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AN ODE TO JULIET

by William Halliar

Mark Turner leans casually against a Triceratops skull, explaining his passion: discovering and uncovering fossils and dinosaur bones, and sharing those finds with anyone interested.

Standing amid the bones of an ancient past, scattered pieces of history told in fossilized remains he patiently extracted from the earth, Turner's eyes become warm with an inner light as he shares his tales of discovery, and memories of a boyhood that led him to a life of discovery.

Even at a young age, Turner was a rock hound, collecting unusual specimens often filled with fossils revealing clues of the past. He was a curious youngster, motivated by questions about the how and why of things. That inquisitive nature stuck with him, even as he continued his education.

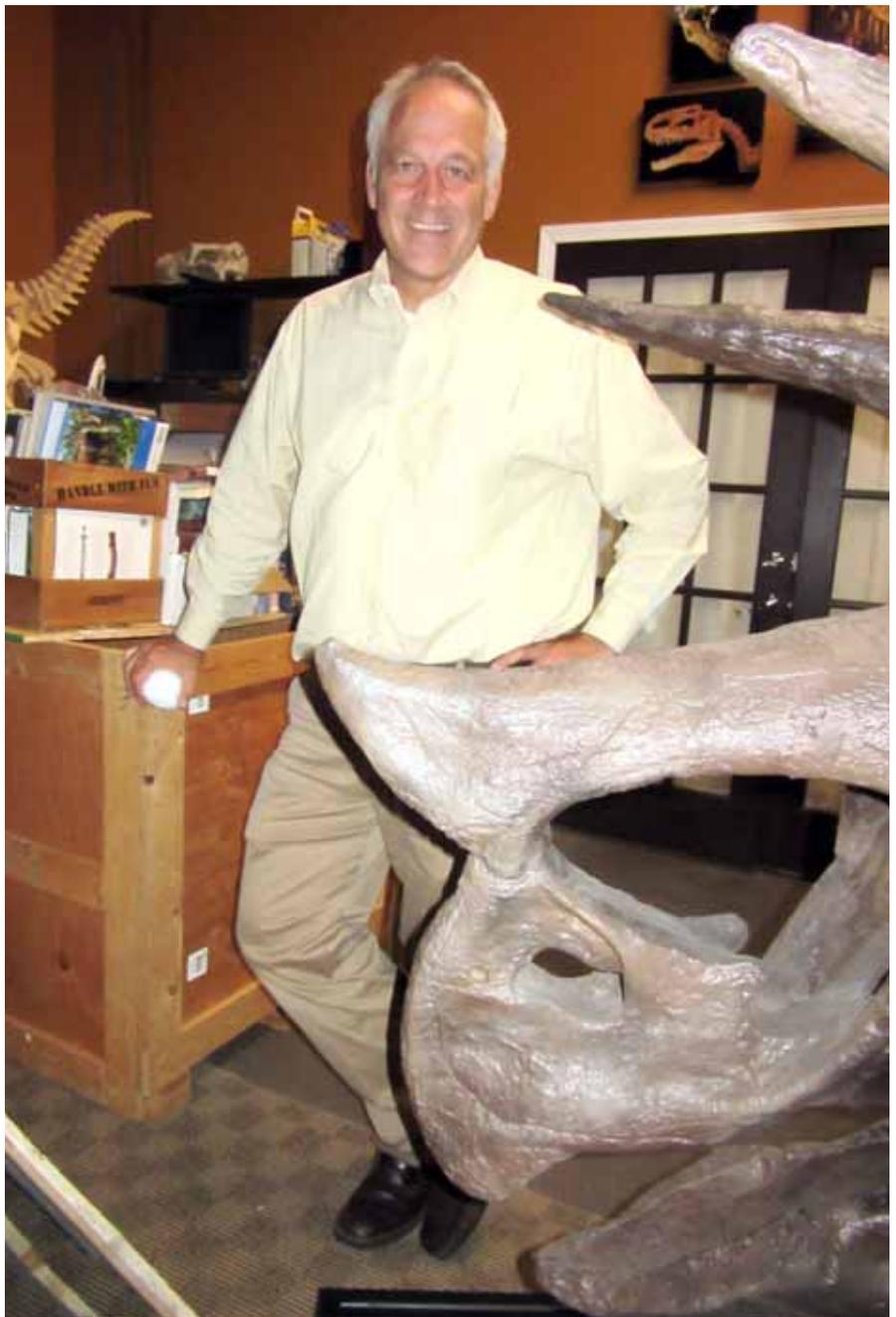
It especially manifests itself in introducing new dinosaur specimens to the world.

Turner may be best known as the owner and president of The South Bend Chocolate Co. Since 1991, it has become one of the country's fastest growing chocolate companies, with a location at Lighthouse Place-Premium Outlets.

By chance, I met Jennifer Small, a local graphic designer for Turner's company, during a recent First Friday Art Walk. She happened to mention, as we spoke of graphic design, of her boss' passion for exploration and his trips to the western United States to hunt for dinosaur bones.

I had to meet this man.

My two 9-year-old grandchildren, like many of that age, are absolutely crazy for anything related to dinosaurs.



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Mark Turner stands amid his "Dino Lab" in South Bend. Photo by William Halliar



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And, at the very least, if their teachers asked them what they did this summer, they could relate an interesting story.

A day of dinosaurs and chocolate candy — does it get any better?

Turner is a native Hoosier who graduated from South Bend's Clay High School. He has a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in European history from Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Ill. He also taught and studied at the University of Frankfort and Cologne, Germany.

At heart, he is a history buff, and in his chocolate museum is housed one of the largest collections of everything chocolate related in the world. Included are a 1,300-year-old Mayan chocolate pot, and hundreds of chocolate tins and containers from American companies that trace the history of chocolate production and sales throughout the years.

So with brains filled with the story of chocolate history and lore, and the taste of chocolate on our tongues, we set out to complete the rest of our day: a tour of the "dino" lab led by Turner himself. With his passion for history, and having established the chocolate museum, it would seem only natural he would also be interested in other aspects of history, in this case very ancient history, especially the gigantic denizens of the Cretaceous Period.

Turner is an energetic, friendly man who is at home with, and loves to interact with, people, but he also enjoys wandering alone for hours and days in the ancient landscapes of the

American West. He met us at The Chocolate Café near downtown South Bend. This is where his "Dino Lab" is located. It also houses part of his vast collection of bones and dinosaur-related artifacts.

Turner says he has "a nose for searching, a talent for seeing patterns in the rock," and thus a knack for finding the right places to search for deposits that contain fossils.

Most dinosaur finds today are uncovered on private property: the ranches of folks who have lived for generations off the land and are rugged and self-sufficient, and prize a man's character above all. Turner spoke at length about the good friends he has made among the ranchers in the Hell Creek region of Montana, where he has centered his digging expeditions. To the ranchers, character is a defining factor. They cannot be fooled by money or fancy talk and equipment, but can look into a man's eye, read his soul and ask, "Can this man be trusted?"

Turner's love of history and personable character have won over many such ranchers who permit

A Hadrosaur Named "Juliet"

Julie is a nearly complete duckbill dinosaur discovered in Baker, MT by Bob Curry, former teacher and coach. Julie is one unique find. She is preserved - so well that she has left us the gift of skin impressions.

Dino Data
Juliet is a Hadrosaur, likely was amphibious. Appears to have died in a bog or marsh.

- Found in the Hell Creek formation. High up on a bluff on the eastern edge of the Glendive anticline.
- Only the fourth Hadrosaur found with substantial skin impressions. The most famous are the "Trachodon Mummy", "Dakota" and Leonardo (now housed in the Indianapolis Children's Museum)

Who is Julie?
Julie Turner is the wife of Mark Turner, owner of the South Bend Chocolate Company. Julie has been very supportive of Mark's hobby but wishes her'd take up golf instead of paleontology.

Mark
Sweet, energetic and loves to dig in the dirt. Mark is the President of the South Bend Chocolate Company.

