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A CURIOUS INCIDENT

by Andrew Tallackson

With plans in motion for a family reunion, David Krogh thought it best to sift through a tattered box of old slides his father accumulated over the years. A bound volume of prints forged from those bygone family photos might be something relatives arriving later that summer would enjoy.

Each individual container of slides, the colors dulled and aged by time, was marked in handwritten scrawl. Summer. Graduation. Christmas.

One particular collection seized his attention.

Airplane. 7/65.

Intrigued, David had the bulb to his father's old slide projector replaced. Now set to view his discovery, he dimmed the lights. The projector hummed to life and images from the past appeared before him.

What he saw made him gasp. A curious event he had not thought about in more than 50 years. One he never realized his father captured on film. And one to this day that leaves him puzzled...

David Krogh, now 72, relaxes in his Grand Beach home.
Photo by Andrew Tallackson

The old slides David Krogh discovered that captured the unfolding events in 1965.

Independence Day, 1965. The shores of Grand Beach, Mich. Gorgeous, sunny skies. The lake calm, its waters clear and crisp.

David and his family relaxed at the beach. It was around 11 a.m. The family pretty much had the beach to itself. Grand Beach at the time wasn't as heavily developed as it is today. David was blessed with six siblings, the result of a blended union that included his father and sister (their mother passed away when he was 13), his stepmother and her five children. Their home nestled Perkins Boulevard.

David's family gets comfortable on a dune to watch the incredible events unfolding before them.

David, then 21, was prepping his girlfriend, Jenny, to waterski before lunch. His siblings played beach volleyball. Out on the horizon, everyone heard a roar that drew their gaze to the west. A small, twin-engine amphibious airplane was coasting down...in their direction. The family quickly huddled together, anxious to follow its curious descent. The aircraft carefully splashed into the lake to their right and taxied up onto the beach.

The pilot emerged from the plane with little fanfare: neither introducing himself nor acknowledging his presence among others, but simply heading directly into the nearby woods. No one else appeared visible inside the plane. David, who recently obtained his pilot's license, was mesmerized. What could possibly be unfolding? It did not appear the pilot made an emergency landing. No smoke trickled out from the aircraft.

Was it a restroom break? Was the pilot meeting someone? A high-ranking Chicago official had a home nearby. Was that somehow connected?

Before David and his family could further ponder the mystery, the pilot re-emerged from the wooded expanse, heading back to the plane. He taxied the craft back into Lake Michigan. Everything appeared ready for takeoff. A few minutes later, the engine roared, the craft now parallel to shore. But at a critical point in takeoff, the wing floats hit the

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The twin-engine amphibious airplane, 300 feet off shore.

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lake's surface, splashing water into the engine. The plane hit the water hard. The engine shut down... and the plane began to sink. Three hundred feet from shore. Submerged, ironically, on a sandbar.

"We're all sitting there in amazement, thinking, 'Geez O Pete. What the heck just happened?" David recalled, laughing, shaking his head with disbelief all these years later.

Far more incredible? The hatch to the airplane popped open and the pilot emerged, unharmed. He inched through still-calm waters and headed into the dunes. David and Jenny immediately headed over to the stretch of beach across from the submerged aircraft, examining it closely before turning around to face the beach.

The pilot was gone.

Oselka Construction workers begin the hour-long effort to create the sandy pathway to the submerged plane.

One hour later, a thunderous army of earth-moving equipment lumbered onto the beach, including a large crane and two front-end loaders capable of moving considerable amounts of material.

David's family congregated on a nearby dune. Too much excitement to leave the beach now. Just what precisely did the operators of such heavy equipment, from Oselka Construction, no less, have in store for the aircraft, which still rested 300 feet from shore.

The game plan was apparent: build a road of sand directly to the plane, use the crane to hoist it up, then maneuver the aircraft across the freshly minted path to shore.

The workers from Oselka Construction used the square-shaped buckets on their front-end loaders to scoop mounds of sand into the lake to create the makeshift pathway. The entire process took an hour, the lake mercifully retaining its stillness.

"It's amazing how efficient they were to build that road," David said.

The challenge that presented itself, however, arrived in lifting the plane high enough out of the water so its wheels touched the road. So heavy was the aircraft, it rocked the crane forward, in some cases off its very foundation. Water needed to drain from the aircraft so the elevation from its watery perch might commence with more efficiency.

Eventually, the aircraft was hoisted onto the sandy pathway and made its way back to shore, headed for New Buffalo and an assessment of the overall damages.

The plane begins its rise to relatively dry ground.

The ensuing journey was far from effortless. It took not only a crane and front-end loader to guide the craft, but also a jeep closely following suit because the tail kept veering from side to side.

So, in total: plane, crane, front-end loader and jeep, all making a careful, gradual journey along the beach, past David and his attentive, highly entertained family.

"It was like watching a parade that went right by our house," David said, laughing.

No one saw the pilot again, nor did they find out who he was. That evening, winds began to pick up, eight to 10 feet waves cresting toward the shore. It was as if the grand old lake had afforded the workers of Oselka Construction a brief reprieve, a fleeting window of opportunity, before resuming its mischievous ways.

"Had they not gotten that plane out when they

did," David said, "it would have been destroyed."

Through a bit of his own digging, David eventually learned it took a year to rebuild the plane before it resumed flying again. And his family that day, after the unbelievable sight of all that earth-moving equipment coming to the submerged plane's rescue? They went back to leisurely games of volleyball and soaking in the rays of that gorgeous sun.

"Just another day in the life here," David said, erupting with laughter.

So caught up was he in the peculiar turn of events, David never realized his father, amid the confusion, grabbed a camera, documenting the entire incident with a series of photos.

Now 72 and still residing in Grand Beach, David marvels at not only how detailed the photos are, but also in how well-preserved his father kept them. They complement his memories of the incident like a glove to a hand.

Having owned a business that required travel, putting his pilot's license to good use, David looks back on that day with an affectionate air of logic and humor.

"For a pilot, any landing you can walk away from is a good landing," he said.

David then smiles.

"I think that pilot was one lucky SOB...or a rather unlucky one. Depends on how you look at it."

The plane finally arrives on the shores of Grand Beach.

The plane's journey to New Buffalo was a gradual, careful process.

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Community Unites to Unleash Dogs for Proposed Park

by M.D. Cunningham

Since Buster's longtime pal, Einstein, passed away, he's been trying to get out more.

Buster is an 8-year-old beagle. His owners, Matt and Lisa Bilderback, were among the attendees at the recent Superhero 5K Dog Walk at Pine Elementary School.

"We need a lot more positive events," Lisa said, complimenting organizers who brought dogs and dog lovers together to raise $20,000 for fencing, benches and signage to create an off-leash dog park on 1.5 acres donated by Michigan City Area Schools. It was the first of what could be many fundraisers.

La Porte County Parks has dog park sites, including Creek Ridge County Park in Michigan City, but none exist close to where the former Pine School site is proposed.

The Bilderbacks, who live in Michigan City, learned of the event through a facebook page created by volunteers from Purdue University Northwest. One of those volunteers, Sarah Maddox, who has three dogs of her own, said the park will provide a safe environment for dogs to socialize.

"You've got no place to let the dogs run loose," Beverly Shores resident Jim Petru said, "and this will give you a contained area, under controlled conditions. They (dogs) need to be able to exercise. Just walking is not enough."

Carrie Higgins, PNW continuing lecturer in communications, took pride is watching students embrace a cause important to them.

"It always makes sense to give students opportunities to have organizations benefit from their work," she said, noting that while contributing directly to a community cause, students build confidence by sharing their skills, promoting their own growth as they transition to competitive job seekers.

"They got in on the ground floor on this," Higgins said. "They really see their efforts pay off."

