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Dancers on the Dune

Karen Marfise



In the waning light of October gloom,
In the rising light of a Halloween moon,
Shadows take shape, shift, reshape,
Ghostly dancers on the dune.

Silvery mists rise from the lake.
Slowly, silently, forms they make.
Shadows take form, shift reshape,
Eerie dancers from the lake.

The lake bubbles like a cauldron
There is Life and Death in every drop.
On this final October Eve,
Its tales float to the top.

What is seen and not unseen?
In the half light of a Halloween moon,
From a place of in between,
Ghostly dancers on the dune.

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In the Hot Seat

by Andrew Tallackson

Light rain began to streak across the windshield of Mark's Corvette. The storm clouds that once loomed quietly overhead had turned dark and threatening. The drops that fell were not heavy, but persistent, like rivulets of water from a tap.

The presence of showers was not part of



Storm clouds loom overhead as drivers prepare to head out on the track.



Joe Molnar waves the checkered flag from a corner station.

the forecast. Cold, yes, but not rain. Then again, this was par for the course. Mark's about to take me out for my first experience on a racetrack. Why wouldn't it rain, right?

Well, if you're going to do this, I told myself, may as well go for it.

Mark eased the Corvette up to the starting line as Joe Molnar, the track's race control rep, did a quick inspection, checking us for helmets and seat belts, and

noting if our windows were up or down.

Please, I silently pleaded with myself. Don't scream like a girlie man. Do. Not. Scream. Like. A. Girlie. Man.

I looked left and right for anything to calm me down. On the car's side mirror, a phrase layered on top of it caught my attention: "Objects in the Mirror Are Losing." Laughing, I turned to say something... but Mark had been given the clear. That's when he shouted, "We're off."

Five Days Earlier

“You’re doing what?”

My wife, Alice, posed this question without looking at me, her gaze directed at the refrigerator as she put away a few items on the dining room table after our evening meal.

“I’m going up to South Haven, Mich., to ride in a race car with Mark Schoonaert.”

“And you’re doing this because why?”

“Uh,” I replied, fumbling, “well, because he asked me this summer to go with him and I was too busy. This is our last chance of the year to go to this track.”

Alice closed the refrigerator door, laughing, shaking her head.

“This from the man who barely drives the speed limit, especially with Will in the backseat.”

She had me on that one. I’ve never possessed a “need for speed,” especially after becoming a father, where driving with your son in the backseat, for me, is the equivalent of delicately transporting precious cargo from one location to the next.

How could I explain to my wife that, at 45, while not exactly suffering from a mid-life crisis, the early stages of compiling the proverbial “bucket list” have begun. Some of those entries are fairly simple, like tickets to finally see Chris Tomlin in concert Nov. 7. Others, like “do something no one else would expect you to do” — not so easy to come by.

Getting into the passenger seat of a race car, though, that might do the trick.

Back to the Present

The musical alarm on my phone went off, awakening me from a deep slumber at 5:45 in the morning. I quickly bolted out of bed and hopped into the shower. Fifteen minutes later, I was dressed and out the door, headed to South Haven, home of Ginger-Man Raceway. Situated on 350 acres, it boasts an original track length of 1.88 miles and an extended



Mark poses with his 2006 Corvette.

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track length of 2.14 miles. There are 11 corners, but no hazards like ditches, trees or utility poles. It's considered one of the country's safest tracks.

Driving along Interstate 94, no trace of nerves were present. How could they be? The beauty of Southwest Michigan in fall is unreal: the rolling hills, the changing colors with stark reds, browns and yellows. The entire trip took about one hour. Pulling up to the racetrack, dawn gradually giving way to morning daylight, I saw Mark not far from his Corvette. I've known him for a long time. The owner of Michigan City's Naturally Wood for 38 years, we periodically chat about movies. Our first extensive conversation was over a terrible Sylvester Stallone movie called "Driven," the two of us laughing at how ridiculously over-the-top the movie was. More recently, we sang the praises of "Rush," Ron Howard's superior biopic about the rivalry between James Hunt and Niki Lauda. It was that discussion that prompted Mark to extend the GingerMan Raceway invitation. Mark's love of racing, by the way, began in 1988 when he was 35.



Phil Miranda leads the briefing before everyone took to the racetrack.

Arriving at GingerMan, Mark ushered me to the meeting area, where I joined more than 30 others for a briefing led by Phil Miranda.

"It's a great day to be on the track," Miranda offered as his welcome. Then, in no-nonsense fashion, he spelled out exactly what to expect. Those wishing to be paired with instructors would wear different colored armbands: green for advanced, yellow for intermediate and red for novice. Repeatedly stressing safety, he advised ways to correctly pass drivers and negotiate the corners in the road. Flags raised in the air will have different meanings. A black-and-white checkered flag, for instance, will mean it's time to "cool down" for the final lap. Before sending everyone on their way, he advised the following: "Have a great time. Your car's going to be fast. Take that first lap easy. Drive in your comfort zone."

Those in the novice group – about six guys, myself included – remained behind for additional instruction. Miranda then went into greater detail, such



Mark chats with Phil Miranda near GingerMan's racetrack.

as making sure our seats are in a comfortable position, properly adjusting the side mirrors to eliminate blind spots, the safest way to maneuver along corners and keeping our eyes focused on the track.

"If you don't have the proper vision," Miranda said, "you will be reacting to a situation rather than proacting. You always want to be ahead of the car."

"Remember," he continued, "these are skills you can use on the street, that make you a better driver overall."

Miranda then wished us the best. I headed outside to search for Mark. Before finding him, the first flicker of nerves shot through me, directing me to the restroom for what I call my "nervous pee." Hadn't had one of those in years. The last few times were while playing keyboard in the orchestra pit for Young People's Theater Co. shows. Shortly before the curtain rose, the nerves would strike, I'd head to the restroom for a quick "nervous pee" and after that – ta-da – fine from there.

So, with that taken care of, I headed over to Mark, who was chatting with Lee Muhleman of Valparaiso. It was his fourth trip of the year to GingerMan, and he had nothing but praise for the track.



Mark chats with Lee Muhleman, Valparaiso, shortly before heading out to the track.

"This track is very safe," Muhleman said. "If you screw up, well, there's not much you can do to screw up badly here."

That kinda sorta made me feel better. What helped was Mark's commitment to safety, not just for me, but also for himself and for the other drivers. His Corvette, by the way, is a 2006 Z06 model.

Out of Body Experience



Mark checks the pressure on his tires before heading out to the track.

It has a 427 cubic-inch engine and boasts 550 horsepower. His prep work on the vehicle included making sure it had the correct oil level, the lug nuts tight and secure and proper break fluid levels. We both wore helmets.

Whereas everyone else was paying to drive or ride with an instructor, I was simply Mark's companion for a ride around the track.

The moment of truth arrived when we were finally out on the track. The rain that arrived as we prepared to take off was gone seconds later. The track still wet, Mark carefully negotiated his way through the course. Then, the sun came out and we arrived at a dry stretch of road.

That's when Mark floored it.

People talk about having out-of-body experiences, but I've never believed them. Then again, these people typically were hippies mumbling about drum circles and peyote.

But when Mark put the pedal to the metal, relative calm escalated to sheer terror in a matter of seconds. My right hand holding the passenger door handle in a death grip, my feet pressed against the floor as if cemented to them, it felt as if an unseen force was pulling at me. When Mark reached speeds of up to 120 miles per hour, it happened. For a brief moment, it was as if I was lifted out of my body, looking back on Mark and me, followed by the sensation of being yanked back into my terrified frame of a body. Then, peace. It was as if my body was now one with the car. It moved and swayed with the vehicle. Corners no longer felt imposing, the high speeds inviting.

It felt as if we were out on the track for five minutes. Mark estimates it was between 18 and 20. Time lost all meaning. It was one of those rare moments where I was truly in the moment. There was no past. No future. Just the now.

Mark saw the checkered flag waving from a corner station and slowed the corvette down to speeds hovering between 35 and 40. He may have spoken

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during the ride, but none of it registered. It was all a muffled blur. Now, it was as if he was speaking through a bullhorn, explaining how he'd recovered from a brief loss of traction, where the car rocked back and forth. Indeed, Mark's command of the road, and of his own vehicle, was astonishing. He returned to his original parking space and exited the vehicle. I braced for the worst, but realized nothing embarrassing I feared might occur did ensue. I didn't scream. Didn't get dizzy. Didn't puke. Didn't soil my Tightly-Whities. Instead, I swung my legs out, stood and felt the surge of adrenaline pulse through me.



Me in Mark's Corvette, about a minute or two after our adventure on the racetrack came to an end.

"Whaddya think?," Mark asked, smiling.

At a loss for words, I told him I needed to jot a few thoughts down, quickly, before they evaporated from memory. Bolting over to my car, I scratched down a few words, phrases, sentences: aspects of the experience I wanted to make sure appeared in my article. As the rush of the course began to settle, I headed back over to Mark and could only muster up three words.

"That was awesome."

Mark smiled.

"Maybe next time," I continued, "I'll get behind the wheel. But now, I just want to get back home and write."

"All right, my friend," Mark replied, patting my shoulder. "See you next time."

Will there be a next time? Quite possibly, yes. What that day at GingerMan confirmed is my thoughts about doubt. Doubt can consume you, mold you into someone you aren't. GingerMan Raceway helped remind me that I can accept a challenge, face it head-on and go for it.

