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Doing the Most Good

by *Connie Kuzydym*

When a major disaster occurs, whether the devastation is caused by a tornado or the unthinkable, like the 9/11 terror attacks, individuals exist who are ready and willing to offer their assistance.

Maj. Rebecca Simmons, Michigan City Salvation Army, is one of those people.

At a 9/11 remembrance ceremony, Simmons shared her story of her time at Ground Zero, a story she has told only once before. Her work through The Salvation Army in responding to disasters, however, extends beyond what she experienced in 2001.

For a time, Simmons' mother was a Salvation

Army officer. When she stepped out of that role, she continued to raise her children in The Salvation Army Church, so Simmons has been a member her entire life. She knew when she was young she wanted to help others. What better place to do that than through The Salvation Army.

"It's kind of been a good marriage of not only my Christian belief and my church, but also my social work," Simmons said. "That's kind of what The Salvation Army is all about, is having those two hands of my Christian belief and my belief in caring for people in social services, coming together."



Maj. Becky Simmons is photographed by The Beacher's Bob Wellinski outside The Salvation Army.

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After earning a bachelor's degree, she enrolled in The Salvation Army's seminary. She began her career in the Midwest, serving a few Salvation Army corps before landing at a homeless shelter in St. Louis. During this time, she earned a master's degree in social work from St. Louis University.

When Hurricane Andrew hit Florida's eastern coast in August 1992, Simmons was called to her first big disaster. Sometimes, a catastrophic event has a silver lining. For her, it was connecting with her future husband, Dale, a fellow corps officer. When the Mississippi flooded, she was called upon to assist in relief efforts.

Then one day, she received a call regarding an op-

portunity in Kansas to be the divisional social services director. She subsequently spent more than 12 years overseeing all of Kansas' and western Missouri's Salvation Army programs, such as foster care, drug and alcohol addiction, and emergency shelter for children removed from their families. The other part of her job was providing assistance after a disaster. Her team was the first in their area to develop an entire manual outlining each stage of assisting people after a tornado. This way, everyone throughout their division could function at the same level.

Simmons became a seasoned veteran in disaster relief.

"If you know about Kansas, we have a few tornadoes out there," Simmons said. "During my time there, I became proficient in coming after that torna-

More About Rebecca and Dale Simmons

Majors Rebecca and Dale Simmons have been in Michigan City a little more than a year, and their impact already is being felt within the community.

The two are humorous, kind, warm, caring individuals. During last year's polar vortex, for instance, they found their niche helping the homeless provide a shuttle service between the drop-in center and shelter; keeping those individuals from walking there or standing outside waiting for the bus.

Their goals are to continue being strong providers for those in need. They understand that Michigan City's Salvation Army has been at the forefront of helping people and want to continue with this tradition. After speaking with numerous entities and hearing the needs of the community, and so as not to duplicate services, they will continue with their largest program: the food pantry.

"We're seeing a lot of people are using the food pantry, but it's not the same ones over and over," Simmons said. "Rather, it's a variety of people when they have need to try and fill the gap. We're seeing more new people."

Another program they have put into motion is Pathway of Hope, a 12-month case-management program that works with families.

"Hopefully, we can have an impact on multiple generations," Simmons said. "We really work on developing goals, becoming self-sufficient, help them with finding resources and maintaining their pathway on that goal. We're really ramping up that program this year...hopefully, someday, they become more self-sufficient and don't need us

anymore. Our goal is not to keep people in poverty. Our goal is to move people out of poverty."

The Simmonses already have seen what a tight-knit community Michigan City is, and how it helps its own.

"It's almost as if it's one of those communities where a disaster has happened and so the community came together to take care of everyone," Simmons said. "That's what Michigan City is.

You're already there for each other. You don't have to have a disaster, because you're already taking care of everyone. You're already helping each other out. It's a great community."



Majors Becky and Dale Simmons.

do touchdown and helping with that early response to people who had been affected by that tornado. I can't even tell you how many tornadoes I responded to, maybe 20, during that time frame where we had whole towns that were significantly impacted."

As part of their rescue response, workers helped pull people out of the rubble, and ensured they had food, water, clothing and a place to sleep. When the disaster transitioned into relief efforts, Simmons and her team were there. Asking simple straight-forward questions, offering guidance and always lending a sympathetic ear helped those who lost everything start the recovery process.

Simmons, who has never experienced a tornado, can tell you precisely what it was like to be in one. Witnessing after the fact a tornado's path of destruction, and the subsequent stories of the victims, was like a soundtrack on a loop, repeated over and over again: People would run to the basement, hear the tornado arrive at their house, then hear crashing and breaking, then silence. Somehow, they found their way out of the basement to discover everything above ground destroyed.



Becky Simmons and Cheryl Warne, inside the Salvation Army hospitality tent at Ground Zero.

"People would come into our place as soon we set up, and I would say to them, 'Tell me what's happened to you'," Simmons said. "People need to tell that story so that they, themselves, can process what just happened...they needed someone to hear that story, and then for someone to say, 'OK, what do you need today?'"

Today, she knows if she ever is in the path of a tornado to grab identification and her kids, then head for the basement. Why? The one common thread in victims' stories is: I don't have my wallet. I don't have my purse. I don't have any ID. I don't have anything: no credit cards, nothing. I survived because I went straight to the basement.

Years later, Simmons vividly recalls her last tornado, which occurred in the southern part of Kansas. Her team arrived 12 hours after the tornado

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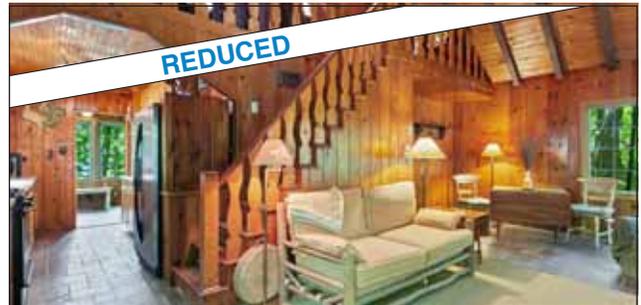
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struck. By this point, people began to realize they were OK despite the devastation...until the sirens sounded again. A couple miles away, another funnel was ready to hit the ground.

"You could tell on their faces that they were living it again, just the fear of, 'I know what this means, and I know what's going to happen, oh my gosh, this tornado is coming after me again,'" Simmons said.

This particular storm system kept repeating itself. The Salvation Army's role at this point was to offer comfort and assurance they would be safe. When the team left to catch a few hours of sleep, they got caught in a massive storm, making it extremely difficult to see where they were going.

Afterwards, she decided the time had come to step back from disaster relief, and to focus on raising her children.

Today's Salvation Army has a developed disaster relief services focusing on seven core services: training; food service; emotional and spiritual care; emergency communications; disaster social services; donations management and recovery. These services are adapted and modified to fit the needs of the individuals and magnitude of the disaster.



Becky Simmons, photographed in front of St. Joseph Chapel, which initially was used for sheltering emergency response workers.

The Salvation Army is a unique entity as it does not have set programs for each corps. This provides flexibility for officers to assess needs within their communities, thus allowing them to fill the role most needed at the time.

The same applies to a disaster. The Salvation Army comes in, speaks with other disaster-management services and fills the gap. This may entail providing food for the response people, or a long-term commitment of setting up an office for years to help people fully recover.

The Salvation Army also takes care of their own people after a disaster.

"We need to go and process it ourselves and process what happened. You have to process that so you don't live it again," Simmons said. "The same thing you're doing for the people you're serving, you have to have done for yourself...you go talk about it...you really have to process that."

Even though The Salvation Army may not have a physical presence in every community, every county across the country has the ability to access Salvation Army services: a comforting thought indicative of the corps' motto, "Doing the Most Good."

So how does Simmons mentally prepare herself for disasters?

"Because of who I am and what I've done...I'm going to go in with eyes wide open and just see what we can do to help folks," Simmons said.

For her, the most rewarding part is knowing she helped someone work through where they were that day, and knowing someone took the time to listen to them.

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On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, Simmons was in a closed-door meeting. No one was to interrupt... but the door opened and everyone was told to come out and see what was happening. Their reaction was like the rest of the country: shock, sadness, mourning, trying to make sense of it all.

