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AND OTHER MUSICAL DELIGHTS AT BURN 'EM BREWING

by Matthew A. Werner

Something strange is brewing in Michigan City.

Every Tuesday, people gather to drink locally crafted beers and listen to music played on vinyl records. It isn't a special club. It's Vinyl Night at Burn 'Em Brewing, where beer lovers and music lovers soak in changing trends in consumer behavior.

The number of breweries in the United States has exploded from just 89 in 1981 to 5,301 today as consumers have shifted from flat macro-brewed beers to more flavorful micro-brewed products. On another plain, sales of vinyl records bottomed out at 900,000 units in 2006, but last year the music industry sold 17.2 million records.



The trends have allowed the owners of Burn 'Em to combine their two great loves: beer and music. The first two kegs of beer the brewery sold, in fact, were named ZZ Hop and Hop Parade. The names saluted the Texas Trio rock 'n roll band ZZ Top and The Doors' fourth album and title track, "The Soft Parade." Music fans enjoy other whimsical names, like Red Zeppelin, Cherry Was a Race Car Driver, Dark Side of the Moo, Smooth Creaminal, Caress Me Brown and Night Moos.

"Music is inspiring us for sure," co-owner Matt Zakrzewski said.

Meanwhile, despite the resurgence

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of records, the music industry has struggled. Revenue of U.S.-recorded music peaked in 1999 when CDs dominated the sales landscape. Vinyl records — the full length LP and EP variety that spin on a turntable at 33 1/3 revolutions per minute — were considered archaic. That same year, Napster launched its online file-sharing software and revolutionized how music was bought, sold and shared. From 2000 to 2015, music revenue fell from a high of \$14.7 billion to a low of \$6.9 billion.

In 2008, the music industry experienced another revolution. Spotify launched, enabling listeners to stream their favorite music to their phones and devices. In a strange twist, vinyl record sales tripled that year from its all-time low to 2.9 million units. The trend has been spurred largely by younger buyers, including the guys at Burn 'Em Brewing. Seven operating owners make up the primary team at Burn 'Em (there is one silent partner). Blake Murray, Steve Murray, Danny Moser, Howie Wiesjahn, Matt Zakrzewski, Rob Austin and Zach Blackwood. They are Millennials who have remained friends since middle school. Growing up, they had huge CD collections, went through the download and streaming phase, but now embrace the vinyl revival.

"It's the return to vintage, return to small business thing," Blake Murray said. "That's part of its appeal."

"And honestly," Steve Murray added, "records sound better."

"Spotify, youtube and streaming devices nowadays — it's one song and move on," Blake continued. "With vinyl,



Robert Rolfe Feddersen is the fuel behind Vinyl Night.

a lot of artists back in the day made every track correlated with the next one for a reason. We're going back to that, forcing you to listen to a whole album instead of spot choosing. I won't change a record until I flip it and listen to the whole thing."

"We started with cassettes and got out of that, but we were in the CD generation," Danny Moser said. "We all had a lot of money invested in CDs. CDs are clear and can sound really good and you can pick up some little things, but with vinyl, it sounds like the artist wanted it to sound."

"When you get that scratchiness to it, it's almost better," Steve said. "Analog — it's what it wants to be."

"It's history," Moser said.

"I found an old Elton John 'Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy' for \$3 at an antique store," Blake said. "It

still had the original poster with it that comes inside and even a pamphlet to sign up for his fan club. I wondered, can I still mail this in?" He laughed. "The original vinyl, Bob showed us how to identify stuff like the etching around the edge or the inside. Different artists had their own signature, and the recording studios put their recording numbers on there."

Bob is Robert Rolfe Feddersen — the fuel behind Vinyl Night. He has been in the music industry nearly 30 years. He is a musician and huge music fan.

I first encountered Feddersen in November. I stopped by Burn 'Em on a random Sunday afternoon for a couple beers when the Five Hardcore Troubadours — a collection of five artists playing 30-minute sets of original music — were performing. When Feddersen took the stage, he launched a song

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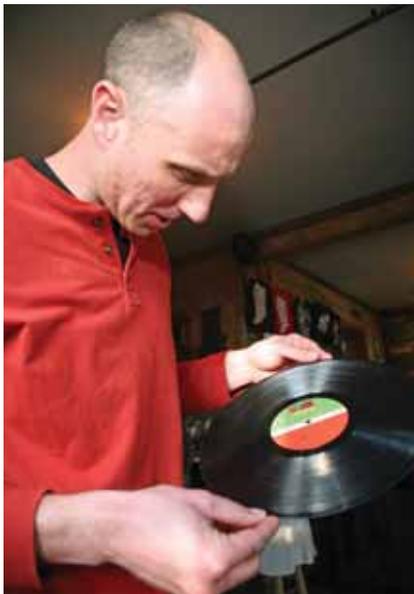
Beacher photographer Paul Kemiell took the photos for this article. Featured in the cover photo, designed by Tom Montgomery to resemble vintage 1970s album art, are Burn 'Em Brewing Owners (from left) Rob Austin, Danny Moser, Matt Zakrzewski,

Steve Murray, Blake Murray, Zach Blackwood and Howie Wiesjahn.

that began, “Just outside of Gary, I live in Black Oak, Indiana; Just outside of Gary, and I’m never leaving home.” He hammered his guitar strings and described Black Oak to a T. I was hooked and afterwards, we spoke.

Feddersen didn’t live in Black Oak, but did work there. That experience inspired the song — an upbeat tune and wonderful homage to the unique, blue-collar neighborhood.

Our conversation shifted to vinyl. He has more than 4,000 records.



Matt Werner looks over one of the vinyl records.

“I’ve always bought records,” he said. “I bought cassettes, but still bought records. I bought CDs, but still bought records. There’s a huge difference in fidelity. Vinyl sounds better. Analog is a smoother sound.”

He points out that vinyl records change the way you experience music.

“It forces you to slow down and pay attention to the songs, the art,

who’s playing,” he said. “Everything in life is trying to speed us up, and with vinyl you can put the needle down, relax and really hear the music.”

Feddersen had played at Burn ‘Em a couple times and gave them a copy of one of his albums. On vinyl, of course. The guys at Burn ‘Em were impressed and asked him to spin records at the brewery. At first, he did it once a month. That turned into every other week, then every Tuesday. Feddersen asked me to come back for Vinyl Night. I couldn’t resist.

Tuesday night, I showed up with a couple records under my arm. Others brought their favorite records to share and to enjoy a few craft beers.

Everyone caught the groove of one artist spinning on the turntable.

“Who is this?” asked Adam from Michigan. The wheels of the Shazam app on his phone keep turning, turning, but it wasn’t generating a result.

“Big Mama Thornton with the Muddy Waters Chicago Blues Band,” I said.

“Sounds awesome. Can you still get this — I mean, is it available out there?”

I grabbed the album cover, and we looked at it together.

“It’s out there. Sometimes it goes by the title, ‘Big Mama, the Queen at the Monterey.’”

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“Man, I learn more about great new music here at vinyl night than I have anywhere else,” he said. “I love it.”

And so it goes.

Margo Price — if you haven’t heard her, you should. David Dondero — greatest singer-songwriter you haven’t heard. “He struggles to get people to attend his shows, and he’s this talented,” Feddersen said. “Crazy!” Sturgill Simpson, A.A. Bondy, Michael Chapman, Chris Stapleton, Wilco, Howlin’ Wolf jamming in London with Eric Clapton, Steve Winwood, Charlie Watts, Ringo Starr and Bill Wyman.

Feddersen has a near encyclopedic memory of music and is a good steward of musicology. Like a great teacher, he shares his knowledge, encourages others to learn and is eager to discover new music others have brought. One vinyl night, someone brought a purple Led Zeppelin record. Another night, the Grand Funk Railroad album, *E Pluribus Funk*, showed up. The GFR album cover resembles a giant coin, shimmering silver — truly unique album art.

“I’d never seen those before. Putting eyeballs on it — that was cool,” Feddersen said.

That physicality adds another dimension to vinyl records’ appeal. A young woman is flipping through a crate of records. In a corner, a group of people gather around a small stack of records. They’re admiring the artwork on the cover of “Led Zeppelin III,” spinning the farmer’s wheel and checking out the inner sleeve. A man stands at a table, reading the open letter written by producer Jimmy Martin inside the gatefold of a “Traffic” album. These are things you just can’t do with an audio stream or mp3 file.