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The celebration began Friday afternoon with parent-teacher conferences, followed by a classic Moore House dinner, mini classes and a dessert reception. The evening concluded with the school's traditional senior bonfire – a rite of passage that students anticipate from their freshman year. With torches in hand, seniors walk in a single-file line along Lake La Lumiere, across the land bridge and toward the unlit bonfire. Families watch from afar as the woods glow from the light of the torches. As the final member of the senior class completes the circle around the 15-foot high mountain of logs, the students light the bonfire together, commemorating the group's final year at La Lumiere.



Dana Rafferty, Michigan City, Sophia Wood, Scottsdale, Ariz., and Karalyn Knight, Beverly Shores, celebrate with their classmates at the senior bonfire.



The McArdle family from Spencerville, Ind., enjoys the fall weather during Parents Weekend.

Events continued Saturday morning as Laker athletics hosted and reigned victorious over Howe Military Academy playing boys soccer (1-0), boys tennis (4-1) and volleyball (3-0). Laker football also hosted Lake Forest Academy. During the action, fans gathered for a barbecue lunch served at Sullivan Field, an intramural crew race, a fall senior athletes recognition ceremony and a crew shell blessing by the Rev. Wayne Watts of St. John Berchmans Parish in Chicago. The day concluded with a Catholic Mass celebrated by Watts.



Students participate in an intramural crew race on Lake La Lumiere.



Kanae and Aine Kura, Michigan City, enjoy treats during the dessert reception.

An open letter to Long Beach Voters

Anybody who follows the Long Beach Town Council — either in person, or via cable — can be excused for thinking this version of local government is dysfunctional.

But Long Beach's Town Council has actually functioned quite well for one, particular constituency: developers and their business associates.

This is why I look forward to voting for the Long Beach Party slate on Nov.3. Composed of members representing Republican, Democrat and Independent voters, Long Beach Party candidates recognize that the challenges and opportunities facing our town defy party labels. These folks — Pete Byvoets, Bob Lemay, Nick Meyer, Jane Starr Neulieb and Joy Schmitt — are committed to finding local solutions that make sense.

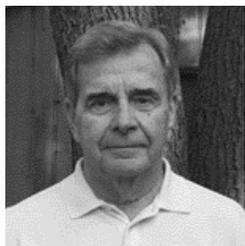
Two of these candidates, Pete and Jane, are incumbents who, time after time, have been the only elected voices speaking up for the consistent interpretation and enforcement of building rules and regulations that, too often, have been ignored or waived in favor of projects that have threatened the character and natural resources of Long Beach.

A developer actually sued Pete and Jane for exercising due diligence regarding one outsized building project in an attempt to intimidate them into silence. Judge Bergerson ruled in Pete and Jane's favor, ordering the developer to pay all court costs.

The Republican slate claims that Long Beach has been saddled with rising legal fees. They fail, however, to tell us how they would respond to self-serving and frivolous lawsuits like this one. When bullies believe they can use litigation as a cudgel, the town has no choice but to defend itself. This may inconvenience those who count on bending local standards, but it protects the property values of a large majority of homeowners, while helping to sustain the unique character of our town.

I believe that voting for the Long Beach Party represents our town's best chance to enhance property values for all residents by preserving and enhancing our extraordinary natural resources, bringing consistency to the enforcement of existing rules and regulations, and by improving our town government's transparency and communications.

David Hoppe
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Book Delves Into Business Side of Pop Superstar

by Kim Ward

Editor's note — The Beacher continues its partnership with iRock Jazz to provide Art+Times, a bi-weekly column that highlights how art and culture intersect today.

The story of Michael Jackson's rise from a poor kid in segregated Gary, Ind., to arguably the greatest entertainer of all time seems as if it was torn from the pages of a fairytale.

Jackson redefined what it means to be "famous," elevating superstar status to heights that seem impossible to achieve in an industry today that struggles to define itself. Jackson's "Thriller" sits comfortably at the top of the Recording Industry Association of America's list of the Top 100 Albums, selling an estimated 100 million copies worldwide. His dance moves captured on stage and in music videos are copied, and his live performances have set the bar for entertainers today.

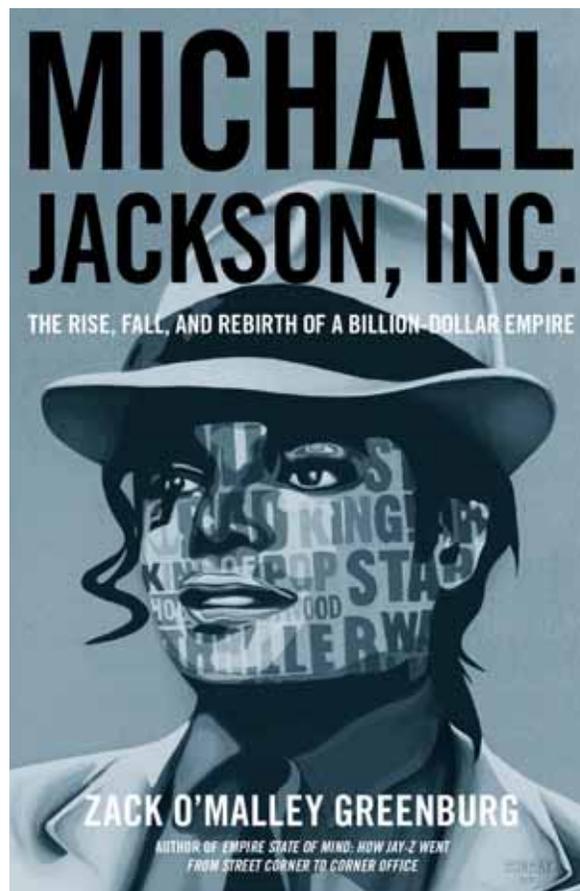
There are few who would argue that Michael mastered the "music" part of the music business. Some, however, may not be as familiar with him as a shrewd businessman. Jackson profoundly altered the entertainment industry by launching a cloth-



Author Zack O'Malley Greenburg is the senior editor at Forbes, and as a child appeared in the Oscar-nominated "Lorenzo's Oil."

ing line, record label, sneakers and video games. He monetized his fame beyond record sales and paved the way for celebrity entrepreneurs such as Jay Z and 50 Cent.

Zack O'Malley Greenburg, senior editor at *Forbes*, where he cov-



ers the business of music and entertainment, takes an in-depth look into the financial side of the pop-icon in a business-focused biography called Michael Jackson, Inc. Greenburg — himself a child star, having played the ailing boy in "Lorenzo's Oil" — chronicles Jackson's life, from his humble beginnings as part of a working class family to the mega superstar who died in debt, but managed to leave a financial legacy worth more than \$1 billion. The author describes Jackson as a "bundle of contradictions," and "an artist powerful enough to earn more than \$700 million from beyond the grave — more than any living solo act over the past five years."

Zack describes the biography as a "counterintuitive hypothesis about one of the most famous people that has ever lived." He goes on to say, "Michael Jackson, in addition to

being the greatest entertainer of all time (he was an incredible musical trailblazer) was almost, if not equally, influential as a business man." He feels there is as much to learn from Jackson's business failures as there is to learn from his successes.

In 1990, Jackson signed a shoe deal with LA Gear valued at \$20 million. The author describes the deal as unprecedented. "To put it in perspective, Michael Jackson's deal was \$2 million dollars more than Michael Jordan had been guaranteed by Nike at the time." Greenburg says the shoe "fopped." He theorizes the shoe deal was unsuccessful because people were not ready for an athletic shoe promoted by an entertainer, the shoe was not "visually appealing" and the release of the shoe did not coincide with the release of an album. LA Gear filed suit against the entertainer accusing him of fraud and breach of contract. The suit was settled out of court. The author believes the shoe would have fared better if it had been linked to the marketing of Michael Jackson's "Dangerous" album.

"That is something that brands have learned, and artists have learned," Greenburg said. "You've got to cross promote these

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things. You also have to make sure that the artist has the most incentive possible...some type of equity stake, a sales incentive, or something like that.”

Businesses and artists learned from Jackson’s LA Gear experience. In his book, Greenburg interviews rapper and entrepreneur 50 Cent (born Curtis Jackson). The rapper’s recording career parallels that of Jackson in some aspects. He achieved international stardom after his 2003 album “Get Rich or Die Tryin’.” Like Jackson after his mega-successful “Thriller,” 50 Cent was unable to duplicate the success of his 2003 album.

The Jackson biographer says that is where the comparison between the two superstars ends. He notes the rapper was “giddy” during discussions about the King of Pop. 50 Cent is well aware that Jackson paved the road for him and other entertainers today. The success the rapper was unable to find recording and performing music was found in a single payment of \$100 million for a stake he took in vitaminwater parent Glacéau in lieu of an endorsement fee. The rapper credits Jackson, in part, for his business acumen. “When he did ‘Billie Jean,’ I had that poster on my wall,” says the rapper. “Like, he could have sold me penny loafers . . . the showmanship that was involved in his presentation was so much more advanced than the things that we’d seen in the past.”

While the author credits Jackson for his focus and persistence during the bidding war to acquire the song-copyright of a catalog of more than 200 songs for \$47.5 million (including Beatles classics such as “Yesterday” and “Let It Be”), he says Jackson hurt himself financially by his exorbitant spending habits.

“The Sony ATV catalog which is now worth about a billion dollars, and throughout his life was estimated to be worth hundreds of millions dollars...He was able to take loans out against it because it was this incredible asset,” according to the biographer.

Greenburg says these loans helped the singer “make ends meet” as he spent millions over his income that dropped to \$13 million after child molestation charges — for which he was acquitted —



Michael Jackson’s “Thriller” remains at the top of the Recording Industry Association of America’s list of the Top 100 Albums.

caused him to lose income from endorsement deals.

