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An Adventure...



John Beutner and his girlfriend, Emma, encounter a kangaroo in Mount White, New South Wales.

The journey has just begun, but it appears on track to become one of epic proportions.

Bolstered by a lifelong love of the outdoors and biking, Michigan City native John Beutner embarked on a year-long expedition across Australia in January. The plan is to travel all of Highway 1, which follows the entire coastline, riding his bike at skate parks and trails.

“It’s such a beautiful country, with lots to explore,” he told *The Beacher*. “It’s also geographically close to New Zealand and Thailand, which I want to

travel to next.”

Beutner, 23, is a familiar face in Michigan City. He is the son of Captain Ed Beutner, a beloved fixture in the community, not just for his eclectic business on U.S. 20, which sells a little bit of everything, but also for his devotion to the city’s youth and causes that inspire a greater good. John is typically by his side.

John has always loved being outside.

“I’m fortunate to have grown up where I did,”

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...Down Under

by Kayla Weiss and Andrew Tallackson

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Beutner said. “There was a set of woods, a creek and a pond at our house that my sister, cousins and I would play in all the time. I remember going out there all the time to catch crawdads and minnows.

“I was always really into riding my bike when I was growing up,” he continued. “No matter where I was, I always took the opportunity to race across the terrain. When I wasn’t in the woods near my house, guaranteed, I was at the skate park.”

Beutner became interested in BMX when he saw someone doing tricks on the sidewalk by his dad’s store, back when it was on Franklin Street. BMX stands for bike motorcross, the cycle sport performed competitively or as on- or off-road recreation.

Beutner quickly tried mastering those same tricks, and soon after, the Michigan City Skate Park was built. He spent so much of his adolescence there, he eventually ended up with the moniker “Shredder.”

“Shredding,” loosely translated, means excelling

in an extreme sport.

“When I was 11 or 12, I was one of the younger kids at the skate park, and there were a lot of BMX-ers in their late teens/early 20s that spent a lot of time there,” he said. “I was pretty good for a young kid, so they started calling me ‘Little Shredder’. As I got older, it turned into ‘Shredder’.”

John also grew up with the benefit of having supportive parents. A little about Ed. His store began as a TV and radio shop in 1960. Over the years, it expanded to include appliances and furniture, vintage records, movies, nostalgia and memorabilia, and these days, a ship-shaped candy counter.

Ed has been an important figure to John, and to Michigan City through his dedication to the community.

“I have the best dad in the world,” John said. “Growing up, he was always working on some kind of a creative, large-scale project that I always got to help with. He made drivable train engines, a giant sleigh for his tractor, various pirate ships – you name it, guaranteed, he was working on it.

“He was always trying to find something fun and creative for my sister and me to do. He also involved me in whatever he was working on in the community. He has always been very involved in giving back to the community, sponsoring charities and events like Boo at the Zoo, The Sandcastle Shelter and the Michigan City Police Department.”



One of the bike stops in Ballina, New South Wales.

John also recalls, when the issue of the city skate park was addressed at a city council meeting, his father was in attendance, showing support.

“I think one of the things I appreciate the most about my dad, and my mom, is that they are always willing to support me in whatever I want to do,” he said. “I got into BMX at a young age and my dad, who isn’t a BMX rider, organized the Michigan City skate park contest for years and built ramps for me to ride.

“They both support my interest in BMX and any of my other interests fully. I’m so lucky to have them both.”

John graduated from New Prairie High School in 2013, then graduated from Purdue University Northwest in 2018, his degrees focusing on business. He interned at the non-profit Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, which encourages entrepreneurship, supports education and contributes to civic life in Kansas City, Mo. While there, he told his boss about his desire to travel, his boss then suggesting he head to Australia because it’s easy to get a one-year work visa and wages are high. This would allow John to save up money to continue traveling after he leaves Australia.



John’s trip is affording him plenty of chances to do what he loves: biking.

It was an ideal prospect. As an adult, John’s passion for outdoors and biking mixed with a desire to travel the world.

John, by the way, still works not just for the Kauffman Foundation, but also for Captain Ed’s. His father, and his mother, Tina, are thrilled with his new travels.

“I think it’s wonderful,” Tina told *The Beacher*. “He’s gaining knowledge about what it’s like to be in other countries, making friends all over the world, and most of all, he gets to ride his bike on awesome trails and skate parks they have over there.”

Traveling with his girlfriend, Emma, Beutner plans to remain in Australia until September or October before moving on to Thailand and/or New Zealand.

“I didn’t really do much preparing,” he said.

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“Mainly, my girlfriend Emma and I made sure our paperwork and visas were all in order, bought some extra bike parts and brought some camping gear. There’s only so much you can bring on a plane.”

He did do some research.

“I read some stuff about all the poisonous spiders, snakes and jellyfish in Australia,” he said. “There’s not a lot you can do other than shake your shoes out and be aware of your surroundings.”

“Aside from that, we’ve just been planning as we go along. We are staying in the Canberra area until the end of April for a BMX contest called ACT Jam. There are some people from Brisbane coming that one of my friends from Canberra wants to introduce to me. Apparently, they have a pretty rad BMX dirt jump spot there, so we are planning on heading up to Brisbane after ACT Jam and hitting up some places along the east coast on our way there.”

ACT Jam 2019, scheduled for April 25-27, carries an \$8,000 grand prize.

John’s adventures may have just started, but there is so much he’s already experienced and seen, and so much more he can’t wait to see. Beautiful hiking trails, swimming holes,

cliff jumps. And, of course, making new friends and exploring the Australian outback.

“I’ve had some sick sessions at different sets of trails in Australia, seen a lot of beautiful nature spots, wild animals and gotten to spend a lot of time with Emma doing things we enjoy,” he said. “I know we’ll take away so much from this experience: great memories, new friends and a better understanding of their culture.”



The view in Batemans Bay, a town on the south coast of New South Wales.



The journey for John Beutner and his girlfriend, Emma, has involved one breathtaking view after another.

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“The Silence” is Half a Good Thriller

by Andrew Tallackson



Stanley Tucci (left) and Kiernan Shipka star in “The Silence.”

Fair to say, “A Quiet Place” and “Bird Box” were pretty cool. A-list stars dabbling in B-movie thrills that tapped into our fears of the unseen enemy, where sight and sound could be used against us.

Pretty popular films. And with success comes imitation. If it worked once or twice, it’s gotta work again, right? Not entirely.

“The Silence,” based on Tim Lebbon’s 2015 horror novel and debuting April 10 on Netflix, introduces dinosaur-like beasts called “vesps” that hunt using sound. They hear you, you’re dead meat seconds later. As special effects, they are nifty creations: wings like pterodactyls, eyes sealed shut, mouths lined with razor sharp teeth.

We see these “vesps” a lot. Little is left to the imagination, which frequently reduces “The Silence” to B-movie obviousness. Having said that, the overqualified cast creates a likable family, and that lends a certain air of suspense to the picture. You want them to survive.

“The Silence” opens with one of the oldest horror tropes out there: the unearthed enemy. A research team chipping away at rock formations in a 10,000-foot deep mine accidentally unleashes the vesps, which flock to the nearest cities. We get the standard scenes of ensuing apocalyptic panic: tense newscasts, burning cities, social media scares.

I’ve grown weary of horror films where couples are separated or divorced, and one spouse tries to reconnect with the other, all while putting their children in frequent danger.

Thankfully, “The Silence” avoids that trap by introducing loving parents (Stanley Tucci and Miranda Otto), a teen daughter (Kiernan Shipka) who lost her hearing, but quickly adapted to sign language and lip reading, a younger son (Kyle Breitkopf), an ailing, but savvy grandmother (Kate Trotter) and a longtime family friend (John Corbett).

★ ★ 1/2

“The Silence”

Running time: 90 minutes. Rated PG-13 for sci-fi horror violence and terror, and for some language

The family bolts for the countryside, and when an accident stalls their caravan, the vesps attack in a prolonged sequence that shows the family using their wits at every turn to survive. The vesps, to the film’s credit, are well done. They don’t feel like effects, but living, breathing creatures.

