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Carrying on the Tradition

Michigan City Lakers About to Start New Season

by William Halliar



Baseball action through the Michigan City Lakers kicks off May 17. Photo by Scott Allen

Baseball is not new to Indiana. It has been played in our state for more than 150 years in one form or another.

The Michigan City Lakers carry on that legacy, having the distinction of being the most recent team in the oldest program of its kind in the state.

The Lakers are a member of the Midwest Collegiate League, a summer collegiate, pre-minor league baseball organization. This summer, it will have the honor of hosting two Australian Baseball League players: the only U.S. team to do so. The Aussie players selected the Lakers and Michigan

City as the place to hone their batting, catching and pitching skills away from what is now the winter season Down Under. They'll be joined by the lovely Harisa (Kate) Adams, who will be the first "Lakers Girl" and act as PR representative for the venture.

Baseball remains America's favorite pastime, and the story of the twists and turns of its history, and how it all came to be, is a truly interesting tale. And it is these traditions and stories that add color, background, depth and history to the game we have played and loved.

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Tradition has it baseball was invented in New York in the mid-1840s and based on an English game using a stick and ball called “Rounders.”

In 1845, a group of young professionals in New York organized what they called The Knickerbocker Base Ball Club and began to formalize rules for the game. By the mid-1850s, more than a dozen teams had been formed in New York and Brooklyn to play the game under the “Knickerbocker” rules. The game became popular and by 1858, the National Association of Base-Ball Players was formed.

The American Civil War began with the firing of a first shot in Charleston Harbor on April 12, 1861: 210,000 men from Indiana joined in the struggle. Camp life was divided between short, desperate skirmishes and weeks on end of monotonous boredom. During the weeks of waiting between battles,

many soldiers took up the new Knickerbocker game and formed teams to play against each other in camp. When the Civil War ended in April 1865, the soldiers returned to their homes, bringing the new game home with them to small towns across the nation, where the sport began to gain popularity among young men.

Australia was introduced to the game in the 1850s by American gold miners during what is known as the “Victorian Gold Rush.” The miners would play baseball in the goldfields to relax in their time off. The first organized teams in Australia began to appear in about 1857.

Al “Nitch” Gielow, born in 1893, was a baseball pioneer in Michigan City. He began playing organized ball here when he was just 15. He was a skilled pitcher who eventually became head coach of the Chicago Sports Association. He talked at length to John Brennan about baseball in Michigan City during an interview in 1978. He remembered



A photo from 1897 of a Michigan City baseball team, The MC Zorns.

that in 1900, there were 18 teams, all in uniform, playing at fields all over the city. He recalled such colorful team names as the Golden Clads, Roeskev-ille Cubs, the Yukons and the Michigan City Won-ders. Michigan City had many good, tough teams, all played without any kind of safety equipment. Gielow played with George Halas (of Chicago Bears fame), who played here in 1912.

When asked why baseball was so popular with boys, he said, "They had nothing else to do in those days (but) swimming and so forth and night games. There was, like I say, no bicycles to use (at that time). We'd go pick berries and stuff like that dur-ing the week and so forth. And when we were in the intercity league, we practiced every night."

He continued his reminisces.

"And during that time, we didn't have enough fields to play on."

Some of the fields were just sand, and all had to be shared by many teams. Finally, during the Depres-sion era, the Works Progress Administration built Ames Field, and in 1940 Michigan City's teams be-gan to play there. Ames Field, which was torn down in the 1990s, became known as the best ballpark in the Midwest.



A 1945 advertisement for baseball at Ames Field between the Michigan City Cubs and Chicago Fireman.

Many early games were played at the old Ames Field. The Chicago Cubs even came to Michigan City to play and, to no surprise, were beaten by the Michigan City Cubs 5-2.

Over the years, the interest in minor league and amateur baseball waxed and waned in the city. Ac-cording to Gielow, in about 1950 the teams disband-ed altogether.

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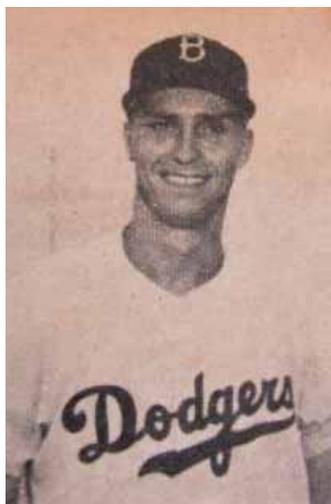
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“They disbanded on account of the city itself,” he said, “because after a while we got new councilmen and stuff. They put pressure on them (the teams) they wanted to raise the rent on it (Ames Field)..... They wanted passes for the ball park and even a little divvy (kickbacks) from it because it was making big money and it drew tremendously.”

In far off Missouri, in the late 1940s, Al Shinn was attending the state university on a football scholarship, but always loved playing baseball. He was such a good pitcher, he was noticed by scouts and signed on with the New York Giants in 1951, playing in the minor league. In 1954, he had a .400 batting average and was among the minor league leaders.



Al Shinn during his time with the Dodgers in the 1950s.

As a pitcher, he injured his arm and was traded to the Brooklyn Dodgers. During one game, he was hit in the head by a pitched ball — there were no batting helmets in those days. At this time, the Giants offered Shinn an opportunity to coach their minor league team, a member of the Midwest League, in Hannibal, Mo. On a train trip between games, Shinn happened to meet the lovely Georgiana of Michigan City. Their relationship flour-

ished and they were soon married.

While visiting his wife’s family in Michigan City, Shinn noticed “the best baseball field in the Midwest”: Ames Field. He talked the Giants organization into moving its minor league franchise here, and with the aid of his brother-in-law, Bob Hood, formed the Michigan City White Caps in 1956.



George Ames

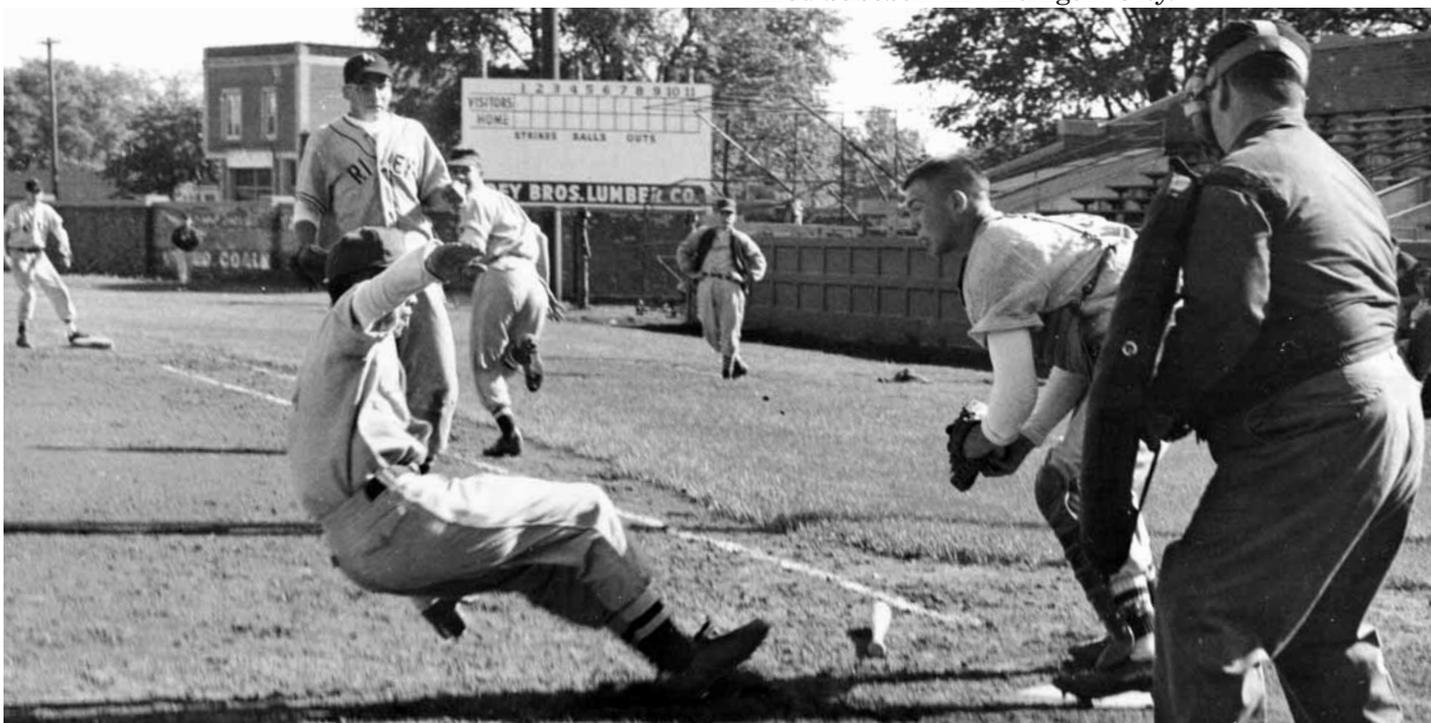
Shinn also was in the construction business, and as his company grew, it took time away from baseball, so he decided to give up his position as manager of the White Caps.

Al and Georgiana’s family grew. Soon, they had four sons and a daughter. Baseball was in their blood, and the boys began to flourish in sports at school. At this time, amateur baseball in Michigan City was all but nonexistent, so Shinn and his family organized the Michigan City Stars for high school and college players to fill the gap. This he did, Shinn recalled, because “I loved the game and wanted to do something to help the kids.”

In the 1990s, after the original Ames Field was demolished to make way for the current football-only facility, he purchased land and built a field, “Diamond Cove.” The team was entirely funded by Shinn and his efforts.

Ernie Banks, “Mr. Cub” himself, came out to Shinn’s field to sign autographs and encourage young players.

Shinn’s eyes take on a reverent cast with a far-away look as he recounts his days of coaching organized baseball in Michigan City.



