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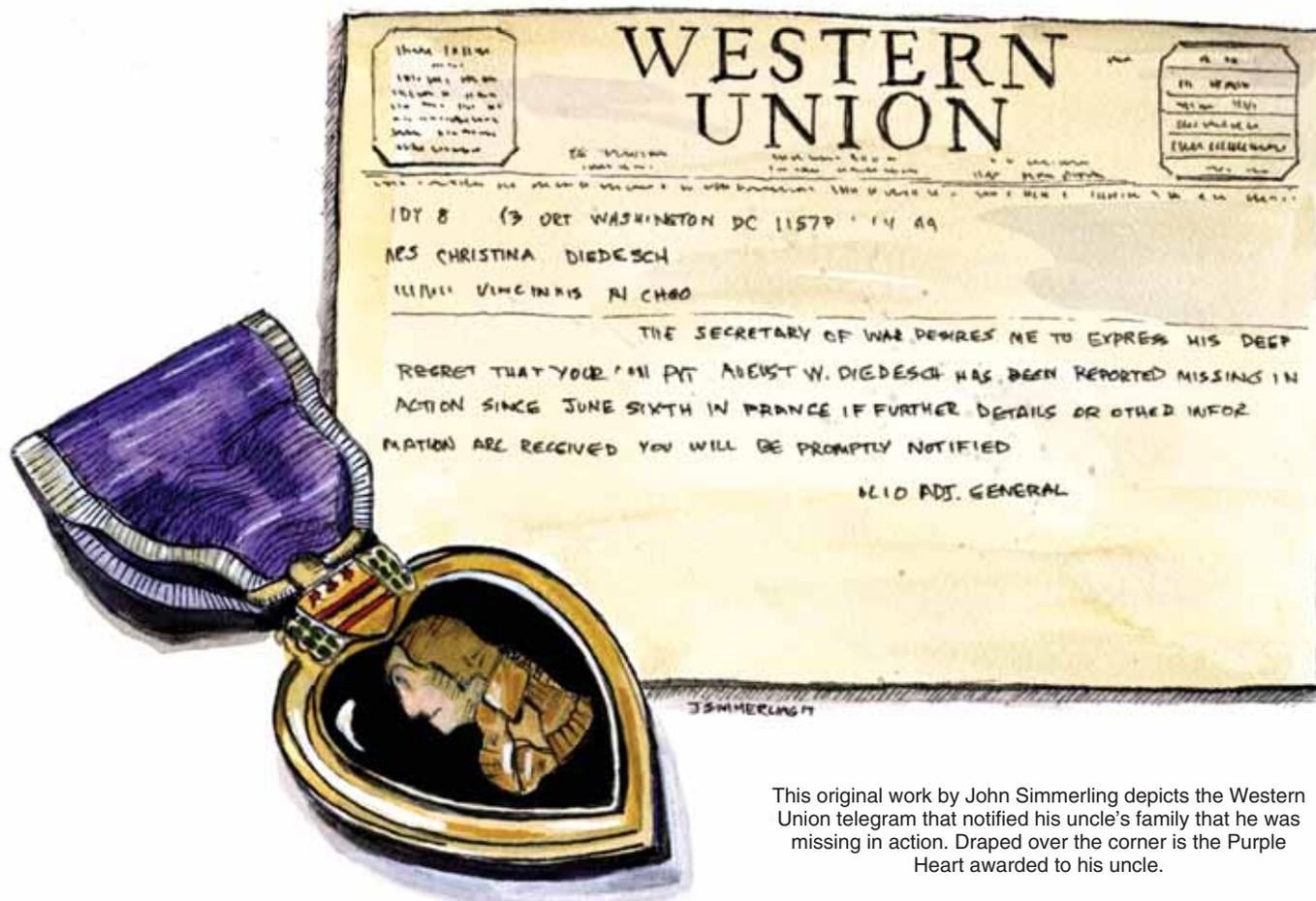
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# The Caretaking of Memories

## Omaha Beach and Uncle Bill

by John Simmerling



This original work by John Simmerling depicts the Western Union telegram that notified his uncle's family that he was missing in action. Draped over the corner is the Purple Heart awarded to his uncle.

"Your Uncle Bill was killed on D-Day," my father would tell us. Curiously, he'd always refer to Bill as *our* uncle, not *his*.

My earliest memories of my father talking about our uncle were from the 1960s. The oldest of my siblings were probably seven or eight. We didn't understand Vietnam, much less Normandy. But just because we didn't understand World War II didn't mean we couldn't see how dad was different when he spoke of Bill. He seemed more vulnerable. Sometimes, when he spoke of Bill, he'd pull off his glasses and wipe a hand across his eyes.

For a time, dad would spare us from learning

more. But the story was there. Eventually, it would need to be remembered.

Someday, but not then.

Dad was only 8 when Bill was killed on that June morning in 1944. At that age, I'm sure he knew nothing of the "liberation" of France, or why Uncle Bill and the 116th Division would be asked to open a path on Omaha Beach. That it would allow for 1.5 million soldiers to move toward Berlin and ensure the end of the European conflict.

He wouldn't know, until he was much older, about the bodies, like Bill's, that floated in the French surf. Of the dead and dying that covered every stretch of

beach, lying in the sand like crushed seashells and twisted seaweed.

His parents, Esther and John, certainly would not tell him about what his other uncle, Robert, faced in the Pacific. Robert, Bill's twin, was the determined and eager one who enlisted in the Marines.

Esther and John probably learned later that Robert and his Marines would witness unspeakable things in battles of unspeakable horror.

Only Oppenheimer and the other physicists, working beneath the grass fields at The University of Chicago, would end that conflict. Then, Robert would return home, scarred and "shell-shocked," as my father described him. With his brother lost, his family changed forever, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder likely pushed Robert to his unpleasant end.

Of Oppenheimer's instruments, *Big Boy* and *Fat Man*, my young father probably would think them

comic book characters, not the hydrogen bombs of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Not weapons that would end the war and later change the world. Weapons so destructive that when their scientist-creator witnessed their devastation, he felt the need to cite a quote from the Hindu Bhagavad-Gita: *"I have become death, destroyer of worlds."*



John Simmerling

Dad was an only child. In 1944, his backyard comprised most of his world. In his small, leafy Blue Island (Ill.) backyard, he built his own sort of playhouse, cobbled together with scraps from nearby alleys and garages. My grandfather probably helped.

I remember seeing a black-and-white photo of the playhouse: a tiny Kodak picture that was like looking through a keyhole into the past. A glimpse into his innocent pre-war world. It helped me understand where my father's imagination was seeded. There, among the dappled shadows of the tall maples on the summer grass.

In that tiny fenced fortress, his Blue Island backyard, our Uncle Bill would visit him.

My father eventually became a sort of caretaker of Bill's story. He was a good caretaker, for he was quite the storyteller. One story we especially enjoyed was that of his pet rooster, Blackie. He would describe how he'd ride his bicycle, with Blackie on the handlebars, around the neighborhood, sometimes to the gravel pit, where he'd shoot his BB gun. In one adventure, Blackie's misbehavior made him crash, and he allegedly broke his nose.

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“See, that’s from Blackie,” he’d claim, pointing to the bridge of his nose as proof. But my sister would be born with the same nose, the same bump. Perhaps a Blackie inheritance, perhaps not.

My siblings and I would tease him about Blackie, that the story, while entertaining, was on the edge of disbelief. We considered it more of Dad’s creative lore: a kid, a bicycle and his crazy pet rooster. Until the day we discovered a faded photograph in some attic box — that of a child on his bicycle with a large black bird perched on the handlebars.

Like the Blackie story, it was hard to imagine Dad’s favorite uncle in the first wave on the deadliest beach on D-Day.

It was just anecdotal. Until a box appeared, and Dad began removing items we hadn’t seen before. A Purple Heart. A telegraph from the War Department, dated June 6, 1944 – August William Diedesch, missing in action. Another telegraph, killed in action.

He told us of the heartache of his grandmother Diedesch, of her worry with both sons in the war, and her unending grief at the loss of *Billy*.

The rest of Bill’s story we’d have to learn on our own.

We learned Bill was the more peaceable of the twins. Robert enthusiastically enlisted in the Marines. Bill didn’t. He would instead go to the Blue Island library and enlist in the Army Reserves. Robert was sent to boot camp, then to the Pacific.



August W. Diedesch

Bill stayed in Blue Island, a 20-year-old Reservist. But that lasted mere weeks. After basic training, his Reserve Unit was immediately “called up” to active duty. In a profound turn of fate, his unit was placed into the 116th Division, 29th regiment, a unit destined to spearhead the invasion force on D-Day.

Their unit would ride the Higgins boats into the surf — and into history.

Their story was memorialized, in part, in Steven Spielberg’s “Saving Private Ryan” (1998). Its opening scene portrayed the carnage on that infamous beach in shocking and upsetting ways most Ameri-

cans never imagined.

Before then, the reality of Omaha Beach would largely be captured in print. In its November 1960 issue, *The Atlantic Magazine* published a story by S.L.A. Marshall about the 116th and 29th. It sought to describe the real fate of those caught in the first wave of the assault. Marshall noted that historians took great efforts to document what happened to each unit as they came ashore, in detailed accounts from the survivors.

*“At exactly 6:36 a.m. ramps are dropped along the boat line and the men jump off in water anywhere from waist deep to higher than a man’s head. Already pounded by mortars, the floundering line is instantly swept by crossing machine-gun fires from both ends of the beach.*

*The first men out try to do it but are ripped apart before they can make five yards. Even the lightly wounded die by drowning, doomed by the waterlogging of their overloaded packs. From Boat No. 1, all hands jump off in water over their heads.”*

And that was the fate of Uncle Bill, who was lost departing his Higgins boat, there in the surf.

As I’ve discovered this more complete history of Bill, I’ve tried to keep the



Some of the remaining items John has of his uncle.

memory alive, to share the story more completely than my father would, or could.

When my father passed, he left me a framed collection of Bill’s memorabilia, including the purple heart and the MIA and KIA telegrams from Western Union. And I cannot imagine a more cherished, valued item among anything I own.

I, too, have become a caretaker



A newspaper clipping about John’s uncle, whose full name was August W. Diedesch, after it was reported he was missing in action.

of memories. To remind our family about their famous Uncle Bill. Most years, I've posted stories on my blog about Bill on or around June 6.

And thus, I come to this. We are entrusted to keep memories alive, even if we don't have an uncle who rode a Higgins boat into the French surf. Even if we don't have a sibling, or relative, or friend who served in Southeast Asia or Afghanistan or Iraq.

It's up to each of us, on this Memorial Day, to remember all of our Uncle Bills, from every family, who found themselves in the path of destiny — a part of history. For we are entrusted to remember the soldiers and families who were willing to sacrifice upon "the altar of freedom."

In "Saving Private Ryan," a letter is recalled and quoted, by heart, from a general. He recalled words penned in 1864 to Mrs. Lydia Bixby, a widow believed to have lost five sons during the Civil War.

### More About John Simmerling

John Simmerling lives in New Buffalo, Mich., and is the son of the late Jack Simmerling.

Longtime readers of *The Beacher* may recall that several works by Jack — a renowned painter and owner of The Heritage Gallery in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood — graced our covers.