Location of Julie's Current Home
Western US State of Montana

Baker, MT
Population: 1,780
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Steve and Bob
Steve Bodi, pictured right, is Mark's brother-in-law. Bob is the discoverer and friend to both Mark and Steve.

Duckbill Data
• Edmontosaurus (ed-mon-toh-sawr-ns) is a genus of a hadrosaurid (duck-billed) dinosaur. It contains two known species: Edmontosaurus regalis and Edmontosaurus annectens. Julie looks to be an annectens.
• Edmontosaurus are the largest in the species, measuring up to 39 feet and weighing almost 4.5 tons.
• Edmontosaurus was widely distributed across North America. This dinosaur seems to have preferred coastal marshes and plains.
• Edmontosaurus was a large animal with a long, powerful flat tail. It's head is also long and ends in a beak like mouth.

She is being unearthed over two years by Mark Turner, Steve Bodi and Bob Curry.

This much of the dinosaur is currently exposed and cast.

She is missing part of the end of her tail.

Skin impressions of the species Edmontosaurus "Dakota", which was found in 1958.

Graphic provided by Mark Turner

him and his team — basically, his family — to explore their lands for ancient treasures. Because he is trusted and liked among these tough men of old-fashioned values, who are wary of outsiders, he can frequently gain access to areas even scientists from prestigious universities cannot.

Turner took my grandchildren and me into his confidence as he showed us the results of his explorations, the contents of his Dino Lab. The children stood spellbound as he told us of the great prize of his collection: the rare, once-in-a-lifetime find of an Edmontosaurus, which he found in Baker, Mont. This prized find is a kind of duck-billed dinosaur, which he has affectionately dubbed “Juliet” in honor of his wife, Julie, who has been so supportive of his dino-hunting passion and accompanied him on many expeditions.



Many of the dinosaur fossils that await cleaning in Turner's lab.

Turner and his brother-in-law, Steve Bodi, learned of the discovery of bones on a private ranch and travelled to Baker in 2012 to meet with the rancher, and to start the process of uncovering the bones and preserving the find. What they discovered upon first inspection was a dinosaur that was “fully articulated” — in other words, almost completely intact. What made the find truly rare was the skin impressions left in the surrounding rock.

Turner explains that when he first found the bones, he began to dig through the surrounding

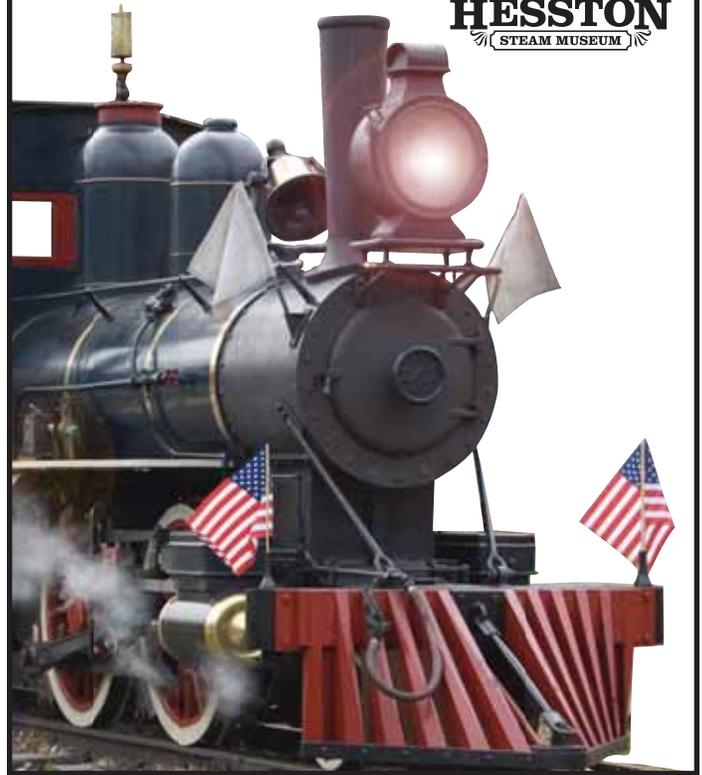
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Efforts commence to unearth "Juliet" in Montana. Photo provided

rock, simply throwing the dross over his shoulder to discard it, not realizing the rock being discarded contained impressions of the animal's skin. The impressions made this particular duck-bill a truly rare find, one of perhaps four such discoveries in history.

Each summer, since the initial discovery, Turner and his family return to the dig site and carefully remove portions of the skeleton, packing them in plaster to preserve them during their transit to South Bend, where they will be carefully cleaned and prepared for a future display. They also are exploring a site Turner calls the "Turtle Site," where he has discovered the remains of several turtles with shells almost completely intact, frozen in stone.

We were able to view some of the bones in their wooden cases, still partially surrounded in plaster as they were stacked in the South Bend Dino Lab. Turner's dream is to put Juliet on permanent display, hopefully in the South Bend area so that all can enjoy her and learn of her life through her remains.

Turner's motto — "Nothing is Impossible" — and

his can-do attitude are displayed in the relentless perseverance of his hobby of paleontology, as well as in the ever-growing influence of his South Bend Chocolate Co. in the world of chocolate.

As for sweet Juliet, the duck-bill dinosaur, watch the pages of *The Beacher* to eventually learn where she finds a home.



Juliet's femur.

More about the South Bend Chocolate Tour

Our day began by donning hair nets and entering a world of sights and smells best described as deliciously tempting.

Our guide was Harrison Rosenberg, who explained the life cycle of chocolate, beginning with the harvesting of the fruit — yes, chocolate is a fruit — of the cacao tree, which is an unlikely and rather ugly fruit with crinkly red and brown skin.

The cacao tree is native to the Americas, growing along the Yucatan Peninsula, in the foothills of the Andes Mountains and in Columbia and Venezuela. The almond-shaped beans are extracted from the

seed pod and allowed to ferment. Before the fermentation process, the seeds are edible, but extremely bitter to the taste. After the fermentation process, the beans are dried and roasted.

The shells are removed from the roasted beans and ground into raw cocoa. The powdered shells are heated until they become liquefied, then cooled and separated into its two components: cocoa solids and cocoa butter. These two components are combined in various proportions, along with vegetable oils and sugar, to create most of the chocolate we eat today.

Considering the complexity of the process involved, one must wonder how, exactly, modern cocoa was invented. Historical evidence shows cocoa or chocolate has been enjoyed for at least 3,000 years, beginning with the Aztecs and Mayans. The taste of the fermented and roasted fruit of the cacao tree was considered so valuable, at one time the seeds of the tree were traded as money.

However it was invented, those of us on the tour had to agree, the chocolate candy created by The South Bend Chocolate Co. was worth its weight in cocoa beans as we nibbled and sampled our way

through the tour, which concluded with the sampling of a delicious spoonful of thick milk chocolate, which each of us personally hand dipped.

South Bend Chocolate Co., 3300 W. Sample St., is fewer than 40 miles from Michigan City and is well worth the drive. Several tours are available. My advice is, take the "Inside Scoop Tour." There is a small charge, but the experience is well worth the price. Consider calling ahead to make sure you have a space reserved on the tour. The day we went, a bus load from Canada was waiting just behind us. Visit www.sbchocolate.com for more details.



Harrison Rosenberg leads a tour of The South Bend Chocolate Co.



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“Mother” Goes From Intriguing to Obnoxious

by Andrew Tallackson

Darren Aronofsky has officially lost his mind.

Once, not long ago, a new film from the audacious mind behind “Pi” (1998) and “Requiem for a Dream” (2000) was cause for enthusiasm. This is a guy who takes risks, who isn’t afraid to go off the deep end. Even when courting the mainstream — Mickey Rourke’s Oscar-nominated comeback (“The Wrestler”), Natalie Portman’s Oscar-winning triumph (“Black Swan”) — the results are bonkers.