Later on, there’s a queasy moment when the family slinks through a storm drain, chased by vesps, only to encounter a rattlesnake poised to strike.

Moments like that work because Tucci (“The Devil Wears Prada”), Otto (“The Lord of the Rings”) and especially the wonderful Shipka (TV’s “Mad Men”) are so good at creating a tight-knit family. You fear any harm that comes their way.

“The Silence” was directed by John R. Leonetti, a veteran cinematographer who knows how to craft tight action sequences, and he includes a few knowing winks to Alfred Hitchcock’s “The Birds.”

So, the talent is there, which makes it all the more puzzling that the story introduces a snooze of a religious cult, members of which removed their tongues to keep quiet. They are the most impotent threat to appear in a horror film in some time: useless to the point of irritation.

And when that threat is resolved, the movie comes to an abrupt halt, as if a significant chunk of material was accidentally edited out.

It’s unsatisfying. Entertaining, true, but there is a nagging sensation we missed the juiciest bits of the story.

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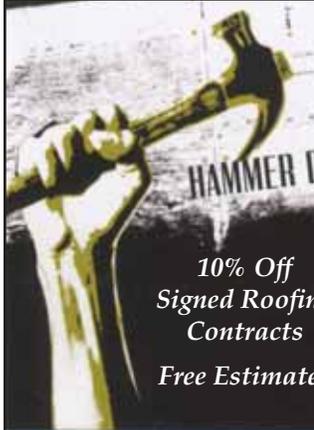
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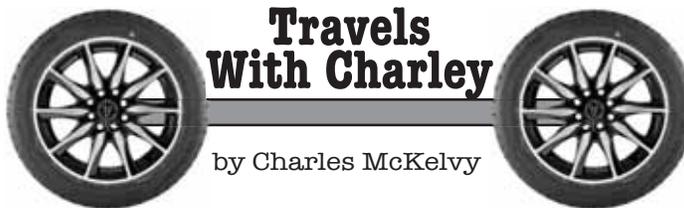
It's spring, and you're all looking forward to summer, but I now look fondly at this past winter because we went to Merry Olde England and Siberia.

All, I might add, without leaving Berrien County, Mich.

I know you folks who skied the Alps and Rockies this past winter are jealous, as well as you Sunbirds who wintered in Florida and/or Arizona.

We had ourselves one satisfying winter vacation thanks to the Three Oaks Township Public Library and Tubbs Snowshoes.

The former supplied us with a steady stream of videos about the British Isles, the latter got me down to our beach during the Polar Vortex in fine form, despite knee-deep drifts in the dunes. We had so much fun, we're already looking past summer



Travels With Charley

by Charles McKelvy

and fall to next winter, when we would actually welcome another Polar Vortex or two.

So let's start with our trip to Merry Olde England, compliments of

Three Oaks Township Public Library at 3 N. Elm St., in the home of the Apple Cider Century. Speaking of which, allow me to briefly digress to note that I began the winter on my bike. Yes, it was mild enough for most of January for some serious bike rides around Chikaming Township. I even encountered Sexton Kirk Schrader filling in a grave at Riverside Cemetery in his shirtsleeves. At that point, I thought I would spend winter vacation from my duties at *The Beacher* on the seat of my Trek bicycle.

Then, WGN's Tom Skilling started warning about record-setting chills churning our way from the Arctic Circle, and I cracked out the library card and my Tubbs Wilderness Snowshoes.

Oh, I should mention we keep our full-house generator in good working order, plus a huge pile of wood I split last fall, so we are always ready to be snowed- and frozen-in.

Noting our tastes ran to historical dramas set in the British Isles such as "Vikings," "The Tudors" and "The Last Kingdom," our friendly librarian in Three Oaks directed us to the sale table, where sat a video series by The Teaching Co. titled "A History of England from the Tudors to the Stuarts."

"It's yours for a dollar," she said.

Such a deal, and it was with pleasure we hunkered down on those bitterly cold days, the last week of January, and curled up with the erudite Professor Robert Bucholz



McKelvy of the Arctic took this photo in Harbert, Mich., on Jan. 30.

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of Loyola University. He persuasively argued that England became the first modern country in the years 1485 with Henry VII on the throne, to the death of the seriously underrated Queen Anne in 1714. Natalie majored in history, and I wish I had. History is such fun when taught by an enthusiast like Bucholz. So, yes, it was cold and snowy outside, but we were warmed by our fire and by Professor Bucholz's vivid accounts of Bloody Mary's purges, the bloody Civil Wars and the dignified manner in which Charles I faced his execution in the bitter cold at Whitehall Palace on 30 January 1649. Charles asked for an extra shirt that morning so he wouldn't be seen to shiver as he marched solemnly to the block.

Who needs to schuss down the Alps when you can watch Charles II restore the monarchy for only a buck?

And then, as if that wasn't enough winter-vacation fun, I strapped on Tubbs Wilderness Snowshoes on the very day Tom Skillington and his colleagues were saying it was colder in the Upper Midwest than Siberia. That would have been Jan. 30, right?



Doesn't everyone keep a pair of snowshoes by the front door?

I know I'm right because the trusty Tubbs and I snowshoed down the so-called "dog path" to our beach in Harbert where — I kid you not — they were shooting a remake of "Doctor Zhivago." All right, I do kid you, but not by much, because the scene before me was one of true Arctic bliss, and one that could only warm the heart of a native Midwesterner. I was snug as a bug in my thermal layers, but I could not have eaten baklava with my balaclava over my mouth. Nonetheless, I was caparisoned for battle with the

extreme elements, and utterly transformed.

The only sound was silence as the great mounds of frozen lake sat snow-dusted in the remorseless winter sun. Not a creature was stirring, not even the lake, as far out as the eye could see.

I could have been the only soul left on the planet, for all it mattered. And all that mattered to me was that I was having a blast on my winter vacation. I regretted that my dear wife Natalie couldn't join me, but then she has back and hip issues that prevent her from snowshoeing. But I was happy to know that she would be joining me in the spring for bike rides.

Then, when I thought it was way too cold for beast or bird to be about, a murder of crows appeared and flapped happily about our stand of pines on the bluff. We have, in Michigan, the robin as our state bird, but at that precise moment I wanted to text the governor and tell her to amend that at once to the noble crow. Our official state bird was down in Florida with the other snowbirds, but the noble crow was flapping in the Polar Vortex.

Such were my thoughts as I snowshoed back up the dog path to a home filled with jolly tales of Merry Olde England, the love of a good wife and the devotion of our confirmed indoor cat, Tiger.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I've got to polish the snowshoes in case another Polar Vortex interrupts the normal broadcast of spring and summer.



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Now in its sixth year, the evening includes cocktails, dinner, live and silent auctions and competition dancing. Modeled after ABC’s “Dancing with the Stars,” it features Southwest Michigan celebrities who compete for a “People’s Choice Award,” aided by votes from friends, family and the general public before the event, the “Judges Choice Award” for excellence in dancing and the top “Mirror Ball Award,” which combines audience member voting and judges’ scores.

The stars include Cliff Allen, Samer Badreddine, Jayme Cousins, Viki Gudas, Sandra Martin, Mike Nadolski, Lars and Liz Petzke and Tara Sabo. Judges include Kristy and John Proos, Amy Bleich Heugel and Joshua Short. Bill Downey, a Twin Cities Players actor and director, and auctioneer Daniel McCreary are the emcees.

Tickets, which are \$125 for table seating and dinner, can be purchased at www.smso.org or by calling the SMSO office at (269) 982-4030. Tables of 10 can be reserved for \$1,250.



The Water’s Edge Series with Music Director Robin Fountain includes three SMSO performances at Shadowland Pavilion at Silver Beach.

The season kicks off with the traditional Independence Day concert Wednesday, July 3, complementing the City of St. Joseph fireworks display.

The second performance is the Schalou Summer Series musical production of “West Side Story” on Friday and Saturday, July 26-27, in partnership with The Ghostlight Theatre.

