to Michigan City.”

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College Residency, "Selfie" Exhibits at South Bend Museum of Art

Maclovio Cantú IV and Kelly Stombaugh, who participated in South Bend Museum of Art's Summer Studio College Residency program in 2014, are the focus of the latest College Residency Exhibit.

The show runs through May 10 in the Jerome J. Crowley Community Gallery, with a reception from 5 to 9 p.m. EDT Friday, May 1.

The residency program offers self-direction for fine-arts majors enrolled in Indiana university or college art programs. It offers studio space, as well as critiques, workshops and volunteer opportunities. College residents work with SBMA curatorial and educational staff. Additionally, a residency mentor provides focused conversation in a challenging environment. Residencies are in June, July and August. Once completed, students and the residency mentor are awarded an exhibit.



Maclovio Cantú IV's linoleum print, "The Performance."

Cantú will graduate in May from Indiana University-South Bend with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in printmaking. Stombaugh graduated from IUSB with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in printmaking in 2014. They were mentored by M.T. Searle, an artist, educator and administrator who works between South Bend and Chicago.

Also, "South Bend Selfie," which is part

of the city's sesquicentennial celebration this year, runs through June 14 in the Warner Gallery, with a reception from 5 to 9 p.m. EDT Friday, May 1.

The concept is, SBMA will present an image of the current South Bend arts scene...as selected by the South Bend arts scene.

The museum has selected five people influential in the arts community. They in turn have each selected two artists they feel are making important work, and/or deserve a chance to shine. Those artists have selected an additional two artists each. In the end, artwork by 30 artists is being featured.



Kelly Stombaugh's aquatint print encased in resin, "The Dead Tree."

The branching nature of the selection process, according to SBMA, will shed light on "influences, friendships and other complexities that help create the rich and varied arts culture of South Bend."

Artists include: Justin Barfield; James Bellucci; David Cory; Gina Costa; Jean Dibble; Sarah Dolezal; Mary Fashbaugh; Helen Geglio; Nathan Henry; Ann Jagla; Jason Lahr; Kintae Lark; Gray Lyons; Raymond McLein; Jessica O'Hearn; Jeremy Pinckert; Larry Piser; Ramiro Rodriguez; Laurie Rousseau; Marcus Snowden; Bob Stahl; Nalani Stolz; Andrew Strong; Alessandra Sulpy; William Tourtillotte; Manda Vazquez; Mark Wenkus; Kay Westhues; George Williams III; and Donald Willman.

SBMA is located in The Century Center, 120 S. S. Joseph St. Galleries are open from noon to 5 p.m. EDT Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is free, with a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members. Call (574) 235-9102, email info@southbendart.org or visit www.southbendart.org for more information.

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Recently, he did just that by finding all of the above for the Indiana State United States Bowling Commission Women's Bowling Association.

Two years ago, some of our staff spent a Saturday in Indianapolis at the Indiana State USBC WBA conference, where we presented a bid request to win the conference for 2015 in La Porte County. We were the last two communities to present, and we received an overwhelming "yes" vote from the members. We were so happy to get the conference here. Now, it is 2015 and the bowlers will be here starting March 28 and every weekend after that for six weeks. So, get ready, Michigan City and La Porte County, and expect at least 2,400 bowlers plus their families to arrive. They will be bowling at City Lanes and Lakeshore Lanes in Michigan City.

That is just a small portion of the leisure sales department story.

"Not only are we waiting for this big bowling tournament to hit town," Wright said, "but we have already helped facilitate the Indiana Parks & Recreation Association and the International Harvester Collectors Annual Winter Convention. In April, we will be helping Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa to host the Eby-Brown Expo, followed by the 4th Annual Coho Derby.

The Third Annual Maple City Grand Prix will be held at Stone Lake in La Porte on May 29-31. Thanks to Wright's hard work, we anticipate at least 30,000 to 35,000 visitors.

"All of these people will be making a major contribution to our economy," he said.

Last July, Wright and some of our staff traveled

to the World Massage Festival Annual Convention. Because of their presence, they were able to fine tune the members' transportation needs so they can get to the convention site free of worries.

"That is what we can do for any group large or small when we are included in the request process," he said. "In fact, my ending statement on my bid says, 'La Porte County is truly a destination where your group can make memories. Tell us what we can do for you ...when you...come join us.'"

Wright continued.

"Everyone at the CVB is looking forward to the Seventh Annual Great Lakes Super Boat Grand Prix featuring many of the world's fastest and most powerful offshore power boats speeding past spectators on Washington Park beach reaching nearing 150 miles per hour," he said. "It's an exciting event for all ages and includes up close and personal contact with racers, boats, VIP parties, car show, downtown parade, block party and more."

In September, the Association of Indiana Counties Annual Convention will be hosted at Blue Chip's Stardust Event Center, with 1,000 attendees. This is the second year the convention will be held in La Porte County.

Next year, Wright said, "will be a blockbuster as well, with many conferences and smaller events already making plans to come to La Porte County. Everyone will be happy to know that PGI will return for their annual convention in July. La Porte County was honored to be the host for the very successful 2012 Pyrotechnics Guild International Convention, which injected a considerable amount into the La Porte County economy. Our appreciation cannot be measured, and we look forward to the opportunity to partner with them for the 2016 event that will be hosted at La Porte County Fairgrounds."

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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:

Saturday, March 28

• **10 a.m. — Phoebe Time.**

Join a naturalist for a 45-minute discovery hike looking for the first Phoebes of the year, which traditionally arrive now and begin setting up their territories. Meet at the Nature Center for the easy stroll to the Dunes Creek bridge.

• **2 p.m. — Fire on the Prairie.**

Learn how prescribed fire is used to aid habitats, then help a naturalist start a fire if conditions are right. Meet at the Nature Center. Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

Sunday, March 29

• **10 a.m. — Bird Banding Demonstrations.**

Explore the science of bird banding, complete with banding nets. Meet at the Nature Center for the hour-long program.

• **2 p.m. — Lion or Lamb Walk II.**

Did March leave like a lion or lamb? That's the focus of the hour-long program. Wear hiking shoes, take binoculars or borrow a pair from the park and meet at the Nature Center.

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.

“Wolf Pack Round Up”

Michigan City Area Schools will offer several opportunities for parents, prospective students and community members to visit buildings Wednesday and Thursday, March 25-26.

Times and dates for the “Wolf Pack Round Up” include:

- Wednesday, March 25 — the public can visit Barker and Krueger middle schools and Michigan City High School from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 25 — a special program for area seventh- and eighth-graders at 5:30 p.m. at Michigan City High School’s auditorium.
- Thursday, March 26 — Kindergarten and Pre-K Roundup at all elementary buildings from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday, March 26 — The public can visit all elementary buildings from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. This includes magnet schools in STEM (Lake Hills) and the arts (Pine).

“Wolf Pack Round Up” events are being held at schools in conjunction with regularly scheduled parent-teacher conferences. Private, charter and home-school families curious about what MCAS has to offer also are welcome to stop by for tours and information.