John's work on the cover of this week's Memorial Day edition, which depicts soldiers involved in the Omaha Beach invasion, was done on heavyweight Crescent illustration board. It took two days to complete, beginning with a pen-and-ink sketch draft before being fully realized in watercolor. The Western Union telegram was achieved in pen and ink, with a watercolor wash, and painted on Aqua Board.

More of John's artwork can be viewed at simmerling.blogspot.com, while more examples of his writing can be found at blueseapencil.blogspot.com

While it authorship is debated, it reads:

*Dear Madam,  
I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle.*

*I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering*

*you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save.*

*I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.*

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## “Alien: Covenant” Alternates Between Thrilling and Dull

by Andrew Tallackson

Ridley Scott may be almost 80, but he’s still in peak form as a director. Shame, though, that no one can deliver this guy a decent script for an “Alien” prequel.

Here’s the thing: Both 2012’s “Prometheus” and now “Alien: Covenant” forget these movies should scare us silly. Scott, ironically, is partly to blame. His 1979 original set the template for the space-age monster movie. Legions of copycats have tried, and failed, to mimic that success.

“Alien: Covenant” is impeccably made, like any Scott picture, but strikes an unhealthy balance between the weirdness of “Prometheus” and the now familiar chills of the original. The result is thrilling *and* dull, with a midsection that teeters toward being a total snooze.

The spirit of the 1979 film affectionately lingers over “Alien: Covenant,” from how Scott gracefully introduces his spaceship’s crew, to Jed Kurzel’s score that embraces Jerry Goldsmith’s haunting strains from the original.

This time around, it seems the crew of the Covenant, which is carrying 2,000 colonists and about 1,000 embryos to a new planet, is jolted out of stasis by a neutrino burst. A few crew members (including an unbilled James Franco) are killed and the ship damaged. Amid necessary repairs, the ship receives an apparent distress call. In a sly touch, the signal comes packaged in a John Denver tune. Of course, a distress call in an “Alien” picture is monster-movie code for “run like hell,” but we wouldn’t have a movie, would we, if everyone used their thinking caps.

Because guess what’s residing on the planet? The script by John Logan (“Skyfall”) and Dante Harper offers intriguing twists, the aliens emerging as airborne pathogens that infect their hosts. Later, we witness them as the facehuggers whose implanted eggs result in the most explosive form of acid re-

flux imaginable. The aliens, indeed, are a triumph of technical wizardry, thickening through slime and ooze into agile, ferocious killing machines.

Katherine Waterston, so winning in “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them,” is agreeable as the Sigourney Weaver-like heroine, while Danny McBride gives arguably his best performance, playing against type as the Covenant’s devoted pilot.

The film’s showiest turn, however, comes from Michael Fassbender in dual roles as “synthetic” beings at odds with themselves. Fassbender’s charisma is at full wattage here, but he also represents the film’s undoing. Intrigued by themes in “Prometheus,” Scott uses the film’s midpoint to explore the notion of what it means to be human...and it slows the story to a crawl right when it *should* be unleashing the goods. The sight of one Michael Fassbender teaching the other Michael Fassbender how to play the flute is not the stuff of nightmares. Leave that existential fare to HBO’s “Westworld.”

There is one showstopper: a confrontation between Waterston and the alien atop a rescue ship that contains the most thrilling visuals Scott has concocted.

Then, something odd happens. I can’t decide if Scott has winked at the genre’s conventions, or if he lobotomized his writers. Whatever the case, all that gruesome alien carnage apparently makes two crew members horny enough to engage in carnal shower intercourse. Sex in a horror film is punishable by death, and there was plenty of unintentional laughter in the theater where I saw the film, a mass collective equivalent of *really*?

The ending leaves the door open for another film yet, ultimately, Scott never persuades us we need one. His original, and James Cameron’s 1986 follow-up, are indisputable classics. The rest are all, well, just the rest.

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Katherine Waterston stars in “Alien: Covenant.”



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## A Century of Service

by William Halliar

The Rotary Club of Michigan City is celebrating a “Century of Service” in 2017.

The Rotary motto, “Service Above Self,” has been exemplified over the last century by spirited individuals who gave of themselves to advance our community over self-interest and business concerns.

Lance Werner, the current Michigan City Rotary Club president, and Dr. Bruce Smith, 100th anniversary celebration chairman, are eager proponents of the spirit behind this anniversary year’s slogan: “A Century of Service.”

It has been said that to be truly happy in life, one



Rotary’s motto, “Service Above Self,” is one Michigan City Rotarians wholeheartedly embrace.



Miss Indiana Brianna DeCamp and Pre-Teen Miss Amazing Stacey Welbourne appear with Rotary Club President Lance Werner on March 16.

must begin each day by being thankful for his/her blessings, then set about doing good for someone else. These appear to be founding principles behind a service organization begun just more than 100 years ago in Chicago.

In an era when those dubbed “Millennials” are pigeon-holed as “Generation Me,” it may be a little difficult to comprehend the spirit of giving that was the underpinning of an organization such as the Rotary Club.

It all began just after the turn of the last century...

Back in 1905, Chicago was a bustling metropolis filled with people from every imaginable country and living lifestyles both prosperous and poverty filled. People of high ideals rubbed shoulders with those of lesser means.

Paul Harris was a man of high ideals: a successful attorney with a practice in the downtown business district. He was born in Wisconsin, but soon, because of financial difficulties, his family moved in

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with grandparents in Vermont, where he grew from a boy to young manhood. He was known as a prankster and was expelled from several prominent local schools. After surviving an adventurous youth, he eventually attended the University of Vermont.



Rotarian Bernie Scott stands by a display listing Paul Harris Fellows.

He was expelled from that university, again for pranks not appreciated by school officials, and moved on to Princeton, where he left without completing his course of studies. In 1888, Harris' grandfather died, so he moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where he was taken on as an "apprentice at law" at a local firm. He attended the University of Iowa and graduated with a "Bachelor of Laws" in 1891. He moved to Chicago in 1896.

Great ideas and movements are often the child of one man's background, born of one heart and mind. Often, that dream could not reach fruition without the support of a loving partner on whom a strong man can lean for support.

In Chicago, Harris met such a loving partner in the young and charming Jean Thompson, who aided and supported him in his work. When you consider the motto, "Service Above Self," it speaks of the lifestyle the couple fashioned for themselves. They set up housekeeping in the Morgan Park neighborhood, where they spent most of the rest of their lives, except for an occasional trip to Michigan for summer vacations.

Harris' law practice flourished, and together with that union spawned the idea early in 1905 of a so-

cial organization, similar to the Union League Club of Chicago, for local professionals. "Ideas," Harris said, "have unhinged the gates of empires."

The club he envisioned would cultivate fellowship and friendship among members. He organized a group of three clients and a handful of business associates into a club that met weekly, rotating between meeting locations, thus giving way to the name "Rotary Club."

Harris had bigger ideas, realizing his club should discover a purpose beyond that of a mere social organization.

In 1907, under Harris' direction, the fledgling Rotary Club took on its first service project: construction of public toilets in Chicago. By taking on this small endeavor, the Rotary Club of Chicago became the first world's first Service Club.

Harris had great dreams for his organization. At first, it was made up only of men, but through his wife's efforts, women began to take on an active role. By 1910, at least 15 new Rotary Clubs had sprung up in cities across the nation. In August of that year, representatives of all Rotary Clubs met in Chicago and voted to change the name of the organization to the National Association of Rotary Clubs.



Paul Harris

Before Harris' death in 1947, his dream had grown and the club became an international phenomenon known and renamed The International Association of Rotary Clubs.

In Michigan City, the Rotary movement began in 1916. The club was officially chartered by Rotary International on Dec. 1 of that year. The objectives of the Michigan City Club were "Recognizing all legitimate occupations, encouraging high ethical standards, improving efficiency via the exchange of ideas and business methods, and promoting civic development and public welfare."

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Another founding objective was, "To quicken the interest of each member in public welfare and to cooperate with others in civic development."

The overriding goal of the first 65 members was to nurture Michigan City from its "gritty roots" as an industrial shipping port into the thriving, modern community it is today.

Early club members were leaders in the effort to establish Indiana Dunes State Park. They also spearheaded the creation of Rotary Athletic Field, which later became Ames Field. Of course, our famous landmark at Washington Park Zoo, the Rotary Castle, an exact stone replica of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Castle insignia, was the result of efforts by early club members.



Ring the bell at Christmas for The Salvation Army is one of Michigan City Rotary Club's many service projects.

Throughout the past 100 years, the list of club service projects and accomplishments is too numerous to mention. It would fill volumes. Each project considered by members must pass a four-way test to prove worthiness for consideration:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Does it build goodwill and better friendship?
- Is it beneficial to all concerned?

Rotary's object is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise, and in particular to encourage and foster the development of acquaintance (that is friendships) with



Steve Hornyak has been a longtime Rotarian. high ethical standards in business and professions, the application of the ideal of service, the advancement of international peace and good will.

These principles have been advanced by the Michigan City Rotary Club for the past 100 years and will be upheld and promoted as the club looks forward to its second century of service.

In recognition of Harris' original idea of a club established for fellowship, each project is carried forth with the spirit of a "true sense of camaraderie and kindness, with lot of fun and humor," according to a recent club publication.

Today, the Michigan City Rotary Club is a member of a worldwide organization comprised of 1.2 million business and professional leaders, all united to promote humanitarian service, good will and peace throughout the world. Add to this the International Rotary Foundation, which is the largest private sponsor of international scholarships in the world.

The list of accomplishments of the Michigan City Club is impressive, but a partial list from the past



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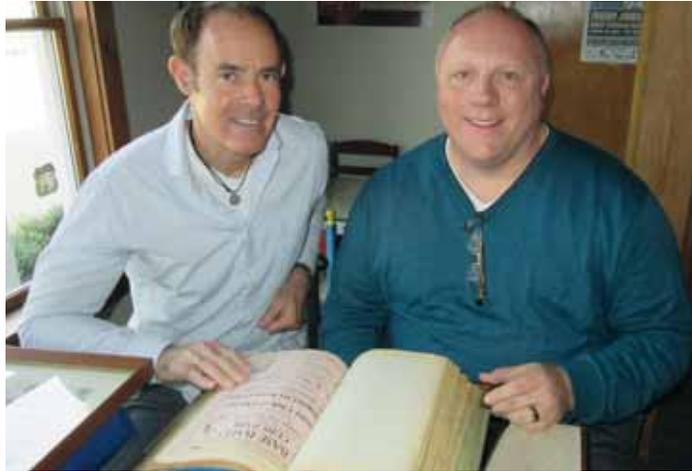
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year includes projects benefitting local schools, the local ROTC, local governmental organizations, the police department and Salvation Army, to name a few. Internationally, the club partnered in a pending grant to provide updated equipment for a Rotary Eye Hospital in Chikmagalur, India, and a global grant for "Life Without Barriers" in Turkey providing help for students with disabilities. These are just a few of the service projects our Michigan City members have been involved in recently.

Werner and Smith, both longtime club members, agree the motto "Service Above Self," and the idea



Bruce Smith (left) and Lance Werner are playing key roles in Rotary's "Century of Service" celebration. Photo by William Halliar



Cpl. Al Bush of Michigan City Police Department is a Service Above Self award recipient.

of giving back to the community, and the camaraderie engendered through participation in club service projects, make membership more than a worthwhile endeavor.

