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# A Heart Full of Love

by Andrew Tallackson

Once a week, the other-abled adults of Sharing Meadows meet for lunch, the meal prepared by one of the homes on the 185-acre residential community in Rolling Prairie.

On this day, the spectacular feast, presented family style, consists of baked chicken, salad, green beans and cake. It is a festive occasion. There are birthdays to celebrate. Sister Drosella, a nun from Tanzania new to Sharing Meadows, makes a slow, theatrical procession, carrying a cheery, artificial cupcake. Behind her is one of the villagers, who carries a gift bag, and volunteer Kevin Noland.

Smiles ripple through the villagers, even the birthday girl herself, who maintains an air of re-

pose, though whispers of a smile emerge.

A few moments later, the villagers participate in a sing-along. The first line of each verse opens with "We're so glad..." followed by a kind, thoughtful sentiment about how the day has unfolded. A rhythmic chant fills the room each time, followed by rounds of applause. The bond between the villagers is tangible. Stirring.

One villager stands to offer a birthday wish to the honoree.

"I love you so much," he says, folding his hands across his chest. "In my heart."

A chorus of "awws" circulates throughout the room. The sing-along officially comes to a close.

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Kathleen Kelly helps lead the Sharing Meadows villagers in song. All photos by Paul Kemiell

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Having lead the group in song is Kathleen Kelly. For more than 30 years, she and Father Dennis Blaney have been the driving forces behind the residential community for other-abled adults, with Kelly having served more than 25 of those as executive director

Now, Kelly's time with Sharing Meadows nears a close as she will retire Dec. 31. A celebration in her honor was held Nov. 12.

As Kelly sits back down to continue her interview with *The Beacher*, a villager approaches her. He'd been listening to the conversation before the sing-along.

"I'm going to miss you," he tells Kelly. She smiles. "Oh," she replies, gently placing a hand on his, "you've got me for a little while longer."

**B**laney, now 85, refers to Kelly as "the sunshine of my life." The description is apropos to how the villagers, and everyone at Sharing Meadows, view her.

"I will miss the villagers very much," Kelly said of her pending retirement. "They are like my extended family. My heart will always be here."

Born in Chicago, yet raised in Michigan City, the Marquette Catholic High School graduate has known Blaney for more than 40 years. They met around 1975, when Blaney needed volunteers to teach religious education to adults with disabilities. She subsequently joined his parish at the time, Sa-

cred Heart Church.

"He really had a kindness, a compassion for other-abled adults," Kelly said of Blaney. "His sense of humor, we really connected.

"Maybe," she adds, chuckling, "we connected because we're both Irish."

As time went on, Blaney set Kelly to task with more projects, more responsibility. Raising five children in Michigan City, Blaney had no issue with



Kathleen Kelly chats with Sharing Meadows villagers as they enjoy their lunch.

Kelly bringing her kids to work, so his commitment, his passion, for helping people with disabilities became not only Kelly's, but her children's as well. By coordinating efforts for other-abled adults throughout the Gary diocese, including a summer camp, Kelly and Blaney realized a

scarcity of opportunities for socialization existed.

"These other-abled adults," Kelly said, "they thrived in a community setting. They needed more than just one week in the summer."

The seeds for Sharing Meadows, inspired by the group home concept, had now been planted. Land was acquired in Rolling Prairie, and the 185-acre sight debuted in 1994 under the umbrella of Share Foundation for the Handicapped. Kelly came on board as executive director in 1991, Share Foundation officials realizing someone was needed full time to keep the endeavor moving along smoothly.

Sharing Meadows consists of five villages: St. John, St. Vincent, St. Theresa, St. Jane and St. Joan, and St. Mary and St. Joseph. Each village consists of three homes. Each home is occupied by two adults and a full-time steward, who manages

the home, providing guidance and companionship. Right now, Kelly is temporarily staying at one of the villages, filling a vacancy left by one of the stewards. So, her commitment to the residential community is, in every sense of the term, 24/7.

The villagers keep busy at Sharing Meadows, their daily work schedules balancing vocational training with building bird feeders and birdhouses, ceramics workshops and computer labs.

What Kelly discovered, if she was to be successful as executive director, was that she needed to embrace a simple concept.

Empathy.



Father Dennis Blaney calls Kathleen Kelly "the sunshine of my life."

"I needed to put myself in their place," she said of the villagers. "They needed to be treated like everyone else. That was the most important lesson. They wanted a chance in the world. They needed to be taken seriously."

That compassion, Kelly said, extended to the parents of villagers as well.

"The parents need hope for their children's future, and they need their own support system," Kelly said. "We all need to belong. Somehow, some way."

Another major task for Kelly, and everyone involved with Share Foundation, is raising money to support its mission. The enterprise receives no government funding. All financial support is raised through donations and fundraisers. Ironically, Kelly says, that aspect to her position has been relatively easy. Take a look, for instance, at Share Foundation's annual Leprechaun Hunt, where thousands of people arrive to track down the many Leprechauns hidden throughout the property in hopes of winning cash prizes.

Financially, Kelly emphasizes, Share Foundation is doing fine. In fact, work is proceeding splendidly on the new Sharing Meadows senior center. Villagers may range in age from 24 to 63, but it's impor-

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tant to cater to the needs of the community's gray-ing population, Kelly says.

What consistently proves challenging, by comparison, is finding the right people to serve as stewards in the respective villages.

"It's not a job," Kelly says, "but a calling. A mission. You need a person with a great deal of patience, who accepts people who are different.

"You can't try to change our villagers. You have to accept them for who they are."



Sister Drosella, joined by a villager and volunteer Kevin Noland, leads a birthday procession during lunch.

When Kelly retires, she won't entirely part ways with Sharing Meadows. She still intends to volunteer from time to time. The Michigan City resident also wants to devote more time to her church, St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Parish, as well as Michigan City's Homeward Bound, which helps families end the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

Top priority, though, is "more grandma time." Some of her grandchildren live elsewhere in Indiana, others in Atlanta and North Carolina. She's missed school programs, soccer matches. Now, she says, is the time for her to embrace more of that.

Sharing Meadows, however, will remain forever tucked away in her heart.

"I hope when people remember me, they remember that I cared about the other abled, that I recognized the gifts they have," she said.

"These people love unconditionally, and I hope people continue to recognize that. If people can remember me for that, then I have been successful."



Kathleen stops to chat with one of the villagers.



Kathleen Kelly and Father Dennis Blaney are photographed with the villagers of Sharing Meadows.

## Stories, Photos Sought on Past Blizzards for Beacher Series

by Andrew Tallackson

The last thing anyone wants to think about right now is snow, correct? Halloween decorations were put away a few weeks ago. Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Why factor treacherous blizzards into the equation?

Here's why.

January 2018 commences a milestone year. It marks the 60th anniversary of the 1958 blizzard and the 40th anniversary of the 1978 one. Both virtually shut down the region.

The Beacher's Bill Halliar is working on a two-part series about each storm that will run in early January 2018. The first installment will focus on 1958 and



Joe Fiege delivers milk amid mounds of snow in 1958 at Seventh and Washington streets. Photo courtesy of Mike Fleming

the second on 1978.