Then came “Noah,” 2014’s ludicrous big-budget misfire that saw rock-monster transformers guide Russell Crowe and family to their maritime destiny. And now, we have “Mother,” a film so out there, so exceedingly unpleasant, its only demographic may be stoners huddled around tables in establishments that smell more like hemp than coffee beans.

Thank heavens for Jennifer Lawrence or the film would be unwatchable. She plays a woman — the characters have no names — isolated from the world, refurbishing her Southern home while her much-older husband (Oscar-winner Javier Bardem), a once-vital poet, wrestles with brutal writer’s block.

The early passages unfold with quiet unease, a modern paraphrase of those old crazy lady thrillers like “Hush...Hush Sweet Charlotte.” We know something is off because Aronofsky’s camera trails Lawrence’s every move, as if she’s being stalked. The eerie silence is frequently broken by mundane noises that take on a sinister quality.

Then, visitors pop out of nowhere. A man (Ed Harris). His wife (Michelle Pfeiffer). They behave as if it’s no imposition to make themselves at home. They ask uncomfortable questions, especially the wife, tapping into all of Lawrence’s vulnerabilities about her marriage, her desire to have children.

Then, the couple’s sons arrive. A murder is committed. A wake commences, more uninvited guests consuming the house.

As long as Aronofsky treats his film like a devious guessing game — has Lawrence gone crazy, is something supernatural at play? — “Mother” has the ap-

peal of a queasy nightmare, bolstered by Lawrence in a beautifully expressive performance. The actress has to convey everything about the character, her mounting concerns, with little dialogue, and she does so like a pro.

At the two-thirds mark, however, everything goes haywire. The movie operates at a fever pitch: a visual and auditory assault of images so violent, chaotic and misogynistic, I developed a pounding headache, becoming light headed and nauseous. Rarely does this happen to me. But the film had become so uncomfortably annoying, exiting the theater became tempting. Others around me had their heads down, hands to their foreheads. Similar reactions, I take it.

Is the penultimate “twist” worth it? The images take some contemplation, and all the puzzle pieces do lock into place. But the answer is no. What begins as curious mind games descends into obnoxious storytelling. Here’s to hoping Pennywise the Clown delivers a swift blow to the movie’s box office, banish-

ing it to Netflix obscurity.

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Jennifer Lawrence stars in “Mother.”

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Family Friendly Event to Raise Awareness on Plight of Homeless

by M.D. Cunningham

Leigh Coburn wanted to make a difference. A friend suggested he get involved with local efforts to combat homelessness, describing it as a “moral obligation.”

Someone asked his feelings on the issue. Typically, he said, if he saw a homeless person on one side of the street, he’d cross to the other. The person then suggested he should become acquainted with people directly facing the challenges of homelessness. A meeting was set at Station 801 Restaurant.

Coburn was surprised by what he learned. He met two gentlemen: a man with a master’s degree and a man in his mid-20s who’d worked since high school, even operated his own business, before everything collapsed for him in 2010.

“He couldn’t believe it,” Coburn said of the latter individual who, unable to find work, was evicted. Coburn added that the man wanted to make paying off debts to his landlord top priority once he was back on his feet.

Coburn now is the founder of Homeward Bound Inc. whose goal, he said, “is to eliminate homelessness in La Porte County.”

The organization will present its Shopping Cart/Wagon Parade from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, starting at St. Paul Lutheran School, 818 Franklin St. Participants have two hours to decorate carts for the parade.

An inclusive community soccer match, hosted by Children’s International Summer Village Michigan



Sandy Gleim (left) and Dori Huber participate in the 2015 event.

City-Lakeshore’s junior branch, is immediately after the parade.

Snacks and refreshments round out the event that aims to raise funds and awareness about eliminating homelessness.

Proceeds from the family friendly event will go to 12 area agencies that work on the frontlines to assist the homeless.

Coburn said not everyone wants help, but for those who do, services should be available. The biggest cause of homelessness, he continued, is “catastrophic loss of family,” so it is necessary for a community to make these people aware of the support available to them.

(Email leigh.coburn@comcast.net for a registration form.)

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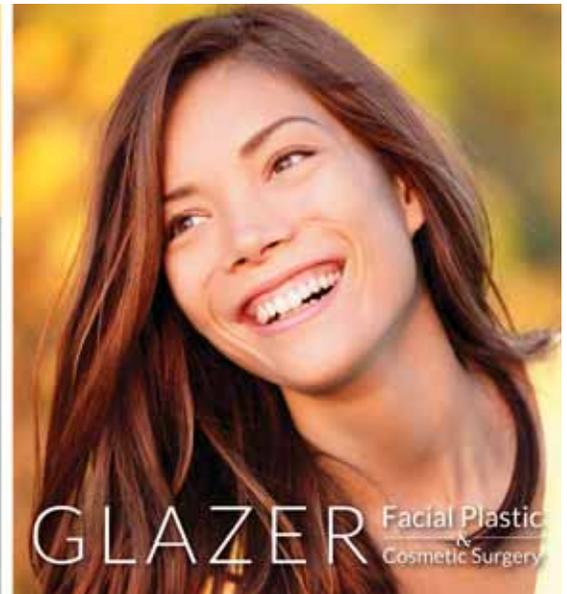
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The keynote speaker is Sharro-na Reaves, University of Tennessee recruiting coordinator and assistant women’s basketball coach. The Lady Volunteers program is one of the top women’s basketball programs in college history. Reaves will share her approach to facing challenges and meeting goals, along with the importance of connecting with other women for support and inspiration.



The program is open to the public, and not just women. The cost is \$30 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. Lunch is included.

Registration is required by calling (219) 874-6221 or at MichiganCityChamber.com

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Seven homeowners will showcase new styling ideas in their homes. They include: a traditional lake home; a new home overlooking the St. Joseph River and golf course; a repurposed seafaring container home turned Airbnb; a porch home overlooking the river; an elementary school renovated into residences; and a restored 1930s home.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the tour. Children 12 and younger are not permitted. Held rain or shine, street parking is available at all homes. Live music will be played in many of the homes, including a group from the Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra. Drawings will be held at each home for door prizes.

Tickets are available at the symphony office, 513 Ship St., St. Joseph, at www.smso.org or at:

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PFLAG Launches in La Porte County

by M.D. Cunningham

Tears, laughter and a sense of energized unity permeated the scene Tuesday night at 1713 Franklin St.

Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, launched in 1972, officially has a La Porte County chapter. Nearly 30 people gathered at Politics, Arts, Roots and Culture to offer support on issues in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community. Jennifer Olson, the group's treasurer, said there hasn't been an organized effort here for years.

"We felt it's very important to come together and let people know that there is support in Michigan City and La Porte County for the LGBTQ community," she said, adding the first meeting bodes well for the group's success.

"It aligns with PFLAG's mission. We were able to provide support to parents that were obviously here looking for it, and we had a great turnout."

Many voiced optimism that Michigan City is an accepting, progressive area, but challenges remain for the LGBTQ community. Some folks are out — open and proud — while others remain private. Stories shared of understanding were contrasted with tales of conflict and condemnation.

Chapter President Carol Pozos stressed a simple message for parents.

"They're your babies," she said. "Love your babies."

Another attendee added that sometimes, parents have more trouble than individuals who embrace their identity.

John Martin Livelsberger has lived here for 14 years. He works with OUT in Michigan City and NWIN, a website that shines a light on Northwest Indiana's LGBT community. He said many people don't realize how large that community is, noting Michigan City is a progressive area.

"We have local drag performers who perform in Mug Shots Lounge once a month," he said. "Drag queens and bowling — you have to love it."

PARC's Vince Emanuele said PFLAG is exactly the kind of organization for which it wants to share community space. He said opportunities for people to sit down and connect are of great value.

"This is the kind of community that we want to cultivate," he said. "I'm just glad that the group is using the space, and I hope that other groups who have similar ideas and values will also use the space."

(Visit facebook for more information on these groups.)



