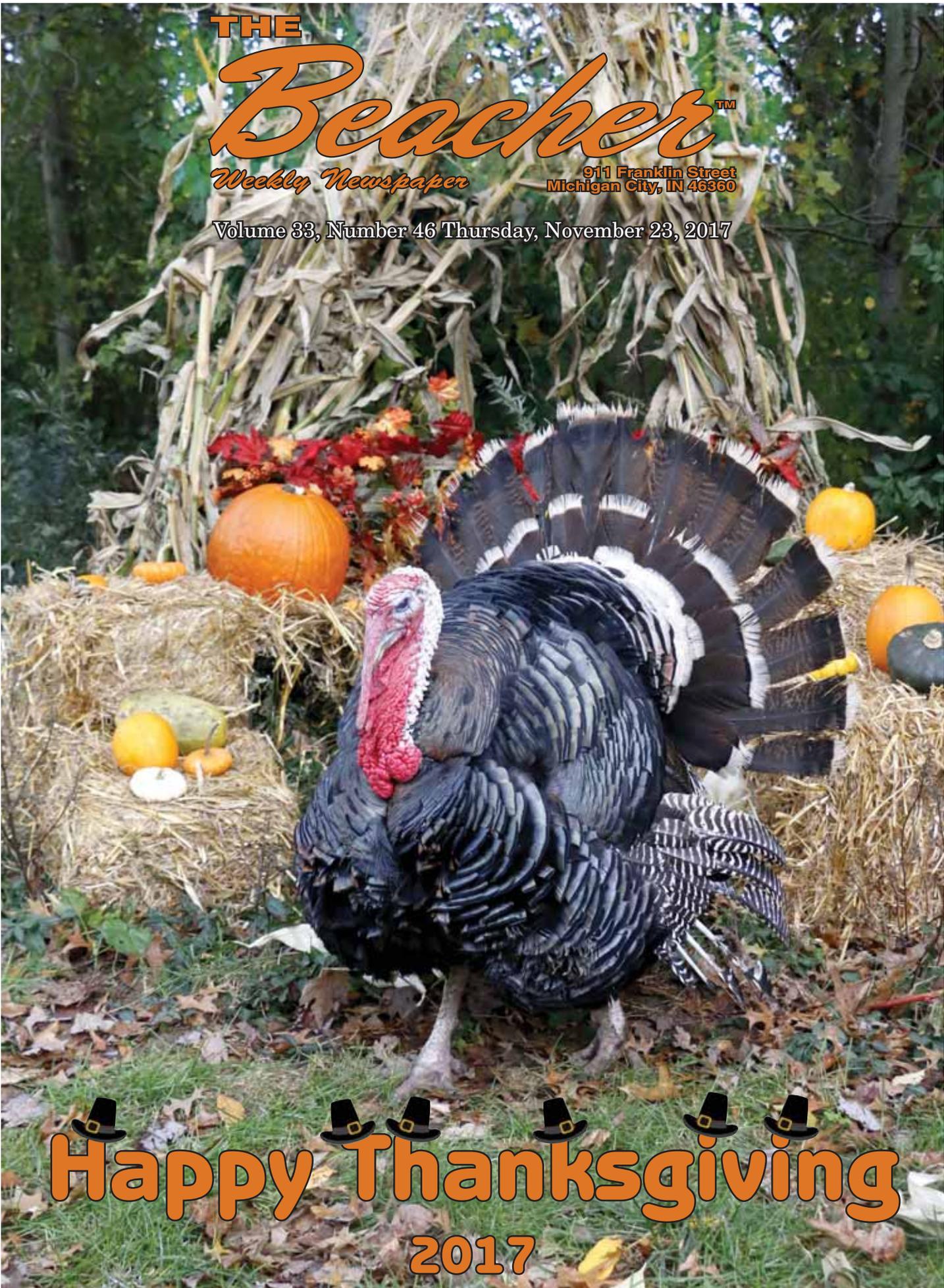


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An Eye for the Dunes

by *Connie Kuzydym*

David Larson intimately knows the Indiana Dunes. For the past 50 years, he has explored the massive dunes and surrounding area, patiently waiting for the right moment to capture the ever-changing landscape through breathtaking photos. His collection includes rare photos of dunes that no longer exist due to sand mining and the construction of a steel mill.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's new Outdoor Adventure Festival recently offered an event with



Howling Hill, with David capturing the powerful way sand whips across the top of the dune.



Central Dunes Highlands, taken in September 1959. This area of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore no longer exists.

David. It was with considerable excitement that *Beacher* photographer Paul Kemiell and I headed to West Beach's parking lot for the sunset outing.

Joining David was a sizable group eager for basic knowledge of how to photograph the dunes. The subtleties of light, rain or clouds can impact them, making them extremely difficult to photograph.

Before the excursion began, David shared what he has learned about the dunes.

"You have to be ready to shoot. They're

not going to be waiting for you,” David said. “If you see conditions that are perfect, you have to get out in 20 minutes or half hour or so. That’s why a lot of people come back dissatisfied with their work.”



David Larson.
Photo by Paul Kemiell.

And so, on a sunny, mild Sunday afternoon in October, we began our trek to Lookout Point. Stopping along the way, David told the story behind its name. Around 1890, a large sand-mining operation was under way due to the high demand for clean sand. This resulted in crews working through the weekends on 12-hour shifts. When management left, the workers would don bathing suits to enjoy swimming and the sun. To avoid getting

caught, a lookout person was posted atop a high dune, next to the excavation site, keeping an eye on the only wagon trail for management to traverse.

Walking a bit further, we reached our destination. Those with telephoto lenses were encouraged to walk up the numerous steps of Lookout Point for photos of a blowout and moving dune in front of the bathhouse. The rest of us followed David to the front of Lookout Point to compare how the dune looks today versus how it looked in the 1961 photo he gave us. As we headed across the way, making an upward trek on a sand dune, we followed David as he lead us along a narrow path of sand surrounded by vegetation. I was thankful for the opportunity to experience this area of the dunes. Within Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, there are certain protected areas that are off limits to the public. To traverse and explore them, you must be granted special permission, which David has received.



David’s playful sense of humor emerges during the sunset outing.

Throughout the outing, David took us to spots rich with history. He shared numerous stories and offered suggestions of what and how to shoot a par-

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ticular area. Weaving our way through the dunes and vegetation, we ultimately reached a less traversed area on the top of a dune. A hushed silence fell upon the group as we collectively paused to catch the spectacular view that surrounded us.

In front of us was an expanse of sand. To the left, the dune felt as if it towered towards the blue sky. To the right, the dune was slightly shorter. In between, the sand mirrored the effect of an infinity pool. Moving closer, the perfect frame lay ahead of us. Looking between the two dunes, we saw the entire Chicago skyline, which looked like it was floating. The view was breathtaking. It was one of those moments burned into your mind for eternity. It took a moment before clicks of the cameras were heard.

After letting us absorb the view, as well as the photo opportunities, we came down to the parking lot and were guided to another series of dunes for another set of spectacular views and shots. Although we had the perfect weather for an outing, according to David, the rain the day before did not make it optimal for taking photos of the dunes.

“Right now, the sand is full of water, so it’s darker than normal,” David said. “Perhaps people will come back understanding that after the sand dries out, its character changes a great deal. The light reflection is better. They can now know when to go and how to do it. This is the point of this outing.”

The next day, David and I scheduled a time to meet so I could learn more about him and his passion for the dunes.

David has been blessed with a good life, a fact he acknowledges humbly. His talents and interests are varied, from the creative side to the engineering side, all of it wrapped up in a wonderful sense of humor.



Steam Engine Dune, taken in October 1959.

David grew up in Ogden Dunes with his grandparents and parents during a time when the landscape did not include a steel mill. An only child, he spent most of his time with his grandmother. His mother and grandfather worked long days. His father was serving in the 101st Airborne Division in World War II. When he was 4, his grandmother took him out to the edge of the dunes, told him to have a good time, then left him out there.

Asked if I’d heard the story correctly, that his grandmother left him by himself in the dunes, David laughs, saying, “She was Swedish. She didn’t mess around.” It took him most of the day to get back home. From that point forward, he was hooked, spending many of his days exploring as far east as Dunes Acres and as far west to what is now the Gary steel mills.

Where does his creative side hail from? Again, David’s sly sense of humor emerges.

“I like to tell people I come from a long line of Swedish artisans and craftsman,” he said. “In fact, my great-great-great-great-great grandfather was once turned down in his bid to paint the Sistine ceiling when he responded with ‘yah, sure, one coat or two’.

“I use that as a comic backup,” David said, smiling. “My whole family was talented musically, but none of them were professionally involved.”

The summer prior to his senior year at Portage High School, he was sent to a photo workshop at Indiana University. In high school, he was co-editor and photography editor of their annual. Upon his return, he acquired his first 35mm camera.

On his hikes, he would talk with people along the way. Eventually, he began documenting their stories, but it was not until years later that he transcribed them, using them as part of the storyboards that now accompany his photos. Looking at his photos, one would think his career was photography. Having known numerous photographers and what they went through, however, he chose a different line of work.

“I didn’t want the burden of commerciality hanging over my head,” David



For David, the dunes will never lose the allure that inspires him to capture them through the lens of his camera.

said. "I want to shoot what I want to shoot, when I want to shoot it and that's it. The only way to do that is freelance."

Instead, his path took him to Container Corporation of America National Design Group, where he was immersed with the country's top photographers, architects and designers.

"They were the best of the best," David said. "Those kinds of education go way beyond what you can learn in the classroom. That's application art. They know what they are doing, and they tell you all things you shouldn't be doing."

Eventually, David switched to packaging sales with Container Corporation, followed by a lengthy career in the electronics industry. Upon retirement, he went into the electronics business and put his mechanical abilities to good use. His talent as an accomplished singer

also led him to technical innovations in acoustic design. He has been awarded several patents, including a breakthrough status patent in an acoustical driver design by the U.S. Patent Office. In the next two years, he will put most everything on hold as he and his son will be involved in research and design on a new product. His release from the pressure of that work will be to wander through the dunes, camera in hand.

Looking back over the past 50 years, David

can see significant changes in the look of the dunes, from being open, to blowing sand, to vegetation growing over them. One day, he believes they will change back again.