On Nov. 30, 2016, U.S. Rep Pete Visclosky read the following dedication into the Congressional Record, "The Rotary Club of Michigan City

*has been successful due to the unwavering dedication of its leadership and members. Northwest Indiana is not only grateful but proud to have the organization's support for the past 100 years. For their significant contributions to their community and beyond, the members and leaders of the Michigan City Rotary Club are truly an inspiration to us all."*



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The Rotary Club of Michigan City Century of Service Gala is at 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 2, at Uptown Center, 907 Franklin St. Rotary International President John Germ will attend. Tickets cost \$100 and include full bar, appetizers, dinner and dessert. The Connexion from Chicago will perform. All profits benefit the local Rotary Club Foundation. Visit [tinyurl.com/lqy2suj](http://tinyurl.com/lqy2suj) to register.

Rotary Club members also invite community members to attend their weekly luncheon to test whether Rotary is a "good fit." The club meets at 11:45 a.m. Thursdays at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Visit [www.mcrotaary.org](http://www.mcrotaary.org) for additional details.



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## Group Propagates Irish Heritage and Charity

by M.D. Cunningham



Larry Wall (left) and Duane Kelley appear with Marquette Catholic High School scholarship recipient Will Cannon.

*To be Irish is a Blessing,  
To be a Hibernian is an Honor.*

From [AOH.com](http://AOH.com)

Around the bar, the guys cover all the expected bases: basketball glory days, recent coincidences, jokes — the gamut of anecdotes that comprise life.

There is a palpable sense of brotherhood. These guys are a tight-knit family.

Most of the men here, at Michigan City's McGinnis Pub, are part of an organization that first began in 1836: the Ancient Order of Hibernians. It emerged as a secret society to assist Irish immigrants with obtaining jobs and social services. Today, the focus is camaraderie and charity.

"It is the oldest Irish fraternal organization," said Duane Kelley, who serves as the local chapter's president and is a founding member. "We have good times."

Kelley observed a highly active AOH presence during a business trip in Charleston, S.C. So, he thought, why not initiate one in Michigan City? Many members today are from Long Beach, Michigan Shores and Beverly Shores, he said. Many are only summer residents, which is not a deterrent for membership.

"We're growing. We need to grow more," second generation Hibernian Larry Wall said, adding the group's emphasis is camaraderie, charity and "prop-

agating Irish heritage."

Wall's father was part of an AOH group prominent during the 1970s and 1980s in Michigan City. However, until Wall, Kelley and others revamped this chapter three years ago, a generational lapse existed. Wall and Kelley are actively seeking young, energetic members to ensure a strong presence continues for the group that roughly has about 30 active members.

Benefitting from the group's sense of charity is Share Foundation With the Handicapped, which operates Sharing Meadows in Rolling Prairie. Sustained entirely by fundraisers, it received a large donation from the AOH's annual golf outing. This year's event again will be held in August.

Share Foundation's founder, Father Dennis Blaney, wrote about the importance of the AOH's contribution in a thank you letter to the group:

*"As you know we do not receive any government funding but thanks to good people like the members of the AOH, we have thrived in the development of our community and more importantly, our villagers have thrived."*

*"Your gift will be used for the residential program at Sharing Meadows where our villagers find so much happiness and fulfillment."*

More information about the AOH is available on Facebook, or stop by McGinnis Pub on a Friday. The group is inclusive for events and charitable work, but membership is exclusive for men of at least a "little" Irish and Catholic heritage.



Sharing Meadows villager Mary McKenna (from left) appears with Father Dennis Blaney and AOH President Duane Kelley. Sharing Meadows benefits from AOH contributions.

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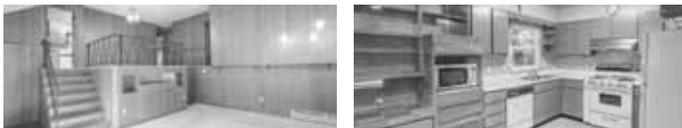
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## Visit Michigan City La Porte Presents R.O.S.E. Awards



The La Porte County winners pose for a group picture during the R.O.S.E. ceremony.

Visit Michigan City La Porte and Indiana Dunes Tourism recently honored several businesses, organizations and individuals for providing outstanding service to the community and visitors.

The Recognition of Service Excellence awards honor those who go the extra mile to make La Porte and Porter counties a great place to live or visit.

The ceremony coincides each year with National Travel and Tourism Week. The local winners were:

- Agri-Tourism Award – Burek Farm.
- Best Fest Award – Scarecrow Festival, Wanatah.
- Distinguished Artist Award – Neil Kienitz.
- Distinguished Artist Award – Paul Kemiell.
- Distinguished Artist Award – Sierra Mullican.
- Employee of the Year – Carrie Griffin, Blue Chip Casino.
- Employee of the Year – Cathy Horning, Blue Chip Casino.
- Green Award – Fiddlehead Restaurant.
- Hotel of the Year – Country Inn & Suites, Michigan City.
- Hotel of the Year – Quality Inn, Michigan City.
- Landmark Award – La Porte County Historical Society.
- Lemonade Award – New Life ConnectPoint Church.
- La Porte County Achievement Award – Jamie

Huss, Washington Park Zoo.

- Newcomer of the Year – Bourbon Street Bistro.
- Lemonade Award – Younger Life Plaza 618.
- Outstanding Elected Official Award – Rep. Wes Culver.
- Quality of Life/Quality of Place Award – Thor Thordarson.
- Professional Achievement – James Eldridge, Eldridge ATA Martial Arts.
- Putting La Porte County on the Map – Addie's Acres.
- Putting La Porte County on the Map – ArtSpace Uptown Artists Lofts.
- Putting La Porte County on the Map – Coho Club of Indiana.
- Restaurant of the Year – Carlson's Drive-In.
- Retailer of the Year – Harley Davidson of Michigan City.
- Shining Star – Jessica Rosier, Barker Mansion.
- Unity Award – Northwest Indiana Paddlers Association.
- Shining Star Award – Willie Milsap.
- Unsung Hero Award – Brian Sadowski.
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Registration is required by visiting or calling the IT Department at (219) 926-7696, or registering at [www.wpl.lib.in.us](http://www.wpl.lib.in.us). Click on the Bits & Bytes link.

- **Rainbow Loom on Friday, May 26, 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 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: "Split" at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The film is rated PG-13. Free popcorn will be served.

- **The Unnamed Guild of Gamers from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 28, 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."

- **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.

- **The Beatles Trivia Night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Trivia ranges from songs and lyrics to band members' lives, tragedies and scandals. Teams of 1-4 people can vie for a prize.

- **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.

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## What part of the word “illegal” does LBCC not understand?

### An open letter to Long Beach residents:

*“Don’t it always seem to go that you don’t know what you’ve got ‘til it’s gone  
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot”*

--- Joni Mitchell, “Big Yellow Taxi” 1970

Suppose one of your neighbors decided to turn a piece of vacant, wooded property at the end of your block into a parking lot? Oh, and build a storm-water detention basin there, too? That’s what some members of the Long Beach Country Club’s board of directors and club manager **want to do**.

#### So what’s the problem with this?

The property is located along Larchmont Ave. at Oakenwald Ave. And, although it is owned by LBCC (and is adjacent to the clubhouse and existing parking lot), the property is zoned RESIDENTIAL. And this is, indeed, a quiet residential location with little traffic – probably just like where you live.

#### Is this legal?

No, for several reasons. First, LBCC started building this parking lot last summer WITHOUT even obtaining a building permit. It cleared the land of trees, leaving stumps, and dumped gravel on the property. (If a homeowner began a major construction project, like adding a deck, without getting a building permit, he or she would be fined.) The property is now an eyesore (see photo).

#### Really! What else?

No one, especially in Long Beach, can just go and build a parking lot wherever they want, especially in the middle of a residential area. There are laws against this. Specifically, this parking lot would violate SEVERAL sections of Long Beach’s Building Code (Title 15), Zoning Code and newly enacted Comprehensive Plan.

#### Are there examples?

Sure. Here’s what the town’s Comprehensive Plan, on Page 9, Future Land Use, says:

*OBJECTIVE: The residential districts are established for places in which the principal use of land is for one single-family dwelling on a zoning lot. The intent of the residential districts is the following:*

- To encourage the construction of and the continued use of single-family dwellings
- To prohibit uses which would be incompatible with single-family dwellings
- To encourage the discontinuance of existing nonconforming uses
- To discourage any use which would generate greater than normal traffic for its street

#### What does this mean?

It means the Larchmont property, which is zoned R-1 Residential, should NOT be used for a parking lot because this would be “incompatible” with the nearby homes right across the street and down the block. The parking lot would also generate “greater than normal traffic” on the quiet streets.



#### Doesn’t LBCC already have a parking lot nearby?

Yes. But under Long Beach’s Building and Zoning Codes, a parking area cannot exceed 35% of the surface of a lot. Adding this lot would clearly exceed the maximum allowable coverage. In other words, enough is enough.

#### Has LBCC got a parking problem?

Yes, according to the club manager. BUT the proposed 23-space gravel parking lot would be primarily intended for club employees, not members. These employees already park near the tennis courts on the east side of LBCC’s clubhouse, bothering no one. Furthermore, LBCC could easily add DOZENS of diagonal spaces next to the tennis courts, but refuses to consider this. What LBCC members would want to park their nice cars in a gravel lot at the bottom of the hill on Larchmont?

#### But this isn’t my problem, is it?

It sure is. If some members of LBCC’s board and manager believe they can flaunt Long Beach’s Building and Zoning codes here, what’s to stop this from happening elsewhere? Long Beach has elected and appointed officials who are obliged to honestly and conscientiously follow the laws. They should respond to the will of the residents, not a few individuals on LBCC’s board (NOT blaming the general membership) who don’t even live in Long Beach. These individuals are not being good neighbors.

#### What happens next?

The Building Commission is scheduled to meet Friday, May 26. Tell the commissioners you’d like to see Long Beach remain residential. These gentlemen seem to be conscientious and well-intentioned. Tell them LBCC’s board should abandon its misguided, inconsiderate and illegal plan for a parking lot. Tell them LBCC shouldn’t intrude on a residential area, create a traffic and safety hazard for pedestrians and children (remember that detention pond!), and detract from property values.

#### Here are the Building Commissioners’ names and emails:

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Continuing every weekend throughout the summer, visitors can choose from three different trains, from miniature to full sized. Each train heads along a different route through a beautiful wooded landscape, the longest being 2 1/2 miles.

The museum also is a showcase for a working steam-powered sawmill with a 60-inch blade, La Porte's first electric generator and a blacksmith shop where iron is turned into handcrafted works of art.

Hand-scooped ice cream treats and sodas made from traditional recipes are for sale in the restored vintage soda fountain and ice cream parlor, Doc's Soda Fountain. Breakfast also is served at Doc's from 9 to 11 a.m.

The museum officially opens at 11:30 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m. Train fares are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12.