The first meeting for PFLAG kicks off at Politics, Arts, Roots and Culture. Photo by M.D. Cunningham

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Simple Idea Transforms Into Weekend Outdoor Festival

by Connie Kuzydym

What happens when a suggestion morphs into something more? In the case of park rangers Rafi Wilkinson and Jean Pierre Anderson, an entire weekend of outdoor activities.

Paul Labovitz, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore superintendent, tossed out the idea of hosting a hiking festival. The suggestion trickled down to Wilkinson and Anderson, who began brainstorming. Within a week, they had transformed the idea into a proposal for an Outdoor Adventure Festival, held within IDNL and the greater Northwest Indiana dunes region (Porter, La Porte and Lake counties).

The inaugural Outdoor Adventure Festival, which is Friday through Sunday, Oct. 6-8, provides a variety of options for all ages and abilities, from beginners, to experts, to those with limited abilities. Events are led by experts in their field or park rangers. The only requirements are a desire to experience the outdoors and to have a terrific time.

The free event is supported by Indiana Dunes Tourism, Indiana Dunes State Park and a dozen other partners. Over the three days, it will showcase some of the region's more well-known areas, such as Pinhook Bog and Mount Baldy, as well as smaller gems. Some activities include hiking, paddling, biking, geocaching, photography, birding and orienteering. The marquee event is the Little Calumet River Water Trail's grand opening.

According to Wilkinson, the Northwest Indiana Paddlers Association, Shirley Heinz Land Trust and Save the Dunes have worked jointly to open the east



The Little Calumet River.

branch of the river.

"It used to be an active transportation channel, but has not been navigable for several decades," Wilkinson said.

Now, the area will have paddling trails for those who enjoy kayaking and canoeing.

If you're not sure about navigating your own water craft, the national organization Wildness Inquiry will have 12-person canoes you can enjoy paddling with others at Marquette Park's lagoons in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.

If you enjoying taking photos, renowned dunes photographer Dave Larson, who has been capturing the dunes before a national park existed, will lead an outing. Photographers of any ability are encouraged to participate.

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Another unique opportunity involves backpacking. With support from Recreational Equipment Inc., a ranger-led overnight backpacking trip heads to Cowles Bog beach and back.

While the festival is free, pre-registration is required because several events have limited spaces and at press time may have already filled. By pre-registering, visitors are guaranteed a desired spot, free admission to events within Indiana State Park and a free token by stopping at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center on Indiana 49, Porter.

When the hike morphed into a festival, Wilkinson and Anderson were looking to provide area residents with an outdoor adventure where it did not cost them anything to participate, nor a hotel room.

"I hope they understand how fortunate we are," Wilkinson said. "The resources we have here, how special they are. It's the seventh most biologically diverse park in the United States...Come out more and use it. We are free, other than West Beach parking lot in the summer."

Anderson said, "We want people outside, off their TVs and their phones. It's what we are about all days. We want people to get out to the park and enjoy, get outside, get exercise."

The ultimate goal for Wilkinson and Anderson is to see all the programs filled and people enjoying the outdoors. Their hope is that this inaugural event becomes a yearly tradition that grows and expands the number of outdoor adventure opportunities.

If You Go

Visit Eventbrite at tinyurl.com/y8mwfrqd or Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore at www.nps.gov/indu, then clicking on Outdoor Adventure Festival, for details about each activity and to register.

If weather is severe, such as thunderstorms, affected events may canceled. Information will be posted on the websites. If there is inclement weather before leaving home, log onto the above websites, stop by Indiana Dunes Visitor Center or call (219) 395-1882. Participants are asked to arrive 10-15 minutes prior to their event's start time. If participating in one that requires equipment such as canoes, kayaks or bikes, take your own equipment. If you don't have equipment, call the Visitor's Center to see what is available. Parking lots start from recognized trailheads. They are marked and easily accessible.



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Brauer Museum Exhibits Open Artistic, Historical Doors

Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art opens new doors of understanding with "The Indiana Dunes Revisited: Frank V. Dudley and the 1917 Dunes Pageant."

Actually, it opens two doors: one historical and one artistic.

Dudley is the prince of Dunes artists. His works are highly esteemed, likely seen more often than other artists inspired by the dunes. In fact, he is so well-known, he almost has become a cliché. As an artist, I had seen so many of his works, apparently chosen by collectors, dealers and art venues for their pleasantness, that I dismissed them as "high decorative," that is, well done, but more attractive than revealing new insights, such as his 1931 "In a Sheltered Nook."



"In a Sheltered Nook."

This exhibit crashes the perception of Dudley as a lightweight. Entering the show, early works reveal him to be an artist of mood and shadow. His "Day is Done" — two riverboats in dark shadow, no people, the horizon giving the only glowing hope — reveals this.

Even as he started to paint the dunes, there was a darkness, punctuated by light, as if some kind of struggle were unfolding, as seen in "Looking Through the Dunes."

ART & ABOUT

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"Looking Through the Dunes."

His strongest works unite darkness and light, expression and idealism. In "The Hills of Sandland," the light is certainly there, almost soul-filling, backgrounded by shadow. At the same time, the strokes are strong, almost slashing with sensual energy — the kind of uniting of opposites that makes for great art.

Fine curating by the Brauer reveals Dudley's heart and soul. His eye and art were much broader than dunes. There are portraits, chess players, flowers, still lifes and other subject matter. Once you know he goes deeper than the surface, when you start to look intensely, many insights into the world and self emerge.

Another door this exhibit opens is one of history. Many tend to think of the Save the Dunes movement as recent. However, the early 1900s saw quite an effort, when reaching our sandy treasure was much more difficult, the area essentially roadless. Nor was dune hiking easy in the cumbersome dresses and tight-collared suits of the early preservationists. Dudley was part of that effort, and his painting of the Dunes Pageant in 1917 is but one of many.

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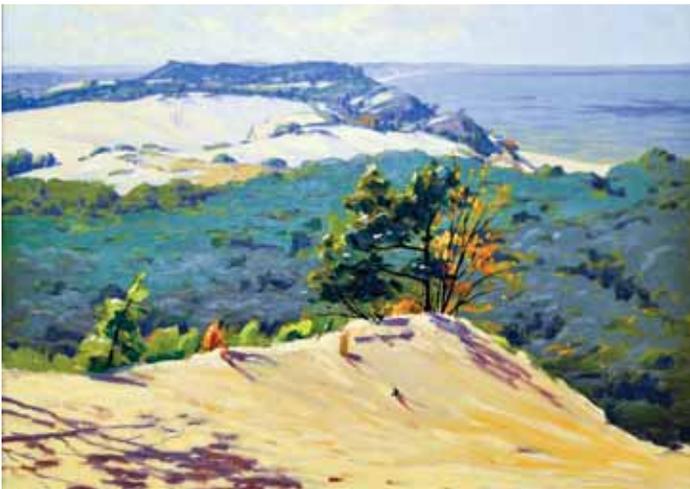


"The Dunes Pageant."

The exhibit brochure lists the cities where his dunes paintings were shown. If World War I had not shaken the world, the effort to save the dunes might have been successful much earlier.

On the subject of looking intensely, another Brauer exhibit, "The Art of Douglas Calisch," is a perfect place to practice that art. I strongly suggest, in any exhibit, that you walk through the whole thing, then come back to one or two pieces that drew you in or repelled you. Next, spend at least five minutes with a piece, responding to it: notice things and ask questions, either about the subject matter, or the shapes, colors, technique and composition. This is much more rewarding than a snap reaction.

In Calisch's works, from rusted, crushed cans



"Hills of Sandland."

to complex assemblages, there are visual sources, including architecture, tool, game, scientific observation, the human figure and our natural environment. These create comparisons between nature and science, between instinct and knowledge.

Calisch hopes "the works may generate narratives, rekindle memories or encourage reflection. It is the kind of work that raises questions...What is the relationship between these objects/images?"



"Now Then and Again."