The SMSO concerts wrap up with “The Music of James Bond” on Saturday, Aug. 10.

Also included is Summerfest ‘19 Festival, which signals the return of R-E-S-P-E-C-T featuring The Big Payback and local female vocalists. The event also includes beer and wine tasting from local to international sources. A special opening night performance of the R-E-S-P-E-C-T concert is Friday, July 19, at The Acorn Theater, Three Oaks, Mich.

SMSO will partner with the Coming Home Coming Together Concert on Sunday, June 23, at the Dwight “Pete” Mitchell City Center Park in downtown Benton Harbor.

Tickets for SMSO performances are: lawn seating: \$20; reserved seating: \$30; 12 and younger: \$10 Tables of 10 with a parking pass cost \$350. Day of prices are an additional \$5 per ticket.

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Cliff Allen (top photo) and Lars and Liz Petzke (bottom photo) are among the Southwest Michigan celebrities competing in “Dancing With the Symphony Stars.”

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The summer class session begins Monday, June 11. Youth options include "Painting for Young Artists" and "Stop Motion Animation." Adult options include "Abstract Painting," "Drawing Bootcamp," "Watercolor Plus" and "Sandcastle Writers," as well as one-day workshops in jewelry making and fused glass.

Summer camps for children ages 8-13 will return, with three week-long courses from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily in July and August.

In "Lights, Camera, Action" beginning July 15, campers develop video and stop-motion animation skills by collaborating in small groups to create their own narratives, characters and sets using provided iPads.

In "Zines, Comics and Stickers, Oh My!" beginning July 22, campers meet local comic artists and zinesters to learn about building original stories, characters and formats as they create zines, comics, stickers, silkscreen prints and T-shirts.

The camp season ends with "Trashion Week" beginning Aug. 5. Campers become upcycle fashion designers and models as they use recycled and reclaimed materials to design and create their own wearable works of art.

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LaPorte County Master Gardeners

LaPorte County Master Gardeners held their annual recognition meeting April 4 at Red Mill County Park.

Those who completed last fall's basic training class and are now interns were introduced: Gina Alber, Darla Aldred, Amanda DePoy, Randa Magill, Sue McLain, Julie Rice Zurek, Diane Szynal, Joe Szynal and Gregory Thoman, all of LaPorte; Deborah Sarver of Hanna; Angela Allison, Michelle Bair and Rebekah Podgorski of Michigan City; Jacen Maleck and Maureen Sherrick of Rolling Prairie; Sachiko Davis, Sherrie Dobrowski, Jennifer Jones, Della Lyle, Jesika Pease and Karolina Zielinski of Valparaiso; Kathleen Fox of Walkerton; Susanne Hogan of Chesterton; and Nicole Krol of South Bend.

Seven were certified after completing at least 35 hours of volunteer service: Michael Altman, Sheildia Arnold, Ryan Crosslin and Linda Hough of LaPorte; Mary Beth Rebedeau Warden of Long Beach; Lisa Gerardi of Michigan City; and Karen Sarver of Wanatah.

Five individuals were designated Advanced Master Gardeners after completing at least 60 hours of volunteer service and attending a minimum of 45 hours of gardening education activities: David Morris and Chris Svoboda of LaPorte; Wendy Shafer of Michigan City; George Sarver Jr. of Wanatah; and Juanita Hill of New Buffalo, Mich.

Three gardeners achieved bronze level, having donated at least 200 volunteer hours and attended a minimum of 60 hours of gardening classes: Tina DeWitt of Kingsbury; Debra Moore of LaPorte; and Julie Goetz of Westville.

Two individuals, Kitty Knoll and Linda Strain, both of LaPorte, achieved the silver level, having donated at least 500 volunteer hours and attended a minimum of 75 hours of gardening classes.

Three Master Gardeners, all from the class of 2006, achieved gold status, having donated at least 1,000 hours of volunteer time and attended a minimum of 100 hours of gardening education. They are: Ann Klosinski of LaPorte, Dennis Brittain of Michigan City and Eunice Conway of Rolling Prairie.

Sharon Cholewa received Gold Master Gardeners-4000 status for achieving more than 4,000 volunteer hours and more than 300 education hours since 1998. A special "Golden Trowel" award went to Estelle Pawloski for going above and beyond.

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Make and Take Craft Weekends

The free program is from 1 to 4 p.m. April 20, May 25 and 26, June 8 and 9, July 20 and 21, and Aug. 17 and 18 at Luhr Park Nature Center.

No pre-registration is required. All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Crafts are available while supplies last.

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. April 22, June 3 and 17, July 1, 15 and 29, and Aug. 12 and 26 at Luhr County Park. Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

Family Fishing Nights

The free program is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. April 30, June 19 and July 18 at Luhr County Park.

All ages are welcome. A limited number of poles and bait are available. No fishing licenses are required, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required at least one week in advance.

Healthy Lifestyles

The free social club that emphasizes quality of life meets from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Luhr County Park Nature Center.

Programs focus on health trends, gardening, medical information and balancing active lifestyles. Call at least one week in advance to sign up (the maximum allowed is 30). The schedule is:

- May — no class.
- June 5 — "A Journey into Health: a Plant Based Path," Marcy Daily.
- July 3 — "Three Habits of a Happy Confident Life," Wendy Taddeucci.
- Aug. 7 — "Healthy Cooking for One or Two," Katie Sarver, LaPorte Hospital Wellness Outreach.
- Sept. 11 — "Clean It Up With Homemade Cleaners," Gee-Burns.

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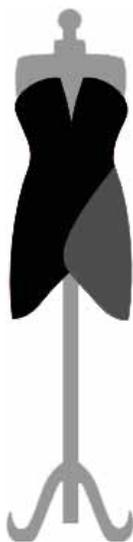
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One of my favorite sayings is, “You don’t stop exercising because you get old. You get old because you stop exercising.”

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See what I did there?

A good way to view our bodies is the analogy of cars and preventative maintenance. If you change your oil, get regular tune-ups, rotate the tires, wash and wax it, do all the other things mechanics and car professionals tell us to do, our cars will last a long time. We take care of our cars because, if we don’t, it costs us more to fix them, even more to buy a new one.



The Fitness Rebellion

by Kevin Scott

With our bodies, we think aging, fragility, medication, doctors’ visits, even painkillers are the norm. I hate to break it to you. It’s not.

Several years ago, I had nagging lower back pain. Progressively over the summer, it got worse. One day, I was golfing and tried to man up, going over a big lake on the 18th hole and catching a little too much sod and feeling something I’d never felt. It hurt to sit down in the golf cart. The next couple days, it kept hurting while I sat. So I stood. Then, it hurt to stand. I slept on the floor, hoping that would help, using two baseball bats as canes to get around the house. One week later, I’d finally had enough, calling an ambulance to embarrassingly tote me out of the house in a chair.

I had a herniated disc. The doctors said most people do, but certain movements affect everyone

differently. He said I was way too young to operate on, so do physical therapy. There, I worked with a great PT who let me know this happened because my muscles weren’t firing right; thus, my back was taking the brunt of my efforts.

To relate it in normal terms, we all have been part of a team and done projects in school or work. Remember that person who was always carrying the team, and the other person who was always sitting

back waiting to get an A? Think of my back as the hard worker, the go-getter, the person who picks up slack if someone else isn’t doing their part. Then, you have the other person, my lazy old glutes, sitting on their butt (ironically your glutes) waiting until the

project is done to say one thing and “contribute.” The project for all concerned was exercising, running, golfing, lifting, working out. The back was taking the weight, momentum and workload the glutes were supposed to help. Until, BAM, out goes that back.

A couple takeaways from that story.

The first is, your body is designed to move, and move in certain patterns. It wasn’t designed to be sedentary. So when I went through PT and learned my muscles were misbehaving, I learned how to use them correctly, eliminating my back pain. Yes, I still have pain when I do certain things, but guess what? I either don’t do them or modify them. I didn’t take it as a prescription to sit around, take medicine, never work out again. The motion is the lotion, and for me, the more I move, the better I feel. The less I move, the stiffer I am, which is typically why I am most sore when I wake up.