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PNC Receives Poster Commemorating Sandra Kowalski

The Purdue University-North Central Department of Nursing has received a gift from longtime benefactor Stanley Kowalski that aims to inspire nursing students as it honors a pioneer in local community health care.

Kowalski presented an original painting by Neil Kienitz in the style of the South Shore Line posters to the PNC Nursing Department that depicts his late wife, Professor of Nursing Sandra Calkins Kowalski, and bears the notation, "Community Nursing — A PNC Legacy."

The image of Sandra Kowalski was derived from a photo taken when she was a young nurse working with the Visiting Nurse Association of La Porte County. The poster shows her tenderly caring for an elderly man, and exemplifies the caring relationship and trust that unfold between a nursing professional and patient.

Stanley Kowalski visited the PNC nursing lab to present his gift before a group of students in a "Foundation of Nursing Practice" class. He took time to visit with each student, talking to them about his wife, her dedication to her profession, how she was part of the PNC Nursing program and her role in helping establish and grow the practice of community nursing in the area.

Looking at the poster, he noted the artist accurately captured his wife's physical appearance, and pointed out the compassion and concern for her patient was obvious.

"She dedicated her life to her profession and her community," he said. "She would be so proud of all of you and what you are doing to carry on her legacy of nursing."

PNC student Trey Padlo said he was moved by Kowalski's recollections of his wife's accomplishments and her commitment to nursing and educating future nurses.

"It's impressive to see how she impacted our curriculum today," he said. "This is a great start for us as we look to the future."



PNC nursing students MaCahlia Reyes and Trey Padlo with Stanley Kowalski.

Kowalski presented each student in the Foundation of Nursing Practice class with a postcard-sized depiction of the poster.

Posters made from the original painting will be displayed among the collection of similar works at The Framing Station, 912 Franklin St., Michigan City, and be available for purchase. Proceeds will go to the Sandra Calkins Kowalski Com-

munity Nursing Fund to benefit PNC nursing students. A poster signing event is part of First Fridays from 5 to 8 p.m. April 3 at The Framing Station.

Sandra Kowalski was born in Pennsylvania and earned her Registered Nurse degree in 1960 from the University of Buffalo Edward J. Meyer Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. On Jan. 30, 1960, she married Stanley, her high school sweetheart.

After the couple settled in La Porte County, she dedicated her career to community health. She was the second nurse hired by the Visiting Nurses Association of La Porte County and worked to launch Michigan City's Open Door Health Center.

Always continuing her education, she earned a degree from Purdue University-Calumet in 1973 and a master's degree in nursing from St. Xavier University in Chicago in 1977. She earned her doctorate in medical sociology from the University of Notre Dame in 1989.

In 1973, she was hired as one of the first PNC nursing faculty members. While still teaching at PNC, she pursued her master's degree, traveling to Chicago for class. Much of her master's lab experience was completed at the Mile Square Clinic located at the Cabrini Green and Robert Taylor housing communities.

While still in her 50s, she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. To honor her life's work, the Sandra Calkins Kowalski Community Nursing Fund was started in 2003 to provide support to PNC students pursuing an undergraduate nursing degree with emphasis on community nursing or public health. She passed away in May 2012 at 72.



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The Michigan City Historical Society Inc. and Old Lighthouse Museum will honor the 100th anniversary of the SS Eastland disaster, which occurred July 24, 1915, at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 25.

Tax-deductible donations are being sought to fund the memorial.

The Eastland capsized on its port side in the Chicago River, killing 844 men, women and children headed to Michigan City for the fifth annual Hawthorne Club picnic at Michigan City’s lakefront, held by Western Electric Co.’s Hawthorne Works of Cicero, Ill. More than 7,000 tickets were sold for the event. Boarding the Eastland were 2,501 passengers. The tragedy represents the single greatest loss of life in Great Lakes maritime history.

Donations can be sent to Michigan City Historical Society Inc.-SS Eastland Memorial, P.O. Box 512, Michigan City, IN 46360-0512. Call (219) 872-6133 for more information.

Polish Recipes Sought

The Polish Heritage Committee is seeking recipes for the Polish Heritage Cookbook to be sold during the annual festival Sunday, Sept. 13, at International Friendship Gardens.

Last year, more than 1,000 people attended the outing that featured professional dancers, food and pastries, music and other activities.

The deadline to submit Polish-based recipes is April 1 to: Barbara Rolek, 1726 Fir St., Crown Point, IN, 46307, or email them to bjrolek@netnitco.com

Those who submit recipes can include stories about them, along with an image of what the dish should look like. Submissions should not be copyrighted recipes unless you can provide the source book, magazine, name and date of publication.

Call for Woodworkers

Center of the World Woodshop Showroom, 13400 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich., is seeking woodworkers to participate in its 12th annual Woodworkers with the Blues show Saturday, June 20.

The outdoor event will feature a woodworkers’ show and demonstrations, along with live music. All woodworkers are invited to not only participate, but also give demonstrations.

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



Woodworker and gourd artist Harold Harris discusses his work with visitors at the 2014 show.

Participants can take a tent or reserve space under a large one provided by Center of the World. Space under that tent is limited, so early registration is recommended. Fees range from \$25 to \$35.

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LCSO Children's Choir

La Porte County Symphony Orchestra's Children's Chorus, under Matthew Nelson's direction, will present its free Bloomin' Melodies spring concert "Around the World in Music" at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 102 G. St., La Porte.



Conductor Phillip Bauman appears with the Children's Chorus during the holiday concert.

Fan favorites from around the world will be featured, including "Goodnight" from Russia, "Hava Nagila" from Israel, "Chumbara" from France and "Toora Looora Looal" from Ireland. As part of the program, fifth-graders who have been with the Chorus since second grade will be honored. A cookie reception is planned after the program.

The Chorus, now in its sixth season, is comprised of 35 children from throughout La Porte County in grades two through five. They also are scheduled to perform with the LCSO and Purdue Varsity Glee Club during the Robert J. Hiler Family Foundation Spring Pops Concert on Saturday, April 1, at La Porte Civic Auditorium.

Magnet Schools Applications

Michigan City Area Schools' two magnet schools, Lake Hills and Pine elementary schools, are accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year.

Like all MCAS elementary schools, the magnet schools maintain a primary focus on core academic subjects, including language arts, mathematics and science. They also are designed to draw students to them – like a "magnet" – because of a themed approach to the curriculum and programs.

Lake Hills, 201 Ferguson Road, is a "STEM" school centered on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Pine, 1660 County Line Road, is for the visual and performing arts. Both retain their current neighborhood boundaries, serving K-6 students through the magnet programs. In addition, each school will accept approximately 30 students in kindergarten from other attendance areas across the MCAS district. The schools will fill open slots in the upper grades as well.

Applications for children entering grades K-6 next year are due by 4 p.m. Friday, April 17. Students who live within the neighborhood boundaries for Lake Hills and Pine – and those who currently attend as magnet school students – do not need to apply. A random lottery will be used to determine placements.