“That put him in a really bad situation financially to the point where there was talk of him selling off the Sony ATV catalog stake,” according to Greenburg. “He was very adamant, however, that he wanted to keep that and leave it for his kids. It is fortunate that the business that has been done in his life-after-death, those assets have stayed and will be passed down to his kids. That is something that was very important to him.”

Greenburg says he spent more than two years researching and interviewing people for the biography. He says many people in the entertainment industry with whom he spoke named Jackson as a role model. Many of the artists, however, fail to have the same levels of financial success as the entertainer. He notes changes in the music industry business models, but more importantly, few artists have the same level of negotiation power as Jackson. Record companies have been able to negotiate deals that are not favorable to the artists.

“A lot who come in are very young, and they don’t really have leverage. When you don’t have leverage and are presented with this great thing and a little bit of money to do what you want to do and have the chance to make it really big...It is really hard turn it down. To make it in a really big way and in a financially expedient way, you have to have leverage and artists rarely have that coming in.”

Despite the singer’s financial troubles in the years preceding his death, Jackson’s estate has earned almost \$120 million per year since his death. In recent years, the late singer has been named one of the Top Earning Celebrities. The financial upswing is due in part to a postmortem Pepsi endorsement deal, two Jackson-themed Cirque du Soleil shows, the “This Is It” film and a Sony record deal. This financial success got the attention of not just the music industry, but also in academic circles. The MBA program at Clark University now offers a course that examines how the King of Pop built his billion dollar empire.

(You can follow Zack O’Malley Greenburg on www.forbes.com.)

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Official Grand Opening Held for Elston Branch of YMCA

by M.D. Cunningham

Michigan City is full of resilience.

Its tremendous spirit was unleashed amid a ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 22, laughter, smiles and excitement dominating the official grand opening of the Michigan City Elston YMCA, 1202 Spring St.

YMCA staff, donors and invested community members celebrated the return of the organization here that centers on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

The location also is equipped with state-of-the-art cardio and weight machines.

It's about the kids, one employee said, adding, "We've had this service area for awhile, and we've seen the need."

YMCA Board President Val Martinsen, a lifelong Y patron, called the location a "gift to us."

And it certainly is.

Cindy Berchem, La Porte County Family YMCA executive director, said, "It's awesome. We've been working on this for a long time."



Efforts began as soon as doors closed at the Coolspring Avenue location in 2007, she continued. An advisory committee comprised of "a real cross section of the community," she said, was instrumental in forging a united vision.

As opposed to investing \$15 to \$17 million in a new facility, a renovated one in the old Elston school was born. An on-going capital campaign raised \$500,000 in a year's time, the goal being to reach \$750,000.

Corporate donors such as Horizon Bank paved the way for the project. The last phase of the three-tiered effort includes updating showers, lockers and restroom facilities.

According to the organization's press release, some 21 million men, women and children, regardless of age, income or background, take advantage of the YMCA's services and programs in more than 10,000 communities.

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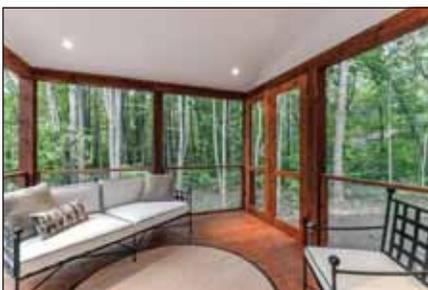
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Lubeznik Center Names Gallery After Susan Block

Lubeznik Center for the Arts Executive Director Erika Hanner announced a major gift from long-time supporter Susan Block to name an LCA gallery space.

The former upper-level North View Gallery has been named the Susan Block Gallery.

“We are thrilled and humbled that Susan has chosen to commemorate her long history with the LCA in this way,” Hanner said.

Block served on the LCA board as a member between 2004 and 2011, and as board president at a critical time in 2004 when the center reopened as The Jack and Shirley Lubeznik Center for the Arts in its newly remodeled facility at 101 W. Second St.

Since her tenure on the board, Block has remained actively involved with LCA. Most recently, she has been on faculty, teaching the popular “Memoir Writing” class. She is a feature writer, playwright and poet, with work appearing in numerous literary journals, anthologies and *The Chicago Tribune*. She was named La Porte County Poet Laureate in 2009, won a national original love letter contest, and



Susan Block (center) is pictured with members of the Lubeznik Center for the Arts board of directors (from left): Steve Hale (treasurer), Erika Hanner (executive director) and Rachel Saxon (president).

her one-act plays were produced by Footlight Players in 2011 and at the LCA in 2013. In 2014, she was the host/producer of an online radio interview series “Conversations on Creativity.” As well as being a writer, teacher and radio host, she also is an interior designer.

“Susan’s writing students love her class,” LCA Education Director Janet Bloch said. “Many of them return for multiple sessions to get the most out of her knowledge

and supportive style.”

Block said, “Being a founding board of directors member for Lubeznik Center for the Arts and an ongoing advocate for the arts, it has been a joy to contribute to its growth as the premier cultural center in the region.

“This has happened because of the talent, time and effort of many people over the years. I am honored to further the ever-increasing enrichment the center brings to our greater community through the visual and performing arts and art education.”

The upper level gallery will hold the name “Susan Block Gallery” for five years — through fall 2020.

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Owner says sell and backs it up with a recent price reduction of almost \$300,000! 60' of frontage on the dune with great Lake Michigan views through 2-story windows from great room and master bedroom. Four bedrooms, wrap-a-round decks, two kitchens, three baths, three car garage.



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OPEN HOUSE Sun., Nov. 1, 11am-1pm

124 Beechwood Tr., Michigan City
This great buy includes membership in the Shoreland Hills Association beach at Stop 31. This well kept four bedroom, two bath home has an open floorplan on the main level and spacious family room on the lower level to complement the deck and yard space.



\$389,000

161 Holton Road, LaPorte
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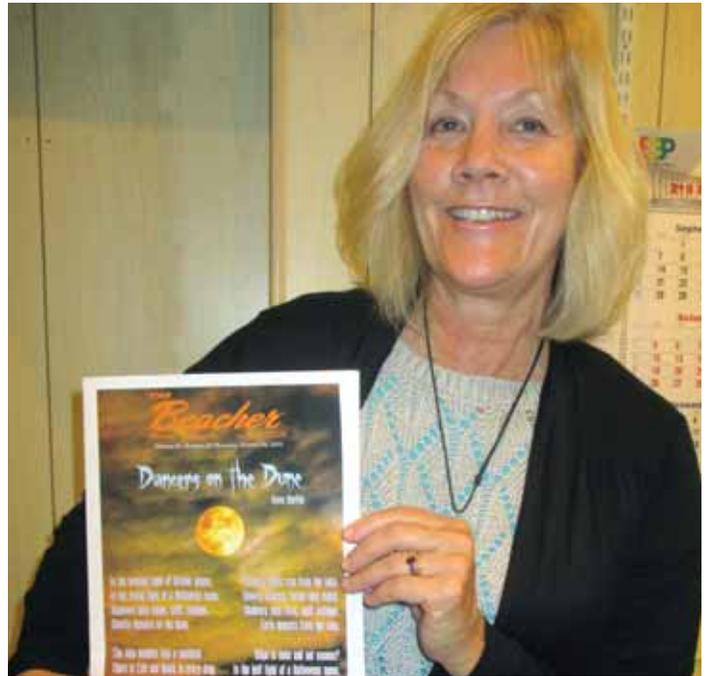


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About the Cover

by Andrew Tallackson



Karen Marfise holds a copy of this week's cover featuring her original poem.

Karen Marfise has notebooks and notebooks of poems and other pieces she's written over the years.

So when she saw the notice in *The Beacher* requesting submissions of Halloween-themed poems for our Oct. 29 cover, she knew she wanted to take a crack at it. The inspiration, however, came when she least expected it...at 3 in the morning.

Lying in bed, unable to sleep, she grabbed the iPad next to her and produced the first few lines. The rest of the work followed suit.

The end result impressed all of us at *The Beacher*, which is why it appears on the cover of our Halloween edition, the photo of the recent "Blood Moon" taken by our own Tom Montgomery.

Marfise, who taught third grade for years in Chicago's South Side, is teaching for one more year, at Michigan City's Lake Hills Magnet School, before officially retiring. She says she's always found ways to work poetry into her curriculum.

She first lived in the beach area with her family in 1983. Her husband's job took them to Florida for five years, but they since have returned to the area.

We're grateful they did. Her poem is a wonderful addition to our history of *Beacher* covers.



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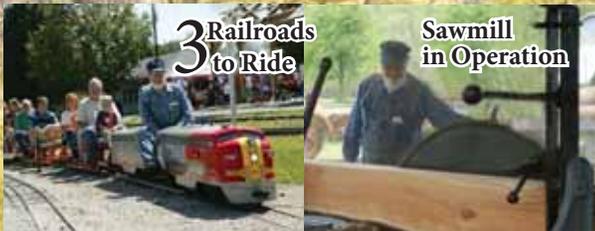
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Historical Society Membership Drive

The La Porte County Historical Society will hold a Halloween Membership Drive starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at the museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

The event is not aimed at young children. For a \$10 admission, visitors not only will tour the museum after dark, but also become a Historical Society member for the rest of 2015 and all of 2016.



Belle Gunness and her children.

Historical Society President Bruce Johnson will show his documentary, "The Gunness Mystery," as well as clips from the new Belle Gunness movie directed by Steve Ruminski. This past spring, Ruminski filmed his short movie at locations around La Porte, using professional actors and local people. This will be the first opportunity for people to see clips of the movie before the editing is completed. One of the actors will be present.