The second takeaway is, with my preventative maintenance, I plan on keeping my youthfulness into old age. Taking care of our bodies takes time, effort, pain, sweat, tears, blood, early mornings, late evenings, confusion and, most importantly, a big dose of humility. Asking for help is OK. Getting assistance from a trainer or coach is a good thing. Admitting you don’t know it all is OK. Again, I am not going to tell a mechanic, “You know what, I think I’ll try to fix my catalytic converter on my own. There is a YouTube tutorial I saw, so thanks, but no thanks.”

Yet, so many people have this mindset when it comes to exercising. I used to do it this way. How hard can it be? I am just going to sweat. I am just going for one hour a day. I am going to eat clean, stop drinking and go to the gym seven days a week. Come on, let’s get a plan together, a realistic one, and let’s work hard at it.



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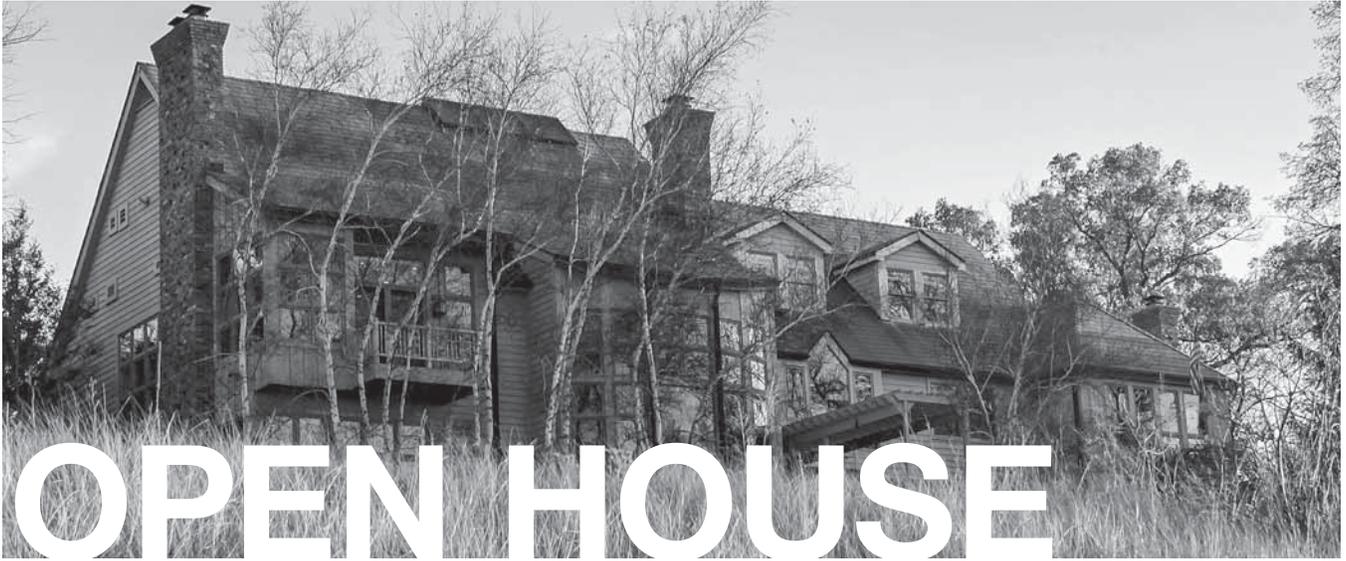
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It's not every day you come across a property as old as The Parsonage that retains the charm and elegance of a time long gone by. Built in 1880 by First Congregational Church, The Parsonage was the home of the church's parson and his family. The church next door was built the following year and is on the National Historic Register. One reason the property has survived the years in such amazing shape is that very few families called it home. Two of the parsons served for upwards of 40 years each. The present owners, Katie and Joe Stack, purchased the property from Sidney and Jim Hoover in 2017 and now rent the property through VRBO. "The Hoovers took such great care of this special home. They ran The Brickstone Bed and Breakfast here for 20 years. We consider ourselves lucky to step in now as the current stewards," said Katie Stack.

"Last summer was our first summer renting the property and the reviews have been outstanding." Situated in the Uptown Arts District, The Parsonage is within steps of Lighthouse Place-Prime Outlets, restaurants and bars. Blue Chip Casino and Michigan City beaches are less than a mile away. There are so many things to do in Harbor Country, not just in the summer, but all year, and The Parsonage is centrally located to take advantage of all of them.

The accommodations are comfortable and gracious with four bedrooms, each with a private bath. The common rooms are beautifully decorated, and there is a charming porch off the main floor perfect for that morning cup of coffee. It is the ideal spot for a family reunion, girls shopping weekend or a holiday get together when The Parsonage is beautifully decked out for Christmas. "We have a wedding party coming in August. The bride will be getting ready here and walking across the street to have her photos done in the gardens at The Barker Mansion. Perfect!," said Stack



The maximum occupancy is eight.

For a more complete listing, reviews and photo gallery check online at VRBO.com. Listing number 1186231 for more details.



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———Anthony P., Munster, Indiana
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- when walking after prolonged sitting?
- when climbing stairs or standing on your toes?
- after standing for long periods?

Dear Fellow NW Indiana Resident,

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What is plantar fasciitis?

Plantar fasciitis (say "PLAN-ter fash-ee-EYE-tus") is the most common cause of heel pain.

The plantar fascia is the flat band of tissue (ligament) that connects your heel bone to your toes. It supports the arch of your foot.

If you strain your plantar fascia, it gets weak, swollen and irritated (inflamed). Then, your heel or the bottom of your foot hurts when you stand or walk.

Repeated strain can cause tiny tears in the ligament. These can lead to pain and swelling. This is more likely to happen if:

- Your feet roll inward too much when you walk.
- You have high arches or flat feet.
- You walk, stand or run for long periods of time, especially on hard surfaces.
- You are overweight.
- You wear shoes that don't fit well or are worn out.

Here's the test...

Sit down on a comfortable chair. Cross the leg of the involved foot over the opposite knee.

With either thumb, press firmly on the bottom of the involved heel, towards the arch of the foot.

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Now...using the hand on your affected side, take hold of your affected foot and pull your toes back towards the shin. This creates tension/stretch in the arch of the foot/plantar fascia.

Repeat on the other side for comparison.

If this step feels so much tighter on the affected side, then you most likely have plantar fasciitis.

Now you may be asking...can plantar fasciitis heal and pain subside without medications, injections, or surgery?

In most cases, yes...but it depends on, but not limited to, the following factors:

- Length of time you've been suffering.
- Things you're doing that is making the condition worse without you knowing it.
- Degree of swelling and tightness of the plantar fascia.

FREE Heel and Foot Pain Workshop

To help our valued clients dealing with heel and foot pain, Orthopedic and Balance Therapy Specialists will host the FREE Heel and Foot Pain Workshop on the following dates and locations:

- **Tuesday, April 16, LaPorte office at 5 P.M.:** 1405 E. Lincolnway, Suite B (next to All Star Auto, same building as Hair Fitness)
- **Thursday, April 18, Valparaiso office at 6 P.M.:** 3125 Calumet Ave., Suite 8 (next to the Valpo YMCA)

Here's what you will learn at the workshop:

- The Top 2 most common causes of heel and foot pain
- Single biggest No. 1 mistake heel and foot pain sufferers make resulting in a condition that necessitates surgery
- How you can heal naturally without medications, injections or surgery
- Do-it-yourself techniques that will make you feeling better immediately after the workshop

This event is limited to 20 attendees only due to the interactive nature of this workshop. **To hold your spot, please call:**

- **(219) 380-0809 in LaPORTE**
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See you at the workshop.