Four weeks later, Simmons received a call from The Salvation Army Disaster Services. She was being deployed to New York to assist with relief efforts. This is fairly common in large disasters, that officers are called to help. With her background in social work, she assumed she would be assigned to the Pier: the operations site to assist people affected by the attacks. Her assignment ended up being at the Ground Zero comfort tent. It was located to the right of the large structural cross that was pulled from the rubble and close to the opening of "the pit": the tunnel dug down into the rubble beneath the twin towers.

For the next 10 days, working 12-hour shifts, Simmons and her team passed by that cross going to and from their tent. They served fire/police personnel and construction workers who would stop by their tent for snacks, coffee, beverages, a place to sit and talk, where caring individuals listened to their stories.

By the time Simmons arrived, the mood had changed from one of an urgent rescue mission to a recovery mission, leaving many struggling. Their greatest hope, of finding one of their own, was slowly being extinguished.

As they traversed the area, visual reminders were apparent in the abandoned buildings and memorials: flowers, candles, balloons, notes. A nearby church showed signs of use by service personnel who desperately needed to catch a few hours of sleep.



Memorials like these yielded flowers and gifts in memory of those who perished in the terror attacks.

The most powerful image for Simmons remains the structure and the cross. From inside of their tent, they saw the downed towers, the large machinery, the massive cranes. It was a disaster scene that resembled a war scene *and* a construction site. Imagine wrapping your mind around it.

The biggest irony was the distance from the fallen towers to the Statue of Liberty. For Simmons, the sensation was a dichotomy of freedom and being attacked. The two locations felt distant, despite being a few blocks away from each other.

“Many days, it was hard to see that, hard to see one of the greatest symbols of our independence,

of our country, and then at the same time to turn around and look at Ground Zero,” Simmons said.

The afternoon hours saw a slowdown in activity at their tent, so Simmons sought opportunities to help elsewhere. Two doors down was the fire department tent. Firefighters stood in front of the pit area like guards. Watching. Hoping. Ready in case one of their colleagues was found. Simmons would talk with them to see how they were doing. She would tidy their area: folding blankets, sweeping the floor and straightening. There was a stack of things. Picking one up, she began folding it, then realized

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she was holding a body bag. A gut-wrenching reminder that made her pause. Reality had driven itself home.

A common occurrence at Ground Zero — day or night — arrived when something was found. The site would go immediately silent. A chaplain would be called to the pit. A prayer was said and the remains taken by ATV to the morgue. The silence continued until the body arrived there. Then, slowly, activity resumed.

One day, Simmons had ventured slightly down the path in the pit area to speak with a chaplain when suddenly, everything went silent.

“I was kind of stuck there, but we just stood as the ATV came past us and as they went on to the morgue,” she recalled. “It was an honor to stand there and honor those people who had given their lives, and that was the least we could do.”



The view of Ground Zero at night.

The hardest part for Simmons was the immensity of the work, from the number of people affected by the disaster at Ground Zero, to the individuals there to help, to the size of the structure and space, to seeing people’s lives totally destroyed and not knowing what they should do.

And to the positive — seeing them come through.

“As I think back now so many years later, I was blessed to have served my country in that way,” Simmons said. “To be at Ground Zero to help those people who had lived that experience, to help them, encourage them, support them in any way I could during that terrible time of recovery. I haven’t been back since. I’m not sure if I’m ready yet.”

Disasters, however, do bring out the best in people. For someone who has been on the front lines, Simmons has seen firsthand the incredible things individuals do to help others.



The cross at Ground Zero that became a symbol of hope for so many.

“We should just never stop that, never stop being willing to help our neighbors, never stop helping people during that time of disaster,” Simmons said. “Because that’s when communities really become strong and really become tight-knit, is when bad things happen and we reach out to people and help them.”

Being at Ground Zero gave Simmons an entirely different perspective. It has been how many generations since we have been affected by the brutality of major wars? For many, it was their great-grandparents, grandparents and parents who experienced the ravages of those wars.

“My father was in World War II, and he talked about being in the war and what the war was,” Simmons said. “Even though I heard about it, learnt about it, knew the history of it...I don’t think the reality of it hit until I stood there at Ground Zero. And I thought, this is what they mean. This is what this looks like. This is what they’re talking about. The reality of the effect of war on people became very real.”

Coming back from Ground Zero, Simmons remembered her father talking about growing up in the American Legion, expressing how important it was to be part of what was happening there. Along with his experiences in the military, he unknowingly had laid a road map for his daughter.

“It all came back to me,” Simmons said. “This is what we need to be as citizens. We need to give, we need to take care of our country, we need to be proud of our country, we need to vote and we need to make our vote count.

“We need to be a part of the process. We need to be a part of what’s happening in our communities. We need to be a part of helping others. No matter what their life is, we need to be a part of that. I’m glad that I was able to be there to be just a little piece of helping somebody through that.”



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Phoenix is Astonishing in Daring “Joker”

by Andrew Tallackson

In “Joker,” director Todd Phillips does something audacious. He’s crafted a Batman film, but stripped it of action and effects so all that remains is a Scorsese-style wacko: the DC universe answer to Travis Bickle.

It’s likely the character’s most logical progression. In 1989’s “Batman,” Jack Nicholson baked the character’s edges in psychotic mischief. “The Dark Knight” (2008) saw Heath Ledger reinvent the villain as pure rage birthed by pain and degradation.

Now, with Joaquin Phoenix going full Christian Bale on the character, this is about as dark as you can get. “Joker” is two hours in the company of madness, and for those with the grit to tough it out, the journey has its rewards.

This is odd material for Phillips, whose forte is R-rated raunch (“Road Trip,” “Old School,” the “Hangover” trilogy). But the director has said he wanted to craft a character-driven comic-book film, and *that* he certainly has. He appears in love with 1970s Martin Scorsese, specifically “Mean Streets” and “Taxi Driver.” The look of the picture, Phoenix’s full-on-method-actor approach, is grounded in independent movie grime.

“Joker” exists as a quasi prequel to Ledger’s take on the role in “The Dark Knight.” It’s 1981, and Gotham is plagued with political and social unrest symbolized by the stench of trash buildup in the city.

Arthur Fleck (Phoenix) is a clown for hire with aspirations of being a stand-up comic. But it is clear any pretense of sanity is just that. Pretense. The actor, having lost considerable weight for the part, appears emaciated. Jittery. Prone to explosive fits of laughter. By stripping the character to its bare essentials, what remains is not eroding sanity, but insanity uncaged, given the freedom to roam, explore its dark potential. Violence is a delirious release.

Phoenix lavishes a desperate air to Arthur’s desire for fame. It is a feverish plea for acceptance. And as Arthur is repeatedly denied that embrace, the maniacal glee in the actor’s eyes becomes increasingly tragic.

Phoenix is the whole show in “Joker.” Its propulsive nature rests entirely on his bruised, thread-like shoulders. And it is no coincidence longtime Scorsese muse Robert De Niro appears as a Gotham-style talk show host, one who lures Arthur onto his show to mock him. Ironic, when you consider De Niro filled Phoenix’s shoes back in 1982 with Scorsese’s similarly themed “The King of Comedy.”



Joaquin Phoenix stars in “Joker.”



“Joker”

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By the end, “Joker” has carefully linked Arthur’s journey with that of Bruce Wayne as a child. Phoenix has exhaustively made us feel what it’s like to walk around in Arthur’s skin, and the movie erupts in a frenzy of violence. The anarchy that results, however, is not treated by Phillips as a heroic middle finger to society’s upper crust. It is madness, plain and simple, with a lunatic as the ringleader.

That may not be everyone’s cup of tea, but with Phoenix in the driver’s seat, you cannot deny he’s given one of the best performances of the year thus far. If not *the* best.

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Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing

by Linda Weigel

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Giorgio Vasari’s Lives of the Artists
first published in 1550



The Queen's Gallery, London, U.K.

On Sept. 19, I fulfilled a lifelong dream to view in person original drawings by a master artist-genius, Leonardo da Vinci.

I traveled to London to The Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace, hoping what I was about to observe was worth the time and expense. Indeed, my visit was rewarded with an astonishing number of works (200) and a wide range of subject matter. I left the gallery stunned, with a heightened awareness of how fortunate I was to see such intimate drawings, marking the 500th anniversary of Leonardo's death.