Johnson and Museum Curator Susie Richter will discuss their time in Los Angeles this past spring, when they were flown in by Investigation Discovery to be interviewed about Gunness for an episode of a new TV show, "True Nightmares."

Historical Society membership forms will be available at the event, which includes refreshments. They also can be picked up at the museum or downloaded from www.laportecountyhistory.org.

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• **Frightfully Fun Friday Halloween Movie: "The Nightmare Before Christmas" at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30.**

The movie is rated PG. Those attending who are younger than 18 have a chance to win a copy of the movie, and must be present to win.

• **Basket Weaving at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31.**

Margie Warner returns to offer the class that involves creating a fall feathers basket, with all materials provided. A \$10 non-refundable deposit is required. The total cost of the class is \$20. Register at the circulation desk. Call (219) 873-3049 for more information.

• **International Picture Book Month Celebration at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1.**

Come dressed as your favorite character from children's literature for the celebration that includes stories, refreshments and a craft. Advance registration is required, and space is limited. Sign up at the Youth Services desk or call (219) 873-3045.

• **Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 4, 11 and 18.**

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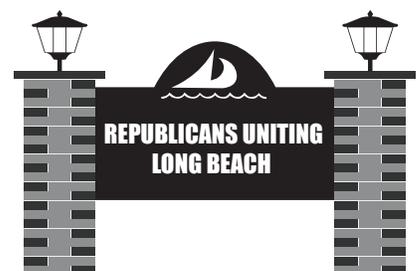


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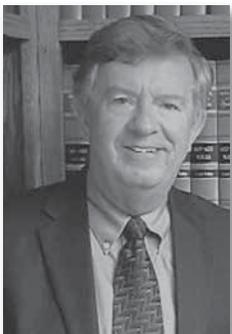
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Q. Will you close access to the beach?

A. NO. WE WILL NOT DENY ACCESS TO THE BEACH. THE BEACH IS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS. Our opposition continues to use scare tactics and persists in trying to mislead the public on this issue. Let's be clear, We believe the beach is for all of us.

Q. Why do you have beachfront property owners as your candidates?

A. We are very inclusive with representation of the entire town. Our opposition has chosen to exclude beachfront owners. We unite the community with representation of the whole community.

Q. Were your beachfront candidates part of the lawsuit involving beachfront property rights?

A. NO, they were not! None of the candidates had anything to do with the Gunderson lawsuit. Our candidates have donated to both sides of the issue with the only desire to finally resolve the conflict.

"The beach is open for all. Please talk to us and don't be misinformed." - John Mengel and Mary O'Neil

Q. What's all this talk about threats of lawsuits?

A. The attorney of the Long Beach Community Alliance has recently threatened a lawsuit during both a Town Council meeting and a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. Additional lawsuits are a concern.

"No one likes to be threatened with lawsuits. Let's begin with a conversation before litigation." - John Kocher, Attorney

Q. How will you restore mutual respect and cooperation on the Long Beach Town Council?

A. Everything we do must begin with effective leadership. We need to stop the emotional outbursts, hidden agendas and lack of professionalism from the Long Beach Party Incumbents. We promise to listen, learn and add our business experience to create a stronger, more cohesive community.

Q. What about the Mess at Melrose Park?

A. The park upgrades have been mismanaged from the start.

- You may ask the Park Board Chair, Joy Schmitt, and committee members Jane Starr Neulieb, and Kendra Byvoets-Bartlett for answers.
- 3 years ago what started as a \$40,000 park improvement, has ballooned to a project that is now projected to top \$250,000 and is still not completed.
- The Park Board was told repeatedly that a plan, survey and permits would be absolutely necessary before any work was started.
- Demolition began without any proper permits.

The park has been closed since May.



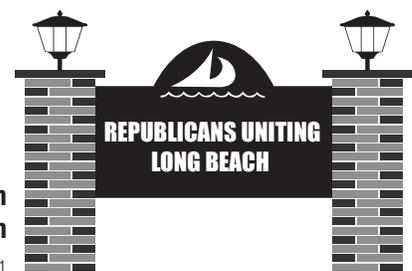
The mess at Melrose Park

Q. If I hear additional rumors, or have questions, how do I find out your position?

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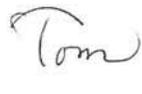


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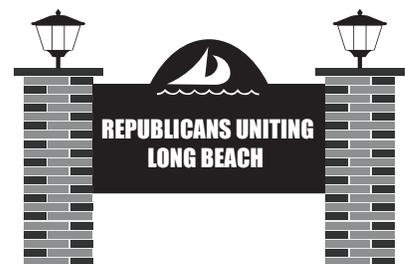





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Team Creates "Sensory Room"



Robotics team members, coaches, mentors, funders and special guests gather for a group photo in the new sensory room.

Special-needs students at Michigan City High School now have a special classroom thanks to Michigan City Robotics Team 3936.

The students designed a "sensory room" as a community service project, which they unveiled during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 8.

The room helps students with sensory or behavioral challenges by using a variety of visual effects, textures and sounds to create an environment that stimulates the senses and provides a secure and exciting place to learn. Special features include a bubble tube with mirrors, ball pit, plasma projector, ergonomic rocking chair, storage sofa and an "outer space" mural that can be viewed in black light.

Funding for the project was provided by Arcelor Mittal and the Michigan City Community En-

richment Corp. Robotics team member Guendolen Mark was the student lead on the project, which also helped her fulfill requirements for her Girl Scout Gold Award. Robotics Team Mentor Jeff Partynski coordinated the effort, taking team members to visit Michiana Resources to view a similar room and helping them design the area.

Next year, the Robotics Team will take on a community service project called "Making Coding Cool," which will encourage younger children to engage in programming small robotic devices.

The Robotics Team "build season" kicks off Jan. 9, 2016. New team members are welcome. Contact Coach Ralph Gee at rgee@mcas.k12.in.us for more information.

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What's Cooking

by Jim LaRocco

For my 62nd birthday in 2012, my wife, Sue, asked if I wanted to watch the first game of the World Series at Yogi Berra's Museum and meet him.

The first words out of my mouth, as usual, were, how much is this going to cost? Sue replied, "What's the difference? Yogi is your all-time favorite Yankee, he isn't getting any younger and we are going."

It was the last time he held the event. I am now glad she talked me into it.

Sue happily planned our trip to New Jersey. The Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center is located at Montclair State University. I had already been to the museum in 2008 while taking the boys on a trip to Yankee Stadium.

One of our stops was to Carlo's Bakery in Hoboken (see, I knew she had an ulterior motive), the home of Frank Sinatra. As we were looking for a parking spot, the traffic light ahead turned red, I stopped, looked both ways, then turned right.



Jim and Sue at Carlo's Bakery.

Suddenly, like a scene out of a gangster movie, we were pulled over by no less than five police cars. That is how I learned you cannot turn right on red in Hoboken.

It was not completely my fault. There was a line truck with its bucket raised hiding the No Turn on Red sign. Sue admitted she didn't see it either. I explained that to the officers. Needless to say, I was issued a ticket, not a warning, and given a court date three months later.

What a way to celebrate my 62nd birthday. WELCOME TO NEW JERSEY!

What kind of genius would travel back to New Jersey to appear in court to fight a \$100 ticket? Not I. It would have cost us around \$1,500 for me to make an appearance and fight the ticket.

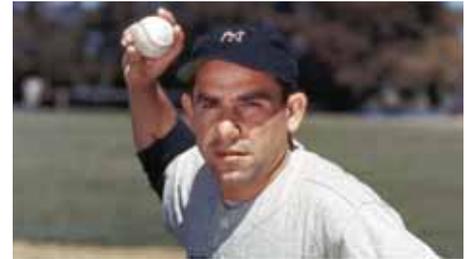
Pretty clever giving an out-of-towner a court date a few months down the road, knowing he would not spend the money to come back from Indiana to fight

it. I am sure I wasn't the first nor the last tourist to get ripped off by the boys in blue in Hoboken. Can you spell S.C.A.M? I found an attorney to take care of the situation for me, with no points against my license.

A couple of years later, we met Buddy Valastro, the Cake Boss, in South Bend at the Morris Performing Arts Center and I related the story to him. He said, "It was worth it, right?" I replied in the negative. We were surprised at how small the bakery was and not any better than bakeries around here.

Getting back to Yogi. Even non-baseball fans knew him, mostly from his Miller Lite, Yoohoo Chocolate Drink and AFLAC commercials. Check them out on youtube. They are classic Yogi.

On Sept. 22, on the 69th anniversary of his first appearance as a Yankee, Yogi passed away. How did he do in his first game? Well, 2-4 with an RBI.



Yogi in an undated publicity photo.

Things would only get better for Yogi and the Yankees.

Yogi appeared in 14 World Series as a player, winning 10. He took both the Yankees and the Mets to the seventh and deciding game of the series. Between 1947 and 1981, 25 of the 31 World Series featured Yogi either as a player, coach or manager. Yogi was a three-time MVP and finished second or third several times.

Yogi held many World Series records. In Game 3 of the 1947 World Series, he hit the first pinch hit home run in series history. Who can forget the play at the plate in the 1955 series that sent Yogi ballistic?

Jackie Robinson, whose Dodgers were trailing 6-4 in the top of the eighth, stole home. Yogi had his glove on the third base side of home in front of the plate, Robinson slid into Yogi's glove and was called safe. The Yankees won the game, but lost the series.