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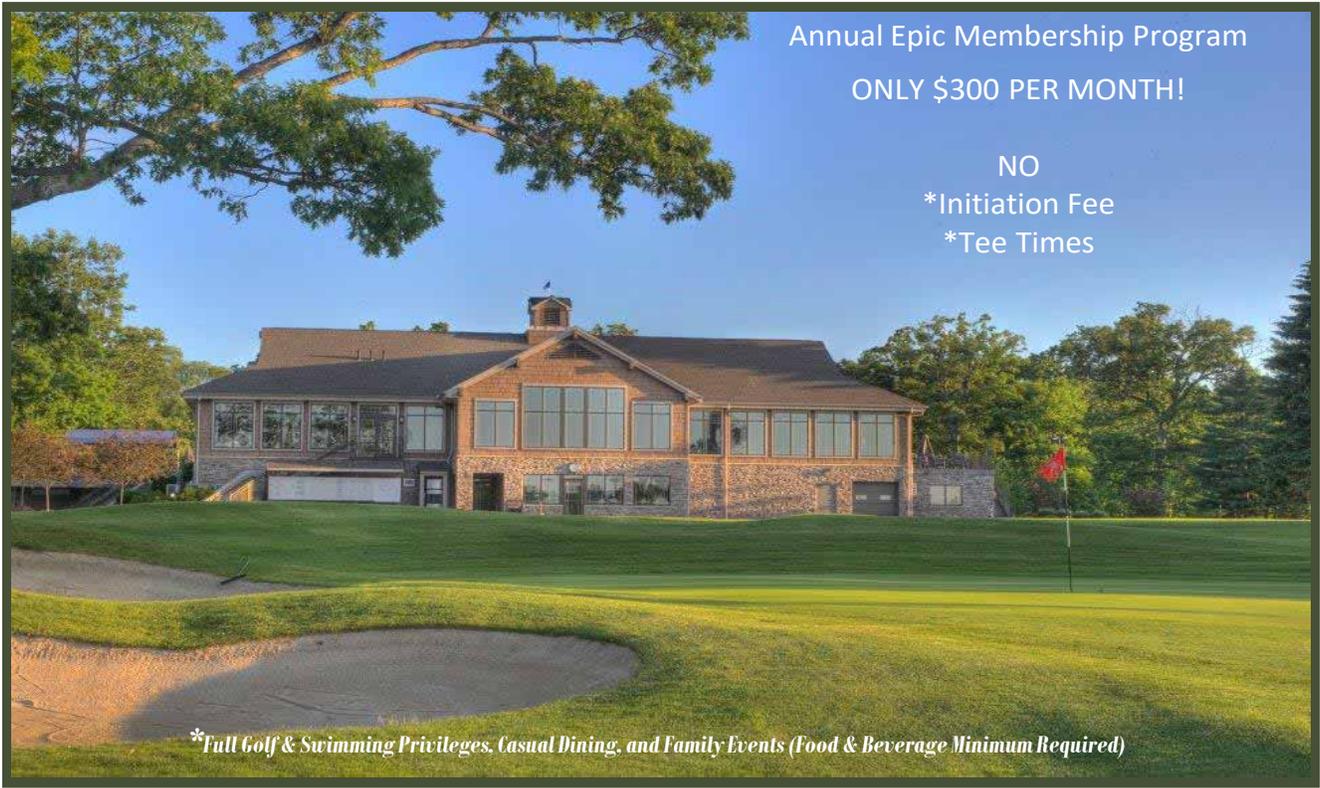
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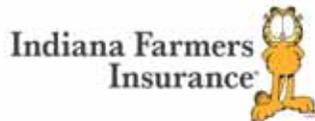
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Matt Beatty is the tour guide for the program at Kankakee Sands, a Nature Conservancy property that has undergone massive restoration efforts. Those on the tour will observe birds and bison. Lunch is included.

Beatty serves on the Indiana Audubon Society board of directors and is a conservation practitioner for The Nature Conservancy, primarily doing habitat restoration along the Grand Calumet River in Lake County.

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Indiana Dunes National Park

The following programs are planned:

• **The Save the Tunes Council performs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 19, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

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

• **Drop-In Volunteer Program from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 20.**

Projects focus on preserving the park's natural and cultural resources. Dress for the weather, and be prepared to walk off trail. All equipment and protective gear, including gloves and eye protection, will be provided. Meet at The Park Connection volunteer office, which is adjacent to the main Chellberg Farm parking lot.

• **Earth Day Gardening at Chellberg Farm from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 20.**

Join a ranger and fellow volunteers to pull weeds and plant seeds. Wear comfortable clothes. Work gloves and equipment will be provided. Insect repellent and sunscreen are recommended. Chellberg Farm is on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 20 and 12 in Porter.

• **Jumping into a Career from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Paul H. Douglas Center.**

Bob Brodman and his former students will discuss a long-term study on frogs and salamanders: what the work was like, their experiences and how it affected them. Guests also can observe and help feed the center's green frogs, bullfrog and toad.

The program is co-sponsored by the iSWOOP project.

• **Miller Woods Hike from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sundays through May 26 at Paul H. Douglas Center.**

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

• **Art in the National Park from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays through May 11 at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

Meet local artists who use the dunes as inspiration to take photos, paint, draw or write. Programs may be inside or outside.

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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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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

- **Full Moon Hike at 8 p.m. Friday, April 19.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a short presentation about the moon, followed by a hike to Lake Michigan and back.

- **Ssssnakes at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20.**

Meet at the Nature Center to view snakes and learn more about them.

- **Bubble Art from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 20.**

Bubble artist Mike Bever demonstrates artistic creations using colored bubbles made from items often seen littered on the beach. Visitors can try creating bubble art to take home.

- **Breakfast with the Birds from 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, April 21.**

Join naturalists at the Nature Center for coffee, hot chocolate and donuts, then help put out seeds for the birds.

- **Eggcellent Photo Hunt from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 21.**

Take a camera to the Nature Center to play a game with an Easter egg twist. Prizes are awarded.



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.

Polish-American Cultural Society

Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City Chapter, meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at the former St. Mary School, 321 W. 11th St.

The facilitator is the Rev. Walter Rakoczy of Michigan City. Call Theresa Child at (219) 464-1369 or email polamnwi@yahoo.com for details.

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LaPorte County Public Library

The following programs are at the main branch of LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave.:

• **Meet the Author: Bernice Ende, “Alone Across America on Horseback: Lady Long Rider” from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 18.**

Ende, who has ridden more than 29,000 miles alone across the United States and Canada, will share stories of adventures on the trail.

• **Stories & More from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Fridays.**

Children ages 3-5 with their caregivers experience stories, songs, crafts and activities that include using iPads to build early literacy skills.

• **Career and Technology Showcase from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20.**

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The following program is at the Coolspring branch, 6925 W. County Road 400 North:

• **Reader’s Corner from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23.**

The focus is Andy Weir’s “The Martian.”

Visit www.laportelibrary.org for more details.

Shirley Heinze Spring Benefit

May 3 is the reservation deadline for Shirley Heinze Land Trust’s annual Spring Benefit, which is at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at Purdue University Northwest’s James B. Dworkin Center.

The event raises funds to support the organization’s work.

The guest speaker is Andrew Bowman, president & CEO of Land Trust Alliance, a national organization that supports land trusts across the country. In 2018, it awarded Shirley Heinze Land Trust the National Land Trust Excellence award.

The evening starts with hors d’oeuvres, followed by dinner. Guests can participate in live and silent auctions. The “Funding the Future” paddle auction raises funds to help the organization expand and connect natural areas in Northwest Indiana.

Tickets and table sponsorships may be purchased through the Spring Benefit link on the Shirley Heinze website at www.heinzetrust.org, or by contacting Bonnie Hawksworth at (219) 242-8558 or bhawksworth@heinzetrust.org. Live and silent auction items are previewed on the site.

Walk to Prevent Child Abuse

The Eighth Annual Walk to Prevent Child Abuse, organized by LaPorte's First United Methodist Church, is at 5:30 p.m. Thursday April 25.

The event is held in conjunction with National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Participants should meet at the church parking lot, 1225 Michigan Ave. The group then will head north down Indiana Avenue toward the courthouse.