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### Three Oaks Talent Competition

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- Kitchen remodeled 2015
- Fenced yard, storage/garden shed appliances

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New Price! \$242,000

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- Hardwood floors throughout main floor
- Short walk to Stop 31

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\$175,000

- 2 BR, 1 BA home accessing 26 ACRE wooded parcel ripe for development!
- Otter Creek and Trail Creek frontage
- Zoned Residential (R2)

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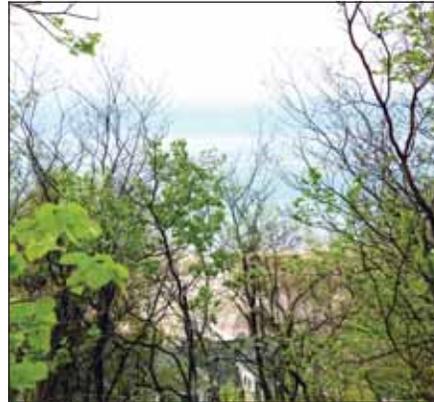
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209 Lake Hills Road, Michigan City  
\$152,900

- 3 BR, 1.75 BA
  - Hardwood floors
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- Breadsticks (5) ..... \$4.25
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- Garlic Cheese Bread ..... \$3.10
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- French Fries (one size) ..... \$1.95
- Kettle Chips (original) ..... \$ .95
- Kosher Dill Pickle ..... \$1.25
- Cheese Dip Side Cup ..... \$0.75

## Salads

- Antipasto Salad** ..... \$8.95  
*Genoa Salami, Ham, Black Olives, Onions, Tomatoes, Peppers & Mozzarella on Fresh Crisp Lettuce*
- Caesar Salad** ..... \$4.95  
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- House Salad** ..... \$3.95  
*Fresh Romaine Lettuce, Onions, Tomatoes & Peppers*
- Chopped Salad** ..... \$4.95  
*.....\$2.50 additional charge*
- Dressings:** Honey Mustard, Caesar, Ranch, Lite Italian, Italian, Raspberry Vinaigrette, Honey French, Bleu Cheese, Balsamic Vinaigrette  
**Croutons Available** ..... \$.45

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- Homemade Lasagna with Garlic Bread** ..... \$10.50  
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- Stromboli** ..... \$7.25  
*Choice of Italian beef, sausage or veggie with pizza sauce, mozzarella & choice of peppers on toasted French bread*
- Meatball Sub** ..... \$6.35  
*Tasty meatballs and pizza sauce on French bread*
- Italian Beef or Sausage** ..... \$6.35  
*Tender roast beef or grilled sausage on French bread*
- Combination** ..... \$7.25  
*Tasty Italian Beef and Sausage together on French bread*
- Breaded Chicken Breast** ..... \$6.25  
*Served with lettuce, tomato, pickle & onion on the side*
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*Hand sliced turkey, bacon & melted mozzarella on French Bread with lettuce, tomato, pickle & onion on the side*
- 1/2 lb. Angus Hamburger** ..... \$7.25  
*All-American favorite with lettuce, tomato, pickle & onion*
- Bacon Bleu Burger** ..... \$9.25  
*1/2 lb. Angus Burger with bacon & melted bleu cheese on a pretzel bun*
- Hamburger Special** ..... \$10.50  
*1/2 lb. Angus Burger, French Fries & 16 oz. Drink*

Add to any of the above sandwiches:  
 Cheese \$.95 / Peppers \$.45 / Bacon \$1.10

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## The Miller Pizzas

(all pizza prices are CHEESE Only)

- Thin Crust - Hand rolled and crispy thin!**  
 10" serves 1 ..... \$10.00  
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 14" serves 2-3 ..... \$13.25  
 16" serves 3-4 ..... \$15.40
- Deep Dish - Extra thick. Customer favorite!**  
 10" serves 2 ..... \$11.50  
 12" serves 2-3 ..... \$12.85  
 14" serves 4 ..... \$14.65  
 16" serves 4-5 ..... \$17.05
- Chicago Stuffed - Authentic pizza pie!**  
 10" serves 2 ..... \$12.60  
 12" serves 2-3 ..... \$13.95  
 14" serves 4 ..... \$15.75  
 16" serves 4-5 ..... \$18.15
- Gluten Free Crust - Med. 12"** (One Size Only) ..... \$14.80
- Beach Blanket (Calzone w/ 1 topping)** ..... \$9.50
- Choose Your Sauce:**  
 \$0.95 ..... \$1.25 ..... \$1.50 ..... \$1.75  
*Olive Oil • Homemade Alfredo Sauce • Pesto • BBO Sauce  
 Our Very Own Homemade Pizza Sauce (Standard)*

### Add your Favorite Toppings:

- |               |               |                |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Sausage       | Mushrooms     | Tomatoes       |
| Pepperoni     | Green Peppers | Pineapple      |
| Ham           | Onion         | Banana Peppers |
| Ground Beef   | Green Olives  | Jalapenos      |
| Black Olives  | Giardiniera   | Fresh Garlic   |
| Fresh Spinach |               |                |
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- |                            |              |         |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------|
| <b>Specialty Toppings:</b> |              |         |
| \$1.90                     | \$2.50       | \$3.00  |
| Bacon                      | Italian Beef | Chicken |
| Anchovies                  | Artichokes   |         |

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- BBQ Chicken Pizza • Italian Beef & Banana Pepper Pizza,
- Stuffed Alfredo with Spinach, Chicken & Garlic Pizza

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 2 Slices of Pizza & 16 oz. drink

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	Small Pan Serves 6-8	Med. Pan Serves 12-15	Large Pan Serves 20-25
Mostaccioli	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$60.00
w/ Ground Beef	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
w/ Sausage	\$5.00	\$7.00	\$9.00
w/ Meatballs	(6) \$5.70	(8) \$7.60	(12) \$11.40
Alfredo	\$36.00	\$49.00	\$64.00
w/ Chicken	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$16.00
Lasagna (ALLOW 24 HOUR NOTICE)	\$76.00	\$76.00	\$142.00
House Salad	\$22.00	\$28.00	\$37.00
Spinach Salad	\$28.00	\$35.00	\$46.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$27.00	\$33.00	\$44.00
Antipasto Salad	\$29.00	\$36.00	\$47.25
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Garlic Bread	(8) \$5.00		
Bread Sticks	(8) \$5.00		

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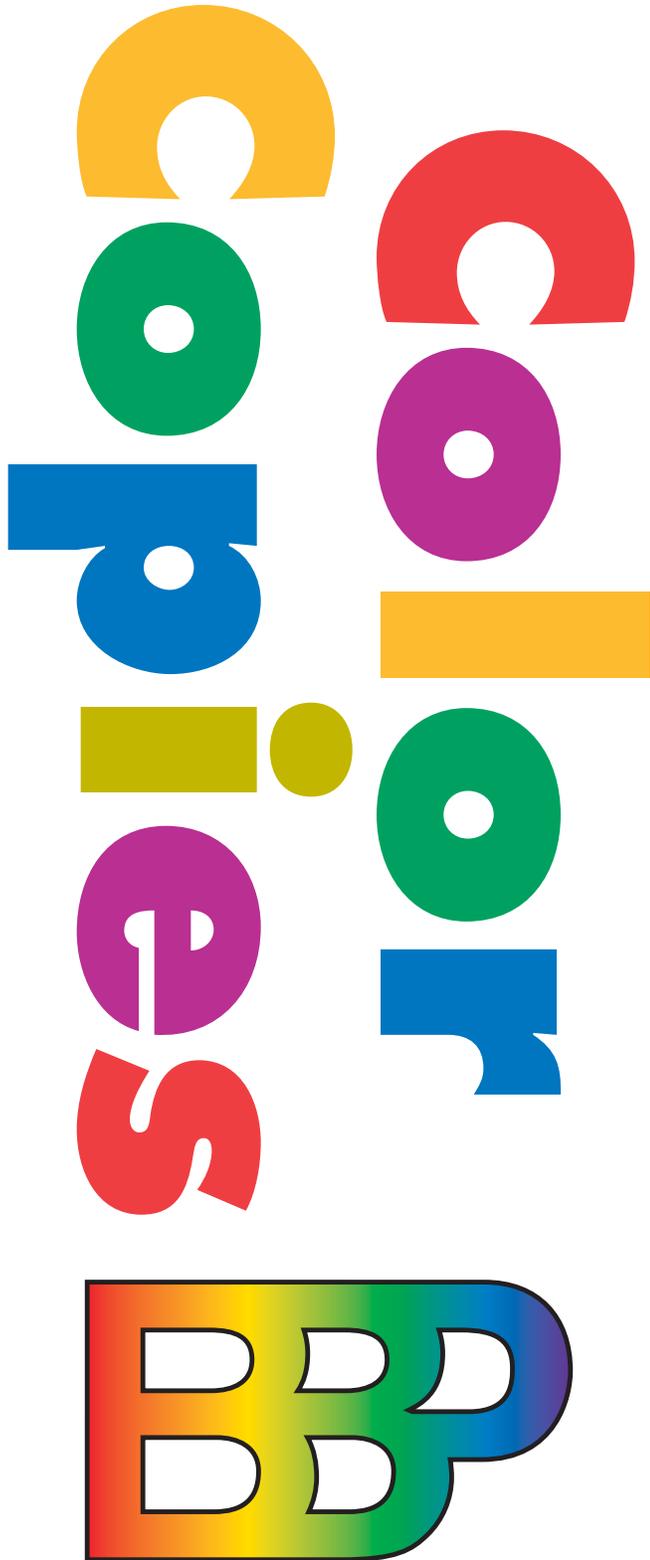
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- Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Dr. Pepper, Mountain Dew, Sierra Mist, Root Beer  
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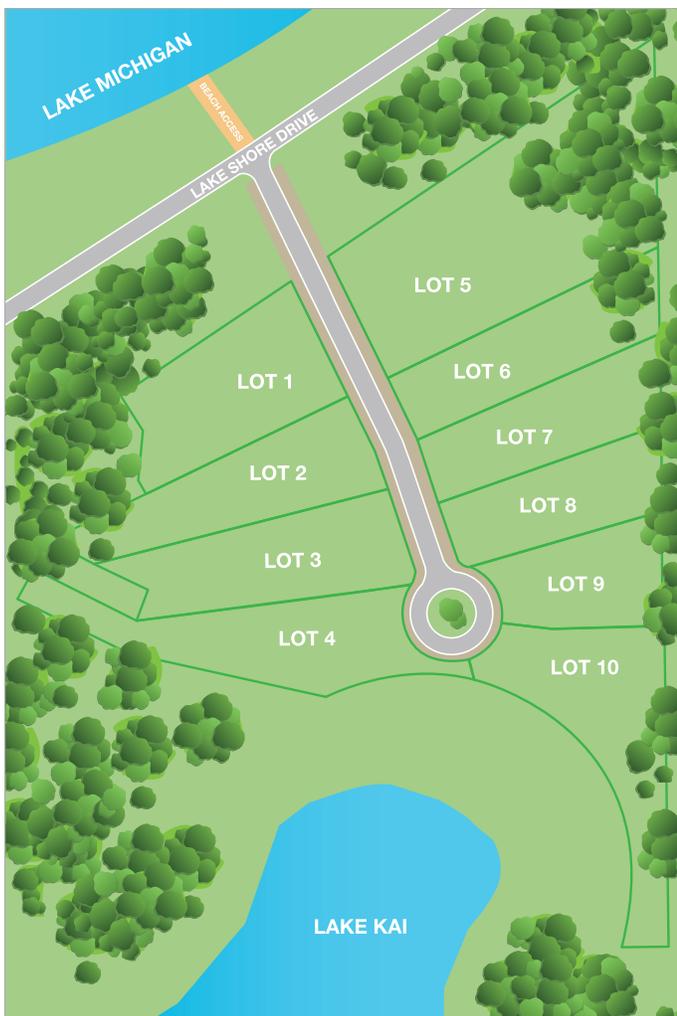
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Lot 3	\$245,000	37,800	105 x 360
Lot 4	Under	Contract	
Lot 5	Under	Contract	
Lot 6	Under	Contract	
Lot 7	\$245,000	26,370	90 x 293
Lot 8	\$245,000	20,000	80 x 250
Lot 9	\$245,000	16,4000	80 x 205
Lot 10	Under	Contract	