Today, some of the areas he once traversed between Ogden Dunes and Dunes Acres no longer exist, except through images he captured on color transparencies.



Participants in David's sunset outing head up the stairs to Lookout Point.
All sunset outing photos by Paul Kemiel

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One such spot is Howling Hill in Central Dunes, where he hiked through an area with no road access, through swamps and heavily wooded areas to capture stunning photos, which leaves one wondering how anyone could have approved the destruction of such an area.

He has done different aspects of photography, but what calls him are the dunes. Throughout the years, the ever-changing landscape has inspired him to capture not only the well-traveled areas, but also the hidden treasures. Being fortunate to have a good eye for composition, since he was young, has proven invaluable.

“Most of the time, photographers fall down in composition. They don’t know how to compose a shot properly,” David said. “Seems like the easiest thing to do is frame a view and snap it. It’s how you frame it that’s most important. Rule of thirds dictates.”

He follows the rule of thirds even though his cameras do not physically have the grid in the eyepiece. When looking through it, in his mind’s eye, he can picture the grid and shoot his subject accordingly. This leads one to wonder if photography can truly be taught. According to David, it’s just experience. You have to do it enough so you know what not to do. You have to have the basics: composition and understanding of depth of field. Those two things in hand, then it’s experience knowing where to shoot, when to shoot and what time to shoot.

The one lesson he wished he had learned early was to shoot selectively.

“I’d go out with two rolls of film, 72 exposures and I would come back with a roll and a half unexposed,” David said. “I wouldn’t shoot much unless I knew I had something. For years, I came back and threw away, threw away, threw away. That’s what photographers do the best, they’ll tell you themselves. I was determined not to do it. It was expensive and frustrating.”

Probably the most valuable lesson he learned was from his mentor, George Seville, a dunes photogra-

pher whose photos were featured by Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

“One thing he told me that saved me from losing everything I had is, don’t shoot anything except Kodachrome 25,” David said. “It was the only emulsion heat tested in the laboratory that was long term. Everything else has gone away in their time.”

One could say David has been a holdout, as he began shooting with a digital camera only six months ago. He is still trying to get used to it due to the variety of options, which to him feels like a distraction. Except for his evocative work “Diana of the Dunes,” the rest of his photography collection has been digitally saved, but not digitally enhanced. What you see in his photos are what his eye and camera naturally capture.

And why create a tribute to the mysterious “Diana of the Dunes”? David’s grandparents were Swedish immigrants who began hiking and camping in the dunes in 1905. Their trips took them down the beach, close to Diana of the Dunes’ shelter. They knew her and talked with her on many occasions.

David’s favorite time to shoot is in the fall, due to the coastal changes at this time of year. He prefers shooting late in the day as he looks for shadows, sculpting of the sand, color and detail, which are only seen at that time of the day. To shoot midday, according to him, the dunes look “blah.”

“You have to know where to go, what time of day to go there to make the shot, and the weather has to be perfect,” David said. “All those conditions have to be right to get a really good photograph. You can photograph any time out there, whether

they’re going to look like anything is the question.”

Growing up in the area has given him immeasurable experience in capturing striking shots. He is that type of photographer, as he jokingly stated, “by being a bit crazy and myopic as his subject is always the dunes.”

The dunes never bore him. Through that near-sightedness, David has become a historian of the ever-changing landscape of the Indiana Dunes. What a gift he has given to us all.



The sentinel at Lookout Point.



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“Wonder” is One of the Year’s Best Films

by Andrew Tallackson

Lovingly adapted, with the most compassionate performances of any film this year, “Wonder” is easily the best rendering of a young-adult novel since “Holes.”

Rarely do movies like this get made nowadays. R.J. Palacio’s 2012 debut novel — required reading in many schools — was an exceedingly empathetic tale of ordinary people who rise and fall in the presence of one extraordinary boy. It could have been maudlin — Lifetime channel muck in the context of a Judy Blume book — but Palacio showed tremendous sensitivity toward her characters. The message wasn’t just one of tolerance, but that everyone has burdens that weigh them down.

If anyone could pull this material off, it was Stephen Chbosky, whose adaptation of his own young-adult novel, “The Perks of Being a Wallflower,” was one of the highlights of 2012. Chbosky, as director and co-writer, has preserved the essence of Palacio’s tale, distilling all the right elements so even those who have not read the book will walk away from it incredibly moved.

Any adaptation of “Wonder” sinks or swims on the child actor cast as Auggie Pullman, born with a facial deformity caused by Treacher Collins syndrome. He’s been in and out of hospitals since birth, home-schooled by his mother, who feels now is the time for him to enter the world as a fifth-grader.

In a stroke of casting genius, Auggie is played by Jacob Tremblay, whose “discovery” of a world denied to him in 2015’s “Room,” all while concealed in the back of a pickup truck, was the most agonizing, devastating, inspiring piece of acting from the past 10-12 years. He is a force of nature in “Wonder.” His Auggie is not a saint nor a martyr, but a painfully withdrawn, often angry youth desperate for a friend and fed up by taunts from school bullies.

Like the book, the movie explores Auggie’s entrance into the “real” world from varying perspec-

tives, including his parents (Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson, beautifully understated), his older sister, Via (Izabela Vidovic), his new best friend, Jack Will (Noah Jupe), Via’s troubled best friend, Miranda (Danielle Rose Russell), and the school bully, Julian (Bryce Gheisar).

These characters are brought to life by one remarkable performance after the next. There are no disposable characters, but flawed individuals of flesh and bone.

Consider Via. As Auggie’s older sister, she’s struggling with the reality of how parents of a struggling child often ignore the “normal” sibling. But as played by Vidovic, a Chicago native, Via isn’t an angry shrew. She’s torn between loving her brother and a need to be loved in return by her parents. Her journey of self-discovery through fellow drama club member Justin (Nadji Jeter) — a role expanded from the book — is fully realized, especially as it contrasts with Miranda, who has distanced herself from Via amid the collapse of her parents’ marriage. Watch Russell, as Mi-



Jacob Tremblay (right) and Noah Jupe play best friends in “Wonder.”

randra, in the scene where she speaks to Auggie over the phone, the conversation a cry for forgiveness. It is one of the film’s most heartbreaking moments.

Equally astounding is young Jupe in deeply expressive work as Jack Will, briefly influenced by bullies to denounce his friendship with Auggie, but brave enough to rekindle the bond between them.

Hard to tell who will be moved more by “Wonder”: parents, children or teens. Younger audiences will admire Auggie’s resilience in the face of uncertainty. The scene where Auggie’s mother is consumed by the alarming passage of time in relation to Via? Any adult who doesn’t choke up is lacking a pulse.

“Wonder” is the kind of movie you want to shout from the rooftops for everyone to see. Expect it to land near the top of my list of the best films of 2017.

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About the Cover

by Andrew Tallackson

John Marshall Jr. is accustomed to pets roaming about his family's Earl Road homestead. The 18-year-old Michigan City High School student has watched his family raise everything from dogs to chickens and ducks.

One day, from the back of the property, he caught sight of a turkey.

"I thought, it would be amazing to have a turkey as a pet," he said.

His family's reaction: Why not?

So, for the past year and a half, Chimmie — short for chimichanga — has become a key member of the Marshall family, which includes mom (Robin), dad (John) and 12-year-old brother Will, a Barker Middle School student.

What's it like having a turkey for a pet?

"It's great," John Jr. says with a laugh, adding, "we call him our free-roaming guard turkey. He listens better than the dogs."

Indeed, the Marshall family approaches Chimmie not just with love, but with a welcome sense of humor.

How did we learn about him? That would be Janet Baines, *The Beacher's* inside sales and customer service representative, and our go-to guide for terrific photo and story possibilities. Janet attends Michigan City Christian Church, which is directly across from the Marshalls.

Indeed, Robin Marshall says, Chimmie is a hit with congregation members across the street. When the family first brought him home for John Jr., he



The Marshall family includes (from left) John Jr., Robin and Will. All photos by Bob Wellinski

was but a few days old and no larger than a tennis ball. Now, he weighs upwards of 40 to 50 pounds.

Chimmie is an exceptionally agile creature, gracefully making his way across the property. Sometimes, he rides in the family's golf cart. He does not appear to agitate easily, and exhibited no diva-like behavior during *The Beacher's* photo shoot with photographer Bob Wellinski. The

Marshalls used one of Chimmie's favorite treats — nacho chips — to coerce their pet into cooperating. Within minutes, we had exactly the shots we needed for this week's Thanksgiving edition cover.

Special thanks to the Marshall family for being so welcoming, and for having everything arranged for the photo shoot.

We hope Chimmie made you smile. He certainly does for the Marshalls.

"He just hangs out," Robin said, chuckling. "He's our cool bird."



Chimmie gets a little restless during the photo shoot, with John Jr. corralling the bird back into place.

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Uncommon Covers with Doyle Martin

by M.D. Cunningham

“... the Devil’s right hand, the Devil’s right hand, mama said the pistol is the devil’s right hand ...”
Steve Earle

It’s the last day of summer. People are at a Michigan brewery for a fundraiser that invites gregarious behavior for a good cause.

Doyle Martin, a lanky Michigan City man with a fluid, self-deprecating wit, is playing his guitar and sharing humorous and real musings between songs.

Today, the songs are covers. A practice sometimes scoffed at because it’s similar to a writer slipping in a cliché. But for Martin, the practice keeps him sharp and allows him to share music he carries in the vault of his consciousness.

Listening to Martin serve up Townes Van Zandt, Steve Earle, Patsy Cline and others rings the bell of something familiar, but also distant.

“If you can identify with something that somebody is singing out there, just belting it out, I want to pound their fist or something. That’s amazing,” he said of what he looks for when he listens to other musicians.

Somehow, it all seems so natural and perfect. When Martin croons, everything fits. Themes of time passing, heartache and rumination hit you like summer rain.

Martin is wearing a brown baseball cap, Depeche Mode T-shirt and Malcolm X-style glasses. If not for the tattoos — badges from his travels — that blanket his left arm, he’d look like a farmer.

So who is Doyle Martin? Why should we care?

Simply put, he’s a cool dude who plays music. Good music. Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan’s music scene, which often piggybacks closely on breweries and wineries, grants many opportunities to see local talent.