There's yet another remarkable exhibit in the museum: "Old Master Prints." Names from the history books, illustrious artists of international note, can be seen up close. Rembrandt, Dürer, Piranesi and Goya look back at us, from centuries ago, but with universal concerns.

Look at the works in these exhibits. Pick a few to spend some time with, noticing stories, objects, techniques (bold, contemplative, angry), shapes emphasized (dynamic, peaceful, conflicting, harmonious), color families used (happy, sad, stormy) and compositions (balanced, agitated, flowing, clashing). After noting all these things, feel and think how they come together for you.

Now that you have "the code," what is this person telling you, and how do you respond?

If You Go

The exhibits run through Dec. 10 at the VU museum, 1709 Chapel Drive. Call (219) 464-5365, email gregg.hertzlieb@valpo.edu or visit tinyurl.com/pw8jnwq for more details.



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Wanatah Scarecrow Festival

The annual Wanatah Scarecrow Festival is Friday through Sunday, Sept. 22-24, at various locations throughout the community.

The schedule is:

Friday

- 3 to 6 p.m. — Harvest Contest, sponsored by REMC, in front of the information booth.
- 4:30 to 7 p.m. — Pork Chop Dinner, sponsored by Salem United Church of Christ, at Wanatah School. An adult dinner costs \$12 at the door and includes pork chops, potatoes and green beans, apple sauce, roll, homemade dessert and drink. Extra chops cost \$4, while children's hot dog meals (10 and younger) are \$5.
- 5 p.m. — Flag raising at the flagpole by the monument.
- 5 to 8 p.m. — Free Entertainment Tent. The schedule is: 6 p.m., Kenny & the Martin Boys; and 8:30 p.m., Harvest Contest awards and merchant drawings. Winners must be present to win.

Saturday

- 8 a.m. — 3K Walk and 5K Run, sponsored by Wanatah Little League, at Wanatah School.
- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. — Tractor Show at Lions Park.
- 9:30 a.m. — Scarecrow Scamper Kids Fun Run at Main and First streets, sponsored by Cass Merymakers 4-H Club, for children 2-9.
- 11 a.m. — Parade begins and ends at the American Legion.
- Noon to 4 p.m. — Bingo at American Legion Post 403, sponsored by the legion auxiliary.
- 12:30 to 1 p.m. — Make a crown with the queen by the information booth for children 12 and younger.
- 12:30 p.m. — Historical walking tours, sponsored by Wanatah Historical Society, begin at Main and Cross.
- Noon to 8 p.m. — Free Entertainment Tent. The schedule is: 12:15 p.m., Juggler Yoder; 1 p.m., Talent Show and Scarecrow Dressup; 3 p.m., Juggler Yoder; 4 p.m. — David Hagenow; 5 p.m., Cutest Baby Contest, 7 p.m.; Silver Dollar Band, 8:30 p.m., merchant drawings (winners must be present to win).
- 1 to 3 p.m. — Scarecrow Sculpting for children 10



and younger, sponsored by the Scarecrow Committee, by the information booth.

- 4 p.m. — Lions Club Fish Fry at Wanatah School.
- 8 p.m. — Karaoke contest at American Legion Post 403. Sign-in is at 7:30 p.m. Participants must be 21 and older.

Sunday

- 7 to 11:30 a.m. — Pancake breakfast, sponsored by Knights of Columbus, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.
- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Car show, sponsored by Michiana Antique Auto Club, at Lions Park.
- 8 a.m. — 3 on 3 Basketball, sponsored by La Crosse basketball and cheerleaders, at Wanatah School.
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Free Entertainment Tent. The schedule is: 10 a.m., non-denominational church service; 11 a.m., Melissa Smoker; noon, Goodtime Cloggers, 1:15 p.m.; Homemade Jam, 2 p.m.; Queen Contest, 4 p.m.; Home Decorating Contest awards and merchant drawings. Winners must be present to win.
- Noon to 3 p.m. — Bingo at American Legion Post 403, sponsored by the auxiliary.
- 1 p.m. — Pedal Pull, sponsored by Cass-Clinton Volunteer Fire Department, in front of the Second Street fire station.
- 1 to 3 p.m. — Scarecrow Sculpting for children 10 and younger, sponsored by the Scarecrow Committee, by the information booth..
- 4 p.m. — Duck race at American Legion Post 403. Visit www.scarecrowfest.org for more details.

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Westchester Public Library

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• **Bookmarks at the Museum at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Annamarie Kostyk will review Anthony Doerr's "All the Light We Cannot See."

• **Books That Make You Think Discussion Group from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The selection is Toni Morrison's "Beloved." Register at the reference desk, at the upstairs computer classroom or by calling (219) 926-7696. Copies of the book are available for checkout.

• **The Sixth Annual Geocache History Hunt from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, throughout Chesterton and Porter.**

Participants begin the hunt at Westchester Township History Museum before 3 p.m. They must have a GPS device or app to solve puzzles to arrive at the next location. The hunt will cover about four miles, so participants can walk, ride or drive. Registration is not required.

• **Teen Movie Night: "Guardians of the Galaxy 2" at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Rated PG-13. Free popcorn will be served.

• **The Unnamed Guild of Gamers from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

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

• **Intro to the Ukulele 3:45 - 4:15 p.m. Sept. 25 & 27 at Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

No experience is necessary. The hands-on introduction to the ukulele involves learning basic chords, rhythm and ukulele history. The library will provide instruments; however, those who have one can take it to class and should indicate so when registering. Space is limited, so register at the library's children's department or call (219) 926-7696.

• **Bits & Bytes series, Teach Yourself Using YouTube, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department.**

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

• **'90s Grunge Trivia Night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Westchester Township History Museum.**

Groups of one to four people can vie for a prize.

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

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• **Graphic Novel Book Club from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The focus is Gail Simone's "Batgirl: Vol. 1: Darkest Reflection." Register in person with the IT department or by phone at (219) 926-7696.

• **Banned Book Bash from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Thomas Library.**

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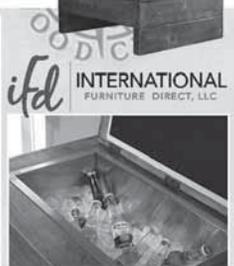


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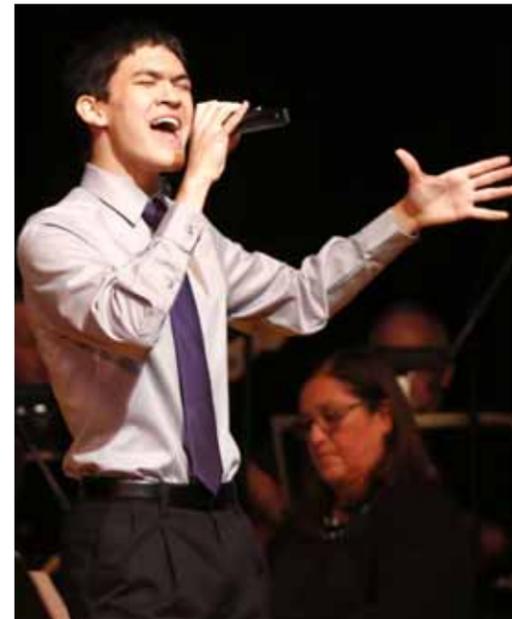
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Pioneer Days

The 26th annual event is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23-24, at Creek Ridge County Park, 7943 W. County Road 400 North, Michigan City.

Experience wagon rides, outdoor cooking, crafts, food and historically clad vendors. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and seniors.

Senior Lifestyles

Join the free 55+ Club, a social club designed for adults 55 and older to learn and explore various types of nature. Free coffee is served. The group meets from 9 to 10 a.m. at Luhr County Park Nature Center, 3178 S. County Road 150 West. Call at least one week in advance to register.

- The schedule is:
- Oct. 4 — "Understanding Medicare Parts A, B, C and D," and the upcoming annual enrollment period, John Williams, State Health Insurance Assistance Program medicare specialist.
 - Nov. 1 — Foot and ankle care, health and education, Dr. Christopher Grandfield.