Eileen Heisler, a coordinator with the group that originally launched the park plan, called the students' energy and ingenuity "terrific." For this fundraiser, she continued, PNW students executed logistics and administrative details, including building stands to hold cleanup bags for dogs.

Heisler said the idea originally came about at the end of 2015 when several Beverly Shores residents discussed how they'd been making 20-mile round trips to Creek Ridge.

"While it's a fantastic park," she said, "we agreed that it was taking up a pretty big part of our day and questioned whether or not there might be some available land closer to home that could be used for this purpose."

Heisler said the ongoing experience has been rewarding.

"Repurposing land that's available for community use, bringing local residents into the school, learning from each other," Heisler said, "what a time it's been."

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About the Cover

by Andrew Tallackson

Through the years, we've had our share of rabbits, brightly colored eggs and delectable treats grace the covers of our Easter editions.

This year, we decided to celebrate one reason why the Easter holiday is a joyous occasion.

Children.

Thanks to our dear readers, as well as a few *Beacher* employees, our cover presents Easter photos from holidays recent and long past. Thanks to everyone who responded to our request for photos. We hope you enjoy the ones we selected as our favorites.

1. Trevor Hovland sports new bunny ears during Easter 2016. Trevor is the grandson of *The Beacher*'s Becky Wirebaugh.

2. Joyce and David Fischbacher submitted this photo from about nine years ago of their grandchildren with the Easter Bunny. Only two are visible. The third refused to be anywhere near the bunny.

3. *The Beacher*'s Janet Baines submitted this photo from about seven years ago of her nieces and nephews, ready and eager to celebrate Easter.

4. Heather Cope-Ward submitted this photo from the 2016 Easter Egg Hunt in Washington Park that features a tender moment between her husband, Josh, and their daughter, Scarlett.

5. Krystel Marshall submitted this adorable photo taken after an Easter egg hunt.

6. Barbara Steinke of Duneland Beach found this photo, taken around 1950, of herself as a girl with the Easter Bunny in Houston, Texas.

7. This photo, submitted from Moore's Auto Repair, features sisters Audrey Alkire (seated) and Toodie Moore as the Easter Bunny, in 2015 at Aperion Care.

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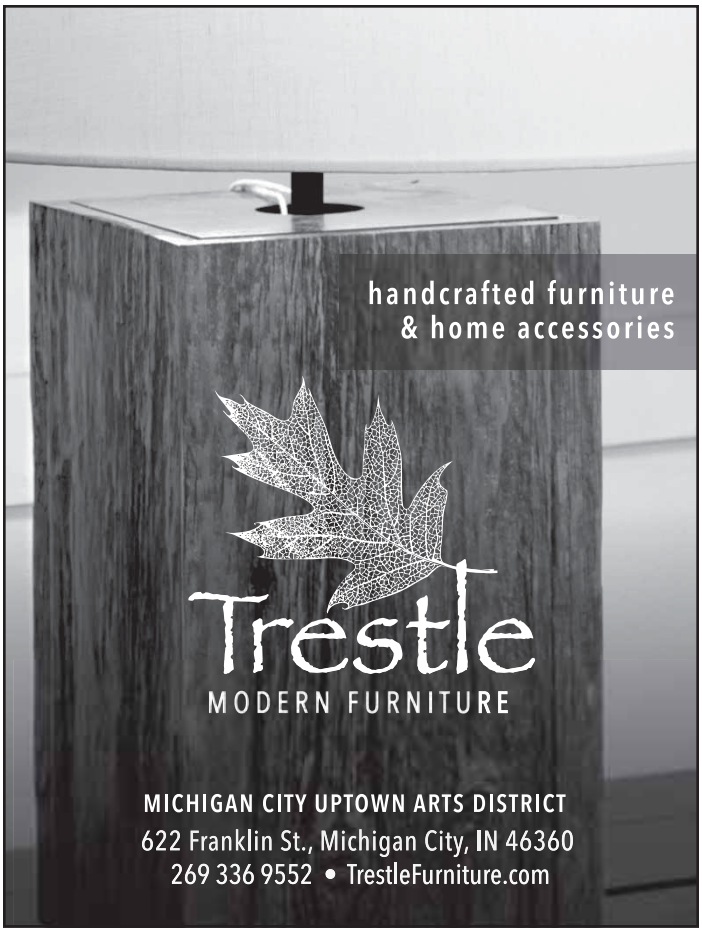

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The following programs are offered through Indiana Dunes State Park:

• Bird Sounds ID Workshop from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 15.

Interpreter Brad Bumgardner will explore the reasons behind bird sounds and their complexity in the bird world. The program's first half will be spent indoors and the second half on a trail. Space is limited. A $10 registration fee is due when arriving, but not necessary to reserve a spot. Registration, however, can be done at Eventbrite.

• Timberdoodle Trek from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Saturday, April 15.

Meet at the main-entrance parking lot for a stealth tour in search of the bogsucker — also known as the woodcock — and his spring courtship dance. The group may carpool (fewer than two miles) for better viewing if needed. Dress for the weather, and prepare for off-trail hiking.

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.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following program is available at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

• Playdate in the Nature Play Zone from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.

Join a ranger to explore nature, build a fort, climb a tree and create nature art. Dress for the weather.

• A hike on West Beach's Dune Succession Trail from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 16.

The trail highlights four stages of dune development within its one-mile length. The strenuous trail also includes a climb up 250 stairs to view Lake Michigan and Chicago. Meet at the West Beach parking lot, 376 N. County Line Road, Portage.

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is at 100 N. Lake St. in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

Second Saturday Gallery Talk

The next Second Saturday Gallery Talk is from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

Co-Curator Suzanne Cohan-Lange will provide an overview of the exhibit "Seeking Location: Mapping & Borders In Art," with artists Michele Corazzo, Victoria Fuller and Priscilla Lynch discussing their work and process.

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Down to Earth: A Son Steps into his Father's Shoes

by M.D. Cunningham

Elliot Manges was halfway around the world — in Japan, to be precise — when he decided to call his father. He was serving in the U.S. Air Force, his maturity and work ethic, long cultivated by his father, impressing his supervising officers.

"I was like, OK, maybe doing chores all the time and busting my back with firewood...you know, I didn't like it growing up," he said, "but it only took me 20-something years to see that that was teaching me something."

Dave (left) and Elliot Manges, together at Down to Earth.
Photo by M.D. Cunningham

Elliot accepted new responsibilities during his six years of military service, whether it be in California and Japan or the Philippines and the Middle East.

Now, having returned to La Porte County, he's taken on a responsibility closer to home.

Before he could even drive, Elliot worked as a laborer with his father at Down to Earth Inc., a La Porte-area irrigation-systems purveyor his father started in 1981.

"The Air Force kind of showed me that it wasn't that bad, and Dad kind of knew what he was talking about," Elliot said. "Then he mentioned, 'Hey, I'm getting old. I want to retire…'"

"Older," his father, Dave — still the teacher when it comes to his son — corrects as we sit talking. "I'm not old yet."

After studying agronomy (soil management) and graduating from Purdue University-West Lafayette, Dave started working for a golf course in La Porte. He enjoyed it, but once management changed, he decided to venture on his own.

"It just progressed from there," he said, noting the early days were lean. "We did things on a shoestring."

Dave's ex-wife made more money as a cashier at a local store than he did establishing Down to Earth in those early years when it was a "one-man show."

"Working this business gave me some time to do some things that I like to do," Dave said, noting that work has been heavily seasonal, with plenty of overtime in the summer and fall, but lulls during the off season.

"I built my own home, remodeled and built my own buildings…put a lot of sweat equity back into the business."

Elliot finds he enjoys the work at Down to Earth.

"It's manual and it's mental and it's really hard to find a job that you get both," he said, nodding to his father's guidance. "I learned the irrigation part and was pretty good at it. Now, I'm learning more about the business."