In addition to beer pedaling at Sawyer, Mich., institution Green Bush, and solo shows performing “outlaw country” covers, Martin combines his skills with a pair of Chesterton men to form a band called Cloakroom. Debuting in 2012, Martin provides lead vocals and plays guitar, with Brian Busch on vocals and drums and Bobby Markos on bass guitar.

The band released its first extended record, *Infinity*, in 2013. The trio recently put out a new album, *Time Well*, which Martin will tour soon to promote.

“I’ve checked a lot off of my bucket list,” said Martin, whose favorite location to play so far has been Portugal. “I don’t want much. My records, my songs, they’ve been put to an actual record, which is a huge check off the list.”

Chris Barton from *The Los Angeles Times* highlighted Cloakroom as one of the most underrated bands in the U.S., praising the area they’ve carved out for exploration, and describing *Time Well* as perhaps the “perfect album for the dog days of summer.”

The fact that Martin and his band has captivated



Doyle Martin entertains a captive audience. Photos by James Conlin



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How to Cook a Turkey

Stories from Notre Dame Elementary School third-graders on how to cook a turkey are a Thanksgiving tradition at *The Beacher*. They never fail to make us smile: A perfect start to the holiday season. Thanks to teacher Jennifer Scriba for sharing the stories with us. Enjoy!

How to Bake a Turkey by Mary E. Barickman

Hi, I'm Mary, and I'm going to show you how to make and bake a turkey. So, first hunt a turkey and kill it. Wait!... actually, just buy the turkey at a store, but if you want to make it homemade, keep reading. Bake the turkey for 1,000,000 hours, then cut the turkey and freeze the turkey for 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 years (finish it when you're a zombie). Next, cook a cloud for 1 min. (you don't want it to evaporate). Finally, put the "hot burnt" turkey into the microwave. And that is how you bake and make a turkey. Wait!!!! If you want an uncommonly well-cooked turkey, come back to life and do the steps 1,000 times (at least). Byeeeeeeeee!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



How to Find and Cook a Normal Turkey (I Think...) by Braedan Bergerson



1. First, you DO NOT, and I mean, DO NOT go to the store, because if you do, you will: 1. get a rip-off, because stores these days, I don't know about them, 2. you won't get a juicy or a fat turkey, 3. there isn't really a third reason, I just wrote the third reason for no reason.

2. Then, go to the woods and climb a tree. When you find a turkey on the ground, jump on top of it.

3. Next, get off the turkey really, really fast.

4. Then, carry the turkey all the way to your house. Even if it's 5,000,000 miles away, Deal With It, or Just Do It ((in an announcer's voice) Buy one Nike, All Rights Reserved, Batteries Not Included).

5. Eat some pizza if you have some (Little Caesar's has the best pizza, and no, I'm not doing another sponsorship).

6. Next, put the turkey in the oven. If you don't have an oven, make a fire, and put the turkey in that. If that doesn't work, you're not eating for a

couple of months.

7. In case you are using an oven, put the turkey in the oven at 1,000,000,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Just joking, put it at 9,999,999,999,999,999,999,999,999,999 degrees Fahrenheit.

8. Ok, let's be real here, we're going to put the oven at 435 degrees Fahrenheit.

9. Set a timer for 3 hours and 7 minutes, and do whatever you want in those 3 hours like build a roller coaster, jump off a skyscraper, or just be a normal person and skydive from Jupiter.

10. Take the turkey out. You need to put an apple in its mouth. Once you have done that, reset the timer to 3 hours and 7 minutes and put the turkey back in the oven.

11. When the turkey is done in the oven, take it out and put all the spicy things you have on your turkey. Well, put everything you have to eat (except the salt, because if put salt on it, it will taste bad).

12. Let it cool down for four and a half minutes.

13. Next, put spray bottled butter onto the turkey.

14. Finally, eat the whole turkey. I know it's hard to finish reading this story, but you have to.

How to Find and Cook a Turkey by Starfire (pen name for Colleen Chlystun)

1. First, you cut out a turkey from paper.

2. Then, color it and find an oven.

3. The oven is round, next to a sink, and makes a flush sound.

4. After that, you keep it in for 2 min. Then, when you're done, you pull the flush thing.

5. Next, you follow the pipes to find the turkey.

6. After that, you find the turkey, you grab the turkey, and take it to the wild!

7. Then, it spoils, and you keep on doing the same thing, over and over again, until you get it right (you'll know if it's right when you taste it

and don't get sick).

8. Then, you wake up after your 999,999 year nap, realize it was all a dream, follow a rainbow, and find a leprechaun, and say, "GIVE ME MY TURKEY!"

9. After that, he gives you your turkey. That turkey was totally yours!

10. Finally, you eat the perfect turkey.

The End

How to Hunt for a Turkey by Michael Emerson



1. First, go to Walmart.

2. Then, go to the frozen aisle, and since you discover they're out of turkeys, you will have to go hunt for a turkey.

3. Next, steal a golf-cart so you can travel to the woods.

4. When you're in the woods, use your Ninja Star (a weapon you can throw) to defeat the turkey.

5. After that, tie the turkey to the golf cart, and pull it home.

6. Next, shove the turkey in the oven, even if the head doesn't fit.

7. Turn the oven to 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

8. Then, you realize you forgot to put onions on your turkey, so shove some onions in the oven with the turkey.

9. After 10,000 years, the onions explode, and so now you have onions on your turkey.

10. When the onions are done exploding, check your turkey. You can take the turkey out of the broken oven as long as there's smoke coming out of the oven.

11. Last, place the turkey back in the golf cart, drive back to Walmart, and throw it at Walmart, because they ran out of turkeys in the first place.

12. If you still want turkey, snatch one from the zoo.



How to Find and Cook a Turkey
by **Dorian Fabian**

1. First, find a flaming arrow turkey trap.

2. Then, lay the trap down with bait inside the trap, and disguise yourself as a tree.

3. After that, wait until a turkey comes.

4. When the turkey comes, you trap it in the flaming arrow turkey trap (make sure your tree disguise is fire-proof).

5. Next, take the turkey home, or to your campsite, to cook and eat.

6. To cook it, you need to pluck all the feathers off.

7. Then, you have to cook the turkey. I recommend staring into its eyes and then pushing it into the oven or into the fire. MWAHAHAHAHAHA!

8. After that, you cook it in an oven or over a fire for 5 hours.

9. Next, you can put some spices on the turkey, such as pepper and salt.

10. Before serving, if you want to, you can take out the bones, so you can eat it with or without the bones.

11. Next, you set the table, or prepare a place to eat by the fire (if you're camping).

12. Then, get all the hot sauces or ketchup.

13. Next, if you want an appetizer, you can go fishing. Catch a big fish, then go back to the camp or your house.

14. After that, you cook the appetizer (the fish).

15. Then, you put the fish on the table with the turkey, or next to the campfire.

16. Next, you wait a little longer for the turkey and fish to cook.

17. After that, when you are cooking the fish and turkey, move it around so it can cook thoroughly, or it will explode.

18. While you are cooking it, you should go and get more forks, just in case if you drop one.

19. Finally, this is the best part, no joke, it is to eat it. Enjoy the food!



How to Find and Cook a Turkey
by **Daniel Kozack**

1. First, go to Meijer's.
2. Then, chase after a turkey that is running around the store.

3. Since the turkey is too fast, send a robot to go get it with a net.

4. After that, hypnotize the turkey, and it will do whatever you tell it to do.

5. Then, take the turkey home.

6. Then, tell your robot to push the turkey into the oven.

7. Magically, the turkey turns into steak while in the oven.

8. Next, bring the turkey to the table, and tell your family that it is steak, but the steak actually is the turkey from Meijer. When you eat it, you will transform into turkeys forever.

9. Last, we all turn into turkeys.

10. Suddenly, Captain Underpants comes to save the day from all the zombie turkeys!

To Be Continued Next Thanksgiving



How to Cook a Garfield TURKEY
by **Lucy Murphy**

1. First, make Garfield (the cartoon cat) HUNGRY. He will only eat the turkey if he is hungry.

2. Next, send Garfield OUTSIDE into the wild WOODS.

3. After that, Garfield will find a turkey and chase it.

4. Then, he will catch it and eat it RAW!

5. Next, you will have a surprised look on your face.

6. Then, these directions say, "WHAT?! That's Garfield for ya."

7. Finally, these directions say, "Any questions?"

8. Lucy Murphy's ghost writer will respond by carving the answer into the turkey.



How My Pets Rio (My Bunny) and Felix (My Cat) Guarded our Thanksgiving Turkey
by **Lucille B. Murphy**



Hello, my name is Lucille, and I'm surprising my parents by cooking a turkey for Thanksgiving. Here are the directions I will follow.

1. First, I find a turkey at Al's Supermarket.

2. Then, I will buy the turkey for \$1000. Tax will be \$1,000,000,000.

3. After that, I will put all the spices and ingredients on it, such as pepper and vinegar.

4. Next, I will pre-heat the oven to 325 degrees F.

5. While the oven's preheating, I will prepare the cranberry sauce.

6. When the temperature is hot enough, I will shove the turkey in the oven.

7. I will keep it in the oven until it's charred black.

8. Then, I will take the turkey out of the oven, and get the table set up, and cover the turkey with a cloth.

9. After that, I will wake up my parents and go to the table. I will lift up the cloth, but.....

The Attack of the Turkey Aliens
by **Bryan Poplas**



1. First, find a turkey by hunting in the deep, dark, alien forest. Capture it in a barrel.

2. Next, tie the barrel, with the turkey in it to your car and drive home.

3. Put the turkey in the oven, and turn the oven up to 1000 degrees Fahrenheit.

4. Let the turkey roast for 2 months.

5. The oven timer will "BUZZZZZZZZ!!!!," so then take the turkey out.

6. Then, slice as much turkey as you can, and shape it into an animatronics alien.

7. After that, decorate it with eyes, bows all over his body (except his head), a hat, a microphone, nose, and a mouth. Add teeth and eyebrows.

8. Last, eat it! Then repeat the process as often as you're hungry. If you don't eat it, it will come to life and get ya'll! HAHAAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!