More information and applications are available at all MCAS elementary buildings and the Administration Building, 408 S. Carroll Ave., or online at EducateMC.net/magnets. Families also are welcome to pick up applications during Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup, which is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at all elementary schools.

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Now officially adopted, "Damien" and "Jimmy" live in a home in Chesterton, while "Cathoula" and "Callie" found homes in Valparaiso.

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Hugs for the Herrbachs Benefit

Friends of Roger and Karen Herrbach are hosting a fundraiser, "Hugs for the Herrbachs," on Saturday, March 28, at the American-Hellenic Cultural Center, 17760 Behner Road, New Buffalo, Mich.

Lifelong New Buffalo residents, the Herrbachs are battling cancer and heart disease. Proceeds will assist with medical treatments, insurance and related expenses.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door or from event organizers. Doors open at 3 p.m. EDT for a bake sale, raffle and silent auction featuring items from local artists, crafters, contractors and businesses. At dinnertime, a buffet will be available with tacos, pulled pork, side dishes and desserts. Beer and other beverages will be available.

Dan Moser of Iron Horse String Band and the Conway Family will perform, while an open mic for special guests is planned. Generation Gap, led by Mark Smith, will play from 5 to 7 p.m. EDT. Hired Hands, led by Bob Bowen, is from 7 to 9 p.m. EDT, while the Brence Jackson Band will play from 9 to 11 p.m. EDT. Other musical guests returning to New Buffalo are planned.

To donate to the bake sale, silent auction or dinner, contact: Nancy Pavur Jacobs (silent auction) at (269) 469-5338, Kathey Lawson Mitchell (bake sale) at (269) 612-8023 and Kim Krametbauer (dinner) at (269) 612-7230.

Call Chuck Covert at (269) 612-8023 or Judi Herrbach Lowe at (314) 954-1847 for tickets, to volunteer or donate items.

National Federation of the Blind

The National Federation of the Blind's Duneland Chapter meets at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St.

Historical Society Photo Contest

The La Porte County Historical Society again is sponsoring a photo contest.

The photo needs to be of a historic La Porte County structure that is abandoned and in danger of coming down. It should be current, taken within the last two years. It can be black and white or color and must be 8 by 10. It is not necessary to have it matted, but that is preferred; however, no frames.



The Tom Rose Hog Farm, which was located at Severs Road and Park Street in La Porte. It was demolished in 1984. This is the type of photo that meets contest criteria.

The deadline is April 15. For a complete list of guidelines, as well as an application, stop by La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., or visit www.laportecountyhistory.org. A filled-out application must accompany each entry.

In years past, the contest has been part of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. This year, with the desire to highlight a different theme, the photos will stay in La Porte County. A panel consisting of a preservationist, photographer and an artist will judge the photos. Anyone 18 or younger must have a signature of a parent or guardian.

Trophies will be given. The photos will be part of a temporary display at the museum and become Historical Society property.

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A Tradition Continues



Story and photos by Maureen Rice



Third-graders at Notre Dame Catholic School sponsored the annual Irish Soda Bread reception after St. Patrick's Day Mass on March 15. The event — begun by teacher Ellie Parkerson, who is now retired, and continuing with third-grade teacher Jennifer Scriba — was organized by room mother Jessica Barr and other third-grade parent volunteers. Irish Soda Bread is served with Irish-themed cookies and cupcakes. Third-graders also made a mosaic featured at the reception.





What's Cooking

by Jim LaRocco

The weather was great the other day when I left *The Beacher*. The smell of spring was in the air. My mind wandered to my youth, when those first warm days started the countdown to summer vacation.

I had my next column finished and was heading home to submit it, but as so often happens, I decided to postpone it and write a different column. With the weather so nice, I took a quick walk down Franklin Street, which was the center of activity while I was growing up in the 1950s and has undergone many changes since then.

I passed the former locations of Stanley & Peck and Fred Stern's. I remember Mr. Stern sweeping the sidewalk in front of his business in the morning before he opened.

The Warren building used to be home to businesses, doctor's offices and Montgomery Ward. There were soda fountains and lunch counters in Kresge's, Woolworth's and Walgreen's. I spent many of my lunch hours at those locations while attending Elston Senior and Junior High Schools. I remember heading to Vail's Hobby Shop with 48 cents to buy the latest Matchbox Series car and check out the latest models and trains.

I crossed the street at Ryan's Irish Pub and passed the old Ideal Paints building that now houses medical offices. I passed the old location of the Tivoli Theater, where I spent many hours watching movies. It was where I got my first job, working for Mr. Goldman.



The former Tivoli theater.

Moving on to Eighth Street, I recalled the red and yellow popcorn wagon that sat there across from Sears with its yellow spoked wheels. A quick look to the left near the alley gave way to the former location of Harold's Diner.

I passed the site of the old Lido Theater and made it back to my car parked by Lou Esper's barber shop, the location of the old M&M Drive-In.

Things have certainly changed over the years in Michigan City. One thing that hasn't are my memories of growing up here.

Back then, most houses did not have air conditioning, so I would tag along with my brother, Dave, when he went to the beach. We would hang out there all day, keep cool and if we had money stop by the B&K Root Beer stand and get hot dogs and a quart of root beer.

Washington Park was packed in the summer. It was the spot where many families spent hot summer days. Ours was no exception. Mom would pack hot dogs, hamburgers or ham-salad sandwiches and a gallon of freshly squeezed lemonade, and we would spend the day in the park.

Washington Park had many grills, so families would stay all day. The kids would head to the beach or the zoo, and parents would enjoy the quiet or chat with other adults.

I walked to Garfield School in the morning. My father would give me a dime so I could get a carton of milk and a couple Long Johns at the bakery. I believe by the time I went to school, it was called 10th Street Bakery.



Jim's favorite bakery as a child.

Other days, my father would take me to M&M restaurant owned by Maurie Kozen. A very nice man. I would get a pecan roll and milk for breakfast. They would heat it up for me, then I would

put butter on it. Mmmmm.... My father would talk sports and politics with the other patrons while my mother would sit, bored, listening or talking with the waitresses. This was something Dad did for many years until Tony Bohlim sold the restaurant many years later.

Mr. Kozin came to watch me play baseball when I was in the Midget League. If I hit a home run, he would treat me to a Big M Special. What a deal. They used to put the scores and stats in the paper back then, so I couldn't fib if he didn't show up to the game.

We lived at 1408 Manhattan St. We had great neighbors. The Gorskis lived in the upstairs apartment next door. Mrs. Gorski, whose husband was named Joe, would always watch me when I was sick or my parents had to work. She was a nice lady.

Back then, you could go on vacation, leave your home unlocked and the neighbors would take care of the pets and make sure to put the window down when it rained or became too windy.

Everyone helped everyone else back in the 1950s. I remember shoveling walks for older people in the neighborhood. Not for pay, but because it was the right thing to do. I did get great homemade cookies, a slice of pie or a special treat on Halloween.

Trick or treat was special, too. Some of the neighbors made special homemade treats for their favorite neighborhood ghosts and goblins.