The Reverend Peyton’s Big Damn Band, Rolling



Stones and Led Zeppelin are traditional crowd favorites, as is Duane Allman, the Allman Brothers and Johnny Cash. Jazz, blues, hip-hop, rap, folk, country music all take their turns spinning at 33 1/3 revolutions per minute on Feddersen’s suitcase record players.

“The dynamic we now have with Bob pushing it and all of us trying to get our collections,” Moser said. “I’m out there trying to find vinyl that I don’t think is going to show up here at vinyl night. When I’m thumbing through records someplace, I think, no one will ever bring this here. And a lot of our customers are starting to bring in some really awesome music. That’s what’s cool about Tuesday nights here. Everybody is very open to the music. You literally can find anything from Snoop Dogg on vinyl to the Police.”

Throughout Feddersen’s lifetime in music, he never saw it as competition, but rather a community that includes those who love it and those who play it. It’s a sentiment that has served him well and enabled him to work with people such as Steve Albini and Bob Ludwig. He recently opened in Chicago for Reverend Peyton’s Big Damn Band, an Indiana group quickly reaching superstar status. That community aspect and sharing the music is what he loves most about Vinyl Night.

“New vinyl. Opening brand new records and playing something new



Robert Rolfe Feddersen chats with some of the visitors perusing the vinyl collection.

people probably haven't heard before. It's something we get to experience together," he said. "That's the exciting part of the night," he said.

In addition to building a community, vinyl night has encouraged newcomers to unwittingly enrich other peoples' lives, as vinyl records have been good for many people involved in the music industry.

"People don't burn their own records for free. It's something you have to purchase," Feddersen explained. "When you have real fans, they want to own it. It helps retailers, distributors, wholesalers, artists, producers, record companies — it enriches everybody's lives. It enriches lives of people you don't even know."

Burn 'Em's relationship with music goes beyond vinyl records. It regularly hosts live bands that perform original music. And if the artist chooses to perform a few cover songs, no problem. Burn 'Em keeps up its ASCAP license to ensure musicians are paid royal-

ties and musicians can play cover songs unencumbered.

"That's what makes them hardcore about music," Feddersen said. "Some places scoff at paying that. Burn 'Em does it because they love music that much. If you value something, you pay for it."

Steve Murray was talking about the challenges original musicians face. The music industry's struggles have hit small, independent performers hard. "We love music. We were out playing in bars and stuff before we started the brewery. Having a place like this, it gives them a place to play — to keep live music alive."

Folk music, rock 'n roll, blues, reggae, hip hop, country music. Left Lane Cruiser, the Bex Marshall Band, Robert Rolfe Feddersen, the Five Hardcore Troubadours, Stealin' the Farm, Chester Brown, David Dondero, the Benedict Dolly Rockers, Midwest Hype, the Corey

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Dennison Band. Some are struggling to find an audience, and this gives them an opportunity to get paid to play and reach new listeners. Other bands are doing well, and this gives audience members a chance to hear great original music.

They play outdoors, even in the dead of winter, and music fans brave the cold. At one event, people came draped in dog blankets, quilt-lined jackets, pea coats, camouflage long johns, red long johns, rubber boots, trapper hats and stocking caps in all styles and colors. There even was a yeti that seemed right at home. It was a family-friendly event, and it was there the Corey Dennison Band brought a 4-year-old audience member up on stage.

The band slow-jammed and Corey sang with her. *"The wheels on the bus go round and round. Round and round. Round and round."* She was shy, but the crowd backed her up. *"The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish. Swish, swish, swish. Swish, swish, swish."*

The little girl smiled. Everybody smiled.

I was standing next to Danny Moser. He turned to me and grinned. "This is great," he said. "This is what we want to see."

People appreciating music together. Supporting good music. Sharing good music. Hearing original music for the first time. Supporting original musicians. This isn't music for business' sake; it's music for music's sake.

It's Vinyl Night again. Feddersen is perched behind his turntables, surrounded by milk crates filled with LPs. There are two glasses of beer nearby on the floor he's neglected. He can't help it. He keeps getting sidetracked. He's talking records. He's talking music. He's standing and pointing at an album cover. He's excited and sharing his enthusiasm. He hands an album to another patron, preaching the gospel of original music.

It's a small group this night, but they are four, five, six people deep crowded around the turntables. Wanting to talk to him. Wanting to share. Wanting to learn. Feddersen is a teacher, mentor, guru — your best buddy all rolled into one frizzy-haired ball of energy, smiles, love, laughter and hugs. He pauses, grabs one of the beers off the floor, gives a hearty "Cheers!" and empties the glass. He's off to the races — more music, more sharing, more learning. The vinyl record spins round and round, 33 1/3 revolutions per minute, marking the cadence of time and great music. The energy flows. The needle glides across a Nathaniel Rateliff and the Night Sweats record, and Rateliff's voice wails out of the speakers. *"I needed your love I'm burning away; I need never get old!"* he preaches to us. No, we have no need for that. There's music to share! Life to live! Rock 'n' roll to enjoy!



Robert Rolfe Feddersen has two turntables at his disposal.



Led Zeppelin's third album is popular at Vinyl Night.

Big Mama Thornton jams with Muddy Waters, followed by Hank Williams, the Lumineers, the Strumbellas and the Beatles. Somebody eyes a well-worn Winnie the Pooh mysteriously jammed into one of Feddersen's crates and presents it to him. He hesitates, narrows his eyes a moment, then shrugs and lays it on the turntable. Everyone remembers the song playing in their house either as a child or as a parent. Everyone — men and women, old and young, age 25 to 75 — can't help but sing along. Feddersen leans back and laughs. The scene reminds him of his favorite Friedrich Nietzsche quote: "Without music, life would be a mistake."

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Hazel Hannell Exhibit Refreshes the Spirit

Several fresh escapades in one space are available in Michigan City's Uptown Arts District.

A relatively new gallery is exhibiting an artist who painted the sensations of what she saw. The artist is Hazel Hannell. The business is SFC Gallery, 607 Franklin St.

Hannell was not Picasso, but such fame as his often is caused by random events...and certainly not essential for good art. Hannell was perhaps not even the best regional artist in a crowded field, but what she was...was wonderful in many ways.

Besides making fine art, Hazel was an inspiration to other artists and aspiring artists. She was a founding member of the Association of Artists and Craftsmen of Porter County (Chesterton Art Center) and helped launch the Chesterton Art Fair. She also worked for dunes preservation and was an early member of the Save the Dunes Council.

But it is in her art that we see her spirit, and can take up that spirit for ourselves if we wish. Her painting of a Dunes wetland breathes the spirit of a child's wonder. The colors are expressively bright. The intensity of the yellow and yellow-greens recalls the life energy of nature in spring. The composition is scrambled and dynamic. The paint is put on directly and freely. Most of her works are similar to this: direct, free-spirited, full of life.

Even when the color of the painting suggests a darker emotion, life has its say, as in these flowers among the rocks. Her few ab-



An abstract.



Bright Bells.



Dunes wetland.



Flowers among rocks.

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Robert Stanley

stracts draw from the same idea of life jumping out at you. The bright flowers in one piece have a likeness to the white in this abstract. This painting is a perfect example of "abstract" art, where a feeling or idea is abstracted, or "drawn out of," real objects. Strong and lively contrasts and brush strokes — think of a conductor before an orchestra, or move your hand as if making the painting — give the feeling without referring directly to nature.

Also found in this exhibit are several paintings done in foreign locales — a quick, fun vacation for the viewer.

The exhibit is up through April. It is not the last SFC plans to celebrate our community. Next up is an Uptown Arts District First Friday Art Walk featuring Indiana Ballet Theatre and Edda Taylor Photographie. Dancers will perform alongside Taylor's photographs. The photo exhibit will be up through May.

SFC Gallery Director Kristina Knowski says she "will continue cooperating with local art venues and local artists." The early indications are that this space is going to be a vital addition to the Uptown Arts District.

For a freshening of the spirit by an artist important to the community in several ways, visit the exhibit of Hazel Hannell, whose works were "full of beans."