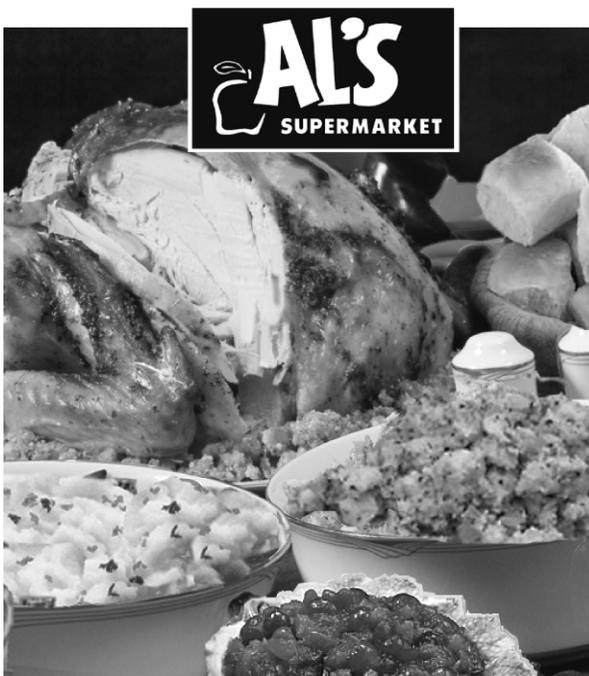
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We have a fair amount of photos from the 1958 storm courtesy of our go-to archivist, Mike Fleming. However, we are sorely lacking in pictures from 1978. Your memories and photos of either storm will help paint a complete

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## Latest Spin on Agatha Christie Whodunit is a Class Act

by Andrew Tallackson



The stellar cast of "Murder on the Orient Express."

"Murder on the Orient Express," Kenneth Branagh's luxuriant spin on the oft-told classic, swells to Agatha Christie's infamous twist, yet the revelation, itself, is not what yields the sucker punch. It's the somber fallout from the crime that is unexpectedly moving.

The formula for any Agatha Christie whodunit, whether it be Hercule Poirot or Miss Marple, is foolproof...and easily adaptable into cinema. A morally suspect individual meets a grisly fate. Questions are asked, interrogations made, before the detective delivers one whopper of a verdict.

Branagh and screenwriter Michael Green ("Logan," "Blade Runner 2049") do not test the Christie template, but the squareness of their movie is its charm. How rare is it these days to see a big studio film take its time. Where a director, through lighting, costumes and makeup, plays up the allure of a beautiful actress to the hilt.

Branagh is accused of vanity for casting himself as the lead in his own productions ("Henry V," "Hamlet," the great "Dead Again"). Truth is, Branagh is a force in front of the screen *and* behind it. He also is exceedingly generous. You want stars? In "Murder on the Orient Express," Branagh gives you Penélope Cruz, Willem Dafoe, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp, Josh Gad, Derek Jacobi, Leslie Odom Jr., Michelle Pfeiffer and Daisy Ridley. The best of the best.

The story is vintage Christie. The great detective Hercule Poirot (Branagh) finds himself on the Orient Express, occupied by a mixed bag of the wealthy and mysterious, when American businessman Samuel Ratchett (Depp, scummy) is found brutally slain

in bed. It is a crime ripe for the keenly observant Poirot, who gradually uncovers how each passenger might have wanted Ratchett dead.

Green's script includes a few tweaks on its source. It hints at complications of race and religion among pre-World War II's elite. It delves more into the mind of Poirot who, like Benedict Cumberbatch's autistic(ish) Sherlock Holmes on PBS, balances brilliance with social awkwardness.

True, Branagh's camera is its own biggest fan. As director, he frequently observes the action from strange perches. But the look of the picture, crisply captured by cinematographer Haris Zambarloukos, is gorgeous, amping up the color palettes and deftly applying CGI to the exotic landscapes. The storytelling is economical, too, affording the cast moments that breathe life into the characters. We expect Pfeiffer and Dench to barge through scenes like they own them, but there are quieter surprises, particularly Ridley ("Star Wars Episode Seven: The Force Awakens"), who alternates between charm, confidence and heartbreak.

Green's screenplay expertly charts the links between each character so when the big reveal arrives – brilliantly cinematic, rendered before the mouth of a tunnel – we brace for impact. What I wasn't prepared for was how much the closing passages affected me. Their power rests with Branagh. Having immersed himself in Shakespearean tragedies, he knows that behind some deadly misfortunes are souls broken by anger, loss and grief.

"Murder on the Orient Express" may be one of my favorite movies of 2017.

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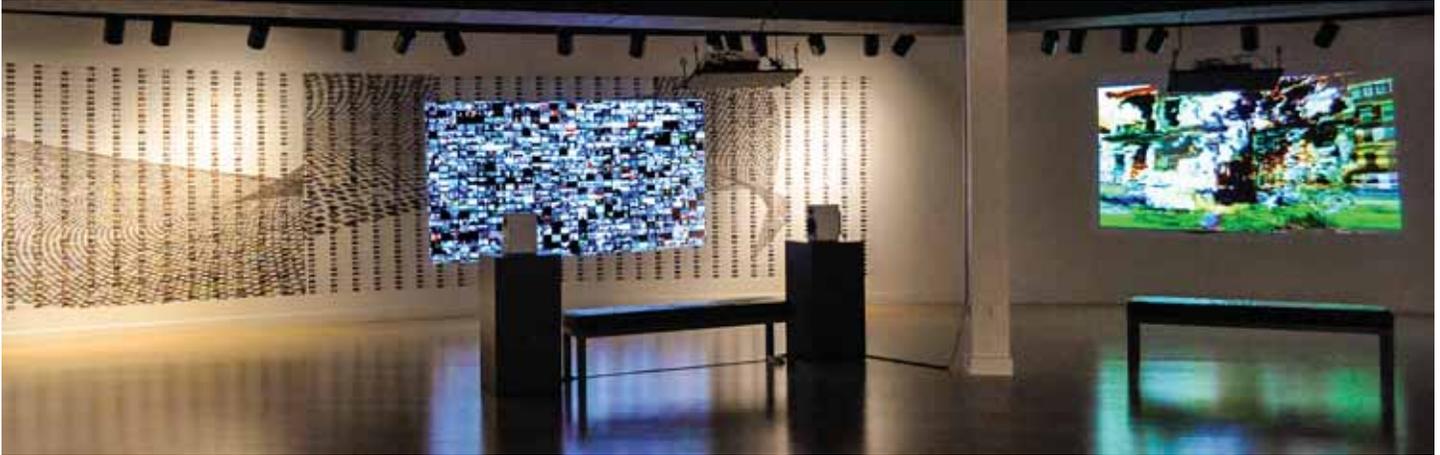
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## A Good Harvest of Art This Autumn



The "Fragile Codes" exhibit.

Lubeznik Center for the Arts continues to bring contemporary, sometimes challenging art to the area.