It was a much simpler time. Family members sat down to homecooked meals made by their stay-at-home mother. All family members were there unless they were working or had practice for whatever sports team they were playing on at the time. Many Sundays, it was off to Grandma LaRocco's house for dinner. I have tried to keep the Sunday dinner tradition going with my family, to varying degrees of success.

I remember sitting there listening to the family stories, talks of sports. I learned a great deal about Michigan City from listening to my Dad. I am grateful I was allowed to sit there and listen.

My parents and their friends, Ed and Jo Stahoviak and Bill and Rosella Prosnikar, would get together on a regular basis and play Tripoly. The location would change each time, and the hosts would prepare food for their guests.



Jim's parents loved playing Tripoly with friends.

Ed and Bill like to make this terrible dish called Tripe. It was a nasty smelling, gooey looking mess covered in tomato sauce. Yuck! The women would always complain about the smell while it cooked. Luckily, the dish was not a regular menu item. The rest of us had sense enough not to eat it. Bill was a pheasant hunter, and many times, we were fed with the bounty from his latest hunt.

I wonder how many people get together today, play games and just enjoy each other's company?

When our grandson, Cody, comes over on Monday nights, we first work on the train layout, then spend an hour playing Uno, Racko or some other game. I hope it is something he will remember.

Oh, by the way, he also gets a meal out of it. The last time he was here, we surprised him with Alaskan King Crab legs and fresh strawberry gelato.

A few years back, country singer Bucky Covington had a hit song titled "A Different World." The song is about the fact that we survived drinking from the garden hose, riding in a car without seat belts and riding our bikes without helmets. If you haven't heard it, do a youtube search and listen to it. If you are my age, you will relate to it.

Talk about changing times. Sue and I were in a restaurant awhile back when a family of six was seated near us. Each was on some type of electronic device. They didn't make eye contact with their server while placing their order, and they barely looked up or talked to each other the entire time.

We had no cell phones, tablets or iPads back in the day. We sat there and actually talked to one another. What happened during the day? What did you get on that test? Did you make the team? And the dreaded, do you have homework?

Today's youngsters are tech-savvy, but many are losing much needed social skills, lacking that personal interaction. I admit, I text from time to time, but only because I am forced to. To me, it is simpler to make a short phone call. When young people talk about having a face to face, it's not getting together. It's a conversation on FaceTime or Skype.

Many kids still play sports, not outside like we did, but using the controller from their favorite gaming system. No one had to tell us to get 60 minutes of exercise a day. We were like Energizer bunnies and just kept going all day long. Taking a break for lunch and getting scolded for not coming in when the street lights came on.

Most kids today will never know the joy of hiking down to the creek to catch some tadpoles, exploring the woods, spending the whole summer down at the playground or just the free, easy feeling we had traipsing all over town without any fear.

I have been asked why my column is called What's Cooking when I don't always give recipes and talk about food. The answer is simple. When I was growing up, the term "what's cooking" meant what is go-



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ing on. What are you doing?

I like ambiguous titles for my projects so I don't get locked into a single type of show or column. Our radio program on WIMS is called "Miscellany." That way, I can play music, share trivia and discuss anything Sue and me want.

I did not want this column to be just about food. I wanted it to be about people, experiences, food and growing up in Michigan City.

Today, you can get a recipe for anything you like simply by doing a search on the computer. The goal of this column is to bring back some memories, share recipes and just have fun. Judging from the emails and facebook responses, it is working.

If you have a favorite recipe you want to share, email it to me. I plan to have a column in the future with reader recipes.

I want to again thank the readers for the recipe requests, emails and kind facebook comments.



Jim's vanilla bean ice cream and Sue's from-scratch German Chocolate Cake.

Here is the recipe that so far has had the most requests: vanilla bean ice cream.

Combine 2 cups of cream and 2 cups of whole milk in a sauce pan on medium heat. Split and add 3 inches of vanilla bean in a sauce pan. Do not boil.

While the cream and milk mixture is heating up, mix 1/2 cup sugar, 2 eggs and 1 egg yolk, 2 tablespoons of vanilla extract in a bowl and beat until smooth and a light yellow color (usually about one to two minutes).

When cream and milk almost come to a boil, take 4-5 tablespoons liquid and temper the egg mixture — so the eggs won't curdle — and scrape the vanilla bean into mixture.

Over low heat, add the rest of the egg mixture, stir until the mixture coats the back of a spoon.

Let it cool completely and add to an ice cream maker or a glass dish and place in the freezer.

This is my simple ice cream recipe. If you want to make chocolate, cut the vanilla extract in half and add equal parts cocoa and sugar.

Until next time, enjoy.

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SSAA Donates to Safe Harbor

Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St., has donated all sales proceeds from its February Indiana State Prison Native American Circle exhibit to Safe Harbor's After School Program.



The exhibit, organized in collaboration with Christina Karamesines and Edwin Shelton, featured Native American artworks by 24 inmates from the ISP Native American Circle, as well as works by Safe Harbor students. A display of Safe Harbor enrichment opportunities also was featured.

"We know the importance of community organizations supporting one another, and our area's children benefit strongly from the activities of Safe Harbor," SSAA Board President Anneke Dekker said.

Mid-Town Grant Program

Michigan City Urban Enterprise Association has unveiled a new Mid-Town Grant program for Franklin Street businesses from 11th Street to Coolspring Avenue.

The purpose is to promote visual improvements, historic preservation and structural integrity, boost the quality of a product and enhance the customer's experience. It can be used for exterior and interior rehabilitation of a building or machinery and equipment used in the business.

The Urban Enterprise Association will reimburse 60 percent of eligible costs up to \$2,500.

Contact Executive Director Diane Wilczewski at (219) 561-6991 or email mcuea1984@gmail.com for an application.

Center Now Part of Association

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., has become part of The North American Reciprocal Museum Association, which offers reciprocal benefits to more than 700 arts, cultural and historical institutions.

This means LCA members at the Sustaining level and above can take advantage of member benefits at other NARM institutions, and the Lubeznik Center to their members as well. NARM institutions include: Museum of Arts & Design (New York, N.Y.); Frye Art Museum (Seattle); National Center for Civil and Human Rights (Atlanta); Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art; Museum of Contemporary Art (Denver); Perez Art Museum (Miami); and The Studio Museum (Harlem). Closer to home, there are participating institutions in Chicago, as well as Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, Mich., and South Bend Museum of Art.



Through Wednesday, April 1, LCA members who have an Under 25, Individual, Senior or Family membership can upgrade to Sustaining by paying the difference between their current membership level and Sustaining level.

Members are invited to the Members Appreciation Event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27. Along with drinks and food, artist Lora Fosberg will discuss her exhibit, "Everything Looks Perfect From Far Away," which opens July 17 at the center. Call (219) 874-4900 for more information.



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Land Trust Launches Campaign

Shirley Heinze Land Trust has launched the public phase of its first Capital Campaign, "Take a Walk with Shirley."