My first introduction to the master was as a youngster when my eighth-grade teacher, Mr. Mages, brought in books and posters for a special afternoon of art and introduction to the Renaissance, including Michelangelo, Raphael and Leonardo. Up until then, I had never heard those names. From then on, I never forgot them. Decades later as an art educator, I taught art history, and my favorite era was the High Renaissance with its ideals of classicism, humanism and, of course, the art.



Attributed to Francesco Melzi, a portrait of Leonardo circa 1515-1518. Courtesy of Royal Collection Trust/(c) Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2019

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“Nature is the source of all true knowledge. She has her own logic, her own laws, she has no effect without cause nor invention without necessity.”

Leonardo da Vinci

Leonardo da Vinci was born on April 15, 1452, near the town of Vinci, the illegitimate son of Ser Piero da Vinci and a peasant girl, Caterina. He lived with his paternal grandfather until age 12, when his grandfather died, and then moved, possibly, to his father's house. Later, he was apprenticed to the great artist Andrea del Verrocchio in Florence. From then on and throughout his life, he was commissioned to paint, and create designs for architecture, monuments and military applications. He was



“The Fetus in the Womb,” circa 1511. Courtesy of Royal Collection Trust/(c) Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2019

groundbreaking in his anatomical studies and an acute observer of the natural world: plants, the movement of water, animals and atmospheric perspective. He also was interested in military engineering, executing designs for chariots and weapons, boats, gun barrels and mortars. One of the more interesting set of drawings in The Queen's Gallery exhibit dealt with his mapmaking. I was

completely unaware of his abilities to survey and design maps, the results of which were remarkable in their attention to detail.

Many years later, at 64, Leonardo was in France as engineer, architect and painter to King Francis I. Remarkably, after such a long career, there exists today fewer than 20 surviving paintings that can be definitely attributed to Leonardo. Many have been lost to time. However, one controversial work, “Salvator Mundi,” was discovered in 2005, restored and sold at auction in 2017 for \$450 million. That gives me hope that, perhaps, there will still be discoveries, possibilities in the future. At 67, Leonardo died in Amboise, France, on May 2, 1519.

Unbelievably, it wasn't until the 19th century that his remaining manuscripts were transcribed



“The Skull Sectioned,” circa 1489. Courtesy Royal Collection Trust/(c) Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2019



A Study of a Woman's Hands, circa 1490. Courtesy Royal Collection Trust/(c)Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2019

and published, and the breadth and quality of his scientific work — studies in light, shadow and more — were recognized for the genius who executed them.

When he died, he willed his works to his pupil, Francesco Melzi, who over the course of 50 years did his best to arrange all the loose drawings by subject matter. After he died, the sculptor Pompeo Leoni attempted to arrange the massive number of works into albums,

which then passed on through various owners, settling in various collections, including the Royal Collection Trust. The pristine nature of the drawings, themselves, is due to the extraordinary care taken in housing them, and what a wonderful way to celebrate the work of Leonardo by hosting this special exhibit.

The drawing materials Leonardo used were exciting to note, ranging from metalpoint and pen and ink to natural red and black chalks on paper. The most difficult to conquer is metalpoint — drawing using a stylus of metal on specially prepared paper. You cannot remove or erase your strokes



The Head of Leda, circa 1505-1508. Courtesy Royal Collection Trust/(c)Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2019

or lines, thus requiring a discipline of strict confidence and ability to render an accurate image. I noted that Leonardo appeared to use metalpoint frequently when drawing from life, thereby marveling at what a superbly talented draftsman he was. His genius for detail, his observational skills at a time when science had not advanced at the same pace as artistic revolutions in perspective, light and shadow (chiaroscuro), made these works even more remarkable in their foresight.

For me, visiting the gallery and being within inches of these amazing drawings was the culmination of a lifetime in drawing and art, and a further push to continue to create, grow and more forward.



The Exhibition Room at The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace. Courtesy of Royal Collection Trust/(c) Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2019

If you are interested in learning more about this exhibit, which closes Oct. 13, check out the website, which includes films on his drawing materials, his life and more, as well as additional pictures of drawings. Visit rct.uk, then click on Leonardo 500.

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Tom Coe stars as Seymour and Samantha Bean as Audrey in “Little Shop of Horrors.”

“Little Shop of Horrors,” the classic off-Broadway hit and beloved 1986 movie musical, makes a triumphant return to LaPorte Little Theatre Club with eight shows scheduled Oct. 11-13 and 18-20.

The production, the first in LaPorte Little Theatre’s 2019-2020 season, boasts an exceptional cast, elaborate sets and four different versions of Audrey II, the singing, wise-cracking plant with a most unusual diet.

The creative talent behind the show, in many cases, is doing “double duty,” particularly the husband-and-wife team of Katy and Tim Gartland. As the show’s directors, Katy also serves as choreographer and Tim the show’s producer. Andrew Tallackson is the music director and plays keyboard with the band. Matt Robinson, who appears as Orin, the sinister dentist, also performs with the band on saxo-

phone during Act II.

The popular story finds nerdy florist shop employee Seymour Krelborn (Tom Coe) discovering a “strange and unusual plant” that makes him, and the business, a hit with customers. Samantha Bean appears as Audrey, Seymour’s ditsy, but sweet love interest, while Douglas Campbell is the shop’s owner, Mr. Mushnik. Rich Snyder provides the voice of Audrey II, while Ian Pappas is the puppeteer who physically brings the plant to life. A Greek chorus in the form of ’60s-style doo-woop girls helps tell the story. They’re played by Laurel Blankenship, Erin Imer, Shania Povlock, Lindsay Snyder and Holly Welsh.

Rounding out the cast are Donovan Barrier, Nick Bello, Alex Bonner, Caleb Cripe, Norah Gartland, Wrigley Hemphill, Kasi Jackson, Addysen Morros, Grace Murphy and Lexi Passmore.

Rounding out the band are Dave Burris on Keyboard 2, Kyle Liedtke on drums and Nate Miller on bass and trumpet.

The crew includes: Parker Peterson (stage manager); Natalie Gartland (co-stage manager); Marie Parrette (spotlight); Chris West (sound operator); Jake Robinson (light operator); Jackie Robinson (decorations and Audrey II); and Monique Fredline and Sharon Kienitz (costumers).

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students. Tickets are available at laportelittletheatreclub.com. The theater is located at 218 A St.



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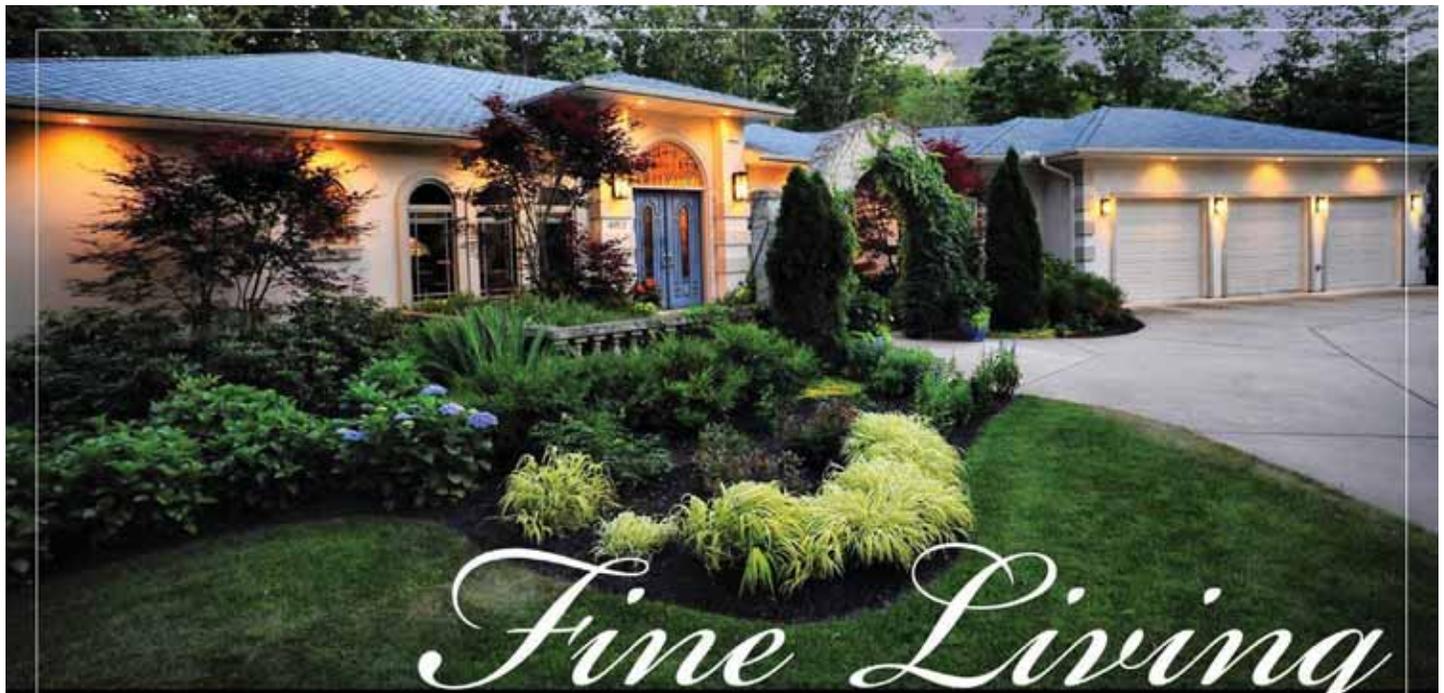
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A Korean War veteran, Harris has specialized in gourd art after retiring from a trucking-industry career. He has created a collection that repeatedly earned him first- and second-place medals in the Visual Arts Division of the National Veterans Creative Arts Competition & Festival. His work ranges from decorative vessels, pitchers and lidded jars to bird houses and lamps. Leaves are a frequent motif, as are Native American-inspired patterns.