In the exhibit "Fragile Codes," artists Jason Bernagozzi and Eric Souther "actively break, hack and restructure images" in an exhibit of video installation, sculpture and prints. Ignore the seemingly mandatory jargon of art/politics posted on the wall ("appropriation," "ritualistic spaces of culture") and see if the actual content, shapes, color and movement communicate.

Much in their favor, all of the works are well-designed and use the media (digital, including streaming video and artistic manipulations) quite well. This is not always the case with media artists who seem to think it important or OK to show wires and present poor quality stuff because it "expresses" some political concept or their feelings.

Too self indulgent, that.

The works here please our sense of appreciation for the beautiful and well-made. The viewer can interact with several. If you sit on the surround sound bench and view the largest piece, you soon become aware of the titillating (or exasperating) overload that is today's digital world. The same with the "Signal Culture" interactive piece. You can manipulate what's happening on the screen, but

it is purposeless and simple — basically eye candy.

(Each week will have a different application, so visitor experiences may vary.)

While we might hope for a stronger personal view from each artist about today's media deluge, the works are primarily commercial demonstrations of media possibilities and, as such, quite successful.

Another LCA exhibit is called "In the Abstract," and it, too, focuses on visual play rather than any questions or comments on the human condition. The works are all in a "hot" media: a revival of encaustic, using hot wax rather than oil or acrylic paint.

Jeffrey Hirst's "Natural Move" is more than just decorative, showing some of the quiet "esthetic emotion" that certain art, like that of Richard Diebenkorn or Mark Rothko, creates. Likewise, Michele Thrane's work beautifully resolves, or at least seriously approaches, our experience in the contemporary, loaded environment via her compositions and technique. They suggest a flow in the chaos.

A third Lubeznik exhibit is a puzzle. While it's an intentional puzzle, hoping to attract a following, it would perhaps be better if a suggestion of a destination or direction was there to make us want to follow the story of the very dynamic work by Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel in "The Adventures of a

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Rock and Roll Goddess.” If the adventures are as spirited as the current work, they should be intense.

The Southern Shore Art Association exhibit through Dec. 30 has a wide variety of subject matter and quality. There is something for every taste, from realistic photos to geometric abstraction.



Ben Dangerfield's "Looking down from a Higher Place."

Among the particularly interesting are Ben Dangerfield's photograph "Looking down from a Higher Place," ANKO's "Save Them," Jimmy Duke Johnston's "Three Pears" and Janko C. Constantinov's "Diamond in the Rough." Each work uses some aspect of Form (artistic tools) strongly. Dangerfield uses focus and composition to create isolation amid movement. In her painting, ANKO's composition and texture generate tension amid subtle beauty. Johnston's technique, well directed by composition, creates power and strong life. Constantinov's expressive technique is moving and forceful.

The Duneland Plain Air Painters exhibit at Chesterton Art Center has dozens of outdoor scenes. Nearly all are so fresh, you can almost smell the location. They are great little gems to escape into nature, and occasionally into unexpected beauty and whimsy, as in Pat Herman's painting of a steel mill

scrap yard.

A few also are expressively unique — a personal grasp of the artist. Among those are: Julia Holmaas' take on the marsh and a night scene; Bunny Dimke's expressive clouds in "Rising Moon Over Cedar Lake"; Jean Bargerons' backyard and forest edge, where brush strokes bring a liveliness that makes us wonder and *be* in wonder; and Jim May's feel for the full moon— sketchy and unnatural in color, using the moon to focus on a tree of few strokes and uncertain personality.

Indeed, autumn is still a good time to be out and about, especially to harvest some art for personal enjoyment.



"Full Moon" by Jim May.



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# Groups, Individuals Unite to Build Picnic Shelter

by Andrew Tallackson



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The program, which celebrates America as a nation of diversity, highlights composers Susan Kander, Alyssa Morris, William Grant Still, Eric Ewazen and George Gershwin. Siwon Kim will assist on piano.

South Bend Symphony Orchestra's principal oboist since 2006, Ingle also holds that position with Northwest Indiana Symphony. A member of South Bend Symphony's wind quintet, she teaches privately and at Valparaiso University, along with presenting concerts and educational concerts throughout the community.

Her first CD, "Music That SHOULD Have Been Written for the Oboe," was released last December.

In 2013, she created Musicians for Michiana, a chamber music series that connects musicians and audiences with local non-profits. As the owner and operator of Jennet Ingle Reeds, she makes and sells more than 150 reeds each month to oboists all over the country. For the past four summers, she has run an Oboe Reed Boot Camp to teach the craft to others, and last year began a series of monthly Reed-ing Circles, in which reedmakers of various abilities learn new tricks and techniques from each other.

Kim, born in Seoul, South Korea, began studying piano when she was 4. She entered the Sunhwa Arts School at the top of her class and maintained that distinction in the Seoul Arts High School, and in Seoul National University as well. She has performed with orchestras such as The Gunpo Prime Philharmonic Orchestra and most recently South Bend Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Tsung Yeh at The Morris Performing Arts Center.

A meet-the-artists reception follows the program. Visit [www.mccmf.org](http://www.mccmf.org) or call (219) 561-1939 for more details.

## Dunes Woman's Club

Dunes Woman's Club will hold its 60th annual "Sharing the Joy" Marketplace on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18-19, at the Beverly Shores Community House on Service Avenue.

The hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday.

The marketplace will feature holiday gifts, decorations, vintage jewelry, and homemade sweets, soups and main dishes. A holiday greens sale includes fresh wreaths, garlands, centerpieces and swags. Drawings for four prizes are planned.



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- **Attitudes of Gratitude: Our Thankful Angels at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in the meeting room.**

The program is led by Ange Benz. Call (219) 874-3754 for details.

- **Bookmarks: "The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules" at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, in the meeting room.**

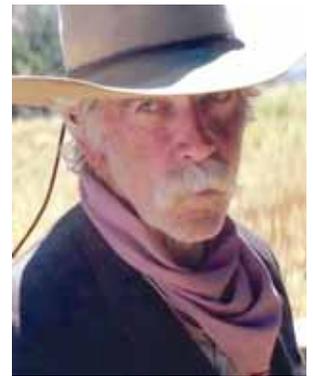
Dennis Norman will review Catharina Ingleman-Sundberg's book.

- **Snapshots from the Syrian Refugee Crisis at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, in the meeting room.**

The Welcome Network's executive director will discuss the Syrian Crisis, relief trips and refugee resettlement in Northwest Indiana.

- **Fall Films on DVD Series, "The Hero," at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, in the meeting room.**

"The Hero" stars Sam Elliott as Lee Hayden, a Western icon whose best performances are decades behind him. He spends his days reliving old glories and smoking too much weed with his former co-star-turned-dealer, Jeremy, until a surprise cancer diagnosis brings his priorities into focus. The movie, Rated R, is co-sponsored with Purdue University Northwest Odyssey Arts and Cultural Series.



- **Thanksgiving Craft at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, in the meeting room.**

Children 3 and older accompanied by an adult can make a Thanksgiving decoration. All materials are provided. Children must be present to receive craft materials.