The organization aims to raise \$3.5 million to protect habitats and ecosystems across Northwest Indiana, and promote conservation awareness through educational programs and increased access to natural areas.

"Over the past two years, we have quietly been accepting donations and pledges from our longtime supporters, conservation partners, foundations and landowners," President Margaret Williford said. "We are proud to announce that this effort has netted nearly \$2.75 million, about 78 percent of our objective."

The organization also announced upcoming events. A public hike is Saturday, May 30, at Ambler Flatwoods and Barker Woods in La Porte County, at Seidner Dune and Swale in Lake County on Saturday, June 6, and at Meadowbrook Nature Preserve in Porter County on Sunday, June 14. Other hikes and events, including speaking presentations and informal social gatherings, are being planned throughout the region.

Visit www.heinzetrust.org/campaign for additional information.

Lory's Place Benefit

Runners, walkers and other supporters can register for the 11th Annual Run, Walk and Rock for Lory's Place, the grief healing and education center of Hospice at Home, on Saturday, May 16, in St. Joseph, Mich.



The event starts at 8:30 a.m. EDT. The timed 5K run/walk course will take runners and walkers through St. Joseph's Edgewater area, along Ridgeway and into Tiscornia Park. Chip timing will be used for fast and easy race results. All events begin and end at Lory's Place in St. Joseph.

Comfortable rocking chairs will be available for spectators along the edge of the course. Individuals or groups can sponsor a rocker with a suggested \$150 donation.

Run/Walk registration costs:

- \$15 if registered by March 31.
 - \$20 if registered from April 1-30.
 - \$25 if registered from May 1-15.
 - \$30 if registered on race day (7 to 8:15 a.m. EDT).
- Shirts are not guaranteed that day.



Students from Lincoln Elementary School in St. Joseph won last year's "Champions for Children Challenge."

Last year, Lincoln Elementary School in St. Joseph won the "Champions for Children Challenge." Students, teachers and administrators are invited to represent their school in either the 5K walk or 5K run. Participants should indicate the school and grade they represent on the registration form. The school with the largest number of participants receives the "Champions for Children" traveling trophy during the awards ceremony after the race.

Call (269) 983-2707, (800) 717-3812 or visit www.lorysplace.org to register or for more information.

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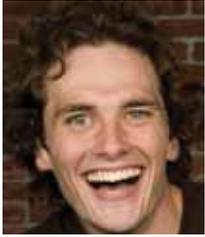
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“Colorectal Comedy Hour”

In the spirit of laughter and health – and in recognition of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month — IU Health La Porte Hospital will present “The Colorectal Comedy Hour” with comic Ryan Clauson from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, at The Moose Lodge, 925 Boyd Blvd., La Porte.



The free show will offer up to \$450 in savings for those who sign up on the spot for a colonoscopy initial visit. In addition to the comedy act, digestive care physician Seth Tatal will present “Colonoscopy: The Worst Part is the Prep,” an easy overview of how colonoscopy

saves lives. Those not able to attend can tune into the IU Health La Porte Hospital YouTube channel to see it streamed live.

Clauson offers a comedic take on health and relationships. In addition to being a stand-up comedian, he is a nature lover, dating coach, former pro hockey player, Type 1 diabetic and self-proclaimed health fanatic who reversed the complications of his diabetes by adopting a healthy lifestyle. He has performed with Louis C.K., Sarah Silverman, Dane Cook, Dana Carvey and Bill Burr. He was voted Boston’s Best Young Comic by AOL.com, rated best performer in the Seattle International Comedy Competition and won the 2010 Fastest Rising Star award by Campus Activities Magazine.

Tickets are required and available at IU Health La Porte Hospital on facebook. Call (219) 326-2415 for additional information.



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

- Indian Trail Elementary School, 3214 S. Indiana 104, La Porte, 2 to 6 p.m. Monday, March 30. Students who recruit a donor receive a gift.
- Edgewood Elementary School, 502 Boyd Circle, Michigan City, 2 to 6 p.m. Monday, March 30. Students who recruit a donor receive a gift.
- Purdue University-North Central Library Student Faculty Building, 1401 S. U.S. 421, Westville, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 2. Donors receive a Chavez Challenge T-shirt while supplies last.

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

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The Sweet Taste of Spring



On March 15, International Friendship Gardens, 2055 U.S. 12, opened its gates for the first time this year to celebrate the first "sweet taste" of spring: maple sugar time. The sap run was two to three weeks late this year due to a cold February. However, many families arrived at the event to taste sap, trying to discern that 2 percent sweetness of the red maple.

Three kettles over an open fire were operating, one getting close to syrup. This photo of visitors gathered around the fire was taken by Paul Kemiel. The next free public event at the Gardens will celebrate Earth Day — Arbor Day from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26.

Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available through Westchester Public Library:

- **Battles of the American Civil War, the Battle of Fredericksburg, from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 28, in the Bertha Wood room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

History buff and Civil War enthusiast Thomas Murphy will present the program.

- **Library Film Series, "Penguins of Madagascar," at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, at Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Free popcorn will be available. The movie is rated PG and has a running time of 92 minutes.

- **Unnamed Guild of Gamers meets at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, in the Bertha Wood room at Thomas Library.**

Guests are invited to participate in an afternoon of tabletop events. No registration is required.

- **Trivia Night at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

In honor of Women's History Month, the evening will focus on women in film. No registration is necessary, but space is limited so arrive early. Refreshments will be served.

- **Bits and Bytes series, "Introduction to Computer and Internet Security," from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, and 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, April 3, in the Serials/Automation Department at Thomas Library.**

Classes are free, but registration is required. Visit or call the Serials Department at (219) 926-7696, or register at www.wpl.lib.in.us/ Click on the Bits and Bytes link.

- **"Food and Nutrition with Gia DeMartinis" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, in the Bertha Wood room at Thomas Library.**

The topic is "Foods to Fight Inflammation: Cooling the Flames." DeMartinis is a nutrition education assistant with Purdue Extension of Porter County. Registration is required by calling the Reference Department at (219) 926-7696.

- **"Start Planting Your Veggies & Herbs Now" from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

Lyndsay Ploehn, Purdue Extension educator and master gardener, will lead the discussion. Registration is required by calling the library at (219) 926-9080.

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Kindergarten, Pre-K Roundup

Michigan City Area Schools will conduct kindergarten and preschool registration for the 2015-2016 school year Thursday, March 26.

Kindergarten students must be 5 by Aug. 1. Pre-K students must be 3 by Aug. 1.

Kindergarten roundup is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at all elementary buildings March 26, the same date as the after-school Parent-Teacher Conferences and a district-wide “Wolf Pack Round Up” open house at the elementary level. Kindergarten students should be enrolled at the school that serves the area in which they live:

- Coolspring, 9121 W. County Road 300 North.
- Edgewood, 502 Boyd Circle.
- Joy, 1600 E. Coolspring Ave.
- Knapp, 321 Bolka Ave.
- Lake Hills, 201 Ferguson Road.
- Marsh, 401 E. Homer St.
- Pine, 1660 County Line Road.
- Springfield, 3054 W. County Road 800 North.