9. Warning: If the turkey gets you, you will turn into an ALIEN! MWAHAHAHAHAHA!



How to Find and Cook a Roblox (Online Game App.)

Turkey

by Aidan Rathbun



1. First, turn on your computer and go online.
 2. Log into your Roblox account.
 3. Next, hunt for a turkey with a water gun.
 4. Make sure your water gun is a "Superblaster Water Gun," and spray the turkey so all the feathers are removed.
 5. After that, carry the turkey home.
 6. Then, put bacon-hair, and add a Roblox noob (a newbie to Roblox who will show up on your turkey-avatar's shoulder).
 7. Then, invite your online friends to enjoy the online meal.
 8. Finally, eat the turkey while the music "Thunder" by Imagine Dragons (musical group) plays.
 9. Enjoy your turkey and have a blast!
- The End

How Wiggly Doo (my dog) & Lacey Doo (my other dog) Ate a Turkey

by Ella Rucinski



1. First, you go to the horrible, horrifying turkey-filled woods.
 2. Next, you listen for a "Ballk, Ballk, Baaaaaaaallk, Ballk, Ballk."
 3. Once you've found a turkey, feed it stuff you like. For example, I would feed my turkey dog treats and chicken.
 4. Then, pre-heat the oven to 575 degrees Fahrenheit.
 5. After that, put the turkey in the oven.
 6. Next, go and pick cranberries and smash them in a bowl until the turkey is done (about 24 hours).
 7. Then, make stuffing and mashed potatoes. Arrange them on the plate with the turkey.
 8. Finally, feed it to Lacey Doo and Wiggly Doo (my dogs). They will enjoy it.
 9. If your dogs are allergic to turkey, take some dog food, make a model of a turkey with it, and then put dog treats and chicken in it.
- The End

How to Find and Cook a Turkey

by Mary Katherine Sarver



1. First, you find a turkey in Mill Creek, IN. There are a LOT of turkeys there!
 2. Next, you kill the turkey and take out its guts. This part is kind of gross. Make sure you're wearing rubber gloves and a smock.
 3. Then, you turn on the oven to pre-heating at 10,000 degrees.
 4. After that, you take out the bones. Give the bones to your dogs.
 5. Next, you put the turkey in the oven for 111,111,111,000 (in case you're having a hard time reading this, that's one hundred eleven billion, one hundred eleven million, one hundred eleven thousand) hours.
 6. Then, you take the turkey out of the oven. Let it sit for an hour so you don't burn your tongue.
 7. Last, you eat it, and make it again.
- The End

How to Find and Cook a Turkey

by Tim Wadle



1. First, you go find a turkey, so you go into the woods and try and find a turkey, or you can just go to the store and buy a turkey.
2. Then, you go home (WITH the turkey).
3. Next, you put it in the oven. I know what you are asking. "What if we don't have an oven?" If you don't have an oven, you cook it on a lava lamp.
4. After that, you wait a couple of hours, then flip the turkey over on the other side.
5. Then, if the turkey is dead and cooked, you throw it away and start the process over again. You can eat it if you want, then start over... actually, don't do that.
6. Look at what food you have. Actually, go into the woods, because we haven't gone there in a long time. Just kidding! We almost went there. Sorry about all this chit-chat.
7. Find a monkey. Ok. A monkey? I never knew monkeys lived in LaPorte. I guess they do. Ok. If you want to catch a monkey, and we do, you have to eat like a monkey, and do all the

stuff that monkeys do. Once you catch the monkey, go back to the house.

8. Go to school, and brag that you have a monkey. I know this is mean, but we HAVE to brag... I mean, we HAVE a monkey!
 9. When you get to your house, tame the monkey.
 10. Once you tame the monkey, when it's Thanksgiving Day, the monkey can serve the turkey to you.
- The End

How to Find and Cook a Juicy Turkey

by Mark Wiggins



1. First, buy a hoverboard for \$400, which is a rip-off these days in my opinion.
 2. Next, hover to the woods.
 3. Then find a juicy turkey. If you want 2 turkeys, let the male attract a female.
 4. After that, to catch the turkey(s), find a spider web and tie it to a stick.
 5. Then, fling your device over a tree branch.
 6. After that, knock the turkey out with your device.
 7. Then, pick up the turkey, and ride back to your house on your hoverboard.
 8. Next, to cook the turkey(s), put the turkey(s) in the oven at 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
 9. After that, put Carolina Reaper (one of the hottest peppers in the world) Sauce in your turkey(s).
 10. Then go brag that your turkey(s) is or are better than store bought.
 11. At dinner, tell your family to go catch their own turkey. Then gobble your turkey up in front of them until you get so full you can't eat ever again.
 12. If you thought I was serious, that you don't eat again, you're crazy, so eat and deal with the burn!
 13. Finally, do this again next Thanksgiving so you have the juiciest turkey ever.
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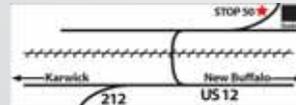
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The free event celebrates not only the holiday, but also Native American Heritage Month. Children can embark on a turkey count scavenger hunt throughout the gardens and nature trails, finding hidden paper turkeys and winning a Thanksgiving prize.

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Public Art Continues to Enhance the Community

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The popularity of outdoor art is readily visible in the warmly received SculptFusion project in Michigan City's North End.



"Sol Invictus."

Residents may have noticed a few large newcomers, like that blue heron perched along Franklin Street or the family of bears across from Washington Park Zoo. The colorful metal sculptures — known as "Waterbird" and "Bear Family," respectively — joined three others new additions to SculptFusion, which numbers 14 outdoor sculptures.

Janet Bloch, Lubeznik Center for the Arts executive director and Michigan City Public Arts Committee member, couldn't be happier with the endeavor.

"I think it's really been received well," she said. "It got people talking, and it's added a vibrancy to the downtown where it feels like something exciting is happening."

The sculptures stay in place for at least two years and are rotated out, unless a business or entity decides to buy one for permanent display.

"That's what's happened with 'Bear Family,'" Bloch said. "The zoo liked it so much, they decided to buy it."

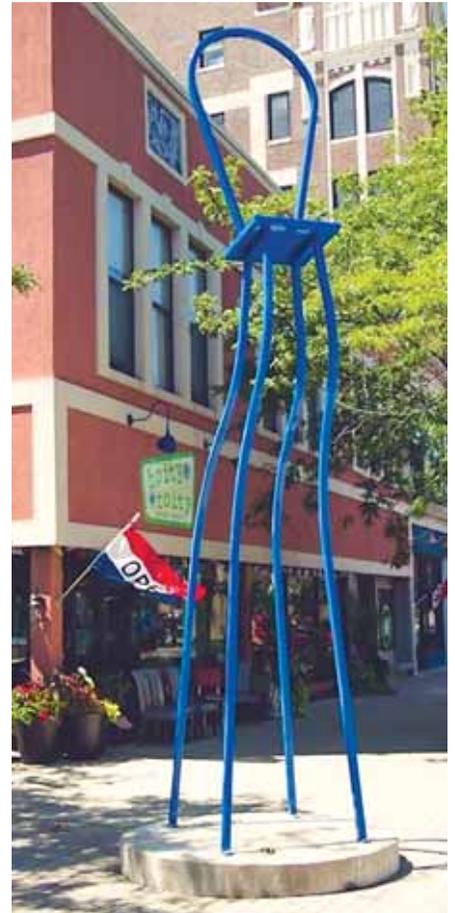
When the sculpture's time is up outside, the zoo will move it inside its gates, she said.

SculptFusion boasts a self-tour through a downloadable app call Otocast. Compatible with Google Maps, the free app is available at Google App Store on phones.

"It gives a picture of each sculpture and a recording by the artist telling about it," Bloch said. In addition, the app provides information on tours in other cities.

Here's a run-down of the new sculptures:

- "Waterbird" by Janet Austin, Fifth and Franklin streets.
- "Libretto" by Cynthia McKean, Fifth and Franklin streets.
- "Sol Invictus (Unconquered Sun)" by Dan Shaughnessy IV, Ninth and Franklin streets.
- "Bear Family" by Jim Collins, across from Washington Park Zoo.
- "Whoa" by Gary Kulak, Eighth and Franklin streets.



"Whoa."



"Bear Family."

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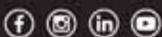


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- 409 Birch Tree Ln, Michigan City
- 993 Millpond Rd, Valparaiso
- 501 Birch Tree Ln, Michigan City
- 20 Marine Dr, Michigan City
- 304 Eastwood Rd, Michigan City
- 1808 Ridgemoor Ct, Long Beach
- 14451 Woodcrest Ln, Michiana
- 400 Marquette Trl, Pottawatomie Park
- 2208 Florimond Dr, Long Beach
- 2919 Loma Portal Way, Long Beach
- 8101 West Country Ln, Michigan City
- 1005 Roeske Trl, Michigan City
- 434 Maplewood Dr, Shoreland Hills
- 8 Shadow Trl, Michiana
- 4095 Ponchartrain Trl, Michiana
- 110 Lakeshore Dr, Sheridan Beach
- 2700 Oriole Trl, Long Beach
- 230 Sunset Trl, Duneland Beach
- 1121 Lakeshore Dr, Beachwalk Resort
- 3530 Manitou Trl, Duneland Beach
- 100 Upland, Sheridan Beach
- Bittersweet, Shoreland Hills
- 4201 Hillside Trl, Michiana