"It's progressing real well," Dave added. "The military was good for him. He got to get out of our little macro environment here and be exposed to the world, and it's an eye-opener."

When the time is right, Dave will let Elliot completely take over, but will remain on hand since they also live as neighbors. Dave also looks forward to becoming more involved in church, to concentrate on his growing family — three grandchildren, soon to be five — and travel across the U.S., possibly overseas.

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Latest Krasl Art Center Exhibits

A new exhibit that honors the lives, traditions and environments of 20th century African Americans runs April 14-June 25 at Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich.

"Reflections: African American Life from the Myrna Colley-Lee Collection" is organized by International Arts & Artists, Washington, D.C., in collaboration with Myrna Colley-Lee. Comprised of paintings, photos, textile pieces and works on paper, the imagery primarily focuses on narrative works and landscapes of everyday life.

In the Artlab Gallery is the installation "Zine," which features Zine authors and subject matter.

An opening party for both exhibits is from 6 to 8 p.m. EDT Friday, April 14. Luz Magdaleno, organizer of Brown & Proud Press, will discuss the DIY culture of Zines at 6 p.m. EDT. Live music, small bites and a cash bar also are planned.

Events scheduled in conjunction with the exhibits are (all times Eastern):

• Family Day: Art & Stories from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15. Youth can wear their favorite outfits to the exhibit reception. Drinks and snacks will be served, "The Story of Ruby Bridges" read and discussed in relation to art in the galleries and a hands-on art activity planned.

• Coffee with the Curator at 9 a.m. Monday, April 17. Curator Tami Miller leads the gallery tour.

• A lecture by Belinda Tate at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 2. Tate, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts executive director, will discuss the significance of the "Reflections" exhibit.

• George Krasl Memorial Concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2. Explore African-American history through music inspired by art from "Reflections." Donations will be accepted.

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Animal House

The Beacher's Paul Kemiel outdid himself with these stunning shots taken amid opening week at Washington Park Zoo. We hope you enjoy them.

La Lumiere Wins Nationals Title

La Lumiere School's varsity white basketball team dominated the court April 1 in New York City to claim the Dick's Sporting Goods High School Nationals championship title. La Lumiere rallied to a 70-52 victory over Florida's Montverde Academy. The Lakers started the season at No. 1 in the *USA Today* High School Super 25 boys basketball rankings, then achieved a 26-1 record. They're back at No. 1 with the championship win.

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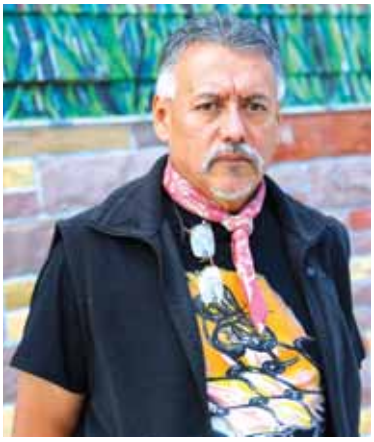

Through efforts by Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Chicago muralist Hector Duarte will speak about his craft as a working artist to Michigan City High School art students on April 27.

Duarte studied mural painting at David Alfaro Siqueiros's workshop in 1977. Since moving to Chicago in 1985, he has helped create more than 50 murals, and exhibited paintings and prints in solo and collective shows at venues such as The National Museum of Mexican Art, The School of the Art Institute, The State of Illinois Gallery, the Chicago Historical Society and *Casa Estudio Museo Diego Rivera* in Mexico. He has received a number of awards and is the co-founder of the Julio Ruelas Print Workshop in Zacatecas, Mexico, *La Casa de la Cultura* in Zamora, Mexico, and the Mexican Printmaking Workshop in Chicago.

"I am beyond grateful to Hector for taking time to come and see our mural works," said MCHS Art Teacher Deanna Ehrhardt, who started an ongoing mural project at the school. "I'm thrilled to hear what he has to say to our students, especially after he takes a tour around the school to see their murals they have created the past two years."

Duarte's studio work is part of the 12-artist multimedia show "Seeking Location: Mapping & Borders in Art" through June 3 at the Lubeznik Center, 101 W. Second St. Visit www.lubeznikcenter.org or call (219) 874-4900 for more details.

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Nature's Tiny Tots

Designed for parents and grandparents, explore nature with toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy music, dancing, storytelling and, weather permitting, hiking.

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. May 1, June 5 and 19, July 10 and 24, and Aug. 7, 21 and 28 at Luhr County Park Nature Center, 3178 S. County Road 150 West. Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

Parent & Child Discovery Days

The program includes arts and crafts, games and snacks. All activities are related to the topic. Programs are appropriate for children 3 to 8, with an adult required to participate. Times are from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Luhr County Park. The cost is $5 per child/per program. Pre-registration and payment are required at least one week in advance or until full, whichever comes first. The next program is:

- April 19 — Tree Treasures.

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:

- May 3 — "Landscaping Your Yard, Where to Begin" with Sacha Gee-Burns, Sunkissed Organics.
- June 7 — Learn what's new in La Porte, Mayor Blair Milo.
- July 12 — Pulmonary health by La Porte Hospital staff.
- Aug. 2 — La Porte County Genealogical Society, President Dorothy Palmer.

Teachers-Groups-Scout Leaders

Free environmental education programs are offered to groups throughout the year. Programs last one hour or longer depending on the group size and age. Programs can be scheduled at Creek Ridge, Luhr, Bluhm or Red Mill parks. Call (219) 325-8315 for more information or to make a reservation.

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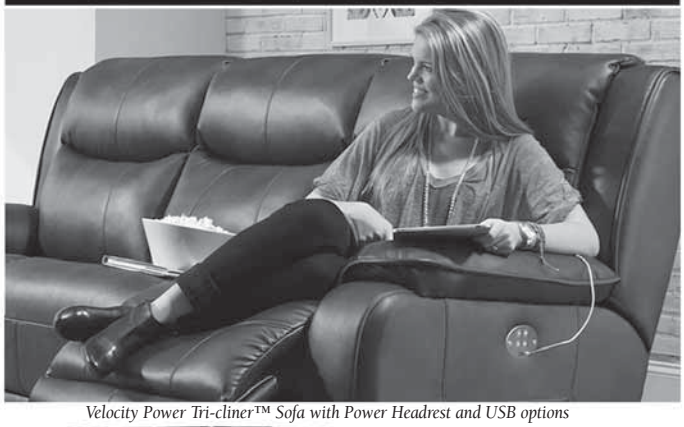

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"Passport to Summer Fun" is a new free program where children 1-12, accompanied by parents, can use a free passport to visit 10 locations.

The passports are available at Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department, located in City Hall's lower level.

Seven of the locations are parks: Gardena, Hansen, Winding Creek Cove, Joe Hawkins, Pullman, Oak Hills and Water Tower Park. At the sites, children must find the "passport" sign posted near the entrance of each park on a bollard (small wooden pole), do the activity listed and draw in the symbol in their passport for that particular park. Challenge activities are listed on the signs as well.

Two locations will issue a sticker to the passport holder once the activity is completed. At Washington Park Zoo, children receive an owl coloring sheet or owl craft kit to complete at home along with their sticker. At Michigan City Municipal Golf Course, they can sink a putt to receive a sticker.

After completing all locations, participants return completed passports to the park office to receive the final 10th "stamp" and pick up a completion prize. Also, if they return their owl coloring page or owl kit, Washington Park Zoo will display the artwork in the education center. Children should put their first name on the artwork.

The program runs through the end of October, and all passports must be turned in by Friday, Nov. 3, to redeem the prize. Contact the park department at (219) 873-1506 for details.

Michigan City Public Library

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

• STEAM Ahead Kids: Art à la Carte at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in Youth Services.

Children 4-10 accompanied by an adult can make a kite-door decoration. All materials are provided. Children must be present to receive craft materials.