Pre-K Roundup also is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 26. Programs are offered in partnership with La Porte County Family YMCA and Imagination Station at Coolspring, Knapp, Lake Hills, Marsh, Pine (also serving Edgewood and Joy students) and Springfield. Tuition fees are associated with Pre-K programs; however need-based scholarships are available and CCDF vouchers accepted.

Parents who need assistance to determine which school their child will attend may contact the MCAS Transportation Department at (219) 873-2127. Contact the school where your child will be enrolled for additional information.

Parents should take to kindergarten/Pre-K roundup: the child’s official birth certificate from the state Board of Health; an updated record of the child’s immunizations; the parent/guardian’s driver’s license or state photo ID; emergency contact information; proof of residency (a utility bill, property tax bill, lease agreement on business letterhead, public assistance documentation).

Information and application forms for MCAS Magnet School programs will be available at kindergarten roundup, as well as at <http://EducateMC.net/magnets>

Sarett Nature Center

Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich., will host an up-close experience with live raptors from the Lake Milton Raptor Education Center at 1 or 3 p.m. EDT Saturday, March 28.

Admission is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children.

Also, birders of all levels are invited to the Spring Birding Bunch at 8 a.m. EDT that day. The cost is \$8 per session or \$40 for the series.

Call (269) 927-4832 to register for either event.

Magazine Honors MCAS

Recognized for the success of its magnet programs and dual-credit initiatives, District Administration magazine has named Michigan City Area Schools a District of Distinction.

Michigan City was among 62 school systems honored in the March 2015 round of Districts of Distinction, the magazine’s national recognition program for K-12 school districts.

Highlighted accomplishments since Barbara Eason-Watkins became superintendent include:

- Two elementary magnet schools with STEM and visual and performing arts offerings.
- The Freshman Academy, established in 2012 at Michigan City High School, provides enhanced academic support and counseling to struggling students.
- The Early College and Honors College programs launched in 2014 with Ivy Tech Community College and Purdue University-North Central.
- Six programs added or expanded to the Career & Technical Education Program and based on regional workforce needs.
- MCAS opening Indiana’s first Energy Academy with utility provider NIPSCO.
- Project Lead the Way curriculum to offer engineering, biomedical science, civil engineering and architecture tracks.

MCAS has seen a rise in standardized test scores from 57 percent passing ISTEP English/language arts tests in 2009 to 72 percent in 2014. Scores rose from 58 to 72 percent for ISTEP’s math assessments, while ECA algebra scores grew from 11 to 78 percent passing. The amount of college credits earned by seniors has more than tripled.





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Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 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. Wednesday, March 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.

• **Basket Weaving at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, March 28.**

Margie Warner leads the class with all materials provided. Registration and a \$10 deposit are required. Stop by circulation to see the basket and verify the cost.

• **Yoga with David Kipley at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31.**

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

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

NPS to Hire Lifeguards

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is accepting applications for West Beach lifeguards this summer.

In addition to standard lifeguarding work, duties include beach patrol to advise visitors of hazardous swimming conditions, search and rescue, minor first aid and occasional operations support, such as beach trash collection and assistance at park festivals. The position requires wearing a provided uniform and the operation of an all-terrain vehicle.

Applicants must possess valid American Red Cross or YMCA lifesaving, CPR/AED and first aid certificates prior to starting work. Certifications must be maintained throughout the season.

The deadline to apply is March 27. Go to the USA JOBS website at www.usajobs.gov. Using the search options, put in the location of Porter, Ind., and the position of recreation assistant. Participants are paid \$11.98 an hour for the 40-hour work week. Weekend work in the spring and early fall also is available.

Contact Ken Mehne at (219) 395-1658 or ken_mehne@nps.gov for more information.

Harbor Country Book Club

Harbor Country Book Club will discuss Anthony Doerr's "All the Light We Cannot See" at 7 p.m. EDT Tuesday, March 31, at Harbor Grand, 111 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich.

The April 28 selection is Anita Dament's "Red Tent." Meetings are the last Tuesday of the month and open to anyone interested in discussing the book.

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Children's Book Event

All Kabelin Ace Hardware stores will hold special events for children to promote "Good Night Garden," written by local author Karen Ellison and illustrated by local artist Rachel Fenker Vera, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 28.

Each child will receive a personal copy of the book compliments of Kabelin Ace Hardware. Also planned are spring coloring stations, spring planting stations and book readings.

At the La Porte West store only, Ellison and Vera will sign copies of the books, as well as participate in a 9:30 a.m. book reading.

Ellison and Vera have created a series of children's books. They can be contacted at goodnight-bookseries@gmail.com

Post Easter Luncheon

Polish Women's Alliance Group 132 will celebrate its "Swieconka" post Easter luncheon Saturday, April 18, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1104 Knights of Columbus Drive, East Chicago, Ind. (across from the South Shore Station).

Doors open at noon, with lunch served at 1 p.m. The cost is \$35 for adults and \$17.50 for children 12 and younger. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund. Reservations are due by April 13 by calling Delphine Huneycutt at (219) 218-4420.

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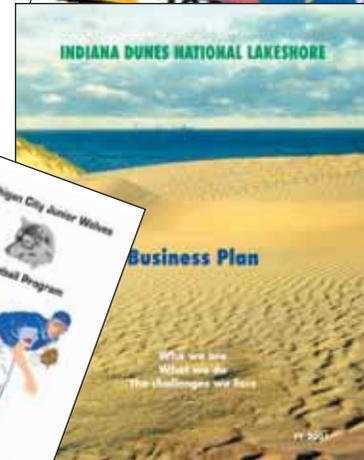
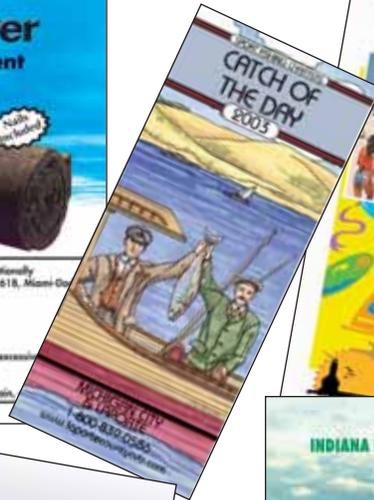
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Students Attend Leadership Training

Leadership La Porte County recently completed its 20th annual leadership training program, with more than 40 local high-school students participating from each school in La Porte County.

This year, two home-schooled students were part of the program. Four all-day sessions

were held at Purdue University-North Central, the La Porte County Complex, Red Mill County Park and Cummings Lodge. Facilitators were Leadership Executive Director Monica Komaskinski, Jim Jessup, Mary Foell, Alliegra Hand and Dick Reel. Seven students from last year's class served as student leaders: Matt Bartels (La Porte), Emily Wolfe (Westville), Elijah Davis (South Central), Elliott Sass (Marquette), Amanda Beutner (New Prairie), Justin Kiel (La Crosse) and Alejandro Miller (Michigan City).