There was a TV show where they used forensics and other techniques to see if Robinson was safe or out. The conclusion was, OUT, just like Yogi said.

The press was not kind to Yogi at the beginning of his career, and he put up with a lot of criticism about his talent and looks. One time, he was asked about his looks, and Yogi replied, "You don't hit with your face."

Yogi was a Yankee through and through, and

when George Steinbrenner had an underling fire him, Yogi vowed to never return to Yankee Stadium. He kept his word for 14 years.

David Cone pitched a no-hitter on the night the Yankees celebrated Don Larsen's perfect game in the World Series. Who was in attendance? Yogi and Don. Cone threw 88 pitches. The number 8, for those who might not know, was Yogi's number.

As I mentioned earlier in the column, Yogi was my favorite Yankee of all time. I always tried to get his No. 8 when I played baseball, but usually had to settle for Mickey Mantle's No. 7.

I remember playing Whiffle Ball every day most of the summer as a youngster. Each kid had their favorite team and knew the lineup by heart. The way we played was that you had to bat the way the players in your lineup did. It was because of Yogi that I learned how to bat left handed and became a catcher.

Back to meeting Yogi. The big night finally came and we arrived at the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center, along with around 40 or so others. We had a great time. I was so glad Sue came up with the idea.

We were fed constantly from the time we arrived until the game was over. They brought out different food every couple of innings. It was a great time. Sue enjoyed herself, too.

We had our picture taken with Yogi, and during the game I talked with his son Tim, who played for the Baltimore Colts. His family was very gracious and enjoyed the evening as much as Yogi's fans.



Jim and Sue with Yogi.

I actually have my own lighthearted Yogi story.

Years ago, when my son was 12, we decided to start an Italian autograph collection of entertainers, business leaders and sport personalities.

I sent Yogi a baseball card with a return postage envelope and asked him if he could sign it for me. I told him about my father's connection with Don Larsen, and he sent me a note back: "It might take awhile, Yogi." I still have the note. It is my priceless reminder of my childhood hero.

The point? In the time it took Yogi to write the

note, he could have autographed the card and sent it back. Instead, he wrote the note and signed his name. Classic Yogi.

The note Yogi sent Jim many years ago.

Yogi transcended baseball. He was one of the few people who by the mere mention of his name could put a smile on any face. He is the type of player all the modern players aspire to be. Baseball has lost a treasure, the world has lost a great human being and another part of my childhood has faded into memory.

Cooler weather is settling in. Fall sports are here. So, here is a surefire, simple, quick and tasty game-time meal and a favorite around here, Beans and Franks.

Place three cans of your favorite beans in a large saucepan. Add two cans of diced tomatoes, if fresh tomatoes are not available. Add three tablespoons of honey, five tablespoons of brown sugar and a few drops of your favorite hot sauce and heat. You can add your favorite diced peppers if you like.

Take one package of your favorite hot dog and slice diagonally. You can grill them if you like. When the beans start to simmer, add the hot sliced hot dogs and cook until done.

Serve with corn bread and your favorite game time beverage.

Until next time, enjoy.

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Visit Michigan City La Porte 2014 Community Report



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Visit Michigan City La Porte celebrated 36 years of marketing and service in 2014. As we look to our 37th year of operation, the staff and board are committed to being even more productive.

Tourism is about much, much more than attracting visitors to La Porte County. It's about quality of life. It's about economic development. It's about jobs and the individuals and families sustained by those jobs. It's about the attractions and amenities that benefit our residents as much, if not more than, our visitors.

We are honored to be working in the visitors' service industry, and we are proud of our dedicated board and a highly supportive group of partners.

This annual report gives us a chance to provide our public officials and the community a summary of our past year fiscal activity and accomplishments in our county.

As the tourism destination leader for La Porte County, Visit Michigan City La Porte sets the vision and direction for the long-term success of the marketing strategies in managing a visitor destination.

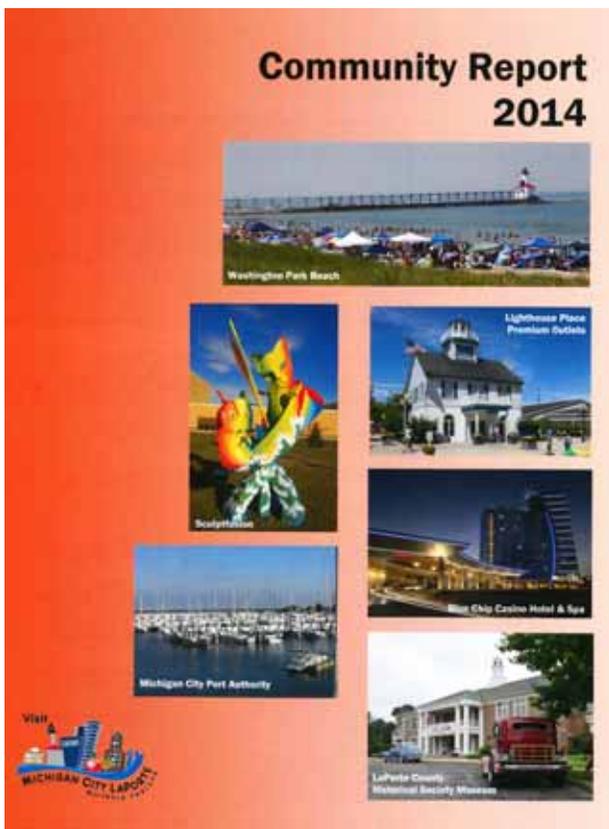
Jack Arnett, Visit Michigan City La Porte executive director, said, "I was honored that Northern Indiana Tourism Development Commission voted unanimously to name me its president for another term. Again, I encourage this group to work together as a regional body, while allowing individual Destination Marketing Organizations to maintain their own identity.

"This is what makes NITDC such a successful group. Also, I was happy to represent NITDC on the Indiana Tourism Association board. This allowed La Porte County to have a much-needed voice in all of the regional and Toll Road discussions.

Director of Marketing Linda Simmons said, "Our plans set strategic goals and target projects for the DMOs, which ties directly into the successful accreditation of our DMO.

"Our regional marketing with NITDC allows us to leverage our marketing dollars many times over. A large part of our marketing efforts stem from our membership with the official regional tourism commission – NITDC. Through this organization, we are able to multiply our marketing dollars in a way we couldn't do alone."

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MCHS Band is Solid Gold



The MCHS Wolf Pack Marching Band performs its "Prince of Egypt" show during halftime of a home football game this fall.

Michigan City High School's Wolf Pack Marching Band finished its season on a high note, receiving gold ratings at every competition it participated in this fall.

The band earned gold ratings at: Kankakee Valley (Sept. 12), Hobart (Sept. 19), Rensselaer (Sept. 26), Crown Point (Oct. 3) and Highland (Oct. 10).

At the Rensselaer Invitational, the band also

earned a "Visual Achievement" award, and at the Highland Invitational finished first among the five high schools competing.

Student leaders this season included drum majors Greg Jamieson and Hannah Moore, drum line captain Spencer Marsh and color guard captain Tia Majied. This year's show, "The Prince of Egypt," featured soloists Majied and Elisha Martin.

Sarett Nature Center

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

- **Halloween celebration from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. EDT Friday, Oct. 30.**

Walk along lit and unlit trails, meet wild creatures and enjoy snacks. The cost is \$3 per person. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Flashlights are recommended.

- **Sarett excursion to the Jasper Pulaski Wildlife Refuge in Indiana at 2 p.m. EDT Saturday, Oct. 31.**

Take a sack dinner, and dress warmly for nightfall. The cost is \$25 per person.

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

Harvest Home Tour

Michiana Humane Society's 12th Annual Harvest Home Tour is Saturday, Nov. 7.

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FALL COMES TO HESSTON STEAM MUSEUM

Who says families won't brave the cold for a little fun? During the first weekend of its fall festival, lines to ride the trains at Hesston Steam Museum stretched as far back as the parking lot. The weekend also included the blacksmith shop, turn-of-the-century steam powered sawmill and plenty of food. This weekend marks the last chance people have to ride the "ghost train" at Hesston.

Photos by Janet Baines



Fire Science Program Ribbon Cutting

The La Porte County Career and Technical Education program held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 16 at Michigan City's A.K. Smith Career Center to officially launch its new Fire Science program.

The effort, which began this fall, serves La Porte County students through a partnership with the Michigan City Fire Department and Fire Chiefs Association of La Porte County.

Fire Science coursework centers on fire suppression, Hazmat awareness and operations, search and rescue, basic EMT, fire behavior, building construction and thermal imaging. Students become familiar with a wide range of firefighting equipment, with a goal of donning full gear in 60 seconds. After completing the two-year program, students earn certification in firefighting, CPR and basic EMT, along with 12 hours of dual credit in Homeland Security through Ivy Tech.

Several project partners involved in establishing the new program were present at the ceremony, along with special guests, including: Audra Peterson, La Porte County Career and Technical Education director; Kyle Kaczmierczak, Michigan City Fire Department Fire Science instructor; Randy Novak, Michi-



gan City fire chief/ La Porte County Fire Chiefs Association; Barbara Eason-Watkins, Michigan City Area Schools superintendent; Rick Soria, president of Ivy Tech Michigan City Peijic Campus; Kim Ramsey, Economic Development Corp. of Michigan City; Michigan City Mayor Ron Meer; La Porte Mayor Blair Milo; State

Sen. Jim Arnold; and MCAS School Board Members Beth Pishkur and Theresa Edwards.

The first class of Fire Science students includes nine boys and one girl from four La Porte County high schools. After the ribbon cutting, the students gave visitors a tour of their classroom and demonstrated their ability to don firefighting gear in under 60 seconds.