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:
- Oct. 11 — Wiggly Workers.
 - Oct. 18 — Tree Treasurers.
 - Nov. 1 — What's That Color.
 - Nov. 15 — Hooting Good Time.
 - Nov. 29 — Bat Basics.
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PNW Sinai Forum

The Purdue University-Northwest Sinai Forum continues its 64th season with author and journalist Jason Riley at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, in the James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex, 1401 S. U.S. 421.

A senior fellow at The Manhattan Institute and a *Wall Street Journal* columnist, Riley's program, "The State Against Blacks," will address his thesis that government efforts to help the black underclass – efforts that began in earnest in the 1960s with the War on Poverty and various Great Society programs – have a poor track record. He will discuss why some socio-economic gains among blacks in the first half of the 20th century stalled or were reversed in the second half, even as civil rights legislation passed and black political clout grew.



A "Fox News" commentator for more than a decade, Riley also wrote: "Let Them In," which argues for a more free-market focused U.S. immigration policy; "Please Stop Helping Us," about government efforts to help the black underclass; and "False Black Power?," an assessment of race relations in the Obama era.

Doors open at 3 p.m. A book signing will follow the program.

A regular season ticket, which costs \$100, includes general seating for all programs. A patron season ticket for \$225 includes reserved section seating for all programs and exclusive receptions with the speakers before each program at 2:30 p.m. Students who show a valid high school or university I.D. may attend at no cost.

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Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Art à la Carte: Autumn Craft at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, in Youth Services.**

All materials are provided. Children 4-10 and accompanied by an adult must be present to receive materials.

• **Bookmarks: "All The Light We Cannot See" at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, in the library meeting room.**

Anne Marie Kostyk will review Anthony Doerr's Pulitzer-winning novel.

• **Ozobots at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, in the library meeting room.**

Program Ozobots using color codes and block-based coding with the Ozoblockly app. Advance registration is required at the Youth Services desk. Call (219) 873-3045 and ask for Dave for more details.

• **Story Time at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, and 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the library meeting room.**

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

• **Apple Stamping Craft for Kids at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, in Youth Services.**

In commemoration of the 243rd anniversary of the birth of John Chapman ("Johnny Appleseed"), the library has planned an apple printing craft. Children ages 4-10 and accompanied by an adult will get messy, so wear something expendable. All materials are provided. Child must be present to receive craft materials.

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

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are available at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore: • **Miller Woods Hike from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

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

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

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

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.



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Friendship Botanic Gardens Unveils Phase 2 of Children's Garden



Friendship Botanic Gardens boasts a new feature: a 41-foot playset among sensory garden beds and educational play equipment thanks to a three-year grant project through ArcelorMittal Corp.

The new addition comprises Phase 2 of the ArcelorMittal Children's Garden, the newest plot unveiled as part of a comprehensive effort to restore the attraction to its former prominence.

Previously installed features include a simulated groundwater well where children can draw water through a hand pump before watching it flow down a 16-foot "Gold Miner's Sluiceway." The hydrology learning station teaches children the water they drink originates underground, or in streams and lakes.

The garden also features local artist Joe Dahm's colorful sculpture, "Still Life Table." The same sculpture adorned the Chicago Riverwalk for years before being installed along with Phase 1 of the

Children's Garden in 2016.

This year, ArcelorMittal's support made it possible to install a multifaceted Cedarworks Playset, which has proven a hit with families.

Future installments are in the works, including comprehensive educational signage and additional gardens centered on senses like touch and smell.

Also, the entrance has been extensively renovated into a mosaic of garden plots, stonework and an aluminum sculpture of undulating ribbons by artist John Searles.

The project benefitted from Michigan City Redevelopment Corp. funding. Gardens board member Stu Franzen designed and planned the landscaping that weaves a tapestry of colorful plots along stone walls. A new 20-foot digital LED sign broadcasts offerings. Horizon Bank provided funds to create the electrical infrastructure that powers the sign. Marquiss Electric also was involved in the project.

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NB Library Community Forum

“Grave Matters: A History of Graveyards, Cemeteries, Markers, Monuments and Mausoleums” is the topic of the next Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum at 6:30 p.m. EDT Monday, Sept. 25, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Kathy Cyr, executive director of the History Center at Courthouse Square in Berrien Springs, Mich., will discuss the history of the park cemetery movement, which transformed church graveyards into a park setting where Victorian Americans strolled in quiet contemplation, even enjoyed picnic dinners. The program also studies the many motifs of grave-stone art to convey meaning to viewers.

Upcoming programs in the free series are: “Michiana’s Native Americans” on Oct. 3; “Evidence Found: Explorations in Archeology” on Oct. 17; and an afternoon Halloween Hootenanny on Oct. 29.

The series is sponsored by the Friends of New Buffalo Library and underwritten, in part, by The Pokagon Fund. Call New Buffalo Township Library at (269) 469-2933, follow the Facebook link at newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org or email new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com for details.

“Michigan City Standing for Peace”

The Notre Dame Parish Peace and Justice Commission will sponsor “Michigan City Standing for Peace” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21.

Held on International Day of Peace, the event is planned at the Redevelopment Commission property with the “You Are Beautiful” art installation (the former News-Dispatch/police station site). In the event of rain, it moves to Notre Dame Parish, 1010 Moore Road.

Cell phone flashlights will be used for illumination during a moment of silence. Positive, peaceful signs are encouraged. Contact Judy and Terry Stratman at (219) 221-7854, jtstratman@comcast.net or Michelle Alexander at malexander@notredameparish.net for details.

“A Night of Jazz and Wine”

Steve Champagne, David Lahm and Mary Rapier will present “A Night of Jazz and Wine” from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St.

The performers are known for their eclectic blend of musical genres and tunes, from Beatles to Bacharach to The Doors. Zorn Brew Works and Shady Creek Wine will sell beer and wine (cash only).

Tickets, which are \$12 in advance or \$14 at the door, can be obtained at tinyurl.com/y8s9slhw, the Canterbury box office or by emailing maryerapier@gmail.com

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2. Linda Neulieb	184
3. June Salmon	176
4. Dale Maher	166
5. Mary Lou McFadden	164
6. Tammy Vouri	157
7. Nancy Kubath (series)	402

SPLITS

Nancy Klausner	3-8-10
Elle Parkerson	1-3-10

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More bowlers are invited when teams meet at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays at City Lanes.

Chesterton Art Center

The following programs are offered at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.:

• **“Origami & STEAM — Folded Together” from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21.**

Leslie Cefali will explain the connection between origami and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math), and how the Japanese art is more relevant in the 21st century science world.

• **Andrew Biancardi will teach an Intermediate Pen and Ink workshop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.**

Biancardi will expand on basic techniques, introducing more elements such as color washing. Students should have some pen and ink experience, but do not need to know how to draw. A template will be provided, making it easier to learn the techniques.

The cost is \$70, with members receiving a \$20 discount. A supply list will be provided.

• **Dick Church will offer a six-week Beginning/Intermediate Watercolor Class starting from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 29.**

Church will lead students through a variety of techniques. The cost is \$80, with members receiving a \$5 discount. Supplies are not included. Church will discuss supplies with all beginners.

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American Red Cross

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

- La Porte Presbyterian Church, 307 Kingsbury Ave., 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21.
- South Central Junior-Senior High School, 9808 S. County Road 600 West, Union Mills, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21. All presenting donors receive a coupon for half-price admission to Cedar Point while supplies last.
- Kingsford Heights Elementary School, 460 Evanston Road, 2:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22.
- Conservation Club House, 1 Mill Pond Road, Union Mills, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24.

Donate blood through Sept. 30 and receive a free haircut coupon from Sport Clips by email. 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 red-crossblood.org for more details.