LaPorte Mayor Mark Krentz, LaPorte County Superior Judge Greta Friedman, Ron Heeg, LaPorte County Sheriff's Office chief deputy, Christine Rosenbaum, LaPorte High School Slicer support services coordinator, and a Dunebrook representative will address the issue of child abuse in LaPorte County and the importance of child protection.

All participants are encouraged to wear blue as a symbol of Child Abuse Prevention. Those unable to walk can join the group on the courthouse's southwest lawn. Afterward, the procession heads south on Michigan Avenue, back to the church for dinner and community fellowship.

Call the church at (219) 362-2443 for details.

Scholarship Winners

The Michigan City Human Rights Commission announced that Sydney Starks has received the \$1,000 Hawkins-Williams Scholarship and McKena Moore the \$1,000 Judi Huber Scholarship.

Starks is graduating from Michigan City High School and Moore from Marquette Catholic High School. Both will be recognized at the 2019 Humanitarian of the Year luncheon, which is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Krueger Memorial Hall. Tickets, which are \$25, or \$200 for a table of eight, can be purchased from commissioners or at the Michigan City Human Rights Department Office at City Hall.

Also, two community members will be recognized: one as 2019 Humanitarian of the Year and the other as the Unsung Hero for doing good and serving the community. Both honors are based on submissions from the community.

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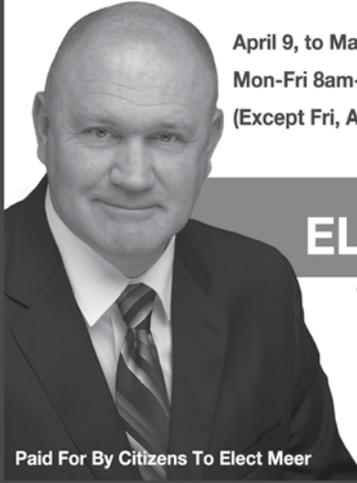
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Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Michigan City Area Schools Robotics Team Demonstration at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18.**

RoboBlitz, the MCAS team, will appear as part of Creativity and Innovation Week.

• **Needle Arts League at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 18 and 25.**

Membership to the group, formerly known as the Knit Club, is open to anyone interested in needle arts such as crochet, needlepoint, cross-stitch, crewel, tatting and other hand stitching. All skill levels and ages are welcome.

• **Spring Craft at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 19.**

All materials are provided. Children 4 and older, accompanied by an adult, must be present to receive supplies.

• **Earth Day Craft for Kids at 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 22, in Youth Services.**

All materials are provided. Children 4 and older, accompanied by an adult, must be present to receive supplies.

• **Great Decisions at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 22.**

The foreign-policy discussion program returns for its 21st season. The discussion is Made in China. Reading material is available at the circulation desk.

• **Tinkercad at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in the Makerspace.**

Registration is required for the program that involves the free online collection of software tools. No experience is necessary. All registered participants receive a 3-D print of his/her creations. Register at the Youth Services desk or call (219) 873-3045 for more info. Space is limited. MCPL 3-D printing rules apply, and the printing fee is waived for this program.



The library is closed Sunday, April 21, for Easter.



• **Collector's Corner Breakfast tickets available.**

Tickets are on sale for the annual Collector's Corner Breakfast on Saturday, April 27, at Full Gospel Church of Deliverance, 2700 Ohio St. The cost is \$25, and each ticketholder can take one appraisal item for Martin Papke of Kathy's Antiques. Appraisals are intended for entertainment purposes only. No weapons will be appraised. Portofino Grill will cater the breakfast. Tickets are available at the library circulation desk or from Friends of the Library board members. No tickets will be sold at the door, and sales are limited to 75. Call (219) 873-3049 for more information.



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JROTC Supports School, Community

Michigan City High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps participated in various community and school events in March.



The Color Guard presents the Colors before the regional championship basketball game.

MCHS hosted the Boys Regional Basketball Tournament, when fans from Mishawaka, Chesterton, Northridge and Munster streamed into Wolves Den. Cadets controlled parking and provided Color Guards for the semi-final and championship games.

Cadets provided a Color Guard and marching platoon for the Michigan City St. Patrick's Day Parade. They provided assistance in the setup and functioning of the Garden Show, as well as the MCHS Parent/Teacher Conference Night and Wolfpack Round-Up. They closed out March by helping with cleanup at Friendship Botanic Gardens.

The Marine Corps National JROTC military drill championship was April 13 in a suburb of Washington, D.C. MCHS was one of 16 schools competing out of the 268 JROTC schools nationally. The trip was conducted at no cost to MCHS nor the cadets, primarily funded through the Marine Corps, with help from the MCJROTC Booster Club.

Cadets then have to prepare for the Commanding General's Inspection on April 18. Afterward are numerous community service activities, as well as preparing for their week-long Leadership Camp in Wisconsin the first week in June. After returning Friday, June 7, they will support the June 9 MCHS graduation.

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Reins of Life Fundraiser

Reins of Life will host its Kentucky Derby Celebration from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, May 3, at Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa.

Attendees are encouraged to wear derby style dresses and attire, with a hat competition planned. The evening includes gourmet dining stations, complimentary mint juleps, live and silent auctions, raffle tickets, a derby-themed photo booth, live music and dancing.

The first hour features cocktails and a silent auction, followed by the program and dancing. The program, which starts at 7:15 p.m., includes 2018 updates, short videos with two riders featured (one from South Bend and one from Michigan City), followed by their testimonies. A couple drawings (hat and tails) are planned and three to five verbal auction items.

Back this year is the Race for the Kids, in which Reins of Life has created five teams, each consisting of a Reins rider, horse, volunteer, Reins staff member and community partner. Each team works together to gather as many votes as possible to win through online voting. Voting lasts through 8 p.m. May 3, with the winner announced and awards given during the event.

Tickets and votes can be purchased by visiting www.reinsoflife.org, then click on the Big Red Flower, or call (574) 232-0853.



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- Rittenhouse Village of Michigan City, 4300 Cleveland Ave., noon-6 p.m. Thursday, April 18.
- South Central Junior-Senior High School, 9808 S. County Road 600 West, Union Mills, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, April 19.
- IBEW 531, 2751 N. Old Indiana 39, LaPorte, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 20.
- LaPorte Hospital, 1007 W. Lincolnway, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday, April 22.

A limited quantity of "Game of Thrones" posters are available to donors, along with a chance to win a full-size iron throne. Visit rcblood.org/GoT for details. Donors must be in good general health and feeling well, at least 17 (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org for more details.

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Summer Camp Registration

The Salvation Army of Michigan City is seeking 100 local children to send to camp in Michigan at no cost this summer.

Registration is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at The Salvation Army, 1201 Franklin St.

Little Pine Island is located in Comstock near Grand Rapids. Salvation Army community centers from northern Indiana and western Michigan send children to the camp each year. Provided free through a Duneland Health Council grant and community donations, it is for children whose families cannot otherwise afford the experience.

All costs are covered for the first 100 Michigan City children to register, including transportation to and from camp, meals, housing and activities.

Children who sign up can choose from one of several different camping experiences, including sports, STEAM and high adventure, and are allowed to attend two different camps. However, each camp has eligibility requirements based on age and/or grade level, as well as limited space.

At registration, parents should take immunization records, insurance information and proof of residency for each child.

Call (219) 874-6885 for more details.

Run With The Wolves

Run With The Wolves 5K Fun Run, a fundraiser organized by Michigan City High School's Class of 2021 Steering Committee, is Saturday, April 20, in Washington Park.

The event raises funds for prom and the senior picnic. Pre-registration is from 8 to 8:45 a.m., with lineup at 8:45 a.m. and the race at 9 a.m. It begins at the tennis pavilion, running along Lake Shore Drive and ending by Washington Park Zoo.

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Learn how to create, restore and manage natural shorelines on lakeshore property during a workshop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. EDT Wednesday, May 15, at Love Creek Nature Center, 9292 Huckleberry Road, Berrien Center, Mich.