Al Shinn refers to the former Ames Field as “the best baseball field in the Midwest.”



Al and Georgiana Shinn, together in their Long Beach home.

Sitting in the living room of his Long Beach home with Al and Georgiana, who was born on George Washington's birthday, I could feel the excitement of so many years of history shared between the two as they promoted amateur baseball, along with Georgiana's brother, Bob, in Northwest Indiana.

By 2008, Shinn's boys had grown, left home and begun their own careers, so he decided to pass the team on to the next generation of baseball fans. Tim "TJ" Jahnz took over as head coach and inspiration behind the team, renaming his new organization The Lakers. Tim and his partner, Mike Einstein,

are determined to grow their team.

To Jahnz, who Al says "works day and night for the team," this is a labor of love. Jahnz says he "just did not want to see amateur baseball die in Michigan City." Besides coaching and being the driving force behind the team, he arrives early before each game and prepares the field, chalks the baselines, even takes the uniforms home each night for washing. He brings a sound system and pumps up the volume and enthusiasm before each game.



For Tim Jahnz, baseball and the Lakers are a labor of love.

Jahnz is a veritable powerhouse of ideas and enthusiasm as he speaks of his beloved team. The sparks fly from his words as he promotes the team, which grew from the traditions set in motion by Al

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and Georgiana and their four sons, who played the game as they grew up in Michigan City.

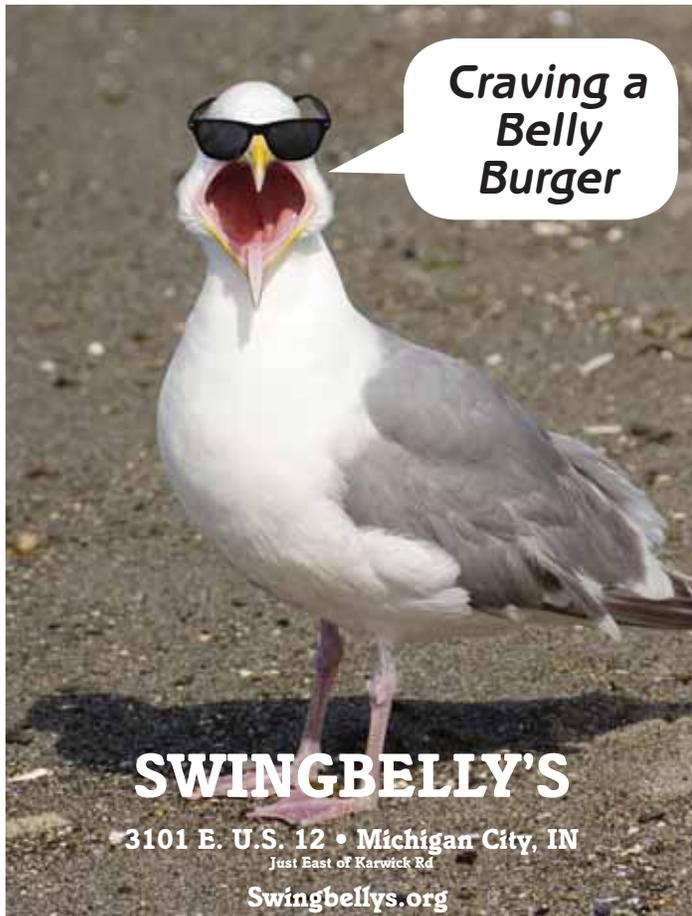
The young men in the Lakers prefer to stay in college and finish their degree, rather than being drafted into a minor league club.

As Jahnz interviews potential players for his team, he looks for a certain spark in their eyes. He asks them, "Do you love baseball?" The road is not easy. They will play 62 games in the 2015 season against some tough teams.

The Lakers' home field, for the time being, is the Marquette Athletic Complex at 8700 Pahs Road in Michigan City. They are practicing and preparing for the season, which opens May 17. This year, Jahnz expects to pit his team against Midwest powerhouses such as the Gary SouthShore Railcats and Northwest Indiana Oilmen.

Shinn and Jahnz are passionate about baseball and believe "America's Game" is much like life itself: a battleground to test one's mettle, resolve and drive. And both are determined to give something back to their community and preserve the traditions of baseball.

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A 1910 photo of the Michigan City White Sox team.



A 1911 photo of the Haskell & Barker Grays at Donnelly Park.

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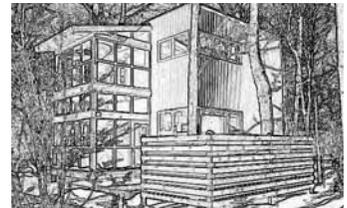
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Participants can expect a wide range of activities for young bird enthusiasts and families looking to explore birds in their backyards May 7-10.

Organized by the Indiana Audubon Society, the festival will highlight the dunes area's rich biodiversity and bird-watching opportunities. Indiana Dunes State Park and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore are the host sites. A complete list of events is available at indunesbirdingfestival.com, or call (219) 926-1390. Weekend events through Indiana Dunes State Park are:

Saturday, May 9

• 6 a.m. — The Dunes Longshore Flight.

If winds are from the south, join area birders for the morning passerine bird migration that occurs over the high dunes. Meet at the bird observation tower by the park's West Beach lot.

• 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Youth and Family Birding Day.

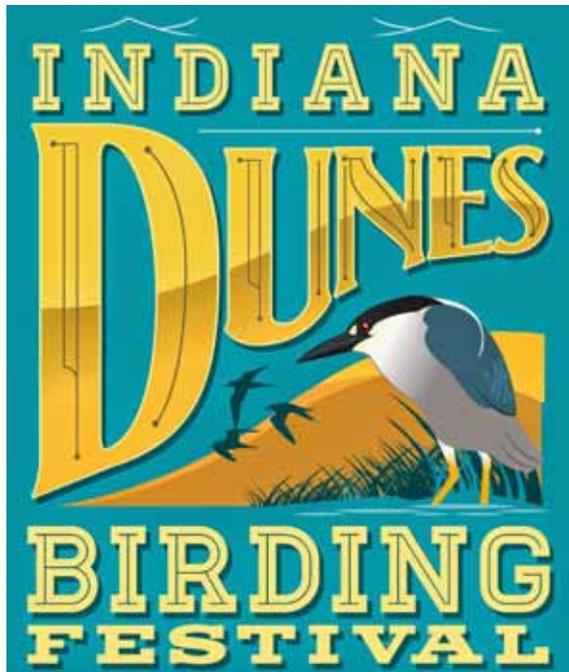
Join the Indiana Young Birder's Club for a day of birding activities. Take part in beginning bird walks, ID quizzes and games, build a bluebird box, as well as live bird banding. Special youth birder presentations are at 2 and 3 p.m. Come for an hour or the entire time. All activities are held at the Nature Center.

• 2 p.m. — The Depth of Ornithology.

Meet young birder Matthias Benko at the Nature Center to explore why birds make a big difference in our lives.

• 3 p.m. — Birding: There's an App for That.

Join young birder Alex Forsythe to explore the variety of apps for Apple and Android that help identify and find birds, keep a field notebook and checklist and learn more about birds in general. Meet in the Nature Center.



• 4 p.m. — NIPSCO and Birds.

A special presentation by Steve Barker focuses on the management issues and various habitat conditions possible on utility corridors, avian protection plans and integrated planning and partnership approaches. Meet at the Nature Center Auditorium.

Sunday, May 10

• 10 a.m. — Feed the Birds with Mom.

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

• 2 p.m. — RADAR Ornithology.

Dunes State Park Naturalist Brad Bumgardner will highlight bird-migration tracking using weather radar at home or from a mobile device. Learn the ins and outs of interpreting radar movements to plan the next birding outing. Meet at the Nature Center Auditorium.

• 3 p.m. — Gardening for the Birds.

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“This show is about family connections and the love they have with each other, with God and the world around them,” director Robert Komendera said of the show.

The story introduces Tevye (Larry Piotrowski), an overworked, philosophical dairyman trying to maintain order with his Jewish family in his little hometown of Anatevka in the early 1900s...on the eve of the Russian revolution. His troubles start early when eldest daughter Tzeitel (Maggie Cornett) bucks tradition, choosing her own husband without the help of Yente the matchmaker (Susie Richter). Why couldn’t she just marry the old, rich town butcher, Lazar Wolf (Matt Robinson), instead of her young beau, the poor tailor, Motel (Tone Cardinale). Tevye wishes he could figure out how to persuade his sharp-tongued wife, Golde (Rachel Best), that this is, indeed, a good idea.

Tevye’s troubles continue, as there are still two marriageable daughters at home, Hodel (Molly Hodges) and Chava (Grace Tarnow), who create more havoc, not to mention that the entire village



Larry Piotrowski appears as Tevye and Rachel Best as Golde in “Fiddler on the Roof.”

may have to leave the home they’ve known all their lives.

The songs include “If I Were a Rich Man,” “Tradition,” “Sunrise, Sunset” and “Miracle of Miracles.”

Additional cast members are Ava Lee Abraham, Cole Antrim, Shelby Attar, Sam Blackburn, Jadeyn Cardinale, Noel Carlson, Isaac Chezem, Sophie and Sue Chlebek, Jonathan and Joy Davidson, Sheryl and Tom Edwards, Katy and Natalie Gartland, Greg Geyer, Erika, Kayla and Nicolle Grant, Bethany Gunter, Erin Hayman, Anthony Holt, Ginny Johnson, Dan Moser, Grace Murphy, Kyle Oscarson, Ian Pappas, Alexis Passmore, Shelley Regan, Jackie and Jacob Robinson, Alyssa Rosselli, Jack Saunders, Christopher Schnick, Isabella Shula, Josie Smith, Madeline Stack, Michael and Tony Thomas, Mary Watterson, Makayla Wysocki and Lena Levi as the fiddler on

the roof.

Komendera’s also serves as choreographer. Kelley Marie Moser is the assistant director, with Sharon Angelina as musical and vocal director.