The reception will include wine and appetizers. Admission is free. Call (269) 469-5687 or email info@centeroftheworld.net for details.



Examples of Harold Harris’ work.



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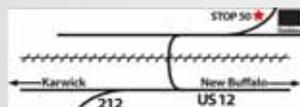
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Sunday Family Concert Series

The School of American Music kicks off its series of free Sunday concerts with North American Brass Company at 3 p.m. EDT Sunday, Oct. 13, at Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich.



The North American Brass Company.

A professional brass quintet, the group's repertoire ranges from classical to jazz. Performing across the Midwest, it consists of Jay Crouch and Charles Steck on trumpet, Gary Cooper on trombone, William Browne on French horn and Roger Lewis on tuba. Each member has taught music and plays in local symphonies or orchestras.

Visit schoolofamericanmusic.com for free tickets. Click on "Tickets & Merchandise."

The concert is part of a new initiative for SAM supported by a Pokagon Fund grant. The plan is to offer free performances of music not often available locally, according to SAM President and Founder Garth Taylor.

SAM is located in Three Oaks, Mich.

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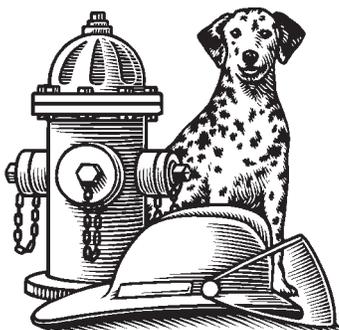
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- LB Community Center rental rate review now brings in an additional **\$28,000 per year** in additional revenue & experienced volunteers reduced the Center's operating expenses by **\$20,000 per year**.
- Town 911 Dispatcher service transfer to LaPorte County saved the Town **\$71,000 per year** with no deterioration in service
- Increased income from police contract with Duneland Beach and Michiana Shores bringing in additional **\$44,000 per year**.
- Revised Town Employee vacation & sick time rules saving the Town **\$5100 per year**.
- 2019 Long Beach Community Center listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**.
- Volunteers upgraded the LB Community Center A/C system at a savings of over **\$40,000**.
- Complete Refurbishment of Melrose Park Playground, to conform with all **State and Federal safety requirements**.
- Replacement of LB Community Center roof with all shingles donated by GAF saving the town **\$21,000**.
- Installed new backstops, repaved tennis courts, installed new benches, refurbished bulletin board, log bench and installed irrigation system in Community Center Park.
- **\$65,000** recovery of lease rental reimbursements from IN Dept. of Local Govt. Finance.
- Refurbished Beach **Stops 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26 and 30; 14 and 18** in progress with final Stops to be done in 2020
- Street Dept. fixed **Beach Stop 22 and Beach Stop 23** erosion issues at savings of more than **\$90,000**.
- Established a Long Beach Park beautification program to plan scheduled landscaping improvements to Town.
- Improved building codes with aid of **IN State Building, Fire and Safety Commission**.
- **Building Commission** established **viewable published permits and contractor registrations**
- Reinstated the Building Height Ordinance with the aid and recommendations of the **IN State Fire Marshal** that had been eliminated under previous town administrations. **Long Beach was the only Municipality in the state without a building Height Ordinance**
- Increased cumulative capital development fund by **\$200,000 per year** to make Town capital improvements.
- Reclaimed Town owned **Public Beach Stops** that were encroached upon by adjoining property.
- Purchased 3 new police vehicles, 2 new leaf machines, and a front loader for the Street Dept.
- Implemented a required Engineer study and was awarded **\$600,000** for paving of roads
- Created **Town Comprehensive Plan** with hundreds of residents participating in its creation.
- Established the shoreline protection ordinance in conjunction with **DNR, IDEM, and Army Corps of Engineers** to preserve the lakefront and helps improve all residents' property values.
- Long Beach Park Board purchased new and larger ice rink for kids and families
- Agreement with MC Sanitary District to install sewers on Lakeshore Drive

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Art in Nature

The Art in Nature series comes to a close with the
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The program is hosted
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formance. The featured
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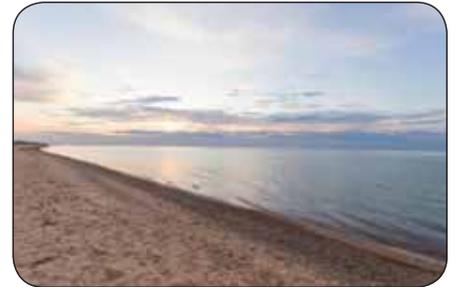
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Chamber Festival Concert

The Michigan City Chamber Music Festival will present the first in a series of free concerts called "Classics, Coffee & Cookies" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St.

The featured artist is The Calumet Chamber Players. Its repertoire embraces baroque, rococo and classical selections, including Mozart's "Flute Quartet." A light reception of coffee and cookies is planned afterwards so audience members can meet the musicians.

Performing with the group are:

- John Wachala, flute, who has been with Calumet Chamber Players for almost 20 years, and performed in Northwest Indiana and the Chicago area. Highlights include a tour of the U.K. and France, recitals at the Chicago Cultural Center and a series of annual concerts connected to South Shore Arts exhibits.
- Tamara Ringas, violin, who performed the Bach "Double Violin Concerto" in Chicago's Orchestra Hall at 7. She later studied with Jacques Israelievitch and David Moll of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. She performs regularly as a soloist and chamber musician.
- Nora Frisk, viola, who has been principal violist of the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra since 1987, and performs with the Kalamazoo Symphony and in the Chicago area. She is the conductor and coach of the Purdue University Northwest string orchestra.
- Patricia White, cello, who has won competitions with the Union League Civic & Arts Foundation and the Chicago Symphony Youth Auditions, the latter of which resulted in her debut appearance as soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at 16. She attended the Juilliard School.



"Classics, Coffee and Cookies" concerts are planned throughout the year as a bridge between MCCMF's annual Summer Festival.

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Children can wear Halloween costumes, with trick-or-treat stations located along the Haunted Trails loop. Also planned is a bonfire, face painting, crafts, games, and food and beverages from Up N Smoke.

Families can explore the Gardens, including the ArcelorMittal Children's Garden, which includes a playground set, and the Garden of Senses.

Admission is \$5 for adults and children 12 and older, while the cost is \$2 for children 12 and younger. Call (219) 878-9885, email info@friendshipgardens.org or visit the Facebook event page for more details.

Red Shield Run 5K

The Red Shield Run 5K, a fundraiser for The Salvation Army of Michigan City, returns for its third year at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

The 5K begins and ends at Krueger Middle School, 2001 Springland Ave. The course follows Springland Avenue and circles Pottawattomie Park. The route was supported by Michigan City Area Schools and the Town of Pottawattomie Park.



The 5K is a timed race, with professional chipped timing provided by T&H Timing. Early bird registration is \$25 and race day registration \$30. Students receive a \$5 discount.