The Berrien County Conservation District and MSU Extension are offering the workshop, in conjunction with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The cost is \$50, with a reduced cost of \$25 for an additional participant sharing the same book. Visit events.anr.msu.edu/Berriennatshore19 to register.

Workshop participants receive a copy of "Natural Shoreline Landscapes on Michigan's Inland Lakes: Guidebook for Property Owners."

Noon Time Talk Series

The Noon Time Talk Series continues with Ervin Beck's program, "Folk Memories of Emma Schrock," at 12:20 p.m. EDT Thursday, April 18, at Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart.

Beck, folklorist and Goshen College professor of English emeritus, will discuss the life and paintings of the "Grandma Moses of Elkhart County."

Admission is \$5. Members are free. Call (574) 293-6660 for details.

Nine Hole Golf League

The Wednesday morning women's nine-hole golf league starts May 1, with optional golfing, depending on the weather, and a luncheon.

Signups will be taken at the luncheon. Official league play starts Wednesday, May 8, at Michigan City Municipal South Course. Call or text Jane Spang at (219) 877-5942 for information.

Coho Capital Derby

The eighth annual Coho Capital Derby runs April 19-May 3 at Lake Michigan.

The event features cash prizes for the biggest catch for: Chinook (King) Salmon, Coho Salmon, Brown Trout, Steelhead and Lake Trout.

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“A Symphony of Color”

Watercolor artist Lee Bauman will present the exhibit “A Symphony of Color” through May 16 at Valparaiso’s The Village Gallery.

Her recent artistic journey documents and celebrates snippets of time from her work as LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra executive director. Golden hues and yellow washes combine with red tones to enhance the look of the instruments and performers, while the contrast of dark shadows or black attire increases the intensity and contrast seen in the details.



Bauman earned a degree in fine arts and business and is a Duneland Plein Air Painters member. She also is a graphic artist, art teacher and community volunteer.

The Village Gallery is located in Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (219) 465-1591 for details.

NB Library Community Forum

“Alexander Hamilton: The Infant Republic’s Economic Czar” is the topic of the next Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum at 6 p.m. EDT Tuesday, April 23, in the library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St.

Tim Moore of Lake Michigan College will relate the story of the Caribbean-born orphan who rose to political power and, as treasury secretary, established a financial partnership between the national government and America’s wealthiest men. The story includes how he righted economic affairs in the early 1790s, and how his controversial policies and politics led to his death in 1804 at the hands of the vice president.

Upcoming programs include: “The Orphan Train in Michigan” on Monday, May 6; “The Underground Railroad in Michigan” on Thursday, May 1; and “All About Spiders” on May 21.

The series is underwritten in part by The Pokagon Fund. Call the library at (269) 469-2933, follow the Facebook link at newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org or email new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com for details.

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Purdue University Northwest's Center for Early Learning will host a free reading by Newbery-winning children's author Matt de la Peña from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Bellaboo's Play and Discovery Center, 2800 Colorado St., Lake Station.

De la Peña is a *New York Times* best-selling author of seven young adult novels and five picture books. His works include Last Stop on Market Street and Love, the latter of which he will read.



The event, "Stories Frame Our Future," is part of the Center for Early Learning's ongoing effort to promote early childhood literacy. After the reading, students from PNW's School of Education and Counseling will invite families to consider their own stories of love, family and community. Families also can add stories to a collection, which will remain on display through spring.

The event is co-hosted with North Shore Health Centers and Lake County Public Library.

De la Peña also is the keynote speaker at the 13th annual Early Childhood Conference earlier in the day at the Westville campus' James B. Dworkin Student Services & Activities Center.

Visit pnw.edu/childhood-conference for details.

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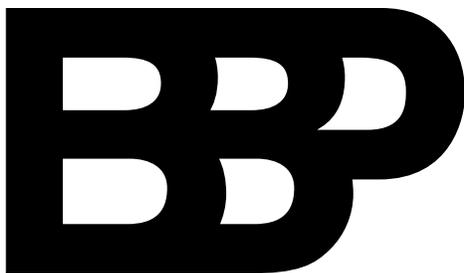
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In the Area:

April 18 — Michigan City Area Schools Robotics Team Demonstration, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

April 18 — Meet the Author: Bernice Ende, “Alone Across America on Horseback: Lady Long Rider,” 6-7 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

April 19 — Passover.

April 19 — Spring Craft, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

April 19 — Save the Tunes Council, 7:30-9 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

April 19-22 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “Apollo 11.” Rated G. Times: 6:15 p.m. Fri.-Mon. Also: “Birds of Passage.” Not Rated. In Spanish, Wayuu and English with subtitles. Times: 2:45 & 9 p.m. Sat./2:45 p.m. Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com, (269) 756-3522.

April 20 — Run With The Wolves 5K Fun Run, Washington Park. Pre-registration/8-8:45 a.m., lineup/8:45 a.m., race/9 a.m.

April 20 — Earth Day Gardening, 9 a.m.-noon, Chellberg Farm, Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 20/12, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

April 20 — Career and Technology Showcase, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

April 20 — Bubble Art, 1-3 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

April 20 — WPL Movies in April, “Bumblebee,” 3 p.m., The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

April 20 — Miles Nielsen & The Rusted Hearts with opener The Erly, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generation Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$30. Reservations: acornlive.org

April 21 — Easter Sunday.

April 21 — Free Easter egg hunt, 11 a.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Info: info@friendshipgardens.org

April 21 — Eggcellent Photo Hunt, 1-3 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

April 22 — Earth Day Craft for Kids, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

April 23 — Reader’s Corner, “The Martian,” 6-7 p.m., Coolspring Library, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

April 23 — New Buffalo Library Community Forum, “Alexander Hamilton: The Infant Republic’s

Economic Czar,” 6 p.m. EDT, library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

In the Region

April 18 — Noon Time Talk Series, “Folk Memories of Emma Schrock,” 12:20 p.m. EDT, Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart. Cost: \$5. Info: (574) 293-6660.

April 20 — Unwrapped at the Box, Aiden & Bill Schnell of The Foxy Rose String Band with special guest Cabin 52, 7 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10. Info: boxfactoryforthearts.org, (269) 983-3688.

April 23 — Poetry Night, 7 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Signup: 6:30 p.m. EDT. Performers/free, general public/\$5. Info: boxfactoryforthearts.org, (269) 983-3688.

Through May 12 — Valparaiso University Juried Art Student Exhibition and Senior Showcase, Brauer Museum of Art, 1709 Chapel Drive. Info: (219) 464-5276, valpo.edu/brauer-museum-of-art

Through May 16 — “A Symphony of Color” exhibit, watercolor artist Lee Bauman, The Village Gallery @ Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso. Info: (219) 465-1591.

Sundays through May 26 — Miller Woods Hike, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education, Lake Street, north of U.S. 12, Gary’s Miller Beach neighborhood. Info: (219) 395-1882.

Support Groups

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

Mondays, Fridays — Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m. Mon./Franciscan Hospital Clair of Assisi Room, 3500 Franciscan Way; 9 a.m. Fri./First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St. Info: <https://oa.org>, (219) 879-0300.

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

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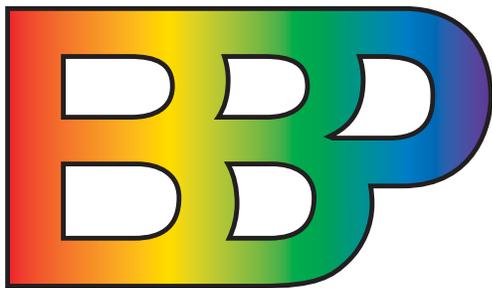
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On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride between the Massachusetts towns of Charlestown and Lexington, warning the American Colonist of the approach of British troops.

On April 18, 1858, rain began falling on the Chicago area, and continued to fall for 60 consecutive days.

On April 18, 1923, the first game was played in Yankee Stadium.

On April 18, 1924, the first crossword puzzle book was published by Simon and Schuster.

On April 18, 1934, the era of the “Laundromat” began when the first Washateria, with four electric washing machines for rent, opened in Fort Worth.