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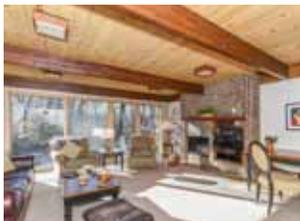
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Cast Announced for "Cabaret" at Theatre at the Center

"Cabaret," the landmark Broadway musical that won eight Tonys, including Best Musical and Best Original Score, runs May 4-June 4 at Munster's Theatre at the Center.

The musical welcomes theatergoers to the Kit Kat Klub in 1930s Berlin, where a mischievous emcee invites everyone to join cabaret singer Sally Bowles and Cliff Bradshaw, an American writer searching for inspiration, in a world on the brink. Iconic songs include "Maybe This Time," "The Money Song," "Willkommen" and "Cabaret."

The cast includes Danni Smith, who just wrapped up a run of "Mamma Mia" at Marriott Theatre. Other Chicago credits include "A Christmas Story: The Musical" at Paramount Theatre and "Chess" at Porchlight. She has received four Jefferson Awards and co-founded Firebrand Theatre, a musical theatre company committed to empowering women.

Patrick Tierney is cast as Cliff. He appeared as Prince Herbert in TATC's "Spamalot." Other credits include "Young Frankenstein" at Metropolis and "Les Miserables" at Paramount Theatre. Sean Fortunato returns to TATC as the emcee, having appeared as Lancelot in "Spamalot." Other roles include "Book of Joseph" at Chicago Shakespeare and "2666" at Goodman Theatre. He has received five Jefferson nominations and an After Dark Award.

Additional cast members include Craig Spidle as Herr Schultz. His Chicago credits include "The Tempest" at Steppenwolf and "Sweet Bird of Youth" at the Goodman Theatre. He also has appeared Off-



Sean Fortunato and Danni Smith star in "Cabaret." Photo by Guy Rhodes.

Broadway at Cherry Lane Theatre.

Iris Lieberman returns to TATC as Fraulein Schneider, recently appearing in "Annie Warbucks." She just appeared as Mrs. Potts in "Beauty and the Beast" at Fireside Theatre in Wisconsin.

Bill Underwood is music director. Erin Quist is stage manager and Katrina Herrmann the assistant stage manager. Ann Davis is technical director and Dennis Galbreath the assistant technical director. Jack Magaw is scenic designer and Guy Rhodes the lighting designer. Brenda Winstead is the costume designer, with wig design by Kevin Barthel.

Linda Fortunato, TATC's artistic director, is the show's director and choreographer. She has been nominated for five Jeff Awards for her work as a choreographer and director. She also received the Equity and Non-Equity Jeff Awards for Outstanding Choreography in the 2013-2014 season, garnering TATC's first award for her choreography of "42nd Street."

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The program features works that celebrate triumph over human tragedy, with Orbovich and Auler dedicating their performance to the memory of Michigan City teen Camilia Jenkins after her untimely passing.

Orbovich is the festival’s founder, artistic director and violinist. Auler is professor of piano at State University of New York, Oswego.

The next concert, “Breaking Bach 5” with viola pomposa Rudolf Haken, is at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at First Presbyterian.

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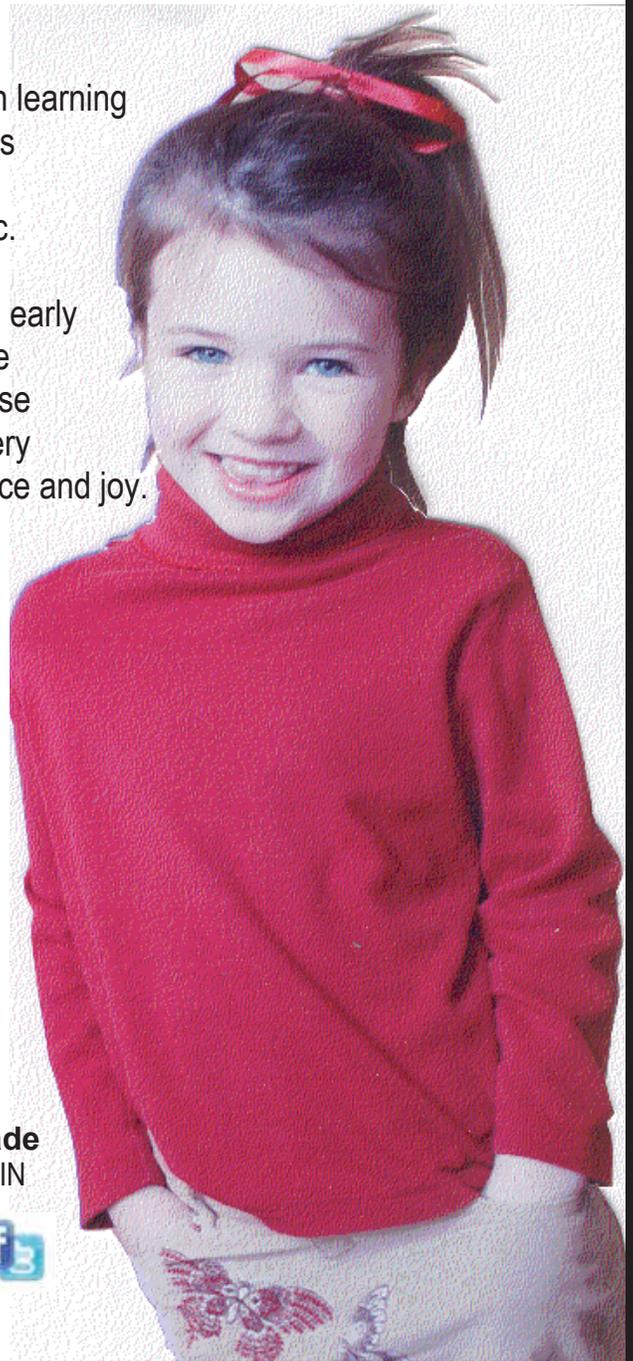
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Surabhi is a world-fusion ensemble with Indian, African, Arabic and Spanish flamenco influences. For the past eight years, it has created new music and dance-groove pieces, along with performing traditional materials.

General admission tickets cost \$25 and student tickets \$10. Sponsorship donations of \$300, \$500 and \$1,000 are requested. Sponsors will attend a reception for the performers after the program. Tickets in premier seating for \$100 will have invitations to the reception.

Money raised goes directly to the Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees.

Concerned Citizens, a group of La Porte County residents formed to help displaced Syrian refugees, raised more than \$17,000 last year for the Zakat Foundation’s Syrian Refugee Program. All funds raised went to direct relief for refugees.

Contact Jeanette Neagu, Concerned Citizens for Syrian Refugees chairwoman, at (219) 879-0431, or visit surabhi_syrianrefugees.eventbrite.com for more details.



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Indiana Humanities awarded 22 public libraries the opportunity to host a speaker from the 2016 Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award. Moore is an Indianapolis native and the author of the best-selling novel "The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat." The novel, Moore's first, was named a 2013 Barnes and Noble Discover Great New Writer's selection. It received a 2014 First Novelist Award by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, and was selected as a 2014 Illinois Reads book by the Illinois Reading Council. It's also been optioned for movie rights. His second novel, "The Supremes Sing the Happy Heartache Blues," will be released this summer.



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"What began as a chance to get together, have some fun and show off the diverse talents of our artistic community has grown into an exciting annual cultural event," Rita Cochran, Local Color Gallery co-owner and Art Attack chairwoman, said. "Perhaps the two things that most set Art Attack apart from other art exhibitions are the natural beauty of the Harbor Country setting and the degree of interaction between artists and participants."

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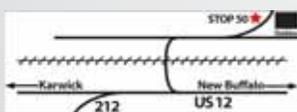
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Vaccinations available for dogs are rabies, distemper and Bordatella. Vaccinations for cats are rabies, distemper and feline leukemia. All dogs must be on leashes and all cats in carriers or secured containers.

It is the law in Michigan City that “all dogs and cats over 3 months old must have shots protecting them against contracting rabies.” Pets also must wear tags at all times. Owners not in compliance are subject to expensive fines.

Michigan City pet regulations are:

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- Pet owners must remove any animal waste deposited by their pet on public or private property immediately.
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- All dogs and cats must wear tags at all times.
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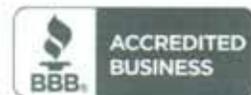


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The event begins with the Friends Only Preview Sale from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 28. FOL memberships will be sold at the door for \$5 and will allow subsequent entrance.