Registration is available by visiting www.thtiming.com and searching for the Red Shield Run 5K, or by visiting The Salvation Army, 1201 Franklin St., from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Day of registration is at 7 a.m.

Proceeds support the many programs and services through The Salvation Army, including a men's overnight homeless shelter, food pantry, diaper bank, utility assistance, school uniform exchange, weekend backpack feeding program and summer camp. More information is available by calling (219) 874-6885 or visiting www.samichigancity.org



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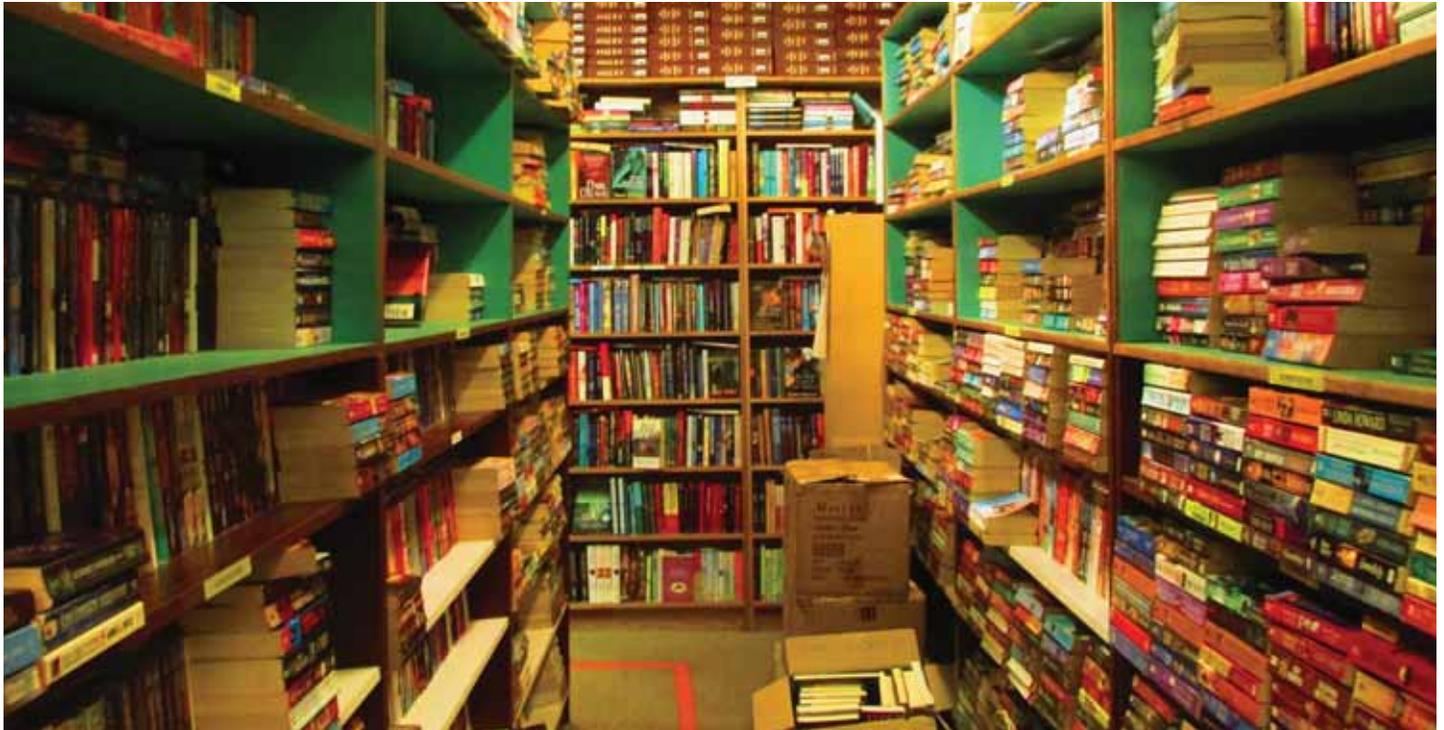
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A Riviera Holiday in Three Rivers



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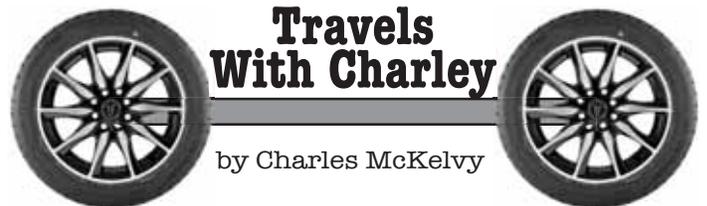
You had every intention of catching a foreign film at Vickers Theatre in Three Oaks, Mich., but went too far on U.S. 12 and ended up in Three Rivers.

The end of the world?

Hardly, because the latter Michigan hamlet has much of the same charm. It's just farther afield from *The Beacher* circulation area.

Three Oaks in Berrien County has Vickers Theatre and so much more, but Three Rivers in St. Joseph County has The Riviera Theatre and something downtown Three Oaks doesn't have: Lowry's Books and More. And, yes, fellow bibliophiles, Lowry's is the kind of bookstore in which one can get happily lost in the land of literature for hours and hours.

So, this being a travel column, let's take a drive on east over to Three Rivers at the confluence of the St. Joseph River and its two tributaries: the Rocky



Travels With Charley

by Charles McKelvy

and Portage rivers.

As I said at the onset, a simple slip of the map could put one in the Victorian downtown district of Three Rivers. Just stay on U.S. 12 east to Niles, then pick up Michigan 60 to Cassopolis and continue to Three Rivers. You would be well-served if you made a Riviera holiday for yourself in Three Rivers.

Yes, you could take Interstate 94 east to U.S. 131, then drop down to Three Rivers that way, but that's busy and boring. Why not do as we do and putz along on 12 and 60. I mean, how can you pass

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up the excitement of venturing through downtown Cassopolis on the way to downtown Three Rivers?

You cannot, so stay with me now as I navigate a recent outing to the Riviera in search of serious Russian cinema, namely Kirill Serebrennikov's rockin' tribute to the early years of Soviet rock, "Leto."

It all started with our friend Joe Rochetto passing along the Riviera website, www.trriviera.com.

"Check it out," was what Joe said.

And what I did was realize that a Russian movie, one set in Soviet-era Leningrad no less, was being screened that very Friday evening, so I said, let's go.

And so, Joe, Arthur Anderson and I, minus Natalie, who stayed home to deal with the installation of our new phone, headed east from Harbert to Three Rivers on a gorgeous afternoon in the present season.

We zipped right along on U.S. 12 and M-60 in light or little traffic, marveled at the rolling Michigan farmland and hog farms of Cass County, only making one wrong turn before finding ourselves smack dab in the middle of downtown Three Rivers. Yes, the Three Rivers secret is known to hipsters from Kalamazoo, but you are the first in *Beacher* Land to know of it.

And do tell them that Travelin' Charley sent you, and do arrive early so you can browse the books and other delights at Lowry's Books, which is just down Main Street from the Riviera. True confession: I didn't buy a book, but I did purchase a pair of rather sassy socks for Madam Natalie as a consolation for having to deal with the phone company. (Yes, I did volunteer to stay and parlay with the utility, but she insisted I go because I was the one who had been to Russia, particularly to the city formerly known as Leningrad.)

I am not including a picture of Natalie's new socks, but I will say they refer in a not-so-polite way to what serious readers like Natalie are likely to say when interrupted while reading.

All right, so we vastly entertained ourselves at Lowry's, then ambled down the block to the meticulously renovated Riviera for some serious Soviet cinema. Well, cinema about the former Soviet Union, but you know, Serebrennikov's film was a hoot.