- **Story Time at 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 21 and 28, and 10 a.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 22 and 29.**

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

- **"The Lego Batman Movie" at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, in the meeting room.**

The movie is rated PG. Light refreshments will be available. Children 18 and younger are eligible to win a copy of the movie. They must arrive by 1:30 p.m. to be considered.

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**Thanksgiving & Praise Concert**

ArtsBridge will present its Thanksgiving and Praise Concert and Exhibit at 4 p.m. EST Sunday, Nov. 19, at First Presbyterian Church, 475 Green Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich.

The program includes organist Perry Heppler, All God's Children Community Choir and visual artist David Smykal.



Heppler has a Bachelor of Music from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N.J. He has served as organist at the former First Congregational United Church of Christ of Benton Harbor and First Presbyterian Church of Benton Harbor. He is the organist at Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ of Lincoln Township. He also teaches organ and Suzuki Method piano. He is a second-grade teacher at Hollywood Elementary School in Lakeshore Public Schools, having earned master's degrees in early childhood education and educational leadership from Western Michigan University.



All God's Children Community Choir.

All God's Children Community Choir features children and teens ages 5 to 18 from Southwest Michigan communities. Now in its 16th year, the group has performed on more than 150 occasions, including at Lake Michigan College and Andrews University to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a special Habitat for Humanity performance for former President Jimmy Carter and at concerts in Grand Rapids and Traverse City for state and national teachers' conferences.

Smykal, who grew up in Stevensville, Mich., is a self-taught artist who works full time at Gateway, a non-profit rehabilitation center in Berrien Springs. He first started painting almost 20 years ago, his only formal art training as a Lakeshore High School student.

A reception follows the program in Goff Hall. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Visit [www.firstpresbh.org](http://www.firstpresbh.org) for more details.

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## Guys & Dolls



Metamorphis Traveling Theatre will present its "Guys & Dolls" concert at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Michigan City Senior Center in Washington Park. Tickets are available at the senior center.

## "13 the Musical"

Michigan City High School will present "13 The Musical!" on Friday through Sunday, Nov. 17-19, at the school auditorium, 8466 Pahs Road.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students

The story is a coming-of-age tale involving cool and popular Evan Goldman, forced to leave New York for Indiana when his parents divorce. He's about to turn 13, and hopes all the cool kids will attend his Bar Mitzvah.

Not everything goes as planned.

The cast is:

- Archie — Trinity Clayton.
- Brett — Thomas Mizer.
- Cassie — Lauren Werner.
- Charlotte — Jenna Dawson.
- Eddie — Tommy Komay.
- Evan — Josiah Miller.
- Kendra — Bailee Laux.
- Lucy — Anastasia Attar.
- Malcolm — Michael Lakin.
- Molly — Sydney Kohn.
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- Rabbi — Michael Thomas.
- Richie — Dante Morland.
- Simon — Michael Thomas.

The ensemble is: Delaina Adams; Emily Gross; D'Ayja Flowers; Elizabeth Klinger; Savannah Lowe; Ashlee Orman; Gwyneth Sardon; Brikea Sherrod; Daelyn Watson; Jessica Wilhelm; and Samarah Williams.

The play is directed by Charles Puetzer, with choreography by Amy Kreft. Taylor Lyles is the musical director and Julia Miller the student director.

## Service League Scholarship

The Michigan City Service League has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Hannah Knouse, a graduate student in physical therapy at Indiana State University.

Knouse is a Michigan City native who graduated from Michigan City High School.

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Throughout history, one would be hard-pressed to come up with a football game between La Porte County high schools with bigger implications than the one Friday, Nov. 3, at Ames Field.

In its 23rd season of existence, Michigan City was aiming for its first Indiana High School Athletic Association Sectional title.

(The Wolves are the product of the 1995 consolidation of Elston and Rogers high schools.)

Elston won the community's only previous sectional title in football with a 32-0 win over Portage in 1984. The Red Devils head coach that season was Ken Bye, who currently serves as an assistant coach under Wolves' head coach Phil Mason, now in his second year in Michigan City.

Since consolidation, the Wolves have traditionally struggled on the gridiron, with a few exceptions. In their inaugural season, they reached the Sectional title game and were in striking distance of eventual state champion Penn in the final minute, but came up short. A 7-4 season in 2000 and a pair of six-win seasons in 2005 and 2009 were the most success Michigan City could claim before reaching last year's Sectional title game against host Mishawaka. The Wolves lost to the Cavemen, 18-7.



This season's City campaign saw the Wolves enter a Week Seven meeting with county rival La Porte, clinging to a possibility of a share of the Duneland Athletic Conference title. Forty eight minutes and 16 touchdowns later between the Wolves and Slicers, La Porte came away with a 58-56 victory on its home turf — the win sealed on a last-second desperation pass into the end zone caught for the Slicer score.

Nov. 3 had already been circled by every Wolves and Slicer fan as the date of the potential rematch between the two schools in the IHSAA postseason, provided each team got past their semifinal matchups against Munster and South Bend Adams, respectively. Both did what they needed to do to ensure Michigan City's most anticipated game since the turn of the century.

Standing in the way of City history and revenge

were the Slicers, winners of two previous sectional titles in 2006 and 2014. In 2014, the Slicers and New Prairie High School both represented the county at

# Howling History

*Editor's note — The following article is by Drew White, The Beacher's print salesman*

Lucas Oil Stadium in the IHSAA State Finals — La Porte in Class 5A and the Cougars in Class 4A. Both lost in their title games. Before a sold-out crowd, Mich-



igan City jumped on the Slicers early and ultimately extended its lead to 31-0 at halftime. La Porte showed resilience in the third quarter and used a safety, followed by a touchdown and two-point conversion to make the Wolves fans in attendance just uneasy enough to provide suspense in what had appeared to be a foregone conclusion at halftime. City tacked on a late score and walked away with a 38-10 victory and its first ever trip to the regional.

A joyous student body rushed the field as time expired, a sight the community longed to see for decades. The struggles of previous Wolves teams were washed away in a flood of emotions exhibited by those on hand to witness Michigan City High School history.

The sectional title leaves Michigan City two more wins away from a trip to Indianapolis. The Wolves traveled to Concord for the Regional championship Nov. 10, but the results were not available at press time. With a Regional title, the Wolves either will host Zionsville or travel to Kokomo for the Semistate on Nov. 17. A Semistate title would send the Wolves to the State Finals at Lucas Oil Stadium on Friday, Nov. 24.

*(All photos by Paul Kemiel)*





## The Great Outdoors

Approximately 55 Krueger Middle School eighth-graders participated in an outdoor lab Nov. 3 at Creek Ridge County Park. The students tested for water quality, searching for macro-invertebrates and other elements, determined the amount of pollution based on which fish were found, and performed chemical analysis to determine creek health. Another 50 students participated in the lab the prior week.

## Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

*The following programs are available:*

• **The Save the Tunes Council performs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

The group preserves folk songs in the traditional way, using guitar, autoharp, dulcimer, banjo, harmonica, bagpipe, penny whistle, hurdy gurdy and other obscure instruments.