Students practiced leadership skills such as communication, problem solving, team-building, collaboration and decision-making. At the opening session, they did a personality assessment to better understand group dynamics and individual personality traits.

At the County Complex, the group toured the County Jail, heard from Sheriff John Boyd and Sonshine Troche of Worthy Women Recovery. They also interviewed a panel of offenders.

The student leaders facilitated many discussions on current youth issues. The final session featured "graduation" speaker Gerrie Grott, who discussed overcoming any odds to become a community leader. A panel of community leaders, including Dion Campbell, Shannon Hannon, Andy Hynek and Carrie Campbell, also held a question-and-answer session with students, discussing their commitment to community service and the importance of getting involved. Each graduate received a certificate and a specially designed T-shirt. Next year's student leaders were chosen: Olivia West (La Porte), Mary Parkman (Westville), Brandon Claussen (South Central),



Students who participated in the 20th annual leadership training program.

Kenyatta Hodges-Hawkins (Marquette), Emily Albano (New Prairie), Zoe Yergler (La Crosse), Rodrigo Serrano (Michigan City) and Joshua Hugley (home-school).

Participating students were:

- Home-schooled Students — Abigail Neyhart and Joshua Hugley.

- La Crosse High School — Zoe Yergler, Dane Wallace, Lauren Bailey and Ryan Kiel.
- La Porte High School — Brandon Bellen, Alexa Kosior, Abigail Vaughn, Savannah Vaughn, Olivia West, Nicholas Willoughby and Bree Winter.
- Marquette Catholic High School — Lauren Klosowski, Alondra Flores, Ian Wood, James Wolf and Kenyatta Hodges-Hawkins.
- Michigan City High School — Erin Buskirk, Mia Phillips, Kate Kovalcik, Rodrigo Serrano and Sydney Attar.
- New Prairie High School — Connor Paarlberg, Ashley Campos, Joseph Cinal, Marlon Amaya and Emily Albano.
- South Central High School — Hannah Swanson, Emily Ames, RJ Snyder, Eddie Castle and Brandon Claussen.
- Westville High School — Drake Cruse, Liz Larson, Madison McKibben, Mary Parkman and Britney Sparks.

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In the Local Area:

March 27 — “The Colorectal Comedy Hour” with comic Ryan Clauson (IU Health La Porte Hospital awareness event), 6-8 p.m., The Moose Lodge, 925 Boyd Blvd., La Porte. Reservations: IU Health La Porte Hospital on facebook.

March 27 — Library Film Series, “Penguins of Madagascar,” 6:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

March 27-29 — “The Player King,” Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fri./Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$20. Reservations: (219) 874-4269.

March 27-30 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “Leviathan.” Rated R. In Russian with English subtitles. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* “Timbuktu.” Rated PG-13. In French Arabic, Bambara and Songhay with English subtitles. Times: 9:15 p.m. Fri. & Sat., 3:15 p.m. Sat. & Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

March 28 — “Hugs for the Herrbachs,” 3 p.m. EDT, American-Hellenic Cultural Center, 17760 Behner Road, New Buffalo, Mich. Tickets: \$10. Info: (269) 612-8023, (314) 954-1847.

March 28 — Basket weaving, 9:15 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

March 28 — Special events tied to “Good Night Garden” by local author & illustrator, 10 a.m.-noon, all Kabelin Ace Hardware stores. Book signing, 9:30 a.m., La Porte West store.

March 28 — Fire on the Prairie, 2 p.m., Nature Center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East (north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

March 29 — La Porte County Symphony Orchestra’s Children’s Chorus, free Bloomin’ Melodies spring concert “Around the World in Music,” 3 p.m., Bethany Lutheran Church, 102 G. St., La Porte.

March 29 — Bird banding demonstrations, 10 a.m., Nature Center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East (north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

March 31 — Yoga with David Kipley, 5:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

March 31 — Trivia Night, 7 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

March 31 — Harbor Country Book Club, Anthony Doerr’s “All the Light We Cannot See,” 7 p.m. EDT, Harbor Grand, 111 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich.

March 31 — “Food and Nutrition with Gia DeMartinis,” 6-7:30 p.m., Bertha Wood room @ Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.



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April 1 — Washington Park Zoo, 115 Lake Shore Drive, opens. Hours through Memorial Day: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (entrance gate closes at 3 p.m.). Info: washingtonparkzoo.com

April 2 — “Start Planting Your Veggies & Herbs Now,” 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter. Registration: (219) 926-9080.

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:

March 28 — Ed Bagatini Quintet, 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@boxfactory-forthearts.org, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

March 28 — Indoor flea market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EDT, New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road. Vendor spaces: \$10/table. Info: (773) 275-1514, janna@jannariley.com

March 28 — Raptor birding program, 1 or 3 p.m. EDT, Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich. Cost: \$6/adults, \$2/children. Info: (269) 927-4832.

April 2 — Free gallery talks/film showings (film: “Louise Nevelson in Process”), 12:15 p.m. EDT, The Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart. Info: www.MidwestMuseum.US, (574) 293-6660.

“Disney’s Aladdin Jr.” Auditions

Young People’s Theatre Co. Jr., in collaboration with Michigan City Area Schools, will have auditions for “Disney’s Aladdin Jr.” at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Elston Performing Arts Center, 1210 Spring St.

The show is open to youth in grades one through eight. Dance and vocal auditions are planned March 28. Those interested in a speaking role also should prepare a one-minute memorized monologue.

Performances are June 26-28. Visit www.facebook.com/YPTCtheatre for more information.

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On March 26, 1802, poet and novelist Victor Hugo was born in the French village of Besancon.

On March 26, 1827, composer Ludwig von Beethoven died (in Vienna) at the age of 56.

On March 26, 1837, St. James, Chicago's first Episcopal Church, conducted its first worship services.

On March 26, 1885, the first commercial motion picture film was produced by Eastman Dry Plate and Film Co. at its Rochester, N.Y., plant.

On March 26, 1958, the U.S. Army launched the *Explorer 3* satellite.

On March 26, 1964, the musical “Funny Girl” with Barbra Streisand, opened on Broadway.

On March 26, 1980, Mount St. Helens, a Washington state volcano that had been dormant since 1857, spewed steam and ashes in the first stages of what would become a major eruption.

On March 26, 1999, the “Melissa” computer virus began infecting machines across the country.

On March 26, 2000, the movie “American Beauty” won five Oscars, including best picture of 1999, as well as best actor for Kevin Spacey.

On March 27, 1884, the first long-distance telephone call (between the managers of the Bell Telephone Company in Boston and New York) was made.

On March 27, 1902, a Chicago newspaper writer first referred to the Chicago National League baseball team as the Cubs, a name officially adopted five years later.

On March 27, 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became premier of the Soviet Union.

On March 28, 1834, the Senate voted to censure President Andrew Jackson for the removal of federal funds from the Bank of the United States.

On March 28, 1858, Chicago's first YMCA was organized.

On March 28, 1925, *The Chicago Tribune* moved into the newly completed Tribune Tower.