The thing was, Arthur, Joe and I were the only ones to watch it that night. Sure, there were plenty of happy hipsters in the adjacent Riviera Bar, but they were

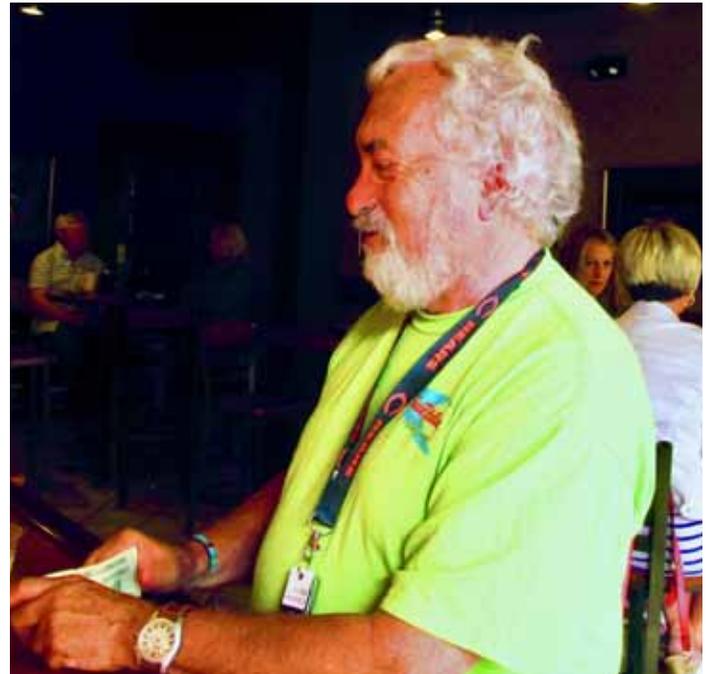


You can't miss the Riviera Theatre once you find downtown Three Rivers.

glued to their barstools at show time. Go figure, but you can figure on being allowed to take your adult beverage of choice into the theater.

And so, we delighted in the misadventures of a merry band of Russian rockers in the city they called Leningrad. I spent most of the film identifying places I had visited in 2007 when the city became St. Petersburg again, and we all thought Serebrennikov had

made a masterpiece, but one that would have benefited from another trip to the editing room. Lop 30 minutes off, Kirill, and you're smokin', dude. In fact, you could easily cut 30 minute of loving tributes to rockers smoking, and you're there.



Joe Rochetto gets some appropriate liquid refreshment for the film.

And we were there in downtown Three Rivers at dinner time after the show, and, yes, there were plenty of tempting options right there on Main Street, but we wanted to enjoy a sunset ride home on M-60 and U.S. 12.

According to one website, there are 10 really cool things to do in Three Rivers, and we had just done two of them, all in one visit.

Two down, eight to go. Visit www.tripadvisor.com and click on Three Rivers, Mich., and you can begin checking off your own Three Rivers bucket list.

Indiana Dunes National Park

The following programs are planned:

- **Fall Colors Hike from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Bailly Homestead/Chellberg Farm.**

The hike begins in the Bailly/Chellberg parking lot, which is off Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes.

- **Art in the National Park from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 9 at Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, 100 Riverwalk Road.**

Learn how to paint the dunes. A canvas and paint are provided for the free class. Registration is required, and the class is limited to 20 adult painters. Be prepared to park in auxiliary sites during the summer due to parking congestion. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information and to register.

- **Science in the National Park from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

Meet local experts and scientists conducting research in the park, followed by a short hike. Dress for the weather.

- **Miller Woods Hike from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 24 at Paul H. Douglas Center.**

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

- **Feed the Farm Animals at Chellberg Farm from 4:30 to 5 p.m. Sundays.**

The farm includes cows, pigs, goats, chickens and turkeys.

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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.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

- **Feed the Birds B-I-N-G-O from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 12.**

Join a naturalist at the Nature Center to help fill the bird feeders, then play Bingo at the bird-feeding windows.

- **The J.D. Marshall Shipwreck from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.**

Meet at the Nature Center to learn about the sinking of the J.D. Marshall just offshore of Indiana Dunes State Park.

- **Wetland Wander at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 13.**

Take a 45-minute hike into the dune wetlands to explore breeding birds and underwater critters.

- **Hibernate, Migrate or Get Fat! from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13.**

Learn how Indiana Dunes wildlife adapts to prepare for winter. Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium.

- **Saw-Whet Owl Banding Demonstrations daily starting Thursday, Oct. 17.**

The Indiana Audubon Society leads the saw-whet owl banding project. Visitors can see live owls during the process. The program is weather dependent.

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Indiana Dunes State Park is at 1600 N. County Road 25 East (the north end of Indiana 49), Chesterton. Call (219) 926-1390 for more information.



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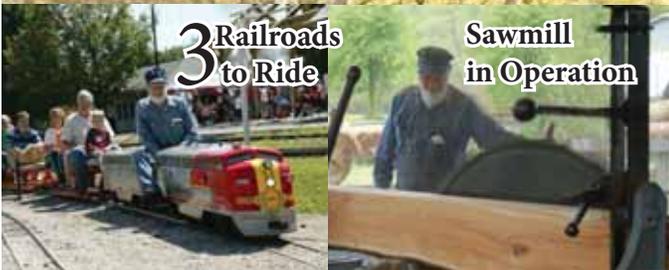
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Michigan City Public Library

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- **Makerspace: open lab hours from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursdays.**

Youth ages 6-18 create with LEGO WeDo, Micro Bits, paper circuits and Ozobots. Children 12 and younger must have a parent or guardian attend.

- **Duneland Stamp Club at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10.**

The club meets the second Thursday of each month. New members are invited.

- **Pokemon Go Community Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, in Youth Services.**

The library Pokestop will have a lure placed on it, while Pokemon-themed giveaways — while supplies last — are planned. October's featured Pokemon is Trapinch. Call (219) 873-3045 for details.

- **Writing Out Loud at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.**

Author Michael Poore has written short fiction that appeared in *Glimmer Train*, *Southern Review*, *Agni* and *Asimov's*. His story, The Street of the House of the Sun, was selected for The Year's Best Nonrequired Reading 2012. His first novel, Up Jumps the Devil, was hailed by The New York Review of Books as "an elegiac masterpiece." His second novel is Reincarnation Blues. He also wrote a middle-grade book, Two Girls, a Clock and a Crooked House, which was released in September.



- **Learning Center Volunteers Needed.**

The Learning Center needs volunteer tutors for children and adults. Students need assistance in: reading, math, high school equivalency and English as a Second Language. All supplies and training are provided. All that's required are two hours a week. Contact Jessica Hoffmaster at (219) 873-3043 or stop by the center for more information.

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The following programs are through Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich.:

• **Geocaching from 1 to 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, Oct. 13.**

Join local geocachers to learn about the activity and find a geocache, exploring Fernwood along the way. The program is free with admission, but by registration only.

• **Perennial Plant Association Great Lakes Regional Symposium on Friday-Saturday, Oct. 18-19.**

The theme is, "Tours, Tastes and Talks: Perennial Inspiration from the Great Lakes State."

On Friday, visit two nurseries and a winery while mingling with speakers and attendees. On Saturday, the speakers are Benjamin Futa, Meredith Simpson, Susan Martin and Tony Gomez-Phillips.

Fernwood members are eligible for the discount. Call Fernwood to receive the promotional code before registering. Call (888) 440-3122, Ext. 3, for more details.

Call (269) 695-6491 or visit www.fernwoodbotanical.org for more information and to confirm the status of classes.

New Buffalo Harvest & Wine Fest

The New Buffalo Business Association will host its 14th Annual New Buffalo Harvest & Wine Fest from noon to 9 p.m. EDT Saturday, Oct. 12, in Lion's Pavilion Park near the boat launch and beach parking lot.

Family-friendly activities include live music under a big top tent, horse-drawn wagon rides through town, arts-and-crafts vendors, farm-market vendors, award-winning wines, local beer and hard cider, food from area restaurants, pumpkin painting, inflatables and demonstrations from Harbor Country's "Sand Pirate," Janet Moore Schrader.

Live music includes The Black Lillies (7:30 p.m. EDT), The Andrew Fisher Quartet (5:30 p.m. EDT), Top Secret Band (3 p.m. EDT) and Rebecca Anne Band (1 p.m. EDT). Between bands are performances from Harbor Country's Sawyer Dance Troupe.

Admission at the gate is \$5 per person, while children 12 and younger are free. Call (888) 660-6222 or visit www.newbuffalo.org for details.

Updated Library Website

LaPorte County Public Library will launch a new website Tuesday, Oct. 15, the staff having worked with Duneland Media to create one that is user friendly and streamlined.

The new site features a clean design, enhanced content and updated functionality. It also highlights the library's collection of digital media, access to databases, downloadable apps, services and initiatives. Visit laportelibrary.org for more details.

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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

- **NorthShore Health Center free blood-pressure screenings from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 10, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

Interested patrons also can receive help calculating Body Mass Index.