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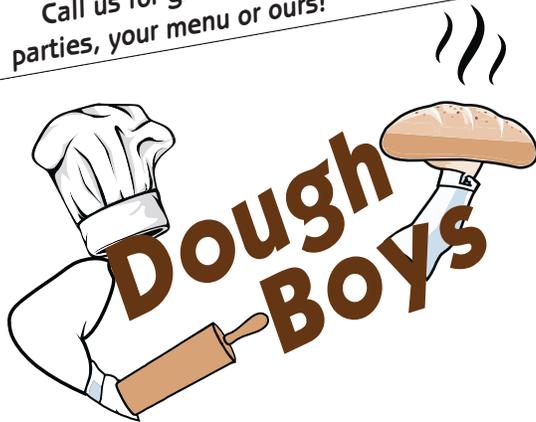
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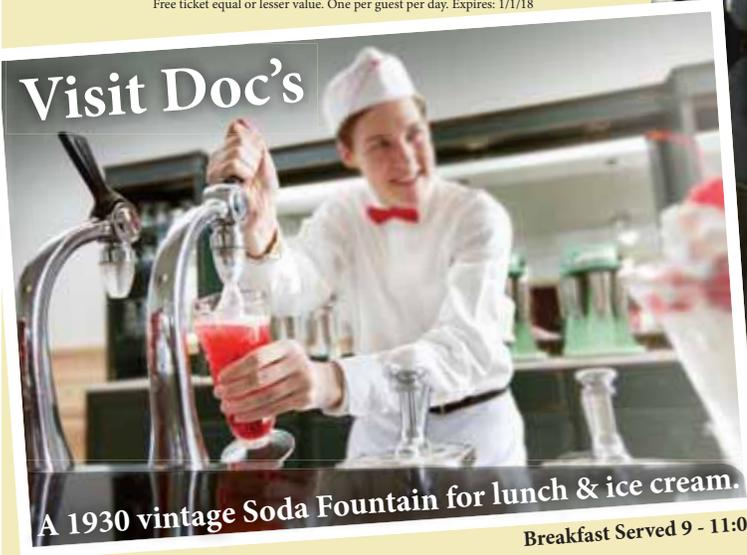
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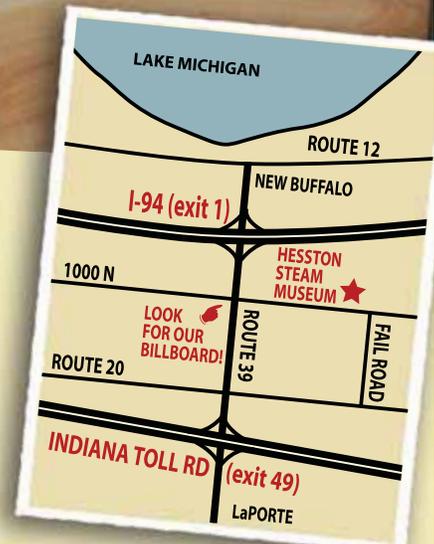
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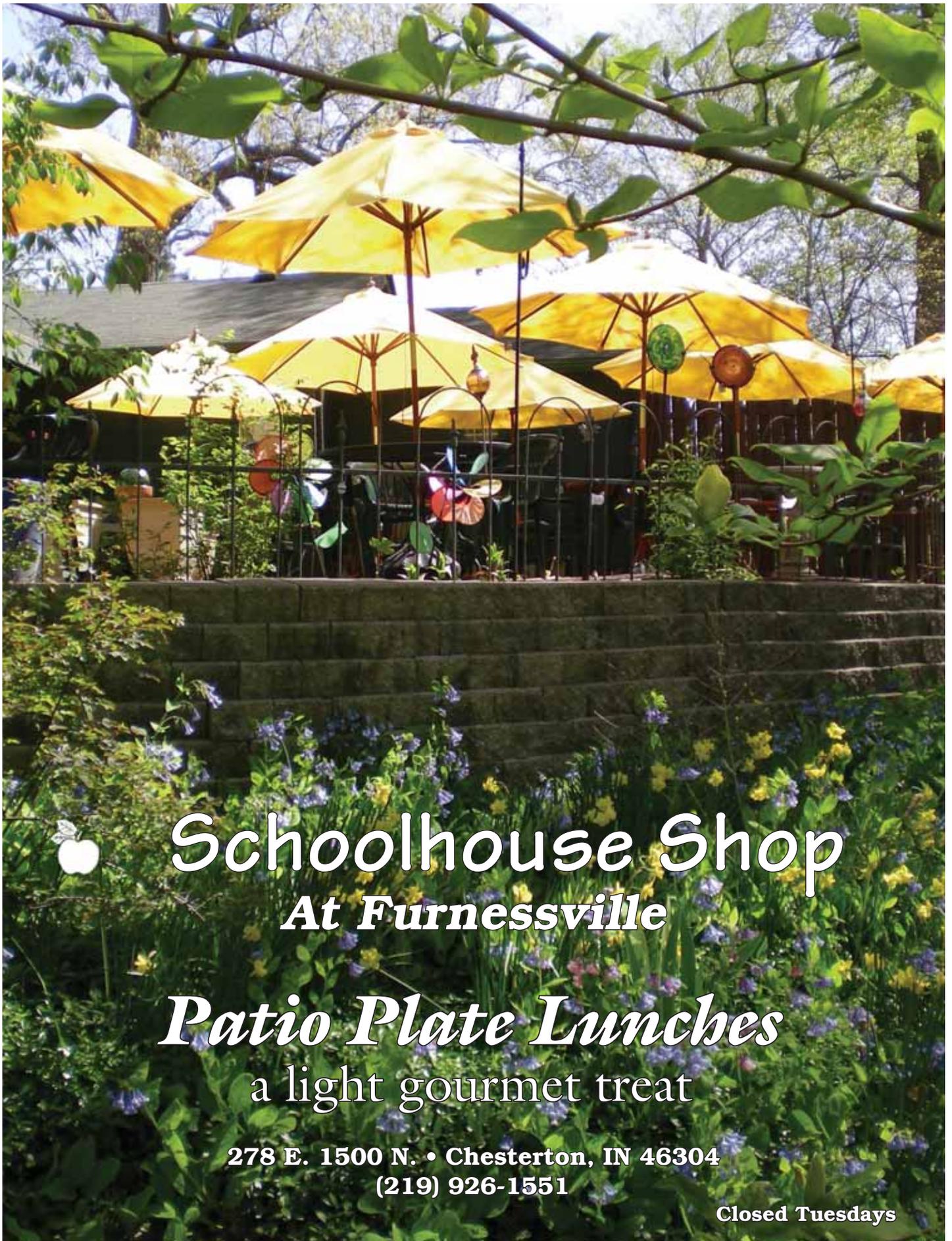
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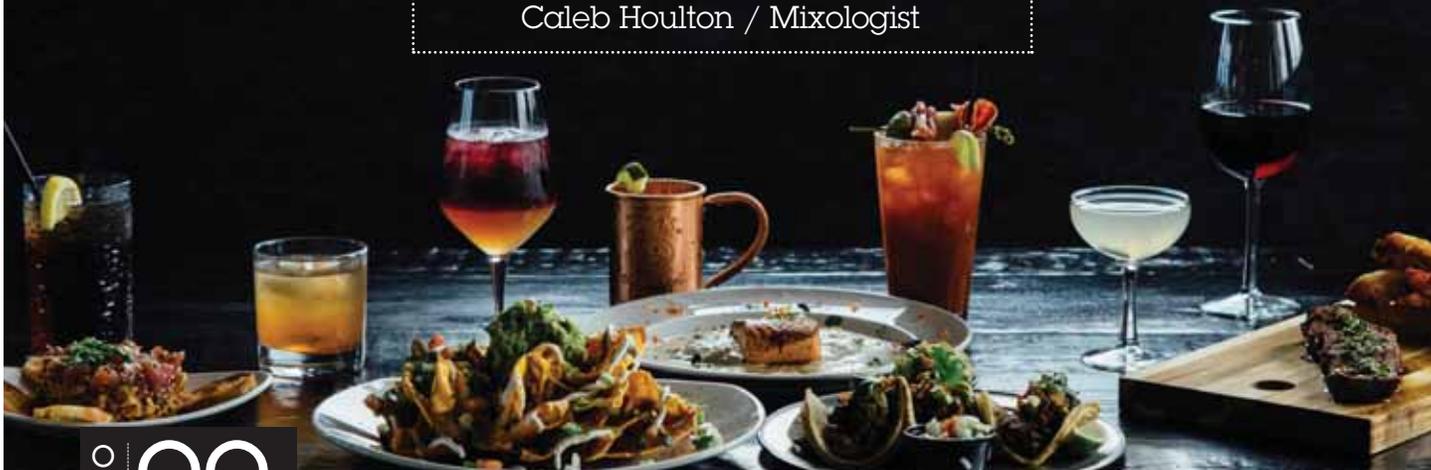
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If you are like me, looking at the pages might cause you to wonder why coloring is being touted as a form of relaxation.

To understand its popularity, a group of ladies of all ages gathered for a coloring event at Michigan City Public Library. Some arrived with a friend, others came alone, yet on that particular day, the opportunity to color was the driving force.

Spread out on a table in the library's meeting

room were numerous coloring books and a box of colored pencils. The instructions from Robin Kohn, the library's public-relations director, were to grab your pages, pencils and a chair, and get a refreshment.

Simple. Easy. Relaxing.

"People are looking for another artistic outlet where you don't have to be talented to do it," Robin said. "It's kind of like paint by the numbers."

Robin has led a few coloring events in the past.

"It's becoming so popular," she said. "Other libraries had success, so we decided to do the same thing. I thought it would be fun. It's not an expensive program to put on...You never know (the attendance), you just open it up, say come on in, use your creativity...it doesn't need to be perfect."

Colorist Susan, laughing, agreed.

"It's not being graded," she said. "It doesn't have to be graded. I can go out of the lines."

It did not take long to hear chatting throughout the room. Before long, it was a low thunder of voices and laughter permeating the room. Coloring had begun to take its relaxing effect. My coloring sheet would have to wait as I began circulating the room, curious to see why everyone came, and how they caught the coloring bug.

For friends Sally and Barbara, it is an event completely different from the typical movie they see on a Sunday afternoon. Patricia enjoys coloring, and

## The Art of Relaxation

by Connie Kuzdym

finds the library atmosphere relaxing. For Andrea, who set a goal to try new things this year, thought the event sounded interesting, that it would provide an opportunity to meet new people.