• Duneland Stamp Club at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 13.

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

• Story Time at 1 p.m. Tuesdays, April 18 and 25, and 10 a.m. Wednesdays, April 19 and 26.

Children birth to age 5 and adults will enjoy stories, songs and crafts. Arrive a few minutes early to receive a name tag.

• Creativity and Innovation Week: MCAS Robotics Team at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19.

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The library is closed Sunday, April 16, for the Easter holiday. Contact Robin Kohn at (219) 873-3049 for more information on library programming.

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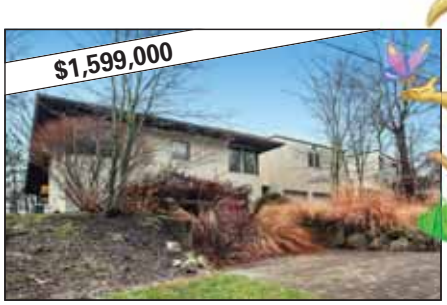

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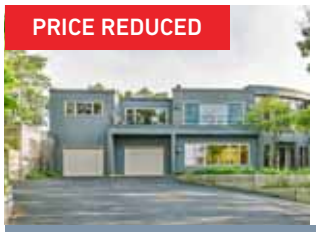

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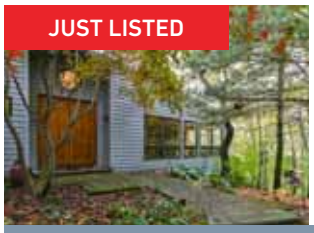

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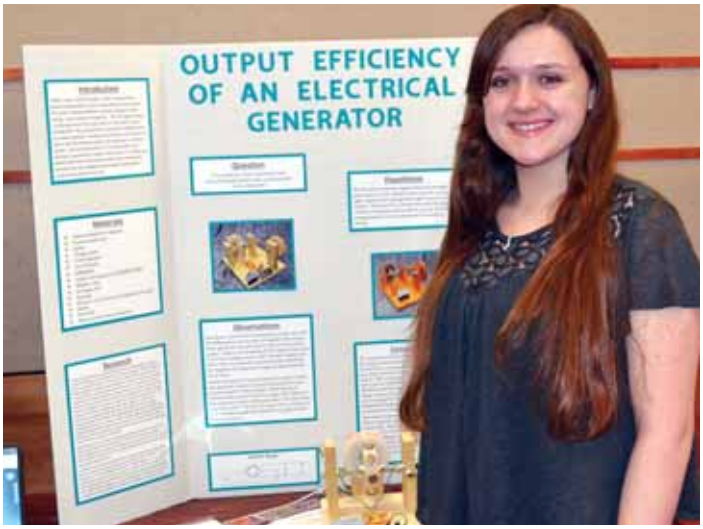
Students Excel at Science Fair

Barker Middle School students Canyon Richardson, Arnica Sheaffer, Riley Steinhiser and Nathan Antisdel, and Michigan City High School students Nicole Pomeroy, Emily Samuelson and Andrew Samuelson, competed at the 64th annual Northwest Indiana Science and Engineering Fair on March 25 at Valparaiso University.

Richardson received the U.S. Navy/U.S. Marine Corps Award for Outstanding Project for "How Do You Fuel?" Antisdel received an Honorable Mention and the U.S. Air Force Award for Outstanding Project for "Dirty Electricity." Sheaffer received third place and the Most Promising Scholar Award for "Total Recall."



Michigan City High School Senior Nicole Pomeroy took several awards for "Output Efficiency of an Electrical Generator."

For the seventh year in a row, Pomeroy, now a Michigan City High School senior, advanced to the Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair, held April 1 in Indianapolis, after winning several awards for her project, "Output Efficiency of an Electrical Generator."

Curator's Report

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

Visitors came from eight counties and 10 states. The four school tours were Lake Hills Magnet School, Boston Middle School, Kingsford Heights School and Riley Elementary School. The Rumely Reunion was held in the meeting room. The Corvette Coventry Club visited, as did seniors from Crown Point. A group of Cub Scouts also toured. On March 21, the research library was dedicated as The Fern Eddy Schultz Research Library.

Donations were:

- Oil painting of Ferdinand Frantz and watercolor by Frantz, Sharon Oran Goodman.
- Milligan's jewelry box, Allis-Chalmers pass book, Westville Fire Department calendar, First National Bank bag, Karen Piper.
- Drawings and sketchbook of Lois Peterson Davis, Nancy Rodewald.
- La Porte Lumber and Coal shovel, rubber stamps, La Porte Bank & Trust money bag, photo of La Porte Show Repair, Roger and Rae Ann Brown.
- Indiana Supreme Court certificate for Allen R. Travis, Jim Travis.
- Fire chief dress coat, badge and buttons belonging to Fire Chief Lloyd Hutton, Phyllis Austin.
- La Porte High School staff sweater, Rolling Prairie graduation tassel, commencement announcement and cards for 1946, all belonging to Bob LeRoy, Beth LeRoy.
- Wooden playpen circa 1950s used by the Gallagher family, Maureen Bejar.
- Items for the sale table, Kathy Gallagher; display table, Bob Burns; archival information, Matt Sikorski.

The museum will be closed April 14 for Good Friday. Items in the World War I exhibit have been rotated out and replaced with more La Porte County memorabilia.

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Community Forum Series

A look back at the 152nd anniversary of Lincoln's assassination marks the next free Community Forum program at 6:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, April 18, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Lake Michigan College Instructor Tim Moore will look at the motives behind the murder, the manhunt for the conspirators, the assassination's impact on American politics and the resulting worship of a fallen statesman.

Upcoming programs include: "Hummingbirds: Small and Feisty" on Tuesday, May 2; "What IS That? A Guide to Beach Glass, Fossils, Whale Burps and Other Beach Treasures" on Tuesday, May 16; "Estate Planning for Everyone" on Monday, June 12; and "Exploring Lake Michigan: A 1,000-Mile Walk on the Beach" on Monday, June 19.

All programs are in the Pokagon Community Room. Call the library at (269) 469-2933, follow the facebook link at newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org or email new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com for details.

River Valley Garden Club

Cookie Ferguson, Indiana Dunes State Park interpretive naturalist, will speak at the next River Valley Garden Club meeting, which is at 1 p.m. EDT Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, Mich.

The program topic is "All You Wanted to Know about the Indiana Dunes." Ferguson also is vice president of the Indiana Plant and Wildflower Society's North Chapter.

The meeting's social and business portion begins at 1 p.m. EDT, followed by the speaker at 2 p.m. EDT. The community is invited.

The club's schedule includes the 10th annual plant sale May 20, as well as field trips and presentations throughout the year.

More information about the club is available at www.rivervalleygardenclub.org, or call Elizabeth Palulis at (269) 426-3513.

Historical Hat Party

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter, will present the second historical hat decorating party from 2 to 5 p.m. EDT Sunday, April 23, at Three Oaks Arts & Education Center, 14 Maple St.

The event, held in preparation for this summer's Three Oaks Sesquicentennial, is in the spirit of an old-fashioned sewing bee. It will reveal how to adorn hats/bonnets with silk flowers, ribbon or lace. Light refreshments will be available.

Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. The $15 cost covers one hat and decorations. Call (269) 409-1191 or email schoolofamericanmusic@gmail.com for more details.

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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

• Knit Wits and Pearls of Wisdom at 9 a.m. Thursdays at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

The weekly meeting is open to the skilled and novices, with no registration required.

• NorthShore Health Center free blood-pressure screenings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Hageman Library, and 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, April 19, in the Bertha Wood Meeting Room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Interested patrons also can receive help calculating Body Mass Index.

• Bits & Bytes series, Excel with Bruce, from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department.