- **Inquiring Minds: Medicare Questions Answered from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at Hageman Library.**

Attendees receive assistance from a certified Indiana Department of Insurance volunteer counselor. Register by calling (219) 926-9080.

- **Music at the Museum from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at Westchester Township Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

The Flashbacks will perform. Members are: Suzanne Keldsen, playing guitar, recorders and fiddle; Julietta Raby, playing fiddle, mandolin and guitar; Nancy Cairns on dulcimer and ukulele; Paul Mache playing guitar and banjo; and Marti Pizzini on autoharp, dulcimer and guitar.

- **Bits & Bytes series, Manage Your Passwords, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

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.

- **WPL Movies in October: "Yesterday" at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The film is PG-13. Free popcorn is available.

- **Popular Books at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at the Thomas Branch Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The focus is Jennifer Egan's "Manhattan Beach."

- **"Off the Hook" Kids Crochet, an eight-week program from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays at the Thomas Branch Children's Department.**

Children ages 9-12 learn the basics of crocheting, including the five main stitches and pattern reading. Registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

- **Minecraft Meet-up at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Thomas Library.**

Registration is required and must be done in person. The WPL Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct must be signed upon registration as well. Parents are welcome to attend, but required for youth 10 and younger.

- **What the Fork: Teen Cooking Club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the Thomas Branch.**

Teens in grades 6-12 can make Halloween candy creations and play the game "Say Anything."

La Porte County Parks



All registrations/questions go through the Red Mill County Park Administrative Office, 0185 S. Holmesville Road, LaPorte. Call (219) 325-8315 or visit www.laportecountyparks.org for more details.

Glass Bead Spider Ornament

Hemlock Heather will show how to make the ornament from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Luhr County Park's nature center, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte.

The program is for 13 and older. The cost is \$20 per person. All supplies are provided, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration and payment are required on or before Oct. 11.

Spa Experience PJ Party

Aimed at girls ages 10-18, the event is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, at Luhr County Park.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks and product samples will be available. The cost is \$15 per couple, and \$10 for each additional girl. The requirement is a minimum of 10 people and a maximum of 30. Registration and payment are due at least one week in advance or until full, whichever comes first.

Sunset Stroll

Meet a naturalist for the free hike from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Luhr County Park's nature center.

All ages are welcome, and each child must be accompanied by an adult. Register by calling (219) 325-8315.

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 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. 23: Timber.
- Nov. 6: Hooting Good Time.
- Nov. 20: Turkey Trouble.

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. Oct. 28, Nov. 18 and 25, and Dec. 2 and 16 at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte.

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A hands-on workshop using smart phones for nature photography, hosted by Friends of New Buffalo Library, is at 3 p.m. EDT Saturday, Oct. 12, at Galien River County Park, 17424 Red Arrow Highway.

Long Beach photographer-artist George Kassal will lead the practical lesson, with tips on how to capture the beauty of nature from the park's trails and overlook. Kassal will concentrate on iPhone photography; however, many of the same principles apply to Android phones.



Kassal

Kassal, who has a master's degree in photography and digital imaging, has taught art history and appreciation at colleges in Northwest Indiana and the Chicago area.

The session is limited to 25 participants, and advance registration is required with a \$10 deposit at the library front desk. The deposit is to assure attendance and will be returned at the session. The rain date is Sunday, Oct. 13.

Upcoming FOL programs include: "The Day the Music Died" on Tuesday, Oct. 29; "Casey and the Flying Fortress" on Monday, Nov. 11; and "Wessel Whittaker and the First Days of New Buffalo" on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Follow the Facebook link at newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org or email new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com for more details.

Harvest Barn Dance

Michiana Humane Society will host Harvest Barn Dance 2019, its final major fundraiser of the year, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. EDT Friday, Oct. 18, at Blissful Barn, 4706 Watson Road, Three Oaks, Mich.

The Newports, which performs blues, rock and soul, will provide entertainment for dancing. Hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, and live and silent auctions are planned.

Sponsor tickets cost \$250 and include the person's name in the program. Individual tickets cost \$125. Visit michianahumanesociety.org for details.

Sons of Norway Fundraiser

The Sons of Norway Scandiana Lodge will host its annual auction fundraiser at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at The Baugher Center, 100 Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

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this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

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

- Kingsford Heights Elementary School, 460 Evanston Road, 2:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10.
- Queen of All Saints Catholic Church, 606 S. Woodland Ave., 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.
- First Church of God, 2020 E. Lincolnway, LaPorte, noon-6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14.
- The LaPorte Presbyterian Church, 307 Kingsbury Ave., 12:30-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16.

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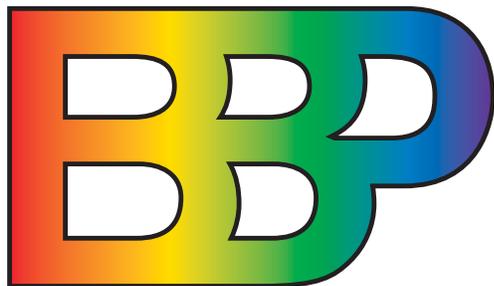


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LaPorte County Public Library

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

- **Maker Mondays from 3-5 p.m. Mondays through Oct. 28.**

Each month highlights a different skill and lab equipment. September focuses on video production and October 3-D modeling and printing.

- **STEAM Sandbox from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday through Oct. 31.**

Students in third grade and older move up through levels, earning a certificate for each completed. They work independently and chart their progress as they complete hands-on projects that include web literacy, fixer skills, circuitry, game design and coding.

- **Vocational Rehabilitation from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15.**

Vocational rehabilitation involves helping individuals with disabilities prepare for, get, keep or regain employment. A representative will be present to answer questions.

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

- **Caregiver University from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays.**

The schedule is: Oct. 22 — Alzheimer's and Dementia; Nov. 5 — Aging and the Law: Living Wills, Guardianships and More; and Nov. 19 — End of Life Care and Planning.



Visit www.laportelibrary.org for more details.

Health Fair Returns to QAS

Local medical-health experts will speak during a free community health fair from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, in the Queen of All Saints Catholic Church Legacy Center, 1719 Barker Ave.

Vendors and presentations are scheduled throughout the day.

A free SoulCore Prayer and Exercise Class led by certified instructor Amy O'Donnell kicks off the event at 8 a.m. Participants should take a mat and light weights. No experience is needed.

Scheduled presentations include:

- Question, Persuade and Refer: Three Steps Anyone Can Learn to Help Prevent Suicide at 9:15 a.m.
- Narcan Training at 10:30 a.m.
- Fit Kids at 11:45 a.m.
- Mental Health at 1 p.m.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive, flu vaccinations from Walgreens, blood pressure and pulse oximeters checks, lead-protection information, lung cancer-awareness material and healthy shakes from Juice Plus are planned.

Contact Health and Wellness Ministry Leader Bruce Garwood at bgarwood2@hotmail.com for more information.

Mystery at the Mansion

Tickets are available for "Mystery at the Mansion: So Fair and Foul a Murder," a benefit for South Bend's The History Museum on Friday, Oct. 11 and 18.

Local author Roger Chrastil, who wrote the story, has scripted past Mystery at the Mansions, as well as the museum's Christmas at Copshaholm specialty tours. He also wrote several other works, including the plays "An Immigrant's Story" and "Or Does It Explode?," both of which were performed at the museum.

The murder-mystery's setting is 1958, and MacKenzie Wilson, a visitor from Scotland, has been found dead. Participants walk through the 38-room Oliver Mansion, listening to the characters' dialogues, with rooms as backdrops to each scene. Details of the crime surface as the play unfolds. Those who solve the case win a chance at the grand prize.

The first tour leaves at 5:15 p.m. EDT. Tickets are limited and reservations strongly recommended. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$15 for members and \$13.50 for youth. Reservations are strongly recommended at historymuseumSB.org or call (574) 235-9664, Ext. 238. The museum is located at 808 W. Washington St.

New Troy Indoor Flea Market

The New Troy (Mich.) Indoor Flea Market kicks off its season from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT Saturday, Oct. 12, continuing the second and third Saturdays of the month through April.

Admission is free. The market, held at New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road, includes antiques, tools, crafts, books, memorabilia, housewares, furniture and locally made or grown items. Red Brick Cafe will sell lunch and snacks.