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MCAS Superintendent Honored



Michigan City Area Schools Superintendent Barbara Eason-Watkins was honored in the Education Industry category of "Influential Women of the Year" during the 2015 Influential Women of Northwest Indiana awards gala. The event was held Oct. 15 at Avalon Manor in Merrillville.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

Saturday, Oct. 31

- **10 a.m. — Spooky Sounds Hike.**

Meet a naturalist at the campground gate for a 45-minute stroll through the fall woodlands, including by the old pet cemetery. Prizes will be awarded for those who recognize sounds heard in the woods at night.

- **2 p.m. — Creepy Campground Crafts.**

Join naturalists at the campground shelter by site 113 for a make it-take it program.

- **4 to 5:30 p.m. — Trick or Treating.**

The annual tradition unfolds in the campgrounds. Expect limited vehicle traffic during this time.

- **5:30 to 7 p.m. — Hay Rides.**

Rides, which are at 5:30, 6 and 6:30 p.m., start at the camp store, go through the campground, to the beach and back. Tickets are \$2 (3 and younger are free) and can be purchased at the campground gate.

- **6 p.m. — Pet Cemetery Night Hikes.**

Registration is limited. Signup begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Nature Center. All children must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

- **7 p.m. — Saw-whet Owl Banding Night.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at the project as part of its seventh season. If conditions are right, close views are possible.

Sunday, Nov. 1

- **10 a.m. — Spooky Feed the Birds.**

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

- **2 to 4 p.m. — Owl Drawing Workshop.**

Join artist Kristina Knowski for an afternoon of bird sketching that covers some of the basics. Participants will draw an owl. The cost is \$5. Call the Nature Center to register.

- **7 p.m. — Saw-whet Owl Banding Night.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at the project as part of its seventh season. If conditions are right, close views are possible.

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.

All Hallows' Eve Fest

Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 Franklin Square, will host an All Hallows' Eve Autumn Fest-Trunk'nTreat Extravaganza from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31.

The goal is provide a safe, inviting space for neighborhood children and parents during the event, which includes games and treats. Prizes will be awarded for Best Decorated Trunk, as well as for Apple Fishing and Pumpkin Decorating.

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Habitat ReStore Grand Reopening

La Porte County Habitat for Humanity will celebrate the grand reopening of its ReStore from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at the new location, 225 E. Garfield St., Michigan City.

Festivities will include specially priced merchandise, food and refreshments, a Dutch auction and a live remote broadcast by radio station WEFM between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.

“Since our unofficial opening on Oct. 7, more and more people have been finding their way to our new location,” said Bob Long, La Porte County Habitat executive director, adding that Habitat has vacated its previous location at 10th and Huron streets.

The ReStore features new and gently used items donated by individuals and businesses. Among the best sellers are large and small appliances, building materials, furniture and household items.

Sales from the store generate funds for Habitat to build affordable, decent housing for low to moderate income families.

Contact ReStore Manager Dan Zeilbeck at (219) 814-4985 for more information.

Victorian Halloween Event

Bobbing for apples and exploring Victorian-era superstitions are just two of the activities planned for a debut event from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.

The non-scary, family-friendly “A Victorian Halloween’s Eve” is planned on the mansion’s first floor and in the garden. It is themed around events and activities the Barker family may have experienced more than 100 years ago. Guests also can paint pumpkins, craft masks and decorate treat bags filled with old-fashioned candy.

The event costs \$2 per person; those arriving in costume receive free admission. Light refreshments will be served. Anyone interested in donating pumpkins or apples can contact the director at (219) 873-1520. Visit www.BarkerMansion.com for additional information.

Family Day at SBMA

Bill Tourtillotte, visiting artist and Indiana University-South Bend lecturer in fine arts, will reveal what it takes to make a print during “Family Day” from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, Nov. 1, at South Bend Museum of Art.

Guests will explore color, texture and pattern as they cut, roll and stamp objects to make relief prints. All age/skill levels are welcome to the free event, but pre-registration is required by email at waterlooc@southbendart.org

South Bend Museum of Art is located in The Century Center, 120 S. St. Joseph St.

Carving Their Niche



In the spirit of Halloween, Michael Koscielniak and his wife, Pamela, posed the question: Do people still enjoy carving pumpkins? So, they each set out to create a lively pumpkin. Michael’s is traditional, with the mouth carved in the shape of a bat. Pamela used a gorge for a lid and star anise for the eyes. Thanks to Michael and Pamela for sharing the fruits of their labor with The Beacher.



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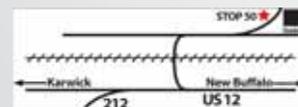
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Marquette Graduate Honored



The Influential Women of Northwest Indiana held its annual event Oct. 15 that celebrates the region's most successful women professionals in business, industry and community. Out of 140 nominees, 79 finalists were invited to the event in Merrillville. Twenty two of those women left as winners in their respective categories, including a 1976 Marquette graduate, Dr. Maryann (Luce) Fumo, who was named Influential Woman of the Year in health care. She practices internal medicine through Franciscan Alliance Inc. Fumo is pictured with her son, Dominic (left), a 2011 Marquette graduate, and her husband, Dr. David Fumo.

Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

- **Teen Scene Creative Space from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave.**

Teens in grades six through 12 can draw, doodle, compose music or play board games.

- **Crochet pumpkin coasters from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at Thomas Library.**

Registration is required, and participants must take supplies. A list will be available at the Thomas reference desk. Call (219) 926-7696 to register.

- **Halloween edition of Saturday Movies at Hageman, "Hocus Pocus," at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

The movie is rated PG. Free popcorn will be served.

- **Tricks & Treats at the Museum from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at Westchester Township History Museum, housed in the Brown Mansion, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Museum educator Susan Swarner will lead participants through a series of stations that include crafts, games, stories and treats.

- **Knitting Together at the Museum from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at Westchester Township History Museum.**

Area knitters, as well as those who crochet or do needlework, are invited. Refreshments are planned.

- **Popular Books at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Room.**

The book is Gabrielle Zevin's "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry."

- **Children's Chess Club from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays through Dec. 7 at Thomas Library.**

Veteran coach and chess expert Nick Groenewegen leads the club. The first hour is for new chess players and the second for those with some experience. Register by calling (219) 926-7696.

- **Crochet Fabric Yarn Basket Class from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays through Nov. 2 at Thomas Library.**

Students learn how to create fabric yarn. Registration is required. Participants will need to take supplies. A supply list is available at the Thomas Reference Desk. Call (219) 926-7696.

- **Lego Club meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fridays through December at Thomas Library.**

The club is aimed at children 6-11. Registration is necessary and can be done in person or by phone at (219) 926-7696.

- **Pokemon League from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Thomas Library.**

First-graders and older are invited. Attendees will learn to make decks of 60 cards.

- **Crochet Club meets from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Thomas Library Children's Department.**

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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are available:

- **Insects of the Dunes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at Paul H. Douglas Center.**

Chicago Field Museum expert Jim Louderman discusses insects found in Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, as well as a few from other places in the world.



Ken Brock

- **“Birding with Ken Brock” from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturdays in November at Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk.**

Brock, author of “The Birds of Indiana Dunes,” will be at the pavilion in search of migratory waterfowl and other birds. If it is not a good day for birding along the lakefront, the program will move to another location. A ranger will notify visitors upon arrival.

Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk is located off Indiana 249 north of Interstate 94

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

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

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is on Lake Street in Gary. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

Annual Veterans Day Program

Marquette Catholic High School’s annual Veterans Day program is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, in the Scholl Center gym on 10th Street.

This year, Air Force, Army Air Corps and Coast Guard vets will be honored. A brief reception immediately follows the program.

Any veteran planning to attend should call Marquette at (219) 873-1325 or send an email to dschaefer@marquette-hs.org by Nov. 6. Leave a name, phone number and/or email address for more information.



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The first is from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, and the second from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 7. Students learn the process of decorating a real egg using wax and dyes, the end result being a holiday ornament.



Mary Acton appears with holiday pysanky eggs.

Acton is a retired teacher who has been creating *pysanky*, or Ukrainian, eggs, and teaching classes for a number of years, as well as appearing in local and regional art fairs.

The class cost is \$50, with members receiving a \$5 discount. Contact the center at (219) 926-4711 to register.



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America Recycles Day 2015

Take in plastic bags for recycling and get a reusable bag for free at one of four America Recycles Day events in November.

The La Porte County Solid Waste District again has united with Al's Supermarkets to promote recycling available in the county. All events are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dates are:

- Wednesday, Nov. 4 – Al's West, 1340 W. Indiana 2, La Porte.
- Thursday, Nov. 5 – Al's East, 702 E. Lincolnway, La Porte.
- Tuesday, Nov. 10 – Al's Franklin, 3535 Franklin St., Michigan City.
- Thursday, Nov. 12 – Al's Karwick, 1002 N. Karwick Road, Michigan City.

District representatives will hand out one reusable bag for every 50 plastic bags brought in, up to a total of three reusable bags per person.

"Last year we collected 17,897 plastic bags for recycling, and this year we hope to get even more," said Alicia Ebaugh, district education and public outreach coordinator.

Visit solidwastedistrict.com or call (219) 326-0014 for more information.

Also, people who snap a photo of themselves at the events and post them on twitter can become eligible to win prizes.

Keep America Beautiful is awarding four refurbished iPad mini tablets to pledge participants nationwide, and the Solid Waste District will give away sweatshirts, T-shirts and posters.