Pinterest was the driving force as to why one attendee started coloring. Indeed, one only needs to visit social media sites to see the myriad of coloring pages and groups available to coloring enthusiasts.



"It's a real good escape," Sue said.

Many of us agreed with Sue, but also with Sharon after she was asked if she colored at home.

"Oh no, because I sit at home and I see all these other things I should be doing instead," Sharon said. "That's why I wanted to come here, because it's going to force me to let that stuff go. It will be there when I get home."

My challenge with many of the art crazes is figuring out how they can be relaxing and fun. I wondered out loud if it is a personality thing. The general consensus was "yes."

Pat chimed in, making an excellent observation.

"It's probably making decisions," he said. "I hate making decisions. Just give me three colors."

Many of us lead busy lives, constantly making decisions, so when it comes to relaxation and creating, how does one balance the decision making with relaxation?

I turned to Hannah Hammond-Hagman, Lubeznik Center for the Arts education director, to see if she could better explain why these crazes catch on, and the approach to making it relaxing.

According to Hannah, the attraction of adult coloring books is that they are completely accessible. They are everywhere. They are affordable. The picture is made for you. The only decision is in the choice of colors.

"I feel like anything that becomes a trend that gets people thinking about color, shape, design, I'm all for," Hannah said.

There are so many other art mediums or hobbies that offer relaxation. As I have grown older, I have lost much of my need to have everything perfect. Life has a way of teaching you that, yet I still was



Hannah

not quite sure how artistic endeavors can be touted as relaxing.

Instead of viewing a new technique or hobby as stressful, Hannah recommends breaking it down into pieces. Keep in mind, any time you learn something new, it becomes a building block for you.

“Each step that you conquer, you get more and more comfortable with whatever is in front of you,” Hannah said. “It’s a practice, that’s what we say about music, that’s what we say about drama, and it’s the same thing with art making. The first time you touch a new thing to you, you have to let go of the expectation of perfection. That’s not the point. The point is to engage your creative brain into the process of creating something. If you love it enough, you’ll pick it up again and again.”

For perfectionists, or those who don’t want to make decisions, let go of any expectations. To me, that means simply changing my thinking of how I approach artistic endeavors.

“This is a journey. There’s no right or wrong answer...,” Hannah said. “This is your project. We are really focused on the process of doing. When you focus on the process of doing, the product will come... We want to break down the expectations right at the beginning...just go into the process of creating. If you’re really there and you’re really in it, the work will be beautiful. What matters to us is the process of actually creating the piece.”

“I would say the same thing for the coloring book. Don’t stress on the huge blank page in front of you. Just start where you start and from there, move on. Don’t be overwhelmed... take it step by step.”

Embracing the latest creative craze may have something to do with living busier lives.

“It’s not only about jobs...we’re pulled into this multitasking life... we need more time to escape,” Hannah said. “I think craft work, art work, the idea of creating something, gives us that respite. I think as we become more harried, we look more frequently for these things.”

Surfing the Internet also yields countless possibilities of what may capture our attention, and not just with coloring, Hannah says, but with other techniques and media as well.

“Any time you get into the rhythm of creating something, a similar effect can happen...There’s a repetition that happens. Your mind is allowed to kind of think about other things while focusing on

## More About the Photos

All photos of the coloring event at Michigan City Public Library were taken by Bob Wellinski.

this task.

“I also think it just feels good to create and feels good to have a sense of completion when you finish either the coloring page or whatever project that’s in front of you.”

Maybe taking a look back at history offers a glimpse into why people enjoy participating in coloring events, wine-and-canvas nights, scrapbooking and knitting groups.

“There’s something that happens in classes and workshops where you are with other people doing the same thing,” Hannah said. “Look back to women and women quilters who used to work in groups. There’s a camaraderie that happens. There’s a connection that happens, and I think when you learn to create with other people, that’s a whole other level.”

Also, there are health benefits to doing anything creative. Research shows that older adults also can benefit from creativity.

“I’m the one that’ll stand on any rooftop and say any time you are working with hand-to-brain skill, whether it’s coloring, drawing or sewing, it increases other types of cognitive skills,” Hannah said.

Crafts and the arts have a social element, inspiring an avenue to not only create amongst others, but also to share that creation with someone else.

For the Lubeznik Center, its goal is to unite people to create and teach what might not be accessible elsewhere in the community. The staff have a finger on what is trending and interesting to the general public, adjusting programs accordingly. They have expanded programming to include more family workshops where parents and children come together to create something they can treasure.

“We are always invested in creating experiences for people to come not only learning a new technique, but enjoying time here, to relax here and to really create something they treasure,” Hannah said.

As I went around the library meeting room that afternoon, there was a common thread. Even though coloring, or any other artistic endeavor one chooses to pursue, initially may not be relaxing, by sharing it with others who enjoy the same thing, that camaraderie makes it a truly relaxing experience.

“It’s a good thing to bring back up,” Andrea, a participant that day, said. “What child didn’t start off coloring, to entertain, to create.”

“Sometimes, it’s good to bring back our inner child.”





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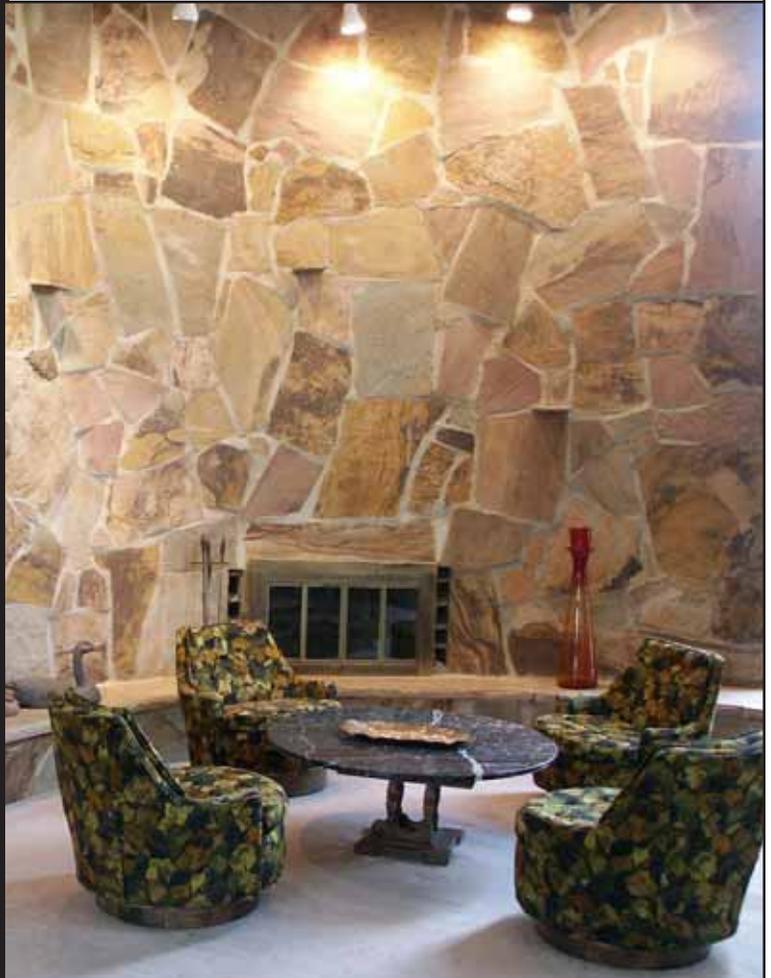
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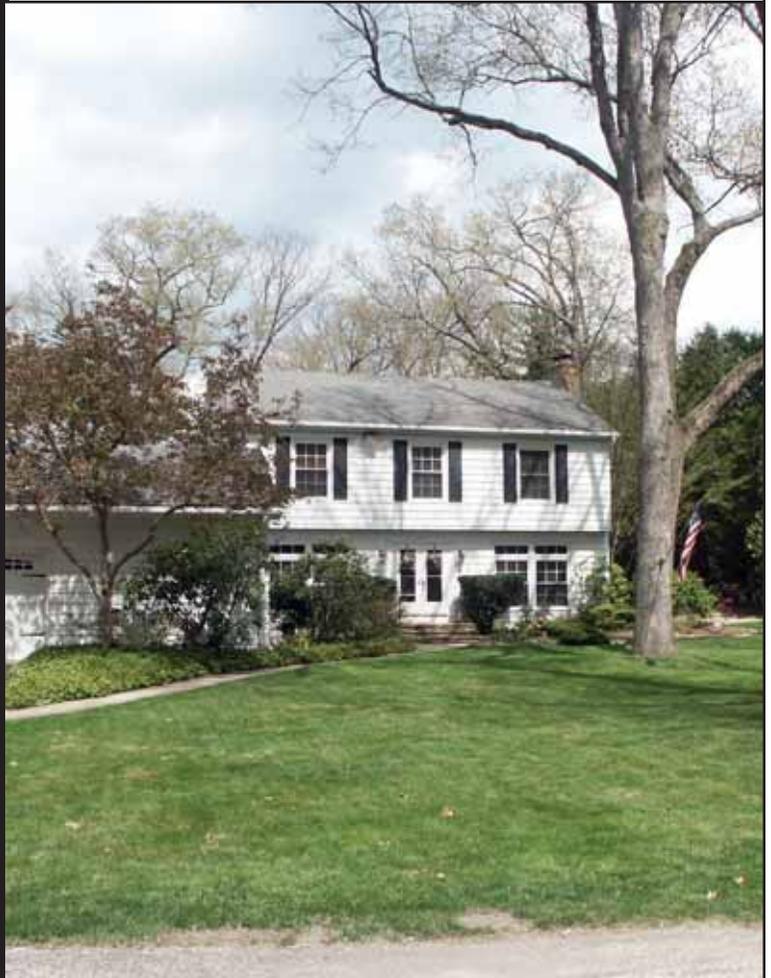
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## American Red Cross

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

- IU Health La Porte Hospital, 1007 W. Lincolnway, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 26.
- Bethany Lutheran Church, 102 G St., La Porte, 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 30.

*Donate blood May 26-30 and receive a Red Cross visor while supplies last. Donors must be in good general health and feeling well, at least 17 (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Call (800) 733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for more details.*

## Radio Harbor Country BikeNBrunch

Radio Harbor Country’s BikeNBrunch, hailed as a boutique bike ride and gourmet brunch, is Sunday June 4.

Rides exist for every level, with 15, 30 and 45-mile loops. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. EDT, followed by the ride at 9 a.m. EDT, then a farm brunch, an artist’s studio tour and art raffle. The brunch features locally grown food prepared by Harbor Country restaurants and growers.

Visit [radioharborcountry.org](http://radioharborcountry.org) to register, with registration limited to the first 150 riders. Email [bikenbrunch.wrhc@gmail.com](mailto:bikenbrunch.wrhc@gmail.com) or call (815) 341-5919 for details.

## Cancer Avengers Bake Sale

The Cancer Avengers Relay For Life Team will host a bake sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 26, at Purdue Federal Credit Union, 3404 Monroe St., La Porte.

Contact Michelle Williams at [curley138@yahoo.com](mailto:curley138@yahoo.com) for more information.

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## Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

*The following programs are available at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:*

• **Mount Baldy Sunset Hike from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 26.**

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.