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

• Music at the Museum from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Westchester Township Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

The Flashbacks will perform. Members are: Suzanne Keldsen, playing guitar, recorders and fiddle; Julietta Raby, playing fiddle, mandolin and guitar; Nancy Cairns on dulcimer and ukulele; Paul Mache playing guitar and banjo; and Marti Pizzini on autoharp, dulcimer and guitar.

• Duplo Club, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 15, Thomas Library's Children's Dept.

Geared towards preschoolers ages 2-5, registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

• Maker Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 20, in the Thomas Library upstairs IT classroom.

Local software engineer Adam Johnson will lead a hands-on program, appropriate for patrons 12 and older, about Arduino circuit devices.

• Pokemon League from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Thomas Library.

The program is aimed at children in first grade and older. Attendees learn to make decks of 60 cards. They don't need to take anything unless wanting to take a starter pack of cards.

• Children's Crochet Club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.

Aimed at children in third grade and older, attendees learn beginning crochet from Sadie Steciuch. Children should take a size G crochet hook and skein of medium weight yarn. Class size is limited, and registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

• Minecraft Meet-up from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at Thomas Library.

Registration is required and must be done in person. The WPL Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct must be signed upon registration as well. Parents are welcome to attend, but required for youth 10 and younger.

• Pizza Pajama Book Club for Teens from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, in the Thomas Library Young Adult Room.

Teens in grades 6-12 can discuss books they have read or are reading. The focus is Maggie Stiefvater's "The Scorpio Races." Pizza will be provided. Registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696 or visiting the library.

• Easter hours.

Both Westchester Public Library branches (Thomas and Hageman), Westchester Township History Museum, Westchester Township Trustee's office and Baugher Center will be closed Good Friday, April 14, and Easter Sunday, April 16. Normal hours resume Monday, April 17.

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MCHS Junior Garners Art Award

Michigan City High School Junior Myra Davis has earned national recognition in the 2017 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition. Her mixed-media piece, "Media Kills," received the event's highest distinction, a Gold Key. More than 330,000 works of art and writing were submitted in the contest, but fewer than 1 percent were recognized at the national level. She has been invited to a Carnegie Hall ceremony on Thursday, June 8.

Ladies Golf Leagues

• Michigan City Municipal North Course Nine Hole Ladies Golf League begins play at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 1.

New members are welcome. The opening luncheon is Monday, April 24. Call Carol at (219) 879-6919 or Margie at (219) 872-1847 for details.

• The Michigan City Municipal South Course Nine Hole Wednesday Morning Ladies Golf League begins play at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 3.

New members are welcome. Call Jane Spang at (219) 877-5942 or Pat Turner at (219) 872-0300 for details.

• The Wags Nine Hole Lady Golfers seeks new members.

The group meets at 8 a.m. Tuesdays at the Michigan City Municipal North Course. Call Pat at (317) 626-3588 for details.

Hazel Hannell Exhibit

SFC Gallery, 607 Franklin St., has partnered with Chesterton Art Center to present a Hazel Hannell exhibit in April.

Hannell was a Northwest Indiana painter and sculptor. She and her husband, Vin, were artists who met in Chicago and later moved in the 1930s to the Furnessville area. She became well-known for her flowers in watercolors and dunes landscapes in oils, as well as her pottery made from clay sourced in her backyard. She was instrumental in starting Chesterton Art Center and helped launch the Chesterton Art Fair.

Pieces in the SFC Gallery exhibit are from the center's private collection, many never seen before.

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Club Honors Board Members

Two longtime Boys & Girls Club of Michigan City board members have been honored for their dedication to the non-profit organization.

Don Babcock and Ed Merrion received the National Service to Youth Award during the 2017 Indiana Area Council and Youth of the Year Event on March 24 in Indianapolis.

Babcock, NIPSCO's director of economic development, has volunteered for 10 years, while Merrion, Housing Services for Catholic Charities program manager, has been with the club for 15 years.

Merrion said the club provides a safe place for youth to be kids.

"What the kids don't realize is that they are growing into productive, caring, responsible persons because of the guidance-oriented programs in which they participate, while they think they are just having fun," he said.

Babcock, who served as board president from 2013-2016, savors helping make a difference in the lives of young people.

Boys & Girls Club of Michigan City has three local sites: the Charles R. Westcott Center, 321 Detroit St.; the Pine Elementary School Boys & Girls Club Extension; and Springfield Elementary School Boys & Girls Club Extension. They serve more than 600 youth ages 5-18 in the community.

ASL Club Events

Purdue University Northwest's American Sign Language Club has two events planned.

An ASL Coffeehouse is from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Fridays, April 21, at Uptown Café, 1400 Lincolnway, Valparaiso.

A Spring Fling for adults and youngsters is from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, in PNW's James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex, Great Hall B and C. Pizza will be served at 5 p.m., followed by children's hour, with spring and Easter-themed games and activities, at 5:15 p.m. The evening's primary language is ASL, with interpretation into spoken English.

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American Red Cross

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

- Westville High School, 207 E. Valparaiso St., 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13.
- Franciscan St. Anthony Health — Michigan City, 301 W. Homer St., 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, April 17.

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 or visit redcrossblood.org for more details.

Polish-American Cultural Society

Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City Chapter, meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at the former St. Mary's School, 321 W. 11th St.

The meeting includes beginners Polish language sessions and an informal discussion on Polish-related topics. The Rev. Walter Rakoczy is the facilitator.

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Bookmark Contest Winners

The Friends of the New Buffalo Library announced the winners of the first Design a Bookmark Contest.

Held in March, the event yielded 239 entries from New Buffalo grade-school, middle-school and high-school students, thanks to support from grade school art teacher Matt Raney, who made the contest a class project, and high school-middle school art teacher Jacob Zapor. Grade-schoolers, alone, accounted for 177 entries.

First-place winners receive $25, second-place winners $15 and third-place winners $10. Due to the large number of entries, contest organizers put the kindergarten through fifth-grade entries into two new categories.

FOL members Pam Feeney and Sandra Sporleder, and local artists Angela Reichert and Susan Henshaw judged the entries. The winners are:

- Kindergarten through second grade: 1. Jackson Saunders; 2. Harlow Allee; 3. Aaron Berk.
- Third through fifth grade: 1. Elyssa Seifert; 2. Izzy Moser; 3. Max Brown.
- Sixth through eighth grade: 1. Joseph Pokuta; 2. Abi Sheldon; 3. Anika Leslie Buller.
- High school: 1. Lexi Moser; 2. Alaina Maniscalco; 3. Alyssa Mulligan and Emily Fatter (tie).

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Shirley Heinze Land Trust Hike

Shirley Heinze Land Trust kicks off its annual series of educational hikes with Seidner Dune and Swale Nature Preserve from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 22.

Matt Kalwasinski, who birds extensively in Northwest Indiana and leads Indiana Audubon Society trips, will guide participants on the spring bird-migration hike. The 43-acre preserve along the Grand Calumet River protects globally rare dune-and-swale topography and floodplain marsh.

Participants also will view Indiana Department of Natural Resources' nearby Grand Calumet Tern Site and, if time allows, explore another adjacent property along the river owned by The Nature Conservancy.

Group size is limited to 15, and advance registration and payment are required. The cost is $25. Call (219) 242-8558 or email Sarah Barnes at sbarnes@heinzetrust.org to register. Visit tinyurl.com/jyonjfo for more details.

Vendors Sought for Craft Show

Applications are being accepted for First United Methodist Church in La Porte's fourth annual Arts & Crafts Show, which is Saturday, Sept. 30, in two La Porte County Fairgrounds buildings.

The event, presented by the church's United Methodist Women, is open to artists and crafters who specialize in quality, handcrafted items.

With more vendors each year, the UMW decided to move the event to the fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2, which can accommodate 90 to 100 vendors, depending on booth sizes.