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10-11	4	650k	1.05M	.806M
11-12	6	539k	1.60M	1.28M
12-13	3	850k	1.89M	1.70M
13-14	8	580k	1.82M	1.10M
14-15	9	625k	2.33M	1.53M

An agent came into my office saying he thought lakefront property sales are good, but the prices are dropping. So I decided to “see what the numbers say.” Data is from GNIAR MLS using a map search from the steel mill to the Michigan line. k=000 M=000,000.

Calculating “actual lakefront” in Indiana is a bit of a challenge since both Duneland Beach and Beverly Shores do not have homes “on the lake.” They only have properties across the street from the lake. In these calculations, I only considered properties that are on the lake side of the street.

Since there are very few transactions, I looked at the low, high and median prices, as well as the number of sales.

I think my agent friend is only half right. There are more sales these past two years, but prices are not going down these past 12 months.

I would say the median and high sales prices indicate that prices are improving. Not decreasing. The median is always the best indicator. That is the middle sale. Half the sales are below that number and half above. But the high number also is interesting in relation to this group of properties. This indicates how high the prices are going. These last 12 months; both numbers are positive.

I like what I see for 2014-15 versus 2013-14. If you are thinking of selling a lakefront, it looks like a good time to do so. Much better than 2010-2013.

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Unbound is a group project created by six artists who work in various media, but like to work collaboratively to produce projects determined by a mutual interest. The artists live or work in several northern Indiana communities, including La Porte, Long Beach and Michigan City. The latest project is the second in a three-part series using art and text as an integral part of a collaborative work.



Artists involved in Unbound are Ed Maldonado (from left), Linda Weigel, Connie Kassal, Ginny Scott, Pat Mershon-Schaefer and George Kassal.

Unbound is a sculpture-based installation coupled with a corresponding quote/text selected by each artist. The quotation has inspired his/her work or has been of some value to the artist's production. The quotations are handwritten by the artists and placed on the walls of the exhibit space.

The overall installation is intended as a “slow” read, engaging the viewer to discover and view the source of the inspiration and the object made. The viewer is encouraged to engage with the work and share a favorite quotation about art that can be written on the wall. The viewer's response then will become part of the exhibit.

The exhibit runs through May.



Dancing Like a Star Fundraiser

La Porte County Family YMCA will host “Dancing Like a Star in the City By the Lake” on Friday, May 22, at Blue Chip Casino.

The 2015 dancing stars include:

- Sheryl Edwards, a lyric soprano who has performed with orchestras, municipal bands, operatic and theatrical groups throughout northern Indiana.
- Agnes Meer, who has been a guest teacher with Michigan City Area Schools for 11 years.
- Cindy Roth, sous chef at Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa.
- Dawn Zigler, account manager at Meridian Title Corp.
- Reece Arthur, program coordinator at La Porte County Family YMCA.
- Marty Corley of Michigan City Police Department.
- Eliot Hay, member connection staff at La Porte County Family YMCA.
- Adam Parkhouse, managing editor of The News-Dispatch.

Each dancer has been training each week with professional dancers at the Dimensions School of Social Dance: Aaron Coberg, Terry Elkins, Danielle Karzewski and Calla Holmes-Robbins.

Several ways exist for contestants to win a prize:

- The Judge's Choice Award determined by a panel of local judges.
- The Big Bucks Award won by the contestant raising the most money for the event.
- The People's Choice Award determined by the number of “votes” received by each celebrity. Votes can be purchased for \$5 each by contacting the contestant of choice. Voting closes at the event after all contestants have performed.
- 2015 Team Spirit award, which goes to the contestant whose tables lend the most visual enhancement to the evening.

Every vote raises money to support the La Porte County Family YMCA Michigan City Elston Branch Scholarship Fund.

The festivities start at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour, followed by a 6:45 p.m. dinner and the 2015 Stars performances at 7:30 p.m. Dimensions School of Social Dance instructors will perform during the program intermission. Comedian Taralynn and Chair Dancer Ben Fout are the hosts.

Tickets are on sale at the La Porte, Long Beach and Michigan City Elston branches, at www.lpymca.org or by phone at the La Porte branch at (219) 325-9622, Long Beach branch at (219) 879-1395 and the Michigan City Elston branch at (219) 221-4055. Tickets also can be purchased from the dancers.

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Celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, the quartet's name is derived from Euclid Avenue in Cleveland. The members are: violinist Jameson Cooper (United Kingdom); violinist Jacob Murphy (United States); violist Luis Enrique Vargas (Venezuela); and cellist Si-Yan Darren Li (China).



The Euclid String Quartet is: Jameson Cooper (top left), Jacob Murphy (top right), Luis Enrique Vargas (bottom left) and Si-Yan Darren Li (bottom right).

The group was the first American string quartet to win top prize at the Osaka International Chamber Music Competition. It also has taken honors at the Hugo Kauder International Competition for String Quartets, Carmel Chamber Music Competition and Chamber Music Yellow Springs Competition.

The program here will feature Arnold Schoenberg's "String Quartet No. 1" and Ludwig van Beethoven's "Raszoumovsky String Quartet No. 3, Opus 59."

Visit www.mccmf.org or call (219) 561-1939 for more information.

Dancing with the Symphony Stars

Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra will host an evening of cocktails, dinner, live and silent auctions and dancing.

The event, "Dancing with the Symphony Stars," is at 5:30 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 9, at The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph, Mich. Local celebrities will be paired with Citadel Dance & Music Center dancers to compete for the Mirrored Ball Award.

The local celebrities are:

- Dentist Stuart Boekeloo and dance partner Susan Dennison.
- Freedom Finishing Inc. Co-Owner Gloria Ender and dance partner Reese Dubrow.
- Whirlpool Communications Manager Brad Gorman and dance partner Eileen Springsteen.
- Dr. Gyl Kasewurm and dance partner Dubrow.
- Edgewater Group Founder Ron Schults with dance partner Dennison.
- Starks Family Funeral Homes Owner/President Tom Starks with dance partner Christin Davis.
- Lynn Todman of MIT's Community Innovators Laboratory and dance partner Michael Smith-Davenport.
- Lainie Lu Von Behren, the granddaughter of John E.N. Howard, and dance partner Smith-Davenport.

The judges are: Jay Costas, Silver Beach Pizza co-owner and last year's winner of the Mirrored Ball Award; Dana Riley, who began Sunset Coast Ballroom Dance with several other area dancers; and "Wild" Bill Lewis, the morning personality at 97-5 Y-Country Radio. The emcee is Emily Evans, who co-anchors the weekday morning newscast from 4:30 to 7 a.m. EDT ABC 57 and from 7 to 9 a.m. EDT on the CW 25 with Drew Gardner. The auctioneer is Jonny Reinhardt, a radio personality at Midwest Family Broadcasting.

Contact the symphony office at (269) 982-4030 or through www.smsso.org

"Depot Friday"

The Beverly Shores Depot Museum and Gallery, 525 Broadway, will host "Depot Friday" from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 8.

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All mothers are admitted free and will be honored with a flower. A trail walk is at 1 p.m. Pets on leashes are welcome



Great-grandmother Brooksie Sons relaxes in the Scottish Garden last year with two of her great-grandchildren.

The Gardens will have longer hours this season, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Assistance will be offered for people with disabilities, including a special tour offered at 2 p.m.

Call (219) 878-9885 for more information.

Critique Night at CAC

Local painter Mark VanderVinne will host Critique Night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Guests are welcome, with no prior registration required. All ability levels and artistic styles are encouraged to attend. While VanderVinne is a painter, he can advise artists in other mediums as well.

Guests may sit and listen; however, participation is encouraged. Artists can take in a piece of work at any stage, from conception to the final version. The critique unfolds in a safe, friendly environment, but it will involve VanderVinne and others providing advice and insight into the effectiveness of the work or artistic concept.

Call (219) 926-4711 or visit www.chestertonart.com for more information.

Historian of the Year

The La Porte County Historical Society will honor its Historian of the Year on Tuesday, May 19, at First Baptist Church, 802 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

The cost of the meal is \$10. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are needed with payment in advance. Either stop by the museum or mail the payment to the Historical Society at 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte, IN 46350.

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Children birth to age 5 accompanied by an adult/guardian can participate in stories, songs and crafts. Arrive a few minutes early to receive a name tag.

• **Knitting Club for All Ages at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20 and 27.**

Take size 9 straight knitting needles, worsted yarn and tape measure (optional). Contact Joanne Hale at joeyAB1971@yahoo.com or (219) 814-4398 for more information.

• **eBooks launches Monday, May 11.**

Baker & Taylor's Axis 360 website will be used for downloading eBooks. Patrons will need a current library card and PIN. The lending period is 14 days and up to three eBooks checked out at one time. Fiction, non-fiction, children and teen titles will be available. Visit www.mclib.org for more information and a list of supported devices.

• **Great Decisions at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, and Thursday, May 28.**

The foreign policy discussion program is finishing its 17th season at the library. Topics this month are human trafficking and Brazil in metamorphosis.

• **Yoga with David Kipley at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, May 12, 19 and 26.**

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

• **Art à la Carte: Here Comes the Sun! at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14.**

Make a sunny craft. All materials are provided. The program is designed for children 4-12, and the child must be present to receive craft supplies.

• **Duneland Stamp Club at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 14.**

The club meets the second Thursday of each month. New members are invited.

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Class topics include: "Shut Off That Logical Brain"; "Does the Painting Have Focus?"; "Lost in Space?"; "Are Dominant Shapes Strong and Different?"; "You Mean a Shadow Has Parts?"; "What is That Shadow?"; "Draw My Portrait!"; "Go Into the Light!"; "Running Man"; "What About Values?"; "Magic in Color"; and "What About Depth?"

The fee is \$80. Contact Kassal at connie@kassal-studio.com for more information.