• **Stewardship Program from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 18, at Miller Woods.**

Volunteers will focus on the area's oak savannas.

• **Playdate in the Nature Play Zone from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at The Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Explore Miller Woods, build a fort, climb a tree, create nature art and feed the resident fish, turtles, snakes, toads and frogs. Dress for the weather.

• **Stargazing on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Kemil Beach parking area.**

Members from Chicago Astronomical Society, Michiana Astronomical Society and Calumet Astronomical Society will attend with telescopes. Dress for the weather. Take binoculars. Call (219) 395-1882 for times.

The Kemil Beach parking lot is located at 27 N. East State Park Road, Chesterton.

• **Miller Woods Hike from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

The ranger-led stroll explores a rare black oak savanna, and offers views of Lake Michigan and Chicago.

*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 program is offered:*

• **Saw-whet Owl Banding Demonstrations at 6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 16-19.**

Indiana Audubon Society leads the programs where visitors learn about Indiana's smallest owl. The program is weather dependent. Visitors should call ahead to confirm banding will take place.

• **Bird Drawing and Painting Workshop at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19.**

Local artist Kristina Knowski will offer hands-on help, working from the park's mounted specimens, to draw, learn and paint diverse bird life. Finished projects can be taken home. Email kristinaknowski@gmail.com for details.

The workshop is a 2017 Indiana Arts in the Parks program.

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## Chamber Honors Five MCAS Educators, Two Programs



The honorees pose for a group photo at the banquet.

The Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce honored five educators and two programs during its Educators of the Year Awards dinner Nov. 7 at Blue Chip Casino's Stardust Event Center.

All of the awardees were from Michigan City Area Schools. They included:

- Jennifer Gracyalny, Spanish teacher, Michigan City High School.
- Rachel Ward, sixth-grade teacher, Knapp Elementary School.
- Sharon Arndt, first-grade teacher, Pine Elementary School.
- Amy Wojasinski-Labis, student support services teacher, Michigan City High School.

The Lake Hills Elementary School STEM Program received the "Shining Light" award for its program, and the Michigan City High School Wolves Environmental Restoration Team received an hon-

orable recognition in the same category.

Accepting for Lake Hills was Principal Connie Bachmann and STEM Coordinator Shelley Deutscher, while the Environmental Restoration Team was represented by MCHS teacher Stephanie Dege and Nicole Messacar of the La Porte County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Jan Radford, MCAS director of curriculum and instruction, received the evening's highest honor, the Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of her accomplishments in more than 38 years in education. Radford will retire in December after more than 24 years with MCAS. Among her contributions are the Safe Harbor program, Early College and High Ability programs.

This is the first year for the awards dinner, which will become an annual event.



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The Holiday Sell-A-Bration Arts and Crafts Show is Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18-19, at Valparaiso's Porter County Expo Center, 215 Division Road.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 18 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 19. Admission is \$2, while children 12 and younger are free.



The Christmas-themed show features more than 200 vendors selling items for the home and as gifts. Vendor booths include ceramics, candles, florals, art work, wreaths and pet items. Christmas music is played, while food includes pumpkin roll cakes, dips and summer sausage. Door prizes are planned.

Part of the proceeds goes to Toys for Tots, which is run by ABATE of Indiana. ABATE will have Santa, Mrs. Claus and some elves present. Children will receive candy canes from Santa.

Call (219) 464-9918 or email [holidazeshow@yahoo.com](mailto:holidazeshow@yahoo.com) for details.

### Holiday Artisan Market

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., kicks off its eighth annual Holiday Artisan Market at noon Saturday, Nov. 18.

The gallery shop will spill into LCA's main lobby through Jan. 5, open during regular business hours and special events.

Work by artists the center regularly represents will be available, as well as selections by new artists. One example is Chris Grohs' Terrawood Design, which specializes in handcrafted designs using sustainably sourced and salvaged Black Walnut, Maple, Cherry and other local hardwoods.

The Members Preview shopping opportunity is from 10 a.m. to noon. Members receive a 10 percent discount on all items, as well as free holiday treats and gift bagging.

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## Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship La Porte County Finalists

Unity Foundation of La Porte County announced nine local high school seniors are La Porte County finalists for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

Two La Porte County students will receive a full-tuition scholarship to pursue a baccalaureate degree at any accredited public or private Indiana college or university, as well as an annual \$900 book stipend. To date, Lilly has provided 4,340 scholarships and more than \$372 million in tuition and book stipends to Indiana communities.

The 2018 finalists and their schools are:

Unity Foundation received 80 applications for the scholarship who were judged on academic achievement, service to others, extracurricular activities and, to a lesser extent, financial need. A committee reviewed the applications, not knowing the names until after the finalists were selected.

The nine finalists are interviewed and nominee and alternate names submitted to the Independent Colleges of Indiana Inc. for the final selection – which will be announced in December. The fall selection timeline allows Lilly scholars more time to apply to an accredited public or private nonprofit college or university in Indiana.

Past scholarship recipients from La Porte County are: Bree Winter, Danielle Adams, Madeline Watterson, Rodrigo Serrano, Rebecca Yaw, Olivia Glowacki, Mariah Micallef, Johnna Belkiewicz, Benjamin Gibbs, Jared Dyjak, Brittany Belkiewicz, Mitchell Orzech, Ryan Byers, Kelsey Tuholski, Jill Fischer, Jackson Troxel, Jessica Nieman, Jana Hunsley, Mindy



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- Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics and Humanities: Grace Siefker.
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- La Porte High School: Madeleine Nunn and Bailey Scott.
- Michigan City High School: Sydney Kohn and Jenna Stevenson.
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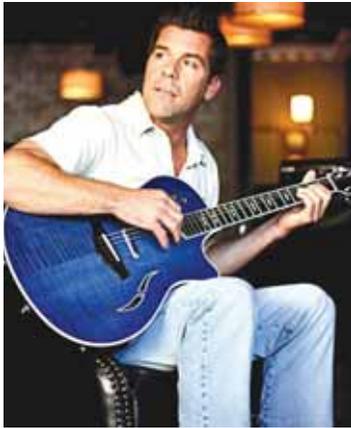
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## La Pour Brew & Wine Fest

DeCamp's Band of Brothers Foundation will present the third annual La Pour Brew & Wine Fest, featuring live music by Rich Hardesty, from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St.

VIP admission begins at noon. The event will feature more than 25 breweries and wineries from throughout the region, state and country. Beer and wine sampling is included in the ticket price. Food and soft drinks will be sold as well.



Hardesty is an independent artist from La Porte, now going on three decades in the music industry. Starting with the 1992 release of his album "Jones'n," Hardesty has had a successful recording career and toured nationally.

Additional music is by After Dark DJ Service.

Tickets are \$55 for VIP admission (including a gift and early admission) and \$35 for general admission. Designated driver tickets (including unlimited soft drinks) are \$15 for VIP admission and \$10 for general admission.