On April 19, 1775, the Revolutionary War began in Massachusetts as British and American forces began fighting at both Lexington and Concord.

On April 19, 1865, the funeral for President Abraham Lincoln was held in the White House.

On April 19, 1892, in Springfield, MA, Charles E. Duryea took his horseless carriage — the first American-made automobile — out of his shop for a successful drive.

On April 19, 1897, the first Boston Marathon was run from Ashland, Mass., to Boston. Winner John McDermott ran the course in 2 hrs., 55 min., 10 sec.

On April 19, 1945, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical “Carousel” opened on Broadway.

On April 20, 1857, Chicago’s Mayor John “Long John” Wentworth personally led a raid on the “Sands,” a notorious North Michigan Avenue vice district.

On April 20, 1949, Mayo Clinic scientists revealed they had synthesized a hormone to treat rheumatoid arthritis — named “cortisone.”

On April 20, 1955, Richard Daley began his first term as mayor of Chicago. He was re-elected five times.

On April 20, 1972, the manned lunar module from Apollo 16 landed on the moon.

On April 21, 753 B.C., Rome, according to legend, was founded by Romulus and Remus.

On April 21, 1836, at San Jacinto, with the battle cry “Remember the Alamo!” an army of Texans, led by Gen. Sam Houston, defeated a Mexican Army led by Gen. Santa Anna. Few battles in history have had such a devastating effect on a nation as did this

one on Mexico. In the treaty that followed, they ceded to the new Republic of Texas all of present-day Texas, about half of New Mexico, and parts of Colorado and Wyoming. Ten years later, in the Mexican War with the United States - (fueled by a dispute over the southern boundary of Texas) - Mexico lost Arizona, California, and the rest of New Mexico.

On April 21, 1843, Chicago passed an ordinance prohibiting pigs from running free on the streets of the city.

On April 21, 1925, the Chicago neighborhood of Streeterville got its name when Elmo Streeter was arrested for "squatting" on the land.

On April 22, 1348, at a royal ball in England, the Countess of Salisbury was dancing with King Edward III when one of her garters slipped off. The king retrieved it and put it on his leg. This was the beginning of the Order of the Garter, the highest order of English knighthood.

On April 22, 1864, Congress first authorized the director of the U.S. Mint to use the motto "In God We Trust" on all coins.

On April 22, 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began as thousands rushed to stake claims on land that the federal government had not assigned to the Indians. Those claimants who "jumped the gun" (entering the "territory" a little sooner than the rules allowed) were referred to as "Sooners."

On April 23, 1564, William Shakespeare, considered the greatest dramatist the world has known, was born in Stratford-on-Avon, an English market town about eighty miles northwest of London.

On April 23, 1838, the first transatlantic steamship service began as two ships arrived in New York from England.

On April 23, 1896, in New York, the first public showing of a motion picture took place.

On April 23, 1954, Hank Aaron, in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals, hit the first of his record 755 major league home runs.

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On April 24, 1800, with a start-up fund of \$5,000 "for the purchase of such books as may be necessary," and with the books from Thomas Jefferson's entire library, the Library of Congress was officially established.

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At this time, library customers are limited to 10 play credits per month. A "play credit" is incurred when a customer clicks Play or starts a film. Once a user play credit is logged, the customer has three full days to watch the film for unlimited uses. A customer can track their existing and past play credits from their user dashboard.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Open Carry by Marc Cameron (hardcover, \$26 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook. 312 pages)

“Three missing people and a wanted sex offender with a record for kidnapping. That doesn’t sound good to me.”

That’s what’s facing Deputy U.S. Marshal Arliss Cutter when he arrives on Prince of Wales Island, Alaska...

This week, I’m returning to one of my favorite genres: the action/adventure novel. And not many can write a better one than Cameron. He doesn’t just describe a place, he takes you there. His characters are well defined — the good, the bad, the indifferent.

I like to get a sense of where my story takes place, so grabbing my handy atlas, I found Prince of Wales Island southeast of mainland Alaska, in a chain of islands parallel to British Columbia, Canada. Like most of Alaska, a wild and beautiful place... well, most of the time.

The action begins on Page 1 with the murder of Millie Burkett, fleeing through the woods from...who? But, at the last moment, she turns round and seems to know and trust the person...until the fatal blow.

Cutter arrives on the island to help local law enforcement find Frederick “Donut” Woodfield, wanted for drugs in California, Washington state and Alaska. He’s holed up in an apartment, and the action gets serious when everything about the arrest goes wrong. He’s finally captured after Woodfield gets a beating from Cutter that sends him to the hospital. Yes, Cutter has issues. He’s been in the U.S. marshal service after military service in Afghanistan... a time he can’t keep out of his dreams — or should I say nightmares?

Cutter then is assigned to stay on the island and help search for Burkett. The teen hasn’t been seen for awhile, and her parents are concerned. Woodfield is exonerated from her disappearance, but plenty of others could be suspect. High on the list is the crew of “FISHWIVES!,” a new reality TV show being filmed on the island.

The show is the brainchild of Carmen Delgado. Her crew is mostly filming in and around the small town of Craig. Carmen and her cameraman, Greg Conner, have taken off on a boat, that day after Millie goes missing, checking the coastline for outside

shots. While filming, a fancy cruiser shows up in the distance. They keep filming, but something odd... the cruiser sends out a skiff toward the two. Little do they know the boat holds Ernesto Camacho, head of *Los Leones*, a drug cartel. The last thing Camacho needs is his face on video. Carmen and Greg know something is off, and they race away — with Camacho hot on their tail.

The next day, Cutter and crew are still trying to locate Millie when the filming crew notifies him that Carmen and Greg also are missing. Soon, a body is found by two very scared teenage boys...but who is it?

The action bounces back and forth between the town and the drug lord’s chase of Carmen and Greg, who are soon picked up by Camacho...he’s not a forgiving man. But then, neither is his head of security, Manuel Alvarez-Garza. Has he had enough of his vicious boss? A man who takes great pleasure in torturing and killing people? Some surprises are in the offing for Camacho. Stay tuned!

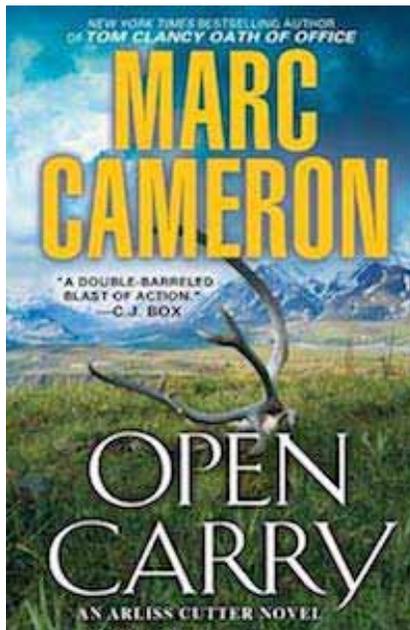
The crew of “FISHWIVES!” is not exactly welcome in Craig. It has given 15 minutes of fame to a few, and messed up the lives of several more. Cutter’s investigation seems to ask more questions and receive fewer answers. One of Cutter’s

leads takes him to January Cross, a former teacher now sailing her boat around the island researching whales for the Alaska government. Cutter’s not sure about her motives. Then there’s Cassandra Brown, a 12-year-old who never speaks...but she just might see a lot.

When you put together all the elements, you get a well thought-out adventure that is full of imaginative sequences taking place around the island, from the ocean shore to the interior dark forests, providing lots of atmosphere for a thrilling story with scenes so real, you will feel part of the action. And, it’s a given everyone will be surprised at the outcome. Plenty of clues — Cutter finds them, one by one — but can he put them together before someone else goes missing?

Cameron comes by his vast knowledge of the U.S. Marshal Service through his 29 years in law enforcement. His work has taken him from Alaska to Manhattan and Canada to Mexico. He trains defensive tactics to law-enforcement agencies and civilian groups. He lives in Alaska.

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