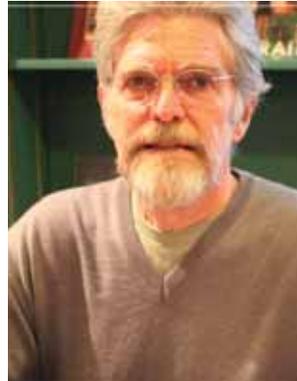
Additional Trout Releases

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife will extend trout fishing opportunities at northern Indiana streams with additional trout stockings.

Included in the plan is Little Kankakee River — at county roads 100 South and 500 East, and at Indiana 4 — in La Porte County, which only will be stocked for Memorial Day weekend.

NB Library Author Series

Three authors representing diverse styles and subject matters will share insights into their latest publications this spring during the Friends of the Library Author Series at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.



First in the lineup is award-winning children's author Jim Aylesworth from 1 to 3 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 9. His latest book, "My Grandfather's Coat," recently won the Sydney Taylor Award in the Younger Readers' Category. It tells of a beloved coat that lasts through four generations until it becomes its own story.

The Chicago author and teacher's books are filled with sounds of a country night and catchy rhymes. His first work, "Hush Up!," was published in 1980.

The next author is Joyce Hicks, who will discuss her debut novel, "Escape from Assisted Living," from 7 to 8 p.m. EDT Tuesday, May 26. Described as a "sensitive story of intergenerational stresses," the book takes the reader on an octogenarian mother's unauthorized trip through Chicago landmarks, and shows the impact on her relationship with her married daughter.

Hicks' short stories on later-life and family have appeared in many national publications. She is retired from Valparaiso University and holds a master's degree from Michigan State University and a bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence University.

Gangsters is the focus of Chriss Lyon's visit from 7 to 8 p.m. EDT Tuesday, June 9. She is the author of "A Killing in Capone's Playground" and will highlight the happenings that unfolded in Southwest Michigan. A local author, historian and public safety professional, Lyon has used never-before published police reports, interviews with family members of key witnesses and leading experts. She is a graduate of Grand Valley State University's Film/Video School and has worked at CNN Headline News.

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"To every life there comes a time supreme... One rift through which sublime fulfillments gleam."

So it happened to the late sculptor Hermann Gurfinkel, a refugee from Nazi Germany whose improbable journey led to Northwest Indiana. I was one of the people lucky enough to be watching as he reached the fulfillment of his sublime goals.

Gurfinkel (1916-2004) lived in Valparaiso for 35 years, making important contributions to the sculpture scene in Lake, Porter and La Porte counties: the 22-foot-tall "Man of Steel" in Hammond's Harrison Park; "The Reader," a larger-than-life-size figure for Lake County Public Library in Merrillville; a bronze menorah for Temple Israel in Valparaiso; and the bronze "Mother and Child" for Serenity Place courtyard at IU Health La Porte Hospital.

Gregg Hertzlieb, director of Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art, has organized a retrospective of Gurfinkel's work that runs May 15 through Aug. 9. It will feature smaller sculptures on loan from private collectors, some jewelry, a classical male figure owned by the university, as well as drawings and memorabilia from the artist's remarkable life.

The exhibit was proposed by Trent Pendley, a jeweler and past Indiana Jewish Historical Society president whose shared interest in local history brought us together on this project. Hertzlieb asked



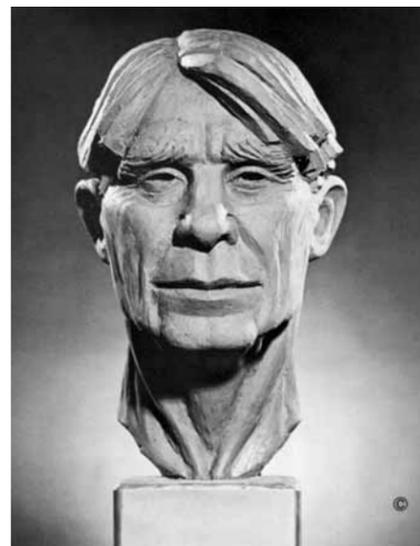
At work on "Mother and Child," a sculpture Gurfinkel made for IU Health La Porte Hospital.

me to write an essay for the exhibition catalog – a request that took me back almost 40 years, and raised questions I had always wondered about.

First: How did it happen that Gurfinkel, who escaped from Germany in 1938, found his way to Valparaiso? And why?

When I first met the sculptor in 1976, he was leading a solitary and frugal existence in rural Porter County, scraping together a living with part-time teaching jobs and occasional commissions. He lived in a small farmhouse, courtesy of Owen Biller, a U.S. Steel engineer and gentleman-farmer. He was a finicky eater, a vegetarian, with a garden for raising his own vegetables. He had no relatives nearby: a sister in Detroit, another sister living on a kibbutz in Israel.

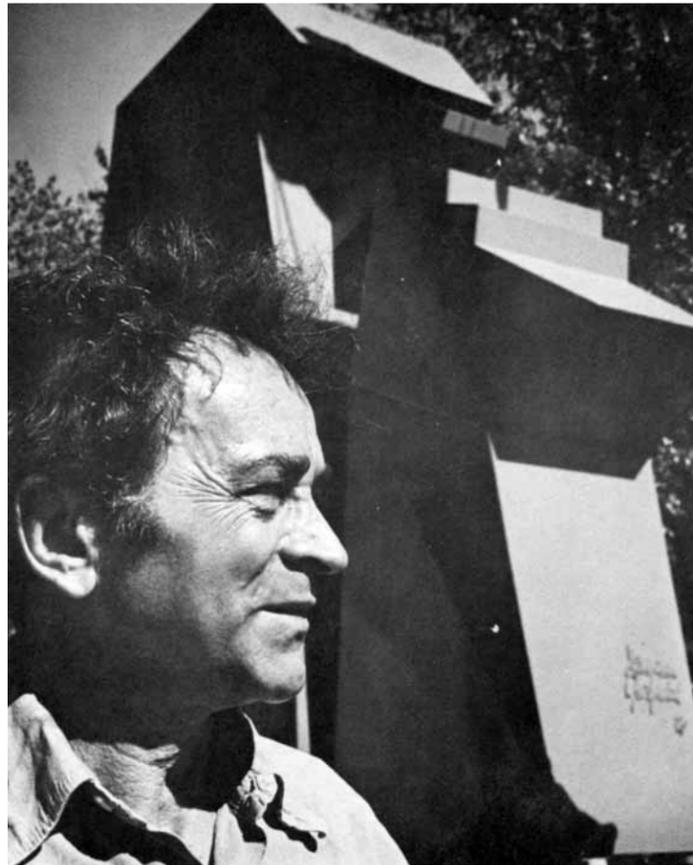
Tracing his journey, I later discovered Gurfinkel had spent several years in Chicago, enjoying quite a different lifestyle. He had been a Gold Coast jeweler with prestigious clientele. In the 1950s, he had a shop



Gurfinkel sculpted a head of Carl Sandburg, a man he greatly admired, but was not successful in having it made into a public monument.

Hermann Gurfinkel: A Sculptor's Life Honored at Brauer Museum

by Barbara Stodola



Hermann Gurfinkel, photographed in 1976 beside "Man of Steel," the monumental sculpture he made for the City of Hammond.

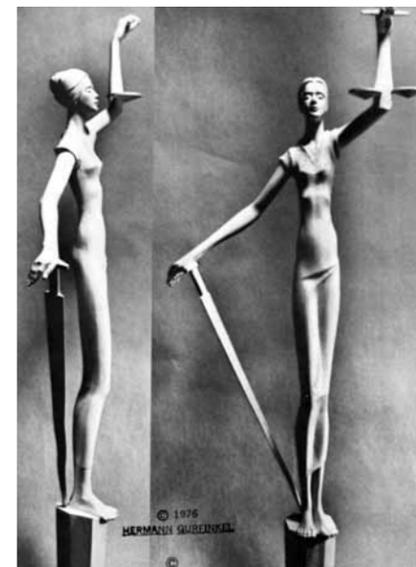
on Goethe Street, then on Oak Street between Michigan Avenue and Rush Street. But the perils of city living led to misfortune: one shop was burglarized, another caught fire from an adjacent restaurant. Gurfinkel sold what was left of his jewelry trade, determined to pursue a higher calling — to Art, with a capital "A." He felt he could accomplish this in Chicago's south suburbs.

What had brought him to Chicago was an opportunity to teach at the Bauhaus-inspired Institute of Design. Gurfinkel's expertise at metalworking had been recognized earlier, when he talked himself into a job at a tool-and-dye shop in Detroit. This experience led to a fellowship at Cranbrook Academy near Flint, Mich., where he was soon offered a teaching position. The young sculptor's career was on the rise, due to his talent, ingenuity and the European training that emphasized craftsmanship. In Cologne, Germany, he

had served an apprenticeship with a metalworker at the Cathedral and learned this lesson: "One has



Plant forms inspired abstract creations and were often favored by collectors.



A figure of Justice, balancing her scales, was one of Gurfinkel's favorite motifs.

to be a craftsman first, before becoming an artist."

My earliest introduction to Gurfinkel's work came at board meetings of the Northern Indiana Arts Association, sponsor of Hammond's first major public sculpture. NIAA Program Director Sandy Starrett updated us monthly on the progress and seemingly endless problems: Gurfinkel was complaining about the material Inland Steel provided (he would have preferred stainless steel); he needed welding equipment and taller ladders; Pete Knoerzer could not continue providing factory workspace, since the project went on longer than a year (an empty warehouse was found, but it was unheated); the sculptor got sick, possibly pneumonia; how could volunteer welders be persuaded to help out. In the end, Biller, Gurfinkel's landlord, volunteered, as did welding students from Hammond Tech High School and their teacher. Several construction companies and suppliers had their arms twisted to donate materials and services.

At this time, I was newly graduated from the University of Chicago, and my art history courses offered scant background for the nuts-and-bolts business of producing outdoor sculpture. Other board members had good contacts with steel mills, trucking companies and the like, but I was the person selected to approach the building trade unions. As it turned out, they had been following the project all along and were happy to volunteer their services: bricklayers, cement masons, steelworkers, and most importantly the operating engineers, who used a huge crane to place the monumental sculpture in Harrison Park.