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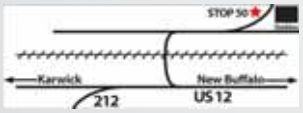

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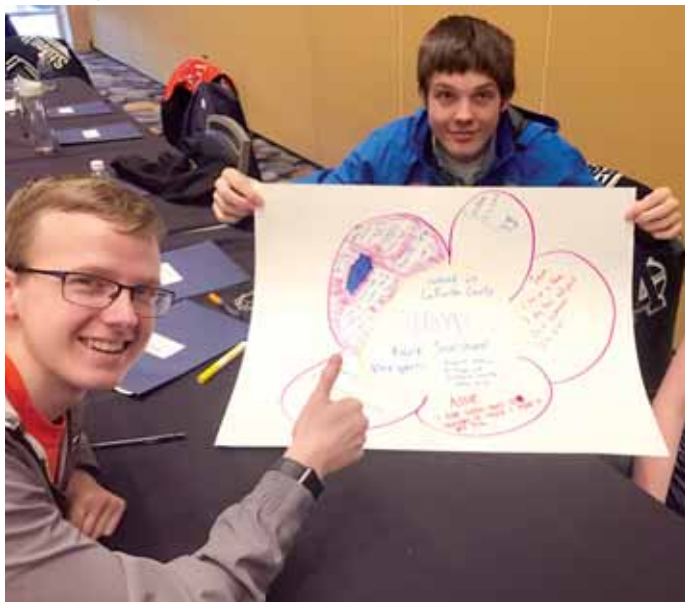
La Porte County High School Students Attend Leadership Program



Leadership La Porte County recently completed its 22nd annual leadership program, with more than 40 local students participating.

A Unity Foundation grant funded the program. Schools were asked to nominate five students, including: La Crosse, La Porte, Marquette Catholic, Michigan City, New Prairie, South Central and Westville. Three homeschoolers also participated.

Four all-day sessions were held at different locations: Purdue University Northwest; La Porte County Complex; Red Mill County Park; and Cummings Lodge. Facilitators were: Leadership Executive Director Monica Komasinski; Youth Service Bureau staff member Alliegra Hand; Youth Service Bureau intern Gretchen Kubit; and community volunteer Jim Jessup. Nine students from last year's class served as student leaders: Madeleine Nunn (La Porte); Claudia Patterson (Westville); Austin Sallee (South Central); Adriann Reynolds (Marquette); Garrett Gangloff (New Prairie); Justine Charlesworth (La Crosse); Emma Zaknoun and Rishi Verma (Michigan City); and Audrey Ott (home school).

Participating Marquette students were: Nadia Flores; Thomas Gotsch; Camille Hall; Buddy Jaffee; Destiny Miller; and Adriann Reynolds (student leader).

Participating Michigan City High School students were: Farrah Goodall; Sydney Kohn; Gerald Randle; Jenna Stevenson; Korbin Williams; and Rishi Verma and Emma Zaknoun (student leaders).

The students practiced leadership skills such as communication, problem-solving, team-building, collaboration and decision-making. During the opening session, students did a personality assessment to better understand group dynamics and individual personality traits. At the County Complex, they toured the county jail, and heard from Sheriff John Boyd and Sgt. Andy Hynek. They also interviewed a panel of offenders.

Student leaders facilitated many discussions on youth issues. Michigan City Area Schools Resource Officer Dion Campbell spoke on community leadership and diversity. Chris Mahlmann spoke on the power of positivity in life and in social media.

The final session featured "graduation" speaker Gerrie Grott, who shared her perspective on overcoming odds to become a community leader. A panel of young professionals, including Bert Cook, Shannon Hannon, Justin Kiel and Nate Loucks, held a question-and-answer session with students. Each graduate received a certificate and commemorative T-shirt.

Next year's student leaders were chosen: Austin Casto and Abigail Roberts (La Porte); Jessica Griffin (Westville); Jorden Clemens (South Central); Buddy Jaffee (Marquette); Garrett Gangloff (New Prairie); Jaye Mitzner (La Crosse); Farrah Goodall (Michigan City); and Drake Ott (home school).

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PreK/Kindergarten Registration

New Buffalo Area Schools preschool and kindergarten registration for the 2017-2018 school year is at 5 p.m. EDT Thursday, April 13, at New Buffalo Elementary, 12291 Lubke Road.

Children who will be 4 by Sept. 1 and are New Buffalo school district residents can enroll in preschool. Children who will be 5 by Sept. 1 and are New Buffalo school district residents can enroll in kindergarten. A registration packet may be picked up at the elementary office, or visit www.nbas.org to print off a form, which is available at the website's Elementary School section.

The meeting gives parents information, and allows them to complete registration forms and make appointments for assessments. It is not recommended children accompany their parents.

The Berrien County Health Department will be available from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. EDT April 13 at the school for free hearing/vision checks, which are mandatory for enrollment into kindergarten and available without an appointment. Those unable to attend at that time will find a list of other locations included with the registration packets.

Important information to take during registration includes:

- Official birth certificate (no copies or hospital certificates).
- Immunization records.
- Residency verification.
- Two of the following: driver's license/state ID, utility bill or deposit for utilities, deed to home, escrow papers, lease agreement.
- Emergency contact names and phone numbers.
- Doctor/dentist names and phone numbers.

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Making Waves

The Beacher's Paul Kemiel captured this image of 20-foot waves crashing over Michigan City's Lighthouse Pier, with 45 mile per hour northeast winds, on Thursday, April 6.

Photo of the Week Contest

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Snap a high-resolution photo of a friend or family member, place, event...even the beautiful scenery. Include the day, time and location of the photo.

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Email high-resolution photos to drew@thebeacher.com

Northwest Indiana Green Drinks

Save the Dunes Project Coordinator Nathanael Pilla will speak at the next Northwest Indiana Green Drinks in Michigan City meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Shoreline Brewery, 208 Wabash St.

Pilla, also the field-trip coordinator for Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society's north chapter, will highlight Indiana Dunes flora, and what can be done to minimize the outside's world impact on them.

Attendees will receive a free copy of the publication "Living in the Dunes: A Homeowners Guide to Landscaping in Indiana's Dunes Communities," which illustrates the 10 invasive species and top 20 natives to use instead.

Next month's meeting features Natalie Johnson, the new Save the Dunes executive director, who will discuss the Environmental Protection Agency and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Green Drinks is sponsored by Save the Dunes and supported by 219 GreenConnect. The suggested donation is $5, or $2 for students. Call (219) 874-4076 for details.

Works By Local Couple at Museum

A new exhibit by La Porte County's Jon Hook and Andrea Peterson is on display through May 14 at Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art.

"Botanical Lore, Legend and Transformation" is in Gallery 1212. Hook and Peterson will give a gallery talk at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19.

Also on display through May 14 are the Valparaiso University Art Student Exhibit in the Wehling and McGill galleries, and "The Art of Ernst Schwidder" in the Ferguson Gallery.

Museum hours are: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; and closed Monday. Email Gregg.Hertzlieb@valpo.edu for more details.

Achieve-A-Bowl

Junior Achievement's Achieve-A-Bowl fundraiser is from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at Thunderbird Lanes, 1251 Pine Lake Ave., La Porte.

Teams of five people can help raise $70 each ($350 total) to support JA programs. Teams that raise $350 or more receive a pizza and beverage pitcher at their lane, and are eligible for door prizes and drawings.

Contact Lisa Scheller at (219) 508-4676 or lisa.scheller@ja.org for details.

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PEO Chapter Installs New Officers

Members of PEO Chapter DF swore in new officers at their March meeting.

Pictured are (from left) Outgoing President Jeanette Tyrrell, Tamra Sage, Marsha Stonerook, Mary Ann Jensen, Deanna Caulfield, Betty Hill, Luella Ensign and Linda Pompeii.