Manjushree Hermitage

The following programs are available at Manjushree Hermitage, 10303 U.S. 12, Michigan City:

- **Thursday evening meditation.**

Tea and conversation are from 7 to 7:30 p.m., followed by guided meditation from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

- **Sunday morning meditation.**

Tibetan Buddhist meditation is from 10 to 11 a.m., followed by discussion on a selected Buddhist text from 11 a.m. to noon. There is no cost, but donations are accepted.

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Three Pianists Concert, Exhibit

ArtsBridge will launch its seventh annual season with “Three Pianists Concert and Exhibit” at 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, Sept. 24, at First Presbyterian Church, 475 Green Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich.

Joshua Goines, Susan Burkholz and David Brock will perform jazz, classical and religious music. Jerry Sirk will display and sell pottery art.

Goines, a New Orleans native, has a Bachelor of Arts in music, with an organ emphasis, from Andrews University. He plans to obtain his master’s degree in choral conducting. He served as organist and music director at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church from 2008-2013 and again in fall and winter of 2015-2016. From 2013-2015, he was the choral and hand-bell director at Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Market, Va., as well as the organist of First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, Va.



Burkholz is a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church, where she first performed on the piano and sang as a child. She studied piano with local instructors, and classical piano at Interlochen Arts Academy, where she graduated. She studied piano performance for five years at Indiana University. She is the church pianist at First Presbyterian Church and has coordinated ArtsBridge since 2011.

Brock grew up in Benton Harbor. At 6, his mother taught him and his siblings how to sing. The family attended the Church of Christ in Benton Harbor, where he first heard gospel music. He also learned to play “Silent Night” on a toy chord organ and quickly learned other styles of music. He has been playing the piano and singing at weddings and receptions since 16. For three years, he accompanied the Indiana University-South Bend Gospel Choir. From 2012 through 2013, he was director of the IUSB Gospel Choir and composed music for it to perform.

Sirk, a lifelong Benton Harbor resident, took up pottery about 10 years ago as a way to relieve stress. Now retired, he has more time to devote to his art. He has served as president of Chartreuse, a local art co-op in St. Joseph for the past 10 years.

A reception will follow the program in Goff Hall. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Call (269) 925-7075 or visit First-PresBH.org or Facebook for details.



Northern Indiana Challenge Run

Hamon Gray American Legion Post 83, 228 E. Lincolnway, La Porte, will host a benefit ride Saturday, Sept. 23.

The “Northern Indiana Challenge Run” is an endurance ride to predesignated and undesignated American Legion posts in northern Indiana, acquiring points with each visit.

Registration begins at 6 a.m., with bikes out at 8 a.m. All bikes must be checked in at the Legion parking lot by 4 p.m. A meal will be provided. A patch will be awarded for obtaining the minimum number of required points.

Registration is \$20 per bike. No fee is required for passengers. The meal cost for passengers and all others is \$5. Proceeds support the American Legion Riders Chapter 83 and Indiana Veterans Home.

Reins of Life Cleanup Day

Reins of Life Inc., 9375 W. County Road 300 North, will host its Fall Cleanup Day on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., with projects beginning at 9 a.m. Refreshments will be provided, with lunch served from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Items to take include: outdoor tools (rakes, manure forks, shovels, wheel barrows, pruning/cutting tools, hammers and gardening tools), indoor supplies (dusters, sponges, cleaning products, and trucks and trailers.

Families are invited, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Call (574) 232-0853 or email staff@reinsoflife.org for details.

Invasive Species Workshop

An invasive species identification workshop is at 6 p.m. EDT Thursday, Sept. 28, at Chikaming Open Lands Office, 12291 Red Arrow Highway, Sawyer, Mich.

The focus is assisting professionals and land managers by reporting invasive species populations in Southwest Michigan. Other topics include the identification of native and invasive species, the importance native species have in healthy ecosystems, invasive species impacting the region and new invaders not yet established in the area.

The conclusion involves a short walk to see invasive species in a natural setting. Contact Casey Struecker at (269) 405-1006 for details.

United Way Fundraiser

Tickets are on sale for “A Night in the Old West,” a United Way of La Porte County fundraiser set for Friday, Nov. 10, at Blue Chip Casino’s Stardust Event Center.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Visit tinyurl.com/yanflqhv for more details.

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Sept. 21 — Books That Make You Think Discussion Group, Toni Morrison's "Beloved," 6-7:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Sept. 21 — Kirk Saffle EP Release Show, 7 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Free. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

Sept. 22 — Bookmarks: "All The Light We Cannot See," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Sept. 22 — "A Night of Jazz and Wine," 6:30-10 p.m., Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St. Tickets: \$12/advance, \$14/door. Reservations: tinyurl.com/y8s9slhw, Canterbury box office, maryerapier@gmail.com

Sept. 22-24 — Wanatah Scarecrow Festival. Info: www.scarecrowfest.org

Sept. 22-27 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing*: "The Midwife." Not Rated. Subtitled. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 7 p.m. Tues.-Wed. *Also*: "Columbus." Rated PG-13. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

Sept. 23 — Sixth Annual Geocache History Hunt, 1-4 p.m., Chesterton/Porter. Starting point: Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Sept. 23 — Teen Movie Night: "Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol. 2," 5 p.m., The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Sept. 23-24 — Pioneer Days, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Creek Ridge County Park, 7943 W. County Road 400 North, Michigan City. Admission: \$2/adults, \$1/children & seniors.

Sept. 24 — Purdue University-Northwest Sinai Forum, Jason Riley, 4 p.m., James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex, 1401 S. U.S. 421. Tickets/info: www.pnw.edu/sinai-forum

Sept. 25 — Ozobots, 4:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Sept. 25 — Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum, "Grave Matters: A History of Graveyards, Cemeteries, Markers, Monuments and Mausoleums," 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Free. Info: (269) 469-2933.

Sept. 25 — James Neary & Friends concert series, 7-9 p.m., The Nest, 803 Franklin St. Admission: \$7. Info: (219) 262-5200.

Sept. 26 — Apple Stamping Craft for Kids, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

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Sept. 26 — '90s Grunge Trivia Night, 7-8:30 p.m., Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Sept. 27 — Banned Book Bash, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

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

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

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

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

In the Region

Sept. 23 — Comedy Criminals Winners' Night, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Elkhart Civic Theatre @ Bristol (Ind.) Opera House, 210 E. Vistula St. Tickets: \$16. Reservations: elkhartcivictheatre.org, (574) 848-4116.

Sept. 23-24 — Southwest Michigan Stamp Club, "Stuck on Stamps" Stamp Show, River Valley Senior Center, 13321 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich. Times (Eastern): 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat./10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Free parking/admission.

Sept. 24 — Miller Woods Hike, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education, 100 N. Lake St., Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Info: (219) 395-1882.

Sept. 24 — ArtsBridge, "Three Pianists Concert and Exhibit," 4 p.m. EDT, First Presbyterian Church, 475 Green Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich. Free/donations accepted. Info: (269) 925-7075.

Support Groups

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

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

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



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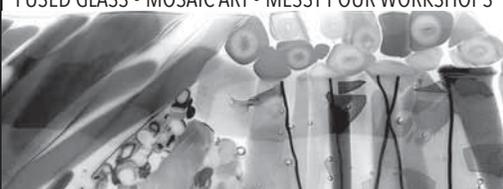
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On September 21, 1784, the *Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser*, the first daily newspaper to be published in the United States, made its appearance in Philadelphia.

On September 21, 1897, the editor of *The New York Sun*, in response to a letter written by 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon, wrote one of the all-time favorite editorials, titled "Is There a Santa Claus?" "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist..."

On September 21, 1937, "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien, was published.

On September 21, 1947, author Stephen King was born in Portland, ME.

On September 21, 1970, "NFL Monday Night Football" debuted on ABC.

On September 22, 1776, American patriot Nathan Hale, convicted by the British as a spy, was put to death by hanging. His last words: "My only regret is that I have just one life to give for my country," have become a lasting part of American legend.

On September 22, 1789, Congress authorized creation of the office of Postmaster General.