The day of installation dawned bright and clear, with the Hammond mayor in attendance, park department officials and no fewer than eight business agents from the unions. It truly was a community-wide project, and Gurfinkel was proud. He stated grandly that his "Man of Steel" "expresses the dedication to the people who make steel, fabricate steel, transport it, build with it, use it and depend it." I quoted him in a little booklet printed up for the occasion.

Gurfinkel continued devoting his talents to grand causes, and his later works are infused with the spirit of a higher calling. Now, it is 39 years later, and Hertzlieb has taken me to visit Michael Silvert, an art collector and one of the Temple Israel members who supported and encouraged the sculptor. Silvert's collection includes, in addition to small sculptures, Gurfinkel's hand-written letters, personal documents, newspaper clippings — and a copy of that 1976 booklet in near-perfect condition, with the artist's drawing reproduced in orange, like the sculpture itself.

The booklet, I am pleased to report, is one of the items to be displayed in this museum exhibit.



What's Cooking

by Jim LaRocco

We recently took a trip to North Central College in Naperville, Ill. It wasn't a prospective college visit. It was a trip to Pfeiffer Hall to see one of our favorite entertainers.

She is the daughter of the King of Cool: Dean Martin. Deana Martin is a pilot, actress, Broadway star, businesswoman, author, entertainer, recording artist and all-around nice person.



Jim and Sue LaRocco with Deana Martin.

Deana, unlike many children of famous entertainers, does not shy away from who her father was. She embraces it. When you attend one of her concerts, she takes you on a walk down memory lane, singing from the Great American Songbook and, of course, some of those great songs sung by her father.

She opened her latest show with Peggy Lee's "I Love Being Here With You." It doesn't take long to realize it is not just an opening song. It is the way she feels about performing for a live audience.

Her act is not just a collection of Dean Martin songs. She sings jazz. In the last concert we attended, she sang Ella Fitzgerald's "Yellow Basket." She also sang George Strait's "Ace in the Hole." She has a voice you never tire of. She has the ability to sing any type of music and puts her own special twist to it. She performs with a complete orchestra sometimes and a five-piece band on others. Either way, it is a great evening.

There are times during her performance that she will sing a note just like her famous dad. The show flies by: 90 minutes feel like 90 seconds. Her shows are all about audience participation. She enjoys what she does, and it shows.

She adds humor, a couple of toasts and, of course, stories about growing up surrounded by some of the biggest names in show business. It was not a big deal for her because she attended school with

most of their children, and seeing their parents at her house was just normal. She talks about Uncle Frank, Uncle Sammy and doing the twist while Bobby Darin sang "Up the Lazy River" in her living room.

Imagine how great it was to grow up in that environment. Like we told her in our interview, we are jealous. If you would like to listen to the latest Deana Martin interview, you can go to my website: jimlarocco.com.

During her shows, she sings a duet with her father while a kaleidoscope of pictures is played on the screen in the background. There is that Martin twinkle in her eyes when she sings it. The unbreakable bond between father and daughter is there for all to see. At the end of the number, she throws a kiss to her dad on screen.



Deana Martin appears with audience members who become "Deana's Divas."

During her concerts, she has two audience-participation numbers: "Memories Are Made of This," where she picks audience members to come up on stage and be "Deana's Divas." Their part is to sing the "sweet, sweet memories you gave to me." You can see how much she enjoys interacting with her fans.

Later in the show, Deana takes a stroll through the venue while she sings "That's Amore," which first appeared in her father's 1953 movie "The Caddy." She strolls through the concert hall, and when she gets to the "That's Amore" part, she stops and holds out the microphone to a fan so he/she can sing the phrase.

Deana, her husband, John Griffith, and her personal assistant, Rosario Roller, truly care about the fans. How many entertainers have a meet and greet with their fans after every show? Deana takes all the time needed to meet and chat with her fans. She poses for pictures, autographs photos, exchanges stories, truly making the evening a memorable ex-

perience. After the show, Sue and I have had the pleasure of interviewing her twice for our radio show, "Miscellany," on WIMS AM 1420. The last interview was before her show at Pfeiffer Hall.

Deana is one of the most genuine people we have met. We had set up a time for our interview, and she called at the set time. The only problem was that Sue was sick in bed with a migraine, and I informed Deana that we would have to do the interview without Sue or postpone it.

Then, the nicest thing happened. Deana said, "Let me check my schedule, and let's do this tomorrow if we can." How many celebrities would do that for some small-market radio show hosts? Not many, I am sure.

We set up a time for Deana to call our studio the following day. One of the first things she did was ask Sue how she was feeling. How is that for someone who enjoys what she does?

Sue was very nervous during our first interview with Deana. The great thing about Deana is that she makes you feel at ease, like you are just old friends sitting around a table talking.



Deana Martin

When we spoke with Deana and her husband after the show — and as always she remembered us by name — she asked Sue how she was feeling and thanked us for coming to the show. She even told me she enjoyed our interviews. Then, something charming happened. Deana kept telling her husband, "This is Jim and Sue. You remember Jim and Sue, don't you? Jim and

Sue." He smiled before he snapped our picture and said, "Sometimes, I have a hard time remembering who you are." A funny moment: not sarcastic, but a cute moment with two people who are obviously very much in love.

All Sue and I could do was smile and laugh along with them. We talked a few more minutes, then said our good-byes. John also is her producer, manager and constant companion. They are the perfect match. They both seem to enjoy the ride together.

Deana wrote a book called "Memories Are Made of This: Dean Martin Through His Daughter's Eyes" in 2004, and it was on *The New York Times* best-seller list. The book now is on *The Wall Street Journal's* Top 10 Non-Fiction E-books list. It's a great read for all.

As a hit recording artist, she has released three CDs. The 2006 CD, "Memories Are Made of This," stayed in the Top 10 for 40 consecutive weeks. The 2009 effort, "Volare," debuted at No. 7. "Destination Moon" was released in 2013. She also has a Christmas album, "White Christmas."

Music is food for the soul, so it fits well with this column. If you would like to find out more about Deana Martin, you can go to deanamartin.com or check her out on facebook.

Deana is a talented entertainer who puts on a great show. She loves her fans and loves performing in front of a live audience. You owe it to yourself to see her perform next time she is within a couple hours drive time. You will not be disappointed. She has a great personality, and just like her father, she has her own smooth style...and that ever-present Martin twinkle.

Dean Martin was the undisputed King of Cool. Deana, most certainly, is the Princess of Cool.

Until next time, enjoy.

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At the Wheel



Local ceramic artist Jon Hook has been sharing his talents with students at Marquette Catholic High School, showing them how to use a potter's wheel. Hook, who creates sculptural and functional pottery, co-opened Hook Pottery Paper in La Porte in 1997 with his wife, Andrea Peterson. He hopes to work with Marquette students again next year. Pictured is student Jason Liu working at the potter's wheel.

Closed Fishing Season Lifted

The annual closed fishing season on sections of Trail Creek and the Little Calumet River's east branch has been lifted under an emergency rule.

Portions of each stream were previously closed from April 1-June 15 each year to protect recently stocked trout and salmon.

Lifting the closure will allow more fishing opportunities for Hoosiers to pursue steelhead, bass, walleye and panfish without harming the stocking program on Lake Michigan and its Indiana tributaries, according to DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife.

When the closed season was enacted decades ago, it protected spring yearlings stocked at 7 inches in length, which also was the minimum size limit for inland trout at the time.

The trout and salmon stocking program on Lake Michigan and its tributaries was newly developed back then. Some anglers were unaware the size limit for trout caught on inland streams and trout caught in Lake Michigan or its tributaries was different. The closure prevented any confusion from resulting in illegal harvesting of recently stocked fish.

The minimum size limit for trout and salmon in Lake Michigan and its Indiana tributaries now is 14 inches.

With the Lake Michigan stocking program well developed, most area anglers know the special trout regulations for those streams. Additionally, stocking locations have been moved further upstream to spread out fish and avoid concentrating stocked fish in areas where they are vulnerable to anglers.

Relaxing the regulation puts those streams in line with other Lake Michigan fisheries agencies and Indiana's St. Joseph River trout and salmon stocking program, which has no spring closure. Tributary restrictions to fishing above and below dams, however, will remain in effect for public safety reasons.



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The challenge is part of its 13th annual contest. An independent panel of professional journalists and writers will judge the entries for the most impactful and positive acronym. The entry deadline is May 31. All rules and regulations can be found at www.AntiBullyingContests.org. First prizes for each contest is a certificate and \$250.

Hey U.G.L.Y. also has Video, Essay, Songwriting, Poetry and Photography Contests with the theme "Why Bystanders Could Be the Key to Stop Bullying." Visit www.HeyUGLY.org for more information.

Polonica Pilgrimage Society Bus Trip

The Polonica Pilgrimage Society will host a bus trip, sponsored by the Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, to Lemont, Ill., on Wednesday, May 27.

The luxury coach will depart at 8:30 a.m. from Nativity of Our Savior Catholic Church, Portage, and at 9 a.m. from All Saints Catholic Church, Hammond. Featured will be tours of SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church and the campus of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and its Heritage Hall. The order's foundress, Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik, is a candidate for beatification and eventual canonization in the Church.

A family style dinner will be served at the Old Town Restaurant, followed by shopping at Celina's Deli & Pantry (Polish-owned).

Approximate return times are 5 p.m. to Hammond and 5:30 p.m. to Portage.

The cost is \$55 per person. Reservations are due by May 18 and, prior to sending payment, must be called in to Theresa Child at (219) 464-1369.

Garden Hotline

La Porte County Master Gardeners can help the public with a variety of home-gardening questions through their free garden hotline.

The service is available from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through Sept. 30.