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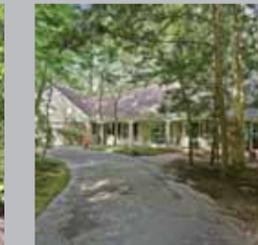
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Sheridan Beach
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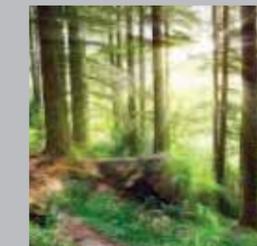
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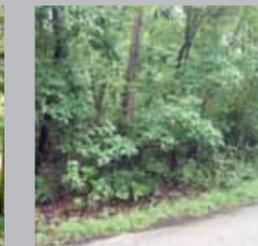
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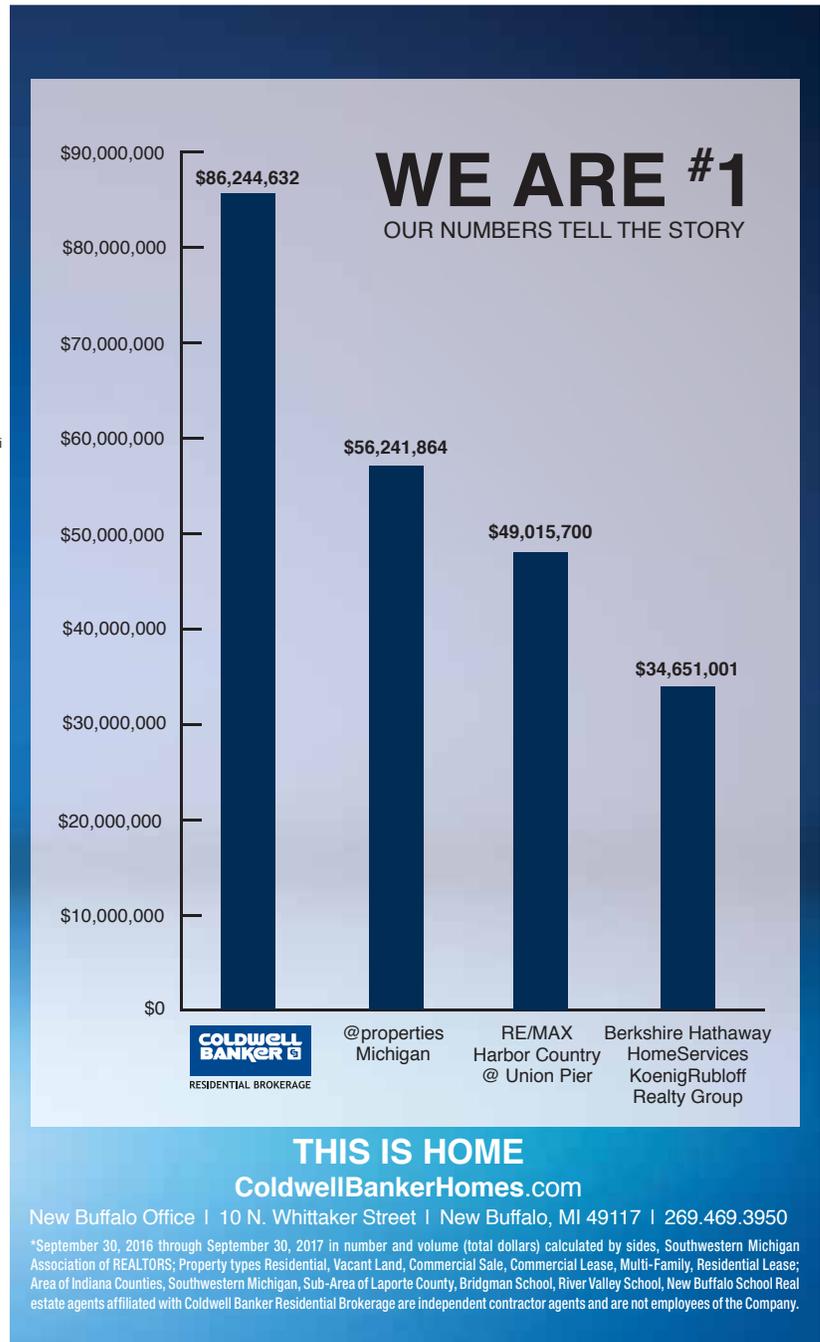
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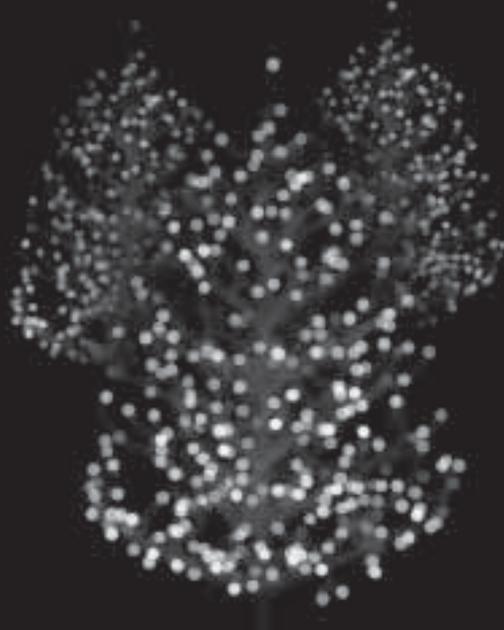
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Please gather in the Hospital front lobby on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 4:45 p.m.

Refreshments will be served by the Guild of Volunteers following the lighting ceremony.

Love Lights is sponsored by the Guild of Volunteers.

To honor a loved one, donations will be accepted at \$3.00 per person.

Proceeds will benefit the Guild of Volunteers Scholarship Fund at Franciscan Health Michigan City.

Additional donations to the Scholarship Fund are accepted.

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Our Odyssey...Their Odyssey

One of the roots of our culture is the journey. Movies we see and books we read often recount a journey. In "The Odyssey," the Greek hero Odysseus wanders for years and years, living through a boatload of adventures.

In a similar way, Purdue University Northwest has laid out adventures in its "Odyssey Series" (www.pnw.edu/arts-culture/odyssey). Sculpture and two-dimensional artworks are set out, ready for the adventurer to experience. While artists and Purdue students certainly benefit, the public can visit the sculptures and other artworks on the Westville and Hammond campuses for their personal adventures.

On Nov. 4, PNW hosted its annual dinner for artists whose works were added that year. Attending were: Tom Brand, Eric Fuertes, Herbert George, Winifred Godfrey, Oakley Gregory, John Habela, Terrence Karpowicz, Richard Kiebdaj, Lialia Kuchma, Andrew Light, Teresa Lind, Darryl Moody, Sandra Perlow, Christine Perri, Corey Postiglione,



Andrew Light's "Valence and Aplomb."

ART & ABOUT

Robert Stanley

Jim Pryzdia, Sam Spiczka, Robert Stanley, Eric Stephenson, Carole Stodder, Bobby Talamine, Lee Tracy and Will Vannerson. Benefactors receiving recognition were Dr. William and Mrs. Susan Kleinman and Mel Theobald.

Judy Jacobi, PNW assistant vice chancellor of University Art Collections and Special Programs, and her staff, Elizabeth Bernel, Annie McDonald and Michelle Wiser, set up the dinner and presentation, as well as being primarily responsible for transporting the Odyssey artworks. Other movers and shakers include the Facilities and Grounds staffs for the moving and for the shaking, Purdue Northwest Chancellor Thomas Keon and previous Chancellor James Dworkin.

After hors d'oeuvres, Jacobi's presentation projected each artist's work on a large screen, while giving some background for the piece. All of the artists are local, from "The Region" and Chicago.

"The sole reason for this evening is to thank all of you — the artists and donors who have helped us build this collection with your gifts and loans," she said. "You have made a difference in the lives of more people than you can imagine."

The sculptures range from the playful to the serious, the paintings and prints from realistic to abstract. Walking among them is like traveling from culture to culture on an extended vacation — always something different to appreciate.

Andrew Light's "Valence and Aplomb" is an example of something abstract that has a basic "look" that can be understood in different ways. What is really there, ignoring the urge to fit something we see into a category or story, is a curving shape above some an-

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gular shapes and gaps. There is a transition zone, where the two main themes merge, gracefully. Those shapes and relationships can be appreciated just for themselves, much as in music where a change in tempo or difference between verse and chorus can delight a person.

Or, the shapes might relate to the physical world, as the title hints. In chemistry, valence is the term for an electron in the outer shell of an atom that possesses the energy to attract particles and create other molecules.



Eric Stephenson's "Dodge."

Here, the large top and base are drawn together with calmness ("aplomb"). Based on a drawing together of differences with aplomb, many personal moments or instances of the human condition can be reflected upon. The sculpture, like other artwork on campus, has multiple routes of adventure.

The artist himself said, "I have spent the last 6 weeks chasing this piece and pushing it to its present form. My dialogue with it, is, as yet, unresolved." Many artists speak the same way. If the idea/feeling is open-ended (within a general direction as in this piece) for them, it certainly is for any viewer.

Just as with "Valence and Aplomb," so it is with many other works in PNW's "Odyssey." Starting with the obvious shapes, colors, composition, many roads can be traveled, from simple pleasure of those three to a personal journey based on them.

Besides the option of taking a self-guided tour, Purdue Odyssey offers group tours. Contact Liz Bernel at (219) 785-5719 or Judy Jacobi at (219) 785-5593 for group-tour information.

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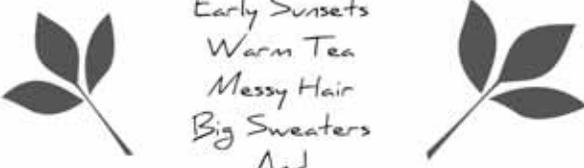
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Nature's Tiny Tots

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

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. Nov. 27 and Dec. 11 and 18 at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

Parent & Child Discovery Days

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

The schedule is:

- Nov. 29 — Bat Basics.
- Dec. 13 — Winter Wonder Land.

Snowflake Break

Children 5-10 can make crafts, play games and have a snack during the free program from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at Luhr County Park Nature Center.

Dress for the weather because some activities are outside. Parents are not required to participate or stay during the program

A minimum of five children and maximum of 24 are required for the program.

Teachers-Groups-Scout Leaders

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

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Call (219) 325-8315 to make reservations for one of many picnic shelters at any of the four county parks, or Pat Smith Hall at Red Mill County Park for a family function.

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Michigan City Public Library

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

- **Madden 18 Xbox One Tournament on Friday through Sunday, Nov. 24-26, in the meeting room.**

The program is for youth 18 and younger (18-year-olds must show a high school ID). Players must be available for all dates. Space is limited, so advance registration is required in Youth Services.

- **Story Time at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, and 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 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 library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, for Thanksgiving. Contact Robin Kohn at (219) 873-3049 for more information on library programming.