Follow three steps to enter:

- Stop by and take a picture of yourself with a product you plan to recycle (shampoo bottle, plastic wrap packaging from paper towels, a used mobile phone, beverage bottle or soda can).
- Post the picture to twitter and tag @LPCoRecycling AND @RecyclesDay, and include the hashtags #IWillRecycle and #Sweepstakes.
- Enable public viewing of your twitter photos.

Critique Night

Local painter Mark VanderVinne will host Critique Night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Guests are welcome, with no registration required. All ability levels and artistic styles are encouraged to attend. While VanderVinne is a painter, he can advise artists in other mediums. Guests may sit and listen; however, participation is encouraged. Artists can take work at any stage, from conception to the final version. While it will be a safe and friendly environment, it will be a critique involving VanderVinne and others providing advice and insight into the effectiveness of the work or artistic concept.

Contact the center at (219) 926-4711 for additional information.

Plein Air Painters Exhibit

Duneland Plein Air Painters will be the featured artists during an opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.



The Duneland Plein Air Painters at the Portage Lakefront & Riverwalk. Photo by Gary Merrill.

Plein air refers to painting in the "open air," especially outdoors. Duneland Plein Air Painters has traveled throughout Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan to paint the dunes, beaches and surrounding farmlands, town squares and gardens.

The exhibit will remain at the center through Nov. 28. Visit www.chestertonart.com for additional information.

Tri Kappa

Tri Kappa, Michigan City Delta Mu Chapter, held its September/October meeting at Barker Mansion, with President Linda Neulieb presiding.

Membership booklets were presented and discussed. Members participated in the farmers market bake sale. Nuts have been ordered for the annual sale. Members will sell them from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Al's Supermarkets.

Members signed up for monthly dinners made for the Men's Shelter. Also, Delta Mu donated a refrigerator to River of Life Church for the Men's Shelters meals.

Members will participate in the annual Carson Days on Nov. 11-14. A \$205 donation went to the state Tri Kappa for the Mental Health and Memorial Fund.

The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at Barker Mansion.



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Solo Photography Exhibit

Local fine-arts photographer Rhonda Mullen is the featured artist at The Village Gallery, Valparaiso, through Dec. 10.

Raised in the Midwest, Mullen credits her parents for exposing her to the entire United States. Her travels immersed her into different vistas and cultures, and taught her to look for the allure and depth in her surroundings. Her father and grandfather were photographers, so it was only natural that she had a camera growing up. The idea of "What is around the next corner" drives her photography.



An example of Rhonda Mullen's photography.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. The Village Gallery is located at Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle (off Calumet Avenue just north of Cumberland Crossing). Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (219) 465-1591 for more information.

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HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAMES

	SCORE
1. Barb Macudzinski	176
2. Lenore Hadaway	162
3. Jill Mellen	160
4. Cindy Beck	159
4. Sue Labovitz	159
5. Ann Bogart	153
6. Mary Lou McFadden	152

SPLITS

1. Barb McCorkel	3-10
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Oct. 20, 2015

TEAM STANDING

	WON	LOST
1. Wrecking Balls	17	7
1. Pin Ball Wizards	17	7
3. Striking Beauties	16.5	7.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAMES

	SCORE
1. Jill Mellen	222
2. Ann Bogart	179
3. Barb Macudzinski	163
4. Sue Labovitz	158
5. Cindy Beck	152
5. Mary Lou McFadden	152
6. June Salmon	151
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1. Nancy Klausner	5-6-10
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MCHS a “Unified Champions School”

Representatives of Champions Together visited Michigan City High School on Monday, Oct. 12, to present students and coaches with a banner recognizing their program in unified athletics.

Champions Together is a partnership between the Indiana High School Athletic Association and Special Olympics Indiana. Michigan City High School is one of only 37 schools in Indiana receiving the honor banner for being a “Unified Champions School” for the 2014-2015 school year.

Unified Champions schools are honored for exemplary work in student leadership, respect for people with intellectual disabilities, inclusion, Unified Sports participation and fundraising to support Special Olympics.

Presenting the banner on behalf of the IHSAA and Special Olympics were Lee Lonzo, director of Special Olympics, and Mitch Bonar, Special Olympics global messenger. Students accepting the banner included captains and athletes from several



MCHS athletic teams who participate in the Champions Together program.

Last spring, the MCHS Unified Track team, comprised of general education and special-needs athletes, reached the IHSAA State Unified Track Finals, placing fifth overall.

Share Foundation Fundraiser

Tom Milo Big Band will perform during Share Foundation for the Handicapped’s “Share Our Dreams Gala and Silent Auction” on Friday, Nov. 6, at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster.

The \$100 donation to attend entails dancing to music by the band, cocktails, dining, table wines, a silent and brief live auction.

All proceeds benefit the non-profit, privately funded Share Foundation, which serves the residential, vocational and social needs of people with disabilities.

Call (219) 778-2585, email share@sharefoundation.org or visit www.sharefoundation.org for tickets or more information.

Halloween Soiree

Long Beach Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail, will host a Halloween Soiree right after trick or treat on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Those attending, from children to adults, are encouraged to come in costume. The cost is \$10 for families of four and up. Hot dogs, water and chips will be sold for \$3. The event will run until 10 p.m.

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Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:

Oct. 30 — Book signing/program, Ray Gleason's "The Gabinian Affair," 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Purdue University-North Central bookstore.

Oct. 30 — Frightfully Fun Friday Halloween Movie: "The Nightmare Before Christmas," 3 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Oct. 30 — La Porte County Historical Society Halloween Membership Drive, 6:30 p.m., Historical Society museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Cost: \$10. Info: info@laportecountyhistory.org, (219) 324-6767.

Oct. 30-Nov. 2 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "A Brilliant Young Mind." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* "Learning to Drive." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat. & 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickers-theatre.com

Oct. 31 — HALLOWEEN.

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

Oct. 31 — Insects of the Dunes, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Paul H. Douglas Center, Lake Street north of U.S. 12 in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Info: (219) 395-1882.

Oct. 31 — Halloween edition of Saturday Movies at Hageman, "Hocus Pocus," 2 p.m., Hageman Library 100 Francis St., Porter.

Oct. 31 — Tricks & Treats at the Museum, 2-4 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, housed in Brown Mansion, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Oct. 31 — "A Victorian Hallows' Eve," 1-4 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Cost: \$2; those in costume/free. Info: www.BarkerMansion.com, (219) 873-1520.

Oct. 31 — All Hallows' Eve Autumn Fest-Trunk'nTreat Extravaganza, 3-5 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 Franklin Square. Info: (219) 874-4355 or trinity-church@sbcglobal.net

Oct. 31 — Halloween Soiree, right after trick or treat, Long Beach Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail. Cost: \$10/families of four and up. Hot dogs, water and chips/\$3.

Oct. 31 — Pet Cemetery Night Hikes, 6 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 31 — Hausefest (Coldwell Banker Charitable Foundation event benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities), 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Cost: \$50/advance, \$60/door. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

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Nov. 1 — Owl Drawing Workshop, 2-4 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Nov. 2 — Popular Books, Gabrielle Zevin’s “The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry,” 2 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Through Nov. 28 — Duneland Plein Air Painters exhibit, Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Info: www.chestertonart.com

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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.

Saturdays in November — “Birding with Ken Brock,” 7-10 a.m., Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, located off Indiana 249 north of Interstate 94. Info: (219) 395-1882.

Farther Afield:

Oct. 30 — Halloween celebration, 6:30-8:30 p.m. EDT, Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, Mich. Cost: \$3. Registration: (269) 927-4832.

Oct. 31 — New Troy Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EDT, New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road. Free. Info: (773) 275-1514.

Nov. 1 — “Family Day,” 2-4 p.m. EDT, South Bend Museum of Art, located in The Century Center, 120 S. St. Joseph St. Free. Reservations: waterlooc@southbendart.org

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On October 29, 1929, the New York Stock Market crashed. Known as “Black Tuesday,” it would take World War II to bring the nation out of the depression that followed.

On October 29, 1940, the United States began its first peace-time military draft.

On October 29, 1964, thieves made off with the Star of India and other gems from the American Museum of Natural History in New York. The Star and most of the other gems were recovered; three men were convicted in the case.

On October 29, 1967, the musical “Hair” opened off Broadway.

On October 29, 1979, Chicago’s State Street Mall was officially dedicated.

On October 30, 1929, on the first day following the crash of October 29, heavy buying by John D. Rockefeller, as well as by the “House of Morgan,” failed to stem the rapid decline in stock prices.

On October 30, 1938, a national panic took place as Orson Wells did a radio dramatization of *The War of the Worlds*, a novel by H. G. Wells. As he described the invasion of New Jersey by the Martians, thousands of listeners fled their homes, many heading for remote parts of the country.

On October 30, 1940, in a radio address to the nation, President Franklin Roosevelt said, “I shall say it again and again. Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars.”

On October 30, 1944, the Martha Graham ballet “Appalachian Spring,” with music by Aaron Copeland, premiered at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., with Graham in a leading role.

On October 30, 1974, in a fight held in Kinshasa, Zaire, Muhammad Ali retained his heavyweight title with an eight-round knockout of challenger George Foreman.

On October 31, 1934, Chicago’s “Century of Progress” closed, having hosted 16 million visitors, as well as grossing over \$200 million.

On October 31, 1973, Arthur Ashe was granted a visa to play in the South African Open tennis tournament, having previously been turned down twice for what South Africa described as an “antagonistic attitude.”

On October 31, 1983, Bears founder and owner George Halas died in Chicago at 88.