On March 28, 1944, New York City's radio station WQXR banned singing commercials.

On March 28, 1987, Maria von Trapp, whose life was the inspiration for the musical, “The Sound of Music,” died in Morrisville, VT, at the age of 87.

On March 29, 1848, mighty Niagara Falls stopped falling when an ice jam on Lake Erie blocked the flow of water to the Niagara River. It was 30 hours before the ice broke, and the falls were once more the delight of honeymooners.

On March 29, 1882, the “Knights of Columbus” or-

ganization was chartered in Connecticut.

On March 29, 1932, vaudeville comedian Jack Benny made his radio debut with these words, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is Jack Benny. There will be a slight pause while you say, 'Jack who?'"

On March 29, 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time.

On March 29, 1982, Henry Fonda and Katharine Hepburn won Oscars for their performance in the award winning movie "On Golden Pond."

On March 30, 1853, Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh was born in Zundert.

On March 30, 1923, the British liner *SS Laconia*, flagship of the Cunard Line, became the first passenger ship to circumnavigate the world, arriving in New York City after 130 days.

On March 30, 1953, Albert Einstein announced that he was revising his "Unified Field Theory."

On March 30, 1970, Secretariat, the racehorse who would go on to win the Triple Crown in 1973, was born.

On March 30, 1992, the Cubs acquired Sammy Sosa in a trade with the White Sox for George Bell.

On March 31, 1870, in Perth Amboy, NJ, Thomas Peterson Mundy cast a ballot in a municipal election, becoming the first black to vote following ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment.

On March 31, 1880, Wabash, IN, became the first town to be completely illuminated by electricity.

On March 31, 1889, the Eiffel Tower was officially opened in Paris.

On March 31, 1918, Daylight Savings Time went into effect in the United States.

On March 31, 1931, Knute Rockne, Notre Dame's legendary football coach, was killed when his plane crashed in Kansas.

On March 31, 1932, Ford Motor Co. publicly unveiled its V-8 engine.

On March 31, 1943, *Oklahoma*, the long-running Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, opened on Broadway.

On March 31, 2003, New York City banned smoking in the city's bars and restaurants.

On April 1, 1872, the Chicago Public Library was created.

On April 1, 1960, *TIROS-One*, the first weather satellite, was launched by the United States.

On April 1, 1963, the daytime soap opera "General Hospital" premiered on ABC-TV.

On April 1, 1964, Haiti's Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier had himself named president for life.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins (hardcover, 232 pages; \$26.95 in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

How would you like to visit “The Twilight Zone” with Alfred Hitchcock as your guide? That’s what this week’s recommendation reminds me of! I saw it listed on *The New York Times* bestsellers list and was intrigued.

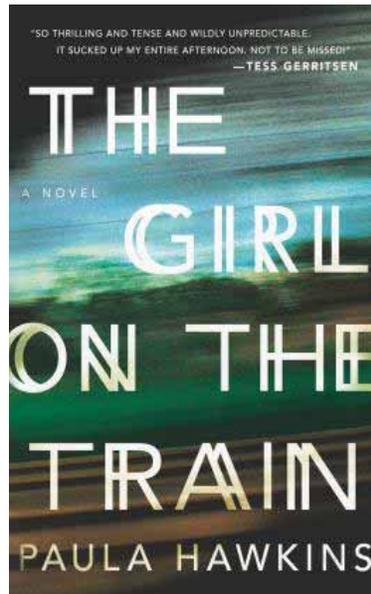
Wow! Was I glad I picked up this one...

Have you ever ridden a commuter train? Living in Michigan City with the South Shore right here, there aren’t many who haven’t taken at least one ride west into Chicago (Go Cubs!) or east to South Bend (Go Irish!). Being on a train gives you a closer perspective to the surrounding country and the people you see along the way. This story takes that thought just a little further...but be warned! Once you start reading, you won’t be able to stop...

Rachel Watson lives just outside London and takes a commuter train every day into the city to her job. Only one problem: Rachel lost her job several months ago and is too ashamed to tell her roommate, Cathy. She spends the days wandering around until the evening train takes her back to her room in Cathy’s house.

Rachel also lost her husband, Tom, to divorce, two years ago. The girl is really messed up. Her marriage unraveled after depression took over her life because she couldn’t conceive. She began drinking — a lot. She is so messed up, getting into her mind is a frightening, confusing, sad thing. As one of the narrators, we see things from Rachel’s depressed view of the world—a boozy view that leaves a lot of gaps in her memory. One of those views from the train is passing the home she and Tom once lived in. Now, he lives in it with a new wife, Anna, and their baby girl. She can’t help but strain to see Tom or Anna on the terrace as the train stops for the signal light each day. Three doors down, she sees another happy couple she names Jason and Jess. Their obvious happiness makes her think of days gone by with Tom—until one day Jess is on the terrace kissing another man. What a letdown for Rachel. The next week, she finds out the couples’ names are Scott and Megan, and Megan is listed as missing. What should she do? Go to the police and tell them about the strange man Megan was kissing? Or should she confront Scott with her suspicion that Megan was having an affair.

Rachel finally goes to the police but, of course, her



story doesn’t sit well with the detectives because of her obvious alcoholism and her unreliability as a witness. So she calls Scott and tells him she knows Megan and has something important to tell him. Once again, she must make up lies to make Scott believe her story about the man on the terrace who sounds a lot like the therapist Megan has been seeing for some time.

Her memory, full of dark holes and confusing mental pictures, keeps bringing up bits and pieces that might have happened the night Megan disappeared, but each frustrating memory just sends her back to the bottle.

Rachel just can’t get Tom out of her heart. Her constant emails, phone calls, and stalking the street they live

on, make Anna threaten Tom that she will go to the police and make a report about Rachel’s harassment.

Anna and Megan also narrate the story, revealing another side of what’s going on. Is Anna really the heartless bitch Rachel sees her as? Is Megan the saintly wife of Rachel’s screwed up mind? In the hands of author Hawkins, the narratives build to a suspenseful story and thrilling climax. I simply could not put this book down! As clues and bits of Rachel’s memory surface, the reader gets a clearer picture of what’s really going on. Or do you? That’s the great thing about this story. It’s devious, crazy and leading you into a maze of secrets and lies that will take you all the way to the end before the stunning conclusion.

Let’s face it. Rachel is not your typical lead character. She’s flawed: depressed and unable to let go of the alcohol that is her soothing balm and temporary exit from her unending pain. Can we forgive her? You be the judge. Either way you look at Rachel, this will be a read you will not long forget.

From *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*: “Hawkins...is a witty, sharp writer with a gift for creating complex female characters.”

The Washington Post: “‘The Girl on the Train,’ Hawkins’ first thriller, is well-written and ingeniously constructed.”

Publishers Weekly gave a starred review and wrote: “The surprise-packed narratives hurtle toward a stunning climax, horrifying as a train wreck and just as riveting.”

Hawkins lives in London and has worked in journalism for 15 years. This is her first novel.

Till next time, happy reading!



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