A few vendor spaces remain, but are filling quickly. Call Donald Heitsch at (773) 803-9773 for information or to register. Proceeds from space rentals benefit the center, an all-volunteer facility run by the non-profit Friends of New Troy.



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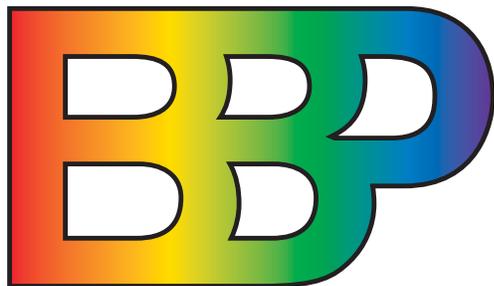
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Activities to Explore

In the Area:

Oct. 11-14 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “Downton Abbey.” Rated PG. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* “Blinded by the Light.” Rated PG-13. Times: 9:15 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2:45 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com, (269) 756-3522.

Oct. 11-13, 18-20 — “Little Shop of Horrors,” LaPorte Little Theatre Club, 218 A St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fri., 2 & 7:30 p.m. Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$12/students. Tickets: laportelittletheatreclub.com

Oct. 12 — Red Shield Run 5K, 8 a.m., Krueger Middle School, 2001 Springland Ave. Info: (219) 874-6885, www.samichigancity.org

Oct. 12 — Pokemon Go Community Day, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Oct. 12 — New Buffalo Harvest & Wine Fest, noon-9 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Lion’s Pavilion Park. Admission: \$5, free/children 12 & younger. Info: (888) 660-6222, www.newbuffalo.org

Oct. 12 — Fall Colors Hike, 1-2 p.m., Bailly Homestead/Chellberg Farm, Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12/20, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

Oct. 12 — Downtown LaPorte Trick-or-Treat Spooktacular, 1-3 p.m.

Oct. 12 — Haunted Trails and Family Fall Fest, 2-5 p.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Admission: \$5/adults & children 12+, \$2/children 12 & younger. Info: (219) 878-9885.

Oct. 12 — Tusk The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute, 5 & 9 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generation Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$35. Reservations: acornlive.org

Oct. 12 — Writing Out Loud, 7:30 p.m., The Nest, 803 Franklin St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Oct. 13 — WPL Movies in October: “Yesterday,” 1:30 p.m., The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Oct. 13 — Hibernate, Migrate or Get Fat!, 2-3 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 13 — Michigan City Chamber Music Festival series, “Classics, Coffee & Cookies,” 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. Free. Info: www.mccmf.org, (219) 561-1939.

Oct. 14 — COLUMBUS DAY.

Saturdays through October — Michigan City Mainstreet Association Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-noon, Eighth & Washington streets.

Saturdays through Oct. 26 — LaPorte Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Lincolnway parking lot next to Mucho Mas.

In the Region

Oct. 11, 18 — “Mystery at the Mansion: So Fair and Foul a Murder,” The History Museum, 808 W.

Washington St., South Bend. First tour: 5:15 p.m. EDT. Cost: \$20/adults, \$15/members, \$13.50/youth. Reservations: historymuseumSB.org.

Oct. 12 — New Troy (Mich.) Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EDT, New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road. Free admission. Info: (773) 803-9773.

Oct. 12 — Riversong Music Society, Silver Songs, 7-9 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. General admission: \$10. Info: www.fernwoodbotanical.org (269) 695-6491.

Oct. 13 — Geocaching, 1-4 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Free. Registration: (269) 695-6491, www.fernwoodbotanical.org

Oct. 13 — Free concert, North American Brass Company, 3 p.m. EDT, Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich. Tickets: schoolofamericanmusic.com

Oct. 13 — October Open Mic Night, host Erick Fisher, 7-9 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Free-will donations. Performer signup: nikki@boxfactoryforthearts.org

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.

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

Thursdays — Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families, 6 p.m., Franciscan Health Michigan City, Maria Theresia Conference Room C, 3500 Franciscan Way. Info: (219) 801-1296.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Kopp Sisters on the March by Amy Stewart
(hardcover, \$26 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook. 347 pages)

“The national service school was organized by the women’s section of the Navy League to train American women for the duties which come to them in wartime and in the great national disasters...There was no intention of producing a modern Amazonian corps. — Richmond Times Dispatch, April 1, 1917.”

This is the fifth book in the series about Constance Kopp and her sisters, Norma and Fleurette — real people from the turn of the 20th century. The books are historical fiction —one of my favorite genres, but only when the author researches her subject and sticks to the facts as closely as possible, and Amy Stewart is one of the best. Her “Historical Notes” at the back of each book provide added information on the people, time and circumstances that brought them all together for her.

At the end of Book One, Girl Waits With Gun, Constance is hired as a deputy sheriff in Bergen County, N.J. She was America’s first female deputy sheriff — and that’s a fact. Also true is that she lived on a farm outside of Hackensack, N.J., with her sisters.

Sad fact is that Constance was not appreciated nor wanted by some as a sheriff’s deputy, and when a new sheriff was elected, she was forced out of her job under circumstances that put her onto the front page of newspapers, as told in Book Four, Miss Kopp Just Won’t Quit.

Now, it’s 1917 and the country is inching toward war in Europe. Constance has been languishing around the house, no ambition, depressed because she can no longer work in law enforcement — the job she was made for, physically and mentally. At 6 feet tall, she commanded attention and respect (fact).

The National Service Schools, mentioned above, caught the attention of the Kopp sisters, they signed up and soon were on their way to Chevy Chase, M.D., for the six-week camp. This one was the first. There were three more camps to follow.

At the camp, 200 women live in tents just like the men in military camps. They do calisthenics and practice marching. Because the girls wear skirts, they are allowed to wear trousers under them, but only for calisthenics, and even this prompts a huge outcry in the newspapers. Women wearing trousers?! How scandalous!

Unlike the men, there is no hand-to-hand combat training nor shooting of guns. They learn sewing, how to make a bed, how to cook for many soldiers, use the telegraph and telephone, read codes, learn First Aid, make bandages.

Norma brings along her carrier pigeons in a special cage she made. She feels the birds can carry messages across the lines quicker and safer than by telegraph or telephone, which could be intercepted. Of course, persuading the Army is another matter, but Norma is stubborn enough to believe she can.

Through an unfortunate accident the first day of camp, Constance is approached to act as head matron, a job she doesn’t want, but soon realizes she is made for. She knows women are capable of doing things a man can do. She decides they should learn more, so she alters the girls’ schooling a bit. Wonder what the Army will think of that?

A young woman, Beulah Binford, is assigned to the Kopp sisters’ tent. She is based on a real person. She tells everyone she is Roxanna Collins from New York City, but her accent says “south.” What is she hiding? Turns out to be a lot as her storyline tells of an unlucky childhood that moved on to the adult life so many women of her station could not rise above.

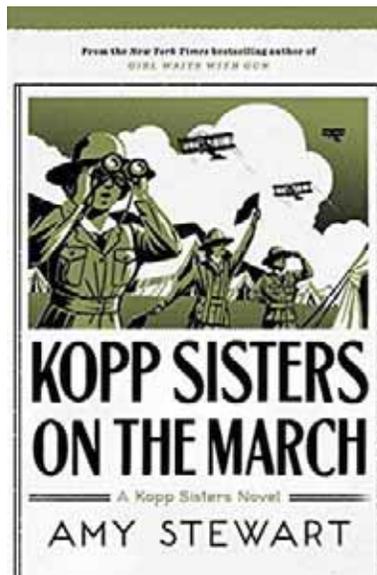
These parallel stories give us a real and disturbing look at the sad fact that in 1917, not many opportunities existed for women. Women stayed in the social class they were born into, and for many these “schools” looked like an opportunity for change.

Remember — at this time women were meant to be wives and mothers, no matter if they were rich or poor. That was the one thing they had in common. If unmarried and lower class, they could be nannies, teachers, housekeepers, office workers or factory workers. And — no votes for women yet! Men were in charge of everything.

It was said 500,000 girls answered the call for the National Service School. That says a lot. Were they looking for a new start? Or maybe some education to get a better job? Or, like the young debutantes, maybe they joined on a lark to shock their parents. Or maybe it was some sense of patriotism.

Stewart admits she moved into more fiction this time, but her subject matter is real and reminds us about the struggle women have made over the past 100 years for equality, to show the world they were more than just decoration.

Till next time, happy reading!





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