The public sale is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30. On Sunday, all items will be sold for \$3 a bag. Prices for newer and special books will be individually marked. A large selection of hardcover books will be sold for \$1 each and paperback books for 50 cents each. Children's and Young Adult books cost 25 cents.

Patrons donating materials for the sale are encouraged to take them to the collection box in the Thomas Branch lobby. The library cannot use damaged books or books without covers, smelly or water-mildewed books, textbooks or encyclopedia and reference sets more than 10 years old.

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Then, late in the afternoon, the phone rang. Janet Baines, our inside sales and customer service representative, answered it. She was silent a moment or two before letting out a gasp. “No way!” she said. “OK, let me transfer you to our editor.”

Janet put the caller on hold, then looked in my direction. “Drew,” she exclaimed. “The son of the pilot who crashed the plane into Lake Michigan is on the phone. Line 1.”

My eyes grew wide as saucers. That week’s cover story was one I’d written about Dave Krogh, a Grand Beach, Mich., man who uncovered photos taken in 1965 by his father of a minor plane crash in Lake Michigan on Independence Day weekend, as well as the “rescue” attempt of the submerged aircraft. A few of the details remained elusive, specifically the pilot’s name, and what caused the plane to crash about 300 feet from shore.

I’d given the story a simple headline: “A Curious Incident.” Part of me wondered if anyone with ties to the crash, or who might have witnessed it, still lived in the area, even after more than 50 years.

My initial reaction to the caller on hold was a tad undignified — “*Holy (fill in the expletive)*” — before gathering myself to present some air of decorum.

On the phone was 60-year-old Michiana, Mich., resident Philip Graubart, who was 9 when the plane owned by his father — airplane broker and flying enthusiast Eli Graubart — “porpoised” during takeoff in front of their Michiana home. The term is used to describe the way the nose of a plane jumps and dives much like a porpoise. Philip was at



Dave Krogh (left) listens attentively as Philip Graubart recalls the day his father’s plane crashed. Photo by Andrew Tallackson

the beach when the accident happened, his father asking him to retrieve from the submerged plane the flight log and other paperwork behind the pilot’s seat.

“Drew,” Philip said, his voice feverish with excitement. “I have goose bumps. I *literally* have goose bumps. This is one of my favorite memories. I’ve been telling people about this for years, and they don’t believe me. It’s still fresh in my head like it was yesterday.”

We arranged to meet, as well as for Philip and Dave to meet.

Philip, who grew up in Michiana and attended New Buffalo schools, divides his time these days between Michiana and Chicago. Turns out, he was briefly in the area Tuesday when he tossed the latest edition of *The Beacher* into his backpack and headed back to Chicago. Later, he flipped it open, the headline, “A Curious Incident,” capturing his attention. After the first few pictures, his gaze settled on a photo of the submerged plane.

“I freaked out,” Philip said, laughing. “I see that airplane sinking, and that’s the precise image I have in my head of that plane. I literally got goose bumps from it.”

Eli Graubart, Philip said, was a man who shared his passion for aviation with a group of friends that included Capt. Bill Eddy, Bob Alexander and Harvey Lewis. The family lived between Stop 40 and 41. Eli had arrived from Chicago, landed the twin-engine amphibious airplane in front of their home, then during takeoff experienced the rocky takeoff that resulted in the plane landing back in Lake Michigan.

A CURIOUS INCIDENT SOLVED... AND ANOTHER MYSTERY EMERGES

by Andrew Tallackson



Eli Graubart with his family in this undated photo. Philip is at the bottom right.

“Dad started flying when he was a kid and he never stopped,” Philip said. “He loved flying. “Flying was his reality, not his escape. He was complete when he was up there.”

Ironically, what transpired that day in 1965 was not Eli’s first brush with danger. He’d survived a prior crash landing not far from Gary’s Miller Beach area. Philip laughs, saying he once joked that maybe his father should take up golf instead. Truth was, flying was in Eli’s blood, so much so, he didn’t seem particularly upset by that Lake

Michigan crash in 1965. What went down that day was part of the realities of flying.

Dave, by the way, was beside himself after learning the pilot’s identity. He graciously invited Philip and me to his home. Upon meeting, Dave and Philip shook hands before we headed up to Dave’s living room, the view from which overlooks the very beach whose secrets now united two strangers together.

Philip told stories of his father, and of the day in question. The two swapped stories about Bob Alexander, whose passion for flying they both admired, along with different types of aircrafts, and of life in the beach area.

At one point, Dave excused himself to retrieve a newspaper clipping of a plane he once crashed, the aftermath covered by a local newspaper.

“You shouldn’t feel bad about it,” Dave told Philip about his father’s crash back in 1965, then, referencing *The Beacher* headline, almost with paternal wisdom, “At one point or another, we all have our ‘curious incidents’.”

“A Curious Incident,” Philip adds. “That’s the perfect headline for this.” Unexpectedly ideal, it



Philip Graubart in his youth, at the beach.

turns out.

Eager to uncover as much as possible for these two men, *The Beacher* found a small news item in a local newspaper dated July 6, 1965. With the headline “Seaplane Damaged in Takeoff Mishap,” it states Peter Ahrens, 33, Sidney, Australia, was flying about 40 miles per hour when the front hatch popped open during takeoff, allowing water to enter the plane and causing the aircraft to crash.

The news brief indicates Ahrens was not injured. It does not, however, say where the crash occurred, nor of any attempts to raise the submerged craft from the water.

Asked about the news report, Philip said he does not know a Peter Ahrens. Is it likely, or unlikely, that two similar accidents occurred in the same weekend? Was Ahrens with his father? Or, Philip ponders, has time, in its own deliberate way, altered everyone’s memories of the incident?

The only one who can answer that question is Eli Graubart, and he passed away years ago.

Curious, indeed.

We may never know the facts. But for Dave and Philip, having met nearly 52 years after the date of the crash, snapping into place the final piece of the jigsaw-puzzle mystery is not a pressing matter.

A potential friendship has been born. Dave, in fact, invited Philip back to his Grand Beach home so they can chat in greater detail. Philip graciously accepted the offer.

During the drive back to Michigan City, Philip had a contented smile on his face.

“You know,” he said, “this story has a greater connection for me. It takes me back to my Halcyon days, to my childhood in Michiana.

“There was much turbulence in the world, that’s true, but there was a certain beauty about that decade, especially of growing up on the lake.”



Dave and Philip plan to meet again to chat in greater detail. Photo by Andrew Tallackson



This model belonging to Philip Graubart offers an idea of the kind of plane his father flew the day of the crash.

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The performance is at 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, April 30, at Howard Performing Arts Center at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.

The program marks the Margaret Beckley Upton Memorial Concert, a living musical memorial founded in 1976 by her grandchildren.

In addition to "Ode to Joy," concert selections include Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring" in remembrance of Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra board member and supporter Barbara Globensky. Vocalists include soprano Sarah Gartshore, mezzo-Soprano Amanda Crider, tenor Paul Mow and bass Evan Boyer.



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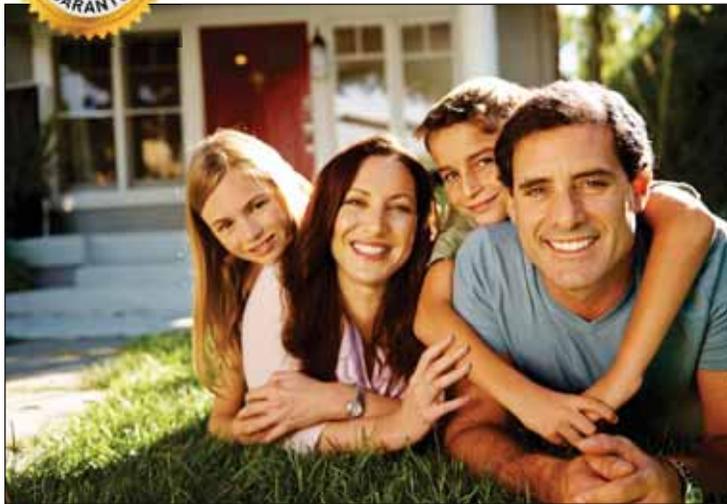
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- **Knit Wits and Pearls of Wisdom at 9 a.m. Thursdays at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

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

- **Bits & Bytes series, Networking Basics, from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 27, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department, 200 W. Indiana Ave.**

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.