Tamra Sage will serve a two-year term as president. Serving one-year terms are: Marsha Stonerook, vice president; Mary Ann Jensen, recording secretary; Deanna Caulfield, corresponding secretary; Betty Hill, treasurer; Luella Ensign, chaplain; and Linda Pompeii, guard.

PEO chapters throughout the United States and Canada support the educational goals of women through scholarships.

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Chamber Coffee Talk

The Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce will present the networking event Chamber Coffee Talk at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, at Mama T's Diner, 607 Lincolnway, La Porte.

Attendees do a brief 30-second introduction about their business or organization, with time for networking after.

The event also will highlight a nonprofit Chamber member, so Dunebrook will be featured because April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Chamber Coffee Talk is free, but coffee and light refreshments will be sold. Register by calling (219) 362-3178, or visit tinyurl.com/kmwtsrh

Brown Bag Gardening Series

La Porte County Master Gardeners concludes its Brown Bag Gardening Series from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at La Porte County Extension Office, 2857 W. Indiana 2, La Porte.

The topic is "Plan, Prepare, Plant, Produce: Your 2017 Garden." Those attending can take a lunch. The cost is $5. No pre-registration is required.

Call Purdue Extension-La Porte County at (219) 324-9407, download a flyer at www.extension.purdue.edu/laporte (click on the "Garden" heading at top) or visit www.lpmastergardener.com for more information.

Peruvian Fundraiser

Valparaiso International Center, 309 E. Lincolnway, will host a Peruvian fundraiser to aid El Niño victims from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 21.

The event will include a presentation and dinner to raise funds for those affected by rains, landslides and flooding.

The minimum donation for dinner and one dessert is $10 per person. Carryout orders will be taken. All proceeds benefit *Caritas Felices*, a Peruvian foundation that helps needy children and their families in small northern Peru towns. RSVP by contacting Kenneth Kincaid at kkincaid@pnw.edu or Sonia Kincaid at soniark.pe@gmail.com

Free Easter Egg Hunt

Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12, will present a free Easter egg hunt from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 16.

Children through age 12 and their families can search for hundreds of eggs within 105 acres of nature trails and formal gardens. They also can view Phase One of the ArcelorMittal Children's Garden, a newly installed arena for interactive nature-based play experiences.

Call (219) 878-9885 or email info@friendshipgardens.org for more information.

Ned E. Kalb Winner

Herb Higgin, Safe Harbor's After School Enrichment Program retired director, is the sixth annual Ned E. Kalb Community Leadership Award winner.

Celebrating the award with Herb Higgin (second from left) are Jim Jessup, Dee Kalb, Chad Conrad and August Kalb.

Higgin was recognized for his efforts with Safe Harbor. The honor was presented at the recent Purdue Extension La Porte County Annual Meeting at La Porte's Silver Palace. Higgin received a plaque and will have his name added to the permanent one on display at the Extension Office.

The permanent plaque was donated by Dick Reel, who served as extension director for many years.

Higgin was nominated by a team of community members, including Lance Werner, Audra Peterson, Marty Corley, Sherri Silcox and Brenda Bolka. His nominators noted his unique ability to unite the community and bring collaborative partners together for the good of the community.

Safe Harbor offers safe enrichment programming before and after school. Higgin also was instrumental in uniting community groups to form the "Youth Serving Agencies" for new summer camp activities in Michigan City.

The annual leadership award is a partnership between Purdue Extension and Leadership La Porte County. Kalb served as extension director for many years and was a catalyst for forming Leadership La Porte County. He died in November 2011. Past award winners include: Cynthia Hedge (2016); Diana Werner (2015); George and Dory Morley (2014); James Dworkin (2013) and John Coulter (2012).

Nominations for the next award will be taken in January 2018.

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Activities to Explore

In the Area:

April 13 — Music at the Museum, 2-3:30 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

April 13 — STEAM Ahead Kids: Art à la Carte, 3 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

April 14-17 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing*: "A United Kingdom." Rated PG-13. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also*: "Neruda." Rated R. In Spanish with English subtitles. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Info: vickerstheatre.com

April 15 — Second Saturday Gallery Talk, noon-1 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: lubeznikcenter.org, (219) 874-4900.

April 15 — Second Easter Egg Hunt with Strolling Bunny, noon–1:30 p.m., Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets, 601 Wabash St. Info: (312) 670-8943.

April 15 — Bird Sounds ID Workshop, 2-5 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Cost: $10. Info: (219) 926-1390.

April 15 — Timberdoodle Trek, 7:30-8:15 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

April 15 — Emmett O'Hanlon Live, 7:30 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Cost: $30. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

April 16 — EASTER.

April 16 — Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12, Michigan City. Info: info@friendshipgardens.org, (219) 878-9885.

April 16 — Dune Succession Trail hike, 1-3 p.m., West Beach, 376 N. County Line Road, Portage. Info: (219) 395-1882.

April 18 — Community Forum, 152nd anniversary of Lincoln's assassination, 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Free. Info: (269) 469-2933.

April 18 — Purdue University Northwest American Sign Language Club Spring Fling, 5-7 p.m., James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex, Great Hall B and C. Info: (219) 785-5432.

April 19 — Brown Bag Gardening Series, "Plan, Prepare, Plant, Produce: Your 2017 Garden," noon-1 p.m., La Porte County Extension Office, 2857 W. Indiana 2, La Porte. Cost: $5. Info: (219) 324-9407.

April 19 — Creativity and Innovation Week: MCAS Robotics Team, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

April 19 — Minecraft Meet-up, 5-6:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Through April — Hazel Hannell exhibit, SFC Gallery, 607 Franklin St. Info: www.sfcgallery.com

Through December — World War I exhibit, La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportecountyhistory.org, (219) 324-6767.

In the Region

April 14 — Opening party, "Reflections: African American Life from the Myrna Colley-Lee Collection" & "Zine," 6-8 p.m. EDT, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: (269) 983-0271, www.krasl.org

April 15 — Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EDT, New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road. Free admission. Potluck lunch. Info: (773) 803-9773.

April 15 — Playdate in the Nature Play Zone, 1-3 p.m., Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education, 100 N. Lake St., Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Info: (219) 395-1882.

April 18 — River Valley Garden Club, 1 p.m. EDT, Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, Mich. Info: (269) 426-3513.

April 19 — Gallery talk, Jon Hook & Andrea Peterson's "Botanical Lore, Legend and Transformation," 7 p.m., Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art. Info: Gregg.Hertzlieb@valpo.edu

Support Groups

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

Mondays, Fridays — Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m. Mon./Franciscan St. Anthony Health, 301 W. Homer St., 9 a.m. Fri./First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St. Info: https://oa.org, (219) 879-0300.

Wednesdays — Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group for Caregivers, 2 p.m., third Wednesday of each month, Rittenhouse Senior Living, 4300 Cleveland Ave. Info: (888) 303-0180.

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

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On April 13, 1923, the Illinois legislators voted to give women the right to serve on juries.

On April 13, 1964, voted as best actor for his work in "Lilies of the Field," Sidney Poitier became the first black actor to win an Academy Award.

On April 13, 1970, already four/fifths of the way to the moon, astronauts aboard *Apollo 13* reported that the spacecraft was crippled by the bursting of a tank carrying liquid oxygen. The crew splashed down safely in the Pacific four days later.

On April 13, 1983, Harold Washington won Chicago's mayoral election, becoming the city's first black chief executive.

On April 13, 1992, a breach in the floor of the Chicago River caused a massive flooding of downtown Chicago businesses, including the Chicago Board of Trade.

On April 14, 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's *American Dictionary of the English Language* was published.

On April 14, 1865, while attending the comedy *Our American Cousin* at Washington's Ford's Theatre, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and killed by actor John Wilkes Booth. The president died the next morning.