• **Backpacking for Fitness from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

Park ranger Kip Walton and volunteer T.J. Caraccii will lead a short presentation before heading to Chellberg Farm for a hike. The experience stresses how to get stronger, burn calories, have a healthier heart and improve posture. Dress for the weather, and take a comfortable backpack weighing 10 to 20 pounds, including water.

• **Campground Program from 8 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at Dunewood Campground.**

Join a ranger around the campfire to learn about the diversity of park resources encountered on the Dunes Scavenger Hunt. The campground is at Broadway and U.S. 12 in Beverly Shores.

• **Pinhook Bog Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 23.**

Tour the bog and talk to rangers stationed along the trail who explain the unique area filled with carnivorous plants. Arrive by 2 p.m. to allow about one hour to walk the trail and tour the bog. The bog parking lot is located at 700 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City.

• **Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm Open House from 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, May 28.**

Tour the Chellberg Farmhouse and Bailly Homestead to learn about the lives of early Duneland farm families. The parking lot is on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 20 and 12 in Porter.

• **Miller Woods Hike from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 20.**

Join a park ranger for a hike through an oak savanna. The hike varies in length depending on the interest and abilities of visitors. Wear sturdy shoes, and take water and insect repellent.

*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.*

## Indiana Dunes State Park

*The following programs are offered:*

**Friday, May 26**

• **Dunes Sunset Creek Hike from 8 to 9 p.m.**

Meet at the campground gate to explore plant and animal life while looking for evening signs of life.

**Saturday, May 27**

• **3 p.m. — The Incredible Journey.**

Meet a naturalist at the Nature Center to explore the twists and turns a single drop of water takes in Northwest Indiana before it reaches Lake Michigan. A water game and craft are planned.

**Sunday, May 28**

• **10 a.m. — A High Tech Scavenger Hunt.**

Meet at the Nature Center to learn about geocaching, and take a stab at finding one. Prizes for children are planned.

• **3 p.m. — Shipwreck Tales.**

Meet at the Nature Center to hear tales of death and tragedy on Lake Michigan.

**Monday, May 29**

• **3 p.m. — Turtle Time.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at turtles that live in the dunes, then get in a circle and let them crawl around.

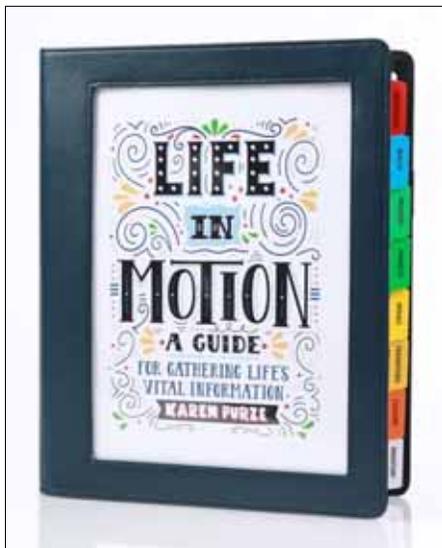
**Sunday/Tuesday/Thursday through Sept. 3.**

• **Beach Yoga — 9 to 10 a.m.**

The Duneland YMCA will offer beach yoga at the main beach by the pavilion. The cost is \$10 per session. Call (219) 926-4204 to register, or just show up.

*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.*

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Donna Hennard Hole 16  
Adele O'Donnell Hole 4  
Kathy Peters Holes 7, 11

#### Birdies

Carol Excel Hole 3  
Peg King Hole 3, 14

## Chapel Open House

A free open house is from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, May 29, at Seth Eason Memorial Chapel in Pine Lake Cemetery, 1367 Pine Lake Ave., La Porte.

Eason was a member of Hall, Weaver & Co. Bank, a retired farmer and Pine Lake Cemetery Association board president. After his death, his daughters, Cynthia and Sadie, and widow, Paulina, built the chapel and dedicated it as a memorial on Dec. 8, 1912. It then was presented to the Pine Lake Cemetery Association.

Because of its age and the weather, the chapel suffered major deterioration. With no trust fund nor arrangements established for its care, starting a fund for contributions was needed to ensure money would be available for maintenance. The roof replacement was completed in 1994. Interior work included restoration of the stained glass windows, much of the woodwork and pulpit area.

At the open house, information will be available about the Eason family and the restoration work, as well as much of Pine Lake Cemetery's history.



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## Brauer Museum Summer Exhibits

Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art has announced two summer displays that run through Aug. 6.

The exhibits involve new acquisitions to the permanent collection in the Wehling, McGill and West galleries.

"Duneland on Display: Works by the Duneland Plein Air Painters" appears in the Ferguson Gallery. Members record their impressions on Northwest Indiana scenes while dealing with elements of nature. A gallery talk is planned at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 12.

Jon Hook and Andrea Peterson's "Botanical Lore, Legend & Transformation" continues in Gallery 1212 through Aug. 6.

Summer museum hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Visit [valpo.edu/brauer-museum-of-art](http://valpo.edu/brauer-museum-of-art) for more information.

## Learn Bridge in a Day Seminar

Long Beach resident Marci Meyer will conduct a "Learn Bridge in a Day" seminar from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, at Michigan City Senior Center in Washington Park.

The \$20 cost includes lesson materials and snacks. An ideal introduction, participants learn how to bid and play a bridge hand, and are encouraged to continue with classes or playing with friends.

Meyer regularly conducts bridge lessons each summer in the beach area. She is an American Contract Bridge League Accredited Bridge Teacher, an Audrey Grant Accredited Bridge Teacher, a Licensed & Accredited Learn Bridge in A Day instructor and an ACBL club director. She has been appointed as a lifetime member to the ACBL National Charity Committee and is a Silver Life Master.

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## Auditions Set For Three Oaks Pageant Celebrating Sesquicentennial

by M.D. Cunningham

Oscar-nominated director John Hancock looks to fill 20 spots for “Three Oaks Against the World,” the upcoming pageant that celebrates the village’s sesquicentennial.

Hancock, whose credits include “Bang the Drum Slowly” and “Prancer,” calls the show written by Three Oaks Poet Laureate Allen Turner a “historically accurate, moving” production.

Auditions are from 2 to 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, June 4, at The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive. Experienced and inexperienced adult and child actors are welcome.

Hancock joked that with a cast this size, he’ll have lots of “power” bossing actors around, but clarified the joke, noting his sincere excitement to be returning to Three Oaks to direct a play he knows will be fun to participate in and well-received by audiences.

“Wonderful people like to go there (Acorn Theater). It’s a huge asset to Three Oaks,” he said, complimenting the venue’s charming interior.

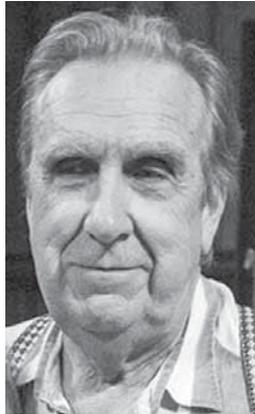
“That and the Vickers (Theatre) were the beginning of the growth in Three Oaks.”

Hancock has made four full-length films in the Three Oaks area: “Prancer,” “A Piece of Eden,” “Suspended Animation” and most recently “The Looking Glass.” People in the area, he said, always offer “beautiful cooperation.”

He added, “It’s a wonderful place to work. There’s a lot of talent here.”

Performances, which are Sept. 8-9, will be recorded to preserve this aspect of the village’s history amid its 150th anniversary.

Contact show producer Carrie Ehlert at ehlert-carrie@gmail.com for more details.



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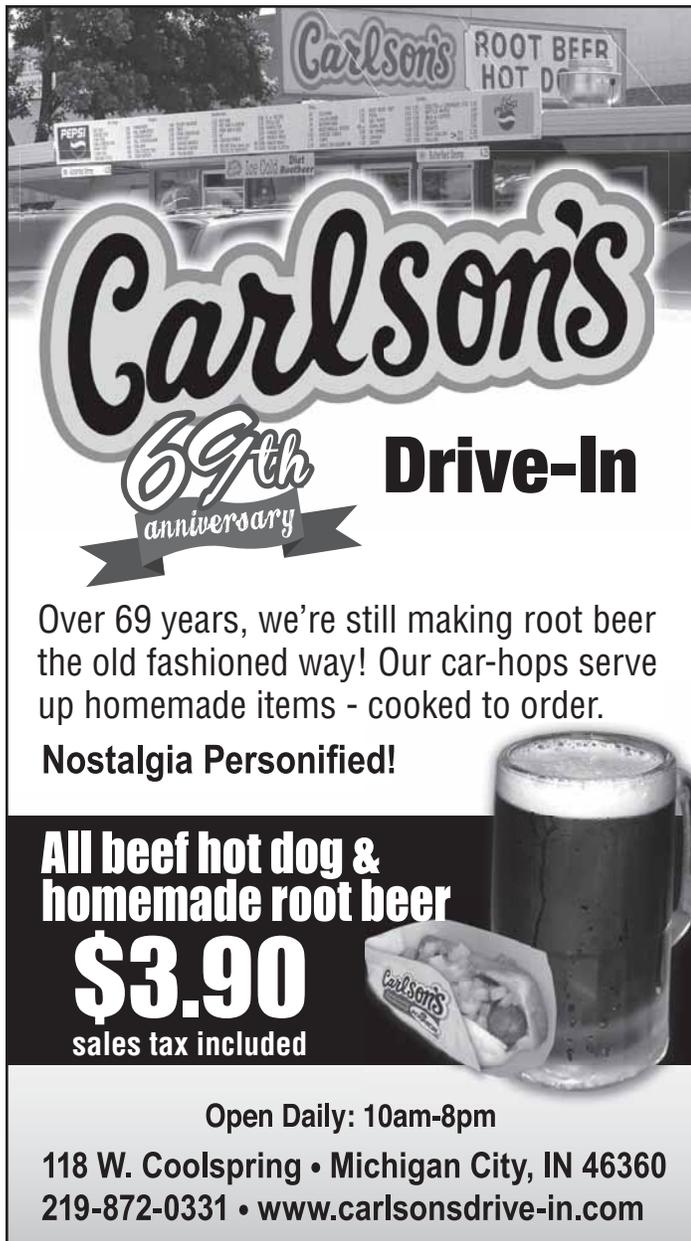
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The event is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 23 at Thomas Centennial Park in downtown Chesterton. Participants, who must be 18 or older, can enter as a live street artist or art vendor.

Visit [www.hookedonartfestival.com](http://www.hookedonartfestival.com) to apply. The early deadline yields up to 60 percent off the registration cost. Now, the fees are \$10 to enter the Chalk Art Competition, \$50 to demonstrate and sell art and \$35 to be an art vendor

Final registration is open through Aug. 31.

With \$2,000 in cash prizes, the Festival Chalk Art Competition is open for entries. First place receives \$1,000, second place takes \$750 and third place receives \$250.

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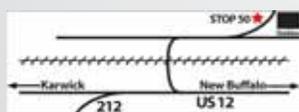
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### Movin' 'n Groovin' Fitness Fun

The free all-ages program meets at 7:45 a.m. Thursday, May 25 (the first 10 receive a water bottle), and June 1, 8 and 15 at Luhr County Park's Morgan Shelter, 3178 S. County Road 150 West.

Participants in the self-paced program will walk, stretch and use exercise equipment overlooking the pond. No pre-registration is required.

### Kids Fishing Fun Day

A morning of free all-ages catch-and-release fishing is from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 3, at Luhr Park Pond.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. A limited amount of bait and poles will be available.