Parent Invite to Lunch



Barker Middle School hosted the second-quarter "Parent Invite to Lunch" to celebrate "Parent Day" for American Education Week on Nov. 13-17. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or any adult advocate were invited to have lunch in the gym with their students and take an outside lunch. They also could participate in a STEM Challenge that infuses Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Math strategies. The second-quarter challenge was "straw towers." The mission was to create the tallest tower possible using only a dozen plastic straws. The tower must be completely freestanding. Scissors could be used to manipulate the straws to build the towers. One hundred and 10 adult advocates attended the event.



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Michigan City Education Foundation Awards Grants to Teachers

The Michigan City Education Foundation recently awarded several small grants to teachers for innovative classroom approaches for the 2017-2018 school year.

Recipients teach in grades kindergarten through eighth in Michigan City-area public and parochial schools. A total of 44 grants was awarded for \$11,850, benefiting 12 schools, 95 teachers and 3,488 students. Many grants funded items that can be used with classes on an ongoing basis.

The MCEF, a component fund of Unity Foundation of La Porte County, formed in 1994 to recognize outstanding teacher projects. Since its inception, the endowment has awarded more than \$235,000 to benefit about 37,000 students.

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This year's recipients include:

- **Barker Middle School:** Kathleen Gushrowski, Math Meets Art; Lisa Martin, Overcoming Adversity in the Real World; Mariah Pol, Barker Middle School's History Day Fair; Maria Surma, Microscope Mania!; and Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel, The Art of Music.
- **Krueger Middle School:** Shirley Allen, Men Sing Out! Part 2; and Janine Peo, Analyzing United States History through Biographies.
- **Coolspring Elementary School:** Brianne Covington and Rita Cochran, Only One You; Angela Dydo, Reading is for Everyone; and Megan Edinger, Igniting our Nonfiction Writing Sparks.
- **Edgewood Elementary School:** Teresa Pavloff, Picassos with Pavloff; Julie Pitman, Art History Research and Technology; and Sheri Tuesburg and Michelle Sickles, Expository Experts and Biography Wax Museum.
- **Joy Elementary School:** Shannon Chavis, Parents and Kids Concert.



- **Lake Hills STEM Magnet School:** Candace Archer, Music for All; Diane Grams, Learning Conflict Resolution Training and Art; Cindy LoGreco and Jane Shimala, Poetry is Great; Erin Lozano, Creating Colorful and Creative Writers; Janis Mitchell, DeAnna Munoz, Penny Will, Kids Power; DeAnna Munoz, Janis Mitchell, Penny Will, Cookies and Canvas; Sheri Wagner, Engineers Are On The Move; Penny Will, Where the Brilliant Ideas Are... Writing Begins!!!
- **Marsh Elementary School:** Susan Shell, Can We Read It? Yes, We Can!
- **Notre Dame Catholic School:** Linda Barr, I Am a Reader!; Joanna Cate, Sandy Purcell, Sara Conn, Kathy Dolezal, The Wonder Project: Don't Judge a Book By Its Cover; Katherine Chlystun, The 5 Cs in foreign language education-Spanish; and Angela Ruiz, Mushu's Habitat.
- **Pine Magnet School for the Performing and Visual Arts:** Sharon Arndt, Megan Orlando, Amanda Bair, Drip, Drop, Splat! First Graders Paint Like Jackson Pollock; and Zachary Taylor and Rachel Palleschi, Green Growing and Learning.
- **Queen of All Saints Catholic School:** Caryn Lee Bednarek, Published Authors; Maggie Gondeck, Outdoor Mosaic of Mary; Diana Kopczyk, Playground FUN!; and Jennifer Zerbes, The World Through Water Colors.
- **Springfield Elementary School:** Debra Carpenter, Nancy Porter, Krista Tuholski, Planetarium; Stephanie Klingenstein and Amber Large, Indoor School Garden; Amber Large, Stephanie Klingenstein, Jeffrey Russell, Wax Museum Experts; and Melissa Wise, Sensational Learning.
- **St. Paul Lutheran School:** Lexa Allison, Marvelous Math Stations.

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Santa Parade

An old-fashioned Santa Christmas Parade is at 4 p.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 25, in New Buffalo, Mich., kicking off at North Thompson and Mechanic streets before heading to Lions Park.

Needed for the parade are elves, Christmas characters, moving objects (i.e. bikes), pets and whatever else can be dressed or decorated. Choirs, bands or businesses also are invited. Treat bags will be available for children.

The schedule (all times Eastern), in addition to the parade, is:

- 9 a.m. to noon — Breakfast With Santa at Rosie’s restaurant, 128 N. Whittaker St.
- 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Christmas tree and wreath sales at Lakeview Video throughout the season.
- 11 a.m. — Small Business Saturday Kickoff. Visit facebook.com/newbuffalo for details.
- 2 p.m. — Gingerbread house decorating at Jackie’s Café, 801 W. Buffalo St. The event is free, but make reservations by calling (269) 469-1800.
- 4:30 p.m. — Hot cocoa and s’mores, sponsored by David’s Deli, at Lions Pavilion, 101 N. Marquette Drive. The treats are free.
- 6 p.m. — Tree lighting and caroling at Lions Park.

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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.

Anyone with memories and photos they're willing to share about either storm, please contact me at (219) 879-0088 or drew@thebeacher.com. We can scan in your photos and return them to you. The deadline to contact us is noon Thursday, Dec. 7.

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

picture for our readers.

So think about it. We'd love to hear from you!

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

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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

• **Teen Movie Night: “War for the Planet of the Apes” at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, at The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The film is Rated PG-13. Free popcorn will be available.

• **Children’s Movie: “Captain Underpants” at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Thomas Branch Children’s Department, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The film is rated PG. Attendees can take a pillow or stuffed animal. Popcorn will be provided. Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

• **Seinfeld Trivia Night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Teams of 1-4 people can vie for a prize. Refreshments will be served.

• **Crochet Club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Nov. 28 at Thomas Library.**

Attendees learn beginning crochet from instructor Sadie Steciuch. Children are asked to take a size G crochet hook and skein of medium-weight yarn to each session. Class size is limited, so registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **Fear Factor for 6- to 11-year-olds from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the Thomas Branch Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The event includes gross foods, icky obstacles and frightening feats. Registration is required in person or by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **Knit Wits and Pearls of Wisdom at 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

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

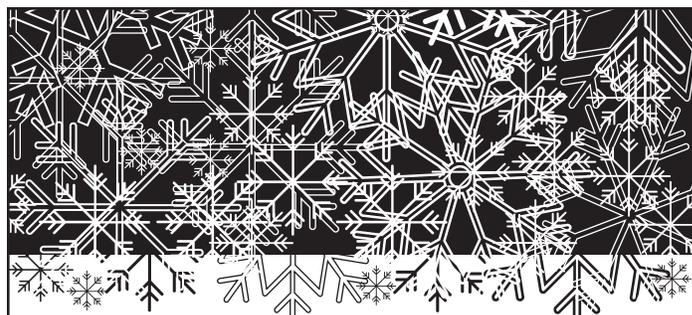
• **The first Spelling Bee on Thursday, Nov. 30, at The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The event is open to the public, with spectators welcome. Prizes are awarded to the finalists. Advance registration is highly encouraged. Study guides are available for registered spellers that include rules, FAQs and words to study.

The two sessions are: one for teens (13-17) from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and one for adults 18 and older from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Pizza and refreshments will be served during the break from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Visit www.WPLspellingbee.Eventbrite.com, or call the Thomas Branch Reference Department at (219) 926-7696 and ask to speak to Marta for more information.

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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are available:

• **Black Friday Opt-Outside Hike from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, at West Beach.**

The free family hike, co-sponsored by Save the Dunes, is led by regional experts in fields such as birding, botany, insects, geology and ecology. Visitors hike up to 3.5 miles based on conditions with easy cutoffs back to the parking lot for shorter hikes of one and two miles. The hike is moderate in difficulty, with 250 stairs and some sections of loose sand trail surface. An after-hike event will be at a local restaurant. Details will be available at the hike, or at www.savedunes.org

Meet at the West Beach parking lot, which is about 1/2 mile north of U.S. 12 at the county line between Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood and Porter County.

• **Turkey Trot Hike from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25.**

Join a ranger in search of wild turkey and other wildlife while hiking along the ancient Calumet shoreline and through forested dunes and small blowouts.

Meet at the Calumet Dunes Trail parking lot, County Road 300 East (Kemil Road), just off U.S. 12 near Beverly Shores.

• **Pinhook Upland Trail Hike from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26.**

A ranger leads the hike on Pinhook Bog's often

overlooked Upland Trail, showcasing the bog's watershed while hiking a ravine, crossing a bridge over a secluded pond and through stands of towering trees.

The Pinhook Bog parking lot is located at 920 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City.

• **Miller Woods Hike from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, 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:

• **High Dunes Hike from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24.**

Meet a naturalist at the Nature Center for a trek to the summit of the state's highest sand dune.

• **Turkey Talk from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25.**

Meet at the nature center for a program on turkey vocabulary.

• **Late Fall Wetland Wander from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25.**

Explore the life of wetland habitats in the short hike that starts at the Nature Center.

• **Thanksgiving for the Birds from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 26.**

Join a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding.

• **Holiday Beach Glass Workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26.**

Learn the art of wire-wrapping and make beach glass or stone jewelry. Space is limited. The cost is \$5 per person. Register by calling the Nature Center at (219) 926-1390.

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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JROTC Participates in Ceremonies Honoring Veterans



Cadets march in the Pass in Review segment during the Michigan City High School Veterans Day Ceremony.

Michigan City High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps participated in five different ceremonies honoring veterans in conjunction with Veterans Day.

The ceremonies occurred at Disabled American Veterans Hall, St. Paul Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 37 for the Marine Corps League, Purdue University Northwest and the MCHS Veterans Day ceremony.

Maj. Tom McGrath, the senior Marine instructor, complimented the cadets on their flexibility and dedication.

"Despite the time our cadets spend on our extra-curricular activities — Drill Team, which practices at 5:45 a.m., Rifle Team and Cyber Patriot teams that practice after school, along with our community service — they still make time to participate in these important ceremonies that honor our veterans."

The cadets will remain busy up to Christmas Break. They have three military skills competitions. The first was MCHS's event Nov. 18 that included military drill, physical fitness and academics.