- **Free screening and discussion of the PBS "Frontline" documentary "Being Mortal" on Thursday, April 27, at The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave.**

Based on Dr. Atul Gawande's best-selling book, the film explores the hopes of patients and families facing terminal illness, and their relationships with the doctors, nurses and family who care for them. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for reserved seating. The documentary is at 6 p.m., followed by a panel discussion. Register online at www.BeingMortalWPL.eventbrite.com or by calling Karyn at the Thomas Branch at (219) 926-7696.

- **Rainbow Loom on Friday, April 28, at Thomas Library Children's Department.**

Children in grades 3-6 create rainbow loom bracelets. Looms and rubber bands are supplied, but participants can take their own. Supplies are limited. Advanced loomers can attend from 6 to 6:45 p.m. and beginner loomers from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Registration is required in person or by calling (219) 926-7696.

- **Teen Movie Night: "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at The Baugher Center.**

The movie is Rated PG-13. Free popcorn will be served.

- **The Unnamed Guild of Gamers from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Events include a fifth-edition "Dungeons & Dragons" campaign, as well as "Munchkin," "Ultimate Werewolf," "Settlers of Catan" and "Pandemic."

- **Popular Books, 2 p.m. Monday, May 1, Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The focus is Don Schroeder's "Air Raid Nights & Radio Days."

- **Adult Coloring Program from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at Hageman Library.**

Registration is necessary and can be done in person or by calling (219) 926-9080.

- **Bits & Bytes series, Email Basics, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 4, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department, 200 W. Indiana Ave.**

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.

- **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, May 3, at Thomas Library.**

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Healthy Kids



Edgewood Elementary School students were treated to a session with Anytime Fitness trainer Kathy Workman during recess. Edgewood received a "Healthy Kids" grant that provides classrooms with access to GoNoodle Plus, a computer program that provides standards-based "brain break" activities. As part of the grant, Edgewood held an "Every Kid Healthy Week" featuring Zumba, relay races and other workouts at recess, courtesy of Anytime Fitness, plus healthy trivia contests at lunchtime. The adults in the photo are Principal Peggy Thomas and Workman. Thomas joined in for jumping jacks and other exercises, but was seen leaving just before they began pushups...

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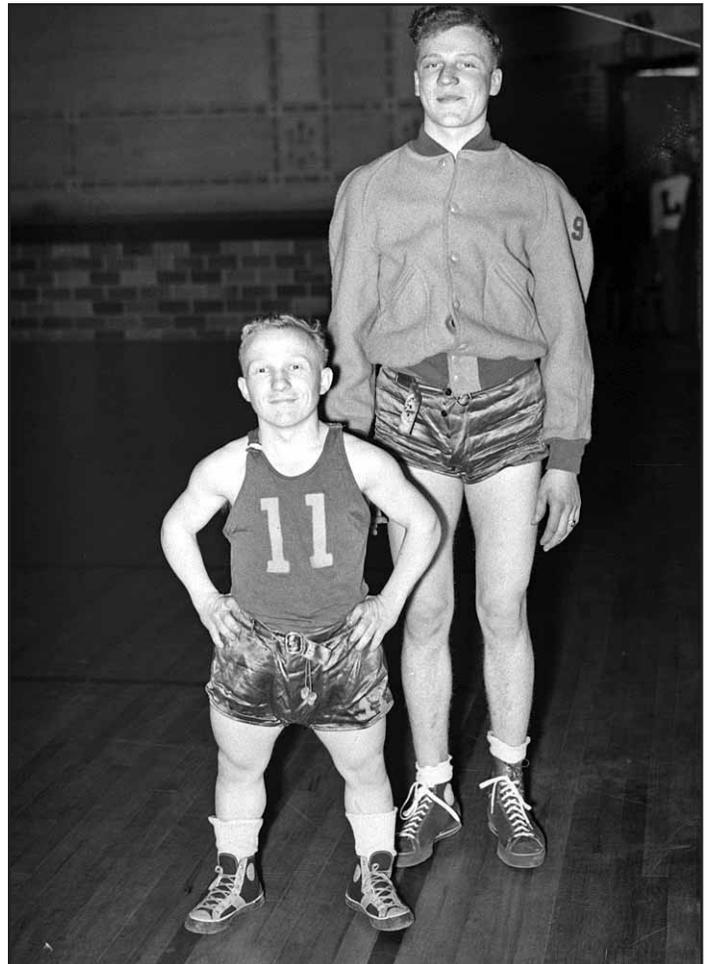
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Do You Know the Story Behind This Photo?

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Did this photo capture your attention? We thought it might.

In the May 18 edition of *The Beacher*, Matt Werner will reveal the story behind it. As our readers know, Werner wrote last year's incredibly popular Elston state basketball championship series, along with this year's compelling look at "The Patch Players."

Put your history knowledge and storytelling to the test by guessing the story behind this photo. The person who submits the most accurate and well-written story wins an autographed copy of Werner's "Season of Upsets" or "How Sweet It Is," a \$15 gift certificate from Lakeshore Coffee — our contest sponsor — and a *Beacher* baseball cap. The submission deadline is noon Wednesday, May 10. Entries should be fewer than 200 words. Submit your entry to drew@thebeacher.com or mail it to The Beacher, c/o Drew Tallackson, 911 Franklin St., Michigan City, IN 46360. Include your name, phone number and an email address. Only one entry per person is permitted.

The contest winner will be revealed in the May 18 edition alongside Werner's story.



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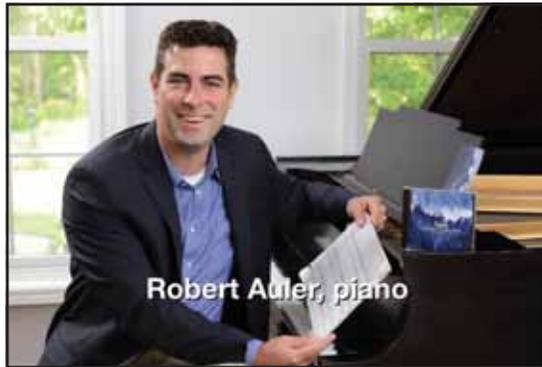
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The Bicycle Project



Lind

Photographer Donna Lind's exhibit, "The Bicycle Project," runs through June 1 at Valparaiso's The Village Gallery.

Lind's first bicycle photo arrived by accident. She was in a little shop, stepped out the back door and saw scattered among autumn leaves an old bike. She imagined someone riding into the garden from errands, hopping off and leaning the bike against the fence for a momentary rest, never to return.



One of the works included with Lind's exhibit.

Six year later, and everywhere she travels, she photographs bicycles. She gathers personal stories in a collection of photos and words.

Lind lives in Valparaiso with her husband, Greg. She studied fine art, with a concentration in film photography, at Indiana State University.

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

Wood Carving Presentation

Center of the World Woodshop will offer a presentation that explore two different wood-carving approaches — by machine and by hand — at 4 p.m. EDT Saturday, April 29.

Philip Mielke will demonstrate how he designs by computer, and how the router translates that design into three-dimensional woodcarving. Mielke programs the computer for all of the machine carvings produced on the shop's wood router CNC.

Terry Hanover, Center of the World owner, will speak about his approach to woodcarving with a chisel and mallet.

Following the presentation, visitors can view and handle finished pieces while mingling with the woodworkers. Refreshments are planned.

Showroom visitors also can view a series of four short, local history films throughout the day: "A Dying Art: Maple Syrup Making in Galien," "New Troy: The Center of the World," "The Great Sawyer Train Wreck" and "Morley Mill: A Brief History." The documentaries will play back-to-back from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT.

Center of the World Woodshop is located at 13400 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich. Contact Lorraine at (269) 469-5687 for details.

Spring Rummage Sale

St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road, will host its spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Saturday, April 27-28.

The sale includes gently used, clean miscellaneous household items, clothing, books, dishes, jewelry, small electrical appliances, tools and sports equipment. On Friday, all sales are 50 percent off, except for jewelry.