No pre-registration is required. Northwest Indiana Steelheaders is the event co-sponsor.

### Lordy, Lordy, the Parks Department turns 40

The county parks will celebrate the department's 40th anniversary and Luhr park's 30th birthday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at Luhr.

The event is free. Cake and ice cream are planned, and a photo scavenger hunt is planned. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is required.

### 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. 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.

### Girls' Night Out — Mommy & Me Pamper Party

The event for mothers and daughters 6 and older is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, at Luhr County Park Nature Center.

The evening includes mini-pedicures, foot soaks and a craft. Participants also will learn at-home spa activities. Everything is provided. Wear comfortable clothes, take flip flops and if possible a favorite nail polish. Snacks will be served.

The cost is \$10 per couple, and \$2 for each additional daughter. A minimum of six and a maximum of 20 people are required. Pre-registration and payment are required on or before May 31.

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## Michigan City High School Boys & Girls State Delegates



Boys delegates include (from left) Loukas Karallas, Davionne Garrett and Ali Hakim.



Girls delegates include (from left) Makayla Williams, Jenna Stevenson and Sydney Kohn.

Six Michigan City High School juniors have been selected as delegates for the 2017 Hoosier Boys and Girls State programs.

The week-long programs are in mid-June at Trine University, Angola, Ind.

Hoosier State programs educate teens about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. They work with more than 600 other high-schoolers from across Indiana, creating their own

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**Chamber Golf Outing**

The Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce annual golf outing is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, at Pottawattomie Country Club, 1900 Springland Ave.

The event is open to chamber and non-chamber members. Individual golfers and foursomes can sign up to play at MichiganCityChamber.com. Lunch and dinner are included.

Businesses are encouraged to participate as sponsors, with a variety of sponsorship levels available. Call (219) 874-6221 for more information.

**Harbor Country Book Club**

Harbor Country Book Club will discuss Atul Gawande's "Being Mortal" at 6:30 p.m. EDT Thursday, May 25, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

The next selection is Frederick Backman's "A Man Called Ove."

**Michigan City Food Truck Festival**

The Michigan City Food Truck Festival is from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, in Washington Park's Fedder's Alley.

Games also are planned. Visit [www.michigan-cityparks.com](http://www.michigan-cityparks.com) for more details.



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• **Poetry Slam Camp on June 19-23.**

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• **Holiday closings.**

The library will be closed Sunday and Monday for Memorial Day.

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

### Relay for Life Fundraiser

Relay for Life will hold a Port-a-Pit chicken fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at Al's East, 702 Lincolnway, La Porte.

Chicken costs \$6.50 and potatoes \$3.50. Pre-sale tickets are guaranteed until noon. Call Shea Peckat at (219) 608-8920

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### In the Area:

**May 25** — Harbor Country Book Club, Atul Grawande's "Being Mortal," 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

**May 25-28, June 1-4** — Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Sunset Boulevard," 4th Street Theater, 125 Fourth St., Chesterton. Times: 3 p.m. Sun./8 p.m. all other times. Tickets: \$20. Reservations: (219) 926-7875, www.brownpapertickets.com

**May 26** — Michigan City Community Chorus spring concert, 7 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1237 E. Coolspring Ave. Free; donations accepted. Info: (219) 874-4035.

**May 26** — Mount Baldy Sunset Hike, 7-8:30 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Reservations: (219) 395-1882.

**May 26** — Dunes Sunset Creek Hike, 8-9 p.m., campground gate @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**May 26-29** — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "Their Finest." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* "The Zookeeper's Wife." Rated PG-13. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 2:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

**May 27** — Backpacking for Fitness, noon-3 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

**May 27** — Teen Movie Night: "Split," 5 p.m., The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

**May 27** — Artist reception, Sherry Giryotas/Philip Shore, 6-9 p.m. EDT, Judy Ferrara Gallery, 16 S. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Info: judyferrara@gmail.com

**May 27** — Journeyman — Tribute to Eric Clapton, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$20-\$30. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

**May 27-28** — Michigan City Food Truck Festival, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Washington Park's Fedder's Alley. Info: www.michigancityparks.com

**May 27-29** — Hesston Steam Museum, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, La Porte. Train fares: \$5/adults, \$3/children 3-12. Info: www.hesston.org

**May 28** — A High Tech Scavenger Hunt, 10 a.m., Nature Center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

### May 29 — MEMORIAL DAY.

**May 29** — Blessing of the Fleet/pancake breakfast, 9 a.m., Michigan City Yacht Club. Breakfast tickets: \$10/adults, \$6/children 12 & younger. Reservations: tinyurl.com/kpttmjf

**May 30** — Beatles Trivia Night, 7-8:30 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

**May 31** — Cocktails for a Cure (La Porte County

Relay for Life fundraiser), 5-8 p.m., Patrick's Grille, 4125 Franklin St. Advance tickets: \$10. Reservations: (219) 851-3418.

**Saturdays** — St. Stanislaus Catholic Church farmers market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., parking lot next to tennis courts. Info: ssmcfarmersmarket@gmail.com, (219) 851-1785.

**Saturdays** — La Porte Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Lincolnway & Monroe. Info: www.facebook.com/laportefarmersmarket

**Saturdays** — Pinhook Bog Open House, noon-3 p.m., 700 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City. Through Sept. 23. Info: (219) 395-1882.

**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**

**May 26** — Tall Grass Prairie Walk, 2-3:30 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Cost: \$12, \$10/members. Info: (269) 695-6491, www.fernwoodbotanical.org

**May 31** — Berrien Conservation District Native Plant Presentation and Sale, 1 p.m. EDT, Bridgman (Mich.) Public Library, 4460 Lake St

**Support Groups**

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

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**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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## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

**All the Gallant Men: The First Memoir by a USS Arizona Survivor** (hardcover, \$25.99 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

Flags flying! Bands marching! Speeches given! It's Memorial Day — the special American holiday to honor and remember all the men and women who served and died in service of our country. A very special day, indeed. So, for this week's recommendation, I have found a book written last year by a World War II sailor whose personal memories of Pearl Harbor will touch your heart and remind us why Memorial Day is so important.

Why did Donald Stratton decide to write this book? In his forward, he tells us: *"It's important to me that the experiences of my shipmates and of other sailors, soldiers, and Marines who fought that day be included. They deserve to be heard, even though they are gone...Especially because they are gone."*

Last year was the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, *"a day that will live in infamy"* and forced America into the war we tried so hard to avoid. That sneak attack on our Hawaiian naval station threw us into the war with an anger and fervor that would not be satisfied until Germany and Japan were crushed. America mobilized like no other country in history.

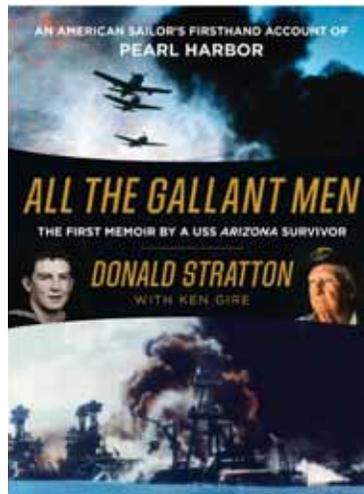
The *USS Arizona* was one of the battleships hard hit that day. Of more than 1,100 sailors onboard, only 335 survived, and as the years rolled by, only five were still alive as of 2016. Donald Stratton, now 94, was one of them.

Along with Ken Gire, Stratton has written a personal memoir that should be read by every adult and placed in every school in America. This book is much more than what happened on Dec. 7, 1941. Stratton goes back to how it all began, not just for him and his family, but for the Nebraska farmland he grew up in, and the country as a whole.

What makes this book so special is the way it is written. I felt like I was sitting one on one with Stratton, sharing a cup of coffee and a lifetime of memories. Stratton's story flows smoothly, no embellishments, no bragging, just a simple man telling his story.

He was born in 1922 in a place called Inavale, Neb., a place he said is not large enough to qualify as a town. His father was a sharecropper who served in World War I. As more and more farms were foreclosed, the Strattons had to leave Inavale and move to Red Cloud, Neb.

Stratton goes into detail about life in the Depres-



sion and the Dust Bowl years. Let's face it, life at that time was hard for everyone, but families pulled together, pooled their resources, made do with the little they had and persevered.

After graduation from high school in 1940, there was little work, and like many of his age, military service promised regular pay, regular meals and training. Stratton signed up with the naval recruiter. He was 19.

Stratton takes us through basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Illinois, and his subsequent assignment on the *USS Arizona*. He explains in detail the ship and the daily routine. They arrive at Pearl Harbor in April 1940.

By November 1941, the *USS Arizona* was supposed to go back to the states for an overhaul. That would have meant Christmas 1941 could be spent at home. There was an unfortunate accident with the *USS Oklahoma*, resulting in the *USS Arizona* being put in dry dock and hope of going home for Christmas canceled...Bad luck.

In real time, we read of what went down that Dec. 7 morning. During the battle, Stratton suffered burns on 65 percent of his body. Eventually, he was sent to Mare Island, a medical compound 25 miles northeast of San Francisco. *"Skin grafts, operations, rehab, plenty of pain, and a lot of just learning to live with what they couldn't fix."*

As he slowly healed, Stratton followed the war's progression on the radio. In September 1942, he received a Medical Discharge and Purple Heart from the military. Back in Red Cloud, Stratton was restless. The main thing bothering him — *"What was I doing here?"* Yup. After a year at home, Stratton thought of re-enlisting. On Feb. 26, 1944, he showed up at the draft board. He had to go through basic training — again — and was assigned to the *USS Stack*, which was ordered to the Pacific during the naval campaign for New Guinea, the Philippines and Okinawa.

It is made very clear that Stratton is a man of faith and honor bound to family and country. Is he a prime example of what has been called *"the greatest generation"*? No doubt in my mind.

*Library Journal*: "An intimate account. ... A powerful voice."

*Military.com*: "An amazing story, and we're lucky that Don Stratton decided to share it."

*Cal Thomas (nationally syndicated columnist)*: "...Stratton's book reminds us of a better America, an America that was strong in character, not just military power. ... As Stratton reminds us, true greatness comes from within."

Till next time, happy reading!



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**2810 Lyndale Way**  
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**\$525,000**

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**805 Birch Tree Lane**  
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**302 Birch Tree Lane**  
**Michigan City**  
**\$130,000**

Move right in and make yourself at home! This wonderful condo has updated kitchen, crown molding and tasteful neutral decor. Affordable living with many amenities! Enjoy the pool or trek on down to the beach! Association dues include heat, water, basic cable and common area maintenance.



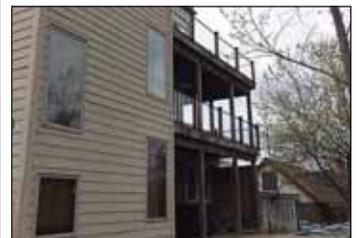
**1026 Lake Shore Drive**  
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**\$710,000**

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**100 Lake Shore Dr Unit #305**  
**Michigan City**  
**\$400,000**

Living at the beach is all about relaxing and enjoying life. This Dunescape turnkey condo 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, new indoor 50' x 25' heated swimming pool, upgraded gym facilities, sauna/hot tub, locker rooms and a kiddie pool, plus pvt garage parking.



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