The cadets will support the "One City, One Sound" concert Dec. 14 at the high school, along with other holiday events, such as the Marine Corps League Toys for Tots at Lighthouse Place-Premium Outlets on Nov. 24.

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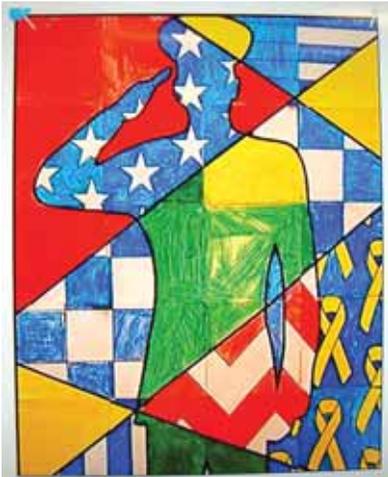
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Students Celebrate Veteran's Day

Barker Middle School seventh- and eighth-graders celebrated Veteran's Day with school-wide events.

Mrs. Parsons' reading classes and Ms. Pol's social studies classes entered the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary "Patriot's Pen" Essay Contest. This year's theme was "America's Gift to My Generation." Students wrote essays of 300 to 400 words on the topic.



The completed homeroom patriotic mural.

Ms. Sobecki's elite chorus sang patriotic songs at Rittenhouse Senior Living during the Veteran's Luncheon on Nov. 9. Participants sang along with the students, who also stayed and visited with them. Ms. Rothermel's digital art seventh-grade students created posters with patriotic quotes and song lyrics, while her eighth-graders created digital indoor murals. Homerooms students put together colored patriotic murals.

Krasl Art Center Fundraiser

Soups On, Krasl Art Center's annual fundraiser, runs from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. EST Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Soups hail from Zoup!, The Buck Burgers & Brew and Bistro on the Boulevard, with beverages by Biggy and homemade desserts. The cost is \$10. Proceeds support the center's year-round programs.

The Shop features artist-made gifts and cards, with proceeds supporting the ceramics program.

The center is located at 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Call (269) 983-0271 or visit www.krasl.org for details.

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Monday Musicale

Monday Musicale will present "Brought to You by the Letters H, I, J & K," a program of secular and holiday inspired tunes, at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St.

The program follows this year's theme, "The ABCs of Music" by composer or title.

Program chairwoman Deb Campanella and vocalists Frank Casorio, Kathy Chase, Kathi Jones and Sheila Pollock will showcase a variety of musical styles with numbers such as "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm," "I Wonder As I Wander," "Joseph's Lullaby," "St. Louis Blues" and "The Sleigh."

A women's ensemble will present "In the Mood" and "Watts Cradle Song," accompanied by Lee Meyer. Casorio will share an aria from the G.F. Handel opera "Serse." Jones will sing "Indian Love Call" from the 1924 operetta-style musical "Rose-Marie." Soprano Pollock will accompany herself on piano, singing "The Way We Were" by Marvin Hamlisch.

Audience members are invited to sing along with seasonal favorites. A social time follows the program, with refreshments provided by Bob and Sheila Thompson's hosting committee. There is no admission charge, but donations to the scholarship fund are welcome.

Call Ange Benz at (219) 874-3754 or Sue Cassler at (219) 362-1421 for details.

NB Library Community Forum

The legacy of Martin Luther's Reformation breakthrough 500 years ago is the subject of the next Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum at 6:30 p.m. EST Monday, Nov. 27, at the library, 33 N. Thompson St.

The speaker is Ronald Rittgers, Valparaiso University Erich Markel chairman in German Reformation Studies and professor of history and theology. He will examine how Luther's experience as a monk directly contributed to the emergence of the Protestant Reformation.

Other free programs include "The Evolution of Local Ecosystems" on Dec. 4 and the annual holiday caroling Dec. 10. The series is underwritten in part by The Pokagon Fund.

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Curator's Report

The staff at La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., have released the October curator's report.

Visitors came from 10 Indiana counties, 16 states, Norway, Russia, Canada and Guatemala. Tour groups included the Pioneer Automobile Club from South Bend and Social and Learning Institute for Disabled Adults from Michigan City.

The La Porte High School Pom-Pom Girls had their photos taken at the museum. Susie Blue and the Lonesome Fellas presented a western swing concert Oct. 14, with a future one planned. For Family History Month, County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz gave a program on using maps for genealogy work.

Donations included:

- Scrapbook, song sheets and photos of the Maple City Four, Greg Meissner.
- Rolling Prairie High School tassel, class ring, key chain, industrial arts award, diploma, St. Peter's eighth-grade diploma and pin, and a fishing rod from 1957 fishing rodeo, James Faulstich.
- Letter opener from Delaney's Furniture, Kathy Gallagher.
- World War I-era FitAll toiletry kit, German matchbook holder, sailor compensation form, Leon Klosowski.
- 1988 Barbie Dream Car, David and Sandra Mann.
- Black velvet dress that belonged to Alice Mueller, Kathy Calvin.
- Stillwell High School sweaters, Susan Weliever.
- 1938 Elston High School yearbook and bookmark, World War II ration book, calling cards, uniform button polisher, Janice Casper.
- Swedish Bible, Donald Olson.
- Framed photo of Victor Yagelski, killed in action Jan. 20, 1945, in France, Lucille Elliot.
- Halloween décor, Solitaire Miles.
- Sale table items, Alan Zeller and Susie Richter.



David and Sandra Mann donated a 1988 Barbie's Dream Car that recreated a 1957 Chevrolet Be Lair.

The Free Masons will host an open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, with a program at 1 p.m.

The theme for this year's holiday display is "Good Grief, It's Christmas!" and featuring the Peanuts gang. A scavenger hunt is planned to find the characters throughout the museum. The La Porte Little Theatre cast of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" will carol throughout the museum on Saturday, Dec. 16.

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La Lumiere Student Honored



La Lumiere School's Lily Kennedy has been named a School Winner by Wendy's High School Heisman. In 1994, the Wendy's High School Heisman was created to honor high school student-athletes for excellence in academics, athletics and community involvement.

Annual Madrigal Dinner

First United Methodist Church's music department will recreate a Renaissance Christmas feast during the ninth annual madrigal dinner Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2.

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 last 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.

Genealogical Society

The La Porte County Genealogical Society met Nov. 14 at the La Porte Park Department, with 20 members and guests present.

Program Chairwoman Patricia Harris said reservations for the Christmas party — set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Round the Clock — are due by Friday, Dec. 1. Contact her at (219) 872-3273 or pagharris@sbcglobal.net.

The nominating committee, chaired by Cynthia Blicher, presented a slate unanimously accepted by voters. For 2018-2019, it is: president, Ron Heyer; vice president, Lester Chadwick; secretary, Cynthia Blicher; treasurer, Larry Carlson; and genealogist-historian, Fern Eddy Schultz.

After the business meeting, Betty Morris presented the program. In 1994, she rescued a suitcase just before garbage collectors arrived. What she found led to the publishing of a book, Fatal Error, written by Gary D. Cooper, a 1945 tale of heroism and tragedy involving a Navy patrol bomber crew that included a Michigan City man.

More information about the society is available at tinyurl.com/ndooe7s

Society of Innovators

Nine individuals and teams were among the honorees during The Society of Innovators' 13th Induction Ceremony on Oct. 26 at Hammond's Horseshoe Casino.

The individuals were:

- D.E. "Sonshine" Troche: Worthy Women Recovery Home.
- Jerry Jackson, La Porte Sanitary District project with robotics team.
- La Porte City Engineer Nick Minich.
- Todd Taylor, La Porte Water Department.
- Capt. Adam Klimczak, La Porte Police Dept.

The teams were:

- Spark Labs, La Porte County Public Library.
- "Week of Code": Collaboration led by Economic Development Corp. of Michigan City.
- Arconic Power and Propulsion La Porte Engineering Team.
- Unity Park Project: Unity Foundation, La Porte Parks and La Porte Park Foundation.

Maggi Spartz, Unity Foundation of La Porte County president, was the ceremony's cohort.



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Marsh Drama Club



Marsh Elementary School Drama Club members performed skits based on the children's books "Big Al" and "Hooway for Wodney Wat" during three performances Nov. 10. The school's Creative Concepts art club made all the props.

Shop Small Saturday

Uptown Arts District businesses will celebrate "Shop Small Saturday 2017" with extended hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25.

Special discounts and giveaways are planned. Participating businesses include:

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Boy Scout Wreath Sale

Boy Scouts of America Long Beach Troop 802 will present their annual Christmas Wreath Sale.

Wreaths are available in sizes of 24 inches and 36 inches. Contact Steve at (219) 878-1130 to place an order.

Extra wreaths will be available Saturday, Nov. 25, at Nature's Cupboard, 340 Dunes Plaza.

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Nov. 23 — Thanksgiving Day Turkey Walk, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Free. Info: www.friendshipgardens.org, (219) 878-9885.

Nov. 24 — High Dunes Hike, 10-11 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Nov. 24 — Teen Movie Night: “War for the Planet of the Apes,” 5 p.m., The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Nov. 24 — The Nitz and Howe Experience, 8 p.m. EST, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$20. Info: www.acorn-theater.com, (269) 756-3879.

Nov. 24-27 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “Battle of the Sexes.” Rated PG-13. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* “Stronger.” Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

Nov. 25 — Shop Small Saturday 2017, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Uptown Arts District (downtown Michigan City).

Nov. 25 — La Porte Santa Parade, noon-1 p.m., downtown La Porte.

Nov. 25 — Turkey Trot Hike, 1-3 p.m., Calumet Dunes Trail parking lot, Kemil Road off U.S. 12 near Beverly Shores.

Nov. 25 — Santa Christmas Parade, 4 p.m. EST, New Buffalo, Mich. Kicks off @ North Thompson & Mechanic streets. Info: (312) 965-9114.

Nov. 25 — Children’s Movie: “Captain Underpants,” 10:30 a.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Nov. 26 — Pinhook Upland Trail Hike, 1-3 p.m., Pinhook Bog parking lot, 920 N. Wozniak Road, Michigan City.

Nov. 26 — Holiday Beach Glass Workshop, 1-3 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Cost: \$5. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Nov. 27 — New Buffalo Library Community Forum, Martin Luther’s Reformation, 6:30 p.m. EST, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

Nov. 27 — Monday Musicale, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. Free/donations to scholarship fund welcome. Info: (219) 874-3754, (219) 362-1421.