Advance tickets are available at the Civic, Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce, 803 Washington St., or at [tinyurl.com/y7rou3cw](http://tinyurl.com/y7rou3cw). If available, tickets will be sold at the door the day of the event.

All proceeds benefit DeCamp's Band of Brothers Foundation and its efforts to renovate Clarke Park.

Call the Civic at (219) 362-2325 or email Brett Binversie at [bbinversie@cityoflaportein.gov](mailto:bbinversie@cityoflaportein.gov) for more details.

## Cookies and Canvas

Jennifer Martin will host a turkey edition of Cookies and Canvas on Friday, Nov. 17, at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Children 3-7 can attend from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and ages 8 and older from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The evening includes an 8x10 turkey-themed, stretched canvas painting, as well as cookies and juice.

The cost is \$10 per child or \$5 for members. All interested students must register and pay no later than Thursday, Nov. 16.

Visit [www.chestertonart.com](http://www.chestertonart.com) for details.

## Public Art Committee

The Michigan City Public Art Committee meets at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in the City Hall Mayors Conference Room.

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## Shirley Heinze Land Trust Acquires 43.5 Acres Along the Little Calumet River

Shirley Heinze Land Trust has acquired a 43.5-acre property along the Little Calumet River in Chesterton.

The land consists of 13 acres of natural area along the river and 30.5 acres of agriculture. Located west of Brummitt Road and south of Brummitt Elementary School, the property increases to 420 acres the total amount of land held by Shirley Heinze along the river's East Branch.

"Shirley Heinze plans to manage the land as a natural area and undertake restoration work to enhance its environmental value," Stewardship Director Eric Bird said in a press release. "Reforestation of the agricultural portion of the property will be a long-term goal. Restoration will enhance the quality of local waterways and contribute to good storm water management for the community and the Little Calumet River."

Local conservation partner Save the Dunes is pleased with the acquisition.

"The East Branch of the Little Calumet River and its tributaries suffer from impaired biotic communities, meaning in-stream habitat is poor and doesn't do a good job of supporting the insects that fish depend on for food," said Natalie Johnson, Save the Dunes executive director.

Bird said recreational plans include installing a kayak launch upstream at the nearby Wykes-Plampin Nature Preserve.

"From there, paddlers will be able to navigate through the site. Natural features present here include upland forest and floodplain wetlands along the river. The location also provides good wildlife habitat."

Matching funds from the Indiana Bicentennial



An aerial map of the Little Calumet River acquisition.

Nature Trust facilitated the property's purchase. The Chesterton property represents the most recent acquisition within the Little Calumet Conservation Corridor, which was approved in 2014 as an Indiana Bicentennial Nature Trust Conservation Area. Since then, Shirley Heinze and its partners have worked to help connect already protected natural areas along the river. In total, more than 2,300 acres have been protected along the East Branch of the Little Calumet River by several conservation organizations, agencies and municipalities. They include: Save the Dunes; The Nature Conservancy; Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore; Northwest Indiana Paddling Association; Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission; ArcelorMittal; NIPSCO; Porter County Izaak Walton League; and the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation.

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### Michigan City Historical Society

Michigan City Historical Society Inc.'s annual membership meeting is at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.

The guest speaker is Jamie Huss, Washington Park Zoo director. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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### Annual Madrigal Dinner



Members of First United Methodist Church's music department help bring the madrigal dinner to life.

First United Methodist Church's music department will recreate a Renaissance Christmas feast during the ninth annual madrigal dinner Saturday, Dec. 2.

Held in the community room at the church, 121 E. Seventh St., the event features period pageantry, food, entertainment and music. Seating for dinner begins at 6 p.m., with festivities starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. The five-course dinner and program lasts about two hours.

For First Friday, the Dec. 1 performance will feature a Renaissance marketplace in the church gathering room. Doors open for shopping at 5 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner are \$35, or \$240 per table that seats eight. Contact Sue Cassler at (219) 362-1421 for reservations.



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## American Red Cross

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

- Michigan City Police and Fire Training Center, 2510 E. Michigan Blvd., noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16.
- Conservation Club House, 1 Mill Pond Road, Union Mills, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19.
- Bethany Lutheran Church, 102 G St., La Porte, 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21.

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.



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## JROTC Honors U.S. Marine Corps, Participates in Cyber Patriot



Cadets prepare to present the Marine Corps Birthday cake.

Michigan City High School's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps conducted a military ball Nov. 3 at La Porte's Pine Grove Inn to honor the U.S. Marine Corps' 242nd birthday.

The official birthday is Nov. 10.

Cadets executed the traditional Marine Corps birthday ceremony that included a sword detail, color guard and the Marine Corps birthday cake. The first piece goes to the oldest cadet, the second piece to the youngest. This signifies the passing of knowledge and experience.

The commandant of the Marine Corps' message was read. Gen. Robert Neller reminded everyone of the Corps history, and the responsibility everyone who wears the Marine Corps uniform must uphold.

Master Sgt. Jeff Benak, the Marine instructor, said the celebration is a way for cadets to learn the importance of tradition and still have fun.

"This is a great opportunity for us to invoke patriotism and standing for the ideals of our nation, in addition to having the cadets enjoy fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere," he said.

Cadets also participated in the first round of Cyber Patriot on Nov. 3. It is a national youth cyber-education program that pits high school students as information technology specialists tasked with managing a small company's network. The cadets receive virtual images that represent operating systems and must find cyber security breaches and

harden the system while maintaining critical services in a six-hour period.

MCHS is competing to be the top team in Indiana and Midwest Region. Regional winners earn an all-expense paid trip to the national finals competition, where they can earn national recognition and scholarships.

Maj. Tom McGrath, the senior Marine instructor, praised the expertise of MCHS Engineering Instructor Ralph Gee in preparing the team for the competition.

"Ralph has tremendous knowledge of this field," he said, "and he is very unselfish with his time to assist us in this competition."

The results of Round 1 will be released soon. The second round is Dec. 8. The competition and camps are conducted at no cost to the cadets nor MCHS.

The cadets will be busy in November, participating in numerous ceremonies to honor veterans. They also will host a military skills competition Nov. 18. Eleven schools representing the Army, Navy and Marine Corps from Fort Wayne, Northwest Indiana and the Chicago metropolitan area will compete in military drill, physical fitness, marksmanship and academics. The competition is from 8:30 a.m. to about 3 p.m. The public is invited. Admission is free.



Staff Sgt. Nineah Langford collaborates with Capt. James Steinhagen (front), and staff sergeants Stefen Glade and Tyler Stockley (rear) do the same, as faculty advisor Ralph Gee supervises.

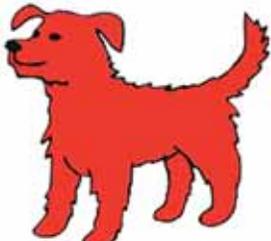
## Duneland Historical Society

Duneland Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at Westchester Public Library's Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Joan Costello and Rita Newman will present the next segment in the "Local Life" series and focusing on the 1920s. It will look at events such as the Porter train wreck, the beginning of the Chesterton library and Chesterton bandstand.