Master Gardeners will answer questions on house plants, landscaping, flowers, fruit trees, vegetables, trees, shrubs, lawns, insects and garden pests, using research-based materials from the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service or other regional land-grant universities.

The phone number is (219) 324-9407. Michigan City area residents can call (219) 874-5611, Ext. 2655. Ask to speak with a Master Gardener. Questions also can be emailed to lpmastergardener@purdue.edu. Homeowners also can view information at www.extension.purdue.edu/laporte



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ArtBash 2015

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., will host ArtBash 2015, its premier annual fundraiser, at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at Blue Chip Casino's Stardust Event Center.

All proceeds support LCA programs and outreach, including: nine contemporary art exhibits during the year; art, music and dance for more than 800 children and adults weekly; and leadership to local economic development initiatives.

ABC 7 Chicago news anchor Ron Magers will serve as emcee. Chris Grohs and Debbie Hyndman will receive the LCA

Arts Leadership Award for their commitment and dedication to the arts.

Food, drinks and dancing are planned, and guests can bid by text during the interactive auction.

Individual tickets are \$150 through June 9, then \$165. Tables are available for \$1,500 through June 9 and \$1,650 afterward. Tickets are available online at lubeznikcenter.org or by calling (219) 874-4900.



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Monday Musicale Honors Young Musicians

Winners of Monday Musicale's Junior-Senior Competitions treated audiences to music ranging from Mozart to Menken during the annual Scholarship and Awards Concert on Sunday, April 26, at First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St.

Junior Division winners (grades four through eight) received certificates and engraved plaques. Pianist Michael Bim-Merle received the Joy Carson Memorial Award, given to the overall Junior Division winner. A seventh-grader from Michigan City,

JUNIOR DIVISION



The Junior Division winners are (front row, from left) Joseph Didion, Aidan Feeney and Hannah Feeney. The back row is (from left) Cassidy Downs, Savannah Starr and Michael Bim-Merle. Not pictured are José Trujillo, Luke Trujillo, Samuel Salyer and Robert Luscomb Jr.

Piano, Grades 4-5

- Aidan Feeney – first.
- José Trujillo – second.
- Hannah Feeney – third.

Piano, Grades 7-8

- Michael Bim-Merle – first.
- Luke Trujillo – second (tie).
- Savannah Starr – second (tie).
- Robert Luscomb Jr. – third.

Voice

- Cassidy Downs – first.

Instrumental (Various)

- Joseph Didion, flute – first.
- Michael Bim-Merle, violin – second.
- Samuel Salyer, violin – third.

Joy Carson Memorial Award

- Michael Bim-Merle

he also plays violin. His winning selection was Carl Kölling's "Flying Leaves."

Senior Division honorees (grades nine through 12) received plaques and scholarships totaling \$2,000 to further their musical studies. Matthew Steck, La Porte, earned the coveted Monday Musicale Award, given annually to a graduating high school senior. Steck, who plans to study music at Butler University, played Lars-Erik Larsson's "Concertino, Movement III" for French horn.

Scholarship chairman Carol Garrett and audition judges Deborah Beien, Howard Brenneman, Sue Cassler, Kathy Chase, Dee Edgcomb and Daniel McNabb recognized the following students:

SENIOR DIVISION



Senior Division winners are (seated, from left) Matthew Steck, Kaelyn Oman and Rowena Quinn. Standing is Sara McMahon. Not pictured are Moriah Carmel and Lena Levi.

SENIOR DIVISION

Mildred Bowman Memorial Award — Kaelyn Oman, voice.

Roy Hibner Memorial Award — Lena Levi, violin.

Past Presidents' Award— Sara McMahon, flute.

Dr. LaTourette Stockwell Memorial Scholarship— Moriah Carmel, trumpet.

Marilyn Whiten Memorial Award — Rowena Quinn, saxophone

Monday Musicale Award —Matthew Steck, French horn



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PNC Enrollment Day

Purdue University-North Central invites prospective students to Enrollment Day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 12.

The event welcomes transfer students and students returning to PNC or the Purdue system who want to register for the summer 2015, fall 2015 and spring 2016 semesters.

Prospective students can fill out an application, get admitted, take an assessment test (if needed) and receive financial-aid information. Official transcripts must be submitted to be evaluated for admission. Students then can meet with an academic advisor to discuss their plan of study and register for courses.

A sign-in table will be at the north entrance of the Technology Building, near the lounge adjacent to Room 157. No registration is required, and students will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. Family members are welcome. Additional information is available by contacting Janice Whisler at jwhisler@pnc.edu or (219) 785-5415.

Community Open House

READ La Porte County Inc. will hold its second Community Open House from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, in the Large Meeting Room at La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave.

READ volunteers, students, board members and the general public are invited to celebrate READ's successes and learn about opportunities to assist in its mission. The event includes free pizza and soft drinks, a brief presentation about READ and door-prize drawings. A children's craft activity will be provided.

READ La Porte County is a United Way agency that aims to increase the reading, math, English and digital literacy skills in the community. It offers free tutoring to three main groups of students: children, adult learners and English as a Second Language individuals.

Visit www.readlaportecounty.org or www.facebook.com/ReadLaPorteCountyInc, call (219) 325-0875 or email readlaportecounty@gmail.com for more information.

MQT Annual Golf Outing

Marquette Catholic High School's annual golf outing is Monday, May 18, at Long Beach Country Club, 2309 Larchmont Ave.

The event kicks off with a noon shotgun start. The cost is \$600 per foursome, or \$150 per golfer. Also planned are entry gifts, beverages, lunch, games and a barbecue dinner on the patio with a silent auction and cash bar.

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Two DNR Interpreters Honored

Two DNR Division of State Parks employees were recognized for excellence by the National Association for Interpretation, Region 4.

Vicki Basman, chief of interpretive services, earned the Master Interpretive Manager award. Aaron Douglass, seasonal interpreter at Mounds State Park, earned the Sandy McBeath Outstanding Part-Time/Seasonal Interpretive Naturalist award.

NAI Region 4 encompasses programs in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Ontario. The awards were presented at Turkey Run State Park in March.

Basman started her career in 1992 as a seasonal interpreter at McCormick's Creek State Park in Spencer. She now oversees interpretive services at all 32 Indiana State Park properties, which involves 23 full-time staff and 60 to 70 seasonal workers.

Douglass joined Mounds in 2014 for his first seasonal interpreter experience. According to full-time interpreter Jessica Rosier, he excelled at connecting with kids and developing youth programs.

"Remembering the 844"

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.

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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

• **Minecraft Meet-up from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the Bertha Wood room at the Thomas branch of Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Registration is required and can be done in person at the library. WPL Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct at tinyurl.com/parmv6l need to be signed upon registration.

• **Teen Library Council meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at Thomas Library.**

Members recommend library programs, books and more. Community service hours are available.

• **Chesterton Chess Club meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at the Thomas branch.**

All ages and skill levels are welcome. Meet at tables by the reference desk.

• **Young Adult Film Series, "Spare Parts," at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The movie, which is rated PG-13, has a running time of 113 minutes.

• **Bifocal Bookies, Kathleen Tessaro's "The Perfume Collector," at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

Copies of the book are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

• **Bits and Bytes series, "Intro to Android," from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 14, in the Serials/Automation Department at Thomas Library.**

Registration is required by visiting or calling the Serials Department at (219) 926-7696, or by registering at www.wpl.lib.in.us. Click on the Bits and Bytes link.

• **Read one of the books in Hageman Library's "Jane Eyre" display until May 15 for a chance to win a free theater ticket.**

The play is "Jane Eyre — A Musical Love Story," which opens May 15 at 4th Street Theater.

Libraries Closed for New Software

All La Porte County Public Library locations will be closed Tuesday through Thursday, May 5-7, to install new library software.

Online accounts will not be accessible as well. No library materials will be due during those three days. Electronic materials can be accessed through Overdrive and Zinio.

When the libraries reopen May 8, four-digit PINs will need to be reset. Instructions for logging in have been emailed to current library users.

The new software has many features customers have requested. Library staff can help people with them, as well as help set up "pre-overdue" notices.

Call (219) 362-6156 for more information.

MQT Student Named All Star

Marquette Catholic High School senior Patrick McDonnell has been named a 2015 Regional Academic All-Star.

The *Indianapolis Star* honored the Regional Academic All-Stars and their high school principals at an awards luncheon in Indianapolis. In addition, *The Star* will feature an article in a future edition.



McDonnell, Michigan City, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry McDonnell, was selected for outstanding academic achievement. He is a member of the tennis and golf teams, is involved with the drama department and is the school's media specialist. He is a member of National Honor Society and student government.



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Tailwaters Offer Walleye Fishing

The arrival of spring marks a surge in walleye fishing opportunities in river tailwaters below major dams throughout northern Indiana.

River walleyes begin to migrate upstream by mid-March in search of spawning habitat. Where blocked by dams, they congregate in large numbers.

Hot tailwater locations include the Tippecanoe River below the Oakdale Dam near Monticello, the St. Joseph River below the Elkhart Dam in Elkhart County and the Salamonie River below the Salamonie Dam in Wabash County. Anglers also should try two hot spots in Fort Wayne: the Maumee River below the Hosey Dam and the St. Joseph River below the dam at Johnny Appleseed Park.

Walleye fishing can be more productive when water levels drop after a period of runoff. The increased flow triggers walleye to move upstream, and the declining flow helps concentrate them.

Walleyes are not built to swim against a strong current for long periods, so anglers can find them on the edge of eddies, behind boulders or anything that provides a break from the current. Anglers also should look for areas of slow current near the bank, especially after sunset.

Fishing is suggested with white or chartreuse lead-head jigs, or suspended jerk baits with rattles. Walleyes are most active on overcast days and the first couple hours after sunset and before sunrise.

Some walleye anglers wade, which can be treacherous during high flow. Most areas can be fished from the bank.



American Red Cross

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

- First Church of God, 2020 E. Lincolnway, La Porte, noon to 6 p.m. Monday, May 11.
- Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1237 E. Coolspring Ave., Michigan City, 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14.