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Japanese Knotweed Presentation

A free Japanese Knotweed informational meeting is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT Saturday, April 28, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Japanese Knotweed, also called “Michigan Bamboo,” is an invasive plant originally introduced as an ornamental hedge-row plant because it grows in tall, dense clumps that quickly establish and spread. It quickly overtakes areas if left unattended, and can reproduce from small pieces. The deep, spreading roots of knotweed can break foundations, pipes and hard surfaces, causing considerable property damage, while the stands can shade out and kill other plants, and create soil erosion issues.

The presentation will include information on knotweed identification and habit, impacts, mapping and monitoring. Attendees also can visit a nearby stand of Japanese Knotweed.

The program is directed at property owners, concerned citizens, municipality staff, landscapers and land managers, but anyone interested can attend. They should RSVP by calling Rubia Jasinevicius at (630) 854-8172 or emailing her at rubia_jasinevicius@yahoo.com, or register at www.berriencd.org/invasive-species.

The presentation is hosted by the SW x SW Corner Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area and New Buffalo Township Library, in part with funds from the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program through the Departments of Natural Resources, Environmental Quality and Agriculture and Rural Development.

Me and the Boys

La Porte Community Concert Association will present Me and the Boys in concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at La Porte High School, 700 F St.

Vocalist Mary Kay Steele leads the group that features area jazz musicians. Performing from Chicago to Atlanta, they salute songwriters from the 1930s to 1950s, including Gershwin and Ellington.

The program is part of the 2016-2017 season. Those who recently joined the association for the 2017-2018 season will be admitted. At the door, tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students through high-school age.

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Camper Rally/Glamping Weekend

Glamorous camping, or glamping, is a way to experience the outdoors without forgoing creature comforts. Keeping that in mind, Indiana Dunes State Park will celebrate Dunes Vintage Camper Rally & Glamping Weekend on Friday through Sunday, April 28-30.

The schedule is:

Friday, April 28

- **7:30 p.m. — Sunset Hayride.**

Meet at the campground gate. A \$2 per person donation is suggested. Register at the camp gate before 7:30 p.m. because space is limited.

Saturday, April 29

- **10 a.m. — Good Morning S'mores!**

Meet at the Nature Center front lawn to check out glamping trends, and try breakfast s'mores.

- **1 p.m. — Glamping Beach Wire-Wrapping Jewelry Workshop.**

Register for one of two 90-minute workshops that allow users to learn wire wrapping, and make beach glass or stone jewelry. Workshop space is limited at the Nature Center Auditorium workshop. The cost is \$5 per person. Register by calling (219) 926-1390.

- **2 to 4 p.m. — Vintage Camper Open House.**

Vintage campers and glampers will be on display at the campground. Look for the campers with the yellow signs in the west loop.

- **2 p.m. — Beach Yoga.**

The state park and Duneland YMCA are partnering for free sessions in front of the beach pavilion. Call (219) 926-1390 for more information. The sessions will be canceled in inclement weather.

- **4 p.m. — Wild Edibles Walk.**

Meet at the Nature Center to explore dune delicacies.

Sunday, April 30

- **10 a.m. — Feed the Birds.**

Meet outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding, then make a quick bird feeder craft.

- **10:30 a.m. — Glampfire Cooking Demos.**

Meet at the Nature Center's outdoor program area to see, sniff and sample what naturalists are cooking over the glampfire. Take a favorite camping recipe to share with fellow glampers.

- **2 p.m. — Glamping Beach Wire-Wrapping Jewelry Workshop.**

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Indiana Dunes Birding Festival

The Indiana Dunes Birding Festival on May 4-7 isn't just for serious birders.

Participants can expect a range of activities for families looking to explore birds in their backyards.

The highlight is Youth and Family Birding Day on Saturday, May 6, at Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center. Sponsored by the Indiana Young Birders Club, it will offer beginning bird walks, bird ID quizzes with prizes and bird-banding demonstrations. Isaak Walton League will host a free bluebird box-building workshop throughout the day. Indiana Dunes Learning Center staff will have hands-on activities. The International Crane Foundation will be present with its mascot, "Hope," a 7-foot-tall Muppet crane created by the Jim Henson Co.

Organized by the Indiana Audubon Society, the festival highlights the dunes area's biodiversity and bird-watching opportunities. Indiana Dunes State Park and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore will serve as host sites. Registration continues through April. However, Youth and Family Birding Day is free, regardless of registration to other festival activities, which include live bird of prey shows, morning birding tours and evening social events.

Register at indunesbirdingfestival.com. Call the state park nature center at (219) 926-1390 or visit stateparks.IN.gov/2980.htm for more information.

Chamber Biz Expo

The Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce will host its Biz Expo from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at Blue Chip Casino's Stardust Event Center, 777 Blue Chip Drive.

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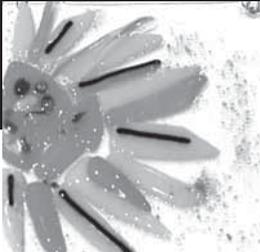


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Chesterton Art Center

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• **Local painter Mark VanderVinne will host Critique Night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 3.**

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

• **Mary Acton will host Pysanky egg classes.**

The classes, for adults and children 10 and older, are from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 13. Each class costs \$50, with members receiving a \$5 discount.

Students learn the art of Pysanky egg dyeing using wax to control the various dyes. They may choose from a variety of patterns or design their own. By the end of the class, each person will have completed an egg or two.

Class sizes are limited to 10 to give each student individual attention.

• **Jennifer Martin will host two Mom & Me edition of Cookies and Canvas.**

Children 8-14 can attend with an adult Friday, May 5, then children 3-7 on Friday, May 12, both from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The evening includes an 8x10 stretched canvas painting, as well as cookies and juice. The cost is \$10 per person (adult or child), or \$5 for members. Those interested must register by no later than the Thursday before the event.

• **Jennifer Martin will showcase Russian painter and art theorist Wassily Kandinsky during May children's classes.**

Kandinsky (1866-1944) is credited with painting one of the first purely abstract pieces. Children will work on projects in his style, including a lot of circles, for which he was known.

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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are available at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

• **Green Gary Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at The Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education and Marquette Park.**

Green Gary is presented in partnership with more than 20 organizations, including the Gary Parks Department and Gary Department of Green Urbanism. Rangers and volunteers lead hikes, wild-life shows and gardening talks. Parking is available at Lake Street Beach, with free shuttles to program sites.

• **Orienteering from 11 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at The Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

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• **Mount Baldy Guided Hike from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30.**

While Mount Baldy remains closed to unrestricted public access, visitors can join a ranger for a special guided hike along a trail on the dune's western edge found to be free of holes. The program starts at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter, then follows a ranger to Mount Baldy. Reservations are required by calling (219) 395-1882.

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.

“For the Birds” Workshop

Educators who work with students in kindergarten through 12th grade can attend The Cornell Lab of Ornithology's “BirdSleuth Educator's Workshop” from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.

The workshop is open to formal and non-formal educators, including teachers, pre-service teachers, home-schooling parents, naturalists, Scout and youth leaders.

During the hands-on session, educational activities explore the qualities of good habitat for birds and other wildlife, promote habitat improvement projects and encourage active participation in citizen science. Educators also receive a free bird feeder and “Feathered Friends” activities, and learn about grant opportunities and other resources.

The \$5 registration fee and pre-registration are required by April 30. Visit tinyurl.com/mymo5pc to register.

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Hoosier Coho Contest

The Hoosier Coho Club Pro/Am Fishing Contest is from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Washington Park Marina.

The Lake Michigan event targets salmon and trout. The top prize is \$1,000 in the pro division, which requires a \$100 entry fee, and \$500 in the amateur division, which requires a \$50 entry fee.

Additional details are available at www.hoosier-cohoclub.org

Pioneer Land Pork Chop Dinner

Pioneer Land's annual Pork Chop Dinner is from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at La Porte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2, La Porte.

The fundraiser aids future buildings/projects and maintenance. A silent auction is included.

Pre-sale admission is \$10, or \$11 at the door. Visit www.pioneerland.org or contact Carl Schultz at carlndfan@gmail.com or (219) 380-5678 for additional information.

Educators Honored

Megan Wickstrom and Lindsay McFadden on April 5 received the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Research to Practice Award.