On September 22, 1791, English chemist and scientist Michael Faraday, who discovered the principle of electromagnet induction, was born near London.

On September 22, 1927, in the famous "long count" fight at Soldier Field in Chicago, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavyweight boxing title against former champion Jack Dempsey.

On September 22, 1964, the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" (which would run for 3,242 performances) opened on Broadway.

On September 22, 1982, the sitcom "Family Ties" premiered on NBC.

On September 23, 1642, Harvard College (now Harvard University) held its first commencement.

On September 23, 1845, the "New York Knickerbockers," America's first baseball club, was chartered.

On September 23, 1912, the first Mack Sennett "Keystone Comedy" motion picture was released.

On September 24, 1780, Benedict Arnold, after being arrested for attempting to give the British the plans for the West Point fortifications, escaped to a British ship.

On September 24, 1869, financial panic (which would become known as "Black Friday") gripped the nation when the price of gold dropped, the after

math of an attempt by Jay Gould and Jim Fisk to corner the world gold market.

On September 24, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt signed a bill establishing Wyoming's "Devils Tower" as the first national monument.

On September 24, 1934, at New York's Yankee Stadium, Babe Ruth (the Sultan of Swat) made his final appearance as a player with the New York Yankees.

On September 25, 1493, Columbus set sail on his second voyage to the New World.

On September 25, 1789, the first U.S. Congress, meeting in New York, adopted twelve amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. Ten of the amendments became known as the "Bill of Rights."

On September 25, 1912, Ford Motor Co. established an eight-hour working day and five-day week.

On September 25, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson collapsed after a speech in Pueblo, CO, during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles. He returned to Washington, where he suffered a stroke Oct. 2, leaving him partly paralyzed.

On September 25, 1956, the first trans-Atlantic telephone cable went into service.

On September 26, 1772, the New Jersey state legislature passed a bill which prohibited the practice of medicine without a license. Exempted from the new law were those who pulled teeth, drew blood, or gave free medical advice.

On September 26, 1774, legendary folk hero Johnny "Appleseed" Chapman was born in the Massachusetts town of Leonminster.

On September 26, 1957, the long-running musical, "West Side Story," opened on Broadway.

On September 26, 1969, the album "Abbey Road" was released by The Beatles.

On September 27, 1904, in New York, a policeman, saying "You can't do that on Fifth Avenue," arrested a woman he had observed smoking a cigarette in the rear seat of an automobile.

On September 27, 1938, the English luxury liner *Queen Elizabeth* was launched at Glasgow.

On September 27, 1942, Glenn Miller and his orchestra performed together for the last time, in Passaic, N.J., prior to Miller's entry into the Army. He died in December 1944 when his plane vanished over the English Channel.

On September 27, 1954, "The Tonight Show," with Steve Allen as the host, made its television debut on NBC.

On September 27, 1993, the Chicago White Sox, on the strength of Bo Jackson's three-run homer, defeated Seattle 4-2 for their first divisional title in 10 years.

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Shopping dates:

Friday, Oct. 13, 6-9 p.m. for participants and friends
Saturday, Oct. 14 & 21, 10-2 p.m. open to the public
Sunday, Oct. 22, Noon-4 p.m. famous 1/2 price day
Saturday, Oct. 28, 10-2 p.m. second chance 1/2 price day.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Full Wolf Moon by Lincoln Child
(hardcover, \$26.95 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

“Full Wolf Moon: The name once associated by the Algonquin Indians with the full moon of January, when the wolf packs were hungry and howled close to Native American villages.”

A murder has been committed. David Palmer is a backpacker hiking on a trail to Desolation Mountain in the Adirondacks of New York state. It’s a lonely, barely visible trail, and days later his body is found — torn limb from limb. The strange part is that the body, though bearing claw marks that suggest a bear or wolf attack, was not eaten.

OK, you say, here we go again. Another werewolf story, blah, blah, blah. Well, the good news is, this is an intelligently told story by an author with plenty of good writing under his belt. He mixes science with mystery, folk tales and historical events, and what comes out is an interesting blend that will keep you guessing and entertained.

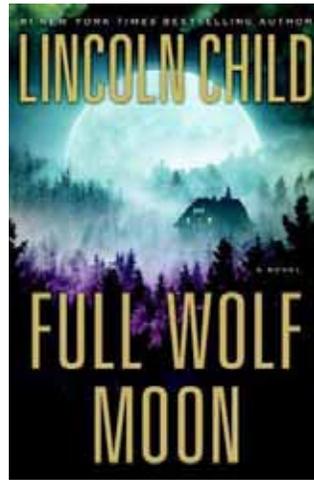
Right off, the Adirondack Mountains are explained and described in what I call my “Technicolor reading” — descriptions so sharp, it’s like being there. But, the mountains, the forests, the lakes are not just the background for this story. They are the keeper of secrets, the unforgiving landscape that can help you *and* harm you. As one character interprets it, *“In the backwoods of the Adirondacks... there’s history — and then there’s mystery.”*

Enter Jeremy Logan, a Yale professor of history, *“among other things,”* who is driving up to the Adirondacks to do some writing at Cloudwater, a retreat for artists, writers and researchers in the heart of the Adirondack State Park.

Imagine his surprise when one day he receives a visit from old school chum Randall Jessup, philosophy student-turned New York State ranger in the division of Forest Protection. He’s there to get Logan’s expertise because he knows Logan is a *“natural empath,”* able to sense things about people, even places. He knows Logan’s “other” pursuit includes being an enigmalogist — *“the study of phenomena beyond the bounds of regular science.”*

Jessup explains that in the last three months, two more hikers were killed by person or thing unknown. Like David Palmer, they were young and fit, and torn limb from limb. And, all three were killed by the light of a full moon.

The law-enforcement agencies involved have two suspects in mind: Saul Woden, recently released from prison, and the Blakeney clan, an in-



bred, multi-generational family that keeps to itself behind a large fenced-up compound. Why this family? Locals said they are lycanthropes — werewolves. Rumors, stories passed down generation to generation, have convinced the locals the Blakeney are “bad blood.” But does that make them werewolves?

Logan is intrigued and says he will gather what information he can for Jessup without involving the state police, which is in charge of the investigations and doesn’t play well with other agencies. Logan starts out talking to people in the local village. It doesn’t take him long to see that it’s not what the local

people see concerning these murders — it’s what they talk about and think happened. Imagination is the real fear among these people.

Logan even tries to enter the Blakeney compound (to no avail), and manages to talk to Saul Woden — a troubled soul, no doubt, but not responsible for these murders.

All the talk about werewolves has Logan looking at their history, going back to centuries-old folklore. He also researches modern scientific studies that consider a number of possibilities...

Is there a “lunar effect” that somehow causes changes in some? Logan learns of “transformational biology” in which animal DNA can be used to influence or modify human DNA. Then there’s rare human conditions like hyperkeratosis and hypertrichosis that could account for the werewolf legend.

Logan comes across Dr. Feverbridge and his daughter living in an abandoned ranger station doing just such experiments. Do they have any merit? Logan is not sure. All he knows is that another full moon is soon to rise...will there be another killing?

The climax is thrilling — racing through a dark forest — tripping over roots, branches slapping the face...but who’s chasing who? This is an entertaining story with bits of scientific study that keeps you engaged, and just enough excitement to keep you on the edge of your seat.

The nice part is that this is not a long book — only 241 pages — but long enough to make a great autumnal, sitting-by-the-fireplace read...but maybe not during a full moon.

Publishers Weekly (starred review): “Scary, atmospheric...Fans of [The X Files](#) will be enthralled.”

The Associated Press: “In [Full Wolf Moon](#), Child uses cutting-edge science and the beautiful Adirondacks landscape to tell a quick and tense story.”

Child is the author of many books, as well as many co-authored with Douglas Preston. Website: www.lincolnchild.com; FB: [fb.com/lincolnchild.author](https://www.facebook.com/lincolnchild.author)

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