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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Nuisance Wild Animals

Nuisance wild animals are a common problem in the spring, and Hoosiers have several options for dealing with them.

Calling a licensed wild animal-control company is one option. Visit wildlife.IN.gov/2351.htm for more information.

Hoosier landowners or tenants also can trap and release or kill (using legal methods) raccoons, skunks, opossums, squirrels, beavers, muskrats, minks, long-tailed weasels, gray squirrels, fox squirrels, red foxes and gray foxes on their own property without a permit if these animals are damaging that property. Ground hogs, moles and chipmunks may be taken at any time using any equipment without a permit.

Live traps for capturing animals can be purchased from garden-supply or home-improvement stores. Have a plan in place for how to handle the animal once trapped.

Be careful when live-trapping wild animals in the spring because they may have young. If you know the species of animal being trapped, it may be best to wait until after peak birthing season, which can be found by species at wildlife.IN.gov/2351.htm.

If the animal is to be released after capture, it must be released in the county of capture and cannot be kept as a pet, sold, traded or given to another person. Releasing wild animals on a city, county or state property may be illegal or require written permission. Contact proper officials before releasing wild animals on public property.

Landowners experiencing conflicts with white-tailed deer should contact a district wildlife biologist. A contact list is at wildlife.IN.gov/2716.htm.

Pond owners experiencing problems with otters should contact their district wildlife biologist for more information or to request a special control permit. Information is at wildlife.IN.gov/2716.htm.

To keep wild animals from becoming a nuisance, DNR wildlife officials recommend:

- Take in dog and cat food at night and keep bird feeders out of the reach of wild animals, or take in birdfeeders at night.
- Install a commercial chimney cap made of sheet metal and heavy screen. Repair soffits to prevent access to attics, and install strong, metal vent covers.
- Prune tree limbs at least 10 feet away from the roof.
- Buy heavy metal garbage cans with lockable lids; otherwise, keep garbage cans indoors as much as possible.
- Install metal skirting around the bottoms of decks.
- Provide shelter structures for fish in ornamental ponds and water gardens; cover the pond during the night with metal screening.

Teachers, Students in Chess Event

The Michigan City High School Chess Club sponsored a teacher vs. student tournament April 28 in the high school media center.

The tourney featured several close matches. The first round went to the teachers (5-4), but club members came back to win the second round (6-3).



Teacher Mike Tsugawa (left) faces off against club member Keith Patejdl in the April 28 tournament.

Participants in the tournament included:

- Students: Tyler Fawley, Dominic Wren, Alex Kroczek, Keith Patejdl, Kyle Patejdl, Jude Gussman, Alijah George, Ben Boyd and Brandon Fetters.
- Teachers: Justin Biggs (assistant principal), Mark Marz (science), Mandy Chastain (English), Lenore Hoard (special education), Robert Gray (science), Adam Goebel (social studies), Mike Tsugawa (foreign language), Mike Livovich (English), Brian Parker (math) and Frank Haughee (English).

Club members have had a successful season, participating in local, regional and state tournaments. Gussman, Fawley, Kroczek and Wren have been among the top competitors.

The club is sponsored by teachers Shari Mullins, Brian Parker and Amy Wojasinski-Labis.

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

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays, May 18, June 1, 15 and 29, July 13 and 27 and Aug. 3, 17 and 31 at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West. Call at least one week in advance to register.

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

The group meets from 9 to 10 a.m. at Luhr County Park Nature Center. Call at least one week in advance to register. The schedule is:

- June 3 — “Brain Fit,” learn tricks to help with your memory, Regina Welsch of IU Health La Porte Hospital.
- July 1 — “Chair Yoga,” Danielle Kessler of IU Health.
- Aug. 5 — “Benefits of Eating Clean,” Kessler.
- Sept. 2 — “Understanding Medicare” (handouts available from Medicare and State Health Insurance Assistance Program), Denise Holmes.

Kids Fishing Fun Day
 The free event, co-sponsored by the Northwest Indiana Steelheaders, is from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 6, at Luhr County Park.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. A limited amount of bait and poles will be available. No pre-registration is required.

Women Only Fishing Instruction
 Learn basic fishing skills and information during the free program for women 18 and older from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 13, at Luhr County Park.

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Summer Camp Registration

Registration is open for three sessions of summer camp for students ages 5-13 at Indiana Dunes State Park.

The Dunes State Explorer Camp is an opportunity to explore the dunes, its plants and animals and our connection to the land. Funding comes from the Friends of Indiana Dunes State Park group.

Camps meet from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. Each five-day session is tailored to different age groups. Dates are July 13-17 for students ages 5-8, July 27-31 for students ages 7-10 and Aug. 10-14 for students ages 9-13.

Registration is required, and space is limited. Each camp costs \$25 and includes snacks, lunch on Friday, crafts, park entrance fees and a T-shirt.

Campers can pick up a camp flyer and registration form at the park office or nature center, or email dunesnc@dnr.IN.gov for an electronic copy.

Call (219) 926-1390 for more information.

DNR Releases New Mobile App

The Department of Natural Resources has released a new version of its mobile application available for Apple and Android platforms.

In addition to an interactive map that locates DNR properties and spots for camping, hunting and fishing, it features the most popular information from the dnrc.IN.gov website, such as fishing and hunting seasons, camping fees and property rules.

Users also can access a calendar of events at DNR properties, the latest news releases and contact information for Indiana conservation officers.

DNR partnered with the mobile technology group in the state's Indiana Office of Technology to redesign the interface to appeal to a broader and younger audience.

Users of the existing Indiana DNR mobile app will simply need to upgrade through the app store. The previous DNR app was launched in March 2011 and downloaded nearly 33,000 times.

Chamber Membership Breakfast

The Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce will host a Chamber Membership Breakfast on Thursday, May 14, at Portofino Grill, 3233 N. Indiana 39, La Porte.

Registration begins at 7:15 a.m., with breakfast and the presentation at 7:30 a.m. The event sponsor is Michiana Resources, which will highlight its Young Adult Transition to Work Program.

The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Registration is encouraged at business. lpchamber.com/events or by calling (219) 362-3178.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



On May 7, 1789, the first presidential inaugural ball, honoring President and Mrs. George Washington, was held in New York City.

On May 7, 1840, Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky, world-famous Russian composer, was born in Votkinsk, Russia.

On May 7, 1847, the American Medical Association was founded in Philadelphia.

On May 7, 1915, nearly 1,200 lives were lost when the British liner *Lusitania*, after being hit by a German torpedo, sank off the Irish coast.

On May 7, 1925, ground was broken for the University of Chicago Medical Center.

On May 7, 1982, the space shuttle *Endeavor* made its first voyage.

On May 7, 1989, Mayor Richard M. Daley and Gov. James Thompson helped break ground for the new Comiskey Park.

On May 8, 1886, an Atlanta pharmacist, John Styth Pemberton, invented a syrup for a beverage that was to become known as "Coca-Cola."

On May 8, 1944, the first eye bank was established in New York City.

On May 8, 1984, the Soviet Union announced that it would not participate in the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics.

On May 8, 1999, The Citadel, South Carolina's formerly all-male military school, graduated its first female cadet, Nancy Ruth Mace.

On May 9, 1502, Christopher Columbus sailed from Spain on his fourth, and final, voyage to the New World.

On May 9, 1754, the first cartoon appeared in an American newspaper. Benjamin Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette* carried an illustration of a divided snake, each section symbolizing one of the colonies. The caption read, "Join or Die."

On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Mothers Day to be a public holiday.

On May 9, 1926, U.S. Navy Commander Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first people to fly over the North Pole.

On May 10, 1818, Revolutionary War patriot Paul Revere died, in Boston, at the age of 83.

On May 10, 1863, Confederate General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson (General Lee's right-hand man) was accidentally killed by one of his own men.

On May 10, 1869, the first transcontinental rail-



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way was completed when the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific railways met at Utah's Promontory Point.

On May 10, 1894, two 10-foot bronze lions were unveiled at the west entrance to the Chicago Art Museum.

On May 10, 1930, the first planetarium in the United States was opened in Chicago.

On May 10, 1994, Nelson Mandela was sworn in as South Africa's first black president.

On May 10, 2001, Boeing Co, chose Chicago as the site for its new headquarters, replacing Seattle.

On May 11, 1894, workers began a strike at the Pullman Palace Car Co., on the South Side of Chicago, prompting Eugene Debs' American Railway Union to boycott Pullman blocking freight traffic in and out of Chicago.

On May 11, 1904, surrealist painter Salvador Dali was born in Figueras, Spain.

On May 11, 1997, the IBM computer known as Deep Blue defeated Garry Kasparov to win a six-game chess match between man and machine in New York.

On May 12, 1820, Italian Florence Nightengale, the patron saint of modern nursing, was born in Florence, Italy.

On May 12, 1971, New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art announced that it had paid \$5.5 million for a painting by Spanish artist Velasquez.

On May 12, 1992, Robert Reed, star of television's "The Brady Bunch" series, died in Pasadena, CA; he was 59.

On May 12, 2002, Jimmy Carter arrived in Cuba, becoming the first U.S. president—in or out of office—to visit since the 1959 revolution that put Fidel Castro in power.

On May 13, 1607, the English colony at Jamestown, VA, was settled.

On May 13, 1842, English composer Sir Arthur Sullivan, who, as part of the team of "Gilbert and Sullivan," became famous for their still popular operettas, was born in London.

On May 13, 1917, three small children reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary near the Portuguese village of Fatima.

On May 13, 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of an airplane, were introduced. On some of the stamps, the airplane was printed upside-down, making them collector's items.

On May 13, 1940, Winston Churchill, in his first speech before the House of Commons as British Prime Minister, said: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat."

On May 13, 1950, singer Stevie Wonder was born in Saginaw, MI.