Nov. 28 — Seinfeld Trivia Night, 7-8:30 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Nov. 28 — Book signing, James Pula (“Under the Crescent Moon with the XI Corps, 1862-63”), 2:30-4 p.m., Purdue Northwest University Campus Bookstore. Info: tinyurl.com/yad54vfp

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In the Region

Nov. 24 — Black Friday Opt-Outside Hike, 1-3 p.m., West Beach, 1/2 mile north of U.S. 12 near Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1 — Annual fundraiser, Soups On, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. EST, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Cost: \$10. Info: (269) 983-0271, www.krasl.org

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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.

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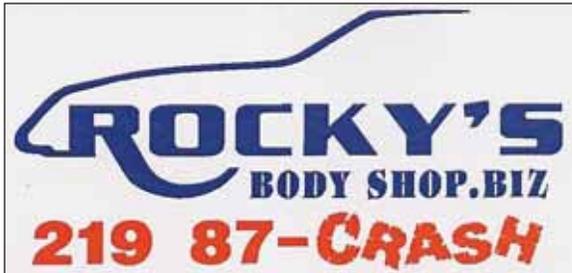
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On November 23, 1876, three eastern colleges, Columbia, Princeton, and Harvard, joined to form the first intercollegiate football association.

On November 23, 1911, Earl Ovington was sworn in as the first airmail pilot of the U.S. Post Office. His first assignment was to deliver mail, handed to him by the postmaster at Garden City, Long Island, to the postmaster of Mineola, six miles away. He flew a Bleriot monoplane, the *Dragon Fly*, in the first authorized airmail service.

On November 23, 1936, the first issue of *Life*, the picture magazine created by Henry Luce, was published in Chicago.

On November 23, 1969, the world's first earth-to-space news conference was held on board the Apollo 12 Space Ship.

On November 24, 1869, women from 21 states gathered in Cleveland, to draw up plans for organizing the "American Women Suffrage Association."

On November 24, 1874, Joseph Glidden, of De Kalb, Ill., was granted a patent for barbed wire.

On November 24, 1963, in Dallas, Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John Kennedy, was shot to death by Jack Ruby.

On November 24, 1971, a hijacker, who went by the name of "Dan Cooper," parachuted from a Boeing 727 over Washington state with \$200,000 in ransom money. Cooper, who is popularly — albeit incorrectly — referred to as "D.B. Cooper," has not been heard from since.

On November 25, 1884, John Meyenberg, of St. Louis, received a patent for evaporated milk.

On November 25, 1952, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, which would become the world's longest running play, opened in London.

On November 25, 1957, it was announced that President Dwight Eisenhower had suffered a slight stroke.

On November 25, 1984, William Schroeder, of Jasper, Ind., became the second human recipient of an artificial heart.

On November 25, 1999, Elian Gonzalez was rescued by fishermen off the Florida coast; the 5-year-old boy's rescue set off an international custody battle between relatives in Miami and Elian's father in Cuba.

On November 26, 1789, the first national Thanksgiving Day in the United States was proclaimed by President George Washington. He asked the nation to observe the day as one of thanksgiving for the

adoption of the United States Constitution.

On November 26, 1833, Chicago's first newspaper, the *Chicago Democrat*, was published by John Calhoun, a printer from New York.

On November 26, 1922, Egyptian officials authorized the opening of King Tutankhamen's tomb.

On November 26, 1925, many Americans looked forward to becoming "a motorist" when the price of the Ford "roadster" was lowered to \$260.

On November 26, 1942, the film "Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, had its world premiere in New York.

On November 27, 1889, Curtis Bradley received the first permit to drive an automobile through Central Park. The permit was issued on the condition that Bradley pledge to "exert the greatest care to avoid frightening horses."

On November 27, 1890, residents in Boston complained to police that it was unsafe to drive their horses on country lanes because of racing bicyclists.

On November 27, 1926, Chicago hosted its first Army-Navy football game, played at Soldiers Field, and which ended in a 21-21 tie.

On November 28, 1839, Thanksgiving was observed for the first time in Chicago.

On November 28, 1895, America's first automobile race got under way when six cars, over snow-covered roads, started a 55-mile round-trip course from Chicago to Waukegan. Two of the cars were electric, and four were powered by gasoline engines. The winner was Frank Duryea, who traveled at an average speed of 7 miles per hour. The Duryea car used 3.5 gallons of gasoline and 19 gallons of water. The prize, which was donated by the *Chicago Times-Herald* was \$2,000.

On November 28, 1925, the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville's famed home of country music, made its radio debut.

On November 28, 1964, the U.S. launched the space probe Mariner IV on a course to Mars.

On November 29, 1886, Chicago's first fireboat, the \$39,000 "Geyser," was commissioned on the Chicago River.

On November 29, 1890, the first Army-Navy football game was held at West Point, N.Y. Navy won 24 to 0.

On November 29, 1929, Navy Lt. Commander Richard E. Byrd flew over the South Pole in his trimotored Fokker plane, becoming the only person to have flown over both the North and South Poles.

On November 29, 1948, the long-running "Kukla, Fran and Ollie", starring Fran Allison, premiered on NBC-TV.

On November 29, 2001, former Beatle George Harrison died in Los Angeles of cancer at 58.



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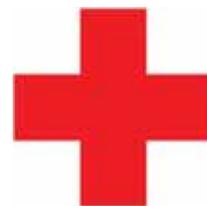


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3. Mary Lou McFadden		177
4. Dottie Brinckman		169
5. Nancy Kubath		160
6. Sarah Blank		155
6. Marge Midkiff		155
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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Conviction by Julia Dahl (*hardcover, \$25.99 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook*)

The dictionary says conviction is “a fixed or firm belief.” In a court of law, that can send a person away for life in prison or on to the death penalty.

Julia Dahl’s third novel covers murder, race riots, slum landlords, wrongful murder convictions, paid-off “witnesses,” an overworked and understaffed police department and one nosy investigative reporter. We have it all this week! And let’s not forget disinterested attorneys and prosecutors withholding evidence to get a quick conviction.

The Crown Heights section of Brooklyn in New York City in 1991-1992 saw race riots between the black and Orthodox Jewish communities. Into this setting, Dahl gives us a story that is simply unputdownable. Her understanding of the events provides the background for a novel that leaves you thinking about those men in prison who keep saying they’re innocent... just maybe, some of them might be telling the truth. What a concept...

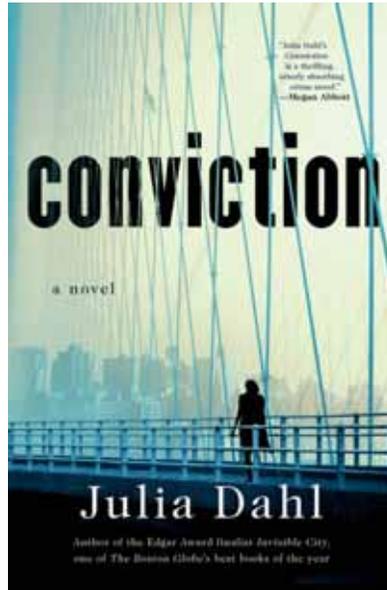
The story starts out in 1992 with a “teaser” chapter: Ontario Amos, a young black boy, wanders into his church one morning covered in blood and unable to speak. At home, police find his foster parents and 3-year-old foster baby sister dead — all shot at close range. Their teenage foster son, DeShawn Perkins, is nowhere to be found.

Fade to 2014, and investigative reporter Rebekah Roberts is called in to her boss’s office at *The New York Tribune* to be told she isn’t getting the promotion she anticipated. *The Trib* is still angry a feature story she wrote last year about a murdered Hasidic woman did not run in *The Trib*. Rebekah knew *The Trib* would edit her story down to an exposé type instead of the journalistic piece she wrote. She was right — another publication gave better coverage.

Now the Center on Culture, Crime and Media, which gave her a grant, is working on a wrongful conviction project. Is Rebekah interested? Of course.

She’s given a stack of letters from prison inmates who claim innocence, but one letter stands out. Not because of DeShawn Perkins’ plea, but because one of the policemen who arrested him was Saul King. He was on the case of the murdered Hasidic woman last year, and he and Rebekah worked together to solve the case.

DeShawn was the teenage boy convicted in 1992 of the murders of his foster parents and foster sis-



ter. He was only 17 at the time, saying he wasn’t home the night of the murders, only learning about them when police tracked him down and arrested him. They kept him locked in a room, questioned him and finally told him if he didn’t murder them, then the blame would go to his 9-year-old foster brother, Ontario. A crazy thing to say, to be sure, but it got DeShawn to sign a confession and he was off to prison.

Rebekah finds many inconsistencies in his case. The “eyewitness” was a known drug dealer and prostitute the police never followed up on. Others who should have been questioned never were. Besides that, DeShawn spent the night he was arrested in an

interrogation room with no attorney.

The story covers a lot of territory. Racial hatred, and a community overworked and understaffed, with little time for arrest followups, is realistically explored. Dahl consistently shows us the good, the bad and the ugly among us. Her storyline weaves through many avenues of big city living and dying. As the skeins of the story unravel, there are things happening on both sides of the racial divide that tell a story of greed and misplaced judgement.

There are no winners in this story, but it will make you consider, have we come far enough? Racial hatred and racial misunderstanding must be addressed daily. Dahl does a terrific job showing both sides of life in Crown Heights. She does not favor one over the other. What she provides is a fascinating look at life in Brooklyn’s Crown Heights during the early ’90s, how lives can intersect and interact, and how many people can be affected by a single, horrific event.

Dahl is one of the best writers out there today.

Publishers Weekly (starred review): “Dahl excels at revealing the inner workings of enigmatic subcultures while maintaining peak suspense. She also provides a terrific ‘whoa, I didn’t see that coming’ moment.”

Dahl is a journalist specializing in crime and criminal justice. Her first novel, *Invisible City*, was named one of *The Boston Globe*’s Best Books of 2014 and was a finalist for the Edgar Award and Mary Higgins Clark Award. Her second novel, *Run You Down*, also received critical acclaim.

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