Aiming to link math education research and practice, NCTM's Research Committee established the annual award to recognize work that integrates research and practice.



McFadden



Wickstrom

Wickstrom and McFadden were cited for their work on an article in the April 2016 edition of *Teaching Children Mathematics* called "Inch by Inch, We Measure." The article describes a lesson they co-taught on length measurement that involved first-graders exploring the meaning of an inch in the context of a garden inchworm.

McFadden is a graduate of New Prairie High School (2008) and Indiana University (2012). She teaches second grade at Notre Dame Catholic School. Wickstrom grew up in Michigan City and is a graduate of Marquette High School (2003), Saint Mary's College (2007) and Illinois State University (2009, 2014). She is an assistant professor of mathematics education at Montana State University, Bozeman, Mont.



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Lunch & Learn Series

The next Lunch & Learn program is from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at Rittenhouse Village at Michigan City, 4300 Cleveland Ave.

Tara Trevino of The Arbors will present the program "Communication Changes and Why Behaviors Happen With Dementia."

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Relay for Life Spaghetti Dinner

Relay for Life's fifth annual Spaghetti Dinner is from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at La Porte First Church of God, 2020 E. Lincolnway.

Contact Shea Peckat at Miss.peckat@gmail.com or (219) 608-8920 for more details.

La Porte County Parks



All registrations/questions go through the Red Mill County Park Administrative Office, 0185 S. Holmesville Road, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 or visit www.laportecountyparks.org for more details.

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.

Attention Homeschooled Participants

"Fishing Fun," a free program guided by park staff, is from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 2, at Luhr County Park.

Children ages 6-13 accompanied by an adult will learn basic fishing skills and go fishing. The program allows a minimum of five and a maximum of 40 individuals. All supplies are provided. Pre-registration is required by April 27.

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:

- June 21 — Fishing Fun.
- June 28 — Wild Neighbors.
- July 19 — On the Move.
- July 26 — A Sense of Nature.
- Aug. 2 — Play Trail Adventure.

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.



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Activities to Explore

In the Area:

April 27 — Free screening/discussion, PBS “Front-line” documentary “Being Mortal,” 5:30 p.m., Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave. Reservations: www.BeingMortalWPL.eventbrite.com, (219) 926-7696.

April 27 — Garry Tallent (bassist with Springsteen’s E Street Band), 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$30. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

April 27-28 — Spring rummage sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. John’s United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road. Info: (219) 872-9121.

April 28-30 — 24th annual Art Attack. Info: www.harborcountry.org

April 28-30 — Baseball Player Association Baseball Capital Classic, Kesling Park, 2150 A St., La Porte. Free parking/admission. Info: (219) 326-9600, www.cityoflaporte.com

April 28-May 1 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “Personal Shopper.” Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* “Kedi.” Not Rated. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Info: vickerstheatre.com

April 29 — Hoosier Coho Club Pro/Am Fishing Contest, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Washington Park Marina. Info: www.hoosiercohoclub.org

April 29 — Relay for Life’s fifth annual Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7 p.m., La Porte First Church of God, 2020 E. Lincolnway. Info: (219) 608-8920.

April 29 — Teen Movie Night: “Rogue One: A Star Wars Story,” 5 p.m., The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

April 29 — Pioneer Land’s annual Pork Chop Dinner, 5-7 p.m., La Porte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2. Cost: \$10/\$11 @ door. Info: www.pioneerland.org, (219) 380-5678

April 29-30 — Friends of Westchester Public Library Spring Friends of the Library Book Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Thomas Branch, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

April 30 — Mount Baldy Guided Hike, 1-3 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Reservations: (219) 395-1882.

April 30 — Novel Conversations with Edward Kelsey Moore, 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

April 30 — Michigan City Chamber Music Festival, “Fratres: A Celebration of the Human Spirit,” 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. Free. Info: www.mccmf.org, (219) 561-1939.

April 30 — La Porte Community Concert Association, Me and the Boys, 3 p.m., La Porte High School, 700 F St. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$5/students through high-school age. Info: (219) 362-5292, (219) 362-8262.

April 30 — Benefit, “Celebrate with Surabhi – A Musical Tribute for Syrian Refugees,” 4 p.m., Elston Performing Arts Center, 1210 Spring St. General admission: \$25, students/\$10. Info: (219) 879-0431,



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May 1 — Popular Books, Don Schroeder’s “Air Raid Nights & Radio Days,” 2 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

May 2 — Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum program, “Hummingbirds: Small and Feisty,” 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

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 28-30 — Agatha Christie’s “Go Back for Murder,” Elkhart Civic Theatre @ Bristol (Ind.) Opera House, 210 E. Vistula St. Times (Eastern): 7:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat./3 p.m. Sun. Tickets: (574) 848-4116, elkhartcivictheatre.org

April 29 — Green Gary Day, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education/Marquette Park, Gary’s Miller Beach neighborhood. Info: (219) 395-1882.

April 29 — Wood-carving presentation, 4 p.m. EDT, Center of the World Woodshop, 13400 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich. Info: (269) 469-5687.

April 30 — Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, 4 p.m. EDT, Howard Performing Arts Center, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich. Tickets/info: (269) 982-4030, www.smso.org

May 6 — MCHS Class of 2019 Color Fun Run (5K), Washington Park. Registration/8 a.m., race/9 a.m. Advance registration: tinyurl.com/khzt7f, Michigan City High School Athletic Department.

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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.

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There are more than 100 participants who have cleaned their closets and collectively submitted 4,000+ items of clothing from petit to generous sizes, all types of accessories, including an entire wall of jewelry, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes and boots, professional business wear, comfy casual, dressy beaded items, every style of sweater and jacket you can imagine, tons of jeans, racks of dress pants, great T-shirts, knit tops, shorts, capri pants, blouses, short and long-sleeve shirts, leather jackets and hand bags, coats, spring jackets, dresses, formals, all priced at \$5, \$10, \$15 and up. You will also find a HUGE new & never worn specialty section filling an entire room with RACKS and RACKS of spectacular designer clothing from Filoni in Oak Park Ill., 36 in Lakeside Mich., and Indian Summer in New Buffalo Mich, all sweetly and deeply and discounted. Look for a photo preview on facebook at thegirlfriendsale.

Shopping Dates:

Fri., April 28, 6-9 PM, private sale for participants and their friends
Sat., April 29, 10-2 PM sale open to the public and the best selection
Sat., May 6, 10-2 PM sale with additional merchandise
Sun, May 7, Noon-4 PM famous ½ price sale day.
Sat., May 13, 10-2 PM second chance bonus ½ price sale.

There often will be a "cash only" speedy checkout so stop off at the ATM before you come. Don't miss this one ladies!!!! Call your friends and come shop for unbelievable bargains plus a whole lot of fun!

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(219) 861-6188

Parking at the Community Center: You are welcome to park on the grassy triangle in front of the building, but all 4 tires must be off the pavement. Please pull in leaving room for others, regard the no parking signs that are posted and do not park down any side street on residents' property.

Thank you for your cooperation

MOVING SALE

Sat., April 29, 9am-4pm EDT/Sun., April 30, 9am-3pm EDT
13199 Lubke Road, New Buffalo, Mich.
Furniture, art, small kitchen appliances, 5500-watt generator (used once), some Waterford pieces, golf clubs. No early birds.

WANT TO BUY

WANTED: I buy all types of antiques and collectibles, including toys, advertising, military items and more. Call Matt at (219) 794-6500.

WANT TO RENT/LEASE/SHARE

Retired couple looking for a long-term lease on or near the lake. No smoking or pets. References. Call (219) 879-0615 or (773) 710-0895.

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rvmlid2@gmail.com • (708) 302-9116 or (630) 456-3887.

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Black Barbershop Health Initiative

The Michigan City Commission on the Social Status of African-American Males will participate in the Seventh Annual Indiana Black Barbershop Health Initiative.

The state-wide effort, coordinated by the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males, provides customers with health screenings and informational handouts. The Michigan City event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 29, in partnership with Healthline and the Minority Health Coalition of La Porte County.

The following barbershops will participate: Marvelous Cuts (2703 Franklin St.); Kuttin Up Beauty Barbershop (1608 E. Michigan Blvd.); Platinum Designs (1801 Franklin St.); and Sharpers Image (5150 Franklin St.).