All programs are free and open to the public. Memberships are available. Call (219) 983-9715 for more details.

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### “Then & Now” Photo Contest

The staff at La Porte County Historical Society Museum have announced the winners of the “Then & Now” photo contest.

The Historical Society has a vast collection of photos, some dating back to the 1800s. The contest challenge was to take a photo and convey how the landscape has changed over the years. Photos were judged on preservation, artistic quality and photographic ability.



First-place winner  
Victor Garrison



Second-place winner  
Mike Konieczny.



Third-place winner  
Arlene Hudgens

The entries serve as the museum’s fall display, with trophies going to the winning submissions. Entries remain on display through the holidays.

The winners are:

- First Place— Victor Garrison for his photo of the overpass in La Porte.
- Second Place — Mike Konieczny for his photo of 706 Jefferson Ave. in La Porte.
- Third Place — Arlene Hudgens for a photo of her family home.

Judges were County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz, art teacher Dori Huber and photographer Bob Wellinski.

The museum is located at 2405 Indiana Ave. Normal hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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## La Lumiere Hosts Annual Poetry Out Loud and Speech Contest

Eleven La Lumiere School students competed in the annual Poetry Out Loud and Speech Competition in the school's Marsch Gymnasium.



Sophomore Julie Maberry.

Six contestants declaimed two poems apiece for the Poetry Out Loud event, choosing from topics ranging from hope to hometowns, to father's foibles, to breakfast. Speech finalists delivered original compositions on topics ranging from a multicultural upbringing, to dealing with stress, to summers at grandma and grandpa's house.

While scores were tabulated, the La Lumiere Concert Choir performed "I Dreamed a Dream" from "Les Miserables."

In the end, junior Haley Harkness took first place in the Original Speech Competition with "Of Lakes & Ladders." Her grandparents, the central subject, were present. Senior Ainesh Shintre was the runner-up with "Wool Sweaters." His parents, central

subjects of the speech, were in the crowd.

In Poetry Out Loud, sophomore Julie Maberry clinched the close competition with her declamations of "Breakfast" by Mary Lamb and "Zacuanpalotls" by Brenda Cardena. Freshman Emily Rohrbach was the runner-up.

Evaluating the students were:

- Max Kestler, poetry professor emeritus of St. Mary's College.
- Greta Friedman, an adjunct professor at Notre Dame Law School.
- Dean Christakis, a retired high school teacher and current filmmaker and director.



English Chair Matt Buchanan (from left), Haley Harkness and Head of School Adam Kronk.

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### Miller Beach Garden Club

Miller Beach Garden Club will host a winter wreath-making craft project from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Marquette Park Aquatorium, 6918 Oak Ave., Gary.

Led by Sandy Appleby and Margaret Scisson, crafts include grapevine wreaths, ornament-studded evergreen wreaths and late fall wreaths with bittersweet. Children can attend with parents and grandparents. Materials are provided, with refreshments served. The fee is \$15. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. Parking is free. Call (219) 938-8532 for information.

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## Harbor Country Hikers

The Great Marsh in Beverly Shores is a popular pit stop for migratory birds, and the next destination for Harbor Country Hikers at 10 a.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 18.

From the marsh observation deck, Chikaming Open Lands Project Coordinator Stacey LaRocco will discuss routes of migrant birds, followed by a hike through the primitive trail, with an optional walk up Broadway to Beverly Drive for additional marsh exploration.

According to the National Park Service, possible sightings include flocks of coots, mallards and wood ducks overhead, while kingfishers, tree swallows and rusty blackbirds rest and green herons stalk the shoreline near beavers at play in the channels.

The marsh is located on Broadway. Parking lots are north of U.S. 12 on Broadway, with the southern lot at the main trailhead and the northern lot only for people with disabilities. The outing includes about 15 minutes of presentation and 90 minutes of hiking the easy 1.26-mile trail.

Upcoming HCH events include inside meetings at New Buffalo Township Library: "Getting Ready for Winter Hiking" at 6:30 p.m. EST Tuesday, Nov. 21, and "Customize Your Hiking Stick" at 10 a.m. EST Saturday, Dec. 9. The library is located at 33 N. Thompson St.

Although membership is encouraged, the event is open to everyone, with children welcome if accompanied by an adult. Membership costs \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families. Email harborcountryhikers@gmail.com or visit harborcountryhikers.com for more details.

## Shifting Sands Educator Workshop

A new educator's workshop, showcased around the award-winning "Shifting Sands: On the Path to Sustainability" documentary, is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.

National Lakeshore educators will highlight activities and available resources for educators, working in partnership with the filmmakers, Dunes Learning Center and educational sponsors. The target is students in grades six through 12.

The workshop also will highlight the filmmakers' journey to bring the project to fruition.

Participants must register at [www.duneslearningcenter.org/adults](http://www.duneslearningcenter.org/adults). The \$40 cost includes lunch, copies of the activity guide, Ken Schoon's book, Shifting Sands: The Restoration of the Calumet Area, and a DVD of the film.

The center is located at 100 N. Lake St. in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Call (219) 395-1821 or visit [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu) for more details.

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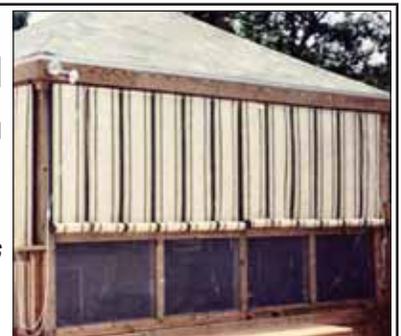


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### In the Area:

**Nov. 16** — Books That Make You Think Discussion Group, David Liss' "The Coffee Trader," 6-7:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

**Nov. 16** — Duneland Historical Society, 7 p.m., Westchester Public Library's Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Info: (219) 983-9715.

**Nov. 17** — Bookmarks: "The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Nov. 17** — Cookies and Canvas, Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Times: children 3-7/5-6:30 p.m., 8 & older/7-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$10, \$5/members. Info: [www.chestertonart.com](http://www.chestertonart.com)

**Nov. 17** — Save the Tunes Council, 7:30-9 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

**Nov. 17** — Reely Dan — A Tribute to Steely Dan, 8 p.m. EST, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$30. Info: [www.acorntheater.com](http://www.acorntheater.com), (269) 756-3879.

**Nov. 17-19** — "13 The Musical!," Michigan City High School, 8466 Pahs Road. Times: 7 p.m. Fri./Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/students.

**Nov. 17-19** — "The Primary English Class," 4th Street Theater, 125 N. Fourth St., Chesterton. Times: 8 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$20. Reservations: [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com), (219) 926-7875.

**Nov. 17-20** — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "Stronger." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* "Victoria and Abdul." Rated PG. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: [vickerstheatre.com](http://vickerstheatre.com)

**Nov. 18** — Regional K-12 Chess Tournament, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Marquette Catholic High School Scholl Center, 306 W. 10th St.