On April 14, 1910, President William Howard Taft set a precedent by throwing out the first ball at the opening of the baseball season.

On April 14, 1912, the British luxury liner *Titanic* struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland on its debut voyage to New York. Early the next morning it sank with the loss of 1,500 lives.

On April 14, 1939, John Steinbeck's novel *The Grapes of Wrath* was published.

On April 14, 1956, Ampex Corp. demonstrated its first commercial videotape recorder, or VCR, at the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters Convention in Chicago.

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson became baseball's first black major-league player when he debuted with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day.

On April 15, 1955, Ray Kroc opened the first McDonald's franchise in Des Plaines, Ill.

On April 15, 2004, in the finale to the first edition of NBC's "The Apprentice," Donald Trump "hired" Chicagoan Bill Rancic during a live broadcast.

On April 16, 1900, the United States post offices

began selling books of stamps.

On April 16, 1905, Andrew Carnegie invested $10 million, the income to be used for pensions for retired college and university professors. The fund became the "Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching."

On April 16, 1940, Cleveland Indian's pitcher Bob Feller pitched an opening day no-hitter against the White Sox in Chicago.

On April 16, 1962, Walter Cronkite made his debut as anchor of "The CBS Evening News."

On April 16, 2003, Michael Jordan, one of the greatest to ever play the game, played in his final NBA game.

On April 17, 1964, Ford Motor Co. introduced the Mustang.

On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride between the Massachusetts towns of Charlestown and Lexington, warning the American Colonist of the approach of British troops.

On April 18, 1923, the first game was played in Yankee Stadium.

On April 18, 1924, the first crossword puzzle book was published by Simon and Schuster.

On April 18, 1925, Chicago hosted the first Women's World Fair.

On April 18, 1934, the era of the "Laundromat" began when the first Washateria, with four electric washing machines for rent, opened in Fort Worth.

On April 18, 1945, American war correspondent Ernie Pyle was killed by Japanese forces on the Ryukyu Islands.

On April 18, 1977, author Alex Haley won the Pulitzer Prize for his novel "Roots."

On April 19, 1775, the Revolutionary War began in Massachusetts as British and American forces began fighting at both Lexington and Concord.

On April 19, 1897, the first Boston Marathon was run from Ashland, Ma., to Boston. Winner John McDermott ran the course in 2 hrs., 55 min., 10 sec.

On April 19, 1903, Eliot Ness, who became a federal agent and led the "Untouchables," the unit that captured Al Capone on tax charges, was born in Chicago.

On April 19, 1945, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" opened on Broadway.

On April 19, 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur closed his military career by telling a joint session of Congress, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away."

On April 19, 1982, astronauts Sally Ride and Guion Bluford Jr. became the first woman and first African-American to be tapped for U.S. space missions.

On April 19, 2001, the musical "The Producers" opened on Broadway.

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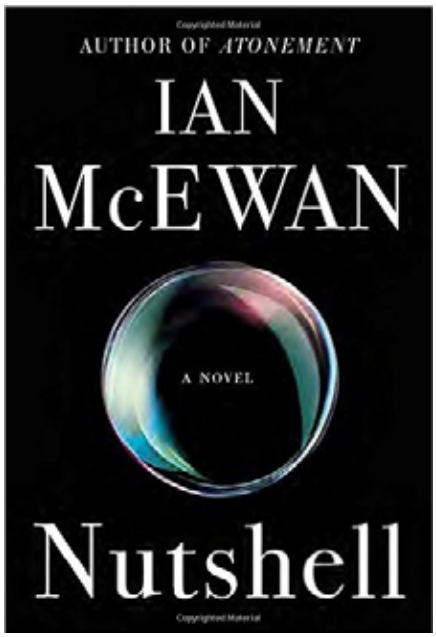

On more than one occasion, I have reviewed books best described as completely different. This week, I have surpassed that phrase in spades. Consider this:

"So here I am, upside down in a woman. Arms patiently crossed, waiting, waiting and wondering who I'm in, what I'm in for."

Yep. This story is told by a baby in utero — in his mother's third trimester with several weeks before his due date.

It certainly makes for an interesting view — philosophically speaking, as well as physically — and the baby, a boy, has much to say. Let me explain…

All the long months he's been growing, the baby has begun listening to what his mother has to say, what she listens to on the radio and television and what she says in her conversations. *"I stay awake, I listen, I learn."*

In fact, he likes listening to the radio so much, he occasionally kicks in the middle of the night hard enough so mom turns on the radio. *"Cruel sport, I know, but we are both better informed by the morning."* He knows she prefers podcast lectures over music. This increases his learning curve, but sometimes what he hears, especially the news of the day, is overwhelming in its pessimism: *"Anxiously I finger my cord. It serves for worry beads."*

From the beginning, it's obvious the baby doesn't have an assigned name. He's figured out for himself he's a boy by this time. It's also obvious this baby boy is not going to be the blessed event you would expect him to be. He has heard no talk of fitting out a nursery or going to the store to buy layette items. And yet, throughout the story, he still feels love for, and needs from, this woman who doesn't seem to want or even acknowledge him. Even in this baby's cramped world, love of his mother is the governing factor. And it's a love that will be sorely tested in the coming days.

Baby's understanding of his life to come is received through nine months of growing, despite his mother's erratic eating and drinking habits…make that heavy on the wine drinking. *"We're sharing a glass…of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. Not my first choice…I would have gone for a Sancerre…"* Hmmm. He talks of pulling on his umbilical cord like a velvet rope ringing for more service…perhaps he has learned too much in this area, perhaps from the Know Your Wine program in 15 parts.

Trudy is the mother-to-be and John Cairncross the estranged father. Baby finds out his father has moved out of the house, and mommy dearest is having an affair with his brother, Claude. Does daddy know? Hard to tell. Daddy is fully immersed in his poetry writing — baby tells us he's not very good, yet he loves spending endless time reciting this poetry, or what passes for it. He's been either too dull to notice his wife's indifference or too carried away by his own words to care. In either case, this obsession with poetry has him totally unaware of what's going on around him.

Baby hates Claude and muses, since he is *"a quarter of my genome,"* how will that affect the person he will become? Indeed, since he can't stand Claude and thinks he is useless, will any of his offensive traits pass on to him? Questions, questions.

Who would have thought a baby in utero could be so introspective? Maybe we do learn from the mother carrying us to term…Maybe, at the moment of birth, the shock and awe of finally coming out into the world is so dramatic and stressful, we forget all we heard in the womb? And, therefore, have to start fresh.

One day, baby hears a disturbing conversation between Trudy and Claude. He proposes a plan so devious, yet so ridiculous, baby is, for once, speechless. *"…Still his scheme is more baker than butcher. Half baked."*

Ah, dear reader, where do we go from here? It's not that baby could do anything about it, right? To Trudy, baby is a short-term inconvenience soon to be passed on to some adoption service, done and over with. Or is he?

It's an interesting climax, best served with a nice Chardonnay, perhaps? You've got to read this book. Period. It's 197 pages of pure reading pleasure.

The New York Times Book Review: "…compact, captivating…The writing is lean and muscular, often relentlessly gorgeous…

Publishers Weekly (starred review): "Packed with humor and tinged with suspense…"

McEwan is the author of 16 books that have given him so many awards, it would be impossible to list all of them here.

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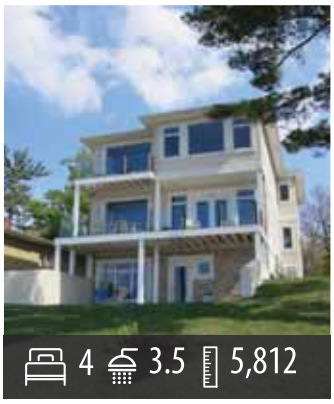

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