“Visual Storytelling” Series

The free series “Unframe: Visual Storytelling with Films” is at noon EDT Thursday, May 4, at Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich.

Leslie Sullivan, Coastline Children’s Film Festival curator, will lead a brief introduction and discussion afterward. She will be joined by KAC Curator Tami Miller or a guest filmmaker.

The May 4 screening is “Come Unto Me: The Faces of Tyree Guyton.” It explores the work of Guyton, an environmentalist artist, while chronicling his encounters with Detroit’s apparently benighted government.

Visit www.krasl.org for more details.



American Red Cross

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

- La Porte High School, 602 F St., 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 28. Students who recruit one presenting donor receive a Red Cross flashlight while supplies last.
- YMCA, 901 Michigan Ave., La Porte, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29.
- St. John’s United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road, Michigan City, noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 2.

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.

Community Forum Series

“Hummingbirds: Small and Feisty” is the topic of the next Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum program at 6:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, May 2, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Wendy Jones, Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve naturalist, will share tips on attracting hummingbirds to backyard feeders. She describes the bird as a “tiny package of miracles.”

Other programs in the series are: “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 free and in the library’s Pokagon Community Room. Call (269) 469-2933, follow the facebook link at newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org or email new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com for more details.

BPA Baseball Capital Classic

The La Porte Park and Recreation Department will host the Baseball Player Association Baseball Capital Classic on Friday through Sunday, April 28-30, at Kesling Park, 2150 A St., La Porte.

The event is three-game format, two pool games and seeded single-elimination tournament. World Series berths go to the top two teams in each age group.

There is no admission or parking fees. Visit www.cityoflaporte.com or contact Pam Carroll at (219) 326-9600 or pcarroll@cityoflaportein.gov for more details.



Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Girl in Disguise by Greer Macallister (hardcover, \$25.99 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

Kate Warne is one of the most famous women in American history, yet we know little about her life. What we do know is that she was the first female detective, working for the famous Pinkerton Detective Agency.

This story is historical fiction, with Kate as our narrator. She reminisces how her father was a professional actor and small-time con artist. Her mother was indifferent at best, seemingly without any maternal feelings at worst. Kate grew up traveling from coast to coast, town to town, sitting backstage, watching her father act, then saw his slick ways of conning people out of their money.

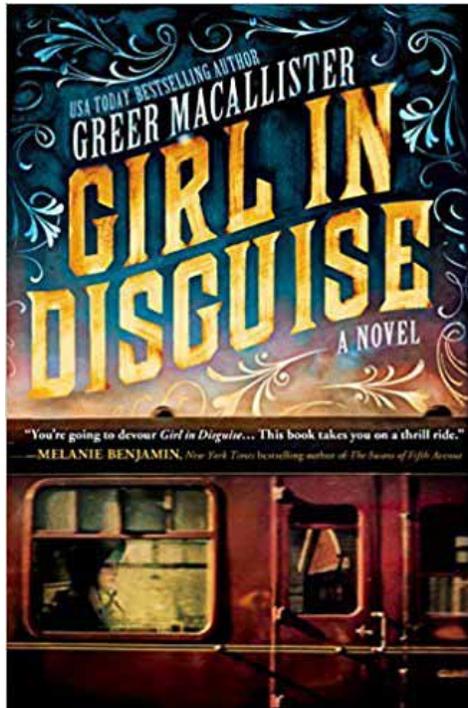
Her parents forced her into marrying Charlie Warne after a stagehand she met on the road got her pregnant and disappeared. The baby died at birth, and her husband is now dead, too. Many regrets for the loss of the baby, none for the loss of the husband.

In August of 1856, Kate sees an ad in a Chicago newspaper calling for operatives at the Pinkerton National Detective Agency: *“Generous salary commensurate with personal danger. Apply in person...”*

Allen Pinkerton is flabbergasted when Kate says she is there about the job — no, not a clerical job — but for the operative position. What?! Of course, he discourages her, citing all the reasons it won't work. And Kate, determined to prove herself useful, gives some thought-provoking reasons why he should hire her. Her best line is, *“Someone has to be first.”* Can't argue with logic like that! Kate is hired on a “let's see how it goes” basis.

Well, that first assignment goes a little shaky, but she gets the job done. Except the other Pinkerton man who helps her tries to take all the credit. Kate soon sets him right! The second job doesn't go so smoothly. A stolen, expensive emerald ring is recovered by Kate, then stolen from her pocket in the crowded city streets. It later shows up in the company safe. What?! How did it get there? Obviously, some other operative wants to see her gone. Pinkerton believes her story, however, and she goes on to prove a female detective and spy is a good idea. Hah. I could have told Pinkerton that...

This kind of story can only be told in the first person. Whether you are man or woman reading her



story, you have to understand the time she lives in. Women stayed at home, and if they worked, it was because they had no man to take care of them. We see through her eyes the prejudices she runs into, and how she takes what her fellow spies dish out without running to Pinkerton.

In time, Kate wins the admiration of most of the staff. History tries to pin an affair on Kate and Pinkerton — how typical! Why can't she just be the good employee and eventual friend of his? Why does it always have to come down to sex?

Kate met the young Abe Lincoln when he was a lawyer for the railroad company. Later, they would meet again when a plot to assassinate the soon-to-be president came to Pinkerton. Kate Warne

played a part in getting Lincoln safely to Washington, D.C., for his inauguration. By the time the Civil War started, she had become one of Pinkerton's shining stars. She was a master of disguises and personas, helping ferret out Confederate spies.

The story goes through the Civil War years, with an ending that will have you cheering for Kate and wondering how many other women could have accomplished what she did between 1856 and 1868.

The book's title sums it up in more ways than one. Did all the disguises she used in her work affect the woman within? It's a fascinating study of one woman's fight to keep the woman Kate Warne separate from the Kate Warne in the guise of someone else. Was it even possible to do? Kate faced many questions about what she did, yet always felt her job was a kind of calling she was meant to do.

There's a reading group guide at the back of the book that will prove invaluable to any book club, and some author's notes that provide some more interesting tidbits about Kate.

The author calls her book *“a love story between a woman and her work.”* And that's exactly what it is.

Publishers Weekly (starred review): *“...an exciting, well-crafted historical novel. Loaded with suspense and action, this is a well-told, superb story.”*

Raised in the Midwest, Macallister is a poet, short story writer, playwright and novelist whose work has appeared in many publications. Her plays have been performed at American University, where she earned her Master of Fine Arts in creative writing. She lives in Brooklyn.

Till next time, happy reading!



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The Crooked Cottage is a cozy hundred-year-old hideaway with everything you need for your enjoyment. An original Sheridan Beach home from 1915, it is as authentic as it gets. Ample parking, direct path to the beach, outdoor shower and large deck are just a few of the wonderful amenities. In addition, this 6-bedroom home has great rental potential for large family gatherings! This house is as close as it gets to the beach. Call Sandy at 219.448.0249 for your private showing and walk through a tree-lined path to the dunes and beach!



100 Lake Shore Drive #305, Michigan City • \$400,000

Living at the beach is all about relaxing and enjoying life! This 3-bed, 2-bath Dunescape turnkey condo gives you exactly that - it has been professionally rehabbed and ready for its new owner. With its modern contemporary flair and stunning views of Lake Michigan, it should be on your list of homes to consider. The private gated community of Dunescape also offers a lovely beach, a new indoor 50' x 25' heated swimming pool, upgraded gym facilities, sauna/hot tub, locker rooms and a kiddie pool, plus pvt garage parking. Call Sunny for your showing at 773.414.4086



1629 Lake Shore Drive, Sheridan Beach • \$975,000

Loving the views from this home! Large brick home with walkout basement and seasonal views of Lake Michigan. Sits high on dune with 142.5 ft of frontage property. 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, great 2nd-floor deck for entertaining or relaxing and plenty more.



805 Birch Tree Lane, Michigan City • \$179,500

Relax pool-side or head to the beach! Enjoy this wonderful low-maintenance 3-bedroom, 3-bath condo living within a beach community! Only one of four units this size. Wonderful amenities include garage, private patio and pool area. Beautiful common area. Association fee includes gas, trash, water, grass, snow removal and all of the pool maintenance.

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