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May 7 — Sweets 'n Style Fashion Show, 6:30-9:30 p.m., The Spa Banquet Hall, 333 Mineral Springs Road, Porter. Tickets: \$25. Available @ The Schoolhouse Shop-Beyond Pink, all First State Bank of Porter branches, at door. Info: (219) 926-2136, Ext. 1212.

May 7-10 — Indiana Dunes Birding Festival, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore & Indiana Dunes State Park. Info: indunesbirdingfestival.com, (219) 926-1390.

May 8 — Opening reception, “Art and Text: An Interpretation” by Unbound, 5-8 p.m., Ellen Firme Gallery, 92 W. U.S. 12, Beverly Shores.

May 8 — “Depot Friday,” 5-7 p.m., The Beverly Shores Depot Museum and Gallery, 525 Broadway.

May 8-10 and 15-17 — “Fiddler on the Roof,” La Porte Little Theatre Club, 218 A St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fri./Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$12. Reservations: (219) 362-5113.

May 8-11 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “5 to 7.” Rated R. Times: 6:15 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* “Kumiko, the Treasure Hunter.” Not rated. In English and Japanese with English subtitles. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3:15 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

May 9 — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Eighth and Washington streets, through Oct. 31. Info: www.michigancityfarmersmarket.com

May 9 — New Buffalo Library Author Series, Jim Aylesworth, 1-3 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

May 9 — Young Adult Film Series, “Spare Parts,” 5 p.m., Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

May 9-10 — Spring birding program, Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich. Info: (269) 927-4832.

May 10 — Season opening, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., International Friendship Gardens, 2055 U.S. 12, Michigan City. Info: (219) 878-9885.

May 10 — Free Mother's Day concert, Euclid String Quartet, 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St., Michigan City. Info: (219) 561-1939, www.mccmf.org

May 11 — Great Decisions, 6:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 12 — Bifocal Bookies, Kathleen Tessaro's “The Perfume Collector,” 1 p.m., Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

May 13 — READ La Porte County Inc. Community Open House, 6-7:30 p.m., Large Meeting Room @ La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: (219) 325-0875.

May 14 — Art à la Carte: Here Comes the Sun!, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E.

Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

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

Through May 30 — Fairy Houses, Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 450 W. County Road 100 North near Valparaiso. Info: Taltree.org

Through June 22 — 22nd Annual Juried Art Exhibition, Art Barn School of Art, 695 N. County Road 400 East, Valparaiso. Info: www.artbarnin.com

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

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

Farther Afield:

May 8 — Colm Keegan of Celtic Thunder, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$30. Info: www.acorn-theater.com, (269) 756-3879.

May 9 — Women of Riversong, 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

May 9 — “Dancing with the Symphony Stars,” 5:30 p.m. EDT, The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph, Mich. Info: (269) 982-4030, www.smso.org

Fairy Houses at Taltree

Taltree Arboretum & Gardens will re-exhibit its Fairy Houses around Heron Pond Trail and the Pavilion through May 30.

Each handcrafted fairy house is made of recycled materials, with many created from old tree stumps. Each house has small gardens, including mosses and miniature plants to create the illusion of existing magical creatures, including fairies, gnomes, and pixies.

Regular admission applies. Taltree is located at 450 W. County Road 100 North near Valparaiso. Visit Taltree.org or follow Taltree on twitter at @TaltreeArb and facebook at facebook.com/Taltree

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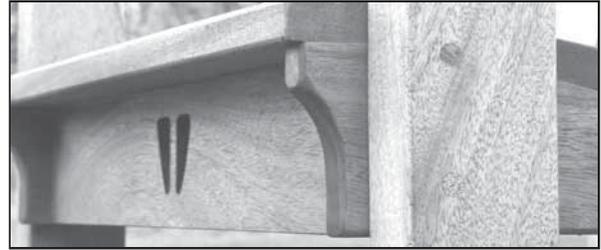
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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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IKAN Talent Show Raises Funds

IKAN raised more than \$2,000 at the return of its Talent Show fundraiser April 24 at Michigan City’s Lakeview Christian Center.

Highlights from the event included the 501st Legion, which donned “Star Wars” garb and was on hand for photos, community volunteers, including Sgt. Chris Yagelski of the Michigan City Police Department, and the talent show itself, which featured dancing, singing, magic and other performances.



An array of performances filled the talent show. All photos by Rich Bukva



Community volunteers present included Kevin Scott (center) of Anytime Fitness and Chris Yagelski (right) of the Michigan City Police Department.

All IKAN members are part of the residential program at Parents and Friends Inc., a nonprofit that provides tailored support to a broad spectrum of individuals with disabilities so they can reach maximum independence. IKAN (the group’s name comes from the Greek alphabet — Iota-Kappa-Alpha-Nu) focuses on community outreach.

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Annual Art Barn Exhibit

The 22nd Annual Juried Art Exhibition runs through June 22 at Art Barn School of Art, 695 N. County Road 400 East, Valparaiso.

This year's judge, Gregg Hertzlieb of Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art, said the exhibit "presents works by artists dedicated to refined explorations of imagery and technique." An estimated \$2,300 in award money was presented to the artists during an opening reception May 2.

Art Barn hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and by appointment on weekends.

Visit www.artbarnin.com for more information.

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of La Porte County will hold its annual meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Long Beach Country Club, 2309 Larchmont Ave.

The business meeting includes election of officers and directors, program planning and organization updates, followed by a meal and the guest speaker, Sen. Karen Tallian.

The cost is \$25. New members and guests are welcome. Email LWVLaporte@gmail.com to register or for more information.

AAUW Meeting

The Michigan City American Association of University Women will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 11, at Round the Clock, County Road 1100 North and Indiana 49 in Chesterton.

The program will highlight the April 25 Indiana State AAUW convention in Fort Wayne.

AAUW has advanced equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Membership is open to any person with an associate's, bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited college or university.

Call Julie at (219) 872-3730 to attend the meeting or more information.

MQT Again Named 4-Star School

Marquette Catholic High School again has been named one of Indiana's Four Star Schools.

To achieve the designation, a school must be in the top 25th percentile of schools in two ISTEP-based categories. It also must have earned an "A" in the state's accountability system and be accredited by the Indiana Department of Education.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Missing Reels by Farran Smith Nehme (hardcover, \$26.95 in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

I picked up this book because of its cover. I do that a lot. Most of the time, it works out for the best, and it has again with *Missing Reels*, a quirky, fun, fascinating tribute to the film industry, as well as a tribute to love, adventure and the need to preserve past dreams...

"Lost films fortify our romantic notions of the cinema...In that sense, we need lost films." So speaks our heroine, Ceinwen (KINE-win) Reilly. She's young, in love with vintage clothing and especially the movies those clothes remind her of. She adores old movies, especially silent films, and the glamour of movies from the 1920s through the 1950s. She haunts old theaters showing these films and is a walking compendium of movie trivia. It may be 1987 in New York City, but Ceinwen can give you the names of practically everyone involved with any particular movie.

Ceinwen lives with two gay guys, Talmadge and Jim, in a six-floor walk-up. Yes, I said sixth floor walk-up. No elevator--only in New York!

"She told herself that living with two men made Avenue C safe, even if Talmadge was short and Jim was skinny."

She and Talmadge work at Vintage Visions as sales clerks. The store is one of a growing number of shops specializing in fashions from the first half of the 20th century. Ceinwen owns many of these fashions and, with her blonde hair and slim good looks, wears them well. The pair work for Lily, a cranky woman who makes you wonder why she would choose an occupation that has her deal with people! Lily is not a nice person. Period.

One day, Ceinwen waits on a couple looking at vintage jewelry. The woman is curt and nasty, but the man shows interest in Ceinwen and, sure enough, turns up the next day. He's an Englishman named Matthew Hill and says he's a postdoc mathematician at NYU. Could this be the beginning of a beautiful friendship? Heck no! I'm looking for a steamy romance, but things must work out at their own pace, especially when both people are smart and somewhat reticent.

That will change!

Meanwhile, the other major player in our comedy is a 70-year-old woman named Miriam Gibson. She lives in the same building as Ceinwen a floor below. Ceinwen tries to make conversation with her, but Miriam just doesn't want to talk. *"Whoever heard of an old lady who doesn't want to talk?"* Cein-



wen wants to know. *"Maybe she's just a bitch,"* is Jim's response.

Ceinwen won't give up on Miriam and pieces together that she once had something to do with the film industry. Sure enough, Miriam had a stage mother who dragged her off to California in the 1920s, landing a role in a costume piece called "The Mysteries of Udolpho." Research by Ceinwen discovers there is no copy of the movie left--at least that's what she's being told. Many of Hollywood's early reels were destroyed or simply fell apart. Now, the fun really begins--Ceinwen is off and running to solve the mystery of Miriam's film career and the possible whereabouts of a copy of "Mysteries."

This story is a breath of fresh air! Ceinwen is a character you want to know and you want to succeed. Her roommates are sensitive to her love life, or lack thereof, showing that all New Yorkers are not insensitive. Matthew is the handsome and reserved Brit who, just when you start to like him, does something really stupid to shatter Ceinwen's world. One thing about New York, though, there is no end to the "I know someone who knows someone" that proves to Ceinwen a single copy of "Mysteries," indeed, still exists.

There are maddening clues along the way, like one photo of Miriam in costume and a two-minute piece of film, supposedly all that is left of the movie. Or is it?

Anyone in love with the movies will fall in love with this story: Characters to cheer for, characters to boo for, suspense to hold your breath for and love and laughs to keep you engaged until the final page.

Kirkus Review wrote: "A screwball comedy wedded to a gothic novel...Simply grand; this tale begs to be filmed." I couldn't agree more!

Nehme writes about classic film at her blog, "Self-Styled Siren." She also is a freelance movie reviewer for *The New York Post*. Her film writing has appeared in various publications. In 2008, she was named Film Blogger of the Year by GQ's Tom Carson. No surprise she lives in New York City.

Till next time, happy reading!



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