**Nov. 18** — Harbor Country Hikers, 10 a.m. EST, Great Marsh in Beverly Shores. Parking lots north of U.S. 12 on Broadway. Info: [harborcountryhikers.com](http://harborcountryhikers.com)

**Nov. 18** — La Pour Brew & Wine Fest, noon-4 p.m., La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St. Tickets/info: [tinyurl.com/yaxzm2kv](http://tinyurl.com/yaxzm2kv)

**Nov. 18** — Robert R. Smith's "Railroad Stations of Porter County," 2-3 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

**Nov. 18** — Michigan City Chamber Music Festival concert, oboist Jenet Ingle, 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. Donations accepted. Info: (219) 561-1939, [www.mccmf.org](http://www.mccmf.org)

**Nov. 18** — Stargazing, Kemil Beach parking area, 27 N. East State Park Road, Chesterton. Time: call (219) 395-1882.

**Nov. 18-19** — Dunes Woman's Club "Sharing the Joy" Marketplace, Beverly Shores Community House on Service Avenue. Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat./10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sun.

**Nov. 18-Jan. 5** — Holiday Artisan Market, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Kick-off: noon Nov. 18. Info: [www.lubeznikcenter.org](http://www.lubeznikcenter.org), (219) 874-4900

**Nov. 19** — Fall Films on DVD Series, "The Hero," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Nov. 19** — "Antiques Roadshow"-type event with Tom McCaffry, 11 a.m., The Nest, 803 Franklin St. Free.

**Nov. 20** — Thanksgiving Craft, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Nov. 22** — "The Lego Batman Movie," 1 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

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

### In the Region

**Nov. 17-Dec. 10** — "A Christmas Story: the Musical," Elkhart Civic Theatre @ Bristol (Ind.) Opera House, 210 E. Vistula St. Times (Eastern): 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17-19, Dec. 1-2 & 8-9, 3 p.m. Dec. 3 & 10. Tickets: \$21/adults, \$19 for students & seniors. Reservations: (574) 848-4116, [elkhartcivictheatre.org](http://elkhartcivictheatre.org)

**Nov. 18** — Miller Beach Garden Club winter wreath-making craft project, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Marquette Park Aquatorium, 6918 Oak Ave., Gary. Fee: \$15. Registration: 9:30 a.m. Info: (219) 938-8532.

**Nov. 18-19** — Holidaze Sell-A-Bration Arts and Crafts Show, Valparaiso's Porter County Expo Center, 215 Division Road. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 18/10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 19. Admission: \$2, children 12 & younger/free. Info: (219) 464-9918.

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## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

**Caroline: Little House, Revisited**  
by Sarah Miller (hardcover, \$25.99 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

Westward ho the wagons! This week's recommendation takes us on a heartwarming, sometimes harrowing 700-mile journey from Wisconsin to Kansas through the eyes of a pioneer woman. With Thanksgiving close at hand, I found this story of special significance, how we, today, have much to be thankful for as we look back at how far we've come.

Perhaps you remember the "Little House on the Prairie" TV series, or the books the show was based on about the Ingalls family by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Whether you are, or are not, familiar with either, *Caroline* is a standalone book that highlights daily life in the mid-19th century as seen by the matriarch of the Ingalls family — Caroline, wife of Charles, and mother to Mary, Laura and Carrie.

This is historical fiction at its best, as witnessed by the vast research done by Sarah Miller that earned her book full approval from the Little House Heritage Trust.

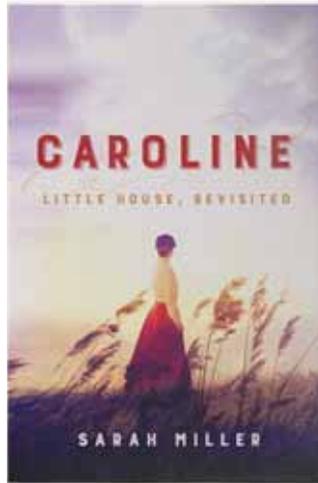
Starting out in February 1870, the story picks up with the Ingalls family packing up its belongings in Wisconsin and heading out to Indian territory in Kansas. Native Americans are moving south to Oklahoma and the government is selling the Kansas land to settlers at \$1.25 an acre. Never one to let the grass grow beneath his feet, Charles Ingalls announces they are moving.

Now, traveling from Wisconsin to Kansas doesn't seem like much of a long trip today, but in 1870, it would take several months by covered wagon. Caroline is now three months pregnant with their third child, but that doesn't stop her from organizing and packing all the clothes, dishes and provisions needed to get them to their new home.

It is fascinating to see how the wagon is packed — what comes along and what stays behind...like their furniture. A sad prospect for Caroline, but Charles is a fine furniture maker who promises his wife all new furniture in Kansas.

Most interesting is Caroline's take on the reason for their move, knowing it has everything to do with Charles and nothing to do with her. "...Kansas offered her no similar satisfaction, no chance to reach beyond what she had been for the last ten years: Mrs. Ingalls, Ma. She could stretch forever toward that horizon and grasp nothing new."

It is not that Caroline is discontented, but she was a school teacher for awhile before marrying Charles, giving her the simple satisfaction of earning her own money. Combining career and wifehood



simply didn't exist back then. Working women were either young and unmarried or widows.

Traveling from Wisconsin to Kansas is mostly just uncomfortable, but the road and Mother Nature provide scary moments. One such event involves crossing a wide river, not knowing how deep it is. I found myself gripping the book tighter. Miller's description made me feel the panic as the water pulls the wagon down the river away from the shore, and I fought with Charles to get the horses back in line.

As spring turns into early summer, the Ingalls' house is built and Caroline's due date comes around. She keeps her feelings to herself about missing her sister and mother for the birthing. Luckily, a nearby neighbor's wife spends several days with the Ingalls family — Charles stays out of the way until the baby is born. Women didn't plow and men didn't birth — one clear lesson about the separation of jobs between men and women, and how neighbors are always there to help.

Wolves, Indians, bad weather, giving birth are all interwoven with the joy of family and independence. Charles pulls out his fiddle at night, Caroline takes the girls out picking blackberries...the point is, all they have are each other.

Perhaps we could learn a lesson from Caroline. Her quiet reserve, her unwavering faith of putting husband and children first, of teaching her girls to work together, and more, all make for a contemplative read that made me stop and think, that although we have made tremendous advances in the past 147 years, we may have somehow lost our togetherness along the way.

The climax of the book comes with the one thing the pioneer family can't control and fears most — a prairie fire. But with all the good and the bad that happens that year, Caroline Ingalls shows us the most important fact of life: Home is, indeed, where the heart is.

*Historical Novel Society*: "...this is a stunning novel. Miller's research is impeccable, and her writing exquisite."

*Library Journal*: "Not to be missed by Wilder's grown-up fans or those who enjoy historical fiction about the settling of the American West in the late 1800s."

Miller is the author of two previous historical novels, *Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller* and *The Lost Crown*. *The New York Times* hailed her nonfiction debut, *The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden and the Trial of the Century*, as "a historical version of *Law & Order*." She lives in Michigan.

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