On November 1, 1512, the public, for the first time, was shown Michelangelo’s paintings on the ceiling of the Vatican’s Sistine Chapel.

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On November 1, 1604, Shakespeare's tragedy, "Othello," was staged at Whitehall Palace in London.

On November 1, 1913, Notre Dame, captained by Knute Rockne, popularized the forward pass in defeating favored Army 35 to 13.

On November 1, 1944, "Harvey," a comedy by Mary Chase about a man and his friend, an invisible 6-foot tall rabbit, opened on Broadway.

On November 2, 1920, Pittsburg's station KDKA began the nation's first regular radio broadcasts, reporting the Harding-Cox election returns.

On November 2, 1947, Howard Hughes' massive wooden airplane, the "Spruce Goose," made its first (and only) flight. The 200-ton aircraft, which is now a major exhibit at the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, OR, flew for about one minute over Long Beach Harbor.

On November 2, 1959, Charles Van Doren admitted that he had been given the answers in advance before his appearance on the popular NBC-TV game show "Twenty One."

On November 3, 1837, Illinois housewives were up in arms over the cost of living. A pound of butter cost 8 cents, eggs were 6 cents a dozen, beef was 3 cents a pound, pork was 2 cents, coffee was 20 cents a pound, and sugar was 10 cents a pound.

On November 3, 1900, the nation's first automobile show opened in New York's Madison Square Garden.

On November 3, 1957, the *Sputnik 2* satellite was launched by the Soviet Union. On board was a dog named Laika that was sacrificed in the experiment.

On November 3, 1990, Texas born Mary Martin, who flew across the Broadway stage and the nation's television screens as "Peter Pan," died, of cancer, at the age of 76.

On November 3, 1992, Carol Moseley Braun, Democrat from Chicago, became the first black woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate.

On November 3, 1998, Minnesota voters elected former pro wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura to be their governor.

On November 4, 1825, the first boat reached New York City via the Erie Canal, nine days after leaving the Great Lakes port of Buffalo.

On November 4, 1842, Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd were united in marriage.

On November 4, 1880, the cornerstone was laid for Chicago's Michael Reese Hospital.

On November 4, 1890, the city of Chicago annexed the villages of West Roseland and Washington Heights.

On November 4, 1922, the entrance to Egyptian King Tutankhamen's tomb was discovered.



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N.E.W. Workshop

Girls from Michigan City, La Porte, New Prairie, Westville and South Central middle schools attended a workshop Oct. 14 at Michigan City's A.K. Smith Career Center that highlighted Nontraditional Employment for Women opportunities.

The daylong event featured a keynote address from engineer/architect Michelle Halle Stern, president of The Green Facilitator and a pioneer in sustainable building practices.



Sullair engineer Lisa Taylor leads a roundtable discussion at the workshop.

Prominent female professionals led roundtable discussions, including La Porte Mayor Blair Milo, HealthLinc Pediatrician Dr. Anna Adekugbe, Sullair Engineer Lisa Taylor, South Central Schools Superintendent Linda Wiltfong and representatives from the South Bend Fire Department, Sunkissed Organics, Indiana Department of Corrections and Michigan City Sanitary District. Girls also could try "hands on" activities relating to careers, such as welding, machining, thermal imaging and emergency services.

Funding and assistance in organizing the event came from the Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce, Michigan City Commission for Women and Women in Leadership La Porte County.

PNC Campus Bookstore Event

Ray Gleason, Purdue University-North Central limited-term lecturer and best-selling author, will sign copies of his latest novel, "The Gabinian Affair," and answer questions about his writing, on Friday, Oct. 30.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the campus bookstore, which is located in the lower level of the Library-Student-Faculty-Building.

Gleason, who is teaching English Composition II this semester, is a well-published fiction writer. "The Gabinian Affair" is the first installment of the Gaius Marius Chronicle, the memoir of a retired Roman soldier who served with Caesar during his Gallic campaigns and throughout the Roman civil wars.

In the book, young Gaius Marius Insubrecus is torn between fantasy and reality. His grandfather told him fanciful tales of his heroic people, the Gah'el, while his mother, Valeria, desperately wants him to focus on becoming a practical Roman gentleman. Meanwhile, Insubrecus becomes infatuated with Gabinia, the beautiful daughter of a Roman Senator, who has vowed to kill him.

Gleason also will sign copies of his other books, "A Grunt Speaks: A Devil's Dictionary of Vietnam Infantry Terms," and his first novel, "The Violent Season." In addition, he teaches Medieval Literature at Northwestern University. He became an advocate for the "lost generation" of the Vietnam-era in his best-selling novel, "The Violent Season."



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The association is known as MAPPA thanks to its original name, Midwest Association of Physical Plant Administrators. It serves the needs of the facilities professionals responsible for maintaining, protecting and promoting the quality of educational facilities and libraries in the seven-state Midwest area. It is part of the international association, the Association of Physical Plant Administrators.

Institute students select one core area that will be the focus of their classes for that week. Presenters include professionals from universities throughout the country. Parsons has completed two sessions, and the scholarship will help fund his attendance at a third one.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Iron Lake by William Kent Krueger
(oversize paperback, \$16 in bookstores and online, also available as an eBook)

I love discovering a new author. Well, new to me anyway.

William Kent Krueger has been around since 1998, writing about his character Corcoran (Cork) O'Connor, far northern Minnesota and a small town he calls Aurora. This book is the first of 14 in the series. It's not easy for an author to keep stories about the same characters alive and interesting book after book, but Krueger has done just that. He also is the author of Ordinary Grace, a stand-alone novel that won an Edgar Award for Best Novel.

Now that you know I'm crazy about this author, let me tell you more about Corcoran O'Connor!

First of all, Cork is a man — neither hero nor anti-hero. But, he's a smart man, one with a strong need to get to the bottom of a problem — a man of principles. He's also a father to three children: 5-year-old Stevie, 11-year-old Anne and 14-year-old Jenny. He's estranged from wife Jo, a successful lawyer in town.

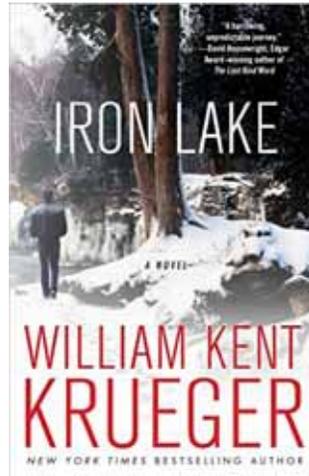
Cork left a job as a Chicago policeman to raise his family in the land of his birth — the far northern reaches of Minnesota: beautiful country, small town, lots of outdoor sports all year round. There's an Indian reservation nearby and, of course, the requisite Indian casino that has made a world of difference to members of the tribe in terms of a better life for their families. Not all the citizens of Aurora are happy about it. And, it doesn't take long to find out that even small towns and Indian reservations have their secrets...

Cork became sheriff of Aurora, but lost his job when a confrontation about fishing rights between Indians and disgruntled white men became deadly and Cork lost his cool. Since Cork's mother was an Ojibwe, both sides thought he was the right man to handle the situation. We all know about best laid plans...

There was a recall election, and Cork was replaced as sheriff. Soon after, Cork and Jo parted ways. So you can see, life in Aurora hasn't turned out to be a bed of roses for the O'Connor family.

This story takes place in winter, an apt time of biting cold, unforgiving winds and relentless snow storms, not to mention a murder or two, or three... both Indian and white.

Paul LeBeau, 14-year-old paperboy, is missing. The snow came down in buckets, and his frantic mother calls Cork when the boy fails to return home. Tracing his paper route to the last probable delivery



— the home of Judge Robert Parrant — Cork finds the front door open and a very dead judge in his study. Suicide? That's what the coroner decides. After all, the judge had cancer and not long to live. Cork, though, thinks something is rotten in Minnesota. But where to begin? The next day, Paul's mother tells Cork not to worry — Paul is with his father on the reservation. She seems eager to get Cork to forget everything. Now, Cork is convinced Paul saw something and is hiding.

The story does not lack for a plethora of characters. From the town folks to the Ojibwe Indians, they all bounce off the

pages with clarity and reality.

Cork, with his red hair and fair skin, doesn't look Indian, but the natives respect him because his mother was one of their own. Because of his upbringing in both worlds, Cork appreciates and respects the ways of the Ojibwe as well as the white man. Like when old Sam Winter Moon tells him of the Windago, a "cannibal giant whose heart was ice," Cork takes him seriously. Sam says when the Windago whispers someone's name in the wind, they are soon to die. The way Krueger describes the ways and beliefs of the Ojibwe is respectful, not Hollywood stupid. The realism of life on a reservation and interaction with the people of Aurora is told realistically: the resentment of the townies for the money the Indians are making off their casino shows how a white supremacist group can gain ground with lies and innuendoes.

As Cork's investigation moves forward, without the help of the new sheriff, he finds each murder leaves more questions than answers, prompting Sam Winter Moon to say: "*Sometimes the only way a man learns the true spirit of a rock is to stub his toe on it.*"

And then, one night, Cork hears his name in the wind — or was that just his imagination?

Krueger certainly gives the reader a realistic feel for the beauty and sometimes harsh reality of the northern Minnesota climate in winter, and a mystery that keeps you totally involved.

From *Publishers Weekly*: "Krueger's deft eye for the details of everyday life brings the town and its peculiar problems to vivid life."

Author Philip Reed (Low Rider) wrote: "Iron Lake is that rare combination: a page turner and a deeply felt character study."

Krueger lives in the Twin Cities of Minnesota with his family. Visit www.WilliamKentKrueger.com

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